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Pastoral Clergy Annual Retreat at Jeevasudha Pastoral Center

Happy Birthday to our beloved Bishop

Most Rev. Anthony Poola D.D.,

November 15, 2019

May God bless you and keep you always in His tender and loving care to be a blessing for His people. We, wish you a Happy Birthday and many many happy returns of the day.



*With Love & Prayers..
Priests, Religious and the faithful of
Diocese of Kurnool*





BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The Church celebrates Holy Men and Women throughout the Year on various saint days but the **Solemnity of All Saints** is, when the Church honours every saint and those officially known and honoured on the Church calendar, and saints known only to God. While we have information about many saints, and we honour them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been honoured specifically. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these holy individuals, and ask for their prayers and intercessions.

The feast was instituted by Pope Gregory III (731-741), when he consecrated a chapel to all the martyrs in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Gregory ordered his priests to celebrate the Feast of All Saints annually. This celebration was originally confined to the diocese of Rome, but Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the feast to the entire Church and ordered it to be celebrated on 1st November. The Catholic Catechism concisely describes this communion among believers, by which we are connected to Christ, and thus to one another: "Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness. They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us...So by their fraternal concern our weaknesses are greatly helped. "Those who have fallen asleep: first the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, that through their prayers and supplications God would receive our petition.... (Catechetical Lecture 23: 9)

On 1st of November when the Church celebrates, the Solemnity of All Saints who are already, on account of their holy life on this earth, are in the presence of God. The very next day the church commemorates all the faithful

departed who are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or have not fully atoned for past transgressions, are debarred from the Beatific Vision, are expecting to reach the heavenly bliss. That is why the prayers appointed for that day remind us that we are joined with the Communion of Saints, that great group of Christians who have finished their earthly life and with whom we share the hope of resurrection from the dead.

The Catholic Church teaches that the purification of the souls in Purgatory can be hastened by the actions of the faithful on earth. Its teaching is based also on the practice of prayer for the dead mentioned as far back as 2 Maccabees 12:42-46. "Therefore he made atonement for the dead that they might be delivered from their sin". Tertullian, Cyprian and other early Western Fathers witness to the regular practice of praying for the dead among the early Christians. The theological basis for the feast is the doctrine that the souls which, on departing from the body, are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or have not fully atoned for past transgressions, are debarred from the Beatific Vision, and that the faithful on earth can help them by prayers, alms deeds and especially by the sacrifice of the Mass.

That is why the church has instituted custom of each priest offering three Masses on the Feast of All Souls. During World War I, given the great number of war dead and the many destroyed churches where mass could no longer be said, Pope Benedict XV, granted all priests the privilege of offering three Masses on All Souls Day, a permission that still stands. A plenary indulgence, applicable ONLY to the souls in purgatory, may be obtained by those who, on All Souls Day and first to eighth of November, piously visit a church, public oratory, or for those entitled to use it, a semi-public oratory. On visiting the church or oratory it is required that one Our Father and the Creed be recited.

Let all the priests make use of the privileges given by the church to offer three Holy masses for the departed souls. Let us encourage the faithful to attend masses on all souls day and live the month of November as a month of praying for the dead and make sacrifices for them and try to obtain indulgences for them.

With prayers and blessings,



+ Anthony Poola

Bishop of Kurnool

HOLY MASS AND CANONIZATION OF THE BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, GIUSEPPINA VANNINI, MARIAM THRESIA CHIRAMEL MANKIDIYAN, DULCE LOPES PONTES, MARGUERITE BAYS

“Your faith has saved you” (Lk 17:19). This is the climax of today’s Gospel, which reflects *the journey of faith*. There are three steps in this journey of faith. We see them in the actions of the lepers whom Jesus heals. They *cry out*, they *walk* and they *give thanks*.

First, they *cry out*. The lepers were in a dreadful situation, not only because of a disease that, widespread even today, needs to be battled with unremitting effort, but also because of their exclusion from society. At the time of Jesus, lepers were considered unclean and, as such, had to be isolated and kept apart (cf. Lev 13:46). We see that when they approach Jesus, they “kept their distance” (Lk 17:12). Even though their condition kept them apart, the Gospel tells us that they “called out” (v. 13) and pleaded with Jesus. They did not let themselves be paralyzed because they were shunned by society; they cried out to God, who excludes no one. We see how distances are shortened, how loneliness is overcome: by not closing in on ourselves and our own problems, by not thinking about how others judge us, but rather by crying out to the Lord, for the Lord hears the cry of those who find themselves alone.



Like those lepers, we too need healing, each one of us. We need to be healed of our lack of confidence in ourselves, in life, in the future; we need to be healed of our fears and the vices that enslave us, of our introversion, our addictions and our attachment to games, money, television, mobile phones, to what other people think. The Lord sets our hearts free and heals them *if only we ask him*, only if we say to him: “Lord, I believe you can heal me. Dear Jesus, heal me from being caught up in myself. Free me from evil and fear”. The lepers are the first people, in this Gospel, who called on the name of Jesus. Later, a blind man and a crucified thief would do so: all of them needy people calling on the name of Jesus, which means: “God saves”. They call God by name, directly and spontaneously. To call someone by name is a sign of confidence, and it pleases the Lord. That is how faith grows, through confident, trusting prayer. Prayer in which we bring to Jesus who we really are, with open hearts, without attempting to mask our sufferings. Each day, let us invoke with confidence the name of Jesus: “God saves”. Let us repeat it: that is prayer, to say “Jesus” is to pray. And prayer is essential! Indeed, prayer is the door of faith; prayer is medicine for the heart.

The second word is to *walk*. It is the second stage. In today's brief Gospel, there are several verbs of motion. It is quite striking that the lepers are not healed as they stand before Jesus; it is only afterwards, as they were walking. The Gospel tells us that: "As they went, they were made clean" (v. 14). They were healed by going up to Jerusalem, that is, while walking uphill. On the journey of life, purification takes place along the way, a way that is often uphill since it leads to the heights. Faith calls for journey, a "going out" from ourselves, and it can work wonders if we abandon our comforting certainties, if we leave our safe harbours and our cosy nests. Faith increases by giving, and grows by taking risks. Faith advances when we make our way equipped with trust in God. Faith advances with humble and practical steps, like the steps of the lepers or those of Naaman who went down to bathe in the river Jordan (cf. *2 Kings* 5:14-17). The same is true for us. We advance in faith by showing humble and practical love, exercising patience each day, and praying constantly to Jesus as we keep pressing forward on our way.

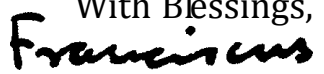
There is a further interesting aspect to the journey of the lepers: they move *together*. The Gospel tells us that, "as they went, they were made clean" (v. 14). The verbs are in the plural. Faith means also walking together, never alone. Once healed, however, nine of them go off on their own way, and only one turns back to offer thanks. Jesus then expresses his astonishment: "The others, where are they?" (v.17). It is as if he asks the only one who returned to account for the other nine. It is the task of us, who celebrate the *Eucharist* as an act of *thanksgiving*, to take care of those who have stopped walking, those who have lost their way. We are called to be guardians of our distant brothers and sisters, all of us! We are to intercede for them; we are responsible for them, to account for them, to keep them close to heart. Do you want to grow in faith? You, who are here today, do you want to grow in faith? Then take care of a distant brother, a faraway sister.



To cry out. To walk. And to *give thanks*. This is the final step. Only to the one who thanked him did Jesus say: "Your faith has saved you" (v. 19). It made you both safe, and sound. We see from this that the ultimate goal is not health or wellness, but the encounter with Jesus. Salvation is not drinking a glass of water to keep fit; it is going to the source, which is Jesus. He alone frees us from evil and heals our hearts. Only an encounter with him can save, can make life full and beautiful. Whenever we meet Jesus, the word "thanks" comes immediately to our lips, because we have discovered the most important thing in life, which is not to receive a grace or resolve a problem, but to embrace the Lord of life. And this is the most important thing in life: to embrace the Lord of life.

It is impressive to see how the man who was healed, a Samaritan, expresses his joy with his entire being: he praises God in a loud voice, he prostrates himself,

and he gives thanks (cf. vv. 15-16). The culmination of the journey of faith is to live a life of continual thanksgiving. Let us ask ourselves: do we, as people of faith, live each day as a burden, or as an act of praise? Are we closed in on ourselves, waiting to ask another blessing, or do we find our joy in giving thanks? When we express our gratitude, the Father's heart is moved and he pours out the Holy Spirit upon us. To give thanks is not a question of good manners or etiquette; it is a question of faith. A grateful heart is one that remains young. To say "Thank you, Lord" when we wake up, throughout the day and before going to bed: that is the best way to keep our hearts young, because hearts can grow old and be spoilt. This also holds true for families, and between spouses. Remember to say thank you. Those words are the simplest and most effective of all.

To cry out. To walk. To give thanks. Today we give thanks to the Lord for our new Saints. They walked by faith and now we invoke their intercession. Three of them were religious women; they show us that the consecrated life is a journey of love at the existential peripheries of the world. Saint Marguerite Bays, on the other hand, was a seamstress; she speaks to us of the power of simple prayer, enduring patience and silent self-giving. That is how the Lord made the splendor of Easter radiate in her life, in her humbleness. Such is the holiness of daily life, which Saint John Henry Newman described in these words: "The Christian has a deep, silent, hidden peace, which the world sees not... The Christian is cheerful, easy, kind, gentle, courteous, candid, unassuming; has no pretence... with so little that is unusual or striking in his bearing, that he may easily be taken at first sight for an ordinary man" (*Parochial and Plain Sermons*, V, 5). Let us ask to be like that, "kindly lights" amid the encircling gloom. Jesus, "stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as Thou shinest: so to shine as to be a light to others" (*Meditations on Christian Doctrine*, VII, 3). Amen.

With Blessings,

 Holy Father Pope Francis.

	<p style="text-align: center;">HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East: That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together. 	
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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME

NOVEMBER 2019

Sat	Nov 2	6:30 a.m.	All Souls Day: Celebrates Holy Eucharist at KDSSS Cemetery.
		3:30 p.m.	Celebrates All Souls Day Mass at Catholic Cemetery, Budhawara Peta, Kurnool.
Sun	Nov 3	7:30 a.m.	Extra Ordinary Mission Sunday Celebrations at Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral, Kurnool: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Mon	Nov 4	5:30 p.m.	St. Joseph's EM School Annual Day, Mandigiri, Adoni.
Tue	Nov 5	10:30 a.m.	Meeting with Rev. Dr. Ludger Kauling and Friends, Bartholomaeus Parish, Ahlen, Germany.
Fri	Nov 8	10:30 a.m.	Distribution of Flood Relief Materials to Flood affected People in Nandyal Division at Maseedupuram Mission (KDSSS).
		11:30 a.m.	Kolping India Programme at Maseedupuram Mission (KDSSS).
Sat	Nov 9	10:30 a.m.	Labour Commission Meeting at Midtur (KDSSS)
Sun	Nov 10	10:00 a.m.	Dalit Liberation Sunday.
Mon	Nov 11	11:00 a.m.	Blessing and Inauguration of New Chapel at St. Joseph of Cluny Illam, Gooty: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Wed	Nov 13	10:30 a.m.	Meeting with CRS Representative Rev. Fr. Celestine CRS, and Rev. Fr B. Anthaiah, AP Forum, Secunderabad.
Thu	Nov 14	10:30 a.m.	Visit to APSSS Office, Secunderabad
Sat	Nov 16	2:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Mass of St. Mariam Thresia, Irinjalakuda, Kerala.
Tue	Nov 19	10:30 a.m.	Meeting with Rev. Sr. Theyamma, Superior General, Satyaseva Sisters, Maddikera.
Wed	Nov 20-23	9:00 a.m.	Taking Classes for the Fourth Year Theologians on Lay Ministry at St. Johns Regional Seminary, Hyderabad.
Fri	Nov 29	9:00 a.m.	A.P. Prison Ministry: General Body Meeting at Jeevasudha.

DECEMBER 2019

Sat	Dec 7	4:00 p.m.	Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Our Lady of Lourdes Convent and St. Joseph's School at Koilakuntla: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Sun	Dec 8	9:00 a.m.	Prison Ministry India: Inaugural Ceremony of Santa Claus Dance Competition at Jeevasudha Pastoral Center.
		11:00 a.m.	Blessing and Inauguration of Renovated Church and Dhvaja Sthambam at Nandikotkur: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
		5:00 p.m.	Annual Feast of "Yatrikula Matha" at KDSSS: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Tue	Dec 10	6:00 p.m.	Celebrates Holy Eucharist on the eve of "Thommidi Mangalavarothsavalu" at St. Anthony's Shrine, Guntur.
Sat	Dec 14-15	9:00 a.m.	TCBC Community Tour/ Picnic.
Wed	Dec 18	9:00 a.m.	Recollection and Christmas Get-together for the Pastoral Clergy and the Catechists at Jeevasudha Pastoral Centre, Venkayapalle: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Sat	Dec 21	9:00 a.m.	Semi- Christmas Celebrations at SJRS, Anantapur.
		5:30 p.m.	Blessing and Inauguration of Community Hall and Semi- Christmas Celebrations at Mount Carmel Church, Anantapur: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Sun	Dec 22	2:00 p.m.	Prison Ministry India: Visit to Kurnool District Prison.
Mon	Dec 23	10:30 a.m.	Semi - Christmas Celebrations at KDSSS.
Tue	Dec 24	11:00 p.m.	Christmas Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes' Cathedral, Kurnool.
Wed	Dec 25	8:30 a.m.	Christmas Mass at St. Theresa of Avila Co-Cathedral, Kurnool.
Fri	Dec 27	5:30 p.m.	Priestly Ordination of Deacon KV Paul MCBS at Our Lady of Health Shrine, Khairatabad.
Tue	Dec 31	11.30 p.m.	New Year Midnight Mass St. Theresa of Avila Co-Cathedral, Kurnool.


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 Bishop of Kurnool

COMMUNICATIONS

1. HALF YEARLY AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS, 2019:

Kindly keep ready all the Cashbooks, Ledgers, Statement of accounts, Pass Books, Bank Statement, Project details, Bills & Vouchers for the auditing. Kindly do not send substitutes or representatives for the auditing. Kindly note the following dates for half-yearly auditing assigned for each deanery / Institute and follow the order and time.

- A. Under the provisions of Indian Stamp Act, 1899 and Rules, 1925, revenue stamp worth Rs. 1/- is required to be affixed on vouchers for all payments in excess of Rs. 5000/-
- B. All vouchers / bills / invoices supported by receipt are to be obtained in the name of the Institution or Parish, Instead of Personal Name.
- C. Any enquiry or notice issued by the income Tax Department has to be handled cautiously Since the Bishop's House is filing the return of income with the department every year. Each Priest or institution is responsible for the amount taken from Bishop's House and should give clarification to concerned income tax authorities.
- D. Payments of Rs. 10,000/- or above should be made through account payee cheques only.

Dates of Auditing according to the Deanery wise

Kurnool Deanery	-	18-11-2019
Nandyal Deanery	-	19-11-2019
Adoni & Anantapur Deaneries	-	20-11-2019
St. Anthony's Orphanage, Adoni, KDSSS	-	21-11-2019
DESK	-	22-11-2019

2. 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, Jyothirmal, 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 : **The Diocese of Kurnool Society**
No. of the Account : **149701000000001**
IFSC Code : **IOBA0001497**
Bank : **Indian Overseas Bank**
Branch : **Kurnool Diocese, Kurnool**

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.

3. MONTHLY CLERGY RECOLLECTION:

The clergy monthly recollection for the month of November will be conducted in the respective deaneries. Rev. Deans are requested to make necessary arrangements for the same.

4. RECOLLECTION FOR THE REGENTS:

Recollection for the Regents will be at Premagiri on 8th of November 2019. All the priests who are assisted by the Regents are requested to send them by 7th November Thursday by 4.p.m. to Sinai Divine Retreat Center, Premagiri.

5. ALL SAINTS DAY:

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, Hallowmas (saints have historically been known as *hallows*) or Feast of All Saints, is a Christian celebration to honor all known (and unknown) saints and martyrs. Together these three days of remembering the dead form the triduum (a religious observance lasting three days) of Hallow tide. People traditionally visit the graves of deceased relatives during this time. While All Saints' Day is dedicated to those who are in heaven, All Souls' Day is a day of prayer for those who have died but have not yet reached heaven. The concept of All Saints Day is connected to the doctrine of [The Communion of Saints](#). This is a Catholic teaching that all of God's people, on heaven, earth, and in the state of purification (Purgatory), are spiritually connected and united. In other words, Catholic and Orthodox Christians (and some Protestants) believe that the saints of God are just as alive as those on earth are, and are constantly interceding on our behalf. Our connection with the saints in heaven is grounded in a tight-knit communion. The saints are not divine or omnipresent or omniscient like God is. However, because of our common communion with and through Jesus Christ, our prayers are joined with the heavenly community of Christians.

Pope Gregory III (731-741) instituted the current date of November 1, when he consecrated a chapel to all the martyrs in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. Gregory ordered his priests to celebrate the Feast of All Saints annually. This celebration was originally confined to the diocese of Rome, but Pope Gregory IV

(827-844) extended the feast to the entire Church and ordered it to be celebrated on November 1. Let us all seek the prayers and blessings of the saints in heaven who constantly pray for us, for our parishes, boarding homes, various institutions named after them and the diocese at large.

6. ALL SOULS DAY:

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of All Saints when we remembered with joy and gratitude all those who have gone before us and who are now enjoying eternal happiness face to face with God. Today, however, we remember another group of those who have died and gone before us. Apart from Jesus and his Mother, we can say that no one has gone through this life very free from sin and the effects of sin. With the exception of those who have given their life for Christ, the martyrs, it would be difficult to claim that anyone has left this life in a state of absolute perfection. Even if we are free from serious sin, which would alienate us completely from God, there are certain to be minor and culpable imperfections. The Church then has taught for a long time that, when we die, most of us are in need of some process of purification. This process has traditionally been called "Purgatory". Some spiritual writers in the past went somewhat over the top in describing "Purgatory" in vivid detail.

Today is a day of solidarity between all Christians. It is a celebration of what we call the "Communion of Saints", where 'saints' signifies all who are baptized in Christ. We are divided into three distinct groups. First, there are those whom we celebrated yesterday, those who have gone ahead of us and are now enjoying the glory and happiness of being face to face with God. Secondly, there are ourselves, still making our pilgrimage of love and service, doing our best to live up to the vision of the Gospel, which Jesus left us. Thirdly, there are those we specially commemorate today. They are those who have died but are not yet ready to come face to face with God and need to go through some purification process. Let us, then, make a prayer of today's Mass our own: "God, our creator and redeemer, by your power Christ conquered death and returned to you in glory. May all your people who have gone before us in faith share his victory and enjoy the vision of your glory forever."

7. DALIT LIBERATION SUNDAY (10-11-2019):

Dalit Liberation Sunday will be observed on 10 November 2019 all over India by the Member Churches/ Institutions/ Parishes of the National Council of Churches in India and Catholic Bishop's Conference of India. The theme for this Dalit Liberation Sunday 2019 is **Resist Caste: "If one suffers all suffer together" (1 Corinthians 12: 26)**. Let us as local congregation observe this Dalit Liberation Sunday in all sincerity and truthfulness to our calling as Christians and sensitize people to overcome all forms of discriminatory practices of caste across India and initiate uncompromising actions to eradicate such practices within the Christian community.

8. PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (21-11-2019):

This feast highlights the holiness of Mary from the beginning of her life on earth that continued through her early childhood and beyond. Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. It is an ancient and very trustworthy tradition that the Blessed Virgin was thus solemnly offered in the Temple to God at the age of three by her parents, Saint Anne and Saint Joachim. The Gospel tells us nothing of the childhood of Mary; her title *Mother of God* eclipses all the rest. Where, better than in the Temple, could Mary be prepared for her mission? Twelve years of recollection and prayer, contemplation and sufferings, were the preparation of the chosen one of God. The tender soul of Mary was adorned with the most precious graces and became an object of astonishment and praise for the holy Angels, as well as of the highest complacency for the adorable Trinity. The Father looked upon Her as His beloved Daughter, the Son as One set apart and prepared to become His Mother, and the Holy Ghost as His undefiled Spouse. On this day, she appears as the standard-bearer for Christian virginity: after Her will come countless legions of virgins consecrated to the Lord, both in the shadow of the altars or engaged in the charitable occupations of the Church in the world. Mary will be their eternal Model, their dedicated Patroness, and their sure guide on the paths of perfection.

9. SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (24-11-2019):

The Feast of Christ the King was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life, which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations. Today's Mass establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men: 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him"; 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession; 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy"; 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

10. HOLY MASSES RECEIVED:

Thank you dear fathers for remitting extra Masses to the Diocesan Office. As the priests are increasing every year, we need masses to distribute to them. Hence, we request you dear fathers to understand that we are in dire need of Mass Intentions. Even if you get 2 or 3 extra Mass intentions, kindly forward them to the Diocesan Office. Following are the parishes that have forwarded Mass Intentions to the Diocesan Office:

1. Infant Jesus Church, Maddikera	11 Masses	Rs. 1,100/-
2. Mariagiri Shrine, Uppalapadu	30 Masses	Rs. 3,000/-
3. Sacred Heart Church, Velugodu	35 Masses	Rs. 3,500/-

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| 4. | St. Theresa of Avila Co-Cathedral, Knl-01 | 346 Masses | Rs.34,600/- |
| 5. | Our Lady of Lourdes Church, P. Yaleru | 120 Masses | Rs. 12,000/- |
| 6. | Our Lady of Health Shrine, Guntakal | 136 Masses | Rs. 13,600/- |
| 7. | Holy Name of Jesus Church, Peddakottala | 55 Masses | Rs. 5,550/- |

11. PROGRAMME AT SINAI DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE – PREMAGIRI: NOVEMBER 2019.

November 1st : **First Friday- Fasting Prayer (9.30 am to 4.00 pm)**
Preaching of the Word of God, Holy Mass,
Eucharistic Adoration & Healing Service

November 3rd to 8th : **BROTHERS' RETREAT**

November 9th : **2nd Saturday- Bible Convention**
Preaching of the Word of God, Holy Mass,
Eucharistic Adoration & Healing Service

November 9th to 12th : **First Residential Retreat**

November 30th : **Night Vigil From 9:00 pm to 5:00 am**

Night Vigil is on the last Saturday of Every Month

Note: Every Sunday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. there is Adoration

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

BISHOP POOLA EDUCATION FUND

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| 1. | Fr. B. Kishore, USA | - | 100 Dollars |
| 2. | Fr. G. Inna Reddy, USA | - | 100 Dollars |
| 3. | Rev. Fr. Sudhakar Lawrence OFM Cap, Virupapuram | - | Rs. 5,000/- |
| 4. | Mr. G. Anand , Virupauram | - | Rs. 500/- |
| 5. | Rev. Fr. L. Joseph, Pathikonda Parish | - | Rs. 3000/- |
| 6. | Faithful from Venkatapuram Village,
Bethemcherla Parish | - | Rs. 2500/- |
| 7. | Faithful from Bugganipalle Village,
Bethemcherla Parish | - | Rs. 2500/- |
| 8. | Faithful from Gorumanukonda Village,
Bethemcherla Parish | - | Rs. 2500/- |
| 9. | Faithful from Seetharamapuram Village,
Bethemcherla Parish | - | Rs. 2,500/- |
| 10. | Rev. Fr. K. Anthony , Orvakal Parish | - | Rs. 3000/- |
| 11. | Smt. K. Muthyalamma & Family, Orvakal | - | Rs. 800/- |
| | Total | - | Rs. 22,300/- |

1. PASTORAL VISIT TO VIRUPAPURAM MISSION:

Virupapuram mission was founded by Late Rev. Fr. Bede Worham O.F.M and was raised to a parish in the year 2013. Bishop Poola Anthony invited the Franciscan Capuchins and handed over the parish to Mary Matha Capuchin Province. This parish has 6 villages: Virupapuram with 104 families, Halighera with 35 families, Basarkodu with 30 families, Binigheri with 25 families, Sadapuram with 3 families and Aspari with 2 families. The capuchin community

at virupapuram cares for the pastoral needs of the parish villages with Holy Mass on all Sundays without fail besides lending a helping hand to the diocesan clergy and the convents in Adoni Deanery whenever required.



Blessing of St. Francis of Assisi Parish Church: The old church was built by Fr. Bede in the year 1940 and the faithful at Virupapuram felt the need for a new church as the old church had a roof damage. Building a

new parish church was the first assignment Bishop Poola Anthony gave to the capuchins after they arrived here. Mr. Jojappa Gallela (Jojappa Sir) took the first step in this regard by collecting 3 lakh rupees towards the building of a new church. It was his wish to see a new church before he leaves this earth. He went after the Bishop to plead for a new church. The capuchins appointed Fr. Sudhakar Lawrence as the parish priest and on 17 November 2015 the foundation stone was laid during the platinum jubilee celebrations of the then existing church. On 12 October His Excellency Bishop Poola Anthony dedicated this church to God's worship in the presence of Fr. Melchior our provincial, Fr. Chowrappa (V.G, Kurnool Diocese), Fr. O. Joji Reddy (Procurator & Chancellor, Kurnool Diocese), Fr. George (Dean of Adoni) along with Fr. Praveen Boyapati and Fr. Chinnu Polisetty (Former Provincials), Frs. Praveen Gopu, Joseph Michael, Balakishore Basani (Councillors, Mary Matha Province) and other capuchins and diocesan clergy. The solemn holy Eucharist was attended by over 3000 people and it was like a great festival at Virupapuram.



Blessing of St. Francis of Assisi Capuchin Ashram: After having seen the progress of the parish church construction His Lordship was pleased to grant us some help to build a rectory. He recommended a project for the rectory and it got sanctioned by PROPAGANDA FIDE, ROME. Although it was sanctioned a year ago the work did not start as it had to be approved by the province council for the remaining funds. On October 4th 2018 Bishop Poola Anthony laid foundation for the rectory during his pastoral visit to Virupapuram. The actual work began only in December 2018 after Christmas. With the encouragement and support from the provincial and his team the rectory construction was completed in just 9 months. It has a facility for 3 priests to stay along with dining room, kitchen and store room. It was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Melchior Kata (Provincial) and was blessed by His Lordship Poola Anthony. We thank our Bishop, Propaganda FIDE, Rome and The Marymatha Capuchin Province for the financial aid and guidance.



Blessing of St. Anthony's church at Binigheri village: Being inspired by the voluntary labor of the catholic community at Virupapuram, the catholic faithful at Binigheri got united and wanted to build a church for the Lord's worship and dedicate it to St. Anthony. The old church had roof damage and a new one will add some extra cents of land allotted to the community by the village. They had a savings of 75000 and trusting in the providence of God and the generosity of good



friends the old church was demolished in February 2018. Catholic faithful along with elders worked day and night to complete the church construction. The new church was completed in a record time of 6 months and the credit goes to all the volunteers who gave free labour. The church saw its completion with contributions from 25 families that gave 5000 each along with friends from Hyderabad and London. On 11

October 2019 Bishop Poola Anthony dedicated this Church to public worship in the presence of Fr. Melchior Kata (Provincial) and the celebration was witnessed by 500 people. We thank God for all the good people in our life.

Blessing of Our Lady of Lourdes's Grotto on hill at Halighera Village: This grotto could be called a 'miracle grotto'. An inspiration from the Catholic community at Virupapuram gave birth to the idea of building a grotto in honor of

Mother Mary on a small hill in front of the church at Halighera Village. It is solely the initiative of our catechist Mr. Prathap . His family has 5 differently able persons and they received some help from the government under physically challenged aid. They want to use the money to show respect and devotion to Mother Mary by building a grotto on hill. In spite of their physical disability they carried stones and other materials on to the hill began the construction. They raised around 4 lakhs to complete the beautiful grotto and they built it with pebbles. His Lordship Poola Anthony blessed the grotto on 11 October, 2019 in the presence of Fr. Melchior Kata (Provincial) and other priests and faithful. - **(Fr. Sudhakar Lawrence, Parish Priest)**

2. BLESSING OF RENOVATED TWELVE APOSTLES CHURCH AT PATHIKONDA:

On 13th October 2019 is the memorable day in the history of Pathikonda Parish. We had the blessing of renovated twelve Apostles Church at Pathikonda



Parish. It was Blessed and inaugurated by His Excellency Most Rev. Anthony Poola, Bishop of Kurnool. Bishop has given homily from Gospel passage that is the story of on Ten Lepers. In his sermon Bishop stressed on heart of gratitude. Each one should have life of gratitude towards for God. Bishop too appreciated all the donors, for their willingness to help the church. After the mass, our bishop was felicitated with

garland & shawls. I parish priest Fr. L. Joseph thanked our bishop for blessing the church and also thanked all the priests sisters and moreover all the people who have come forward, with generous heart to accomplish the church. Finally it was ended with fellowship meal. - **(Fr. L. Joseph, Parish Priest)**

3. SOLEMN PROFESSION OF REV. SR. ANITA OCD AT CARMEL ASHRAM:

On the Feast day of St. Teresa of Jesus, our Mother and Founders, October 15th, Heaven smiled on our Carmel at Kurnool with a shower of abundant Blessings. Our Sr. Teresa of Jesus Mary consecrated herself forever to God Almighty binding herself to Him by the 3 evangelical vows. There was much rejoicing as the mini church assembled to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and witness the consecration that took place during the Eucharistic celebration. His



Lordship Most Rev. Anthony Poola made a solemn entrance with Monsgr. Rev. Fr. Chowrappa, Chancellor Rev. Fr. O. Joji Reddy, Our Definitor General Rev. Fr. Johannes Gorantla OCD, our Provincial Rev. Fr. Thomas Reddy OCD and about 30 concelebrating priests to the sound of hymns and music. In his homily our bishop expressed his great appreciation for the Contemplative life. Among other things he reminded us that our vocation is prayer and contemplation and to love God and neighbor; Profession is a bond, binding one to God with ties of perfect obedience, poverty and chastity. He also said that Prayer moves hearts better than words. Contemplatives spread the Kingdom of God just by living their lives perfectly.

The solemn rite of profession followed the homily. After an examination of her resolve, she proceeded to make her profession in the hands of the Prioress. After signing the document of profession written in her own hand she offered it to the bishop to be placed on the altar. She was led to the little window to receive from the bishop the sign of her life-long consecration – a black veil which the Prioress placed on her head and crowned her with a floral wreath. Being fully incorporated into the community, she was led to each sister who gave her a welcoming embrace and kiss. As the Celebration ended, many thanks and acknowledgements were made with a special mention to the devoted SMMI sisters who helped much to make the event a beautiful one. Our sister Teresa belonged to the SMMI previously of which her older sister Monica is a member. The assembly, headed by the bishop then proceeded to partake of a lavish breakfast sponsored by the Parish Priest, Fr. Kola Vijay Raj. Our dear sister was felicitated in the parlor by our dear Bishop, Priests, sisters and others who were present. All went home edified and happy. – **(Sr. Grace OCD, Superior, Carmel Ashram)**

4. PASTORAL VISIT TO BETHEMCHERLA PARISH; VISIT TO BUGGANAPALLI VILLAGE:

It was on 18th October at Morning 10:30 a.m. there was a grand welcoming and garlanding to our Lordship in Bugganapalli village. All the faithful of Bugganapalli wished and welcomed with drums. He blessed Mother Mary's statue and garlanded it. Then walked in the streets, blessing and wishing everyone. As we reached church, there as a symbol of clean and green he planted a tree near Mother Mary's grotto. Before the Holy mass, there was brief history about the village and how the people accepted Christ in their life. There was a singing and glorious high Mass, during preaching time, bishop spoke about St. Montfort and his writings, very important way, he



gave highlight to the Holy Rosary and importance of our Mother Mary. Then bishop gave a sacrament of Baptism to 4 children and 2 elders. After the Holy mass, all the faithful felicitated our bishop and for long time our shepherd was meeting faithful and finding out all the difficulties and struggles which they are undergoing. To respond to them, he encouraged with faith and love, giving them hope through education, awareness and employment in order to motivate the youth he spoke about the unity and collaboration along with elders and Parish priest. Thereafter he had a fellowship meal along with faithful and elders.

Visit to Venkatapuram: Our bishop's visit was a great encouragement for the faithful, here all the faithful stood in line staring with children to the elders, he



was welcomed by the village elders and our bishop blessed whole village with holy water and reaching to the church we had holy Rosary. Before the Holy mass long introduction about the village and the faithful. Our great shepherd started holy mass and preached on the importance of St. Jude and Holy Rosary. Here bishop gave sacrament of Baptism to 6 children. During the

felicitation he insisted on education, not to encourage child marriage and right catechism. Bishop was very happy during the mass orderly sitting children. Before fellowship meal bishop had friendly chat with some of the elders, and few problems in the village.

Visit to Gorumanukonda: All the faithful along with Divyavani TV channel waiting for the bishops arrival with decorated Tractor, as soon as the Bishop reached the outskirts of the village, elders of the village welcomed and garlanded and made him to sit on the decorated chair which is in the tractor. As the faithful were taking him in the procession all the people in the village were admiring by seeing the and throwing flowers on the bishop. As soon as the Bishop reached church, all the young girls and children dressed in beautifully holding the flower decorated plants, welcoming bishop for the Holy mass, as usual before the mass brief introduction was read out. The mass was very grand and lively, during the sermon bishop spoke very well about the victory of the Cross, love



and devotion to the Holy cross. Then he gave sacrament of Baptism to the children. During the felicitation all the faithful expressed their gratitude towards bishop's help for the education. Bishop was very happy and he also encouraged them and congratulated a youth who got Government job. More importantly spoke about legion of Mary, devotion to the Holy Rosary, not to encourage child marriage, and compulsory education for all. During the fellowship meal bishop was speaking so many old memories about his friendship with his classmates. After the meals group photos were taken.

Visit to Seetharampuram: Before the arrival of our bishop all the faithful completed the Holy Rosary and waited to welcome bishop with drums and garlands. As he walked towards the church faithful were happy to receive him. Before the Holy mass as usual a long introduction about the village and importance of the feast day, "Infant Jesus". Sung mass began with our bishop, and during the preaching time bishop spoke so nicely regarding the feast day. (In this village no baptism) Grand felicitation to the bishop, after that bishop insisted on prayer, devotion to the Holy Rosary, education and not to encourage child marriage. On 20th morning at 06:30 encouraging the parish priest and went through all the files and documents, after long examination signed on all the files. - **(Fr.Varaprasad Montfort, Parish Priest, Bethemcherla)**



5. EXTRA ORDINARY MISSION SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS, AROGYAMATHA SHRINE, NANDYAL:

It is our joy to have Bishop Poola Anthony for Extraordinary Mission Sunday celebrations on 20th of October 2019. We had very meaningful celebrations in our parish. Bishop in his Sermon he briefed that THE EXTRODINARY MISSIONARY MONTH was announced by Pope Francis to mark the 100th Anniversary of Pope Benedict XV'S Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*. The theme Chosen is Baptized and Sent. Bishop more vigorously preached to awaken the awareness of the meaning of Mission



and reinvigorate the sense of responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel with new enthusiasm. As it was also first Anniversary of Arogyamatha Catholica Youth group of the Parish so Bishop appreciated youth services in the parish and at

large in the Diocese and encouraged them to live for Christ. After the Mass Elders, Youth and the Members of Mariadalam felicitated His lordship with shawl and Garland and then and sr. Anni Jessintha the Superior and the Parish priest have presented the Golden Jubilee memento. Bishop also laid foundation stone for the LIFT to the Church. It was our parish Counsel request to have the Lift provision for the older people as it was very much difficult for them to reach to the Church by staircase. Parishioners expressed their gratitude to Bishop with regard to this. - **(Fr. A. Devadas, Parish Priest)**



6. PASTORAL CLERGY ANNUAL RETREAT AT JEEVASUDHA PASTORAL CENTER:

The Clergy of Kurnool Diocese had a wonderful retreat this year 2019 at Diocesan Jeevasudha Pastoral Centre. Rev. Fr. Joseph Royan Redemptive priest, Bangalore led the clergy in retreat for five days. The clergy, leaving aside the busy pastoral schedules and responsibilities for a week arrived on 20th of October 2019 to the pastoral centre to spend their time in solitudes and spiritual enrichment. The retreat began with welcoming words of our beloved Bishop Anthony Poola.

The retreat was preached by Rev. Fr. Joseph Royan professor of Moral theology at St. Alphosus College- the Redemptory's Theologate in Bangalore of the Congregation of Most Holy Redeemer, also known as the Redemptorist. The main theme of the retreat was call of Apostles and vocation of priesthood. In his talks he said that Jesus is longing to come to us



especially during retreat and we need to encounter with Jesus where he likes to be with us during these days. The preacher insisted that silence is God's language and he abides in Eternal silence. Our heart is the temple of silence and allows the spirit of silence to encounter Christ. Moses, Elijha and John the Baptist encountered Christ in the desert. In the same way all priests should encounter and experience in the mission of Christ. Every call is mysterious-the call of Moses, call of David call of Prophets is mysterious. God chooses the weak and the foolish. But God gave all these people the assurance that He will be with them. When God calls, he does not begin asking about our ability but about our availability. God takes the initiative to call and he has called us to be his disciples. He also admonished that every priest must respect and look our vocation with gratitude. He insisted that

let Mother Mary be the companion of priests all along our ministry. All the priests were very much impressed by his preaching.

Every priest of the diocese felt that the approach and organization of the retreat was very unique, interesting and well planned. Every one of us thought that he did not preach the retreat but demonstrated the retreat. We all felt like we were active participants in the retreat. Everybody did a real soul searching for a week and was ready for full pastoral year with vigor and enthusiasm. The entire priest was very silent during the retreat. All the deaneries well organized their spiritual activities during the retreat. The priest in charge of then retreat such as Rev. Fr. O. Joji (Procurator and Chancellor), Fr. Lourdaiah, (secretary to Bishop), Fr. E. Balaraj (Director of Pastoral Centre) and ultimately Bishop Poola Anthony saw that all the arrangements for the clergy's stay and their food were made in an organized and smooth manner, everyone thanked the domestic workers for their service in providing hot water and in cooking sumptuous food for the priest. Having nourished with real and challenging spiritual energies, everyone left their respective parishes on the fifth day noon. - **(Fr. E. Balaraj, Director, JPC)**

7. ANNUAL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ROSARY AT ORVAKAL:

October is the month of Holy Rosary devotion. As a result Orvakal Parish conducted this devotion whole month by visiting every family with our Lady statue, praying rosary and singing our Lady Hymns. On 30th of October we had a Tractor procession with our Lady's statue from Bala Yesu Devalayam (old church) to Sakalajanulamatha Devalayam. Holy Mass at 8p.m. began by Most Rev. Anthony Poola together with Kurnool Deanery Priests. Bishop in his homily stressed on the importance of the Holy Rosary and its origin. Faithful from all the substations of Orvakal parish participated actively. Our Beloved Bishop was honored with Garlands and Shawls by Orvakal Church elders and faithful. The celebration came to an end with a fellowship meal for all - **(Fr. K. Anthony, Parish Priest)**



8. CONCLUSION OF "OUR LADY OF ROSARY DEVOTION" AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES'S CATHEDRAL:

The most very important Celebration of the day is Devotion to our Lady of Rosary. We Started procession from C-Camp to Cathedral. During the Procession, we devotedly in faith recited the Holy Rosary and singing Hymn to our Lady of Rosary and we started procession with an open palanquin with the status of



Mother Mary from Arch-Gate to the Altar. When we reached the Stage, During the Holy Mass Most Rev. Anthony Poola D. D. Preached on the life of the Mother Mary and asked us to recite the Holy Rosary every day in the families so that we can overcome the evil. As we sharpened knives our lives will be sharpened by reciting the Holy Rosary. After the

Mass, Rev. Fr. Kola Vijaya Raju thanked Bishop, all the Fathers, sisters and the Parishioners specially the Donors. During the Eucharistic Celebration Cathedral, singers sang the songs melodiously. After the Holy Mass Bishop was felicitated by the faithful of Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral. At end of the programme bishop was appreciated the parish priest Fr. Kola Vijaya Raju for his hard works. After the programme delicious food was served to all those who entered the campus. All enjoyed their meal & had their full, returned to their homes satisfied, Praising & Thanking God for all the Wonders. - **(Rev. Fr. Kola Vijaya Raju PP)**

NEWS FROM DIOCESAN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY KURNOOL (DESK)

1. BISHOP JOHANNES & DESK DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Faith Formation Program was held on October 7th October Monday, 2019 in which we issued the scholarship cheques to the students. Thanks to the goodness of our priests, the Program was held in the 4 deaneries on the same day. Most of the students reached on time and so we could have a meaningful program. Lunch in the noon and Tea & snacks in the evening were provided to all the students. We had 1. An inaugural Prayer Session; 2. The Bible Exam; 3. The Holy Mass; 4. Lunch; 5. Talks by fathers; 6. Distribution of Cheques; 7. Tea and Departures. 5 of the top scoring students from each Deanery have been rewarded with special cash prizes.

DESK thanks our beloved Bishop Most Rev. Anthony Poola and Reverend Fathers especially Rev. Fr. A. John Devadas, Parish Priest at Arogyamatha, Nandyal, Rev. Fr. John David, St. Anthony's Orphanage, Adoni, Rev. Fr. S Prabhudas & CTC Sisters SJRS Anantapur, and Rev. Fr. Ery Balaraju, Director, JPC for the kind cooperation, accommodation and hospitality in organizing the Scholarship Program. Desk is also grateful to many other priests, sisters and youth/lay people who collaborated for the Program. DESK specially thanks Rev. Fr. Lourdu, Bishop's Secretary, Rev. Fr. Philip OCD, Rev. Fr. S Devadas, In-charge Sponsorship, St. Anns

Madavaram Sisters (Nandyal) and DESK Staff and the Diocesan Youth who selflessly worked hard to conduct the Program.

2. BISHOP RAJAPPA SCHOLARSHIPS (HIGHER EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL COURSES):

Kindly note that the Last date to submit the application for Bishop Rajappa Scholarship is 30th November. Kindly follow the deadline, applications will not be accepted after the last date. Please make the students to write their mobile numbers, as we will be sending the SMS to the applicant.

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, Kurnool, Arogyamatha Shrine, Nandyal and St. Anthony's Orphanage, Adoni. 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. - **Fr. K. Prashanth, DESK- Director, Mobile: +91-9182248907 E-mail: desk.kurnool@gmail.com,**

NEWS FROM KURNOOL DIOCESE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (KDSSS)

1. EMPOWERING EVERY GIRL CHILD FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW:

A Girl is a flower, not a thorn. A Girl is the pillar of the future "Smiling face of every little girl is the signature of God's presence". There are miracles of glory in every child. In my land, in the event of a divorce, the mother has the right to retain her children if they are still suckling. "Girls are pearls, mothers are molders and women are wonderful." So the days are passing, the world is changing and new things are coming into the world but something we are lacking, that is a new born girl child is not welcomed into the world. That's why the International Girl Child day has come into existence. It was first initiated in 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to create awareness on a range of issues including education, health and nutrition of the girl child. Since 2012, 11th October has been marked as the International day of the Girl. The day aims to highlight and address to the needs and challenges girls' face. While promoting girls' empowerment and

the fulfillment of their human rights, I experience it is very hard in this day and age to raise little girls with morals, ethics and values, knowing that they are precious creation and they are important. So, the girls are the spirit of our nation. Save them and stop their exploitation. Let your daughter grow. Be her friend, not her foe. Life is beautiful and fulfilling. Your mother, sister, wife and daughter support it. So save the girl child. Let us start the new change begin at home. Parents are the best agents of change. We can begin by looking at the positive side of having a girl in the family and her contribution to the society.

2. NATIONAL LEVEL KOLPING INDIA MEETING:



The meeting took place in the holy place of velangani where all the Kolping family members joined for the election of a new national director and its team. The election took place in the presence of all the Kolping directors, monitoring team members, DLKF members. After the end of sessions and elections, finally Kolping India has appointed Rev. Fr. Maria Susai as national director of Kolping India. We bid farewell to the outgoing national director who worked for 10 years for

the development of Kolping in India and welcomed new director & his team. - (Fr. Sanike Bhaskar, KDSSS Director)

NEWS FROM JEEVASUDHA PASTORAL CENTRE

1. GNANA JYOTHI BIBLE EXAM: 2019

Dear Fathers and Sisters a word about *Gnana Jyothi Bible Exam*. This programme is very much appreciated by many priests, Religious and Lay people as well. Through this exam, we are inspiring and enabling many Christians of our diocese, to know more about Jesus Christ the savior of the world and about Bible. Last year all most all the parishes of our diocese and religious have participated in this exam. This year too many parishes conducted Gnana Jyothi Bible Exam. We appreciate very much the services you have done this year. This year too thank you dear fathers for taking time to conduct the Gnana Jyothi Bible Exam 2019. Once again, pastoral centre is grateful to you fathers and sisters, for your gracious support and encouragement. Results will be sent to you as early as possible.

Following Parishes Conducted Gnana Jyothi Bible Exam: 2019

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| 1. Yerraguntla Parish | 17. Done Parish |
| 2. Polur parish | 18. Dharmavaram Parish |
| 3. J.P.C Campus | 19. Sirvel Parish |
| 4. Ramaduragam Parish | 20. Pathikonda Parish |
| 5. L.R.G Parish | 21. Co- Cathedral Parish |
| 6. Hindupur Parish | 22. Velugodu Parish |
| 7. Joharapuram Parish | 23. Owk Parish |
| 8. Gooty parish | 24. Anatapur Parish |
| 9. Chapiревula Parish | 26. Cathedral Parish |
| 10. Maseedpuram Parish | 27. Uppalapadu Parish |
| 11. Kanalapalli Mission Station | 28. Nandikotkur Parish |
| 12. Alluru Parish | 29. Bandi Atmakur Parish |
| 13. Srisailam parish | 30. Guntakal Parish |
| 14. Yemiganur Parish | 31. Atmakut Parish |
| 15. Orvakal Parish | 32. Banaganapalli |
| 16. Gadivemula Parish | |

2. BLESSING AND INAUGURATION OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO JEEVASUDHA CAMPUS:

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto was enshrined in the vision of Most Rev. Dr. Anthony Poola, Bishop of Kurnool during the Annual Retreat 2018. Cherished by the vision, immediately summoned the priests present in the retreat, laid foundation stone at Jeevasudha Pastoral centre disclosed the vision to the priests and religious about



how Our Lady of Lourdes spoke, and revealed her intention to have grotto at Jeevasudha Pastoral Centre and to bless the Diocese and to those approach her Grotto. After the fulfillment of the vision by construction of Grotto, Most Rev. Dr. Anthony Poola inaugurated and blessed the Grotto in the midsts of priests and religious on 17-10-2019. It was very pious and memorable day for the Jeevasudha Pastoral Centre Campus and for the Diocese of Kurnool - **(Fr. Ery. Balaraj JPC Director)**

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క్రిస్మస్ అంటే సంతోషాలు పంచుకొనే సమయం. నాడు లోకరక్షకుడు ఇమ్మానుయేలుగా ఇలపై అవతరించిన ఆనంద సమయంలో పరలోకం నుండి దేవదూతలు ఆ బాలయేసుకు మహిమగీతాలు పాడారు. ఈ సంవత్సరం దివ్యవాణి టి.వి. క్రిస్మస్ పండుగను అత్యంత వైభవంగా జరపాలని నిశ్చయించింది. ఆంధ్ర, తెలంగాణ రాష్ట్రాలలోని పదమూడు మేత్రాసనాలలోని మన కథోలిక గాయనీగాయకులను ప్రోత్సహిస్తూ క్రిస్మస్ కేరల్స్ పోటీలను నిర్వహించదలచాం. ఈ క్యారల్స్ పోటీలు పదమూడు మేత్రాసనాలలో రెండు విభాగాలలో జరుగుతాయి. 1. ప్రతి మేత్రాసనంలో విచారణల మధ్య పోటీ 2. ప్రతి మేత్రాసనంలోని విద్యాసంస్థల మధ్య పోటీ. ప్రథమ స్థానంలో నిలచిన వారికి ఫైనల్ పోటీలు హైదరాబాద్ లో దివ్యవాణి టి.వి. అధ్వర్యంలో జరుగుతాయి.

ఈ క్రింది నియమ నిబంధనలు వర్తిస్తాయి.

1. ప్రాథమిక పోటీలు మేత్రాసన పరిధిలో జరుగును
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3. తెలుగు క్రిస్మస్ గీతాలు మాత్రమే పాడాలి
4. పల్లవి, రెండు చరణాలు మాత్రమే పాడాలి
5. ఎవరి మ్యూజికల్ సపోర్ట్ వారే ఏర్పాటు చేసుకోవాలి
6. పాట క్రియేటివ్ ప్రజంటేషన్ కు అదనపు మార్కులు ఉంటాయి
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8. వయో పరిమితి లేదు
9. ప్రాథమిక పోటీలు మేత్రాసనాలలో దివ్యవాణి కమ్యూనికేషన్ డైరెక్టర్ల నిర్వహణలో జరుగను.
10. ఫైనల్ పోటీలు, హైదరాబాద్ లో జరుగను
11. ఫైనల్ పోటీలకు కామన్ మ్యూజికల్ ఎకంపనిమెంట్లు ఇవ్వబడును
12. పోటీలో పాల్గొనే బృందాలు ఉదయమే వచ్చి వారి పాటలు రిహార్సల్స్ చేసుకోవచ్చు
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- Fr. P. Sudhakar, Divyavani TV Channel, Zonal Director,

REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND GLOBAL NEWS

1. MOST REV. ANTONY DEVOTTA, BISHOP EMERITUS OF TRICHY PASSED AWAY:

His body will be donated for medical research education. Bangalore 15 October, 2019 (CCBI): Most Rev Antony Devotta (76) Bishop Emeritus of Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu passed away due to massive heart attack on Tuesday 15 October, 2019 at 2.20am at St Augustine Minor Seminary, Trichy, Tamil Nadu. Bishop Devotta's eyes were donated to St. Joseph's Eye Hospital, Tiruchirappalli. He has donated the body for medical research education to St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bangalore. After the funeral Holy Mass and last rituals the mortal remains will be taken to Bangalore. He was Professor, Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee. He is a priest for 48 years and Bishop for 18 years.



2. ARCHBISHOP DOMINIC JALA OF SHILLONG PASSED AWAY:



Most Rev. Dominic Jala S.D.B. (68), Archbishop of Shillong, Meghalaya, passed away in a car accident at Colusa County, Oakland, California, USA. Archbishop Jala was born on 12 July, 1951 and ordained priest on 19 November 1977 for Salesians of St. John Bosco. At the age of 48 he was appointed as the Archbishop of Shillong on 22 December, 1999 and ordained Archbishop on 4 April 2000 by Archbishop Thomas Menamparampil, S.D.B. the then Archbishop of Guwahati. In 2016 he was appointed as the Apostolic Administrator of Nongstoin diocese, Meghalaya. He is a priest for 41 years and a Bishop for 19 years.

He is the Chairman of the CCBI Commission for Liturgy from 2015 onwards and the member of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL). He was also served CCBI from 2003 to 2007 as the Chairman of the CCBI Commission for Liturgy.

3 MOST REV. J. B. SEQUEIRA BISHOP EMERITUS CHIKMAGALUR PASSED AWAY:

Most Rev. John Baptist Sequeira (89) Bishop Emeritus Chikmagalur, Karnataka passed away on Wednesday, 9 October 2019 at 11.20pm due to old age ailments at the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Hosur Road, Bangalore. The funeral Holy Mass will be offered at the Home for the Aged, Little Sisters of the Poor, No 26 Hosur Road, (adjacent to Baldwin School), Bangalore at 3 p.m. on



Friday, 11 October 2019. Thereafter, the burial will take place St. Patrick's Parish Cemetery on Hosur Road. Bishop J. B. Sequeira was born on 23 July 1930 and ordained priest on 15 April 1958. He was appointed the second Bishop of Chikmagalur on 26 January 1987 at the age of 56. He was ordained Bishop on 11 June 1987 by Most Rev. Alphonsus Mathias, the then Archbishop of Bangalore. He resigned from the pastoral governance of the diocese of Chikmagalur on 2 December, 2006 at the age of 76. He is a priest for 61 years and a Bishop for 32 years.

4. MOST REV. STEPHEN ATHIPOZHIIYIL, BISHOP OF ALLEPPEY RETIRED:

His Holiness, Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Most Rev Stephen Athipozhiyil (75) from the pastoral care of the Diocese of Alleppey, Kerala and has appointed Most Rev James Raphael Anaparambil (57), till now Coadjutor Bishop, as the new Bishop of Alleppey. This ecclesiastical succession was made public in Rome on Friday 11 October 2019, at noon local time, corresponding to 15.30 hours, Indian Standard Time.



5. 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JOINT DECLARATION ON THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION - 1999 - 2019:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord Jesus Christ, Greetings of joy and peace in the Lord from Federation of Telugu Churches! Kindly see in the file-attachment the Joint Letter of the President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Cardinal Kurt Koch, and the Secretary General of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Reverend Martin Junge, addressed to the Catholic Bishops' Conferences and to the LWF Member Churches on the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Catholic-Lutheran Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification (JDDJ) at Augsburg on the Reformation Day, 31 October 1999 (it is given in the file-attachment). Through this Joint Letter they launch an invitation to celebrate the anniversary with an ecumenical prayer service. To this end, text for a Common Liturgy has been prepared which is attached herewith in the file-attachment. Since 1999, the Methodist, Anglican and Reformed Communions of the world have joined the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification. It is hoped therefore that such celebrations will bring together Christians from all these Communions.- Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthoniraj Thumma, Executive Secretary of Federation of Telugu Churches & TCBC Commission for Ecumenism and Dialogue.

6. DEEPAVALI GREETING AND MESSAGE FROM PCID, VATICAN BELIEVERS: BUILDERS OF FRATERNITY AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE:

Dear Hindu Friends, The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue sends you cordial greetings and sincere good wishes as you celebrate Deepavali on 27 October this year. May this festival of lights illumine your hearts and homes and bring to your families and communities joy and happiness, peace and prosperity.

At the same time, may it strengthen your spirit of fraternity with one another? Alongside the experience of unprecedented advancement in many fields, we live at a time when, on the one hand, efforts are being made towards interreligious and intercultural dialogue, cooperation and fraternal solidarity. On the other hand, there is apathy, indifference and even hatred among some religious people towards others. This is often caused by a failure to recognize the 'other' as a brother or sister. Such an attitude can arise from misguided, ungenerous or unsympathetic sentiments, which upset and unsettle the very fabric of harmonious coexistence in society. It is with concern about this situation that we deem it fitting and beneficial to share with you some thoughts on the need for every individual, particularly Christians and Hindus, to be builders of fraternity and peaceful coexistence wherever they are....Wishing all of you a joyful celebration of Deepavali!

7. DALIT, TRIBAL GIRLS HONORED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

Ten tribal and dalit girls from various parts of India were honored for their academic excellence at a recent function in the national capital. The awards have been hailed as a novel and unique move by the Catholic Church in India to reach out and encourage the less fortunate girl children, Sister Talisha Nadukudiyil, national secretary for the Council for Women under the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI), said at the October 6 award ceremony. According to the Sisters of Destitute nun, the move will bring to the limelight those blessed with intellectual acuity to reach the high spectrum of life. The selection of the awardees was made on the basis of their outstanding performance in studies, despite their financial, cultural and geographical hedges, the nun explained. This is the second year the award program was organized by the women council in collaboration with the CBCI Offices for Dalit and Tribal Affairs. The students this year came from Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Jharkhand, Telangana, and West Bengal. Eight girls are national toppers while the rest are state toppers in various examination boards.



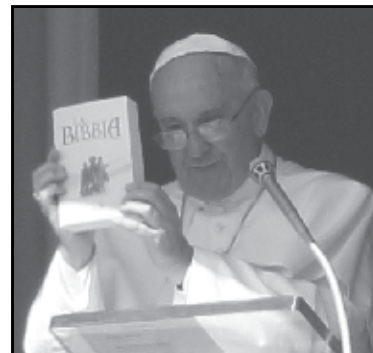
8. YOUTH AWARDED AT ICYM EVENT AT MEDCHAL:

The second national youth conference, 2019, hosted by the archdiocese of Hyderabad, organized by the Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM) at the Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI) concluded here on Thursday. With over 450 people, from 70 dioceses, displaying 14 regional cultures from all over India, the five-day conference which commenced on October 13th, was an

exceptional journey for youth in attendance. With extensive sessions on environment protection, leadership development, relationships and media mania the youth engaged in discussions, put forward issues and sought opinions on tackling them, said Kevin Nicholas president of the Hyderabad Youth Association.

Let us listen to Pope Francis.....

1. Pope Francis declares special Sunday each year dedicated to word of God: To help the Church grow in love and faithful witness to God, Pope Francis has declared the third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be dedicated to the word of God. Salvation, faith, unity and mercy all depend on knowing Christ and sacred Scripture, he said in a new document. Devoting a special day “to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God” will help the Church “experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world,” the pope said. The declaration to have a “Sunday of the Word of God” was made in a new document, given *motu proprio*, on the pope’s own initiative. Its title, *Aperuit Illis*, is based on a verse from the Gospel of St. Luke, “Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” “The Bible is the book of the Lord’s people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division toward unity” as well as come to understand God’s love and become inspired to share it with others, he added. “The Bible is the most widely distributed book, but it also perhaps the one most covered in dust because it is not held in our hands,” the archbishop said. Francis also encouraged people to read the Second Vatican Council’s dogmatic constitution, *Dei Verbum*, and Pope Benedict XVI’s apostolic exhortation, *Verbum Domini*, whose teaching remains “fundamental for our communities.” The third Sunday in Ordinary Time falls during that part of the year when the Church is encouraged to strengthen its bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. That means the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God “has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity.”...



2. Pope celebrates All Souls’ Day Mass in Rome catacombs: Pope Francis celebrated Mass Saturday for the souls of the dead in Rome’s Catacombs of Priscilla, saying the place of a Christian is in the safety of the hands of God, whatever the outside circumstances might be. “The souls of the just are in the hands of God, the hands of God, which are wounded...” he said Nov. 2. “The place of the Christian,” he

continued, “is in the intercession of Jesus before the Father. In the hands of God. And we are safe. Whatever happens happens – it is the cross. In this identity we are blessed. If they persecute us, if they say anything against us, if we are in the hands of God, [which are] wounded by love, we are safe. This is our place.” “Where am I most safe? In the hands of God or with other things, other securities?” he asked. The Catacombs of Priscilla were one of the prominent catacombs of the early Church in Rome and is referred to in early Christian texts as “regina catacumbarum,” meaning “the queen of the catacombs” because of the many martyrs who were buried there. The catacombs were lost for several hundred years, after the entrances were blocked to keep out thieves. They were rediscovered in the 16th-century, though many of the remains of the martyrs were subsequently removed. In his homily at Mass, Pope Francis said the martyrs of the Church in the first centuries, those who came to the catacombs to celebrate the Eucharist in safety, many of whom were killed for the faith, have the same identity as the many Christians who are persecuted around the world today. “Also today there are Christians who are persecuted, more than in the first centuries, more,” he said...

THE POPE CANONIZES FIVE SAINTS, ‘KINDLY LIGHTS’ AMID THE ENCIRCLING GLOOM



St. John Henry
Newman



St. Dulce Lopes
Pontes



St. Mariam Thresia



St. Giuseppina
Vannini



St. Marguerite Bays

1. St. John Henry Newman (1801-1890) is the most famous English theologian in modern times. Born the son of a London banker, he was baptized in the Anglican church, began studies in Oxford at the age of 16, and was ordained an Anglican priest. After joining the Oxford Movement he sought to recover Catholic aspects within the Church of England but in 1845, putting aside his academic career, he decided to convert to the Catholic church and subsequently spent the last 40 years of his life as a parish priest in Birmingham, caring for the poor and writing works that have had a major impact on

Catholic theology, including in the Second Vatican Council. Leo XIII made him a cardinal, but he never became bishop. Benedict XVI beatified him in England in 2010.

2. St. Dulce Lopes Pontes, often referred to as the Brazil's Mother Teresa of Calcutta because of her great care for the poor, was born into a well-off family. She felt attracted to minister to the poor from an early age and joined the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God and devoted herself to the education of workers and care for the poorest. She founded the largest charitable organization in Brazil that today includes a teaching hospital and educational center which provides free education for very poor children. She died in 1992 and when the cause for her canonization started when her body was found incorrupt. Benedict XVI beatified her in 2011.

3. St. Mariam Thresia was an Indian mystic who cared for the poor, the sick and lepers. She experienced visions and ecstasies and received the stigmata at the age of 33. Five years later, in 1914, she founded the Congregation of the Holy Family to care for families. Today it numbers some 1,500 sisters in communities around the world that care for families and run hospitals and schools. St. John Paul II beatified her in the year 2000.

4. St. Giuseppina Vannini is reportedly the first Roman woman to be canonized in over 400 years. She lost both her parents by the age of seven and grew up in an orphanage near St. Peter's Basilica run by the Daughters of Charity. She wanted to join that religious congregation, but after being rejected due to her poor health, she then went on to found the Daughters of St. Camillus to care for the sick. Her order has today 800 sisters working in 22 countries. St. John Paul II beatified her in 1994.

5. St. Marguerite Bays, was a laywoman mystic from Switzerland. She was a seamstress and dedicated herself to work in a parish and care for her family. She was miraculously cured from bowel cancer, but went on to suffer for Christ as she had requested and regularly experienced the stigmata during the rest of her life. St. John Paul II beatified.

THE DAYS TO REMEMBER

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



Rev.Fr. E. Anthony	01-11-1927
Rev.Fr. N. Francis	03-11-1976
Rev. Fr. K. Lourdaiah	03-11-1986
Rev.Fr. G. Swaminadh	06-11-1948
Rev.Fr. V.A. Xavier	11-11-1975
Most Rev. Anthony Poola D.D.,	15-11-1961



Rev.Fr. Joseph Perincheril	24-11-1994
Rev.Fr. Hyden	28-11-1982

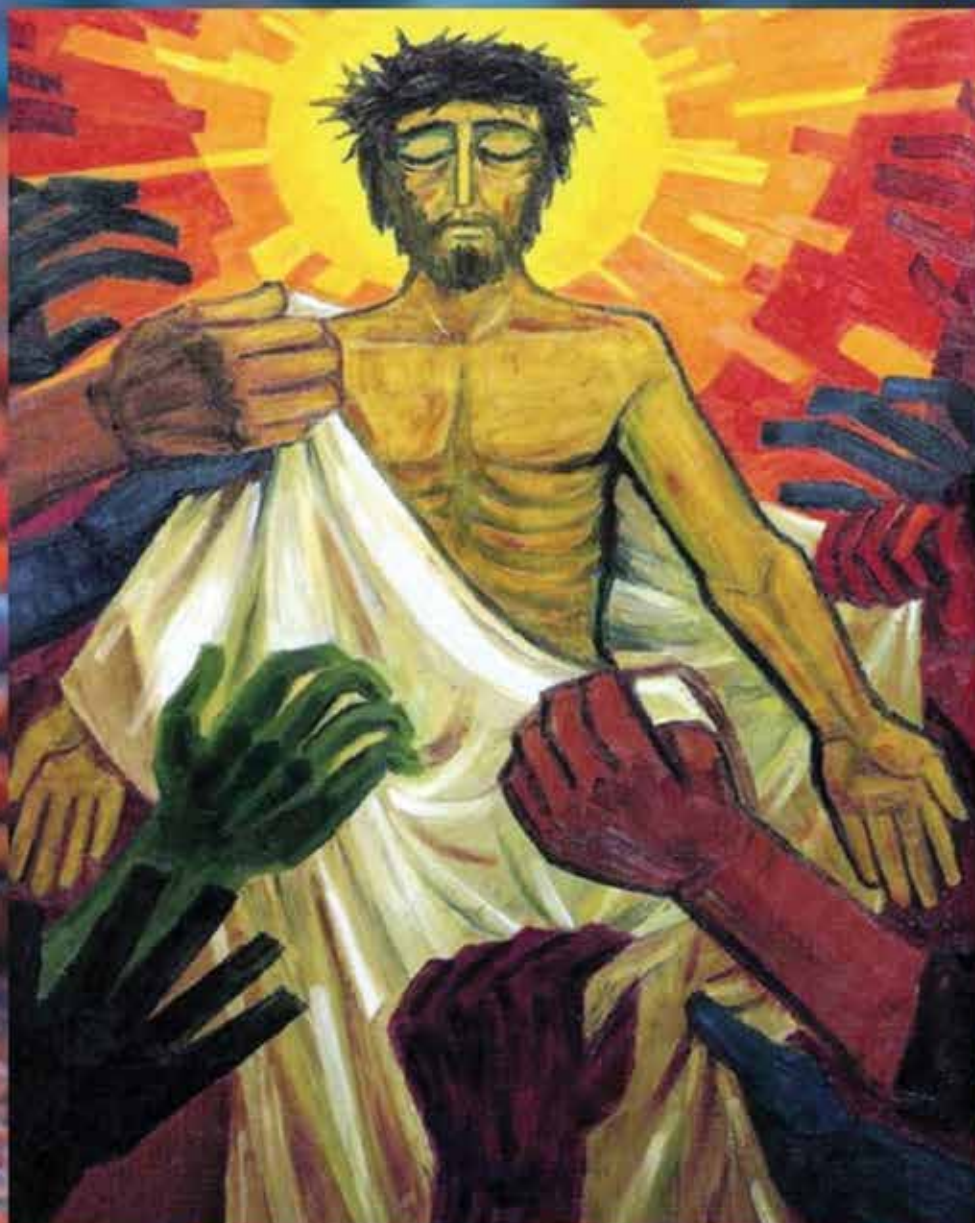


Dalit Liberation Sunday

10 November 2019

Theme : Resist Caste : "If one suffers all suffer together."

(1 Corinthians 12 : 26)



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