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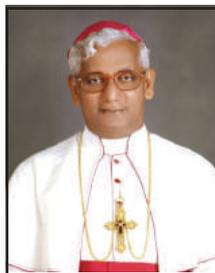


Young People: The Faith and
Vocational Discernment

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Pastor speaks.....

“He, who has an ear, let him listen to what the Spirit says to the Churches...” (Rev 2:7)



Celebration of the feast of the Pentecost Sunday was the culmination of the Easter Season and we Christians are purified, renewed and strengthened in our faith during the season of Lenten and Easter. All of us have also been renewed in the Holy Spirit, at least we certainly prayed for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We should continue to pray for **“communion with the Holy Spirit”** as we are being sent again: to live as the disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim His Good News of the Kingdom of God. In that communion with the Spirit we will be able to listen to **“what the Spirit is saying”** to each one of us. We have to listen in order to know the truth and to live according to that truth. Our life is not lived in isolation but in fellowship with others in the Church we belong to and society in which we live. It is necessary therefore that Holy Spirit should teach us the truth about our life and about the Church and Society! Like the Apostles who were anointed in the Holy Spirit in order to fulfill the mission entrusted to them, we too have the mission at hand: **“to proclaim the Good News and to be witnesses of Jesus, the Lord and the Christ (the anointed)!”**

1. In chapters two and three of the Book of Revelation, seven churches are addressed by the one who is the “Alpha” and “Omega,” who died and who is alive. For us who are in the post-Easter and post-Pentecost days, the messages of the Lord to the seven churches **provide us help** to listen to the Lord as disciples of Jesus Christ and as members of the Church. In the words spoken to the Churches there is appreciation and acknowledgment of the good life and good deeds found in them and there is also condemnation of the ‘unfaithfulness’ and a warning about the consequences if the sinful situation and sinful deeds continue. There is an invitation for repentance and change

of life with the assurance of rewards, if the Churches heed to the message from the Lord. If not, they will lose their position! One can say, the Lord is giving a “progress report” to His Churches. It is like a “wakeup” call! But, behind that wakeup call there is the deep concern of God for His people; ‘they should not perish’ but should enjoy the blessings of the Lord! In the Lenten Season and at Easter Our Lord spoke to us and has blessed us with renewal. The Lord continues to speak and we will have to continue to listen, and keep responding to what the Lord, His Spirit, is saying to us! The Word of God is for our instruction: **“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2Tim 3:16-17).**

2. Church is in the process of becoming holy: Taught and guided by the Holy Spirit the whole Church and every individual Christian have to strive to grow in holiness. Not everything is perfect and orderly in our life and it is true about our fellow believers as well. In the same way, not everything in the Church is perfect and not every member is perfect. Therefore, forgetting this condition about us and our Community, gossiping and publicising, criticizing and accusing, judging and condemning one another will not help in our efforts to be holy or become holy. On the contrary, we can help one another in knowing the truth and in following the path of truth as taught by Our Lord. No one should justify sin and sinful ways! But, how should one transcend sin/evil and how should we help each other in transcending this sin and evil in one’s life and in the life of the Church? Listening to **“what the Spirit is saying”** is the way the Lord is asking to follow. Our goal is: “be perfect as the Heavenly Father is perfect!” That is the message conveyed to the seven Churches: They were good but not everything was good! There are chances for regaining and restoration of what is destroyed or lost, **if they are prepared to listen, repent and change: “To him who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God” Rev 2: 7b).** In the journey of life of the Church and of every individual believer this process

of growing in holiness has to go on. As there is no certainty about remaining stable in the state of holiness at any given stage of life of the individual or the Church as a whole, there is the need to constantly “listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.” As long as evil forces that are at work to divert us and our Church from treading the path of holiness lay down by the Lord, there are chances for failures in our personal life and in the Church as a community of believers. Listening and responding appropriately and promptly to the voice of God should be happening on a daily basis. This is why we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit: ***“The Counsellor, Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you” (Jn 14: 26).***

3. Holy Spirit enables to read and respond to the signs of the time in the Church and in the Society: In our county and the world at large so many things are happening and not everything is favourable towards living a peaceful and in a satisfying way! Take for instance; we believe that human beings are custodians and stewards of the earth with all the animate and inanimate beings. What earth provides makes our human life possible. But, the resources of the earth, our common home, if utilized to the extent of misusing the same to satisfy human greed, we not only do harm to this planet but also destroy the “liveability” of the environment for our future generations. Holy Father, Pope Francis, has sent a powerful and appealing message to all the nations in the world in his encyclical, *“Laudato Si.”* In the same way the Universal Church has been speaking about the peace in the world, about migrants and their plight in the new places they go for livelihood, and above all, about the prevailing global inequalities, injustices in the society, and about the widespread poverty in the world. All this should be seen as a response of the Church to what the “Spirit is saying to the Churches!” In the same way, the Universal Church is addressing the internal matters of the Church, sexual abuse of children and minors, Church administration-related issues, disorders in matters of finances, failures in morals and ethics, etc. All this is

being done as a response to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

4. Following the same path, in the local Church we should also read the signs of the times, both inside and outside the Church. Not everything that is happening in our country is conducive for the life and mission of the Church, especially in the current political scenario. The Christian Communities are becoming easy targets and our freedom to profess and practice Christian faith seems to be under serious threat. We have to feel concerned about this challenging external atmosphere and see how to be prepared to face it. Similarly, when it comes to internal life of the local Church we need to read constantly the signs of the times. We have to listen and respond in an appropriate way to resolve the issues so that Church may be strengthened. Events and situations inside the Church related to different aspects of life in the Church should be handled with a spirit of love for the Church. We are the insiders of the Church and therefore, we should show that we love the Church. While seeing things and addressing some issues or problems care should be taken that more damage is avoided: "what we have to do or want to do is important but the way we do is equally important." Whatever affects the credibility of the Church and her mission should be addressed as God and His Spirit directs us: "***Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches!***"

5. Personal Prayer and Meditation in order to listen to what Spirit is saying: It goes without saying that prayer and meditation are paths to enter into communion with God. Withdrawal into silence from the daily chores of life will give the space we need to enter into communion with God and His Spirit. It has to be conscious withdrawal and a positive withdrawal from the world of senses. It has to be born out of one's sincere desire to be with God. Such a withdrawal provides an ambience for spending time with God. We all know God speaks to us in different ways and in different situations. But, time of silence and time spent in prayer will lead to communion with God and to a communion of listening to God. Christian faith teaches us that

we are in one-to-one relationship with Triune God who created us, saved us, sustains and sanctifies us. In prayer and meditation, we are face to face with God! Therefore, besides the daily prayers offered with others in the community, one should listen to God and His Spirit like Samuel, Moses, Prophet Elias at the cave, Saint Peter, Saint Paul on the way to Damascus, and many others! They listened and followed the Lord's words. We must believe that time spent in personal prayer and meditation is a privileged time! We need to keep saying. "Speak Lord, your servant is listening!" or "What do you want me to do, Lord?"

"To the angel[a] of the church in Ephesus write: 1 these are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lamp stands. 2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. 4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lamp stand from its place.

(Rev. 2:1-5)

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† Prakash Mallavarapu
Archbishop of Visakhapatnam



LET US PRAY

For Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention



Universal: **Social Networks**

That Social Networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. The clergy recollection will be on 7th June**, at Pastoral Centre from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. All the priests are expected to attend without fail.
- 2. Rampachodavaram Mission** is being entrusted to the Society of the Heralds of Good News, Andhra Province from June 2018. Two villages Korukonda and Burugupudi from Godavari Parish will be attached to this New Mission. The Parish Priest and other HGN community members will have residence in Korukonda Village as the headquarters. Fr. Charles Gorantla, HGN, is appointed as the Parish Priest. **On June 16th 2018, there will be the formal declaration of the opening of Rampachodavaram Mission.** We wish and pray that this will lead to expansion of the Catholic presence in the area of Rampachodavaram.
3. This is to inform you about the **Health Condition of Fr. Thomas Choorackal** of our Archdiocese. He was diagnosed cancer when he went to Kerala that affected one of the lungs, the wind pipe and the infection spread in the brain. He was given treatment for about four weeks in Caritas Hospital, Kottayam, Kerala. After the radiation treatment was completed in Caritas Hospital, he is brought to Visakhapatnam on Wednesday, 23rd May and is admitted in St. Joseph's Hospital. He will be given needed treatment in the coming weeks. **Please continue your prayers for his recovery.**
- 4. Rakshanagiri Feast as the Feast of the Archdiocese was celebrated on 13th May, the second Sunday of the May, everything went on very well.** Rakshanagiri came alive in all the days of novena and more specially on 13th May, the Feast Day. In spite of scorching heat and unexpected showers of rain causing some inconvenience, large number of faithful participated and received the blessings of Our Lord, Jesus Christ the Saviour! We appreciate and thank the Organizing

Committee ably led by Fr. Ch. Raja Kumar, the Director of the Shrine and Parish priest of St. Peter's Cathedral, members of different committees, Parish priests of the Urban Deanery parishes, Gnanapuram parish community, and all those who collaborated and helped for the celebration of the feast. In the coming years more priests, religious and faithful from all over the archdiocese should participate in Rathanagiri feast! May the Lord, Jesus Christ, the Saviour bless and lead us!

- 5. We congratulate all our Catholic Schools in our archdiocese for the excellent results in the 10th Board Examinations.** All the correspondents and Head Masters, teaching and non-teaching staff, of course, the students, deserve our appreciation and gratitude for all the hard work that is put in for preparing the children for the examinations. The details of SSC results of the schools under the Archdiocese management are given in this issue but we want all the schools under the Religious to send the details to the Secretary for publishing in the July issue of Our News Letter.

Bon Voyage

- 6. Rev. Fr. Sabbavarapu Anthony** (Our Diocesan Priest) who obtained necessary visa and finished Fourth Level German Language Course at Maxmuller Bhavan, Pune, has left for Austria, Salzburg Archdiocese, on 28th of May 2018. He is accepted by Salzburg Archdiocese to do pastoral work and also study in the coming years. We wish him well and pray that his presence in Salzburg Archdiocese will open up further possible opportunities for the priests of our Archdiocese. His contact email is sabbavarapuanthony4@gmail.com.
- 7. Fr. Telagani Suresh of our Archdiocese is given permission to work in USA** and he found placement in the Diocese of Baker, Oregon, USA. He has obtained necessary working visa and he is leaving for USA on 31st May, 2018. We wish him well and pray for a fruitful pastoral ministry. We also hope that in the future this will open up some opportunities for other priests of our Archdiocese.

ENGAGEMENTS

For June and July 2018

JUNE

- 2nd Final Profession, Montfort Brothers of St, Gabriel, Nuzvid,
Mass at 5.30 p.m.
- 3rd Confirmations at St. Peter's Cathedral, Gnanapuram, Mass at 5.30 p.m
- 7th Reflection for the Clergy, Pastoral Centre, 9.30 a.m. To 1.00 p.m.
Blessing of the Newly built Convent, CSA Sisters, Bakkannapalem,
Mudhurawada Parish, at 5.30p.m
- 8th Inauguration of the New Academic Year, St. John's Regional
Seminary, Kondadaba, at 9.15 a.m.
- 9th Laity Meeting, at Co-Cathedral, VDSSS, 10.00a.m. To 4.00 p.m
- 10th Confirmations, St. Anthony's Church, Maharanipecta, Mass at 7.00 a.m.
Confirmations, Peddaboddepalli Parish, Mass at 5.00 p.m
- 12th St. Anthony's Feast Day Mass, Samalkota Parish, at 5.30 p.m.
- 13th St. Anthony's Feast Day Mass, Maharanipecta Parish, at 6.00 p.m.
- 16th Inauguration of Rampachodavaram Mission, Mass at 10.30a.m.
- 17th St. Anthony's Feast Day Mass, Vizianagaraamam Parish, at 6.00p.m
- 20th Inauguration of newly constructed Presbytery and blessing of
Gollapeta Village Church, Hamsavaram Parish, Mass at 10.30a.m.
- 24th Confirmations, Yelamanchali Parish, Mass at 8.30a.m
Laity Sunday to be observed on 24th

JULY

- 1st Confirmations, Thimmapuram Addu Road, Mass at 8.30a.m.
- 6th Visit to Pune
- 9th -14th Retreat for Claretian Fathers, Hyderabad

NEWS FROM PASTORAL CENTRE

REPORT OF 5th ANNUAL YOUTH RETREAT



5th Annual Youth Retreat for our Archdiocesan Youth was organized on 8th, 9th and 10th of May 2018 at Don Bosco College compound, Peddaboddepalli, Narsipatnam. There were 250 young people gathered. The retreat started with the lighting of the lamp and scripture reading with a short address by Rev. Fr. Paramjyothi, Dean of Rural Deanary. We continued with praise and worship led by Rev. Fr. Vijayabhaskar, and had talks on God experience with a solemn Eucharist celebrated by His Grace Mallavarapu Prakash. During the Homily Archbishop exhorted the youth to have God experience and share that experience with others as new evangelizers.

Second day, We had many talks using the god experience of Moses, Elia and Emmaus experience of disciples by Rev. Fr. Alex Jayaraj SDB, which motivated the youth to have God experience as the primary concern of life. Rev. Fr. Solomanraj, Jyothirmaie Director, explained the mind and thought of TCBC of a new way of being church through self governing, self reliance and self sufficient. The day was blessed by holy Eucharist celebration by His Lordship Polimera Jayarao, Bishop of Eluru, the Chairman Bishop for TCBC Youth Commission at Parish Church and lots of prayers, adoration and talks were given innovatively using the technology.

Third day we started with morning prayer, personal confessions and summary of all the three days talks and solemnized with holy mass by His Grace Mallavarapu Prakash. The youth retreat was well organized and conducted with the help of many of the priests and young people.

So I take this opportunity to thank all the priests, those who helped me and the young people, to make the youth retreat a memorable event for all the young people. Sincerely acknowledge the services and collaboration of Salesian Don Bosco Fathers by giving us the place for venue and arranging us every thing we needed for the smooth organization of the youth retreat . I thank all priests and sisters who encouraged and sent youth for annual youth retreat.

REPORT OF CATECHIST TRAINING PROGRAM



Catechist training program for the Rural Deanery of our Archdiocese, was held at Madugula Parish on 23rd to 25th of May 2018. Three days of prayer and talks were arranged. Talks were given by Rev. Fr. V.V.Prasad, Rev. Fr. D. Balashowry, Rev. Fr. J. John Prakash & Rev. Fr. P. Jeevanbabu, on various topics to help them to work for evangelization more vigorously. Sincere thanks to Rev. Fr. K. Simon and Rev. Fr. S. Balashowry, who put their effort to accomidate the catechists. I thank all the parish priests who encouraged the catechists to participate in the training program.

CATECHISM AND MORAL SCIENCE BOOKS

Moral Science Books for English medium Children are available at pastoral centre for class 1to 10th, published by St. Paul's, Mumbai. Those of you like to have for your school can contact Pastoral Centre Director.

Catechism Books for both media are also available at Pastoral centre office for class 1to 10th. Please can collect for catechism children, as these will be the syllabus books for our catechism for 2018-2019.

CATECHISM EXAMINATION RESULT & PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Our Archdiocesan Annual Catechism Examination Results for both media is published in Rakshanagiri Magazine of month of May edition. Results of teachers and catechists and others is given in this (June) month Rakshanagiri Magazine. Prize distribution for the awardees of this catechism examination will be on 13th June 2018 at St. Anthony's Church, Maharanipeta, on the Annual Feast of St. Anthony of Padua. Please ask the awardees to be present by 4 pm.

VILLAGE CAMP SISTERS

Camping sisters for helping in our parishes for pastoral care will be available from the month of July 2018. Those of you the parish priests like to have their services can approach the pastoral centre office.

Fr. Ch. Mariadas
Pastoral Centre

Religious Priests Newly Appointed

Thorredu Parish - Rev. Fr. Anil Kochuthazath MS
Pitapuram Parish - Rev. Fr. R. Anil MSFS

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS

SSC RESULTS OF ARCHDIOCESE MANAGEMENT SCHOOLS

S.No	NAME OF THE SCHOOL	RESULTS
1	AKM Jubilee Eng. Med. School , Gnanapuram	100%
2	Kristu Jayanthi Eng.Med.School, Maharanipecta	100%
3	Gloria Vidyakendram, Kurmannapalem	100%
4	Gloria Eng. Med. School, Rajiv Nagar	100%
5	Maris Stella Eng. Med. School, Sagarnagar	100%
6	Visakha Vimala Vidyalayam, BC Road	98.5%
7	Visakha Vimala Vidyalayam, E.M., Ukkunagaram	100%
8	Visakha Vimala Vidyalayam, T.M., Ukkunagaram	98%
9	St. Anthony's Tel. Med. School, Maharanipecta	89%
10	R.C.M Aided School, Vizianagaram	78%
11	R.C.M Aided School, Pedaboddepalli	100%
12	R.C.M Aided School, Rajahmundry	94%
13	Jubilee Memorial Eng.Med. School, Konthamuru	100%
14	Gnanodaya Eng. Med.School, Kondadaba	100%

NEW REGENTS for 2018-19

Name of the Regent	Native Parish	Studied at	Regency place
Br. G. Prasanna Kumar	Sithanagaram	Janampeta	Bishop's House
Br. B. Vinay Kumar	Badangi	Kondadaba	RV Nagar
Br. M. David	Thorredu	Janampeta	Pedaboddepalli
Br. G. Mark	Mandapeta	Karunapuram	Madugala

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE



Ordination to the Diaconate is the penultimate order a seminarian receives before he becomes a Priest. As he receives this sacred order he promises Obedience to his Ordinary, Life of Celibacy, Proclamation of the Gospel and Praying the Liturgy of Hours. This marks the last stage of formation a seminarian undergoes. Sixteenth May 2018 was a great day for the Archdiocese of Visakhapatnam. Three of the Archdiocesan seminarians who have completed three years of study of Theology are promoted to the Order of the Diaconate. Br. Killada Paul from Uttaravalli Parish, Br. Palleti Ajaykumar from Hamsavaram Parish and Br. Yandava Alphonse from Uttaravalli Parish are ordained Deacons at St. Peter's Cathedral, Gnanapuram by His Grace Most Rev. Prakash Mallavarapu. His Grace in his homily reminded the Brothers of their responsibilities as deacons quoting the scriptural texts. Former and present Parish Priests and Vocation Promoters of the Deacons and some other city clergy have participated in the Holy Mass. Deacon Paul thanked the Archbishop for ordaining them and Rev. Fr. Ch Rajakumar, the Parish Priest of St. Peter's Cathedral, Rev. Fr. Joseph Prabhakar, in-charge of Seminarians for their valuable support and guidance. We wish God's abundant blessings to our deacons and we accompany them with our prayers as they draw near to the day of their Ordination to Priesthood.

Fr. Joseph Prabhakar
In-charge of Seminarians

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED ON PASTORAL VISIT
from 1st April to 15th May-2018**

S.No	Name of the Parish/ Institution / Person	Amount
1	Arunodaya, St. Ann's Provincialate, Vizag	1,00,000
2	No name on the Cover	4,000
3	No name on the Cover	10,000
4	Sr. Jyothi, Venkojipalem, 1st Profession	2,000
5	Fr. Parameswarao, TOR	5,000
6	St. Joseph Provinciate, Waltair	10,000
7	Kota Narava Parish	2,000
8	Arunodaya, St. Ann's Provincialate, Vizag	10,000
9	Doli Shekeela Garu, Bobbili Parish	500
10	Sr. Bridget, Soldierpeta	1,000
11	Jubilee English Medium, Gnanapuram	2,000
12	Pendurthi, Daughters of St. Ann Sisters	5,000
13	Santosh Jacob, Panduru, Kakinada	20,000
14	Killada Ratna Kumari, Bobbili Parish	10,000

A note: Last time in the list of Archbishop's Pastoral Visit, the offering from Lourdu Matha Church, Saligramapuram was printed wrongly (5000/-). Sorry for the mistake, it was supposed to be 10,000/-. **Thank you**

News from JMJ Congregation

**Glad to inform you about the
new General Animator and her Team:**

Congratulations To

Mother General : Sr. Innamma Yeruva
 General Councilors : Sr. Chandra Thainese,
 Sr. Mary Karickakunnel,
 Sr. Valsa Koreth
 Sr. Vijaya Mary Udumala

MAJOR SEMINARIANS' LIST 2018-19

Name	Parish	Study	Place
1. Vadlapudi Chinnababu	Hamsavaram	Theology 4 th year	Hyderabad
2. Yandava Joseph Naresh	Uttaravalli	„	Pune
3. Killada Paul	Uttaravalli	„	Poonamalle
4. Poliseti Anandarao	Madugula	„	Hyderabad
5. Palleti Ajay Kumar	Hamsavaram	„	Poonamalle
6. Yandava Alphonse	Uttaravalli	„	Janampeta
7. Yandava Mathias	Badangi	„	Hyderabad
8. Senapathi B. V. Naidu	Gajuwaka	Theology 3 rd Year	Hyderabad
9. Kondala Kishore	Mandapeta	„	Hyderabad
10. Pothu Benjamin	Hamsavaram	Theology 2 nd Year	Janampeta
11. Velagada Balaraju	Salur II	„	Hyderabad
12. Seelam Vimala Raju	Gangavaram	„	Hyderabad
13. K. Prabhakar Rao	Prathipadu	„	Hyderabad
14. Yerrarapu Prema Kumar	Bobbili	Theology 1 st Year	Hyderabad
15. Therlapu Yesu	Uttharavalli	„	Hyderabad
16. Katcha Velangini Raju	Hamsavaram	„	Hyderabad
17. Gunta Yohanu	Vengapuram	„	Hyderabad
18. Pedapudi Anthony Raju	Pithapuram	Philosophy 3 rd Year	Kondadaba
19. Polamarasetty Ravi Teja	Mangalapalem	„	Janampeta
20. Siriki Thomas	Kondadaba	„	Karunapuram
21. Jakkana Vinodkumar	Saligrampuram	Philosophy 2 nd Year	Kondadaba
22. Jittuga Velangini Raju	Hamsavaram	„	Kondadaba
23. Godi Pavankumar	Rajahmundry	„	Karunapuram
24. Polamarasetti Devaraju	Mangalapalem	„	Janampeta
25. Ommi Anand	Kondadaba	Philosophy 1 st Year	Karunapuram
26. Uppada Immanuel	Samalkot	„	Kondadaba
27. Pampana Ravi Kumar	Dhraksharama	„	Kondadaba
28. Nekkela Ashish	Kondadaba	„	Janampeta
29. Ommi Anil	Madugala	„	Janampeta

EARMARKED COLLECTIONS 2017-18											
Sl.No.	Name of the Parish	Mission Sunday	Holy child. hood	Hunger & Disease	Good Friday	Peter's Pence	St. P.A.	Jyothir-mai	Pro Afris	Prison Min...	Miss. Fund
1	Adduroad	26,281	500	3,375	6,935	500	200	1,000	200	200	500
2	Anakapalli	33,560	5,470	34,760	20,130	4,381	4,191	3,068	3,775	3,015	3,500
3	Anaparthi	1,600	960	700	5,025	685	-	1,280	-	-	780
4	Arilova	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Aruku	18,000	2,000	2,000	4,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	500	1,000	1,000
6	Badangi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Bheernilli	41,240	400	4,500	7,250	1,000	200	200	200	200	500
8	Bobbili	15,500	2,000	3,000	12,000	300	300	1,500	8,442	500	1,000
9	Butchirajupalem	216,217	1,115	10,220	48,898	7,304	11,131	10,518	2,000	9,219	11,360
10	Chinna Waltair	57,700	2,000	3,000	12,000	5,000	4,500	5,000	200	4,500	1,000
11	Chintalavalasa	31,500	1,100	700	5,500	600	200	600	200	200	200
12	Chodavaram	10,500	1,000	1,000	5,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	200	1,000	300
13	Co-Cathedral	30,970	1,125	9,270	22,810	1,060	1,160	1,480	1,245	1,150	1,485
14	Draksharam	2,436	740	810	5,213	524	-	611	-	-	630
15	Gajuwaka	82,000	8,700	64,600	40,000	7,450	-	11,540	-	-	4,810
16	Gangavaram	5,000	-	1,500	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Gnanapuram	177,732	26,040	136,391	85,281	31,681	22,545	28,061	20,938	27,675	-
18	Godavari	-	4,300	-	-	-	4,150	4,400	-	-	3,500
19	Gollaprolu	13,300	300	300	3,700	200	300	300	300	300	300
20	Hamsavaram	3,000	1,000	-	2,800	800	-	1,073	-	-	-
21	Kailasapuram	27,630	500	1,490	11,150	300	300	1,700	500	500	500
22	Kakinada - 1	35,800	7,500	29,300	25,200	6,200	6,100	7,000	1,000	6,300	10,000

23	Kakinada - 2	9,000	1,000	2,000	10,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	500	500
24	Koduru	16,100	1,024	19,864	4,738	1,088	1,148	10,682	999	500	500
25	Kondadaba	48,500	455	1,500	20,050	750	650	200	200	100	100
26	Kothakota	9,150	1,200	1,500	3,200	200	200	200	200	1,500	1,500
27	L. Kota	3,200	450	500	2,700	350	800	3,803	10,848	400	400
28	Madhurawada	101,300	6,007	9,096	40,100	4,248	200	5,222	500	3,608	3,608
29	Madugula	20,000	500	1,000	9,000	500	1,000	5,000	11,500	500	500
30	Maharanipeta	140,000	7,000	18,000	18,500	8,000	6,000	9,000	11,500	5,000	5,000
31	Makkuva	4,000	605	515	3,000	420	510	4,700	4,500	5,300	5,300
32	Malikapuram	42,000	5,000	5,580	21,150	8,000	4,300	3,800	1,500	1,500	1,500
33	Mandapeta	19,243	4,000	4,549	13,965	1,500	1,500	3,000	500	3,000	3,000
34	Mangalapalem	59,000	3,000	9,000	19,500	3,000	100	100	100	100	100
35	Marriveedu	2,000	100	100	300	100	100	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
36	Muralinagar	75,000	5,000	12,847	24,534	3,300	4,150	200	1,000	1,000	1,000
37	Narava	5,000	500	950	1,200	1,000	1,000	100	100	500	500
38	Paderu	4,000	1,100	1,590	12,650	200	100	100	100	100	100
39	Pachipenta	-	-	-	-	-	-	700	800	-	-
40	Payakaraopeta	18,000	800	1,600	3,800	500	650	1,200	800	1,000	1,000
41	Pedabayalu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
42	Peddaboddepalli	37,130	3,100	10,820	14,600	500	1,000	500	1,000	500	500
43	P.Manapuram	13,700	500	1,000	2,500	3,001	1,390	1,342	2,550	4,000	4,000
44	Pendurthi	34,791	3,156	5,050	7,550	1,000	200	1,000	200	200	200
45	Pithapuram	7,000	2,300	2,100	8,000	1,000	400	400	400	400	400
46	Prathipadu	4,000	1,600	500	2,000	400	7,640	5,733	7,434	6,443	6,443
47	Rajahmundry	60,000	9,520	11,680	22,300	2,482	7,640	5,733	7,434	6,443	6,443

48	R.C. Puram	10,000	2,000	5,000	10,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
49	Sabbavaram	7,560	200	4,796	5,463	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
50	Sagamagar	40,102	817	761	4,004	926	625	625	625	625	625	627	665
51	Saligrampuram	200,000	5,505	8,639	43,271	7,197	5,808	8,957	12,006	12,006	12,006	3,000	3,000
52	Salur - 1	30,000	3,500	4,000	19,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,000	2,000
53	Salur - 2	66,500	3,000	3,200	25,200	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000
54	Samarlkot	10,000	500	2,000	4,000	300	250	350	250	250	250	200	150
55	Seethammadara	124,300	6,471	20,435	70,452	600	1,000	4,686	500	4,106	4,106	1,000	600
56	Seethanagaram	15,000	500	1,000	2,500	1,000	200	800	500	1,000	1,000	200	2,000
57	S. Kota	8,000	1,000	1,000	10,000	1,000	200	2,000	200	200	200	200	2,000
58	Soldierpet	5,000	500	4,000	5,500	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,200	100
59	Steel Plant	61,092	2,250	3,137	18,057	1,400	200	3,300	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000
60	Thorredu	5,896	700	1,000	4,800	710	200	590	498	600	600	600	1,470
61	Uttaravalli	21,000	1,500	1,100	11,400	1,300	200	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	600	1,800
62	Vadlapudi	-	4,215	15,562	19,588	-	-	3,406	-	3,406	-	-	-
63	Velangi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
64	Vengapuram	28,000	2,450	3,500	7,500	2,100	2,100	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	857	1,250
65	Vepeda	14,192	7,500	1,093	3,192	914	3,000	1,042	7,500	1,042	1,042	6,100	8,000
66	Vizianagaram	180,400	7,500	15,350	46,380	6,000	3,000	7,500	4,000	6,014	6,014	8,765	8,000
67	Waltair R.S.	31,750	7,665	14,745	25,121	3,535	4,572	6,014	3,000	6,014	3,000	8,765	8,000
68	Yanam	26,465	6,000	17,500	17,500	1,000	1,000	4,100	4,000	4,100	4,000	1,000	5,000
69	Yeleswaram	10,000	1,000	1,070	6,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
70	Yellamanchilli	21,430	845	5,364	4,732	968	500	575	575	575	575	1,166	1,000
71	Y.S. valasa	22,913	1,130	2,374	11,773	968	500	1,000	500	1,166	1,166	1,166	1,786
72	Yerukonda	-	-	1,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
73	KD Peta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Blessing and Inauguration, SFS Church, Chinna Waltair:



St. Francis De Sales Parish, Chinna Waltair was the last Parish created by the late Bishop Ignatius Gopu MSFS. It was the very first Parish erected in the name of the Patron Saint

of the Congregation in the year 1980. Of course as early as 1850 Mgr. Neyret bought a small site at Chinna Waltair and a small chapel was built for the Tamil Catholics residing there. It was regularly visited by priests from the fort where the Bishop's house was situated. It was used as a place of worship till 1939. By the time the number of the Catholics went down at Chinna Waltair and the St. Antony's Church was built and used as a parish. So the Church of Chinna Waltair was rented out to the Municipality for conducting a school. In 1960 the Salesianum novitiate came into existence at Chinna Waltair and the Catholics of the locality began to attend the religious services there. Stella Maris the Provincial house was also established in the same locality in 1966, where the Catholics used to attend the Mass. In 1980 the diocese got back the rented church and demolished it and a new church was built in the place of the old one and it was entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. It was begun with 25 catholic families but now it has grown into 250 families. Some years ago, Fr. George Kottam MSFS made efforts to extend the church, but in the course of time the church could not accommodate the ever growing faithful. Previous parish priests made efforts to build a new church. Rev. Fr. Gade Bhaskar Reddy MSFS took greater interest, under the guidance of Very Rev. Fr. Chinnappa Reddy, the Provincial Superior. Most Rev. Dr. Mallavarapu Prakash, the Archbishop of Visakhapatnam laid the foundation stone on 15th Jan 2017. Under the supervision of Fr. Bhaskar Reddy the church was completed. The newly constructed SFS Church was blessed and consecrated by Most Rev. Dr. Mallavarapu Prakash, the Archbishop of Visakhapatnam in the presence of Rev. Fr. Chinnappa Reddy, the Provincial Superior of MSFS on 29th April 2018.

Fr. Gade Bhaskar Reddy MSFS

Grand Celebration of **Kristhu Rakshakuni Mahostavam**



Rakshanagiri Feast was celebrated as the Diocesan Feast on 13th May, 2018 in a truly spiritual atmosphere under the guidance and supportive push of His Grace Most Rev. Dr. M. Prakash, the Archbishop. The Novena began on 4th May with flag hoisting and continued for 9 days with special masses celebrated and participated actively by the religious and sisters of various institutions and convents for masses in English in the morning and by various city parishes for masses in Telugu in the evening.

Rt.Rev. P. Jayarao, Bishop of Eluru and Rt. Rev. T. Joseph Raja, Bishop of Vijayawada celebrated novena masses with thought provoking homilies. The two day convention preached by Fr. Kristuraj, SHS, had a great impact on the spiritual renewal of the faithful.

On the feast day, though procession was delayed slightly by the drizzle, we had a pleasant evening. The festive mass was celebrated by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. M. Prakash, with around 25 priests, sisters and thousands of faithful. The winners of The Bible Quiz and other competitions conducted by Rakshanagiri Magazine, were given prizes by the archbishop. The soul filling musical concert organized by Rev. Fr. P. Yugal Kumar and the delightful fireworks brought the feast to a grand finale.

Thanks to His Grace the Archbishop, the priests, the religious, sisters, various committees and especially the PPC of Gnanapuram for their whole hearted cooperation.

Rev. Fr. Rajakumar
Director of the Shrine

The Third Marriage Preparation Course conducted at MSFS DHYANASHRAM on 12th of May 2018



The Programme began with a Hymn Of Praise at 9.30 am by the children of Chinna Waltair Choir followed by the Words of Welcome, Lighting of the Lamp, Opening Prayer

and Scripture Reading Jn. (2.1-11). After the Introductory talk by Fr. Francis Stephen the First Session began with Prof. Dr. Victor Babu who spoke about Marriage and its Global perspective. He said in many places in the world Marriage is becoming more and more a Contract rather than a permanent Covenant. So Christian Marriage is truly a blessing to humanity. In the Second Session, Rev Fr. G. Dominic Savio spoke in detail about the Sacramental nature of the Marriage and how the marriage unites the couple not only at physical level but also at the level of the spirit. Thus it is a complete union of both body and soul. After the Tea-Break the Third Session began by Rev Fr.Yugal Kumar who spoke about the theme Marriage and Canon Law. He explained to the would be couple the implications of Canon Law and other required awareness with various examples. In the Fourth Session Mr .Rajan V.R.A. Spoke about Marriage as a Lifelong relationship with various practical examples and how a family counseling will be a great help in times of need to deepen the meaningful marital commitment.

After the Lunch break and recreation in the Fifth Session Mrs. K. Jaya gave a beautiful talk on Marriage and Civil Law and how the couple should be more faithful to the Divine Law and also be aware of the implications of the Civil law in particular situations. In the Sixth Session Doctor Jayaraj elaborated Biological, Psychological, Social, Sexual, Moral and Medical aspects of

Marriage. In the Seventh Session, Fr. Francis Stephen spoke about the Skills of Parenting and Inter personal relationships and after the Tea- break we have an interesting Eighth Session i.e., Sharing by Senior Couple Mr. vijay kumar & Mrs. Vijaya. Their 28 years of actual beautiful married life experiences became an impetus to the would be couples. At 5.30 pm we have Presented the beautiful certificates to all the 68 CANDIDATES from 17 parishes of Archdiocese of Visakhapatnam. With the photo session followed by a hymn to Our Lady the day's programme came to an end.

Sincere Thanks to our beloved ARCH BISHOP MOST REV DR.MALLAVARAPU PRAKASH Garu for his prayerful support. We appreciate our Provincial Superior Very Rev Fr. Chinnappa Reddy MSFS for his constant encouragement. Thanks to all the parish priests for their co-operation. Thanks to Mrs. Shanice for REGISTRATION. Thanks to all the RESOURCE Persons, domestic helpers, catering people. All the best & God's blessings to the would be couple! Thank you

Fr. Francis Stephen MSFS (98481 84841)

LAITY SUNDAY INFORMATION

Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI)

Dear Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops,
Greetings from the CCBI Commission for Laity!

Laity Sunday will be celebrated on 24th June this year.

I request you to kindly exhort all the Parish Priests to celebrate the Laity Sunday meaningfully. Fr. Anthony J. Fernandes, Executive Secretary of CCBI Laity Commission will send you some material as Hints for Laity Sunday celebration. Let us affirm our laity and encourage them to be active participants both in the Church and Society and pray for their welfare.

With warm regards,

Yours fraternally in Christ,

+ Gerald John Mathias

Bishop of Lucknow &

Chairman, CCBI Commission for Laity

CC: Diocesan and Regional Directors of Laity

Holy Mass on the Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS



Vatican Basilica
Sunday, 20 May 2018

In the first reading of today's Liturgy, the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is compared to "the rush of a violent wind" (Acts 2:2). What does this image tell us? It makes us think of a powerful force that is not an end in itself, but effects change. Wind in fact brings change: warmth when it is cold, cool when it is hot, rain when the land is parched... this is way it brings change. The Holy Spirit, on a very different level, does the same. He is the divine force that changes the world. The Sequence reminded us of this: the Spirit is "in toil, comfort sweet; solace in the midst of woe". And so we beseech him: "Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour your dew; wash the stains of guilt away". The Spirit enters into situations and transforms them. He changes hearts and he changes situations.

The Holy Spirit changes hearts. Jesus had told his disciples: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). That is exactly what happened. Those disciples, at first fearful, huddled behind closed doors even after the Master's resurrection, are transformed by the Spirit and, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, "they bear witness to him" (cf. Jn 15:27). No longer hesitant, they are courageous and starting from Jerusalem, they go forth to the ends of the earth. Timid while Jesus was still among them, they are bold when he is gone, because the Spirit changed their hearts.

The Spirit frees hearts chained by fear. He overcomes all resistance. To those content with half measures he inspires whole-hearted generosity. He opens hearts that are closed. He impels the comfortable to go out and serve. He drives the self-satisfied to set out in new directions. He makes the lukewarm

thrill to new dreams. That is what it means to change hearts. Plenty of people promise change, new beginnings, prodigious renewals, but experience teaches us that no earthly attempt to change reality can ever completely satisfy the human heart. Yet the change that the Spirit brings is different. It does not revolutionize life around us, but changes our hearts. It does not free us from the weight of our problems, but liberates us within so that we can face them. It does not give us everything at once, but makes us press on confidently, never growing weary of life. The Spirit keeps our hearts young – a renewed youth. Youth, for all our attempts to prolong it, sooner or later fades away; the Spirit, instead, prevents the only kind of aging that is unhealthy: namely, growing old within. How does he do this? By renewing our hearts, by pardoning sinners. Here is the great change: from guilty he makes us righteous and thus changes everything. From slaves of sin we become free, from servants we become beloved children, from worthless worthy, from disillusioned filled with hope. By the working of the Holy Spirit, joy is reborn and peace blossoms in our hearts.

Today, then, let us learn what to do when we are in need of real change. And who among us does not need a change? Particularly when we are downcast, wearied by life's burdens, oppressed by our own weakness, at those times when it is hard to keep going and loving seems impossible. In those moments, we need a powerful "jolt": the Holy Spirit, the power of God. In the Creed we profess that he is the "giver of life". How good it would be for us each day to feel this jolt of life! To say when we wake up each morning: "Come, Holy Spirit, come into my heart, come into my day".

The Spirit does not only change hearts; he changes situations. Like the wind that blows everywhere, he penetrates to the most unimaginable situations. In the Acts of the Apostles – a book we need to pick up and read, whose main character is the Holy Spirit – we are caught up in an amazing series of events. When the disciples least expect it, the Holy Spirit sends them out to the pagans. He opens up new paths, as in the episode of the

deacon Philip. The Spirit drives Philip to a desert road from Jerusalem to Gaza... (How heartrending that name sounds to us today! May the Spirit change hearts and situations and bring peace to the Holy Land!) Along the way, Philip preaches to an Ethiopian court official and baptizes him. Then the Spirit brings him to Azotus, and then on to Caesarea, in constantly new situations, to spread the newness of God. Then too, there is Paul, “compelled by the Spirit” (Acts 20:22), who travels far and wide, bringing the Gospel to peoples he had never seen. Where the Spirit is, something is always happening; where he blows, things are never calm.

When, in the life of our communities, we experience a certain “listlessness”, when we prefer peace and quiet to the newness of God, it is a bad sign. It means that we are trying to find shelter from the wind of the Spirit. When we live for self-preservation and keep close to home, it is not a good sign. The Spirit blows, but we lower our sails. And yet, how often have we seen him work wonders! Frequently, even in the bleakest of times, the Spirit has raised up the most outstanding holiness! Because he is the soul of the Church, who constantly enlivens her with renewed hope, fills her with joy, makes her fruitful, and causes new life to blossom. In a family, when a new baby is born, it upsets our schedules, it makes us lose sleep, but it also brings us a joy that renews our lives, driving us on, expanding us in love. So it is with the Spirit: he brings a “taste of childhood” to the Church. Time and time again he gives new birth. He revives our first love. The Spirit reminds the Church that, for all her centuries of history, she is always the youthful bride with whom the Lord is madly in love. Let us never tire of welcoming the Spirit into our lives, of invoking him before everything we do: “Come, Holy Spirit!”

He will bring his power of change, a unique power that is, so to say, both centripetal and centrifugal. It is centripetal, that is, it seeks the centre, because it works deep within our hearts. It brings unity amid division, peace amid affliction, strength amid temptations. Paul reminds us of this in the second reading, when

he writes that the fruits of the Spirit are joy, peace, faithfulness and self-control (cf. Gal 5:22). The Spirit grants intimacy with God, the inner strength to keep going. Yet, at the same time, he is a centrifugal force, that is, one pushing outward. The one who centres us is also the one who drives us to the peripheries, to every human periphery. The one who reveals God also opens our hearts to our brothers and sisters. He sends us, he makes us witnesses, and so he pours out on us – again in the words of Paul – love, kindness, generosity and gentleness. Only in the Consoler Spirit do we speak words of life and truly encourage others. Those who live by the Spirit live in this constant spiritual tension: they find themselves pulled both towards God and towards the world.

Let us ask him to make us live in exactly that way. Holy Spirit, violent wind of God, blow upon us, blow into our hearts and make us breathe forth the tenderness of the Father! Blow upon the Church and impel her to the ends of the earth, so that, brought by you, she may bring nothing other than you. Blow upon our world the soothing warmth of peace and the refreshing cool of hope. Come Holy Spirit, change us within and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

EARMARKED COLLECTIONS 2017-18

Sl. No.	Name of the Conv./Insti.	Mission Sunday	Holy Child-hood	Hunger & Disease	Good Friday
1	Adoration Convent, Vzm	1000			
2	Angelanilayam, Vizianagaram				2160
3	Auxilium Convent, Yeleswaram	5000			
4	Bridgettine Sisters, Soldierpet	1000		1000	
5	Bridgettine Sisters, Sabbavaram	1000			
6	Canossa EMS, PR Peta	10000			
7	Canossa Convent, Paikaraopeta	2000			
8	Canossa, Akkayyapalem	1500			
9	Canossa, Draksharam	2000			
10	De Paul Bhavan, Endada	3000			
11	Holy Cross Sisters, Koduru	1000		500	
12	Holy Spirit Srs, Baljipeta	1000			

Sl. No.	Name of the Conv./Insti.	Mission Sunday	Holy Childhood	Hunger & Disease	Good Friday
13	Holy Spirit Srs, Bobbili	1000			
14	Holy Spirit Srs, Kasipatnam	1000			
15	Holy Spirit Srs, S. Kota	1000			
16	Holy Spirit Srs, Vizianagaram	1000			
17	Holy Spirit - Bobilli school	1000			
18	Salvatorians, Muralinagar	500			
19	St. Aloysius Conv, Yelamanchili	5000			
20	St. Ann's Arunodaya	5000	1000		
21	St. Ann's Ele.ASchool, Madugula	6000			
22	St. Ann's High School, Madugula	10000			
23	St. Ann's Home, Paderu	11000			
24	St. Ann's School, Bakkannapalem	3000			
25	St. Anne's HS, Chintapalli	10000			
26	St. Ann's Convent Butchirajupalem	6000	1000		
27	St. Ann's Home, Bheemili	5200			
28	St. Ann's Provid., Mangalapalem	2000	1000		
29	St. Anthony's H.School	10000			
30	St. Joseph's Colle. for Women	5000	5000		
31	St. Joseph's Convent, Araku	5000	2000		
32	St. Joseph's EMS, Waltair RS	5000			
33	St. Joseph's Home for the aged	2500			
34	St. Joseph's Hospital	7500	7400	12000	
35	St. Joseph's Bobbili	500			
36	St. Joseph's School of Nursing	4500			
37	St. Joseph's, Fort Conv	2000			
38	St. Joseph's, Provincialate	5000			
39	St. Joseph's, Salur	3000			
40	St. Joseph's, Vizianagaram			3520	
41	St. Joseph's Convent, Waltair	5000			
42	St. Ann's (CSA), Bakkannapalem	1000			
43	St. Joseph's Yanam	3000			
44	St. Joseph's S.Kota	1000			
45	St. Ann's Convent, Mangalapaiem	2000	1000		
46	St. Ann's School, Mangalapalem	8000			
47	MMM Sisters, Sabbavaram	1800			
48	Catechism children Boddepalli		3100		
49	St. Ann's Convent, Arilova	5000			

Pope says ‘False Dichotomy’ exists between Religious Ethics, Business



Vatican City, May 26, Pope Francis Saturday criticized what he said is a “tragic” and false dichotomy that has been created between religious ethics and the economic-financial sector of society, telling business leaders that the two are not only compatible, but necessary for social advancement.

“All too often, a tragic and false dichotomy – analogous to the artificial rift between science and faith – has developed between the ethical teachings of our religious traditions and the practical concerns of today’s business community,” the pope said May 26.

However, there is “a natural circularity between profit and social responsibility,” and there is an “indissoluble connection” between an ethics that respects both the human person and the common good, and the functionality of economic and financial systems, he said. This ethical dimension of social and economic interaction “cannot be imported into social life and activity from without, but must arise from within,” he said, adding that this is a long-term goal that requires the commitment of all persons and institutions in society.

Pope Francis spoke to members of the *Centesimus Annus-Pro Pontefice* institution, who are in Rome May 24-26 for an international convention titled “New policies and lifestyles in the digital age,” marking their 25th anniversary. The foundation was founded in 1993 by St. John Paul II to study and promote Catholic social teaching.

Among the high-profile participants in the gathering was Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, who gave a lengthy keynote speech on the last day of the conference.

Sitting beside Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin and the president of *Centesimus Annus* Domingo Sgranyes Bickel, Bartholomew condemned a widespread culture of

consumerism and indifference, and advocated for greater solidarity and collaboration in pursuing human development in an increasingly globalized world.

During the conference, Bartholomew met with both Pope Francis and retired pontiff Benedict XVI. He spoke to Benedict Friday, and he met Francis in a private audience at the Vatican Saturday morning. In his speech, Pope Francis spoke on themes brought up in the recent Vatican document *Oeconomicae et pecuniariae quaestiones*, (Economic and financial issues), published by Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

He said current financial and social challenges faced by the global community “have an undeniable ethical dimension” and are related “to a mentality of egoism and exclusion that has effectively created a culture of waste blind to the human dignity of the most vulnerable.”

This can be seen by the increasing “globalization of indifference” in front of blatant moral challenges humanity faces, he said, citing migration and a lack of development not only in materially poor countries, but also increasingly in the “opulence of the developed world.”

Referring to the conference theme, Francis noted how one major threat to families is a lack of stable jobs and the impact of the “digital cultural revolution,” which he said is “a vital area in which the solidarity of the Church is actively needed” and is a key theme in the upcoming Synod of Bishops on young people.

When it comes to ensuring a better future for young people and families, Francis said ecumenical cooperation “is of especial importance,” and cited the presence of Patriarch Bartholomew at the conference as “an eloquent sign of this common responsibility.”

Pope Francis closed his speech urging attendees to “persevere in these efforts which contribute to the building of a global culture of economic justice, equality and inclusion.”

By Elise Harris

Major Growth for Group highlighting Faith-Science Harmony The Society of Catholic Scientists

May 26, 2018



In his 1988 letter to the Director of the Vatican Observatory, Pope John Paul II called scientists who are members of the Church to “serve as a key resource” by providing a “much needed ministry” to those who find faith and science at odds. Now, a group of scientists is rising to the late pope’s challenge through what is known as the Society of Catholic Scientists. Dr. Stephan Barr of the University of Delaware, founder and president of the society, explained that the group was created in 2016.

“Its main purpose was to promote spiritual and intellectual fellowship among faithful Catholics who work in the natural sciences, and also display the harmony between faith and science in an era when many doubt it,” Barr told CNA.

Two years after its founding, the Society of Catholic Scientists has grown from a small group to an organization with more than 700 members, which include Catholic individuals who either have a doctorate in a natural science or who are in school for a science degree as a graduate or undergraduate student.

While primarily focused in North America, the organization has members in 35 countries and all seven continents.

The Society’s motto, taken from the writings of St. Bonaventure, is “knowledge with devotion, research with wonder.” The organization strives to foster fellowship among Catholic scientists, give witness to the harmony between faith and science, host forums for scientific and theological discussions, and be a resource for the laity, Barr said.

“For too long, a false impression has been allowed to grow that the world of science is a religious wasteland where faith cannot grow,” he said.

“Even religious scientists can have this impression and feel isolated, because they are unaware that many of their colleagues share their faith – this is especially true of younger researchers and students, so providing mentoring and role models is another goal of SCS.”

In June, the Society of Catholic Scientists is hosting its second annual conference that will focus on the theme of “Physicalism and the Human Mind.” It will explore the idea held by some within the scientific field that only the physical world really exists.

The society’s first conference was held in April 2017 in Chicago with the theme “Origins,” and was attended by over 80 members of the organization, as well as dozens of other scholars. This year, the 2018 conference is expecting 135 scholars to attend, including 110 Catholic scientists and students.

The upcoming conference will be held at The Catholic University of America from June 8-10 and will feature 11 speakers from various fields, including neuroscience, quantum physics, mathematics, and philosophy. While most of the speakers are Catholic, some are not, including the distinguished Prof. Peter Koellner of Harvard.

Continuing a tradition established last year, one scientist will be singled out and honored with the St. Albert Award, named after the patron of scientists. This year’s award will be presented to Juan Martin Maldacena of the Institute of Advanced Study at Princeton for his distinguished work linking gravity and quantum field theory.

Noting that the Society of Catholic Scientists has grown tremendously in its first two years, Barr said he believes the organization “continues to grow rapidly” because scientists are feeling isolated in their fields and are looking for an outlet to discuss the connection between their faith and science.

The society has been recognized by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and has Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia as its episcopal moderator.

Let us once again ponder on

The twelve promises of the sacred heart made to St. Margaret Mary

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will give peace in their families
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in my heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in my heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes in which the image of my sacred heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their name written in my heart, and it shall never be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of my heart will grant to all those who shall receive communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; my heart shall be their assured refuge at the last hour.



Some Points on the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Catechism, quoting Pope Pius XII's beautiful encyclical on the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, *Haurietis Aquas* (1956), states, "[Jesus] has loved us all with a human heart.

For this reason, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pierced by our sins and for our salvation, 'is quite rightly considered the chief sign and symbol of that... love with which the divine Redeemer continually loves the eternal Father and all human beings' without exception (#478).

To appreciate this rich symbolism of the heart, we must remember in Judaism that the word heart represented the core of the person. While recognized as the principle life organ, the heart was also considered the center of all spiritual activity. Here was the seat of all emotion, especially love. As the psalms express, God speaks to a person in his heart and there probes him. This notion of the heart is clear when we read the words of Deuteronomy 6:5-6: "Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

The heart has even greater depth when contemplated in light of the incarnation. We believe that Jesus Christ, second person of the Holy Trinity and consubstantial with the Father, entered this world taking on our human flesh— true God became also true man. While Jesus' heart obviously served a physiological function, spiritually His sacred heart also represents love: the divine love our Lord shares with the Father and Holy Spirit in the Trinity; the perfect, divine love which God has for us; and the genuine human love Christ felt in His human nature. I think one of the most beautiful passages of the Gospels is our Lord saying, "Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light" (Matthew 11:28-30). Therefore, while meditating on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we are called to share in the love of the Lord and strive to express our own genuine love for God, ourselves, and our neighbors.

Throughout the gospel, we see the outpouring of Jesus' love from His heart, whether in the miracle stories, the reconciliation

of sinners, or the compassion for the grieving. Even on the cross, our Lord poured out His love for us: there the soldier's lance pierced His side and out flowed blood and water (John 19:34). St. Bonaventure said the Church was born from the wounded side of the Lord with the blood and water representing the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Baptism.

The early Church Fathers clearly cherished this meaning of the Sacred Heart of our Lord. St. Justin Martyr (d. 165), in his Dialogue with the Jew Trypho said, "We Christians are the true Israel which springs from Christ, for we are carved out of His heart as from a rock." Likewise, St. Irenaeus of Lyons (d. 202) said, "The Church is the fountain of the living water that flows to us from the Heart of Christ" (Adversus Haereses). St. Paulinus of Nola (d. 431) in his Letters (#21) added, "John, who rested blissfully on the breast of our Lord, was inebriated with the Holy Spirit, from the Heart of all creating Wisdom he quaffed an understanding which transcends that of any creature." Although these are just a few brief examples from the times of the early Church, we find a profound respect for the Sacred Heart of our Lord as a font of His love which gave birth to the Church and continues to nourish its members.

The devotion continued to grow during the Middle Ages, and in 1353 Pope Innocent VI instituted a Mass honoring the mystery of the Sacred Heart. During the age of the Protestant movement, devotion to the Sacred Heart was practiced in hope of restoring peace to a world shattered by political and religious persecution.

Shortly thereafter, the devotion escalated due to the fervor surrounding the apparitions of our Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-90). For example, on December 27, 1673, our Lord revealed, "My Divine Heart is so passionately inflamed with love... that, not being able any longer to contain within Itself the flames of Its ardent charity, It must let them spread abroad through your means, and manifest Itself to man, that they may be enriched with Its precious treasures which I unfold to you, and which contain the sanctifying and salutary graces that are

necessary to hold them back from the abyss of ruin.” The four apparitions provided the catalyst for the promotion of the devotion to the Sacred Heart: a feast day in honor of the Sacred Heart, and the offering of our Lord’s saving grace and friendship if the individual attended Mass and received Holy Communion on nine consecutive first Fridays of the month.

In 1899, Pope Leo XIII consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Since then, his successors have exhorted the faithful to turn to the Sacred Heart and make acts of personal consecration. They have also begged the faithful to offer prayers and penances to the Sacred Heart in reparation for the many sins of the world. Considering our present day and age, the temptations and sins of this world, the growing apathy and secularism, we too should turn again in loving devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and ask Him to pour forth His grace. We must strive to make our hearts like His own, for He said, “Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God” (Matthew 5:8). May we remember the words of the Preface of the Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: “Lifted high on the Cross, Christ gave His life for us, so much did He love us. From His wounded side flowed blood and water, the fountain of sacramental life in the Church. To His open heart the Savior invites all men, to draw water in joy from the springs of salvation.”

Catholic Bishop’s Conference of India (CBCI)

05th May 2018

PRESS RELEASE

The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India expresses its profound grief and sorrow at the terrible and unimaginable havoc wrecked by the severe dust storm that has ravaged parts of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. It is reported that more than 150 people have lost their lives and hundreds others are injured and thousands left without shelter. The damage has been the worst seen in 20 years, according to officials with India’s

Meteorological department. They have also issued warnings that more bad weather is to come, with severe thunderstorms expected in several places in northern India over the next few days.

The Catholic Church condoles the death of our brothers and sisters who were caught unaware as nature's fury took hold of large parts of North India. We express our solidarity with the injured and the suffering.

The Catholic Church is already out in the field through her Wing of Mercy and Charity, Caritas India. While trying to help people without discrimination of faith, or class, wherever it is possible for us to reach out, Caritas India, for more precise operations, is specially concentrating on the districts of Agra in Uttar Pradesh and Jayour in Rajasthan. We appreciate the efforts being put in by the Government and its agencies to provide immediate help and relief to the affected and extend our hand of partnership to the Government. Even as people are trying to build up their lives, we are concerned about the health situation in the areas affected. The Catholic Bishops' Conference expresses its ardent desire to work with the Government and all like-minded agencies to provide relief and help in all possible ways to the suffering people.

This is also an occasion for all of us to think and reflect seriously on the issue of climate change, as indicated by Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si* and which is more and more manifesting itself through natural Disasters. According to experts, while dust storms are quite common in North India, the extraordinary dust and thunderstorms are connected to the rapid rate of desertification in several Indian states. The environment ministry says a quarter of the country's land is undergoing desertification – while independent experts put the figure much higher. Increasing desertification would mean more intense and damaging dust storms. Environmentalists have predicted that droughts will become more severe in this part of South Asia with climatic changes.

The Catholic Church invites men and women of good will everywhere to join it and others in providing succour and assistance wherever needed. If you wish to join us you may get in touch with Caritas India at director@caritasindia.org or our person in the field Mr. Anjan Bag at 9831065890.

We pray for all those affected and also for all who are actively or through contributions helping the people in dire distress. May the Almighty bless us with his abundant graces and mercies.

Jai hind!

Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas SFX

Secretary General,
Catholic Bishops' Conference of India

Fr. Paul, Moonjely

Executive Director, Caritas India

It went viral in Media... Why?

In a letter addressed to all parish priests in the capital, Archbishop of Delhi Anil Couto called for a year-long prayer campaign to save India from the “turbulent political atmosphere”, which has threatened the democratic principles of the Constitution and secular fabric.

“Elections and government concerns us. We’ve to have such government that cares for the freedom of people, rights and welfare of Christian community. I’m not meddling in partisan politics. We’re just praying that the nation should walk in the right direction,” said Archbishop Couto.

He added, “In all churches and institutions we pray and fast. We pray for our own renewal and that of country. Keeping in mind all that’s happening in our country we said that we look forward to next election and next government. Every government should protect the people and the Constitution”.

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May 8, 2018

To All Parish Priests and Religious Institutions in the Archdiocese of Delhi

Sub: Prayer for Our Nation

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

We are witnessing a turbulent political atmosphere which poses a threat to the democratic principles enshrined in our Constitution and the secular fabric of our nation.

It is our hallowed practice to pray for our country and its political leaders all the time but all the more so when we approach the General Elections.

As we look forward towards 2019 when we will have new Government let us begin a Prayer Campaign for our country from May 13, 2018 which marks the Anniversary of the Apparition of the Blessed Mother at Fatima Consecrating ourselves and our nation to the Immaculate Heart.

I request that we observe a Day of Fast every Friday of the week by forgoing at least one meal and offering our penance and all our sacrifices for our spiritual renewal and that of our nation.

Moreover I earnestly request that we organize an hour of Eucharistic Adoration every Friday at a convenient time in all our parishes, religious houses and institution specifically praying for our nation.

During this Adoration the enclosed Prayer may be recited.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(+Anil Couto)
Archbishop of Delhi

N.B: The above letter may be read in all the masses on Sunday, 13th of May 2018 in appropriate languages.

NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION

Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI)

Your Eminence/Grace/Excellency

Greetings from CCBI National Youth Commission

Pope Francis has chosen “Young people, faith and vocational discernment” as the theme for the forthcoming synod gathering, which will be held in October 2018. In the recently held pre-synod meeting our Conference was represented by three young people. I am glad to inform you that many dioceses and regions are organising youth conventions on this theme and some dioceses have declared this year as ‘Year of Youth’.

National Youth Sunday: It was approved in the 78th Executive meeting of CCBI to celebrate National Youth Sunday in the month of August. National Office has fixed the First Sunday of August as ‘National Youth Sunday’ for uniformity. Dioceses are free to choose any Sunday in the month of August to celebrate ‘Youth Sunday’. On this day, all youth of the parish will come together to celebrate the Eucharist (not the regular masses in the church, a special youth mass). **Liturgy will be prepared by the National office and sent to you to help you prepare. During the youth mass a collection to be taken and sent to the Diocesan office. Diocesan office will send it to the National Office.** These funds will be used to organize Regional ACT (Animators and Chaplains Training) programmes from the year 2018.

National Youth Sunday will be celebrated on 12th August 2018 this year. I request you to send a circular to all the parish priests in your diocese with this regard.

Thanking you and looking forward to your continuous cooperation. For any clarifications/doubts kindly contact the Executive Secretary of CCBI Youth Commission, Fr. Chetan Machado.

Yours Sincerely,

Franco Mulakkal

Chairman of CCBI National Youth Commission

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POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE

Wednesday, 2 May 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Continuing the reflection on Baptism, today I would like to focus on the main rites, which take place at the baptismal font.

Let us consider first and foremost the water, on which the power of the Holy Spirit is invoked so that it may have the capacity to regenerate and renew (cf. Jn 3:5; Tit 3:5). Water is the matrix of life and wellbeing, whereas its absence causes all fruitfulness to die out, as happens in the desert. Water, however, can also be a cause of death, when one is submerged among its waves or when, in great quantity, it engulfs everything. Lastly, water has the capacity to wash, cleanse and purify.

Beginning with this natural, universally recognized symbolism, the Bible describes God's interventions and promises with the sign of water. However, the power to forgive sins does not lie in the water itself, as Saint Ambrose explained to the newly baptized: "You have seen the water, but water does not heal all things: healing water has the grace of Christ.... The action is of the water, the effectiveness is of the Holy Spirit" (cf. *On the Sacraments*, 1:15).

For this reason the Church invokes the action of the Holy Spirit on the water so that all those "who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism" may rise again with him to eternal life (cf. *Rite of Baptism for Children*, 54). The prayer of the benediction says that God "made a sign of the waters of baptism" and recalls the principal biblical foreshadowing: the Spirit moved over the waters of the origin to render them the seed of life (cf. Gen 1:1-2); the waters of the flood signaled the end of sin and the beginning of new life (cf. Gen 7:6-8, 22); through the waters of the Red Sea the children of Abraham were freed from slavery in Egypt (cf. Ex 14:15-31). In relation to Jesus, we recall his baptism in the Jordan (cf. Mt 3:13-17), the blood and water that poured from

his side (cf. Jn 19:31-37), and the mandate to his disciples to baptize all peoples in the name of the Trinity (cf. Mt 28:19). Strengthened by this memory, we ask God to instil the water of the font with the grace of the dead and Risen Christ (cf. Rite of Baptism for Children, 54). And thus, this water is transformed into water that carries within it the power of the Holy Spirit. And with this water, with the power of the Holy Spirit, we baptize people, we baptize adults, children, everyone.

Once the water of the font has been blessed, the heart must be prepared to accept Baptism. This occurs with the renunciation of Satan and the Profession of Faith, two actions which are closely connected. In the same measure with which I say “no” to the suggestions of the devil — the one who divides — I am able to say “yes” to God who calls me to conform to him in thoughts and deeds. The devil divides. God always unites the community, mankind, into one single people. It is not possible to adhere to Christ by placing conditions. It is necessary to detach oneself from certain bonds in order to truly embrace others. One is either well with God or well with the devil. For this reason, the renunciation and the act of faith go together. It is necessary to burn some bridges, leaving them behind, in order to undertake the new Way which is Christ.

The response to the questions — “Do you renounce Satan, all his works and all his empty promises?” — is made in first person singular: “I do”. And the profession of faith is made in the same way: “I believe”. I renounce and I believe: this is the foundation of Baptism. It is a responsible choice which demands to be transformed into concrete gestures of trust in God. The act of faith assumes a commitment which Baptism itself will help to keep with perseverance in the various situations and trials of life. Let us recall the ancient wisdom of Israel: “My son, if you come forward to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for temptation” (Sir 2:1): that is, prepare yourself for battle. And the presence of the Holy Spirit gives us the strength to fight well.

Dear brothers and sisters, when we dip our hand into the blessed water — when entering a church, we touch the blessed water —

and we make the sign of the Cross, let us think with joy and gratitude of the Baptism we received — this blessed water reminds us of Baptism —and let us renew our “Amen” — “I am happy” — in order to live immersed in the love of the most Holy Trinity.

Wednesday, 9 May 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters

The catechesis on the Sacrament of Baptism leads us to speak today about the holy immersion accompanied by the invocation of the Holy Trinity, that is, the central rite, which actually “baptizes” — that is, immerses — one in the Paschal Mystery of Christ (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1239). Saint Paul recalls the significance of this rite to the Christians of Rome, first asking: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?”, and then responding: “We were buried [...] with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead [...], we too might walk in newness of life” (Rom 6:4). Baptism opens for us the door to a life of resurrection, not to a worldly life. A life according to Jesus.

The baptismal font is the place in which one experiences the Easter Passover with Christ! The old man, with his “deceitful lusts” is buried (cf. Eph 4:22), so that a new creature may be born; truly the old things have passed away and new things are born (cf. 2 Cor 5:17). The “Catechetical Lectures” attributed to Saint Cyril of Jerusalem thus explain to the newly baptized what has happened to them in the water of Baptism. This is Saint Cyril’s beautiful explanation: “And at the self-same moment you were both dying and being born; and that Water of salvation was at once your grave and your mother” (n. 20, *On the Mysteries*, ii, 4-6; pg 33, 1079-1082). The rebirth of the new man requires that the man corrupted by sin be reduced to dust. The images of the tomb and of the maternal womb referring to the font, indeed, clearly express what great things come about through the simple rite of Baptism. I like the inscription found on the ancient Roman Lateran Baptistry, which reads, in Latin, this

expression attributed to Pope Sixtus III: “Mother Church conceives her offspring by the breath of God, and bears them virginally in this water. Hope for the Kingdom of Heaven, you who are reborn in this font”.¹ It is beautiful: the Church that bears us, the Church which is womb, is our mother through Baptism.

If our parents have generated us in earthly life, the Church has regenerated us to eternal life in Baptism. We have become children in her Son Jesus (cf. Rom 8:15; Gal 4:5-7). Upon each one of us too, born anew through the water and through the Holy Spirit, the heavenly Father makes his voice resonate with infinite love, saying “You are my beloved son” (cf. Mt 3:17). This paternal voice, imperceptible to the ear but well audible to the heart of those who believe, accompanies us throughout our life, never abandoning us. Throughout our life the Father tells us: “You are my beloved son; you are my beloved daughter”. God loves us so much, as a Father, and never forsakes us. It is so from the moment of Baptism. We are reborn as children of God for ever! Indeed, Baptism is not repeated, because it imprints an indelible spiritual seal: “No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation” (ccc, n. 1272).

The seal of Baptism is never lost! “Father, but if a person becomes an infamous brigand, who kills people, who inflicts injustice, does the seal not disappear?”. No. To his own shame a child of God is the person who does these things; but the seal does not go away. And he continues to be a child of God, who opposes God; but God never disowns his children. Do you understand this last point? God never disowns his children. Shall we all repeat it together? “God never disowns his children”. A little louder, because either I am hearing impaired or I did not understand: [they repeat, louder] “God never disowns his children”. There, that was better.

Incorporated in Christ through Baptism, the baptized are thus conformed to him, “the first-born son among many brethren” (Rom 8:29). Through the action of the Holy Spirit, Baptism purifies, sanctifies, justifies, to form in Christ, of many, one single

body (1 Cor 6:11, 12, 13). The crismal anointing “signifies the royal priesthood of the baptized and enrollment into the company of the people of God” (Rite of Baptism for Children, n. 18:3). Hence the priest anoints the head of every baptized person with the sacred chrism after pronouncing these words which explain the significance: God himself “anoints you with the chrism of salvation, so that, united with his people, you may remain for ever a member of Christ who is Priest, Prophet, and King” (ibid., n. 62). Brothers and sisters, here lies the entire Christian vocation: to live united to Christ in the holy Church, participants in the same consecration in order to carry out the same mission, in this world, bearing fruits that endure for ever. Enlivened by the One Spirit, in fact, the whole People of God participates in the offices of Jesus Christ, “Priest, Prophet and King”, and “bears the responsibilities for mission and service that flow from them”. (ccc, nn. 783-386).

What does it mean to participate in the royal and prophetic priesthood of Christ? It means making of oneself an offering acceptable to God (cf. Rom 12:1), bearing witness to him through a life of faith and charity (cf. Lumen Gentium, n. 12), placing it at the service of others, after the example of the Lord Jesus (cf. Mt 20:25-28; Jn 13:13-17). Thank you.

Wednesday, 16 May 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Today we conclude the series of catecheses on Baptism. The spiritual effects of this sacrament, invisible to the eye but active in the heart of one who has become a new creature, are clearly seen in the consignment of the white garment and of the lighted candle.

After the washing of regeneration, capable of recreating the person in the likeness of God in true holiness (cf. Eph 4:24), since the first centuries, it has seemed natural to clothe the baptized in a new white garment, reflecting the splendour of life received in Christ and in the Holy Spirit. The white garment, while symbolically expressing what has occurred in the sacrament,

announces the condition of having been transfigured in divine glory.

Saint Paul recalls what it means to be clothed in Christ, when he explains the virtues that the baptized must cultivate: “put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness and patience, forbearing one another and ... forgiving each other. And above all these, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony” (cf. Col 3:12-14).

Even the ritual consignment of the flame drawn from the Easter candle, recalls the effect of Baptism: “Receive the light of Christ”, says the priest. These words recall that we are not the light, but rather, the light is Jesus Christ (cf. Jn 1:9; 12:46), who, Risen from the dead, overcame the shadows of evil. We are called to receive his splendour! As the flame of the Easter candle gives light to each single candle, so the love of the Risen Lord enflames the hearts of the baptized, filling them with light and warmth. And this is why, since the first centuries, Baptism has also been called “enlightenment”, and the one who was baptized is called “enlightened”.

This is indeed the Christian vocation: “Walk always as children of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts” (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, n. 321; cf. Jn 12:36). If children are involved, it is the duty of the parents, together with the godfathers and godmothers, to take care to nurture the flame of baptismal grace in their little ones, helping them persevere in the faith (cf. Rite of Baptism for Children, n. 100). Children have the right to Christian formation, which “seeks to lead them gradually to learn God’s plan in Christ, so that they may ultimately accept for themselves the faith in which they have been baptized” (ibid., Introduction, n. 3).

Christ’s living presence, which is to be safeguarded, defended and expanded in us, is the lamp which lights our steps, the light which directs our choices, the flame which warms hearts on the journey to encounter the Lord, making us capable of helping those who journey with us, until the inseparable communion with Him. From that day forth, Revelation also states, “night shall be

no more; and they shall need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever” (cf. 22:5).

The celebration of Baptism concludes with the prayer of the Our Father, which belongs to the community of the Children of God. Indeed, children reborn in Baptism will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit fulfilled in Confirmation and will participate in the Eucharist, learning what it means to address God by calling him ‘Father’.

At the conclusion of these catecheses on Baptism, I repeat to each of you the invitation I thus expressed in the Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*: “Let the grace of your baptism bear fruit in a path of holiness. Let everything be open to God; turn to him in every situation. Do not be dismayed, for the power of the Holy Spirit enables you to do this, and holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life (cf. Gal 5:22-23)” (n. 15).

Wednesday, 23 May 2018

Dear brothers and sisters:

In these days following the Church’s celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, our catechesis turns to the sacrament of Confirmation, which “confirms” the grace of our Baptism and “anoints” us with the Spirit to bear witness to Christ before the world. Jesus himself, filled with the Holy Spirit, carried out his mission as the Lord’s Anointed, and after his death and resurrection, bestowed the Spirit upon his disciples, who went forth from the Upper Room to proclaim God’s mighty works (cf. Acts 2:11). As Christ was anointed by the Spirit at his baptism in the Jordan, so at Pentecost the Church received the Spirit in order to carry out her mission of preaching the Gospel to the ends of the earth. In Confirmation, Jesus fills us with his Spirit and makes us sharers in his own life and mission, in accordance with the Father’s saving plan. May this sacrament strengthen us to be ever docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, as we strive in all our actions and words to live fully the new life received in Baptism and to advance the Church’s mission in the world.

DAYS TO REMEMBER

J U N E	Fr. Morsa Rayppa	1	Birthday
	Fr. Joy Thomas Mamalaseri	7	Birthday
	Fr. Prathap Sarisa	8	Ordination Day
	Fr. Mariadas Polamarasetty	10	Ordination Day
	Fr. Ratnakar Kadupukotla		Birthday
	Fr. Sabbavarapu Anthony		
	Fr. Anthony Parayil	13	Feast Day
	Fr. Antony Puthussery		
	Fr. Anthayya Killada		
	Fr. Sabbavarapu Anthony		
	Fr. Showri Babu Sanaboyina	15	Birthday
	Fr. Dominic Savio Gompa		
	Fr. Joseph Prabhakar Pathivada	18	Birthday
	Fr. Abraham Olickal	21	Birthday
	Fr. Lukose Kallakkat		
	Fr. Arlaih Pasala	24	Feast Day
	Fr. Raja kumar Chitikila	24	Ordination Day
	Fr. Anand Yellanki		
	Fr. Lourdaiah Marneni	26	Birthday
	Fr. Peter Sebastian Palakunnel	29	Feast Day
Fr. Peter Senapathi			
Fr. Chinnappa Kothapalli			

*Hearty Congratulations &
Many Happy Returns of the Day*

To you Dear Fathers



NECROLOGY



“Eternal Rest grant to them, O, Lord; Let perpetual light shine upon them.

- 02-06-1906 Fr. Maurice HertierDomenge msfs, 79 years, died at Visakhapatam
- 03-06-1925 Fr. Joseph Ray msfs, 37 years, died at Visakhapatam
- 04-06-2012 Fr. Jacob Pathupallil msfs, 85 years, died at Vizag
- 05-06-1954 Fr. Joseph Degeneve msfs, 78 years, died at Visakhapatnam
- 06-06-1903 Mgr. Jean Marie Crochet msfs, 59 years died at Jabalpur (He was in Vizag till 1886)

- 09-06-1889 Fr. Francis Neyroud msfs, 36 years, died at Visakhapatnam
- 14-06-1931 Fr. Alphonse Voisin msfs, 68 years, died at Visakhapatnam
- 14-06-1949 Fr. Joseph Quibler msfs, 63 years, died at Bheemunipatnam
- 17-06-1887 Fr. Jean Marie Dupont msfs, 70 years, died at Surada, Orissa
- 17-06-1894 Fr. Louis Duperrier msfs, 26 years, died at Visakhapatnam
- 18-06-1926 Mgr. Jean Marie Clerc msfs, 80 years
(Bishop of Vizag from 1891) died at Visakhapatnam**
- 21 -06-1861 Bro. Sulpice Fontanel msfs, 41 years, died at Samalkota
- 23-06-1879 Fr. Jean Francois Balmand msfs, 53 years, died at Kamptee
- 25-06-1911 Fr. Pierre Payraud msfs, 66 years, died at Salur
- 26-06-1901 Bro. Charles Gaillard msfs, 77 years, died at Kamptee
- 27 -06-1874 Bro. Dominique Assier msfs, 47 years, died at Visakhapatnam
- 27-06-2000 Bro. Gopu Showry Reddy msfs, 82 years, died at Nidadadavolu.



*May their souls
rest in Peace!*



Rt. Rev. Dr. JEAN MARIE CLERC

Second Bishop of Visakhapatnam 1863 - 1890

Born at Ballaison

(Diocese of Annecy, France)

21-3-1847

Ordained Priest

25-5-1872

Came to India

12-6-1881

Elected Bishop of Visakhapatnam

19-2-1891

Consecrated in Visakha Cathedral

26-7-1891

Died at Visakhapatnam

12-6-1926

Buried in Gnanapuram Cemetery, but his

remains were interred in St. Anthony's Church,

Visakhapatnam on

13-3-1981





*On the Occasion
of the*

Feast Day

**on
21st of June, 2018**

**May the good Lord
Abundantly Bless**

His Grace

Most Rev. Dr. Mallavarapu Prakash
Archbishop of Visakhapatnam



*And may St. Aloysius Gonzaga
Your heavenly Patron
always intercede for you and
keep you in his loving care.*

With cordial greetings and prayers.

***Priests, Religious & Faithful
Archdiocese of Visakhapatnam***