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NEWS LETTER - KURNOOL DIOCESE

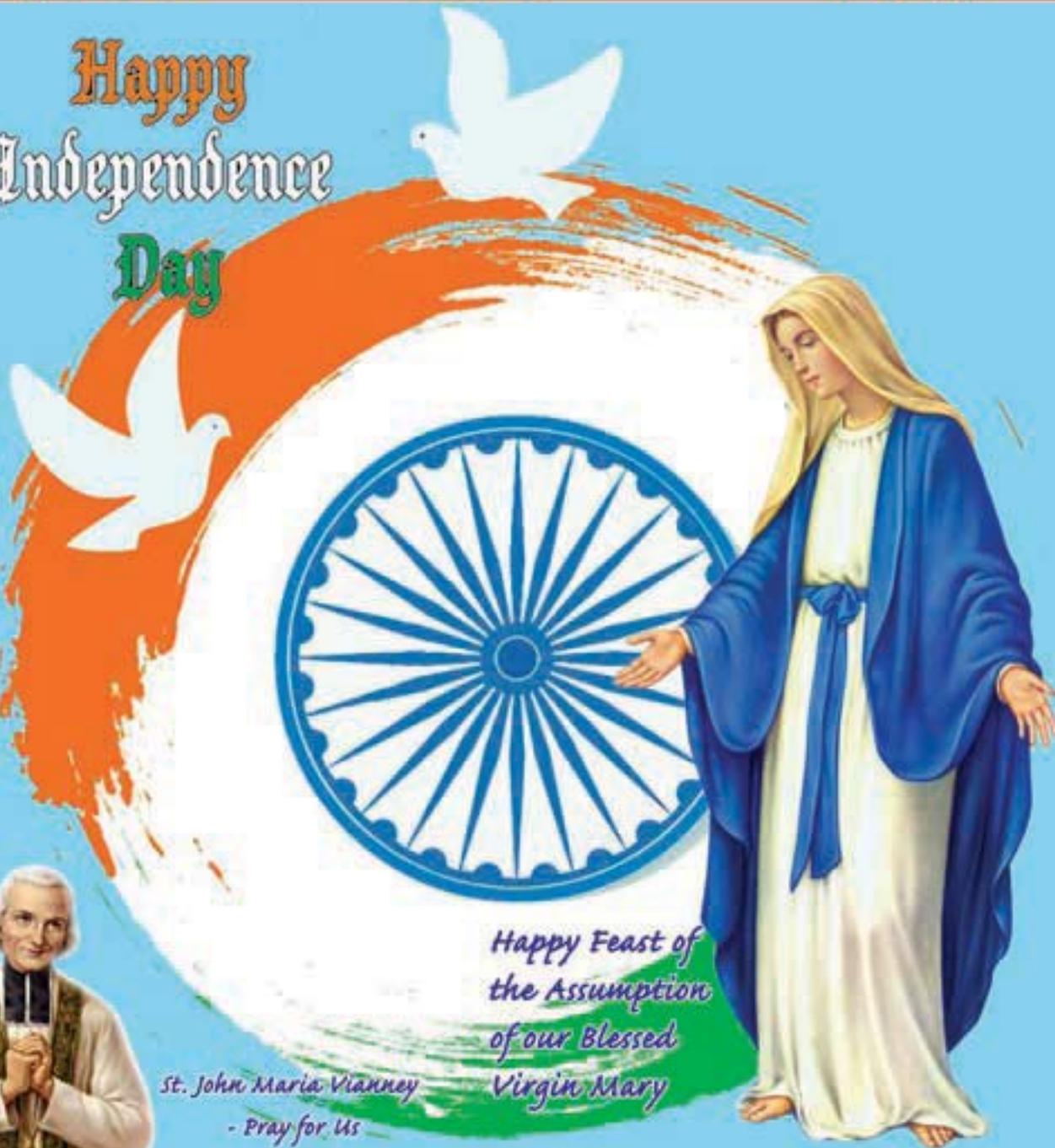


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Happy
Independence
Day



*Happy Feast of
the Assumption
of our Blessed
Virgin Mary*

*St. John Maria Vianney
- Pray for Us*





DESK General Body Meeting at Jeevasudha Pastoral Center (13-07-2019)



Rev. Fr. K. Prasanth DESK Director visiting Boarding Homes





BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers,

The Holy Mother the church celebrates on 4th of this month the feast of St. John Mary Vianney, patron saint of the parish priests. I wish all the parish priests a very happy feast.

The French Revolution in 18th century shattered the Catholic Church of old order. The revolution resulted in liberalism and democracy. The church lost in large measure the control over the daily life of the people. The process of secularism opened a new chapter and secular spirit continued to spread all over. Anti-clerical movement became strong. Many abandoned their priesthood and the Churches became the "Temple of Reasons". It was at this troubled movement in a poor family John Mary Vianney was born and due to the Revolution, he could not receive catholic education and could not even receive the first Holy Communion in public. He made secret confession and received the first Holy Communion secretly. He felt the call of God, but he struggled with Latin, and needed private tutoring to supplement his formal education. His studies were interrupted when he was taken into Napoleon's army in 1809, but after that he continued his priestly studies and became priest in 1815.

In 1818 he became the parish priest of a small village of Ars which he made it as a model parish by his holiness and the supernatural powers received from God. He worked tirelessly for the individual Christians and for the transformation of the parish. Many of the educated and daily laborers who had abandoned the church on account of the French revolution, he used to visit their houses and fields and he was preaching of the love and compassion of God. I remember the words of

His Holiness Pope Francis in *EVANGELII GAUDIUM* 'The Church 'goes forth' is a community of missionary disciples, who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice.

We move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, and seek those who are fallen away, stand at the cross road and welcome the outcast. Evangelization thus takes on the '**smell of the sheep**' and the sheep are willing to hear the voice. John Mary Vianney was after his sheep. People flocked to him for the confession and he used to spend 13-15 hours in the confessional. Many Bishops and priests used to come to him in secret to make a good confession. The rush of pilgrim to Ars was such that the civil authorities had to arrange special transportation to the village. Through his gently and godly service many sinners were converted, sick healed and many followed the life of holiness.

St. John Mary Vianney was neither a great preacher nor a good administrator, but he could transform his parish by his prayers, holiness and commitment to the people who was entrusted to him.

Often the image we create is of social worker, an efficient organizer and a good social mixer but the true image of course is the man of God and man of prayer. We have enough time to meddle with our mobile phones, on lap tops and attached to the Television, but how much zeal do we have for souls? How many of us visit our villages regularly? How much time do we spend in the confessional? How often we visit our catholic families? How much time do we spend in front of the Blessed Sacrament?

We ask our people to come to the Church and pray, but when do our people see us praying in the church? *Vatican II's 'Decree on the ministry and the life of priests*, expresses "the holy priest can alone save the world. Unless the Church has holy priests, she fails. The priest has not only to work for Christ, but also live and work with Christ.". "Without me you can do nothing". St John Mary Vianney is truly a hero of parish ministry. That is why he has been declared by the church as the model and patron of parish priests. Following his example, let us dedicate our lives in gaining our people and to enjoy eternal bliss with them.

With prayers and blessings,



+ **Anthony Poola**,
Bishop of Kurnool

HOLY MASS FOR MIGRANTS

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

“You who trample upon the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land... Behold the days are coming... when I will send a famine on the land... a thirst for hearing the words of the Lord” (Amos 8:4.11).



Today this warning of the prophet Amos is remarkably timely. How many of the poor are trampled on in our day! How many of the poor are being brought to ruin! All are the victims of that culture of waste that has been denounced time and time again. Among them, I cannot fail to include the migrants and refugees who continue to knock at the door of nations that enjoy greater prosperity.

Five years ago, during my visit to Lampedusa, recalling the victims lost at sea, I repeated that timeless appeal to human responsibility: “Where is your brother? His blood cries out to me”, says the Lord. This is not a question directed to others; it is a question directed to me, to you, to each of us (*Homily*, 8 July 2013). Sadly, the response to this appeal, even if at times generous, has not been enough, and we continue to grieve thousands of deaths.

Today’s Gospel acclamation contains Jesus’ invitation: “Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (*Mt* 11:28). The Lord promises refreshment and freedom to all the oppressed of our world, but he needs us to fulfill his promise. He needs our eyes to see the needs of our brothers and sisters. He needs our hands to offer them help. He needs our voice to protest the injustices committed thanks to the silence, often complicit, of so many. I should really speak of many silences: the silence of common sense; the silence that thinks, “It’s always been done this way”; the silence of “us” as opposed to “you”. Above all, the Lord needs our hearts to show his merciful love towards the least, the outcast, the abandoned, the marginalized.

In the Gospel we heard, Matthew tells us of the most important day in his life, the day Jesus called him. The Evangelist clearly records the Lord’s rebuke to the Pharisees, so easily given to insidious murmuring: “Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice’” (9:13). It is a finger pointed at the sterile hypocrisy of those who do not want to “dirty the hands”, like the priest or the Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan. This is a temptation powerfully present in our own day. It takes the form of closing our hearts to those who have the right,

just as we do, to security and dignified living conditions. It builds walls, real or virtual, rather than bridges.

Before the challenges of contemporary movements of migration, the only reasonable response is one of solidarity and mercy. A response less concerned with calculations, than with the need for an equitable distribution of responsibilities, an honest and sincere assessment of the alternatives and a prudent management. A just policy is one at the service of the person, of *every* person involved; a policy that provides for solutions that can ensure security, respect for the rights and dignity of all; a policy concerned for the good of one's own country, while taking into account that of others in an ever more interconnected world. It is to this world that the young look.

The Psalmist has shown us the right attitude to adopt in conscience before God: "I have chosen the way of faithfulness, I set your ordinances before me" (*Ps* 119,30). A commitment to faithfulness and right judgment that all of us hope to pursue together with government leaders in our world and all people of good will. For this reason, we are following closely the efforts of the international community to respond to the challenges posed by today's movements of migration by wisely combining solidarity and subsidiarity, and by identifying both resources and responsibilities. I would like to close with a few words in Spanish, directed particularly to the faithful who have come from Spain.

I wanted to celebrate the fifth anniversary of my visit to Lampedusa with you, who represent rescuers and those rescued on the Mediterranean Sea. I thank the rescuers for embodying in our day the parable of the Good Samaritan, who stopped to save the life of the poor man beaten by bandits. He didn't ask where he was from, his reasons for travelling or his documents... he simply decided to care for him and save his life. To those rescued I reiterate my solidarity and encouragement, since I am well aware of the tragic circumstances that you are fleeing. I ask you to keep being witnesses of hope in a world increasingly concerned about the present, with little vision for the future and averse to sharing. With respect for the culture and laws of the country that receives you, may you work out together the path of integration. I ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds and to stir our hearts to overcome all fear and anxiety, and to make us docile instruments of the Father's merciful love, ready to offer our lives for our brothers and sisters, as the Lord Jesus did for each of us.

With Blessings,
Franciscus

Holy Father Pope Francis.

BISHOP'S PROGRAMME

AUGUST 2019

- Mon **Aug 3-18** 10:00 a.m. Mission Tour, USA.
- Mon **Aug 19-21** 9:00 a.m. TCBC Extra – ordinary Meeting at St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad.
- Thu **Aug 22** 9:00 a.m. APSSS Governing Body Meeting at Secunderabad.
- Thu **Aug 29** 10:00 a.m. CBCI Office for Social Communications: NISCORT Meeting at Delhi.

SEPTEMBER 2019

- Sun **Sep 01** 10:30 a.m. Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Erection Aroghya Matha Parish, Nandyal: Celebrates Holy Eucharist.
- Mon **Sep 02** 10:00 a.m. Episcopal Ordination of Msgr. Rayarala Vijaya Kumar PIME, the Bishop Elect of Srikakulam Diocese at Sahayamatha Cathedral, Srikakulam.
- Sun **Sep 08** 3:00 p.m. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Celebrates Holy Eucharist at Aroghya Matha Shrine, Guntakal.
- Wed **Sep 11-19** 10:00 a.m. Ad Limina Visit, Rome.
- Fri **Sep 20-30** Mission Tour to Europe.


+ Anthony Poola D.D.,
Bishop of Kurnool

COMMUNICATIONS

1. BISHOP ON HIS MISSION TOUR TO USA:

This is to communicate that our dear Bishop Most Rev. Anthony Poola will be going to USA from August 3rd -18th, 2019 to visit personally some of our friends and benefactors in connection with the mission work of our Diocese. Let us entreat the Lord to be his guide and companion during the time of his Mission Tour. We wish His Excellency **Bon Voyage and safe return**. In the absence of the Bishop Rev. Msgr. Chowrappa, Vicar General of our diocese will look after the affairs of the diocese.

2. ANNUAL RETREAT FOR PASTORAL CLERGY:

The Annual Retreat for the Pastoral Clergy of our Diocese for the year 2019 will be held in **October from 20-10-2019 @ 6:00 p.m. to 25-10-2019 @ 4:00 p.m.** at Jeevasudha Pastoral Center, Venkayapalle, Kurnool. **This retreat is preached by Rev. Fr. Joseph CSSR, Bangalore.** Spiritual Retreat is a time and a unique opportunity to make a deep, personal and lasting recommitment to Jesus Christ, to the priesthood, to personal holiness and to the pastoral ministry. Hence, let us keep silence and make use of this time for our spiritual growth. Kindly mark the dates in your diary and ask our people to pray for the Clergy. Kindly bring with you your **Breviary and the Bible**. All the pastoral clergy are expected to make the retreat without fail. For any grave reason, anyone is not able to attend the Retreat; he must obtain prior permission from the Bishop.

3. HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS & PRAYERFUL WISHES TO REV. MSGR. VIJAYA KUMAR RAYARALA, PIME, BISHOP ELECT OF SRIKAKULAM DIOCESE:

His Holiness, Pope Francis has appointed Rev. Msgr. Vijaya Kumar Rayarala, P.I.M.E., Regional Superior of the PIME as Bishop of the Diocese of Srikakulam. This provision was made public in Rome on Tuesday, 16th July 2019 at noon, corresponding to 15:30 hours, Indian Standard Time. Rev. Msgr. Vijaya Kumar Rayarala, PIME was born in Khammam, on 15th October, 1969. He joined St. John's Minor Seminary, Nidadavole, Eluru and then studied Philosophy at Jnana Deep Vidyapeeth, Pune. He continued his studies of Theology and Spirituality in the International Theologate of *Pontificio Istituto Missioni Estere* (PIME) in Monza (Italy) and made his final profession in the PIME on 1st October 1997. He was ordained priest in the Cathedral of Khammam on 29th August 1998. In 2003 he obtained a Licentiate in Biblical Theology from *San Luigi University*, Naples (Italy).

Rev. Msgr. Vijaya Kumar Rayarala PIME in the following ministries:

1998-2000: Vocations Animator, St. Xavier's Institutions, Eluru;
2003-2006: Parish Priest, *Woodlark, Alotau*, Papua New Guinea;
2006-2008: Associate Director, Lepers' Rehabilitation Centre, Bombay;
2008-2014: Director, Lepers' Rehabilitation Centre, Bombay;
Since 2014: Regional Superior, PIME.

We wish Bishop-elect Vijaya Kumar Rayarala, all the best, success, and special blessings of the good Lord, the loving care & protection of our Blessed Mother Mary.

4. RECOLLECTION FOR THE PASTORAL CLERGY:

Monthly Recollection for August will be on Deanery level. The Deans are requested to make necessary arrangements for the same according to the Convenience of priests in the deanery.

5. RECOLLECTION FOR THE REGENTS:

Recollection for the Regents will be at Premagiri on 10th August 2019, Second Saturday. All the priests who are assisted by the Regents are requested to send them by 9th August, Friday by 4.p.m. to Premagiri.

6. CRI GENERAL BODY MEETING:

Kurnool Diocese CRI cordially invites the members for the Annual General Body meeting at KDSSS, Kurnool on 17th (Saturday) of August 2019. Request the Superior of the house and community members be present for the meeting. Please reach the venue by 9.00 am. Registration fees Rs. 150/-

7. FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN MARY VIANNEY, THE CURÉ D'ARS (04-08-2019):

"The Priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus", says St. John Mary **Vianney**. On the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday 19 June 2009, a day traditionally devoted to prayer for the holiness of priests, Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated the Year for Priests in celebration of the 150th anniversary of St John Mary Vianney's death. Vianney died on 4th August 1859, and was canonized and declared the patron saint of parish priests in 1929 by Pope Pius XI. He was a tireless example of dedication to souls especially through the Sacrament of Confession. He lived a pious life and dedicated himself totally to the will of God. In 2009, when Pope Benedict XVI was opening the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of St. John Vianney's death, the Pope wrote a letter to Clergy, encouraging all priests to look to the Curé of Ars as an example of dedication to one's priestly calling.

Let us wish each other and excel in all his good qualities to remain as good and dedicated priests. Marking this great day, we wish a Very Happy Feast to all the pastoral clergy and are advised to have some meaningful celebrations in your respective parishes and deaneries.

8. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE 9TH AUGUST 2019:

The United Nations' (UN) International Day of the World's Indigenous People is observed on August 9 each year to promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population. This event also recognizes the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection, peace and harmony. Indigenous cultures across the planet are recognized on International Day of the World's Indigenous People. Illustration based on artwork. The International Day of the World's Indigenous People falls on August 09, 2019 as this was the date of the first meeting in 1982 of the United Nations Working Group of Indigenous Populations. It is observed each year to promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population. This event also recognizes the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection. People from different nations are encouraged to participate in observing the day to spread the UN's message on indigenous peoples. Activities may include educational forums and classroom activities to gain an appreciation and a better understanding of indigenous peoples.

Indigenous peoples, or Natives, are ethnic groups who are native to a land or region, especially before the arrival and intrusion of a foreign and possibly dominating culture. They are a group of people whose members share a cultural identity that has been shaped by their geographical region. A variety of names are used in various countries to identify such groups of people, but they generally are regarded as the "original inhabitants" of a territory or region. Their right to self-determination may be materially affected by the later-arriving ethnic groups. (Please find a circular in Regional and Global News)

9. 'BLACK DAY' OBSERVANCE ON 10TH AUGUST 2019:

August 10 day of mourning against discrimination of Christians and Dalit Muslim. "On August 10 we will observe a Black Day [day of mourning] since August 10, 1950 the President of India passed the infamous Art. 3 of the Constitution on Scheduled Castes (SC). It is a protest against the discrimination suffered by Dalit Christians and Muslims. The promoters are asking that black flags be displayed in a sign of mourning on Christian churches and other buildings, in meetings and at public events.

Christians in India usually suffer double discrimination: Not only do they suffer persecution because of their religion, but since the vast majority of Christians are Dalits - once known as "untouchables" - they also suffer harassment because of their caste. In India, Christians are approximately 2.3% of the population, of which around 60% are Dalits. And although Dalits are given preferential treatment under Indian law - similar to affirmative action policies in

the United States - this does not apply to Christians and Muslims. On August 10, 1950, the first president of India, Rajendra Prasad, signed a presidential order stating that anyone belonging to “a religion different from the Hindu religion shall be deemed to be a member of a Scheduled Caste.” (Scheduled Caste is another term for Dalits.) Sikhs (1956) and Buddhists (1990) have since been allowed to also benefit from laws applying to Dalits. (Please find a circular in Regional and Global News).

10. NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY (11-08-2019):

The Youth Commission of the Conference of Catholic Bishops’ of India (CCBI) which is the Episcopal conference of Bishops in India is celebrating the third National Youth Day on the second Sunday of August - August 11, which marks a day dedicated by the Bishops of India to all the young people nationwide. The day will be celebrated by the youth in their parishes, dioceses and institutions. Young people will gather in the churches and institutions on this day to celebrate the Holy Eucharist (a special youth mass) and organize various charities, fundraising events and to also pay visits to old age homes, orphanages and homes run by the missionaries of charity etc. “Young people will observe this day by organizing community programmes, recreation, outreach, fellowship, competitions, mela/fete etc, to celebrate their youthfulness and fellowship. The CCBI Youth Commission also urges all the faithful and religious leaders of the country to pray especially for all the young people across the world. It also invites young people to read the Apostolic Exhortation, a letter to young people by Pope Francis called ‘Christus Vivit or Christ is Alive’ following the 2018 Synod on Youth and reflect upon it in groups in creative ways,” said Father Chetan Machado, CCBI Youth Commission secretary.

The theme for young people in India this year is ‘I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your Word’ (Lk 1:38). This theme paves a way for young people to re-discover Christ, who is young and alive and therefore commit themselves to their call in life just as Mary did by her ‘Yes’ to the Lord, added Fr Machado. In his message to young people, Pope Francis in Christus Vivit says ‘Do not just watch life from the balcony, but face it in the arena, accepting challenges and confronting trials. That is what Mary did, in her own youth, as she confronted her own questions and difficulties. May she renew your youthfulness by the power of her prayers and accompany you always by her maternal presence’(CV, §298).

He also talks about ‘three great truths’: God loves you; Christ is your Savior; He is alive (CV, §130). In a world where young people experience persistent turbulence and isolation, these three truths will make them feel loved. Even when they feel that they have messed up their lives, committed mistakes that have taken them far away, remembering that ‘He always helps us to learn something even from our mistakes’. In his concluding message he tells the youth, “Dear young

people, my joyful hope is to see you keep running the race, out beating all those who are slow or fearful. The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, and your faith. We need them!" CCBI Youth Commission is the chief organ of the CCBI that animates the youth apostolate across 132 dioceses and 14 ecclesial regions towards a deeper Christian awareness and commitment through faith formation. It aims to achieve its objective by working in close collaboration with the Regional Youth Commissions, Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM) and other various Catholic Youth Movements in India.

11. PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY INDIA (11-08-2019):

God hails the profound dignity of every human person, despite his or her cruelties even those condemned to death. Prison Ministry India, a national voluntary organization attempts to bear witness to the Truth that the worth of a human person is not measured by usefulness or talents, health or sickness, age or creed. We shall help prisoners to pick up the bits and pieces of his/her broken life to make a whole that is perfect and holy, his moral life. Prison Ministry India aims at reconciliation of the offender with the person he/she has offended the offended child with his/her family and the prisoner with God who hates the sin but loves and forgives the sinner. Therefore in prison, we want to instill hope for a prisoner without hope, to meet his creator who believes in him and created him in his image. On the occasion of Prison Ministry Sunday on 11th August 2019, kindly encourage the people to visit the prisons nearby and pray for our brethren behind bars. Special collection at the Parish level could be made and send to the diocesan office for the work of mercy.

12. MARY'S ASSUMPTION AND INDIA'S DAY OF INDEPENDENCE (15-08-2019):

The two events fall on 15th August. People must wake up to India's problems and learn to deal with violence, female infanticide, environmental degradation, etc. We celebrate two significant and related events. These are the Assumption of our Blessed Mother and Independence Day. Both are celebrated on the same date: August 15th. The reason why these events are related is because they are both about Freedom. Independence is celebrated as freedom from foreign rule and domination to self-rule and governance and the Assumption may be seen as a freedom from this limited and incomplete life to the bliss of eternal and perpetual life. The verses which make up the Gospel text of today are commonly known as "The Magnificat" or Mary's hymn of praise. It seems to have been modeled on the prayer of Samuel's mother, Hannah, in 1 Sam 2:1-10, and contains many Old Testament concepts and phrases. It communicates a picture of Mary as someone quite steeped in scripture. It reveals God primarily as a God of the poor. God is the one who will vindicate the poor by removing the rich and mighty from their positions and raising the lowly. Let the celebrations of Independence Day and the

Assumption of our Blessed Mother is wake-up calls for us to rouse ourselves from our slumber and do something tangible to right the wrongs.

13. ST. PIUS X, AUXILIARY PATRON OF OUR DIOCESE OF KURNOOL (21-08-2019):

Pope Saint Pius X was born in the town of Riese, which would later append as “Pio X” (Pius X’s name in Italian) to the town’s name. He was canonized in 1954. Pius X is known for vigorously opposing modernist interpretations of Catholic doctrine, promoting traditional devotional practices and orthodox theology. His most important reform was to order the codification of the first Code of Canon Law, which collected the laws of the Church into one volume for the first time. He was also considered a pastoral Pope, in the sense of encouraging personal holiness, piety and a daily lifestyle reflecting deep Christian values. Pius X was particularly devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the specific title of Our Lady of Confidence; his papal encyclical *Ad diem illum* expresses his desire ‘through Mary to renew all things in Christ’, which he had defined as his motto in his first encyclical. Pius X was the only pope in the 20th century with extensive pastoral experience and implementation at the parish level. Pius X defended the Catholic faith against popular 19th- century attitudes and views such as indifferentism and relativism which his predecessors had warned against as well. Considered a holy person by many, public veneration of Pope Pius X began soon after his death. Let us invoke his intercession for the Church at large and very specially for our diocese that we may through Mother Mary renew all things in Christ.

14. JUSTICE SUNDAY (25-08-2019) UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SERVICE COMMITTEE (UUSC).

Justice Sunday is a UUSC’s annual opportunity to engage you and your congregation in reflection and action. For many people in the Global North, economic justice is a phrase without any personal connection. But for millions of people around the world, it is the difference between living and dying. This Justice Sunday explores economic justice and be a part of the movement to help people all around the world realizes their rights. As the Universal Declaration of Human Rights declares, “Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favorable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.”

15. 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. Hence, 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	-	26 Masses	Rs. 2,600/-
2. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, P. Yaleru	-	51 Masses	Rs. 5,100/-
3. Assumption Church, Ramadurgam	-	60 Masses	Rs. 6,000/-
4. Fr. Nusi Francis	-	30 Masses	Rs. 3,000/-
5. Sacred Heart Church, Velugodu	-	65 Masses	Rs. 6,500/-
6. Our Lady of Health Shrine, Guntakal	-	130 Masses	Rs. 13,000 /-
7. Holy Name of Jesus Church, Peddakottala	-	66 Masses	Rs. 6,600/-

**16. PROGRAMME AT SINAI DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE – PREMAGIRI:
AUGUST 2019.**

August 02 : First Friday- Fasting Prayer (9.30 am to 4.00 pm)
Preaching of the Word of God, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & Healing Service.

August 10 : 2nd Saturday- Bible Convention.
Preaching of the Word of God, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & Healing Service

August 11-15 : First Residential Retreat

August 25- 29: Second Residential Retreat

August 31 : Night Vigil. From 9:00 pm to 5:00 am

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.

BISHOP ANTHONY POOLA EDUCATION FUND

1. Rev Fr. Elias Martis, Allagadda	-	Rs. 3,000/-
2. Mr. D.N. Varalu, Chapirevula	-	Rs. 1,000/-
3. Rev. Fr. K. Prathap Reddy	-	Rs. 5116/-
4. St. Ann's Convent, Uppaladadiya	-	Rs. 5,000/-
5. Chaithanya Gruhini Center, Pasupala	-	Rs. 20,000/-
Total Amount	-	Rs. 34,116/-

1. SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF REV. SR. JAPAMALA DSS:

The Jubilee bells echoed at Vimala Provincial House on 8th July 2019 as the entire community gathered with gratitude to celebrate the silver Jubilee of the religious profession of Sr. Japamala DSS, the first AP flower bloomed in DSS soil at Kerala. Sr. Japamala hailed from Jojipet Parish in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad joined DSS in 1990 made her first Vows in 1995. A Nurse by profession, she proved herself worthy to be called



Dinadasi through her very life of selfless service, hard work, readiness and commitment. Mostly she shared the fruits of her service with the people with leprosy and HIV at Abhayagiri and with the aged and destitute at Hindupur. Presently she serves as the Superior of DSS Petranivas community at Oleru in Guntur diocese. His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Poola Antony, the Bishop of Kurnool celebrated the thanksgiving holy mass. In his homily, Bishop appreciated the noble services of Sr. Japamala for the past 25 years and exhorted that every jubilee is a time of blessing and an occasion for the Jubilarian to place an account of gratitude to God and to the community, to re-confess one's faithfulness to God and finally to re-commit to live the Promises made to Him at the time of religious profession.

On 27th July, the DSS Province had another blessed occasion at Mercy home Abhayagiri where His Excellency blessed the newly constructed Divine Mercy Chapel. Many priests and sisters from neighboring communities joined the function. Sr. Surekha DSS, the Assistant Superior General graced the occasion through her very presence and prayers. The Province extends heartfelt thanks to His Excellency, the priests, religious and faithful of the Diocese of Kurnool for accompanying us in our life of love and service. - **(DSS Vimala Province, Kurnool)**

2. DESK GENERAL BODY MEETING AT JEEVASUDHA PASTORAL CENTER:

We had DESK General Body meeting with theme “**Be the light of the world and salt of the earth**”



‘One in Spirit and All in Service’ as usual on second Saturday of July i.e., on 13. It took place in presence of the DESK President Most Rev. Dr. Anthony Poola, Bishop of Kurnool. We were happy to see over a hundred people who are the heads of the educational

institutions. We began with a prayer service and Bible reading. Bishop spoke about the education and how education as a weapon can change the world for better. Poverty must never be a hindrance for a child to go to school. Education is a child’s right. Bishop also spoke about saving water, developing greenery and protecting environment. Vicar General Rev. Anthonappa Chowrappa spoke about enormous Christian contribution to Indian education. Our chief guest and the resource person was Very Rev. Fr. Dr. V. K. Swamy, priest of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad who inspiringly elaborated the New Education Policy 2019. It has ignited out heads of the educational institutions. - **(Fr. Prashanth Kumara, Director- DESK)**.

3. ANNUAL FEAST OF CARMEL MATHA CHURCH, ANANTAPUR:

On 16th July 2019 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast was successfully celebrated at Mount Carmel Church, Anantapur. Prior to the Feast celebration, we had Novena prayer services, and Eucharistic celebrations celebrated by some of our Anantapur deanery Priests. On the feast day proper, his Excellency Rt. Rev. Poola Anthony celebrated the Festal Eucharistic Celebration. Bishop preached on the day a wonderful and meaningful homily. In the homily Bishop shared the history of the Mount Carmel miracles of Mother Mary. Many religious from the deanery and faithful from surrounding parishes have participated in the festival mass and witnessed. Rev. Fr. Pratap Reddy parish priest, thanked the Bishop, the priests, religious and the faithful gathered. The celebration ended with agape Meal. - **(Rev. Fr. K. Pratap, Parish Priest)**.

4. BLESSING AND INAUGURATION OF ST. ANN’S HOME AND EXTENDED HOSTEL BLOCK:

Thus says the Lord “I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own” (2 Samuel 7:10-11). On 30th of

July 2019 was a memorable day for the family of Sisters of St. Ann's Luzern at Kurnool. With deep sentiments of gratitude to God St. Ann's home and extended Hostel block was blessed and Inaugurated by Most Rev. Poola Anthony, the Bishop of Kurnool and by Sr. Elizabeth Antony the Superior General of sisters of St. Ann Lurzen and Sr. Renita Joseph the Provincial Superior of Bangalore province. God's ways are mysterious, He has designed this house from eternity and this is the moment of the fulfillment of His dream and plan for St. Ann's home for the sister and students at Grihini Training Centre at Pasupala.



His Lordship was received by the Sr. Elizabeth Antony the Superior General, and Sr. Renita Joseph the Provincial Superior of Bangalore Province along with all the welcomed with the flower bouquet at the main entrance of the house. He was led to the newly constructed house in procession with the sprinkling of flowers. His Excellency followed the tradition and made a grand entry to the house by breaking the Coconut. Soon after the blessing we had Eucharistic Celebration by our Bishop Anthony Poola. In His Homily Bishop stressed on the importance of the House and hospitality. Our hearts are the temple if the Holy Spirit. This house shall be house of mercy, love, joy. We are very happy to have our shepherd bishop Anthony Poola amidst us on this special day. Our General superior and councilor are very happy to meet bishop. The whole celebration ended with family meal. – **(St. Ann's Home, Pasupala, Kurnool)**

NEWS FROM DIOCESAN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY KURNOOL (DESK)

1. DESK POLICIES:

1. All the Catholic schools in the diocese shall collect only on HALF of the School fee.
2. If there is a 3rd or 4th child of the same parents they will receive free education.
3. From this year all the boarding children shall pay Rs 2500.
4. Paid hostels need to reserve some seats for DESK children.

2. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Scholarship applications are available for Bishop Johannes Scholarships (Inter) and DESK Degree Scholarships available at DESK office and Bishop's office.

3. DESK VISITING BOARDING HOMES:

We are happy that the DESK has visited all the boarding homes. We are happy that you are all doing well.

- Fr. K. Prashanth, DESK- Director, Mobile: +91-9182246907,
E-mail: desk.kurnool@gmail.com, Facebook ID:
www.facebook.com/desk.kurnool9

NEWS FROM KURNOOL DIOCESE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (KDSSS)

1. BISHOPS VISIT TO KDSSS:

KDSSS Chairman **Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony** paid a visit to the office of KDSSS. The Director of KDSSS Rev. Fr. Bhaskar together with the staff welcomed him warmly. Bishop greeted the staff cordially and enquired about everyone personally. Also he expressed his desire to know how everyone is fairing in his/her work in the office.



Then Fr. Bhaskar led him to the garden to plant two plants in the garden since every where



the slogans are repeatedly being shouted in many programmes. His Lordship spoke to the staff saying greenery is the plants, herbs, shrubs and trees surrounding us. However with the growing population and urbanization, this greenery is getting depleted and cities are getting transformed into concrete jungles. There is an urgent need to preserve existing greenery as well as grow new plants for the existence of human beings on this planet. Green trees are known to attract the clouds and hence they play a role

in ground water resource management as well as helps in bringing rainfall. Preserving greenery is a must for our existence on this planet. He was very pleasant in his visit and the weather also was pleasant that day. Then he relaxed a while and left the campus. May God bless him abundantly for his Fatherly care and concern he shows to all the dwellers in his Diocese.

2. APSSS GOVERNMENT BODY MEETING:

The meeting was held in Vani Nilayam Hyderabad in the presence of Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony, Chair person of APSSS & Bishop of Kurnool along with the Governing Body members. The meeting began with the prayer by our chairman bishop and his presence made the meeting so effective. Finally meeting came to an end with the blessings of our chairman.

3. CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENT NATURAL FARMING:

Andhra Pradesh Social Service Forum joined with Caritas India to conduct a 3 days Seminar on Climate Change Resilient Natural Farming in Thirupathi Youth Hostel. Rev. Fr. Anthaiah, APSSForum Director, APSSForum Coordinator Mr. Sudhakar David, Natural Farming trainer Mr. Gangadhar, Agricultural Officer Mr. Subbarao, Mr. Subramanyam and Diocese Co-ordinators from different Dioceses took part in this gathering.

They insisted mainly upon Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) which in the future can help the farmers to recoup their strength and go ahead in increasing their productive yields. Mr. A.V. Subbarao, one of the Govt. officials spoke of the programmes and income generation plans that Government is offering for the farmers and how to go about in acquiring them and benefit from them so on. Rev. Fr. Anthaiah proposed vote of thanks to all the organizers, speakers and to the participants.

4. NATIONAL COORDINATION MEETING:

The Kolping India national coordination meeting was held in Chennai at St .Thomas mounts in DMI. Representatives from all over India have participated for the meeting. It's started at around 9.30.AM.by invoking the mighty blessing of GOD. Rev.Fr. Anthony Raj the director of Kolping India organization prayed over the group and addressed the gathering thus started the group discussion by the members of each state it was mainly focused on the regular project and its implementation's mainly focused on the open defecation, contamination of water, unmanaged solid waste etc...after the discussion in the groups we have come back to the main gathering and shared with main group all that has been discussed the main points discussed were IIGP, Sanitation, Economic development, Sustainable livelihood, etc... BMZ Twinning project is also shared their views towards the closing of the first phase and starting of the new project phase of 2020-2022 there was mutual interaction between the National coordinator and the Local representatives. There is reminding of election for new National Director & National President. Director thanked and appreciated all the Kolping partners.

5. AN ACT OF CHARITY IN THE NAME OF JESUS:

KDSSS has extended its hand in an act of Charity to the inmates of Mother India Orphanage. A man with a smile on his face and a request in his eyes has

approached Rev. Fr. Bhaskar the Director of KDSSS in the first week of July 2019. Moved with compassion and mercy, the Director Fr. Bhaskar called him and spoke with him at length. In his conversation the man said there are many boys and girls who are without parents and who are left by parents in the orphanage. He is going place to place to collect alms to take care of those children. Fr. Bhaskar handed over few note books and some stationery to him.



He was happy and left the office. May God bless his intention of taking care of the orphans and may some generous donors come on his way.

6. A BORE WELL SUPPORT:

Over the years, increasing population, growing industrialization, expanding agriculture and rising standards of living have pushed up the demand for water. People's struggles for drinking water are reaching to the peak level. We know the struggle for water and all of us are well aware of scarcity of water everywhere. In this dire need in Nuci Kottala KDSSS came forward and supported to drill the bore well. - (Fr. Sanike Bhaskar, KDSSS Director)

NEWS FROM JEEVASUDHA PASTORAL CENTRE

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMME CONDUCTED IN THE PARISHES AND VILLAGES



Cherukucherla, Nandikotkur



Alaganur, Nandikotkur Parish



Badinehalli, Adoni Parish



LRG Parish, MSFS Anantapur Parish



Rapthadu Parish



Thimmapur Village

NEWS FROM HOLY CHILDHOOD

HOLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMME CONDUCTED IN MONTH OF JULY 2019



Alaganur Village, Nandikotkur



Cherukucherla, Nandikotkur



St. John's Residential School, Vaddupalle



LRG Boarding



St. Mary's Boarding, Gargeyapuram



Uppaladadiya Parish

NEWS FROM DIVYAVANI TV CHANNEL

DIVYAVANI TV 3RD ANNIVERSARY SAMBARALU:

On 28th July 2019, Sunday Divyavani TV Kurnool Zonal Centre organized Bible Quiz, Group Dance and Short Film Competitions. First Prize Rs. 10,000/-, Second Prize Rs.5, 000/-. We had 36 teams for Bible Quiz Competitions. We had 16 teams for Group Dance competitions. We had two Shot Films. We had participants from Kadapa, Kurnool and Bellary Diocese. Our Zonal Bible Quiz competitions winners: Vincent De Paul Convent (St. Ann's Sisters) Anantapur, Gospadu Parish Youth and CTC sisters are selected for final competitions. Our Zonal Group Dance Competitions winners: Yemmiganur Parish Youth were selected for Classical Group dance competitions and Badvel parish youth, Kadapa Diocese were selected for Folk Group Dance competitions. We are very much grateful to our beloved Bishop Most Rev. Anthony Poola for his support to Divyavani TV channel. Special thanks to Rev. Fr. Ery Balaraj, Pastoral Centre Director for proving food and accommodation. Thanks to Fr. Kommu Lourdu (Bishop's Secretary), Fr. S. Bhaskar (KDSSS Director), Fr. Pasala Lahastraya (St. Mary's college correspondent), and Fr. Prasanth Kumara (DESK Director) Fr. Rayappa SMA. Thanks to Our Judges Mr. Wilson, Fr. Lazar (Vijayawada Zonal Coordinator), Mr. Burri Balashowry. Thank to Fr. Udumula Balashowry CEO, Fr. Thumma Velangani Showreddy for organizing Competitions. Thanks to all the Parish Priests, Sisters for their encouragement and support. - **(Fr. Pappula Sudhakar, Divyavani TV Channel, Zonal Coordinator)**

NEWS FROM PRISON MINISTRY

Brief Report on Southern Regional Body & Executive Meeting: Prison Ministry India – Southern India Regional Body & Executive Meeting under TCBC was held at Social Service Center, Gunadala, Vijayawada on 19th July 2019 by Rev. Fr. Pasala Lahastraya, AP State Coordinator, under the Chairmanship of Most Rev. Dr. Anthony Poola, Bishop of Kurnool, under the guidance of Mr. David Chaco, Southern India Regional Secretary and with the cooperation and collaboration of Rev. Fr. Pasala Thomas, Director of Social Service Centre and Diocesan Coordinator of Prison Ministry India, Vijayawada Diocese. Fr. Anthony swamy, Southern Regional and Tamilnadu State Coordinator, in his Presidential address gave a call for the Prison Ministry to reform and rehabilitate Prisoners that they become source of humanity in the society.

Sr. Lini Sheeja MSC, National Secretary of Prison Ministry India had PPT of the Brief History of Prison Ministry, brief introduction of Prison Ministry and about its functioning in India. This PPT impressed and inspired the participants a lot. Mr. K. Ashok Kumar, National Executive Member, presented PPT about the Prison Ministry, its role and functioning of the Prison Ministry in Andhra Church particularly Vijayawada Diocese. Rev. Fr. Francis Kodyan MCBS, National Coordinator, after hearing experiences from each state coordinator from Southern India Regional Committee spoke about his initiative about the foundation of Prison Ministry and continuation of the Prison Ministry. In his address he expressed for the good of released prisoners, the initiative of Rehabilitation Centre in the Telugu states by the TCBC.

Most Rev. Dr. T. Joseph Raja Rao SMM, Bishop of Vijayawada expressed the joy for conducting the meeting in His diocese and expressed the on-going ministry in his diocese and his readiness to continue the ministry in the diocese. In this meeting, AP diocesan coordinators and parish coordinators, religious and volunteers in Vijayawada diocese actively participated. Our Chairman, Most Rev. Dr. Anthony Poola, Bishop of Kurnool, in his address to the participants shared his personal experience of Prison Ministry, his vision and gave a sigh of initiative of establishing Rehabilitation centre in Vijayawada with the collaboration of Most Rev. Dr. T. Joseph Raja Rao, Bishop of Vijayawada.

In the afternoon, Various States of Southern India, presented and submitted their annual reports in the executive meeting. By this reporting session the initiatives, challenges, experiences, results of each state really cherished and motivated with one another. In the elaborate discussion AP Diocesan Directors, Religious, Animators, volunteers, well-wishers participated vibrantly and new AP State Executive Committee cum Office - Bearers were elected from among present for effective and efficient ministry in the AP State. It is an open and known fact that entry into Prisons is not easy for us to do the Ministry. There are so **many conditions apply** to have entry not only in one state but also throughout India.

Prison Ministry India depends on the Providence of India by begging in front of City – Parish – Churches on Prison Ministry Sunday, by generous contributions, by Kind-hearted Bishops and Priests, etc. So far there is no funding agency to sponsor the Prison Ministry Programmes. We are like ***Birds of the air and Lilies of the fieldDepend on Our Daily Bread for the Prisoners....to become Salt of the earth and Light of the World.***

Fr. Pasala Lahastraya-AP State Coordinator, Sr. Shiny-Treasurer of Southern Region, Mr. David Chaco-Secretary of Southern Region gave vote of thanks to Most Rev. Dr. Anthony Poola, Chairman and Bishop of Kurnool for being with us throughout day in all the sessions for his Transformative and enlightening message and a sigh of Initiative of Rehabilitation center for the Released prisoners in Telugu States, and to all the executives, Office-Bearers, Volunteers and Participants. – (Fr. Pasala Lahastraya, AP State Coordinator)

REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND GLOBAL NEWS

1. FEDERATION OF TELUGU CHURCHES (FTC):

Memorandum submitted to Sri Koppula Eshwer Garu Hon. Minister for Minority Welfare, Telangana State At T.S. Secretariat on 25-07-2019

The Federation of Telugu Churches (FTC), which is an apex body of the mainline Churches and major Christian Denominations in the twin Telugu States, is thankful to you for your commitment in championing the cause of secularism, democracy, and for protecting the rights of Minorities especially the Christian Minority Community. We are especially grateful to you for various welfare measures and development schemes that you implement through the A.P. State Christian (Minority) Finance Corporation and other government agencies.



As you are aware, the Christian Community, though a minority, contributes over 25% of charitable services to the society at large. Churches have been in forefront in providing education, health care and social welfare particularly to the poorer and weaker sections. To enable us to render these services in a more effective manner, we request you to assist us by addressing the following urgent concerns of the Christian Minority Community and taking immediate necessary steps:

1. Please make efforts to get the extension of SC status to the Dalit Christians (and Dalit Muslims) by bringing pressure on the Central Government to remove the long standing discriminatory practice, as promised by our beloved Chief Minister. Kindly get a resolution passed to this effect in the State Assembly to delete the unconstitutional and discriminatory Para 3 of Constitution

(Presidential) Order 19 of 1950 and send it to Honourable Prime Minister urging him to implement it.

2. Kindly get “Prevention of Communal Violence Act” and “Prevention of Minorities Atrocities Act” (in line with the “Prevention of SC ST Atrocities Act”) enacted in the State and Centre in order to prevent the continuing communal attacks on the Christians, Pastors and Christian institutions.

3. Please strengthen the T.S. State Christian (Minority) Finance Corporation allocating at least 25% of the funds and schemes under the Minority Welfare budget to the Christian Minority.

4. Kindly ensure the proper implementation of GO Ms No.341 in order to continue extending the government schemes and concessions granted to the Scheduled Castes to the Dalit Christians. Do ensure that land distribution is given to SC Christians and houses are constructed to the Christians and Pastors like they given to other SC communities.

5. Please resume the grant-in-aid to the Church-run Educational Institutions and fill-up the vacant aided teachers’ posts as directed by the Honourable High Court, through the Central Government funds available for under SSA / RTE.

6. Kindly remove the heavy burden of property tax and electricity tariff levied on the basis of commercial scale on the Church-run Educational Institutions which render educational service to the weaker sections on non-profit basis unlike the corporate schools. They may be charged on the basis of domestic scale and can be given subsidy for it.

7. Please allocate urgently government lands and funds for setting up of Christian burial grounds wherever needed, and for the construction of churches and educational institutions.

8. Kindly resume the scheme for providing subsidy for the Christian Pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Jerusalem and other places.

9. Please give representations to Christians in the legislative and civil bodies, administrative panels and in various commissions / boards. Christians must be included in various panels, commissions and boards, especially those concerning education, health and social welfare at Mandal, District and State levels. One co-option membership in every Municipality / Corporation must be given to a Christian to take care of Christian interests. At least a few Assembly and Lok Sabha seats must be assigned to them wherever Christians are in sizable number in the State.

50% of reservations in the nominated posts, nominated contracts and service contracts must be given to the SCs, STs, BCs and Minorities as it is being implemented in our neighboring State of Andhra Pradesh.

Dear Sir, the Archbishops / Bishops of the FTC and the Heads / Leaders of its member Churches assure you and the Government of Telangana wholehearted support and cooperation in the development of *Bangaru Telangana* full of prosperity, peace and harmony. We, Christian community members promise you of our prayers for your good health and for the success in all your undertakings.
Federation of Telugu Churches (FTC)

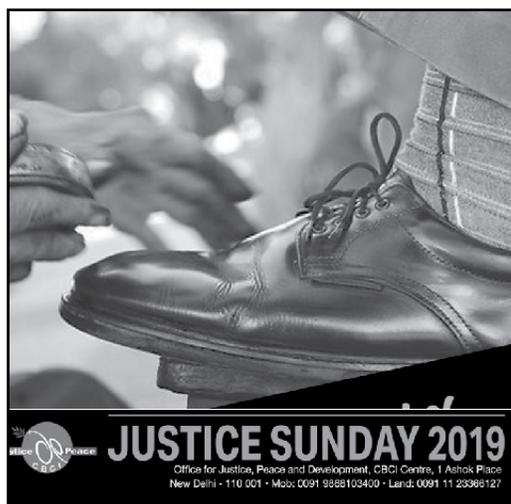
2. JUSTICE SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2019:

Your Eminence/Grace/Excellency/Father/Sister/Brother in Jesus Christ, Greetings of Peace from the CBCI Office for Justice Peace and Development! Nearly 156 million young people in emerging and developing countries are working poor - working but living in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 a day or in moderate poverty on \$1.90-\$3.10 a day. In the next 15 years, young people worldwide will need 600 million jobs. Millennial - people ages 18 to 34 in 2015 - are expected to work longer hours (nearly a quarter work more than 50 hours a week). The Center for Monitoring the Indian Economy estimates that the country's unemployment rate in December 2018 reached 7.38

POOR WORKING CONDITIONS LEADS TO LOSS OF HUMAN DIGNITY: Working conditions of many categories of people in India is pathetic. Recently, Indian doctors staged a nationwide strike over inhuman working conditions. The Indian healthcare sector is now facing the dual challenge of migration, attrition and drop-outs of nursing staff at government and private hospitals due to poor working conditions.^{2,3} Further, "most daily-wage labourers in the organised sector in India suffer from poor working conditions and scanty wages. They are inordinately prone to occupational hazards, especially those working in construction, mining or chemical factories.

Their high exposure to risks and low incomes warrant special social-protection systems, not negligence"⁴. In the unorganized sector, the scenario is worse. At a rally in London, Nelson Mandela remarked: "Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life".

The ILO India Wage Report⁶ calls for sustainable wage policies that promote decent work and inclusive growth, as only such course of action can contribute to social justice, balanced economic growth and also offer protection to the workers in their employment relationship. It noted



that significant source of wage inequality can be found in exclusion or discrimination against some categories of workers, including women, ethnic minorities or castes. To reduce wage gaps, national legislation must provide for the right to equal remuneration for work of equal value and effective access to justice to claim this right.

3. International Day of the World's Indigenous People, 9th August: The United Nations' (UN) International Day of the World's Indigenous People is observed on August 9 each year to promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population. This event also recognizes the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection, peace and harmony.

Indigenous peoples, or Natives, are ethnic groups who are native to a land or region, especially before the arrival and intrusion of a foreign and possibly dominating culture. They are a group of people whose members share a cultural identity that has been shaped by their geographical region. A variety of names are used in various countries to identify such groups of people, but they generally are regarded as the "original inhabitants" of a territory or region. Their right to self-determination may be materially affected by the later-arriving ethnic groups. Despite the diversity of Indigenous peoples, it may be noted that they share common problems and issues in dealing with the prevailing, or invading, society. They are generally concerned that the cultures of Indigenous peoples are being lost and that indigenous peoples suffer both discrimination and pressure to assimilate into their surrounding societies. It is also sometimes argued that it is important for the human species as a whole to preserve a wide range of cultural diversity as possible, and that the protection of indigenous cultures is vital to this enterprise. (With material from: Wikipedia) The text "International Day of the World's Indigenous People" has been taken from www.cute-calendar.com.

Observation: Despite many of the successes of the MDGs, they have not managed to fully address the values and principles outlined in the Millennium Declaration, particularly in relation to human rights and equality. Addressing inequalities in the post-2015 development agenda means looking at both equality of opportunities and outcomes (or lack thereof), and entrenched structural factors, that perpetuate various forms of inequalities such as discrimination based on ethnicity, gender, age, location, etc. August 9 is the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, and Cultural Survival joins the world in recognizing and honoring of the strength, resilience, dignity, and pride of Indigenous Peoples around the world. Despite our long histories of struggle, we continue to weave our stories, our songs, our rituals and ceremonies into rich, colorful, textured, and beautiful tapestries that portray landscapes of our Indigenous experience and indignity. -
Fr. Nicholas Barla, Secretary, CBCI Office for Tribal Affairs

Let us listen to Our Holy Father Pope Francis...

MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SECOND FORUM OF THE LAUDATO SI' COMMUNITIES IN AMATRICE, ITALY

I address a cordial greeting to the organizers and participants in the second Forum of the Laudato si' Communities, which is being held in a territory devastated by the earthquake that struck Italy in August 2016, and which more than any other area has paid a very high price in terms of the number of victims.

It is a sign of hope, the fact that you are indeed in Amatrice, the memory of which is always present in my heart, to focus on the imbalances that devastate our "common home". Not only is it a sign of closeness to the many brothers and sisters who still live between the memory of a terrible tragedy and the reconstruction that is slow to get started, but it also expresses the desire to make resonate, loud and clear, that it is the poor who pay the highest price of environmental devastation. The wounds inflicted on the environment are inexorably wounds inflicted on humanity at its most defenceless. I wrote in the Encyclical Laudato si': "There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself. There can be no ecology without an adequate anthropology" (118).

After facing, last year, the theme of the plastic that is suffocating our planet, today you reflect on the grave and no longer sustainable situation of Amazonia and the peoples who live there. You are thus inspired by the theme of the Synod of Bishops which will be held this coming October for the Pan-Amazon region, and whose Instrumentum laboris was recently presented.

The situation of Amazonia is a sad paradigm of what is happening in various parts of the planet: a blind and destructive mentality that favours profit over justice; it makes evident the predatory attitude with which man relates to nature. Please, do not forget that social justice and ecology are profoundly interconnected! What is happening in Amazonia will have repercussions at a global level, but it has already prostrated thousands of men and women, robbing them of their territory, making them strangers in their own land, impoverishing them of their own culture and their own traditions, and breaking the millennia-long equilibrium that united those peoples with their land. Man cannot remain an indifferent spectator in the face of this destruction; nor can the Church remain silent: the cry of the poor must resonate in her mouth too, as already highlighted by Saint Paul VI in his Encyclical *Populorum progressio*.....



HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

- **Families, Schools of Human Growth:** That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth.



**NATIONAL SEMINAR-CUM-WORKSHOP ON
"EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE MINORITIES"
(Organized by Jesuit Research & Development Society (JRDS) New Delhi.)**

Dear Principals/Administrators/Managers/Correspondents,

JRDS, New Delhi, is pleased to invite you for a seminar-cum-workshop on "Educational Rights of the Minorities" from 25th to 28th October, 2019 (starting at 8.30 a.m. on 25th and ending at 4.00 p.m. on 28th) at Indian Social Institute, 10 Institutional Area, Lodi Road, New Delhi -110003.

PARTICIPANTS

This workshop is organized for the benefit of the Heads of the Educational Institutions, Managers, Correspondents, Principals and Educationists from all over India.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

1.The main focus of this workshop is to enlighten the participants with regard to their rights as Minorities with regard to:

- Appointment of the Heads of the Institutions,
- Appointment of teachers,
- Procedure for disciplinary action,
- Criteria for admission policy according to Supreme Court directions,
- Fee structure,
- Procedure for obtaining minority status certificate and necessity of obtaining minority status certificate,
- Laws with regard to Provident Fund, Gratuity, ESI,
- Application of reservation to minority institutions,
- Need of creating a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults,
- National Education Policy,
- Basic understanding of Criminal Law of the country,
- Updated rules with regard to FCRA including recent changes in the Income Tax Act, etc.

2.It also aims to empower the participants to be more effective in the management of the educational institutions with increased knowledge and proper application of their rights under the Constitution of India as well as other laws of the land.

RESOURCE PERSONS

Eminent Jurists, advocates and legal experts on educational rights of the minorities will be the resource persons.

MEDIUM

English

Note

As the seminar is going to benefit much for the smooth running of educational institutions, we invite you to participate in the above said programme. If you are unable to attend this workshop, you may depute one or two authorized representatives of your institution. The applications will be accepted on a 'first come first served' basis.

Fees

Registration fee	:	Rs. 1000/- (non-refundable)
Course fee	:	Rs. 6000/- (includes board & lodge on twin sharing basis)

For those who are not availing board and lodge

Registration fee : Rs. 1000/- (non-refundable)
Course fee : Rs. 4000/- (includes lunch & tea)

Kindly fill-up the enclosed application form and send it back along with the required amount to the following address as soon as possible. Xeroxed copies of the application form are also accepted.

Course Director
Workshop on "Educational Rights of Minorities"
JRDS, C/o Indian Social Institute
10, Institutional Area, Lodi Road
New Delhi-110 003

Draft/Multicity Cheque should be made in favour of Jesuit Research and Development Society, payable at New Delhi. Those who would like to deposit the fee directly into our account, our bank details are given below:

1. IFSC Code - IOBA0001498
2. Name of the Bank - Indian Overseas Bank
3. Branch - Lok Kala Manch
- 20, Lodhi Institutional Area, New Delhi-110 003
4. Type of Account - Saving
5. Account Number - 149801000031124
6. Beneficiary' s Name - Jesuit Research and Development Society
7. Beneficiary' s Address - 10, Institutional Area, Lodi Road, New Delhi-110 003

Please send an email after transferring the amount with full transaction details to Mr. Abhishek Kumar (abhishek@isidelhi.org.in OR chridelhi2019@gmail.com)

Accommodation for outstation participants on Twin sharing basis (only for 100 persons) will be arranged at Indian Social Institute's Hostel from 24th October (Morning) to 29th October (forenoon), 2019. To and fro travel expenses to be met by the participants.

Last date to receive duly filled-in application form along with the required amount is 10th October, 2019

We would appreciate very much if you would kindly disseminate this information to other Heads of minority educational institutions of your area.

Yours sincerely,



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chridelhi2019@gmail.com



AGRA TRIP -

A trip could be arranged on 29th October for those who wish to visit Agra for which a separate payment of Rs. 1500/- is to be made. (Trip could be arranged only if a minimum of 4 people opts for it)

★ **Note - Application form is also available on website - www.isidelhi.org.in**

★ This Seminar used to be organised in the previous years by Indian Social Institute, New Delhi.



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CBCI OFFICE FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE RESPONDS TO THE MHRD REGARDING THE DRAFT NEP 2019 ON BEHALF OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Delhi, 28th July, 2019: A delegation of 6 persons led by Fr. J. Manipadam, National Secretary, CBCI Office of Education met the Honourable Minister for Human Resource Development in his chamber at Shastri Bhavan at 9.00 P.M. on 25th July and submitted a collated response regarding the draft NEP 2019 on behalf of the numerous Church run educational institutions across the country. The Catholic Church has some 30000 formal educational institutions which include Universities, Medical Colleges, Colleges and Schools not counting the thousands of educational services being rendered to the poor, the marginalized and rural youth by way of Special schools, Vocational training institutes, technical schools, institutes for street children and skill development institutes and start-up programmes and empowerment programmes towards self employment etc. The team felicitated Mr. Ramesh Pokriyal 'Nishank', the new Education Minister and handed over to him in person the collated response, along with the good wishes from the Christian community. The Minister received the delegation most cordially glanced through the 28 pages of responses, and assured that he would look into the suggestions received.



The responses submitted complimented the Drafting Committee headed by Dr. K. Kasturirangan, for attempting to give a holistic outlook to the needs and challenges and proposing a vision to make school education responsive to the modern times touching every aspect of education needing urgent action; for considering the UN General Assembly -1948 declaration that "everyone has the right to education; for taking into account the past National

Education Policy, The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, and the sustainable development goal 4 (SDG4); for proposing for greater funding, holistic education and bringing complete school education (from age 3+ to class 12) under RTE, providing also breakfast to children in addition to mid-day meals and ensuring that teachers are not involved in non-academic activities. The responses submitted also complimented the drafting team for proposing to make learning and assessment stress free with semester system of assessment at the secondary stage and targeting towards having everyone between the age of 3 and 18 in school by

2030. The proposals regarding higher education that receive much applause are the move to improve and encourage research, establishing the National Research Foundation with much bigger funding towards it; giving great stress on the quality of teacher education making it into a four year integrated course with graduation and proposals to revamp / simplify graduation courses and Accreditation process.

However some of the major internal contradictions pointed out and disapproval expressed were as follows:

- **Minority rights guaranteed in the Constitutions and the facilities guaranteed to the Minority communities to establish and administer educational institutions are very much overlooked and seemingly brushed aside** when the Draft NEP 2019 deals with appointments of staff, fee fixation, inclusion of Aided Minority (private) institutions into “public category” in the School Complex concept, formation of SMCs and other administrative and regulatory details....

Concluding thoughts:

- Is the Government abdicating its responsibility of educating the children of this nation say with a concept like School Complex and unbridled corporatisation and use of Volunteer services? Why such excessive centralisation? Is it a fairy tale NEP that bites more than what it can chew? Why is this draft silent on removal of caste system and other social evils? Why are all the Constitutional provisions overlooked regarding Minority Rights (SMCs, Fee fixation, Aided Minority schools in school complex...)? Are we succumbing to the demands of WTO-GATS and falling for excessive commercialization of education? Why is centuries of Christian contribution in education once again ignored? Why the drafting team did not include education providers from Minority Communities and Private School trusts and teachers who are in touch with the ground realities in education? What is the take away in this draft for the poor and the marginalised, the Tribals and Dalits and the differently abled? Is this Draft NEP compatible with the Constitutional Mandate of Federalism as the legal name of the country is Union of India? Is this draft NEP a pedagogical Policy or an administrative Policy?
- As Dr. B.R.Ambedkar stated, “Education is something which ought to be brought within the reach of everyone, the policy therefore, ought to be to make higher education as cheap to the lower classes as it can possibly be made. If all these communities are to be brought to the level of equality, then the only remedy is to adopt the principle of inequality and give favoured treatment to those who are below level”.
- The call of Jothiba Phule, Savithriba Phule, Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar, Maulana A.K. Azad and Thanthai Periyar is, “Education must be made Accessible to All and Affordable to All”. Can the National Education Policy 2019 get closer to this clarion call?

5. Office for Scheduled Castes (Dalits) and Backward Classes (CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE OF INDIA)

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Appeal to observe August 10th as the "Day of Groaning"

Your Eminence/ Grace/ Excellency, Father/Brother/ Sister and Friends,

24th July 2019

Greetings from the CBCI Office for SC/BC.

On 10th August 1950 the then President of India signed the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950 by which the government of India accorded the Scheduled Caste status only to Hindu Dalits, excluding Dalits of all other religions and depriving them of all the benefits of affirmative action like reservations, protection and promotion. This Presidential Order reads: "*No person who professes a religion other than Hinduism shall be deemed to be a member of the Scheduled Castes.*" Later on it was amended and the Sikhs were included in 1956 and the Buddhists in 1990 in the Scheduled Castes lists.

This Order is an open violation of the secularism, enshrined in the Constitution of India, because by providing special benefits of affirmative action only to the Dalits of certain religions, the State promotes these religions. It is discriminatory in so far it deprives Dalits Christians and Dalit Muslims of the benefits of affirmative action, just because of their religion. Dalits of all religions suffer all the evils of caste system and socio-economic backwardness. But the Order does not treat them equally, but discriminates against Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims. It violates the very rationale of affirmative action, i.e. socio-economic conditions, and brings religion as its basis. It lacks simple logic that the change of religion does not mean the change of castes. In fact one can change his/her religion but never the caste. Members of all tribal communities are rightly accorded Scheduled Tribe status even when they convert to Christianity, but a member of Scheduled Caste origin loses his/her Scheduled Castes status if he/she becomes a Christian. It defies all logic and common sense.

Millions of Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims continue to suffer this exclusion and discrimination, purely on the basis of religion. They cannot practice freely the religion of their choice, as guaranteed by the Constitution. So the Order is unconstitutional. Ever since 1950, our pleading for the deletion of the Order has not yielded any result from the Government. The National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) 2007, headed by the former Chief Justice of India reported that the Constitution Scheduled Caste Order 1950 Para 3 is *'unconstitutional and it is a black letter written outside the Constitution introduced through the back door by an executive order,'* and recommended to the government to delete it *"so as to completely de-link the Scheduled Caste status from religion and make the scheduled castes net fully religion-neutral like that of the Scheduled Tribes."* The governments of different times have not shown sincerity in their appreciation and respect of the report and the recommendation of the learned Commission. A case was filed in the Supreme Court in 20104 challenging the constitutional validity of the Order and its hearing will take place in September. Please pray for it. Meanwhile, the helpless Dalit Christians continue to groan under the heavy weight of this gross injustice, hoping for the deliverance.

For the reason given above, August 10th was being observed every year as the "Black Day." However, in order not to sound prejudicial to the black colour and to avoid any racial connotation, last year it was observed as the "Day of Moaning." Again, the phrase "Day of Moaning" is associated with the dead. Thus, it is found appropriate to observe it as the "Day of Groaning."

I, therefore, request you all to observe August 10th as the **Day of Groaning** in your respective regions, dioceses and institutions, in solidarity with our suffering Dalit brothers and Sisters. The day can be observed with meetings, rallies, demonstrations, submitting memoranda, candle light vigils and other forms of innovative and effective expressions, left to your creativity. A short report and photos of the observance could be sent to the CBCI Office for SC/BC by e-mail- cb.iscst@gmail.com.

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NATIONAL YOUTH DAY 2019

Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Exhortation, a letter to young people in particular called "*Christus Vivit or Christ is Alive*" following the 2018 Synod on Youth. The theme for young people in India this year is "*I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word*" (Lk 1:38). This theme paves a way for young people to re-discover Christ who is young and alive and commit themselves to their call in life just as Mary did by her 'Yes' to the Lord !

Q. What is National Youth Sunday?

A. A day dedicated by the Bishops of India to the Young People of India.

Q. When is it?

A. 2nd Sunday of August i.e. 11th August 2019

Q. Where will it be celebrated?

A. By youth in their local parishes, zones, diocese or institutions.

Q. What is the significance of this day?

- ❖ Youth will gather in the churches & institutions on this day and celebrate the Holy Eucharist (a special youth mass) and make a collection. This contribution shall be sent to the Diocesan Finance office and thereafter to CCBI.
- ❖ Young people would mark this day by organizing community programmes, recreation, outreach, fellowship, competitions, mela/fete etc, to celebrate their youthfulness & faith. The CCBI Youth Commission also urges all the faithful & religious leaders of the country to pray specially for all the young people across the world, especially of our country.
- ❖ We invite young people to read "*Christus Vivit*" and to share & reflect upon it in groups in creative ways.

Let's Celebrate

National Youth Sunday 2019

I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your Word

Lk. 1:38

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THE DAYS TO REMEMBER

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



Rev. Fr. P. Lahastraya.....	01-08-1975
Rev. Fr. A. Vijay Bhaskar	09-08-1979
Rev. Fr. K. Vijaya Raju	10-08-1977
Rev. Fr. David Arulappa	13-08-1967
Rev. Fr. P. Chinnappa	16-08-1974
Rev. Fr. A. Prasanth	22-08-1983
Rev. Fr. M. Bhaskar	28-08-1976

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

Rev. Fr. M. Bhaskar.....06-08-2004



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



Rev. Fr. Austin Nicholas	17-08-1985
Rev. Fr. Y. Innaiah.....	27-08-1996



Divyavani TV Kurnool Zonal Centre organized Bible Quiz, Group Dance and Short Film Competitions



Prison Ministry India – Southern India Regional Body & Executive Meeting at Social Service Center, Gunadala.





Pastoral visit to Uppaladadiya Parish and Chaithanya Gruhini Centre, Pasupal

