

Mahipal



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Archbishop's Message

Lord Jesus Christ, the King!

“The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty” (Ps 93:1).

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year with great enthusiasm and solemnity Mother Church celebrates the feast of Lord Jesus Christ, the King. This year the occasion occurs on 25th November. We sing praise of Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings. We adore and worship Him, thank for all the gifts we receive from Him and present to Him our humble supplications. Jesus Christ is the King of kings in all respects. Let us ponder and meditate over this fact.

The Creator and Lord : Jesus Christ is the King of kings, because He is the creator of heaven and earth. He is the Lord of all. Everything proceeds from Him and He indeed is the destiny of everything. All things animate and inanimate owe their existence to Him. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty” (Rev 1:8). Having created the human being with overwhelming love, He has infused him with everlasting spirit. He loves the human being with eternal love and wants him to respond to Him with love. God desires that the life of humans on earth be holy so that while relishing the heavenly joy they may sing His glory forever.

The Ruler and the Judge : Jesus Christ is the King of kings, because God the Father has given all authority in heaven and on earth to Him (Cf. Mt 28:18). He rules over all living creatures and inanimate things in heaven and on earth. He is the ruler of all. It is He who wills that the earth be governed with love, peace and justice; that every human being would fearlessly live with dignity. That is why He gave the Ten Commandments to the whole human race. God exercises justice with the principle of love. One who observes the Ten Commandments receives the favour of God, while the one who does not abide by them is cursed. God is merciful and forgiving to those who repent for their misdeeds. As He is just, He appropriately punishes the unrepentant wicked. Human being should likewise exercise his/her discerning mind, knowledge and wisdom, as also the freedom and will for leading a life of love, peace and justice.

The Mahipal and the Meshpal : Lord Jesus Christ alone is the Sustainer and Good Shepherd of the entire universe (Cf. Phil 2:9-11). He grants the earth, sky and sun for all physical needs of the human race. He provides energy from the sun, air and rain from the sky, through the earth He provides food grain, water, fruits, vegetables, shelters and so on. In addition, human beings experience positively energizing sentiments that

enrich and enhance their life — for example, mutual love and affection, intimacy in friendship, respect and dignity, service and solidarity, abnegation and sacrifice, gratification and joy, and so on. Amidst them, human beings also experience negative realities of mutual acrimony, bitter criticism and insult, quarrel and confrontation, physical violence, murder, theft, oppression and exploitation, atrocity, sexual violence and so on. Health sustained strength and vulnerability induced sickness are likewise his life's realities. While being endowed with ability to relish the wealth of beauty, human being is also threatened with destruction. He finds himself surrounded by both good and bad people. Cordial and hostile, sages and saints, believers and atheists, rich and poor are to be found near him. At the spiritual level, man experiences both sin and grace, good and evil, promptings of the Holy Spirit and temptations of the Evil One. All these account for an ongoing struggle within us, humans. Even as God grants us grace and strength to emerge victorious over sin, evil and temptation, He does so with utmost respect for our freedom. He does not force obedience on us. We ought to appropriately utilize the gifts He gives us. It is His will that while exercising our mind and discernment in various situations we take decisions according to the law of love and that we courageously implement them in our life. Unfortunately, having been driven by the greed for wealth, man is mindlessly plundering and lacerating the earth. (Cf. Laudato Si', 32)

Need for Discipline : Human being is full of pride and selfishness to the brim. In order, therefore, to obey God he urgently needs discipline and self restraint. Presently the serious consequences of indiscipline are starkly visible everywhere. It may seem that religious, social, political, family and human values are on deterioration. Offences such as violence, killing, atrocity, exploitation, rape, corruption and so on are on the rise. Law abiding people's liberty is being robbed. Their good name and prestige are being tarnished. Landed property of the weak is being plundered for the sake of large scale industrialization by the rich. The poor get deprived of their constitutional privileges. This is gross injustice. Well considered steps need to be taken to confront the same.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, let us appropriately adore, worship and praise the King of kings and ceaselessly pray for the exploited. Let us also fulfill all our duties with discipline. Some day the King of kings will punish the wicked and justify the law abiding people with honour.

+ Felix Toppo, S.J.

All Priests, Parishes,
Institutions, Religious Houses,
Archdiocese of Ranchi

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

- 1) I am happy to announce the names of the following priests for the COUNCIL/SENATE OF PRIESTS, who are either appointed based on the Ex-Officio status or on the election held in September 2018 or nominated by me according to the Can. 495-501. The appointment is for a period of five years with effect from October 8, 2018.

Ex-officio Members		11	Fr. Deepak Tauro
1	Bishop Telesphore Bilung, SVD	12	Fr. Mukul Kullu
2	Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, SFX	13	Fr. Hilarius Barla, TOR
3	Fr. Sebastian Tirkey, Vicar General	14	Fr. Alok Nag
4	Fr. Theodore Toppo, Chancellor	Nominated Members	
Elected Members		15	Fr. William Tirkey, Dean
5	Fr. Anand David Xalxo	16	Fr. Nabor Lakra, S.J.
6	Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, S.J.	17	Fr. James Vikrant Dungdung, S.J.
7	Fr. Hilarius Kullu, SDB	18	Fr. Marcel Barla, OFM Cap.
8	Fr. Hubertus Beck	19	Fr. Robin Praful Toppo, Dean
9	Fr. Eustace Xalxo	20	Fr. Vincent Minj, Dean

- 2) From the Senate/Council of Priests I have appointed the following persons as the members of the Diocesan COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS (Can.502 §1). The appointment is for a period of five years with effect from October 8, 2018.

1	Bishop Telesphore Bilung, SVD	7	Fr. Hilarius Kullu, SDB
2	Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, SFX	8	Fr. Hubertus Beck
3	Fr. Sebastian Tirkey	9	Fr. Ignace Topno
4	Fr. Theodore Toppo	10	Fr. Mukul Kullu
5	Fr. Anand David Xalxo	11	Fr. Vincent Minj
6	Fr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, S.J.	12	Fr. Robin Praful Toppo

I take this opportunity to thank all the predecessors of the Diocesan Senate/Council and the College of Consultors for making valuable contribution during their tenure of the office. I also welcome the new Members of the Senate/Council and the College of Consultors to give your suggestions for providing better spiritual care of the people of God and for evangelization.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

✚Felix Toppo, S.J.
Archbishop of Ranchi

News & Views

PRO of the Archdiocese Appointed

Ranchi Archdiocese now has a new Public Relations Officer (PRO) in Rev. Fr. Anand David Xalxo. Archbishop Felix Toppo, S.J., appointed him to the office with immediate effect on September 3, 2018. Born in Mandar, Rev. Fr. Anand David is a graduate in Geography from Ranchi University and has completed his priestly studies from the local St. Albert's College. Having been ordained a priest in 2006, he went ahead to obtain a Master's degree in Hospital Management from Mangalore. He knows four languages. Soon after his priestly ordination, Fr. David (as he is commonly known) was assigned to serve Cardinal Telesphore P. Toppo as his personal assistant. He was then made secretary cum public



relations officer of CBCI Society for Medical Education-North India, Ranchi, for five years. Then he was made secretary to the Secretary General of CBCI at Delhi. Additionally, he has served the Archdiocese as in-Charge of the Seminarians and held various pastoral responsibilities.

Banhora Parish holds its Silver Jubilee

Banhora. 14 October, Sunday : The silver jubilee of Banhora Parish was observed today with enthusiasm and cheer. Presided by Most Rev. Telesphore Bilung, SVD, a solemn liturgy well attended by the faithful was held in the parish compound. Along with the felicitating parishioners their Parish Priest, Fr. Donatus Tirkey, TOR, thanked the visiting guests and well wishers.

Imposition of Pallium on the new Archbishop on 27th November

The Pallium is a liturgical vestment that dates to the 4th century and eventually became associated with bishops. By the 11th century, metropolitan archbishops had to seek permission from the pope to wear it. This developed into an annual celebration



His Excellency, Archbishop Giambattista Diquattro, Apostolic Nuncio to India, will ceremonially vest Archbishop Felix Toppo, S.J., with the Pallium at St. Mary's Cathedral during a Solemn Mass on 27th November 2018 at 5.30 PM. The Catholic community is invited to participate in the occasion, pray for and wish our new Archbishop. Thank you.



where the newly appointed archbishops from around the world would travel to Rome and be given the pallium from the Roman Pontiff.

The modern pallium is a circular band about two inches wide, worn about the neck, breast, and shoulders, and having two pendants, one hanging down in front and one behind. The pendants are about two inches wide and twelve inches long, and are weighted with small pieces of lead covered with black silk. The remainder of the pallium is made of white wool, part of which is supplied by two lambs presented annually as a tax, solemnly blessed on the high altar and then offered to the Pope. The ornamentation of the pallium consists of six small black crosses. The crosses on the breast, back, and left shoulder are provided with a loop for the reception of a gold pin set with a precious stone. The pallium is worn over the chasuble.



The use of the pallium is reserved to the pope and archbishops, but the latter may not use it until, on petition they have received the permission of the Holy See. Bishops sometimes receive the pallium as a mark of special favour, but it does not increase their powers or jurisdiction nor give them precedence. The new palliums are solemnly blessed

after the Second Vespers on the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, and are then kept in a special silver-gilt casket until required. In 2015, Pope Francis determined that the pontiff will no

longer formally bestow the pallium on bishops in Rome.

Instead, bishops

now travel to Rome for the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, when the pope blesses the pallia at Mass and presents them to each new metropolitan bishop in private. The bishops then travel home to their own dioceses, where the Papal Nuncio formally bestows the pallium at a special Mass in the home cathedral. This emphasizes the importance of the local diocese and allows

for many more of the bishop's flock to participate in the celebration.

Pope Benedict XVI spoke about the meaning behind the pallium in his first homily as pope, saying, "The symbolism of the pallium is even more concrete: the lamb's wool is meant to represent the lost, sick or weak sheep which the shepherd places on his shoulders and carries to the waters of life." The pallium highlights the bishop's role as shepherd and reminds him of the "yoke" of Christ that he is called to carry. This is further emphasized by the six crosses that adorn the pallium, bringing to mind the many crosses that the bishop must bear as a disciple of Christ. Furthermore, since the pallium is traditionally connected to the papacy, it reinforces the unity of the bishops.

Dr. Sr. Anupa Kujur, former Mother General of DSA expired

Sept. 28, 1947-Sept.27, 2018

Ranchi, September 28, Friday : Dr. Sr. Anupa Kujur,



former Mother General (1999-2004) of the Daughters of St. Anne, expired yesterday at 9.10 PM at the Old Age Home, Ulhatu. Today her funeral Mass at the Cathedral was presided over by Most Rev. Telesphore Bilung, SVD, Auxiliary Bishop of Ranchi.

The mortal remains of Sr. Anupa Kujur were then interred at Tam-Tam graveyard. By coincidence her birthday also occurs on this day. She had not been keeping well for quite some time. Born at Lawagain village of Kuru Parish on 28th September 1947, she completed 51 years as religious. She was the youngest and only daughter among the three children of Mr. Mathias Kujur and Filicita Tigga. She had completed her education up to PhD in Geography from Patna and Ranchi Universities respectively. Having held various significant offices in the Congregation, she went ahead to teach at Param Veer Albert Ekka College, Chainpur, for 17 years. Her post retirement request for serving in the Congregation's Ranchi Province was favourably granted. (Earlier she had belonged

to Gumla Province.) She was assigned to the Community at Harmu. She continued to teach at St. Kuldeep High School until she was physically incapable.

While in office as the Superior General, thanks to Sr. Anupa Kujur's the leadership the Congregation of Daughters of St. Anne was granted Pontifical status. Till then the Congregation had enjoyed the Archdiocesan status. Thanks also to her leadership delimitation of Gumla Province was effected on February 2, 2003, and on February 11 in the same year the remaining territory was reconstituted as the Ranchi Province. In order to augment the service quality of the Sisters, concrete steps regarding their education were taken through her foresight. Subsequently several Sisters not only were trained outside Chotanagpur, but also enriched their skills in newer environments. Besides writing a biography of the Congregation's Founder and Servant of God, Mata Bernadette Kispotta, Sr. Anupa wrote in Hindi the Congregation's history till 1950. The volume is entitled as "The Gift of Service". May God the Father grant her eternal peace.



125th Death Anniversary of Fr. Constant Lievens observed in Belgium

Moorslede, 6 October, Saturday : 125th Death



Anniversary of Servant of God, Fr. Constant Lievens was today celebrated here with solemnity. Presided over by His Lordship Lode Aerts, Bishop of Brugg, the festive Eucharist drew a large number of participants.

Fr. Johan Verschuere, Jesuit Major Superior of the newly created Independent Region of the European Low Countries (ELC) was the guest of honour. Four

25th Anniversary, Indian Context: The Mortal Remains of Fr. Constant Lievens arrived in Chotanagpur on October 31, 1993.

Jesuit priests from Ranchi, presently at Rome, and Fr. Aurel Brys joining from Ranchi, also shared the altar. The Ranchi Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk, now missioned in Belgium, decorated the venue with Adivasi motifs. Hymns composed in Adivasi melody for the occasion and dance also added luster. Rev. Fr. Bart Geryl, Diocesan Postulator for Fr. Constant Lievens' Cause for Beatification, presented a book on the latter's life and mission in Chhotanagpur. It may be noted that Fr. Aurel Brys is collaborating with him from Chotanagpur. A museum on Fr. Lievens was also inaugurated by Mr. Geert Bourgeois, Minister-President of the Region. Fr. Lievens, 37, died in Belgium on November 7, 1893.

Archbishop Stresses Coordination in Dighia

Dighia. 30 September, Sunday : On his first official



visit to Dighia Parish today, His Grace, Felix Toppo, S.J., Archbishop of Ranchi urged the parishioners to lead a life with mutual reconciliation and form a coordinated

community as befitting the Christian believers. While addressing more than five hundred believers in the solemn liturgy, he exhorted them not to tarnish the God-given gifts by indulging in sin and mutual jealousy. He especially warned them against making the innocent children vulnerable to sin by giving them bad examples.

Coordinated by Rev. Fr. Vincent Minj, Parish Priest, the Archbishop led liturgy at 7.30 AM was concelebrated by his companion priests as well. Ahead of the Mass two-wheeler riders escorted the Archbishop from Bero onwards to usher him with honour to the Parish campus. Mothers and young ladies then welcomed him with traditional Adivasi formalities and led him to the venue with their dance. The programme concluded with a felicitation programme. A brief introduction of the historic parish was given to the visiting dignitary by a parishioner.

Forthcoming Events

- Mass at Kantatoli Cemetery (All Souls Day) on 2nd November 2018 at 1.00 PM.
- Silver Jubilee of Gumla Archdiocese on 11th November 2018, at 9.00 AM in St. Patrick's Ground, Gumla.
- Recollection and Meeting of Ranchi Archdiocesan Priests on 15th November 2018 at 8.30 AM in Archbishop's House.
- Eucharistic Procession on the occasion of Christ the King Feast will begin in Ranchi City from St. Mary's Cathedral on 25th November 2018 at 1.00 PM.

Wishing His Lordship, Theodore Mascarenhas, SFX, a Happy Birthday on 9th November 2018.

Programme of Archbishop Felix Toppo November 2018

Dt	Events	Time	Place
02	Mass for all Faithful Departed at the Cemetery	1.00pm	Dangratoli
08	Annual Feast. Mass	08.30 am	Khuntpani
10	Diaconate Ordination of George Topno, SDB	AM	Ranchi
11	Jubilee in Gumla		Gumla
12	Cooperative Society General Body Meeting		Gumla
13	GB of Constant Lievens' Hospital & R Centre	10.00 am	Mandar
15	Recollection and Diocesan Priests' meeting	09.00-04.00	ABH
16	Blessing of New Block of St. Anne's School		CBSA
17	CSS Final Profession	09.30 am	Samlong
21	Mass. DSA Sisters' Final Profession		Mother House, Ranchi
25	Eucharistic Procession—Feast of Christ the King	1.00pm to 6.00pm	Ranchi
26	Feast Bl. James Alberione—Mass	06.30 am	St. Paul's House, Lalkhatanga
27	Annual Meeting of CDPI, CRI & RBC	09.00 am	Loadih, Ranchi
28	CDPI, CRI & RBC Meeting continues	09.00 am	Loadih

Program of Archbishop Felix Programme – Dec - 2018

01	Meeting with Notredame Sup. Gen.	10.00 am	ABH
03	SND Provincial		ABH
08	DSA Sisters' First Profession- Mass.		Samlong

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4	Confirmation	7.00am	Saparom
5	Holy Eucharist	6.00am	DSA, Mother House
11	Aam Sabha of Mahila Sangh	6.00am	Saparom
15	Recollection for Diocesan Priests	8.30am	ABH
26-28	Meeting — CDPI/CRI/JHAAN		DSA, Generalate
27	Imposition of Pallium and Holy Eucharist		Cathedral
29	Personal Retreat (29 Nov to 6 th Dec)		Indore

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7	Returns to Ranchi		
8	Final Profession	10.00am	Samlong