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# Merry Christmas & Prosperous New Year 2020

Dear Father, Sister, Brother and Faithful of Kurnool Diocese



*Christmas is a time for specially cherishing those who bring so many blessings to our lives. I thank you sincerely for the manifold ways through which you bring blessings in to my life and to that of the Diocese of Kurnool. Assure you of my special remembrance during this joyful season and in a special way at the Christmas mass. May the New born fill your heart with peace and love*

Wish you a Merry Christmas and a Spirit-filled New Year

+ Anthony Poola  
Bishop of Kurnool

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Year of Blessings

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## **BISHOP'S MESSAGE**

The central figure of Christianity, Jesus of Nazareth is born. Every year at this time, we hear the old story about the night Christ was born. How many times we have read this familiar story from the Bible? Every year we celebrate Christmas. How many sermons we have heard and how many sermons we have preached on this old familiar story. Every year we hear about Joseph, Mary, Jesus, Bethlehem, Shepherds and the wise men. Sometimes how do we find freshness in the old story we hear hundreds of times? Yes, it may be the same old story, but every year we find the freshness in celebrating the Christmas. When spring season arrives, the trees shed their leaves and new shoots will come, flowers come, and the tree yields fruits. The tree may be same, the trunk may be same but the leaves are new, flowers are new and the fruits are new. In the same way, we may be same old persons, but our outlook must be new. Our thinking must be new. Our happiness must be new. It is this, which makes the Christmas happy and new. Bethlehem was 2000 years ago, but we are here now. We must provide the world with an authentic celebration of the Divine Child's birth. Our lives have value when we are related to the spiritual things. We can transform the world from its despicable exaltation of materialism, to union with God.

The age old prophecies fulfilled that a virgin would conceive (Is:7:14) and the Redeemer would be born of the tribe of Judah(Gen:49:10), at the time which had been foretold by Daniel(9.25-26),some 500 years before ,and that his birth place would be Bethlehem(Mich5:2)The three wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him". They were looking for Jesus. Christmas for them was an opportunity to worship Jesus. When the Angel

spread to the shepherds and said, "Be not afraid; for behold I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people for to you is born this day ... a savior who is Christ the Lord.

The Messiah has come! The Lord from heaven is here! And in the little town of Bethlehem. But God who is Spirit chose to take on the "flesh" of a human being. This is the greatest sign. The God the Father's greatest sign to this world is sending His only son being born as man. Neil Armstrong was a NASA astronaut most famous for being the first person to walk on the moon, on July 20, 1969. After successfully completing his mission on the moon he came back to earth and immediately he was surrounded by the news media. One of the media persons asked a question. "it must be the greatest event for you to land on the moon". Then Armstrong very politely replied saying, "for me to land on the moon is not the greatest event, but the birth of Jesus is the greatest event on this earth. Napoleon, writing in exile on St. Helena, wrote these famous words: "Alexander the Great, Caesar, Charlemagne and I have founded empires. However, on what? On our well-established army! However, Jesus ALONE founded his empire on love; and at this hour, millions of men would die for him. He is everywhere proclaimed, loved and adored and his sway is extended over all the earth" The Church still stands – and it always will...as long as there are people ready to profess their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Let all of us feel the spirit of Christmas. Let us share our joy and happiness with the children, youth, and elders. Christmas is the time of sharing of the love of God. Christ established his kingdom on love. Our entire ministry must be based and centered on the love of God.

I urge the priests and the religious, not only to celebrate the Christmas in main stations, but also visit all the out- stations to celebrate the feast in the spirit of Christmas and share the joy and happiness of Christmas. I wish you very happy Christmas. May Baby Jesus bless you and all the faithful in the parishes.

With prayers and blessings,



+ **Anthony Poola**

Bishop of Kurnool

# COMMUNIO INDIA SUNDAY 2019

1 December 2019 (First Sunday of Advent)

“Love one another as I have loved you (John 13:34)”

**To All Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious, Catechists and Lay Faithful of the Latin Catholic Church in India.**

1. Once again we are joyfully celebrating the Communio India Sunday. It is a Sunday to pray for the mission of the Church in India and gratefully remember all our missionaries, who work gladly in various parts of our country to proclaim the joy of the Gospel, whether the time is “favourable or unfavorable” (2 Tim 4: 1-2).



2. To proclaim the Good News is the fundamental responsibility of every baptized Christian. In the words of Pope Paul VI, we are called to “bring the Good News of Jesus into all areas of humanity and through its impact to transform society from within, making it new” (Evangelii- Nuntiandi, 18).

3. Through all her ministries, the Church in India is trying her best to transmit the Joy of the Gospel everywhere, but there are many Dioceses/Religious Congregations/ Ecclesial Movements in our country struggling to fulfill their mission due to various socio-economic factors. Those among us whom God has blessed with sufficient material means to meet our needs have the responsibility to reach out in solidarity to those who don't have the same means. Many of our missionaries in rural and remote areas work with limited facilities; so let's come forward to help them in the best way we can.

4. The CCBI launched Communio India in 2018 with the following purposes: (1) to establish a missionary organization (like Missio/Aid to the Church in Need in Germany) in order to build a culture of sharing and caring, in solidarity with our needy brothers and sisters in our country; (2) to encourage our faithful to pray and help the missions and the missionaries and, more importantly, to promote missionary vocations; (3) to encourage and inspire our faithful to be lay missionaries.

5. It is our earnest desire that Communio India Sunday should be observed

faithfully and meaningfully in all the parishes and institutions in our country, with proper commentary at Holy Mass, special prayers of the faithful and conscientization regarding our baptismal call to become missionary disciples.

6. We appeal to all our faithful to be generous in sharing their resources to help our brothers and sisters in the remote regions of our country, so that they can experience the love of God through the generosity of Indian Catholics. All our contributions, big or small, would go a long way in supporting the missionary work of the Church in India.

7. Awareness regarding Communio India has picked up since its launch in 2018. We appreciate and acknowledge the generous contribution of the People of God to this noble cause. It shows their love for the Church and the Gospel. We earnestly request you not to cease praying continuously for the mission of the Church in India. May Jesus the Good Shepherd guide and help us to carry out His work of evangelization in all earnest.

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## **APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THAILAND AND JAPAN**

**(19-26 NOVEMBER 2019)**

***“For love of my brethren and friends, I say: Peace upon you!” (Ps 122:8)***

God of mercy and Lord of history, to you we lift up our eyes from this place, where death and life have met, loss and rebirth, suffering and compassion. Here, in an incandescent burst of lightning and fire, so many men and women, so many dreams and hopes, disappeared, leaving behind only shadows and silence. In barely an instant, a black hole of destruction and death devoured everything. From that abyss of silence, we continue even today to hear the cries of those who are no longer. They came from different places, had different names, and some spoke different languages. Yet all were united in the same fate, in a terrifying hour that left its mark forever not only on the history of this country, but on the face of humanity.



Here I pay homage to all the victims, and I bow before the strength and dignity of those who, having survived those first moments, for years afterward bore in the flesh immense suffering, and in their spirit seeds of death that drained their vital energy. I felt a duty to come here as a pilgrim of peace, to stand in silent prayer, to recall the innocent victims of such violence, and to bear in my heart the prayers and yearnings of the men and women of our time, especially the young, who long for peace, who work for peace and who sacrifice themselves for peace. I have come to this place of memory and of hope for the future, bringing with me the cry of the poor who are always the most helpless victims of hatred and conflict.

It is my humble desire to be the voice of the voiceless, which witness with concern and anguish the growing tensions of our own time: the unacceptable inequalities and injustices that threaten human coexistence, the grave inability to care for our common home, and the constant outbreak of armed conflict, as if these could guarantee a future of peace. With deep conviction I wish once more to declare that the use of atomic energy for purposes of war is today, more than ever, a crime not only against the dignity of human beings but against any possible future for our common home. The use of atomic energy for purposes of war is immoral, just as the possessing of nuclear weapons is immoral, as I already said two years ago. We will be judged on this. Future generations will rise to condemn our failure if we spoke of peace but did not act to bring it about among the peoples of the earth. How can we speak of peace even as we build terrifying new weapons of war? How can we speak about peace even as we justify illegitimate actions by speeches filled with discrimination and hate? I am convinced that peace is no more than an empty word unless it is founded on truth, built up in justice, animated and perfected by charity, and attained in freedom (cf. SAINT JOHN XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*, 37).

Building peace in truth and justice entails acknowledging that “people frequently differ widely in knowledge, virtue, intelligence and wealth” (ibid., 87), and that this can never justify the attempt to impose our own particular interests upon others. Indeed, those differences call for even greater responsibility and respect. Political communities may legitimately differ from one another in terms of culture or economic development, but all are called to commit themselves to work “for the common cause”, for the good of all (ibid.,88).

Indeed, if we really want to build a more just and secure society, we must let the weapons fall from our hands. “No one can love with offensive weapons in their hands” (SAINT PAUL VI, *United Nations Address*, 4 October 1965, 10). When

we yield to the logic of arms and distance ourselves from the practice of dialogue, we forget to our detriment that, even before causing victims and ruination, weapons can create nightmares; “they call for enormous expenses, interrupt projects of solidarity and of useful labour, and warp the outlook of nations” (ibidbut must be built up ceaselessly” (*Gaudium et Spes*, 78). It is the fruit of justice, development, solidarity, care for our common home and the promotion of the common good, as we have learned from the lessons of history.

To remember, to journey together, to protect. These are three moral imperatives that here in Hiroshima assume even more powerful and universal significance, and can open a path to peace. For this reason, we cannot allow present and future generations to lose the memory of what happened here. It is a memory that ensures and encourages the building of a more fair and fraternal future; an expansive memory, capable of awakening the consciences of all men and women, especially those who today play a crucial role in the destiny of the nations; a living memory that helps us say in every generation: never again! That is why we are called to journey together with a gaze of understanding and forgiveness, to open the horizon to hope and to bring a ray of light amid the many clouds that today darken the sky. Let us open our hearts to hope, and become instruments of reconciliation and peace. This will always be possible if we are able to protect one another and realize that we are joined by a common destiny. Our world, interconnected not only by globalization but by the very earth we have always shared, demands, today more than ever, that interests exclusive to certain groups or sectors be left to one side, in order to achieve the greatness of those who struggle co-responsibly to ensure a common future.

In a single plea to God and to all men and women of good will, on behalf of all the victims of atomic bombings and experiments, and of all conflicts, let us together cry out from our hearts: Never again war, never again the clash of arms, never again so much suffering! May peace come in our time and to our world. O God, you have promised us that “mercy and faithfulness have met, justice and peace have embraced; faithfulness shall spring from the earth, and justice looks down from heaven” (*Ps* 84:11-12). Come, Lord, for it is late, and where destruction has abounded, may hope also abound today that we can write and achieve a different future. Come, Lord, Prince of Peace! Make us instruments and reflections of your peace! “*For love of my brethren and friends, I say: Peace upon you!*” (*Ps* 122:8).

With Blessings,  
*Franciscus*  
Holy Father Pope Francis.

## BISHOP'S PROGRAMME

### DECEMBER 2019

Sun	<b>Dec 1-2</b>	10:00 a.m.	Visit to Philomena's Hospital, Bangalore.
Tue	<b>Dec 3</b>	10:00 a.m.	Visit to A. P Forum, Secunderabad
Fri	<b>Dec 6</b>	10:00 a.m.	Blessing of Marriage at Chapirevula: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Sat	<b>Dec 7</b>	4:00 p.m.	Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Our Lady of Lourdes Convent and St. Joseph's School at Koilakuntla: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Sun	<b>Dec 8</b>	9:00 a.m.	Prison Ministry India: Inaugural Ceremony of Santa Claus Dance Competition at Jeevasudha Pastoral Center.
		5:00 p.m.	Annual Feast of "Yatrikula Matha" at KDSSS: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Tue	<b>Dec 10</b>	6:00 p.m.	Celebrates Holy Eucharist on the eve of "Thommidi Mangalavarothsavalu" at St. Anthony's Shrine, Guntur.
Sat	<b>Dec 14</b>	10:00 a.m.	Silver Jubilee Celebrations of St. Francis Xavier Church at Hindupur: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Tue	<b>Dec 17</b>	9:00 a.m.	Semi Christmas Celebrations at APSSS, Secunderabad
Wed	<b>Dec 18</b>	9:00 a.m.	Recollection and Christmas Get-together for the Pastoral Clergy and the Catechists at Jeevasudha Pastoral Centre, Venkayapalle: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
		6:00 p.m.	Semi- Christmas Celebrations at Abhyagiri: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Thu	<b>Dec 19</b>	10:00 a.m.	Semi-Christmas Celebrations at Gargeyapuram.
Fri	<b>Dec 20</b>	10:00 a.m.	Golden Jubilee Celebrations of St. Joseph Jr. College, Venkayapalle: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
		5:30 p.m.	Semi Christmas and Thanksgiving Mass at Gooty Parish: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Sat	<b>Dec 21</b>	9:00 a.m.	Semi- Christmas Celebrations at SJRS, Anantapur.

		3:00 p.m.	Semi- Christmas Celebrations at St. Ann's College, Pilligundla, Anantapur.
		5:30 p.m.	Blessing and Inauguration of Community Hall and Semi- Christmas Celebrations at Mount Carmel Church, Anantapur: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Sun	<b>Dec 22</b>	2:00 p.m.	Prison Ministry India: Visit to Kurnool District Prison.
Mon	<b>Dec 23</b>	10:30 a.m.	Semi - Christmas Celebrations at KDSSS.
		5:00 p.m.	Fathima Convent EM School Annual Day Celebrations at Chippagiri.
Tue	<b>Dec 24</b>	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes' Cathedral, Kurnool.
Wed	<b>Dec 25</b>	8:30 a.m.	Christmas Mass at St. Theresa of Avila Co-Cathedral, Kurnool.
Fri	<b>Dec 27</b>	5:30 p.m.	Priestly Ordination of Deacon KV Paul MCBS at Our Lady of Health Shrine, Khairatabad.
Tue	<b>Dec 31</b>	11.30 p.m.	New Year Midnight Mass St. Theresa of Avila Co- Cathedral, Kurnool.

## **JANUARY 2020**

Wed	<b>Jan 1</b>	8.30 a.m.	New Year Holy Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes's Cathedral, Kurnool-02.
Fri	<b>Jan 3</b>	11:30 a.m.	One Day Prayer Convention at Premagiri: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Tue	<b>Jan 14</b>	5:30 p.m.	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bro. Joseph Thamby at Pedda Otupalli: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Thu	<b>Jan 16</b>	10:00 a.m.	Visit to APSSS Office, Secunderabad.
Mon	<b>Jan 20</b>	10:30 a.m.	Blessing and Inauguration of St. Catherina of Siena Church at Karimadhela, Bandiatmakur Parish: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Wed	<b>Jan 22</b>	5: 30 p.m.	SFS School Annual Day Celebrations at Pamidi.
Thu	<b>Jan 30</b>	10: 00 a.m.	Golden Jubilee Celebrations of St. Anthony's high School, Adoni: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.

  
**+ Anthony Poola D.D.,**  
 Bishop of Kurnool

# COMMUNICATIONS

## **1. PASTORAL CLERGY AND CATECHISTS CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER:**

Recollection and Christmas Get-together for the Pastoral Clergy and the Catechists is arranged at Jeevasudha Pastoral Center, Venkayapalle on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Christmas is a special occasion where we exchange our gifts and share our joy with our brothers and sisters. Let us take a special interest to organize Christmas Carols and Christmas Get-Together in the villages, hearing Confessions, spending more time in prayer and leading our faithful spiritually to celebrate Christmas in a meaningful way. Catechists are to reach Jeeva Sudha Pastoral Center on December 17<sup>th</sup> evening by 4:00 p.m. Dear Fathers kindly reach Jeevasudha Pastoral Center by 9:00 a.m. 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

## **2. YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE:**

Christmas is the time of loving and sharing of our joy with our brethren. On this joyous occasion, our Bishop has a special request that all those who would like to meet him and express their love and joy by presenting him cakes, garlands, flower bouquets and any other gift, let it be in the form of cash and it will be well utilized for the education of the poor children in our Diocese. Hope you would understand the good intention of our Bishop and cooperate accordingly. Wish you a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year 2020.

## **3. ORDO 2020:**

ORDO for 2020 is ready. Please collect your copy from the Diocesan Office.

## **4. THE BISHOP'S HOUSE OFFICES WILL REMAIN CLOSED:**

Bishop's House Offices will remain closed from 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 -3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. All the priests and religious are requested to take note of this and make necessary plans and get your works done before or after the above mentioned dates.

## **5. CRI-CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER:**

Kurnool Diocese CRI cordially invites the members for the Christmas celebrations which will be held at St. Antony's Shrine, Chapirova, on 14<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday) of December 2019. We request you to participate in the Christmas

programme. Registration fees Rs.150/- Please reach the Venue by 9.00a.m. Kindly pay the Annual Subscription. - (Fr. Varaprasad, Montfort, CRI president.).

## **6. EXTRA-ORDINARY MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:**

All the parishes in our Diocese of Kurnool celebrated the Extra Ordinary Mission Sunday in a meaningful way. We sincerely congratulate and appreciate you for all the efforts you made to raise the Mission Sunday Collections. Along with the Mission Sunday Collections, kindly remit Peter Pence, Holy Childhood, Good Friday, Lenten Campaign, Jyothirmai, Justice Sunday collections of 2019 to the Diocesan office as early as possible. Your immediate action in this regard will enable us to forward the various collections to their destiny in time.

### **Mission Sunday Collections can be sent to the following Diocese Account**

Name of the Account	:	<b>The Diocese of Kurnool Society</b>
No. of the Account	:	<b>149701000000001</b>
IFS Code	:	<b>IOBA 0001497</b>
Bank	:	<b>Indian Overseas Bank</b>
Branch	:	<b>Kurnool Diocese, Kurnool</b>

**N.B.** Cash payments are allowed below Rs.10, 000/- Transactions of Rs. 10,000/- or above are to be made by Bank transfer from your Account to Diocese Account. Thank you.

## **7. HOLY MASSES RECEIVED:**

Thank you dear fathers for remitting extra Masses to the Diocesan Office. We request all the Parish Priests who get extra Masses to kindly forward them to the diocesan Office. Following are the parishes that have forwarded Mass Intentions to the Diocesan Office.

1. Infant Jesus Church, Maddikkara	31 Masses	Rs. 3,100/-
2. Holy Cross Church, Allagadda	90 Masses	Rs. 9,000/-
3. Sacred Heart Church, Velugodu	95 Masses	Rs.9,500 /-
4. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, P. Yaleru	100 Masses	Rs. 10,000 /-
5. Our Lady of Health Shrine, Guntakal	202 Masses	Rs. 20,200/- ( Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> )
6. Our Lady of Health Shrine, Guntakal	201 Masses	Rs. 20,100/- (November)

7. Holy Family Church, Polur	500 Masses	Rs. 50,000/-
8. Our Lady of Mercy Church, Orvakal	12 Masses	Rs. 1,200 /-
9. Assumption Church, Ramadurgam	30 Masses	Rs. 3,000/-

**8. PROGRAMME AT SINAI DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE - PREMAGIRI: DECEMBER 2019.**

- December 6** : **First Friday- Fasting Prayer (9.30 am to 4.00 pm)**  
Preaching of the Word of God, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & Healing Service
- December 8 to 12** : First Residential Retreat
- December 14** : 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday- Bible Convention  
Preaching of the Word of God, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & Healing Service.
- December 22nd** : Semi Christmas Special Worship
- December 28<sup>th</sup>** : Night Vigil. From 9:00 pm to 5:00 am

Note: Every Sunday from 5pm to 7:30pm there is Adoration

- Rev Fr. Jaison VC, *Director*, Mob: 9494173950.

**BISHOP ANTHONY POOLA EDUCATION FUND**

1. St. Joseph's EM School, Mandigiri, Adoni Rs. 5,000/-
2. St. Joseph of Cluny Illam, Gooty Rs. 12,000/-
3. Sr. Theresa and Community SAP, Joharapuram Rs. 2,000/-

**Total Rs. 19,000/-**

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Evangelization: The Future of the Very Young:</b> That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.</li> </ul>	
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**1. ALL SOULS DAY AT KDSSS CEMETERY: GRANT ETERNAL REST O LORD, TO THOSE WHO ARE GONE BEFORE US:**

It is known fact that November 2<sup>nd</sup> is a day set apart to visit the cemeteries and to pray for the departed souls. The Cemetery which is in KDSSS campus was filled with all the Religious Sisters and Priests who are the inhabitants of Venkayapalle village to pay their respects and to remember all the departed souls of their dear ones. Rev. Fr. Bhaskar, the Director of KDSSS has taken keen interest to get it cleaned and ready to provide a prayerful atmosphere for the faithful. DSS Provincialate Community Sisters took an important role in preparing for the Mass, Singing and praying during the Mass. All the other Sisters cooperated well with different activities that are required to have a holy atmosphere. Rt. Rev. Bishop Poola Anthony, Bishop of Kurnool has kindly accepted to celebrate Holy Eucharist in the Cemetery. Many priests who reside in Bishop's House, JPC and OCD house also concelebrated the Mass and offered prayers for all the departed. Bishop exhorted all the departed Priests of this Diocese and praised them for their exemplary lives. At the end of the Mass Rev. Fr. Bhaskar, the Director of KDSSS thanked the Bishop and all the Priests for partaking in the Eucharistic celebration. He also thanked and appreciated all those who rendered a helping hand in preparatory works in the cemetery for the Mass and for the cleaning of the area. After the Mass tea was served for all who are present for the Mass. - **(Rev. Fr. S.Bhaskar, KDSSS Director)**

**2. DISTRIBUTION OF FLOOD RELIEF MATERIALS TO FLOOD AFFECTED PEOPLE:**

Flood Rehabilitation in Maseedpuram: Caritas India Organization was good enough to come to the aid of the flood victims of Kurnool Diocese at the continuous requests made by Rev. Fr. Bhaskar, the Director of KDSSS. Finally when he received the amount for this purpose he planned meticulously about how to go about with the purchasing things for the people. He took lot of trouble to contact all the Parish Priests of those villages, to get the names of the flood victims, arranging the list village wise, buying the needed items from different areas, getting them to KDSSS premises, and transporting them to Maseedpuram where the meeting was going to be held. Finally, on 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2019 at the convenience of Rt. Rev. Bishop Poola Anthony, the programme was held. The people from different villages of Nandyal division of Kurnool District have reached Maseedpuram. The Parish Priests and the Religious Sisters from those villages

also were present. Rt. Rev. Bishop Poola Anthony, Bishop of Kurnool arrived together with Rev. Fr. Anthaiah, AP Forum Director.

The programme started with a prayer dance by little children of that village, Word of God was read, a hymn to the Holy Spirit was sung and dignitaries lit the Indian lamp. Rev. Fr. Bhaskar, the Director of KDSSS introduced the dignitaries to the gathering, explained the purpose of the gathering, also who are the channels of getting this help from Caritas India and how it has come about. He thanked his Lordship Bishop for his intervention in this process, and thanked the Organization for extending their helping hand through this project. Bishop also thanked all the persons who are involved in this beautiful and charitable work of helping the victims of floods. More than a thousand kits were distributed to all the people. The kit contained (A bucket, a mug, a mat and a bed sheet). People were happy to receive that and went home happily. Thanks to the Triune God who blessed us in time of need. – **(Rev. Fr. S.Bhaskar, KDSSS Director)**

### **3. KOLPING INDIA PROGRAMME AT MASEEDUPURAM MISSION (KDSSS), BLESSED ADOLPH KOLPING IN MASEEDUPURAM:**

Raising the Level of Skills of Working Women, Assisting women through IGP, SAP, MAP, HSP, and VTP. Awareness of Their Rights and Duties, and implementing support through Kolping India. The programme started at 2:30 p.m. by invoking heavenly blessings from the Lord. Most Rev. Dr. Anthony Poola, Bishop of Kurnool, Rev. Fr. Anthaiah APSSF Director, Fr. Bhaskar Director KDSSS, Priests from different parishes of Nandyal deanery, Religious sisters and people from two villages were present for the programme. His Excellency Most Rev. Bishop Anthony Poola has given his valuable message to the people, about how the Kolping India programme has come into existence, its history and Organization is executing in different parts of India to increase the better life of the people in the villages and to improve their level of earning in the families. Fr. Anthaiah also encouraged people to make use of the chances given to them through Kolping India Programme and to work hard for the betterment of their lives. Rev. Fr. Bhaskar, in his speech specified the importance of blessed Adolph kolping and his commitment to the poor, underprivileged, disadvantaged and marginalized. There was a distribution of the cheques and money for the various needs of people for IGP, SAP, MAP, HSP, and VTP, in order to recover their sustainability through the best support of Kolping programme. At the outset of the programme, the beneficiary wished birthday greetings to our Bishop Poola Anthony our good shepherd. Fr. Bhaskar thanked everyone present for the meeting and all those who attended this programme went back praising God for the good work He has done through Blessed Adolph Kolping. – **(Rev. Fr. S.Bhaskar, KDSSS Director)**

#### 4. EXTRA ORDINARY MISSION SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHEDRAL, KURNOOL

అక్టోబరు నెలను పోప్ ఫ్రాన్సిసుగారు “వేదవ్యాపక విశిష్ట మాసం”గా ప్రకటించిన నంగతి అందరికీ విదితమే. జగద్గురువులు ఆదేశాల మేర కర్నూలు పీఠాధిపతులు తమ పీఠంలో చేపట్టిన వివిధ కార్యక్రమాలు సువార్త ప్రకటన పట్ల గురువులను, ఉపదేశులను, మఠవాసులను, యువతను, బాలబాలికలను నిజప్రేషితులుగా జీవించుటకు ప్రేరణ కలిగించాయి. ప్రత్యేక కార్యాచరణకు శ్రీకారం చుట్టారు.



ఒక రోజు ప్రత్యేక సదస్సు: “సువార్త ప్రకటన” విశిష్ట మాసానికి ఒక నెలముందే సెప్టెంబర్ నెలలో పీఠంలో వివిధ సేవలందిస్తున్న గురువులను, మఠవాసులను, యువతీ యువకులను, ఉపదేశులను పాస్టరల్ సెనిటర్లో సమావేశపరచి, 1919లో 15వ పోప్ బెనెడిక్ట్ గారు ప్రచురించిన “మగ్నిమమ్ ఇల్లద్” అపోస్తోలిక ప్రబోధంలోని ప్రధాన అంశాలను పునశ్చరణ చేయించారు. వేదవ్యాపక విశిష్ట మాసంలో చేపట్టవలసిన కార్యాచరణపై సమాలోచన చేశారు. ఆ దినాన ఇచ్చిన ఉపన్యాసాలు ప్రేషిత కార్య నిర్వాహణలో ఆత్మ విశ్వాసంతో సమర్థతతో ముందుకెళ్ళటానికి తోడ్పడ్డాయని పొల్గొన్నవారు తెలియజేశారు.

ఉపదేశులకు ప్రత్యేక తరగతులు: సువార్త ప్రకటనలో ఉపదేశుల పాత్ర ఎంతో గొప్పది. అది గ్రహించి పీఠాధిపతులు సెప్టెంబర్ 19, 20 తేదీలలో పాస్టరల్ సెంటర్లో రెండు రోజులపాటు “మగ్నిమమ్ ఇల్లద్” (అపోస్తోలిక ప్రబోధం)పై ప్రత్యేక తరగతులు నిర్వహించారు. సువార్త ప్రకటనలో ఉపదేశుల పాత్ర గురించి జ్యోతిర్మయి సంస్థ డైరెక్టరు గురుశ్రీ సోలోమోనురాజుగారు ప్రధాన ఉపన్యాసకులుగా పిలువబడ్డారు. రెండు రోజులపాటు జరిగిన శిక్షణ తరగతులు ఉపదేశులకు ఉపయుక్తంగా ఉన్నాయి. సువార్త ప్రకటన ప్రేషిత కార్యనిర్వహణలో నూతన ఉత్తేజాన్ని నింపాయని ఉపదేశులు ఆనందం వ్యక్తపరిచారు.

డీనరిస్థాయి ధ్యానవడకం: వేదవ్యాపక విశిష్ట మాసాన్ని పురస్కరించుకొని పీఠంలోని డీనరీలో ప్రత్యేక ధ్యాన వడకాలను ఏర్పాటు చేశారు. మగ్నిమమ్ ఇల్లద్ అపోస్తోలిక ప్రబోధాన్ని ప్రత్యేక విధంగా ధ్యానించుటం జరిగింది. ఈ

ధ్యానం ప్రేషితగుణ నిర్మాణానికెంతో తోడ్పడింది.

బాలబాలికలకు ప్రత్యేక సదస్సులు: దసరా సెలవులలో పీఠంలోని బాలబాలికలను డీనరీ స్థాయిలో సమావేశపరచి దివ్యసంస్కారాలపై ప్రత్యేక తరగతులు నిర్వహించారు. ఆ రోజున బాలబాలికలకు రకరకాల ఆటల పోటీలు నిర్వహించి, గెలుపొందిన వారికి బహుమతులు అందజేసారు. ఈ సదస్సు బాలబాలికలలో ఆధ్యాత్మిక ఉత్సాహం నింపిందని చెప్పవచ్చు.

వేదవ్యాపక విశిష్ట ఆవిష్కరణ: విశిష్ట వేదవ్యాపకంపై ముందుగానే వివిధ సదస్సులు నిర్వహించటం వలన వేదవ్యాపక విశిష్టమాసం ఆవిష్కరణలకై సిద్ధపడిన గురువులు, ఉపదేవులు, మఠవాసులు, గృహస్థ క్రైస్తవులు, పీఠాధిపతులు మహా ఘనం పూల అంతోనిగారితో కలిసి అక్టోబరు 2వ తేదీన నంద్యాలలోని “ఆరోగ్యమాత దేవాలయం”లో ఆవిష్కరణ వేడుకలు నిర్వహించారు. ఈ ఆవిష్కరణ వేడుకలలో పీఠాధిపతుల సువార్త ప్రకటనే ప్రథమ, ప్రధాన బాధ్యతగా స్వీకరించాలన్న ఉపన్యాసం అందరిని ఆకట్టుకుంది. జన్మతఃవచ్చిన ప్రేషిత ధర్మానికి కట్టుబడి జీవించటానికి అందరికి స్ఫూర్తినిచ్చింది. స్ఫూర్తిదాయకంగా కొనసాగిస్తున్న విశిష్ట వేదవ్యాపక మాసంలో ప్రతి ఒక్కరు ప్రతి నిత్యం ప్రేషిత ధర్మాలను నిర్వహిస్తూ, ముందుకు నడవాలని నవంబరు 2వ తారీఖున లూర్డుమాత కథిడ్రల్ దేవాలయ ముగింపు వేడుకల పూజాబలిలో పూల అంతోని పీఠాధిపతులు సూచించారు.

- (Fr. E. Balaraju, Director, Pastoral Centre, Kurnool)

## 5. LABOUR COMMISSION MEETING AT MIDTUR “COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO LABOUR AND ARE BURDENED I WILL GIVE YOU REST” MT.11:28:

On 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 a meeting was held for all those who are engaged in construction works, road workers, farmers and domestic workers in Velugu Office in Midthur. Rev. Fr. Bhaskar, the Director of KDSSS took keen interest in arranging this meeting to bring awareness in those who struggle between their work and wages. Mr. Danamaiah, the coordinator of KDSSS spend his time in gathering the people from different villages, inviting Mr. Venkatesh from Syndicate Bank etc.,

At the outset Rev. Fr. Bhaskar, the Director of KDSSS gave a gist of the programme, introduced the invited dignitaries, and welcomed them. The chief resource person for this programme is Sr. Tessa Paul, Regional Secretary for Labour Commission, from Hyderabad. She was happy to see the participants coming from different villages and she spoke to them cordially. She shared her views and ideas regarding the labour commission at length. While she spoke to them number of ideas to improve their marginalized lives, she put before them lot of opportunities to work united with each other, many views through which they can stand up for what they are aiming at. Mrs. Mary Alphonsa, Advocate was brief in her talk but very precise in what she said about legal issues that they face. Mrs. Reshma, Coordinator for Domestic Labour Union, shared her views regarding the importance of domestic laborers in the lives of the rich. She also gave few tips of how they can make their presence known in the Society where they live. Mr. Venkatesh, the programme coordinator from Syndicate Bank spoke to the gathering about the schemes that the Government is introducing through

them in order to change their lives to a better position.

His Lordship Bishop Poola Anthony, Bishop of Kurnool appreciated Rev. Fr. Bhaskar for his thoughtfulness in arranging this programme. He appreciated Sr. Tessy for her knowledgeable views in her sharing and for her interest in laborers of different cadres. He expressed few words of thanks and appreciation to all those who addressed the participants. He also told the participants to make use of the opportunities that are put before them and those that are within their reach. Participants took active part in expressing their doubts and getting them cleared. APSS Coordinators were also present and made their presence felt by shaking the gathering with their active singing in between. Rev. Frs. Charan OCD, Kishore CPPS, and Rajendra the Parish Priest of Manchalakatta Parish and the Sisters of the same Parish also were present for the meeting. Finally, Rev. Fr. Bhaskar thanked all the resource persons and the participants. The meeting ended at 3.30 p.m. Lunch was served to all the participants. Rev. Fr. Kishore CPPS prepared lunch for all the dignitaries in his parish house at Uppaladadiya. – **(Rev. Fr. S.Bhaskar, KDSSS Director)**

## **6. DALIT LIBERATION SUNDAY: DALIT LIBERATION SUNDAY:**

The Dalith liberation Sunday is celebrated in a meaningful way on 10<sup>th</sup> of November in the cathedral by Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony Bishop of Kurnool with the theme: Resist caste: “if one suffers all suffer together”. Bishop in his preaching highlighted the theme of resist caste; if one suffers, all suffer together. It is call to the Christian community to renew our faith, and to awaken our consciousness to be the voice of the voiceless and to stand with the vulnerable Dalits in society. In India caste division were abolished under the constitution, but discrimination is still rooted in the society so It is an opportunity to give hope, to empower and to uplift the lives our Dalits. Songs were selected as for the theme. All of us have prayed for the good of the Dalits. Fr. S. Bhaskar secretary of SC/BC Commission thanked his Lordship for celebrating the holy mass and thanked everyone for their good heart for praying for the Dalits. – **(Rev. Fr. S.Bhaskar, KDSSS Director)**

## **7. BLESSING AND INAUGURATION OF NEW CHAPEL AT ST. JOSEPH OF CLUNY ILLAM, GOOTY:**

We gratefully thank God for blessing us with a new chapel on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019, on the birthday of our Mother Foundress Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey. We, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny began our life here in Gooty in the year 1996. From then to till date, we were having a small room as our chapel. Our beloved Bishop Most Rt. Rev Dr. Poola Antony was inspired to give us permission to have



chapel after seeing the congested area. We thank God always for the providential intervention. With full support and guidance of our Parish, priest Rev.Fr. Showreddy we were able to complete the work. Bishop Rt. Rev Dr. Poola Antony arrived at 10.30 am and celebrated the Holy Eucharist along with our Parish Priest and other four priests in the Parish church. Bishop in his homily stressed

the presence of the Lord in the church and exhorted everyone to be inside the church to attend the Holy Mass whenever we come. After the Holy Mass, our beloved Bishop was felicitated with a shawl. We thanked all who were present and all who worked for our building. The presence of Sr. Rosita, our Provincial and sisters from neighboring communities added color to our celebration. After Mass and felicitation in the church in Procession, we moved to the new chapel, Bishop carrying the Blessed Sacrament and the Monstrance. All of us along with Bishop, the priests and parishioners entered the new chapel and the Bishop blessed the altar and the Tabernacle, and placed the Presence of the Lord and then blessed the house. The Lord's blessings were imparted to all with the Benediction. We thank God for His marvelous works, which we experienced on this day. - **(Rev. Sr. Roselin SJC, Gooty)**

## **8. ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION 2019-20:**

St. Joseph's Convent English Medium School Adoni celebrated the "**School annual Day**" with unprecedented fanfare on 04-11-2019 at the school premises. The school was decorated elegantly. It was a great moment of pride and honor to have Most Rt. Rev, Dr. Antony Poola as the President of the function, Sr Jeyarani. A Provincial Superior Mysore Province, Sir Sri Bala Ganesh, Revenue and Divisional Magistrate Adoni, Sir Siva Ramulu MEO. Adoni.were the chief guests of the day.Rev.Fr Prasanth .A, other priests and religious from neighboring parishes doubled our joy through their presence. All were given a floral welcome. The talented students presented mesmerizing cultural events which captured the attention of the audience and made them spellbound. Prizes were given away to the toppers and other students who had brought laurels to the school in academic



and co curricular activities. Sr.Jean Furtado the Headmistress of the school read the report of the school and made aware of the school's journey with the achievements both in academic and co-curricular activities.



Addressing on the occasion Bishop lauded and praised the school for raising the standards of the school in the city. He also stressed on the importance of being eco friendly to live and to let live. Education is not only for carrier but also it should make us human beings respecting each one's dignity in the society. It was a great moment of Joy for all of us because our hard work had borne the fruit which was seen on the smiling faces of our parents. At the end Ms. Indumathi thanked all the dignitaries on and off the dais, parents' well wishers and students for spending their valuable time with us. We bow our heads in gratitude to God for His abundant blessings upon us which made this event a grand success. – ( **Rev. Sr. Jean Furtado SJT, Mandagiri**)

## **NEWS FROM KURNOOL DIOCESE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (KDSSS)**

### **1. CHILDREN'S' DAY:**

Children's day is the day celebrated across India to increase awareness of the rights, care and education of children. It is celebrated on 14 November every year as a tribute to India's First Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. Fondly known as Chacha Nehru among children, he advocated for children to have fulfilled education. On this day many educational and motivational programs are held across India, by and for children. This year, it was the 65<sup>th</sup> Children's day celebration in India. Throughout his political career Pundit Nehru had been an ardent advocate for children's rights and privileges. Children's Day is an annual celebration dedicated to the children, mainly celebrated in schools and other educational institutions. Several programs for the children were organized by the teachers and institutes management, in which the children themselves participate. School premises will be decorated with balloons of different colors and stage is set for various performances to entertain the children and make them happy. Sweets and chocolates will be also distributed among the children.

### **2. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DAY:**

International Students' Day is an international observance of the student community, held annually on November 17. It is celebrated all around the world.

It is a celebration of multiculturalism, diversity and cooperation among students across the globe. Though originally a day of commemoration of the more than 1200 students from the University of Prague whose lives were taken to WWII. World Students' day has become an occasion for universities the world over to boast their masses of international students and the good they do for the local community. Students display and celebrate their acts of social responsibility and have gatherings on campus to showcase the causes they volunteer for, take part in gleeful competitions, indulge in student food, gossip about the student unions and complain about their student fees. Although decidedly not as elevated or as relevant to mankind as the activities of the forefathers of World Students' Day, these gatherings attract a good deal of involvement, donations and attention for organizations and charities.

### **3. THE WORLD DAY OF PREVENTION OF HARASSMENT OF CHILDREN:**

The World Day for prevention of Child Abuse is celebrated on 19<sup>th</sup> November and it started in 2000 in relation to the convention on the Rights of the Child celebration on 20 November. Abuse of children and adolescents is a complex international problem that seems to defy simple analysis and easy answers. This was initiated by the Women's World summit Foundation in 2000, aims to create a culture of prevention around the world by encouraging governments and community/society/organizations to play more active roles in protecting children. "Children are so vulnerable – they depend on us to take care of them, to love and protect them," explained Valerie. Child protection is any measure or initiative that addresses or prevents children from situations of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation. It refers to protecting children from or against any perceived or real danger/risk. It helps to reduce their vulnerability in harmful situations. It also means protecting children against social, psychological and emotional insecurity and distress. To prevent Child abuse – create safe places for children in community, neighbourhood and society. Create structures and systems where children can express their feelings and emotions freely without any inhibitions. Educate children about safety measures.

### **4. THE HOPE OF THE POOR SHALL NOT PERISH FOR EVER:**

The World Day of the Poor is a Roman Catholic observance, celebrated on the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time since 2017. His Holiness Pope Francis in His message for the third World Day of the Poor, celebrated on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019, reminds us that "the poor are not numbers, but people", to be assisted, accompanied, protected, defended and saved. He recalled that this is not possible without the humility of listening, the charism of the whole, the courage of renunciation. He

reminded us that to follow the way of charity, of humility and of listening means lending an ear to the little ones”, because God reveals himself through them. And he asked us not to look down on anyone from above. “You can only look down at a person from above,” he insisted, “in order to help them, get up”.

He urged us to live our mission with a style of poverty, gratuitousness and humility. He insisted that we cannot live charity without having interpersonal relationships with the poor: living with and for the poor. He invited us to cultivate a personal encounter with Christ, in order to meet him in the poor. He urged the people to spend their time with socially excluded people. His Holiness reminds those who suffer want and are abandoned to always bear in mind that God loves them and hears their prayers. He says that the poor save us because they show us the face of Christ. He went on to say “You who are little, who are poor, fragile, you are the Church’s treasure. You are in the Pope’s heart, in Mary’s heart, in God’s heart. The Catholic Church from all over the world, aims to serve by meeting the poor and giving them their rightful place in the Church. Pope points out that there is no one so poor to have nothing to give. He notes that love saves the world and that God wants us to be the vessels through which love flows. - (Fr. Sanike Bhaskar, KDSSS Director)

### **NEWS FROM DIOCESAN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY KURNOOL (DESK)**

#### **1. BISHOP RAJAPPA SCHOLARSHIPS (HIGHER EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL COURSES):**

Kindly note that the Last date to submit the application for Bishop Rajappa Scholarship is the end of November. Those who have not yet submitted the application can still send us without much delay. Please make the students to write their mobile numbers as we send the SMS to them.

**The syllabus for the Bible Exam is :**

- 1. The Letters to the Colossians, Thessalonians 1 and Thessalonians 2**
- 2. The Second Book of Chronicles.**

The Scholarship Program will be held on January 14th Wednesday, 2020 at Jeeva Sudha Pastoral Centre, Venkayapalle, Kurnool , Arogyamatha Church, Nandyal.

5 of the top scoring students from each Deanery (5X4=20) in the Bible Exam will be rewarded Cash Prizes. We warmly encourage the students to read the Holy Bible and be guided by it at all times.

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# NEWS FROM JEEVASUDHA PASTORAL CENTRE



Devotion to Mother Mary at Jeevasudha Campus



Faithformation Programme at Bollavaram Village



Faithformation Programme at Cherukucherla Village



Faithformation Programme at Koratamaddi Village.



Faithformation programme at Goramanukonda village. Bethmcherlaparish



Faithformation programme at Bugannipalli Village, Bethemcherla Parish

## “CRIB COMPETITION”

Dear & Respected Fathers,

Greetings from Jeevasudha Pastoral Center.

As the season of advent is fast approaching, with beautiful memories of Christmas, Jeeva Sudha Pastoral Centre is conducting a **Crib Competition** in the Diocesan level. It is arranged in such a way that the parishes which are interested in this competition will prepare the crib in their own parish and the special team will be visiting the respective parishes for the evaluation. I hope this will be an



opportunity to bring out the best of your parishners with regard to their creativity and active participation in the Christmas celebration.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize : Rs. 5000/-**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize : Rs. 2500/-**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize : Rs.1500/-**

There will be a surprising gift as consolation prize! Those who are interested will please give me the names on or before **15<sup>th</sup> of December 2019**. Thanking you!

*- (Rev. Fr. Ery Bala Raj, JPC Director)*

## **NEWS FROM DESK AND SJRS SPONSORED STUDENTS PROGRAMME**

### **DESK AND SJRS SPONSORED STUDENTS PROGRAM**

Dear Fathers / Sisters,

The Faith Formation and Cheque distribution program for all the DESK and SJRS Sponsored students will be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2020. Therefore I request you all to announce and inform to the Sponsored students in your Parishes and institutions. All have to reach JPC by 9.00AM. The Bible Exam will start at 9:30AM. Except school going children, all other sponsored students will have to attend the exam along with “Bishop Rajappa Higher Education Scholarship” students on the same day.

#### **The Syllabus for the Bible Exam is:**

- 1. The Letters to the Colossians, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians**
- 2. The Second Book of Chronicles.**

All the students have to submit 1. Study Certificate, 2. Marks List, 3. Bills paid for education, 4. Aadhar Card copy 5. Bank Passbook copy. Kindly send them soon by post or submit it in the DESK office. December 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 is the last date to submit. Every Sponsored Student While coming to the program must come with written “**Easter wishing letters**” to the Sponsors. Make sure you write the letters at home and come. No one is allowed to write the letters during the program except the School going children.

*- Fr Devadas Siddipogula,  
DESK-Sponsorship Director, 9000758574.*

## ***NEWS FROM DIVYAVANI TV CHANNEL***

**Dear Father,**

Greetings from Divyavani TV Centre,

As part of getting participation of various groups and strengthening the support base of Divyavani TV Channel, we would like to hold Divyavani Priests Fellowship on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at Divyavani TV Centre, Ramanthapur. It is a one day meeting with an open invitation to all the priests from the 13 dioceses to foster a long term partnership. These priests are already doing their mite and are more interested than others to promote Divyavani and its seven fold objectives in various ways. The purpose is to inform them about Divyavani and its various activities, seek their help in promotions, plan for future and sustainability of Divyavani and get their feedback on programming and production in particular.

Please RSVP to 7731080080

Looking forward to your participation

Yours truly in Christ Jesus,

**Fr. U. Balashowry M.F.A. (USA)**

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## ***REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND GLOBAL NEWS***

### **1. HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS HAS APPOINTED MSGR.**

**Antonysamy Savarimuthu (59) of the Clergy of Palayamkottai, as Bishop of Palayamkottai, Tamilnadu.** This provision was made public in Rome on Wednesday, 20th November 2019, at noon, corresponding to 16:30 hours, Indian Standard Time. Msgr. Antonysamy Savarimuthu was born on 8 December 1960 and was ordained priest on 26 April 1987, for the Diocese of Palayamkottai. He studied at St. Peter's Minor Seminary, Madurai, and later at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore, from 1979 to 1987. From 1992 to 2000 he was at Institut Catholique de Paris, for the Licence and Doctorate in Canon Law. He served the Diocese in the following assignments: Secretary to the Bishop of Palayamkottai (1987-1989); Professor at the Minor Seminary, Palayamkottai (1989-1992); then he studied in France (1992-2000); Vocation promoter, Palayamkottai (2000); Rector of Christ Hall Seminary, Karumathur (2000-2004); Defensor of the Bond, Palayamkottai Tribunal (2001-2003); Visiting professor, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore (2001-2010); Judicial Vicar, Tribunal Palayamkottai (2003-

2008); Vicar General of Palayamkottai (2004-2011); Parish Priest at Shantinagar (2004-2005); Parish Priest at Maharajanagar (2007-2009); Vocation promoter, Palayamkottai (2009-2011). Since 2011, he is Resident Professor at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore. At present, he is also Dean of the Institute of Canon Law at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore.

## **Let us listen to Pope Francis.....**

### **1. MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS *THIRD WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, The hope of the poor shall not perish forever***

1. "The hope of the poor will not perish forever" (Ps 9:19). These words of the Psalm remain timely. They express a profound truth that faith impresses above all on the hearts of the poor, restoring lost hope in the face of injustice, sufferings and the uncertainties of life. The Psalmist describes the condition of the poor and the arrogance of those who oppress them (cf. 10, 1-10). He invokes God's judgment to restore justice and overcome evil (cf. 10, 14-15). In his words, we hear an echo of age-old questions. How can God tolerate this disparity? How can he let the poor be humiliated without coming to their aid? Why does he allow oppressors to prosper instead of condemning their conduct, especially in the light of the sufferings of the poor?

The Psalm was composed at a time of great economic development that, as often happens, also led to serious social imbalances. The inequitable distribution of wealth created a significant number of poor people, whose condition appeared all the more dramatic in comparison with the wealth attained by a privileged few. The Psalmist, observing the situation, paints a picture as realistic as it is true....

2. Today in addition, we must acknowledge many new forms of bondage that enslave millions of men, women, young people and children. Daily we encounter *families* forced to leave their homeland to seek a living elsewhere; *orphans* who have lost their parents or were violently torn from them by brutal means of exploitation; *young people* seeking professional fulfilment but prevented from employment by short sighted economic policies; *victims* of different kinds of violence, ranging from prostitution to the narcotics trade, and profoundly demeaned. How can we overlook, too, the millions of *immigrants* who fall victim to any number of concealed interests, often exploited for political advantage, and are refused solidarity and equality? And all the *homeless* and ostracized persons who roam the streets of our cities?

How many times do we see poor people rummaging through *garbage bins* to retrieve what others have discarded as superfluous, in the hope of finding something

to live on or to wear! They themselves become part of a human garbage bin; they are treated as refuse, without the slightest sense of guilt on the part of those who are complicit in this scandal. Frequently judged parasites on society, the poor are not even forgiven their poverty. Judgment is always around the corner. They are not allowed to be timid or discouraged; they are seen as a threat or simply useless, simply because they are poor....

3. The setting of the Psalm is tinged with sadness at the injustice, the suffering and the disappointment endured by the poor. At the same time, it offers a touching definition of the poor: they are those who “put their trust in the Lord” (cf. v. 10), in the certainty that they will never be forsaken. In the Scriptures, the poor are those who trust! The Psalmist also gives the reason for this trust: they “know” the Lord (cf. *ibid.*). In the language of the Bible, such “knowledge” involves a personal relationship of affection and love. Impressive and completely unexpected as this description is, it simply expresses the grandeur of God, as shown in the way he relates to the poor. His creative power surpasses all human expectations and is shown in his being “mindful” of each individual (cf. v. 13). It is precisely this confidence in the Lord, this certainty of not being forsaken that inculcates hope. The poor know that God cannot abandon them; hence, they live always in the presence of the God who is mindful of them. God’s help extends beyond their present state of suffering in order to point out a path of liberation that profoundly strengthens and transforms the heart.

4. Scripture constantly speaks of God acting on behalf of the poor. He is the one who “hears” their cry” and “comes to their aid”; he “protects” and “defends” them; he “rescues” and “saves” them... Indeed, the poor will never find God indifferent or silent in the face of their plea. God is the one who renders justice and does not forget (cf. *Ps* 40:18; 70:6); he is their refuge and he never fails to come to their assistance (cf. *Ps* 10:14).

5. We can never elude the urgent appeal that Scripture makes on behalf of the poor. Wherever we look, the word of God points to the poor, those who lack the necessities of life because they depend on others. They are the oppressed, the lowly and the downcast. Yet, faced with countless throngs of the poor, Jesus was not afraid to identify with each of them: “Whatever you did to one of the least of these my brethren, you did to me” (*Mt* 25:40). If we refuse to make this identification, we falsify the Gospel and water down God’s revelation. The God that Jesus came to reveal is a Father who is generous, merciful, unfailing in his goodness and grace. He gives hope especially to those who are disillusioned and lacking in hope for the future.

6. In closeness to the poor, the Church comes to realize that she is one people,

spread throughout many nations and called to ensure that no one feels a stranger or outcast, for she includes everyone in a shared journey of salvation. The situation of the poor obliges us not to keep our distance from the body of the Lord, who suffers in them. Instead, we are called to touch his flesh and to be personally committed in offering a service that is an authentic form of evangelization. Commitment to the promotion of the poor, including their social promotion, is not foreign to the proclamation of the Gospel. On the contrary, it manifests the realism of Christian faith and its historical validity. The love that gives life to faith in Jesus makes it impossible for his disciples to remain enclosed in a stifling individualism or withdrawn into small circles of spiritual intimacy, with no influence on social life (cf. Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, 183)....

## 2. POPE FRANCIS ESTABLISHES SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "Aperuit illis", published on 30 September, establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". **By Vatican News:** The timing of the document is significant: 30 September is the Feast of Saint Jerome, the man who translated most of the Bible into Latin, and who famously said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". This year also marks 1600 years since his death. The title of the document, "Aperuit illis", is equally important. They are its opening words, taken from St Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures". A response to requests: Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis says he wrote this Apostolic Letter in response to requests from the faithful around the world to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God.

**An ecumenical value:** In the Motu proprio (literally, "of his own initiative"), Pope Francis declares "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". This is more than a temporal coincidence, he explains: the celebration has "ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity".

**A certain solemnity:** Pope Francis invites local communities to find ways to "mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity". He suggests that the sacred text be enthroned "in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God's Word". In highlighting the proclamation of the Word of the Lord, it would be appropriate "to emphasize in the homily the honour that it is due", writes the Pope....

**The Bible is for all:** The Bible is not meant for a privileged few, continues Pope Francis. It belongs “to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words”. The Bible cannot be monopolized or restricted to select groups either, he writes, because it is “the book of the Lord’s people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity”.

**The importance of the homily:** “Pastors are primarily responsible for explaining Sacred Scripture and helping everyone to understand it”, writes Pope Francis. Which is why the homily possesses “a quasi-sacramental character”? The Pope warns against improvising or giving “long, pedantic homilies or wandering off into unrelated topics”. Rather, he suggests using simple and suitable language. For many of the faithful, he writes, “this is the only opportunity they have to grasp the beauty of God’s Word and to see it applied to their daily lives”.

**Sacred Scripture and the Sacraments:** The Pope uses the scene of the Risen Lord appearing to the disciples at Emmaus to demonstrate what he calls “the unbreakable bond between Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist”. Since the Scriptures everywhere speak of Christ, he writes, “they enable us to believe that His death and resurrection are not myth but history, and are central to the faith of His disciples”....

**The role of the Holy Spirit:** “The role of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures is primordial”, writes Pope Francis. “Without the work of the Spirit, there would always be a risk of remaining limited to the written text alone”. The Pope continues: “This would open the way to a fundamentalist reading, which needs to be avoided, lest we betray the inspired, dynamic and spiritual character of the sacred text”. It is the Holy Spirit who “makes Sacred Scripture the living word of God, experienced and handed down in the faith of His holy people”. Pope Francis invites us never to take God’s Word for granted, “But instead to let ourselves be nourished by it, in order to acknowledge and live fully our relationship with Him and with our brothers and sisters”.

**Practicing mercy:** The Pope concludes his Apostolic Letter by defining what he describes as “the great challenge before us in life: to listen to Sacred Scripture and then to practice mercy”. God’s Word, writes Pope Francis, “has the power to open our eyes and to enable us to renounce a stifling and barren individualism and instead to embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity”. The Letter closes with a reference to Our Lady, who accompanies us “on the journey of welcoming the Word of God”, teaching us the joy of those who listen to that Word – and keep it.

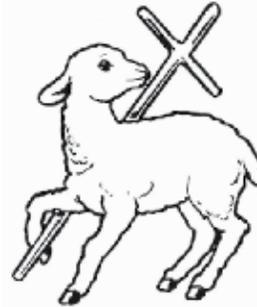
## THE DAYS TO REMEMBER

*Many Many Happy Returns of the day to you dear Fathers ...*



Rev. Fr. M. Praveen .....	04-12-1974
Rev. Fr. Polisetty Jayaraj.....	07-12-1981
Rev. Fr. K. Anthony Raju (Jr) .....	08-12-1976
Rev. Fr. N. Babu .....	24-12-1984
Rev. Fr. R. Prakash Reddy .....	28-12-1947

Rev. Fr. E. Anthony .....	08-12-1958
Rev. Fr. D' Cruz .....	08-12-1958
Rev. Fr. T. Joseph .....	09-12-2002
Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier .....	16-12-1962
Rev. Fr. Msgr. M. Joji Reddy .....	27-12-1968



Rev. Fr. Kuncheria .....	17-12-1997
<b>Most Rev. Joseph Rajappa .....</b>	<b>27-12-1989</b>



All Souls' Day at KDSSS Cemetery Grant Eternal Rest O Lord, to those who are gone before us



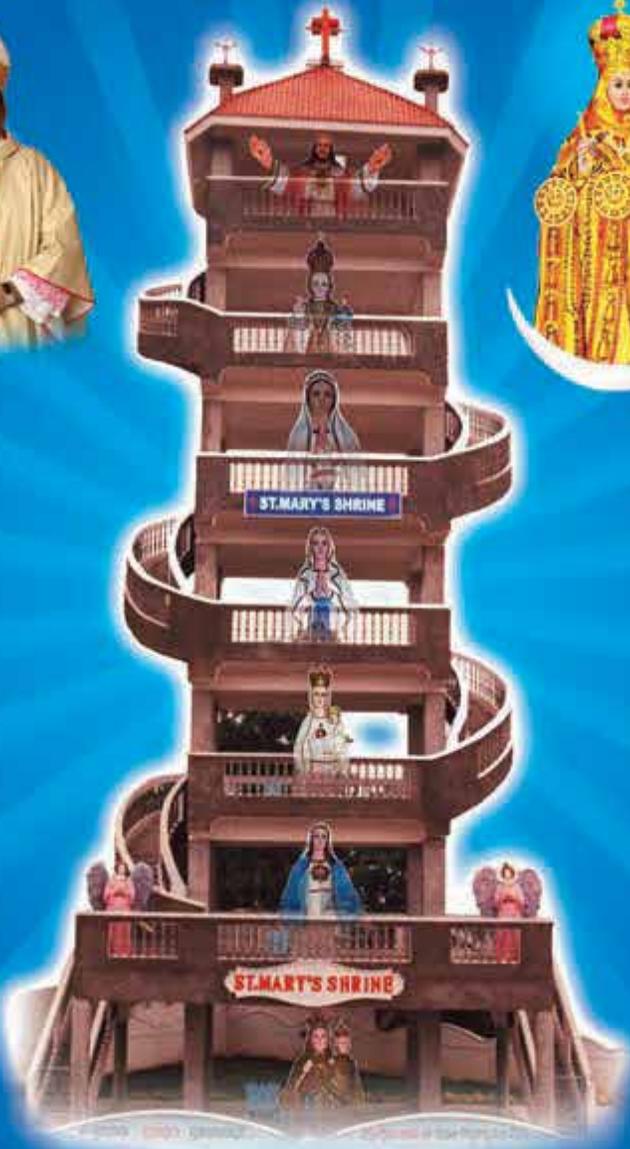
Distribution of Flood Relief Materials to Flood affected People



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YATRIKULA MATHA PRAY FOR US

Flag Hoisting and Novena begins on 29-11-2019 upto 7-12-2019  
Feast Day (8-12-2019) procession from Jeevasudha Pastoral Center at 4:30 pm

**Most Rev. Dr. ANTHONY POOLA**

Bishop of Kurnool

will preside over the Concelebrated Festal Mass on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019