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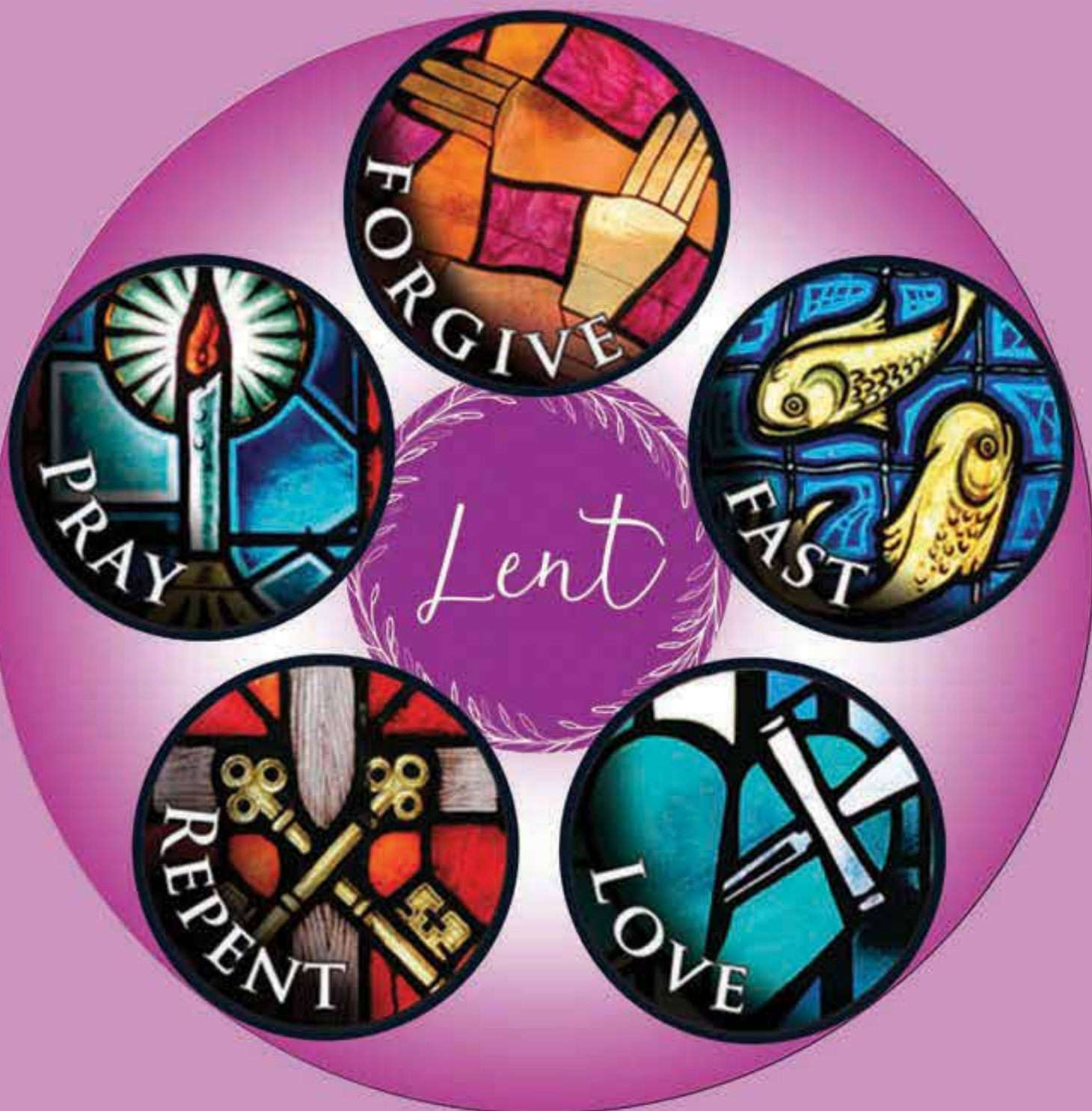
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BISHOP'S MESSAGE

There is a time for everything and a time for every happening under heaven," says the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1. In the same way season of Lent is the time for prayer fasting and almsgiving. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are important and are the three pillars of Lent. Without prayer, fasting and almsgiving merely our actions we do, out of tradition, without much meaning.

Prayer is our conversation with God. It is through prayer that we find the strength to fast. It is through prayer that we develop a closer, more intimate relationship with God. This relationship makes us so grateful for the blessings he has bestowed upon us, that we eagerly give to those less fortunate than us. Jesus prays to the Father and gives thanks before receiving his gifts, "whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it and it shall be done for you. Mk 11: 24. Such is the power of prayer and of faith that does not doubt. All things are possible for him who believes (Mk 9:23). Jesus is saddened by the lack of faith of his own disciple and at the same time He had a great admiration at the faith of the Roman centurion and the Canaanite woman. Christians, in particular the monastics, have spent centuries struggling to understand and practice the meaning of prayer.

Lent becomes a season for increased efforts in dialoguing with God and in being with God both in silence and in worship. If we cannot attain to unceasing prayer because of our current state in life, at least we can spend more time in the awareness that we are in the presence of God, no matter where we are or what we are doing. The Church provides many opportunities for frequent communal prayer during Lent. Alfred Tennyson wrote these powerful words, "**More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of**". Even today, we are walking in, standing on, and surrounded by answers to **prayers** prayed in the past by us

and by others. Mahatma Gandhi said “Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening”.

The Latin phrase *lexorandi, lexc credendi*, (the law of prayer is the law of faith) reflects a deep understanding of Catholic prayer and faith. It is a motto in Christian tradition, which means that prayer and belief are integral to each other and that liturgy is not distinct from theology. The United States Catholic Bishops called, “Faith grows when it is well expressed in our celebrations. Good celebrations foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations may weaken and destroy it”. So, let us deeply reflect on how we pray, especially the breviary, how do we prepare for holy mass, how much time do we spend in front of the Blessed Sacrament, how do we meaningfully administer sacraments? The season of lent is the time that we reflect especially on prayer life. The Church, in its wisdom, understands that prayer is essential to any action we Christians may undertake.

Fasting is one of the most ancient actions linked to Lent. Fasting is considered in every religion as a sacred act. Lent becomes an opportunity to make a greater effort to see Christ in the poor, the suffering, and the stranger, in the least among us. In order to observe fast, one needs will power, preparation, and devotion to the precepts of the Church. However, fasting rules have changed through the ages, but throughout the Church history, fasting has been considered sacred. The prophet Isaiah insists that fasting without changing our behavior is not pleasing to God. Therefore, the goal of fasting is linked with prayer. The pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God, and prayer and fasting together bring us to what Lent is about - a deeper conversion. This is a sort of practice or exercise so that when I am confronted with sin, I am stronger and better able to choose what is good and reject evil.

It should be obvious for us that almsgiving is simply a response by us to God, a response that we have come to through prayer and fasting. It is an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given us, and a realization that in the Body of Christ, it is never just “me and God.” Through prayer and fasting, we come to a deeper understanding that the needs of all are the responsibility of all in the Body of Christ. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life.

The Pharisees are often portrayed as wicked in the gospels: they are proud and rigid and they are fierce persecutors of Jesus and the disciples. At the same time, the Pharisees also fast, give alms and pray. They are zealous for the traditions of

their fathers and the strict observance of the Law; Jesus tells us: “unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven” (Matt. 5:20). But righteous works must be yoked with faith, love and humility; external observance of the commandments is not enough. During this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, let us imitate the Pharisee in his virtues and the Publican in his humility; and fasting not only from food and drink, but also from sin, from gossip, jealousy and anger!

With prayers and blessings,

+ P. Anthony

+ Anthony Poola

Bishop of Kurnool

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2020

“We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year the Lord grants us, once again, a favourable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our personal and communal Christian life. We must continually return to this mystery in mind and heart, for it will continue to grow within us in the measure that we are open to its spiritual power and respond with freedom and generosity.



1. *The paschal mystery as the basis of conversion*

Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This *kerygma* sums up the mystery of a love “so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue” (*Christus Vivit*, 117). Whoever believes this message rejects the lie that our life is ours to do with as we will. Rather, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance (cf. *Jn* 10:10). If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the “father of lies” (*Jn* 8:44), we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness.

In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*: “Keep your eyes fixed

on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew” (No. 123). Jesus’ Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

2. *The urgency of conversion*

It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God’s mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a “face to face” relationship with the crucified and risen Lord “who loved me and gave himself for me” (*Gal 2:20*), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God’s love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God’s eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will.

In this favourable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. *Hos 2:14*), so that we can at last hear our Spouse’s voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

3. *God’s passionate will to dialogue with his children*

The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favourable time for our conversion should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God’s unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us. In the crucified Jesus, who knew no sin, yet for our sake was made to be sin (cf. *2 Cor 5:21*), this saving will led the Father to burden his Son with the weight of our sins, thus, in the expression of Pope Benedict XVI, “turning of God against himself” (*Deus Caritas Est*, 12). For God also loves his enemies (cf. *Mt 5:43-48*).

The dialogue that God wishes to establish with each of us through the paschal mystery of his Son has nothing to do with empty chatter, like that attributed to the ancient inhabitants of Athens, who “spent their time in nothing except telling

or hearing something new” (Acts 17:21). Such chatter, determined by an empty and superficial curiosity, characterizes worldliness in every age; in our own day, it can also result in improper use of the media.



4. A richness to be shared, not kept for oneself

Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth’s goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

Today too, there is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further, and consider the structural aspects of our economic life. For this reason, in the midst of Lent this year, from 26 to 28 March, I have convened a meeting in Assisi with young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers, with the aim of shaping a more just and inclusive economy. As the Church’s magisterium has often repeated, political life represents an eminent form of charity (cf. Pius XI, *Address to the Italian Federation of Catholic University Students*, 18 December 1927). The same holds true for economic life, which can be approached in the same evangelical spirit, the spirit of the Beatitudes.

I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God’s call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. Mt 5:13-14).

With Blessings,
Franciscus
Holy Father Pope Francis.

	<p style="text-align: center;">HOLY FATHER’S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Catholics in China: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.	
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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME

MARCH 2020

Sun	Mar 1	8:30 a.m.	Official Launching of the State Level Lenten Campaign of Caritas India (KDSSS) at Our Lady of Lourdes' Cathedral, Kurnool-02: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Mon	Mar 2	10:00 a.m.	Visit to APSSS, Secunderabad
		5:00 p.m.	Visit to Jeevan Printing Press, Sikh Village, Secunderabad.
Tue	Mar 3-6	9:00 a.m.	TCBC Meeting at St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad.
Sat	Mar 7	10:30 a.m.	Meeting with Rev. Sr. Ernestine Fernandez SAP, Provincial Superior.
Mon	Mar 9	10:00 a.m.	Blessing and Inauguration of St. Ignatius of Loyola Church at Jonnala Kotha Palli, Krishnapuram Parish: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Thu	Mar 12	5:00 p.m.	Charly English Medium School Annual Day at Orvakal.
Mon	Mar 16-17	10:00 a.m.	APSSS Meeting, Secunderabad.
Wed	Mar 18	6: 00 p.m.	Annual Feast of St. Joseph's Parish at Gooty: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
Thu	Mar 19	5:30 p.m.	Annual Feast of St. Joseph and Administers the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Joseph's Convent, II Phase, Bukkarayasamudram, Anantapur.
Sat	Mar 21	2:00 p.m.	Marianilayam School Annual Day at Gargeypuram.
Sun	Mar 22	11:00 a.m.	Celebrates Holy Eucharist for the Deeksha People at Jeevasudha Pastoral Center, Venkayapalle.
Wed	Mar 25	5:00 p.m.	Annual Feast of Velugumatha at Velugodu: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.

Thu **Mar 26** 10:30 a.m. Official Launching of Cancer Campaign Programme at KDSSS.

Sun **Mar 29** 5:30 p.m. Divyavani TV Channel Lenten Programme at Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral Kurnool 02: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.

APRIL 2020

Thu **Apr 2** 9:00 a.m. Pastoral Clergy Recollection at Jeevasudha Pastoral Center, Venkayapalle.

5:30 p.m. **Chrism Mass:** Celebrates Chrism Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes' Cathedral, Kurnool-02.

Sat **Apr 4** 6:30 a.m. Laying Foundation stone for the Community Hall at KDSSS Campus, Venkayapalle: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.

Sun **Apr 5** 7:00 a.m. **Palm Sunday:** Celebrates Holy Eucharist at St. Theresa of Avila, Co-Cathedral, Kurnool- 01.

Thu **Apr 9** 6:00 p.m. **Maundy Thursday:** Celebrates Holy Eucharist at Our Lady of Lourdes' Cathedral, Kurnool-02.

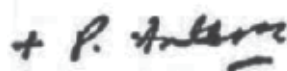
Fri **Apr 10** 7:00 a.m. **Good Friday:** Way of the Cross - from Our Lady of Lourdes' Cathedral to Premagiri.

4:00 p.m. **Good Friday Ceremonies:** (Siluva Aradhana) at Our Lady of Lourdes' Cathedral, Kurnool-02.

Sat **Apr 11** 10:30 p.m. **Holy Saturday:** The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night at St. Theresa of Avila, Co-Cathedral, Kurnool- 01.

Sun **Apr 12** 8:30 a.m. **Easter Sunday:** Celebrates Holy Eucharist at Our Lady of Lourdes' Cathedral, Kurnool-02.

Sun **Apr 19** 5:30 a.m. Blessing and Inauguration of Renovated Our Lady of Lourdes' Cathedral, Kurnool & Priestly Ordination of Dn. Suripogula Ravi and Episcopal Ordination Anniversary of Most Rev. Anthony Poola: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.


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

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF INDIA
XXXIV Plenary Assembly, St. John's National Academy of Health
Sciences, Bangalore, 13- 19 February 2020

Final Statement: Dialogue: The Path to Truth and Charity

INTRODUCTION: We, the 192 member Bishops of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, assembled for our XXXIV Plenary Assembly at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru from 13-19 February 2020. Prompted by our fidelity to Jesus Christ and unflinching loyalty to our beloved motherland we reflected, meditated and deliberated on the ever relevant theme, "Dialogue: The Path to Truth and Charity." We also sought to sincerely evaluate the quality of our apostolic ministry and be renewed in the Spirit to be servant leaders of our people after the heart of Christ who came "to serve and not to be served" (Mark 10, 48).

The Church, the community of faith in Jesus Christ, has integral and all-inclusive dialogue at her heart. Indeed dialogue belongs to the very essence of the Christian faith. All through her history the Church has made earnest efforts to engage in dialogue at different levels. As a community of human beings the Church lives in civil society and body politic, continuously inspiring us to be loyal citizens of India. The noteworthy contribution of the Church in the field of education, health care and social transformation has been consistently acknowledged by the people of India.

India: Unity in Diversity

The hallmark of Indian society is its pluralism. From ancient times, India has been a mosaic of many religions, cultures and languages with a strong Indian identity. What unites us is stronger and deeper than what divides us. We are proud of our Constitution that envisions a Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic which resolved to secure for all its citizens Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity as enshrined in the Preamble. Justice is spelt out as social, economic and political; Liberty is explained as liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; and Equality is understood as equality of status and opportunity. These Constitutional values form the ethos of Indian identity that promotes Fraternity which leads to the dignity of the individual and unity and integrity of the nation. Every citizen must be ever vigilant against any attempt to undermine the ennobling human vision of the Constitution so that our beloved country ever remains united.

Biblical Foundations

Various streams of thoughts running through the biblical texts enrich our understanding of the necessity of dialogue among peoples and cultures. Dialogue

with other religions is integral to the Biblical Revelation. The different aspects of dialogue in the Bible are rooted in our faith in God as Trinity: God as the Creator of all, the universal presence of God's Spirit, and Jesus as the Saviour of all mankind.

In the Gospels, Jesus' encounters with people reveal that God is the Father of all. The Kingdom of God that Jesus preached embodies the love of God, irrespective of race, sex, colour, class, language and creed. The Good News of Jesus calls upon humanity to establish a society of justice, equality, love, forgiveness and peace. Dialogue begins and grows when we open ourselves to the Lord, and by committing ourselves to his words and deeds, live the mystery of his death and resurrection which paves the path to truth and charity. For example, in the dialogue with the Samaritan woman, Jesus unveils the true horizons of relating with God in truth and spirit. He starts with the dialogue of life and moves to the dialogue of action which is followed by the dialogue of sharing the religious experience, and eventually the dialogue leads to the witnessing of truth.

Church Teachings

The Church encourages believers to respect each other and one another's religious tradition, thus cooperating with one another to promote peace and harmony and work for the common good of all. Pope Francis has urged all people of good will to make every effort to establish peace in society by "inviting all persons who believe in God to unite and work together, so that it may serve as a guide for future generations to advance a culture of mutual respect in the awareness of the great divine grace that makes all human beings brothers and sisters...called to express this human fraternity by safeguarding creation and the entire universe, and supporting all persons, especially the poorest and those most in need..." (*Document on Human Fraternity*, 4th February 2019, Abu Dhabi).

Dialogue is rooted in the very vocation of the Church. Being open to dialogue, calls for being absolutely consistent with one's own religious tradition. Believers enter into each other's depth of life through dialogue.

Dialogue with Cultures and Religions

Every community that lives in India possesses its own cultural identity with its richness, which must be respected at any cost. Attempts to homogenize and impose a mono-cultural pattern pose serious threats to the cultural patrimony of our country. As our Constitution envisions, there cannot be any meaningful dialogue of culture without acknowledging the primacy of human person. People of every culture and religion and those who profess no religion must be esteemed with mutual respect, which eventually leads to human fraternity. No culture or religion shall dominate over other cultures and religions. Subduing certain cultures by the dominant culture will destroy the peace and harmony existing in the country. "The enemy of fraternity is an individualism which translates into the desire to

affirm oneself and one's own group above others. Religious behavior, therefore, needs continually to be purified from the recurrent temptation to judge others as enemies and adversaries." (*Document on Human Fraternity*, 4th February 2019, Abu Dhabi).

Dialogue with the Poor, the Dalits and Tribal People

Dialogue with the poor, the Dalits and Tribal people is an urgent priority in the context of India. The Dalits and Tribal people are continually denied their human rights socially. Every step taken in favour of their liberation by eradicating poverty, exploitation, discrimination, and every other form of sinful structures of society is an effective means of dialogue. However, dialogue with the poor shall not be limited only to the works of mercy. The term 'the Church of the poor' reflects the constant self-understanding of Christians that the poor stand in the place of Christ, and therefore charity and justice must be an essential and central dimension of what it means to be a follower of Christ. In this context, we urge the State authorities to take adequate steps to ensure justice to the Dalit Christians and the Tribal people.

Dialogue with Nature

Dialogue with nature is another important aspect. The earth, our common home, which was created to support life and give praise to God, is crying out with pain because human activity is destroying it. All who believe in God and all people of good will have an obligation to protect the ecological equilibrium of the earth, intended by the Creator. Therefore dialogue with nature includes serious steps to mitigate climate change, clean the land and the seas, and start treating all of creation with respect and concern.

Dialogue with the Unborn

Dialogue should not be limited to those who are born; rather the right to life of the unborn must also be taken seriously into account. We believe that the human being is to be respected and treated as a person from the moment of conception, that *each and every human life has inherent dignity, and thus must be treated with the respect due to a human person from womb to tomb*. The steps to legalise abortion even to the extent of six months must be condemned as a gross injustice which undermines the right to life of the unborn. We appeal to the State authorities that it immediately withdraw the Bill in the Parliament.

Dialogue of Peace

Interreligious dialogue is one of the most pressing needs of our times. There will be no peace among nations without peace among religions. There will be no peace among religions without dialogue among religions. We are alarmed by continuous persecution on a global level endured by innocent people at the hands

of fundamentalist and terrorist groups.

Dialogue in India should aim at collaboration in areas such as peace-building, protection of the environment, eradication of poverty and ensuring the human dignity of all, especially of women and children. Besides, it means that we condemn all wars, violence and terrorism that create insurmountable blocks to dialogue. We pledge ourselves to engage in a process of dialogue for a reconciled society.

A Fervent Appeal

We believe that *patriotism is different from narrow and divisive cultural nationalism, which is radically different from Constitutional nationalism*. No one has the right to question the patriotism of any Indian citizen on subjective grounds. Authentic patriotism **unites us amidst divergences**. *Patriotism is defined as directing the attention of the citizens to the good of the whole human family, united by the different ties which bind together races, people and nations. "All Christians must be aware of their sense of responsibility and their service of the common good. They must recognize the legitimacy of different opinions with regard to temporal solutions, and respect citizens, who, even as a group, defend their points of view by honest methods" (Church in the Modern World, no. 75).*

False nationalistic ideologies *that instigate contempt for cultures other than the majoritarian dominant culture* are capable of perpetrating atrocities. It is necessary to clarify the essential difference between patriotism and pseudo nationalism. **Patriotism builds up the nation while pseudo nationalism destroys the integrity, unity and harmony of the nation. Nationalism, particularly in its most radical and extreme forms, is thus the antithesis of true patriotism.**

We appeal to the State authorities to ensure that pseudo nationalism does not continue to give rise to new forms of totalitarianism. Together with the framers of the Constitution, we, the Catholic Bishops of India, affirm that religion shall not be a criterion for determining Indian citizenship. The authorities should come forward with sincere and effective means to erase the sense of fear, anxiety and uncertainty spreading in the country, especially among the religious minorities.

Needless to say that dissent should not be misconstrued as un-patriotism. Democracy cannot be built on monologue. We call upon **the State authorities** that it is right time to sit around the common table, a place of conversation and of shared hopes. Against the attempts at creating cultural isolation in our beloved country, dialogue will make the elements that are seemingly a barrier or a wall, a bridge of relationship. "Identity and dialogue are not enemies. Our own cultural identity is strengthened and enriched because of dialogue with those unlike ourselves. Nor is our authentic identity preserved by an impoverished isolation." (Pope Francis, *Querida Amazonia*, n. 37).

Conclusion

Dialogue is indeed the path to truth and charity. Let us pray that dialogue grows in every family, at all levels of the Church, among the Christians, among religions and cultures, and among the nations so that God's Kingdom of reconciliation, justice, peace and love may be established.

Though deeply concerned and anguished with what is happening in our country, we are filled with hope inspired by faith and the innate goodness of all our fellow citizens. We appreciate the majority who uphold the secular values of our nation. We are determined to continue to collaborate in the work of building our great nation, Mother India.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, who manifested the exemplary spirit of dialogue through her maternal intercession, guide each one of us on the path of truth and charity!

COMMUNICATIONS

1. CARITAS INDIA LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2020:

“Sustain Life, Sustainable Livelihood” (01-03-2020): The Catholic Church in India is focusing on sustaining life and promoting sustainable livelihood during Lent this year. Caritas India, the official development and social action arm of the Catholic Church of India, organizes the annual Lenten campaign each year. During the 40-day Lenten period that begins with Ash Wednesday Christians especially give in to prayer, penance, fasting, abstinence and works of mercy in preparation for their most solemn feast, Easter or the Resurrection of Christ from death. Lent, this year, began on Ash Wednesday, February 26. The Apostolic Nuncio to India, Italian Archbishop Giambattista Diquattro officially unveiled this year's campaign on Sunday, February 23, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Delhi. Caritas India, the priest said, takes empowering communities as a serious mission. Through the “collectivization of their existence”, he said, communities come and work together to “ensure their livelihood and opportunities” for their “survival and protection”.

The goal of achieving a hunger-free world is indeed an enormous but not an impossible one. Hence, as Church communities, let us join Caritas India's Lenten Campaign against hunger and disease for the year 2020 and express our solidarity and commitment to wipe out malnutrition and to ensure adequate nutritious and healthy food for all our sisters and brothers of our country. To promote this campaign in a big way, our Bishop Anthony Poola as the Chairman of Andhra

Pradesh Social Service is officially launching The State Level Lenten Campaign in Kurnool on 1st March 2020 the first Sunday of Lent at Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral, Kurnool. Dear Fathers, Sisters and brothers, let us all pray and collaborate to make this Lenten Campaign a Big Success.

2. PASTORAL CLERGY RECOLLECTION & CHRISM MASS (02-04-2020):

Chrism is made of olive oil and is scented with a sweet perfume, usually balsam. Under normal circumstances, chrism is consecrated by the bishop of the particular church in the presence of the presbyterium at the Mass of the Chrism, which takes place in the morning of Holy Thursday. This oil is linked with the sanctification of individuals. In the Old Testament times, the priest, prophets and kings of the Jewish people were anointed. This oil is used in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and holy orders, since they impart an indelible sacramental character. In the sacrament of confirmation, the bishop anoints the forehead of the candidate with chrism saying, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." Sacred chrism is also used in the sacrament of holy orders. In the ordination rite of a priest, the bishop anoints with chrism the palms of each new priest. In the ordination rite of a bishop, the consecrating bishop anoints the head of the new bishop. Finally, holy chrism is used in the dedication ceremony of a church.

As the bishop blesses these, three oils at the Chrism Mass, our hearts turn to our gracious Lord who bestows His infinite love and mercy to us through these sacraments. Let us also pray for our bishop and the priests who are the ministers of the sacraments in the parish, that they may be the humble and generous servants of the Lord. In view of the above, the Clergy Recollection will be held on 2nd April 2020 at Jeevasudha Pastoral Center. Kindly reach Jeevasudha Pastoral Center on 1st April 2020 by 7 p.m. **There will be Chrism Mass at 6.00 p.m. on 2nd April 2020 at Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral, Kurnool-02.** All the Pastoral Clergy are expected to attend the same without fail. We also request all the religious in the diocese especially those religious in and around Kurnool to participate in the Chrism Mass.

3. MONTHLY RECOLLECTION FOR THE PASTORAL CLERGY:

Recollection for the pastoral clergy for the month of March 2020 will be conducted on Deanery level. Deans are requested to take note of it and make necessary plans to have recollection in your respective deaneries according to the convenience of your priests.

4. ANNUAL AUDITING FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-20:

All the Priests, Sisters and Brothers are requested to keep ready your accounts 2019-2020 especially the foreign amount received from the Diocese for the Annual Auditing. It is requested to keep the accounts in order with all the statement of accounts supported by bills and vouchers systematically for the projects. Each project should be separately audited for all the money received before March 31, 2020. Keep the Cashbooks, Ledgers, Statements of accounts, Pass books, project details, Bills & Vouchers updated. Any unused amount especially of F.C has to be refunded to the Diocese a/c without fail. Auditing dates will be intimated to you in next month issue.

5. PROGRAMME AT SINAI DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE – PREMAGIRI: MARCH 2020:

March 6th : First Friday- Fasting Prayer (9.30 am to 4.00 pm)
Preaching of the Word of God, Holy Mass,
Eucharistic Adoration & Healing Service

March 14th : 2nd Saturday Bible Convention
Preaching of the Word of God, Holy Mass,
Eucharistic Adoration & Healing Service

March 14th to 17th: Lenten Retreat
Spiritual Preparation for the Holy Week

March 28th : Night Vigil From 9:00 pm to 5:00 a.m.

Night Vigil is on the last Saturday of Every Month

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

- Rev Fr. Jaison VC, Director, Mb: 9494173950.

6. R.I.P:

Rev Fr. Kommu Lourdaiah lost his beloved father Mr. Kommu Devadas (56) who was called to his eternal reward on 17-2-2020. At this time of transition, with deep sentiments of love and respect, the Diocese of Kurnool extends its heartfelt condolences to Rev Fr. K. Lourdaiah and the family members. May his soul rest in peace.

7. HOLY MASSES RECEIVED:

We thank you dear fathers for remitting extra masses to the Diocesan Office. As the priests are increasing every year, we need to distribute, masses 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. The following parishes have forwarded the mass intentions to us.

1. St. Theresa of Avila Co-Cathedral Knl-01	505 Masses	Rs. 50,500/-
2. Holy Name of Jesus Church, Peddakottala	80 Masses	Rs. 8,000/-
3. Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Velugodu	50 Masses	Rs. 5,000/-
4. Our Lady of Lourdes Church P- Yaleru	100 Masses	Rs 10,000/-
5. Infant Jesus Shrine, Maddikera	102 Masses	Rs. 10,200/-
6. Our Lady of Health Shrine, Guntakal	182 Masses	Rs. 18,200/-

BISHOP POOLA ANTHONY EDUCATION FUND		
S.No	Names	Amount
1.	Rev. Sr. Christhu Rani FIHM & Community , Srisailam	20,000/-
2.	Rev. Fr. T. Sleeva Raj, Srisailam	10,000/-
3.	Rev. Fr. T. Ranjith Reddy OFM, Pasurapadu	5000/-
4.	Rev. Fr. S. Prakasham , Yerraguntla	2000/-
5.	Confirmation Children, Yerraguntla	750/-
6.	Rev. Fr. Varaprasad, SMM, Bethemcherla	2500/-
7.	Rev. Fr. K. Anthony Raj , Guntakal	6000/-
8.	Mr. SIM Joseph & Family , Guntakal	1000/-
9.	Mr. D. Edmund Vijayanand, Guntakal	1000/-
10.	Rev. Sr. Celeena SAB , St. Ann's School, Bethemcherla	10,000/-
11.	Rev. Sr. Aruna SAL & Community , Kuderu	2000/-
12.	St. Elizabeth Home, Pasurapadu	3000/-
13.	Rev. Sr. Jean SJT & Community , Mandagiri, Adoni	5000/-
Total Amount -		68,250/-

1. BLESSING AND OPENING OF SRISAILAMATHA EM SCHOOL AT SUNNIPENTA, SRISAILAM:

It was indeed a special day for the management, staff, students and parents of Srisailamatha E.M School, Sundipenta. The special occasion drew unparalleled enthusiasm in us as we witnessed a harmonious blending of the school with the home and the society. It was on 6th Feb-2020, at 9.30am, where the guests, well-wishers and parents gathered to take part in the celebration of the inauguration and blessing of New School building. The building was blessed and unveiled the stone by Most Rev. Anthony Poola, the Bishop of Kurnool, Rev. Mo. Cedric Mary Rosary, the Provincial inaugurated the New Building by cutting the ribbon. Rev. Fr. T. Sleeva Raju, the parish priest lead the ceremony of blessing through prayers, and blessed the building by sprinkling the Holy Water.



Most Rev. Anthony Poola and **Fr. T. Sleeva Raju** presided the Eucharistic celebration. It was the time to thank God for being with the school management throughout the construction of the building. Followed by the Eucharistic celebration cultural event took place on the theme of PLANT HEALTH as UN has dedicated 2020 to raise awareness on plant health and the impact of healthy plants and forests on food security, economic development, and sustainability. Sr. Theodosia Mary Amala, the Vice-Provincial, Sr. Selva Rani, the Procurator, Sr. David Mary Pauline, the Education Councilor and our sisters from near and far came, whose presence doubled our joy. All the dignitaries were given floral welcome with shawl and bouquet. It was the blissful moment, where all the High school students, Parishners and parents as one family had delicious lunch. – **(Sr. Christu Rani, Headmistress, Srisailam)**

2. SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF MONTFORT FATHERS' PRESENCE IN BETHEMCHERLA:

There is no doubt that Bethamcherla is one of the most spiritually developed areas in the Kurnool Diocese. Contemporaries belief is that, those who believe

and respect their beliefs are true Christians, and such true Catholics remain in the vicinity of the Bethamcherla. Many historians believe that the history of India and Andhra Pradesh begins with the region of Bethamcherla. The contribution of many great people to establish the faith in Bethamcherla is immeasurable and unforgettable. Among them were noble Bishops, priests, religious, and others.



Bethamcherla turbulent history can be defined in two parts. The work of the Montfort fathers in the development of the Bethamcherla parish was immense. As a part of this, the Montfort fathers coming to Bethamcherla in the Kurnool diocese in Andhra Pradesh has been adopted and the people are being brought up there spiritually. Their arrival added perfume to the Bethamcherla. They have served the public through various development and construction programs. Upon their arrival, many of the villages under investigation took up the construction of churches, and houses. There is no doubt that they have been able to bring rationality to the people, respecting their culture, respecting their cultures and eradicating superstitions. If they see this, they are 1995 Bethamcherla parish services started in 25 years successfully continued and currently celebrates the silver jubilee. It is imperative that we commemorate the fathers who are part of such a celebration.

I sincerely thank Most Rev. Poola Anthony, Bishop of Kurnool , who supports us in all the ways possible to carry out our spiritual duties in the Bethemcherla parish with his encouragement and blessings. If we are celebrating 25 years of our Montfort fathers presence in the Kurnool Diocese it was possible only through grace of God, in the name of the Holy Mary and St. Montfort. – **(Fr. V. Vara Prasad SMM Parish Priest, Bethemcherla)**

3. BLESSING AND INAUGURATION OF GROTTA OF OUR LADY AT GOSPADU:

The world today constantly seeks for the blessings and intercessions of our blessed mother Mary. Therefore, we the faithful of Gospadu parish felt the need for a Grotto in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary. This idea was proposed by Rev. Fr B. Marreddy and was encouraged and supported to actualize it by our Minister Provincial Fr. Praveen Hendry D'Souza OFM. With their Kind support and encouragement we now have a beautiful Grotto dedicated to Immaculate

Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Francis of Assisi. Now we thank the FMSC sisters of our Parish for their kind support, all our Parishioners who donated the major portion of the finance for the construction of the Grotto, we also thank all the donors and our well-wishers.

This Grotto was blessed by his Excellency Most. Rev Anthony Poola Bishop of Kurnool and Inaugurated by Rev. Fr. B. Marreddy Dean of Nandyala Denary on 10th February 2020. We also thank all the Priests and Religious of Nandyala denary whose presence and Prayers brought blessings to our Parish and the people of our Parish. On this blessed day we also had 28 children and elders who received the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation during the Holy Eucharistic Celebration which was presided by Most. Rev. Anthony Poola his lordship bishop of Kurnool. - **(Fr. T. Ranjith Reddy OFM, Parish Priest)**



4. ANNUAL PARISH FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES' AT YERRAGUNTALA:

The Blissful Celebration of the Parish Feast of Lourdh Matha Church in Yerraguntla was celebrated on 10th February 2020. The Parish and its Substations



(Perur, Gumprandinne, Bathalur, Kotapadu, Yerragudidinne and Govindapalle) were highly blessed by the gracious presence of His Excellency Most Rev. Anthony Poola, Bishop of Kurnool. The programme started with Grand welcome by the Vimala English medium School with Band and March-fast to His Excellency Most Rev. Poola Anthony. During Holy Mass, Bishop awakened the faithful, by affirming

Mother Mary as our Role Model in day-to-day life and he explained the need of educating the girl child. His words of wisdom enlightened the whole congregation. 13 of our children received Sacrament of first Holy Communion and 14 of them were privileged to have the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation. There were 15 Fathers who concelebrating in the Mass. After the Mass, there was Felicitation to the Bishop and Rev. Fr. Prakasham Suripogula thanked Bishop for his prayerful

support and love and then to all the Priests and to the Sisters from Sirivella, Peddakottla, Maseedpuram at the end remembered and thanked parish elders, Catechists, the faithful who supported and worked hard to celebrate this feast in peaceful manner, after which the people proceeded to the festal meal. Special thanks to our Parish CMC Sisters for their support and encouragement in all the ways. We are grateful to the Lord for all His blessings and graces. - **(Fr. S. Prakasham, Parish Priest)**

5. ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS OF ST. JOSEPH'S EM SCHOOL, BISHOP'S HOUSE CAMPUS:

First & foremost, our hearts sing hymns of praises & thanks giving to the Almighty God for his guidance & protection throughout our preparation, especially on the day of celebration. It was a great and a joyful day indeed for St. Joseph's E.M School Bishop's campus Kurnool. It was a remarkable and a memorable day for the school, that it celebrated its annual day on February 25, 2020, with a josh and energetic mood. Preparation for the annual function was made a few days in advance. Everyone, staff & the students took personal interest to make the day a grand success, and it was so.



The programme began with the welcome ceremony of the chief guests and the guests of honour. The president of the programme was the manager of the diocesan schools, Most Rev. Dr. Anthony Poola bishop of Kurnool, chief guests were Sri K Rambhupal Reddy MLA Panyam, Sri M. Sai Ram DEO Kurnool, Sri S. Ravindra Babu, commissioner, municipal corporation Kurnool & Regional Director Rayalaseema zone. Guests of honor were Rev. Fr. K. Prashanth the DESK director Kurnool, S.K.T Vidya Sagar, the Project officer, AP Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan Kurnool, Rev. Fr. Kola Vijaya Raju parish priest, Our Lady of Lourdes cathedral church, Kurnool, Rev. Sr. Alice Joseph the correspondent of St. Joseph's school Kurnool. It was a well prepared programme. Children & teachers worked hard along with the trainer about the performance, so that it was a very grand success. Bishop, while delivering his message appreciated the management & the staff for the improvement & the great results they have achieved, especially during the last four years. Bishop also spoke about the great responsibility of the parents and bringing up of their children, Bishop narrated the story, saying that "God is

Good & all Knowing” I’m grateful to His Excellency for he spoke about many things which are necessary for the growth & development of the school & children. We , the management, staff & the students thank whole heartedly to His Excellency, for his love, support and encouragement, especially we thank him for spending his valuable time with us & staying for throughout the program. - (Sr. Francisca Singh SAB, St. Joseph’s E.M school)

NEWS FROM KURNOOL DIOCESE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (KDSSS)

1. ADOLPH BLESSES YERRAGUNTLA “THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD, FIND THEIR STRENGTH RENEWED.

They soar like an eagle, like an eagle they fly” Yerraguntla Parish was visited this time to be bestowed with the blessings of God through the mediation of blessed. Adolph, the Founder of Kolping India. In the chain of Parishes and people, one more link is added to be in the circle of love of God. Rev. Fr. Prakash, the Parish Priest warmly welcomed Rev. Fr. Bhaskar, the Director of KDSSS and the Staff to his Parish. Women of that Parish, who were already enrolled in the list of beneficiaries, gathered in the Parish Church. Rev. Fr. Bhaskar gave a brief explanation of Kolping India Project, about the founder, his intention and aim of starting this project, about the initial stage of this project and the growth of it, and about the women who are benefitting from this process. He also spoke to them of the pros and cons of this project. He enlightened them of the positive outcome of their involvement if they are part of this. Some of them came up with some doubts with the procedure and were clarified. Thus the programme ended with a positive note that the women went home happily.



2. A BLESSING BESTOWED ON PERURU VILLAGE:

It was about 6 p.m. on 23rd February 2020, Rev. Fr. Bhaskar, the Director of KDSSS together with his Staff entered Perur village. Rev. Fr. Prakash, the Parish Priest and the Catechist of that village were present in the Church. At the announcement, the women of that Parish gathered. Their names were enrolled in

the list together with their phone numbers and Aadhar cards etc., they were eager to know about the reason why they were called. Rev. Fr. Bhaskar spoke at length to them of the purpose of this gathering. He briefed them of the Blessed Adolph, his initial life in his family, his childhood, his heart which went out to help those who are in need and the continuity of it in his life thereafter. He explained to them of the benefits, if they are involved in it. They were divided into groups and group leaders were elected. Certain responsibilities were given to them about how to go about with the project work. They were happy to spend their time in knowing about Blessed Adolph and his values. At the end, Rev. Fr. Prakash led them in prayer and gave a final blessing.

3. IIGP FOR WOMEN IN GOPAVARAM ON 24.02.2020:

On 24th of February 2020, Rev. Fr. Bhaskar, the Director of KDSSS with his staff arranged a programme in the premises of St. Ann's Manovikas Kendra, Gopavaram where the Sisters of St. Ann of Phirangipuram are rendering a beautiful and self-sacrificing service to the Mentally Retorted, sheltering them in their premises. Sr. Showily, the Superior and other Sisters welcomed the group warmly. Meeting was arranged in the School hall. Women who were already members of Kolping India Project from different villages were called. **His Lordship**



Most Rev. Poola Anthony, Bishop of Kurnool Diocese, spared his time to grace this occasion. Rev. Frs. Marreddy, Joji Reddy and Ganta Suresh were present for the meeting. Sisters from the Campus Community and from Maseedupuram were also present.

Mr. Danamaiah, the coordinator said introductory words for the programme. Fr. Suresh started the programme with God's blessings. Mr. Babu Joseph, the staff of KDSSS spoke to them about the programme. Rev. Frs. Mareddy and Joji Reddy spoke about Kolping India Programme and the good works done through this Organization throughout the world. They also told the women to be faithful stewards of what they receive through this project. Rev. Fr. Bhaskar explained to them in detail about how our Most Rev. Bishop Poola Anthony played a vital role in bringing Kolping India Programme to the Diocese of Kurnool. He expressed

his gratitude to his Lordship and to all those who are helping the poor through this organization. Sr. Showrilu, the superior also spoke to the gathering giving them the tips to be grateful for the help received and to be faithful for the rules laid by this project. Rt. Rev. Bishop Poola Anthony gave his message affirming of all that was spoken by the others, adding his message of how to be grateful for the graces received and how to be accountable. Then the cash worth Rs.10000/- each was handed over to the women by His Lordship Bishop Poola Anthony.

4. IMPACT OF KOLPING INDIA

Impact of Kolping India Movement on development and Empowerment of Rural People in Sirvel parish KDSSS director Rev. Fr. Bhaskar along with Sr. Nirmala & Sr. Vijaya the co coordinator of Kolping India arranged meeting to the women in Sirvel parish to empower women in various schemes, Empowerment is the process of obtaining basic opportunities for marginalized people and it signifies women power by promoting their tremendous potential and encouraging them to work towards attaining a dignified and satisfying way of life through Kolping India & it gives confidence and competence. To empower women is crucial for the development of the family and in the society. In Sirvella parish Kolping India programme initiated by KDSSS Organization emphasizing self employment generation for the women living in rural area. People were great full to KDSSS director for choosing their village to up lift them as developed and empowered women in the society.



5. ADVANTAGES OF FINANCING FOR WOMEN IN MAHADEVAPURAM THROUGH KOLPING INDIA:

The Kolping India Advantages of finance meeting was held for women in Mahadevapuram through the support of KDSSS in the month of February 2020. Rev. Fr. Bhaskar & Sr. Vijaya visited the villages, after introducing the programme the women voluntarily came together to save small sums of amount, on a regular basis. Taking loans from their collective savings in times of emergency or financial scarcity, or in an important life events or to purchase assets beyond their function as a savings and credit groups, Kolping offers poor women a platform for building solidarity.

They allow women to come together and act on issues related to their own lives including health, nutrition, governance and gender justice, where successful, Kolping programmes have significantly empowered poor people, especially women, in rural areas. The kolping program has helped immensely in reducing



the influence of informal lenders in rural areas through the support of Kolping; women can discuss their problems and find solutions for it. So Fr. Bhaskar enlightened them to precede their life as kolping members.

6. WORLD CANCER DAY:

The World Cancer day was observed on Feb. 4th 2020 at Loddipalle village in Orvakal Mandal. The programme was conducted with the guidance of Rev. Fr. Bhaskar, the Director of KDSSS, in order to create the awareness on health issues,



especially the prevention of cancer. Mr. Danamaiah, the Coordinator of KDSSS spoke about the Cancer prevention and defined the active measures to decrease Cancer risk. The vast majority of Cancer cases are due to environmental risk factors. Cancer is known globally a leading cause of death. The statistics say that every year 96% of million people died of Cancer. 84% of Million people will die in the next

10 years. If action is taken to prevent this, more than 70% of people will be saved from this dreadful sickness. Sr. Vijaya, the Staff member of KDSSS spoke to the people giving them some tips through which they can prevent themselves by being attacked with cancer. She said to avoid using tobacco consuming, eat healthy food, keep up good physical health, protect themselves from sun heat, avoid risk behavior, avoid alcohols, get regular medical care, so that they can live happily with their families. Finally each one is responsible to work for the betterment of the society, in order to create awareness of the disease – Cancer.

– (Fr. Sanike Bhaskar, Director, KDSSS)

1. ASH WEDNESDAY AT UPPALADADIYA PARISH:

The pastoral centre team organized Ash Wednesday programme at uppaladadiya Parish. The pastoral centre team made the Ash Wednesday a memorable and meaningful one to the faithful. The Director gave spiritual animation on the season of lent. The pastoral centre director explained what is the meaning of the ash applying on the forehead. The director catechized the people by clearly explain to them, o man you are dust, and you shall return to dust one day. The pastoral centre director also explained to the need of taking **deeksha** in this season of lent. The director explained the rules and regulations of the **seeksha**. The **tapas kala deekha** begins on Ash Wednesday after the way of the cross or on the first Sunday of lent. All those people who desire to begin **deeksh**, they must receive **deksha** rosary from the hands of the priest. **Tapaskala deeksha** ends with the blessing of the priest on Good Friday. Both men and women can be in **deeksha**. Deeksha people must wear white towel and white dress. They should read holy bible every day. They must recite holy Rosary in the evening. They must follow the commandments of the lord. They should make a good confession in a week once. They should do all the spiritual activities which are taking place in near and far places. They must not watch films. They have to give up drinking; smoking Etc. They must abstain from eating meat. They must fast every day either in the morning, noon or in the evening. During the time of **deeksha** they must visit a pilgrim shrine. The people were inspired and promised to take good resolutions which will be helpful for the betterment of their lives.

2. VISWASA VIKASA SADASULU AT BANDI ATMAKUR PARISH:

At the invitation of Rev. Fr. Praveen viswasa vikasa sadassulu conducted at Bandi Atmakur Parish. The director explained to them seven steps of the prayer. Good number of people participated for the Holy Mass. the director celebrated the Holy Mass. he explained to the people four words of faith by giving examples from the bible. He also explained to them about the faith of the different prophets how they experienced god in their life.



3. VISWASA VIKASA SADASULU & FEAST OF LOURDHU MATHA AT ORVAKAL, YAMBAI VILLAGE:

At the invitation of Rev. Fr. Kotiki Anthony , pastoral centre team conducted viswasa vika sadassulu at Yambai Village. The programme started with recitation of the Rosary. The Parish Priest celebrated the Holy Mass and fr. Balaraj the director of Pasotral centre gave homily on Mother Mary .The director explained to the people the faith of the mother Mary and the faith of the Abraham. Many people participated in the holy mass and showed devotion to Mother Mary.

4. VISWASA VIKASA SADASULU AT DIGUVAPADU VILLAGE:

Faith formation programme was conducted in Diguwapadu village. fr. Balaraj went house to house to invite the people for the Holy Mass. before the holy mass



he made the people to sit around and taught them seven steps of the prayer by reading the Bible. People all participated in it so actively. After that the director celebrated the Holy Mass. during the mass he explained to the word of God about the

importance of the Lent. He also explained to them the tree importance virtues to be followed during the lent season ***Fasting, Praying and Arms giving***. People experienced the word of god with more devotion.

5. HALF DAY PROGRAMME FOR THE CATECHISTS & SANGA PEDDALU AT BANDI ATMAKUR PARISH:

At the invitation of Rev. Fr. Praveen , the Director of Pastoral Centre conducted Half day training programme for the catechists and to the Elders of the village at the Bandi Atmakur Parish. We started the programme with a prayer. The director gave many motivational talks for the catechist and to the elders. How a catechist has to be involved in the churches activities? And how



elders have to guide the people in the villages and many other moral classes were taught to them they were very happy in listening the classes. Very grateful to Fr. Praveen for, arranging such a wonderful programme, for the catechist and for the elders.

6. PASCHAL CANDLE:

Dear fathers kindly place the order for the paschal candle all those who would like to want to have Paschal candle. So that we can order them and get for you on time without any delay. The cost of the paschal candle is Rs.600/-

7. PRAYER CONVENTION FOR THE DEEKSHA PEOPLE

Dear fathers we all know that lent is a season of grace. Jeevasudha pastoral centre is happy to inform to you that on 21st & 22nd of March, there is Lenten prayer convention to all the *deeksha* people of our diocese. A team will be coming from Hyderabad to animate this programme. Please announce in your parishes and encourage deeksha people to participate in this programme. They should reach *jeevasudha* by 20th march evening by three o clock.

8. NOTE:

Dear Fathers **Jeeva Sudha Pastoral Centre** is ready to serve you or to help you during this lent season in any spiritual Activities please do make use of us. Thanking you. - **(Rev. Fr. Balaraj JPC Director)**

NEWS FROM YUVATHA KENDRAM

1. YOUTH PROGRAMME AT PREMAGIRI:

As per the instruction of our Beloved Bishop, Fr. Ery Balaraj Youth Director of the Diocese conducted two days programme for the five Mission Parishes. The parishes are Gadivemula, Gundampadu, Maseedpuram, Kandlapalii Mission and Manchalakatta. Around 150 youth participated in this programme. The programme started with a hymn to the Holy Spirit. After which Fr. Balaraj invited the chief Guest. First, he invited Rev. Fr. S. Praveen Regional Youth Director to the stage. The theme for this programme was "**Be the Voice of the New India**" the Regional youth team also participated and encouraged the youth to live a youthfully life with systematic way of life Catholicism. The regional youth director also said youth should develop leadership qualities. You are the feature of the

church he said. Youth has taken these words as inspirational for their life. Fr. Balaraj Youth director of the diocese also gave wonderful message for the youth. He encouraged the youth to be responsible citizens of the society and to the church. He also gave some moral values, which they could be useful for them in their life. Fr. Praveen Regional youth director has taken one hour class for the youth. In his class, he also taken many examples of great people, and explained to them how they have achieved their goals, even when they have the problem of the poverty. He also said youth should come forward to serve in the church voluntarily. You should be example for the other. fr. Balaraj youth Director of the Diocese celebrated the Holy Mass. Fr. Praveen Regional Youth Director Preached the Word of God. At the end of this programme, ***Yuvasath*** books were distributed for the youth. Rev. Fr. Balaraj Youth Director thanked Fr. Praveen Regional Youth Director for conducting the programme. He also said special thanks to Rev. Fr. Balaswammy, Gadivemula parish priest for arranging the necessary things for this meeting. Fr. Balaraj the youth director also thanked all the priests Rev. Fr. Rajendra, Rev. Fr. Sebastian, Maseedpuram sisters and Gadivemula sisters who helped so much who participated in this programme and helped to be with the youth. - **(Rev. Fr. Balaraj, Youth Director)**

NEWS FROM HOLY CHILDHOOD

1. HOLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMME AT UPPALADADIYA PARISH:

Holy Childhood programme was conducted in Uppaladadiya Parish. After the Sunday Holy Mass, the in charge priest gathered the children in the church and made them to sit. The director enquired the children about the prayers and mass prayers. Children were very active. The director encouraged the children to come for holy mass and recite rosary every day. He also encouraged the children to study well for better citizen. We concluded the programme with a small prayer.



2. HOLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMME AT DIGUVAPADU VILLAGE:



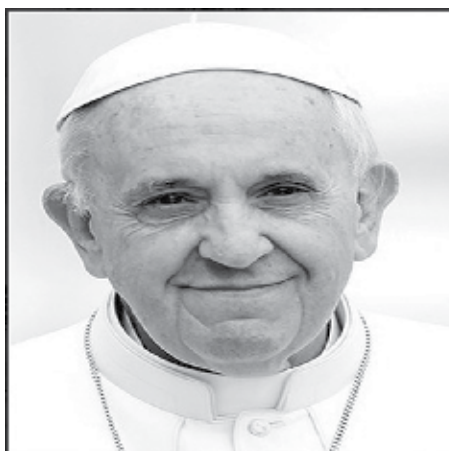
Holy Childhood Programme was conducted at diguvapadu village. How to participate in the holy mass. The director recited rosary with the children. We distributed few medals Jesus and Mary pictures. Many children attend for the Holy Mass.

3. HOLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMME AT BANDI ATMAKUR PARISH:

Holy childhood programme was conducted atbandi Atmakur parish. The programme started with a small prayer. The director asked the children to recite the father and the Hail Mary. We also asked them to recite few mass prayers with the help of the catechists. Children are very active and happy. We could teach them few stories which they could understand easily.

4. HOLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMME AT KADUMUR VILLAGE:

The Holy Childhood Programme was conducted at kadumur village. We teach them prayers and mass prayers. Children are very happy to speak to the priest. We teach them how to sit in the church and the discipline in the church. We also teach them few moral stories, which will help them to increase their knowledge. We also tell them some bible stories .they are very interested in bible stories. We concluded the programme with a prayer. - **(Fr. Balaraj Ery, Holy Childhood Programme In - Charge).**



Lent is a good time for sacrificing.
Let us deny ourselves something
every day to help others.

— Pope Francis —

Various Collections From Parishes & Institutions For the Year 2019

S.	Name of the Parish / Institution	Jy.S	H.C	L.C	M.Th	G.F	PP	J.S	M.S	Af. M	St.PA	Youth	C.I
1	Infant Jesus Church, Adoni	500	500	500	500	20500	500	500	160000	500	500	500	500
2	Holy Cross Church, Allagada	500	500	1000	600	1000	500	500	60000	500	500	500	1000
3	Guardian Angel Church, Alur						200	200	2000	200	200	100	100
4	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, ATP	500	500	2000	500	15000	500	500	40000	500	500	500	1000
5	St.Francis de Sales Church, ATP(S)				1100	7040			32250				
6	Holy Trinity Church, Atmakur	500	1000	840	450	650	1000	1000	9500	1000	1000	500	
7	St Mother Theresa Church, Banaganapalle	300	350	400	300	1200	450	350	13000	250	250	250	250
8	Our Lady of Perpetual help B.Atmakur						200	200	5500	100	100	100	100
9	Sacred Heart Church, Bethemcherla	200	800		200	3000							
10	St.Joseph RCM Church, Chagalamarri												
11	St.Anthony of Paduva Church, Chp.veia	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	29340	500	500	500	500
12	St.Joseph's Church, C.N Kota								3660				
13	St.Andrew's Church,Dharmavaram	200	200	200	200	500	200	250	5000	500	250	250	250
14	Sts Peter &Paul Church,Dhone	50	100	50	1100	1100	100	100	7000	100	100	100	100
15	St.Agnes Church,Gadivemula	200	200	200	200	1000	200	200	3000	200	200	200	200
16	St.Anthony's Church, Gospadu												
17	St.Joseph's Church, Gooty	500	500	500	1000	5000	500	500	10000	500	500	500	500
18	Our lady of Health Shrine, Guntakal	1500	2000	4000	2000	22240	1000	1000	90000	1000	1000	1000	1000
19	St.John Paul 11 Mission,Gundempadu												
20	St.Francis Xavier Church, Hindupur	400	500	500	1500	2000	200	200	18000	200	200	200	2800
21	St.Anthony of Paduva, Joharapuram,												
22	Amalodbavi Matha Church Ju.B'low	200	200	200	200	400	200	200	2000	200			200
23	St. Joseph's Church, Kadiri	300	300	300	440	300	200	200	3300	200	200	200	200
24	Holy Trinity Church, Kalyandurg												
25	Imma. Heart of Mary Church,Kodumur	500	500	1000	500	2500	200	200	8500	200	200	200	200
26	St.John Paul 11 Church, Koilakuntla	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	2500	200	200	200	200
27	St. George Church, Kosigi	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	2800	200	200	200	200
28	St. Theresa of Avila Co-Cathedral,KNL- 1	500	1000	19080	8370	25740	500	500	220830	500	1000	500	500
29	OLL Cathedral, Kurnool - 02	1000	1000	23805	7844	15,904	1000	1000	200482	1000	1000	1000	1000
30	Infant Jesus Shrine, Maddikera	100	150	100	853	3034	100	100	7735	100	100	100	100
31	Infant Jesus Church, Manchalakatta								2000				
32	Carmel Matha Church, Maseedupuram	200	260	500	265	975	100	100	4000	150	100	250	100

KURNOOL VANI - MARCH 2020

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - 2019

S.No.	Name of the Convent/Institution	Amount
1	Sisters of St. Bridgitine, Premagiri	1000
2	Satya Seva Sisters, Madikkara	1500
3	St. Ann's Convent, Bethemcherla	1000
4	St. Ann's School, Bethemcherla	1000
5	St. Ann's Convent, Kurnool-02	1000
6	St. Ann's Seva Sadan Convent, Gopavaram	2650
7	St. Ann's Convent, Anantapur	3400
8	St. Ann's Hostel, Anantapur	500
9	St. Ann's Jr College for Girls, Anantapur	700
10	St. Mary's Jr College & Hostel Pasupala, Knl-02	10000
11	Rev. Fr. O. Joji Reddy, Bishop's House, Knl-02	1000
12	Vimala EM High School, Yerraguntla	15000
13	Pushpa Nivas Convent, Yerraguntla	1200
14	Vimala EM High School, Govindapalle	2000
15	Sanjoe EM High School, Dhone	30000
16	San Johannes Convent, Alur	1000
17	CTC Provincialate, Venkayapalle	3000
18	SJT Krupanilayam, Venkayapalle	2500
19	Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier, Samarpana	100
20	Rev. Fr. S. Raja Reddy, Samarpana	300
21	Rv. Fr. Anthony, Samarpana	300
22	RCM Charly EM School, Orvakal	1000
23	St. Elizabeth Convent, Orvakal	500
24	St. Joseph Primary School, Peddakottala	10000
25	Jyothi Nivas Convent, Dhone	750
26	DSS Prasanthi Mandiram, Hindupur	5000
27	St. Ann's School Community, Kadirepalli	6000
28	Chaithanya Grihini Students, Pasupala	1600
29	St. Ann's of Luzern, Kurnool	2000
30	Shanthinikethan-JMJ Care & Support Centre	1000
31	CMC Carmel Jyothi Regional House, Venkayapalle	7000
32	Nirmala Convent, Anantapur	1000

S.No.	Name of the Convent/Institution	Amount
33	RCM Elementary School, Anantapur	1000
34	St. Mary's Girls High School, Anantapur	1000
35	St. Augustines EM High School, Anantapur	1000
36	St. Joseph's High School, Peddakottala	10000
37	Assisi Bhavan, Peddakottala	2000
38	St. Joseph's Chembery & St. Mary's EM School, Guntakal	10000
39	Santa Theresa Convent, Yemmigannur	1000
40	St. Mary's EM School, Yemmigannur	1000
41	Eliswamma Boarding, Yemmigannur	1000
42	Don Bosco Technical School, Pasupala	2000
43	Mount Carmel School, Kosigi	5000
44	Carmel Ashram, Kosigi	2000
45	Vijaya Matha Convent, Kosigi	1000
46	Fathima Convent, Chippagiri	1000
47	St. John's EM School, Alur	10000
48	Don Bosco Mission, Rapthadu	6500
49	St. Theresa's Hospital, Kurnool-01	5000
50	JMJ EM School Kurnool-01	5000
51	St. Anthon's Orphanage, Adoni	3,530
52	Pamidi & Penakacherla Dam	22,520
53	St. Joseph EM School, Pathikonda	15000
54	Maria Nilayam Convent, Velugodu	1000
55	Vincentian House, Velugodu	1000
56	Sanjoe Nilayam, Pathikonda	2000
57	RCM Church, Chettlamallapuram	1380
58	St. Joseph's School, Nandyal	20000
59	Velankanimatha Convent, Nandikotkur	1000
60	Velankanimatha EM School, Nandikotkur	1000
61	Sisters of Good News Convent, Nandikotkur	1500
62	Jeevan Jyothi EM School, Nandikotkur	2000
	TOTAL	252430

THE DAYS TO REMEMBER

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



Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier	15-03-1935
Msgr. A. Chourappa	15-03-1953
Rev. Fr. O. Joji Reddy	17-03-1956
Rev. Fr. D'Cruz	20-03-1931
Rev. Fr. K. Prathap Reddy	25-03-1964
Rev. Fr. P. Rayappa Reddy	29-03-1966

*Hearty Congratulations and best wishes to you dear father
on your Priestly Ordination Anniversary*

Rev. Fr. S. Raja Reddy	04-03-1998
Rev. Fr. K. Prathap Reddy	06-03-1991
Rev. Fr. D. Arulappa	13-03-1997
Rev. Fr. M. Praveen	19-03-2000
Rev. Fr. D. Emili Raj	19-03-2001
Rev. Fr. L. Balaswamy	19-03-2012
Rev. Fr. L. Joseph Ravi	19-03-2012
Rev. Fr. G. Chinnappa	19-03-2012
Rev. Fr. K. Jones	25-03-1983



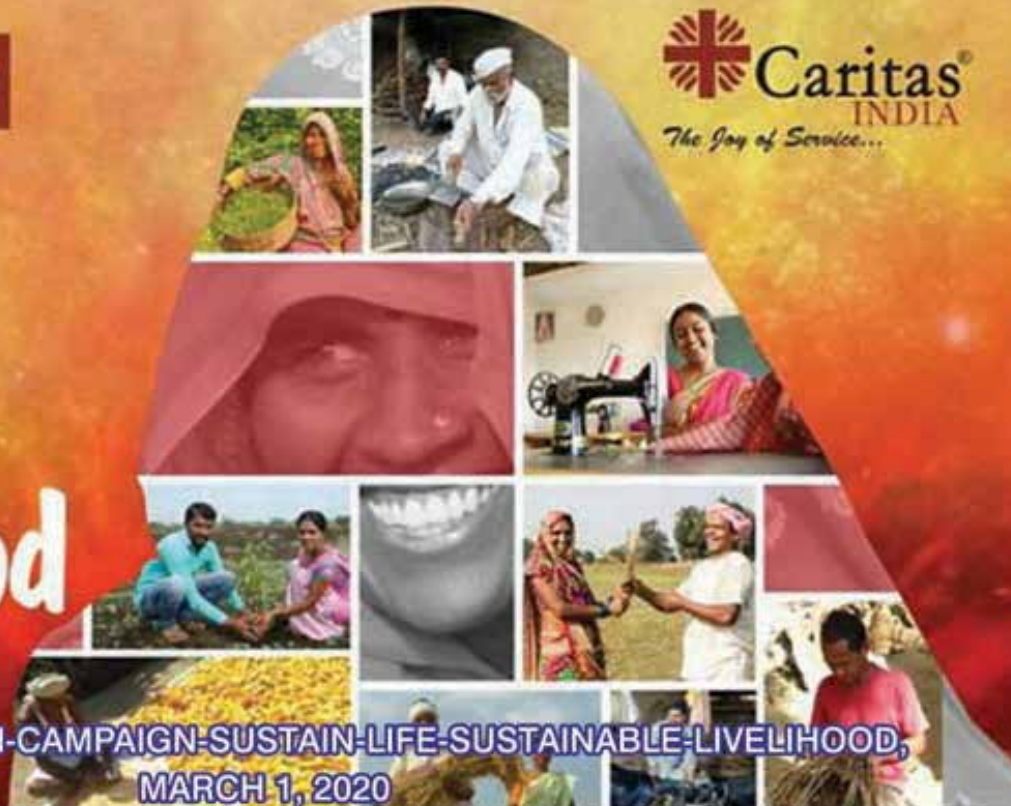
*Let us remember our Departed Brother Priests.
May the souls of the Faithful Departed through
the mercy of God Rest in Peace.*



Rev. Fr. Herman Kaskans	15-03-2009
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**SOLEMNITY OF
ST. JOSEPH
(19-03-2020)**

To thee, O Blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our affliction; and having implored the help of thy thrice-holy Spouse, we now with hearts filled with confidence, earnestly beg thee also to take us under thy protection. By that charity wherewith thou wast united to the Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, and by that fatherly love with which thou didst cherish the Child Jesus, we beseech thee and we humbly pray, that thou wouldst look down with gracious eyes upon that inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His Blood, and wilt assist us in our need by thy power and strength. Defend, O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen offspring of Jesus Christ. Keep from us, O most loving Father, all blight of error and corruption. Aid us from on high, most valiant Defender, in this conflict with the powers of darkness. And even as of old, thou didst rescue the Child Jesus from the peril of His life, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Shield us ever under thy patronage, that imitating thine example and strengthened by thy help, we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain to everlasting bliss in Heaven. Amen.