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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Life
In Christ

Feast Day Celebrations at St. Francis Xavier Major seminary, Karunapuram



Golden Jubilee Celebrations of CSA Sisters at Hyderabad



Blessing of Velankhani Mata Mandapam, Nandyal

Year of St. Joseph Celebrations by Divyavani, Guntur



Concluding the Year of St. Joseph

Shepherd's Voice

With Hope and Optimism in 2022 Anno Domini

Year 2021 is over and 2022 begun. A new year brings a sense of hope, doesn't it? Surely for Believers in Jesus, if not for others. The previous year 2021 with all its continued Covid-19 with its variants, tragedies, problems, disappointments, failures, and sadness is now to be behind us, and an open space and time. With great optimism, let us begin the year. As children and especially in high school and early college days we look for Sundays and holidays. Once they are over, we looked for next holidays. Reality television is sweeping the nation and the world. Many of the "reality" shows are on every day. Some of them are good, others are downright silly. For the most part these shows are shallow. With music, dances, horns and parties, and probably more to eat and drink than we should have, people generally begin in the New Year. Yet, beneath the gaiety and laughter, there's a bothering feeling that it's all still the same; nothing is really changed. If anything, passing from the season of Christmas lights and glitter and carols to the season of dark, cold, gloomy winter, only makes the emptiness worse, the depression deeper. This is symbolized on New Year's Eve by the old man with the stick and the new-born baby smiling. The old has passed away and the new has come. But there has been plenty in the news to make anyone depressed. As a local newspaper reported "Reality seems to crush hope at every turn".



Also, many of us feel *personal* pains or anxieties at this time. Some of us are wrestling with important decisions regarding relationship to God or to others, or the worry of nagging health problems, or financial or social problems, fear what the future may hold; some wonder if dreams will ever be realized, or whether the new year will be even more frustrating and filled with feelings of futility than the last besides the larger ones of justice, Peace, Religious harmony in the world, etc. When we feel this way, the temptation is to stay with the familiar and the comfortable, to crawl back into bed and pull up the covers where it's warm, safe, and secure. The temptation is to stay where we are, in the dark fractures of depression or defeat, of fear or foreboding, in the deep ruts of sameness, boredom, or lethargy.

Many of us view the beginning of a new year as a "starting over" point. That's why we make New Year's resolutions. Have you made any this year? I came across some new year's resolutions like 'I will stop checking my email at 3:00 am, or chat through mobile till late night, I will spend less than one hour a day on the internet. I will reduce my fatty body, I will not gossip about others, read Bible or daily and pray regularly, help orphans or lonely and homeless', etc. These are common ones and as Christians, Religious and Clergy, we need more faith rooted decisions to take.

As we stand at the beginning of a New Year it is a good time to reflect on the year that is ending and look forward into the year that is beginning. It is also a good time for God's people to take record of their walk with the Lord. We should take a very close look at where we are in our relationship with Him. We need to examine ourselves and see where we have been, where we are and where the Lord wants us to be. Once a while,

we clean up our houses or rooms, filled with a lot of things that were no longer needed. Of course, there would be a few things that just needed to be relocated.

As we clean the room or house, there would be some things that were retained, some things that were released and some things that were remembered.

The beginning of the year challenges Christians to do exactly the same thing. As we look at our lives we are challenged to retain some things, to release others and to remember the rest. But they contain some challenges because we see God has a plan for our life. He wants certain things from your life, and that He has the right to demand these things from our life. Every year we make resolutions for a better life. We feel as though “this is the year” that we’re going to get that start we need. We’re full of hope and anticipation. But year, after year, the same thing happens. Within a few weeks it’s all gone and we feel deflated, sad and guilty. But, one thing resolutions do remind me of—people want their lives to count. They want their lives to make a difference in some form or fashion. I haven’t met too many people who say, “It’s my goal in life to waste it.” I want to grow up and be an absolute loser. I want to waste my life.” One of the few things you need to know to make a lasting impact. One of the few things you need to know to not waste your life. One of the few things you need to know to “Start Over” in your life is found in 1 Corinthians 10:31. “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

Some things must be Retained

Since Christ was born, suffered and died for us, we have risen with Christ and every person who would ever place their faith in Him also died that day. In a spiritual sense, we died to the penalty and the power of sin when Jesus died on the cross. The price for my sins was been paid and I have already died. And am alive in Jesus! This knowledge will help us live clean and close to the glory of God. Since we have been raised to a new life in Jesus, we are told to seek those things which are above. The verb “seek” is in the Present Tense – Imperative Mode. In other words, we are told to continually be seeking those things which are above i.e. for a deeper knowledge of Jesus, a clean, holy life, Godly virtues, Holiness in our personal, domestic and social life, an effective prayer life, and a fruitful witness.

Some things must be Released

In our spiritual lives, the same thing is true. Some things have to be let go. There are some things that try to attach themselves to our lives that are just plain trash. For example, False Doctrine, Fleshly Deeds, Uncleanliness, Fornication, Inordinate Affection, Evil of Concupiscence, Covetousness, Anger, Filthy Communication, Lying, etc.

Some things must be Remembered

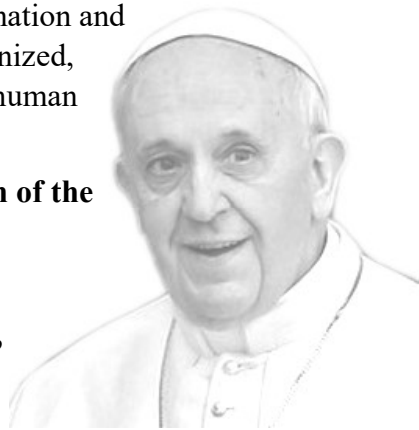
God is close to humanity and “The year opens in the name of the **Mother Mary, the Mother of God. There is no Man without God and vice versa, since God took human nature permanently.** The miracle of Christmas and its eighth day of the Naming of the Babe of Bethlehem as Jesus. Man is no longer alone, no more an orphan but forever a child of God” May the Mother, God’s finest human creation, guard and keep this year, and bring the **peace of her Son** to our hearts, and to the world.” With this attitude let us begin the Year 2022.

Wish You All a Healthy and Holy Year 2022

II. Holy Father's Intension: for Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

III. Message of the Holy Father: for the Celebration of the 55th World Day of Peace, 1 January 2022 “Spend on Education, Not Weapons.” “Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work: Tools for Building Lasting Peace”



Pope Francis called for more investment in education and less in weaponry in his 2022 World Peace Day message, released Tuesday.

In the message published December 21, the pope said the world had witnessed a “significant reduction” in education funding in recent years, while military spending had soared beyond Cold War levels. “It is high time, then, that governments develop economic policies aimed at inverting the proportion of public funds spent on education and on weaponry,” he wrote in the message, signed on Dec. 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

The World Day of Peace instituted by St. Paul VI in 1968 is celebrated each year on Jan. 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The pope provides a message for the occasion, which is sent to foreign ministers around the world. The pope’s message for the 2022 World Day of Peace, the 55th celebration, is entitled “Dialogue between generations, education, and work: tools for building lasting peace.”

In the text, Pope Francis outlined three paths for building a lasting peace: promoting dialogue between generations, investing in education, and improving labor conditions. The pope called for a new alliance between the young and elderly to address the problems of isolation and self-absorption heightened by the corona virus pandemic. ‘Although technological and economic development has tended to create a divide between generations, our current crises show the urgent need for an intergenerational partnership,’ he wrote.

Young people need the wisdom and experience of the elderly, while those who are older need the support, affection, creativity, and dynamism of the young. The pope expressed the hope that a new dialogue between generations could become ‘the driving force behind a healthy politics.’ He lamented the tendency to see education and training as expenditures instead of investments. He said that they should be considered ‘the primary means of promoting integral human development,’ because they help to shape free and responsible people.

He added that greater investment in education must be accompanied by the promotion of a ‘culture of care,’ which could become ‘a common language working to break down barriers and build bridges.’ Support for education helps young people to take their rightful place in the labor market, he wrote, and build ‘a more habitable and beautiful world’ through their work.

But he noted that COVID-19 had made it harder for the young to find stable employment. ‘Millions of economic and productive activities have failed; short-term workers are increasingly vulnerable; many of those who provide essential services have an even lower public and political profile; and in many cases, distance teaching has led to a deficit in learning and delays in completing programs of study,’ he said. ‘Furthermore, young people entering the job market and recently unemployed adults presently face bleak prospects.’

Migrant workers, meanwhile, have been left exposed ‘to various forms of slavery and with no system of welfare to protect them.’ The pope observed that only one in three people working today ‘enjoys a system of social protection, or benefit from it only in limited ways,’ while violence and organized crimes are rising in many places. ‘The only answer to this is an expansion of dignified employment opportunities,’ the pope said. ‘Labor, in fact, is the foundation on which to build justice and solidarity in every community.’

He went on: “It is more urgent than ever to promote, throughout our world, decent and dignified working conditions, oriented to the common good and to the safeguarding of creation.” “The freedom of entrepreneurial initiatives needs to be ensured and supported; at the same time, efforts must be made to encourage a renewed sense of social responsibility, so that profit will not be the sole guiding criterion.”

Pope Francis encouraged all Catholic workers and entrepreneurs to strive for ‘a fair balance between economic freedom and social justice,’ drawing on the ‘sure guidelines’ found in the Church’s social doctrine.

Concluding his message, the pope wrote: ‘To government leaders and to all those charged with political and social responsibilities, to priests and pastoral workers, and to all men and women of goodwill, I make this appeal: let us walk together with courage and creativity on the path of intergenerational dialogue, education, and work.’

‘May more and more men and women strive daily, with quiet humility and courage, to be artisans of peace. And may they be ever inspired and accompanied by the blessings of the God of peace!’

From the Vatican, 8 December 2021
FRANCISCUS

IV. Ecumenism Sunday Mass Liturgy

క్రైస్తవ సమైక్యతా ఆదివారం దివ్యబలిపూజ - ఆరాధనాక్రమం

జనవరి 23, 2022.

(మూడవ సామాన్య ఆదివారం)

పరిశుద్ధ గ్రంథ పాఠాలు

నెహెమ్యా, 8:2-4,5-6,8-10

కీర్తన, 19:8-10,15

1 కొరింఠీ, 12:12-30

లూకా, 1:1-4,14-21

ఉపోద్ఘాతం

దైవార్చనా సంవత్సరంలో నేడు శ్రీసభ మూడవ సామాన్య ఆదివారాన్ని కొనియాడుతుంది. భారతదేశ కఠోలికులు ఈ ఆదివారాన్ని క్రైస్తవ సమైక్యతా ఆదివారంగా కూడా కొనియాడుతున్నారు. నేడు వివిధ క్రైస్తవ శాఖల సమైక్యత కోసం ప్రార్థిస్తున్నాం. జనవరి 18వ తేదీ నుండి కఠోలిక శ్రీసభ ప్రపంచంలోని వివిధ క్రైస్తవ శాఖలతో కలసి ప్రత్యేక ప్రార్థనలు, సమావేశాలు నిర్వహిస్తూ, క్రైస్తవ సమైక్యతాసాధన కోసం దృఢంగా కృషి చేస్తుంది. పునీత పౌలు గారి మనోపరివర్తన మహోత్సవంతో క్రైస్తవ సమైక్యత అష్టమ దినాలు ముగుస్తాయి. పునీత పౌలు గారి మనోపరివర్తన మన పరివర్తనకు ప్రేరణగా నిలచి, క్రైస్తవ శాఖల మధ్య సమన్వయం, సమైక్యత పెంపొందాలని శ్రీసభ ఆశిస్తుంది. స్వార్థం, గర్వం లాంటి దుష్ట లక్షణాలతో ప్రేరేపితమైన కొన్ని చారిత్రక సంఘటనలు క్రైస్తవుల మధ్య విభజనలు సృష్టించాయి. ఈ దివ్యబలి పూజ వీరం చుట్టూ చేరిన మనందరం, ఈ విభజన గాయాలనుండి మన శ్రీసభ త్వరగా కోలుకోవాలని, మనందరం ఒకే మందగా, ఒకే మేపరిని ఆరాధిస్తూ కలసి మెలసి ఐక్యతతో ముందుకు నడవాలని ఆ తండ్రి దేవుని ప్రార్థించుదాం.

దైవ వాక్యార్చన

(మూడవ సామాన్య ఆదివారపు పాఠాల్ని వినియోగించడమైనది)

మొదటి పాఠం: నెహెమ్యా గ్రంథం, 8:2-4,5-6,8-10

బాబిలోనియా ప్రవాసంలో నున్న యిస్రాయేలు ప్రజలు తమ దేశాన్ని, భూభాగాన్ని పోగొట్టుకొని, ఐక్యత కోల్పోయి బంధీలుగా చెల్లాచెదురయ్యారు. వారు తమ ఐక్యతకు చిహ్నమైన యెరుషలేము దేవాలయాన్ని, తమను దేవుడెన్నుకున్న ప్రజలుగా ఐక్యంగా ఉంచిన ధర్మశాస్త్ర గ్రంథాన్ని కోల్పోయారు.

దేవుడే మోషే ద్వారా ఆ గొప్ప నిధిని తమకు ఇచ్చారని యిస్రాయేలీయుల ప్రగాఢ నమ్మకం. ఈ మొదటి పతనంలో దీర్ఘకాలికంగా పోగొట్టుకొన్న ధర్మశాస్త్ర గ్రంథాన్ని కనుగొన్న యిస్రాయేలీయుల ఆనందోత్సాహాలను విన్నాం. వివిధ కారణాల వలన విభజనకు గురైన క్రైస్తవులు యిస్రాయేలీయులు లాగా ప్రభువులోనున్న ఆనందాన్ని, సంతోషాన్ని కోల్పోయారు. తిరిగి దొరికిన ధర్మశాస్త్ర గ్రంథం ప్రభునిలో వారి ఆనందాన్ని తిరిగి తీసుకొచ్చింది. మనం వివిధ క్రైస్తవ శాఖలుగా విభజింప బడినప్పుడు కాకుండా, ఏకైక మేవరైన క్రీస్తు కాపుదలలో ఐక్యంగా ఉన్నప్పుడు నిజమైన ఆనందాన్ని పొందగలం.

రెండవ పాఠం : 1 కొరింథీ, 12:12-30

“నీవు హింసించు చున్న క్రీస్తును నేనే” క్రీస్తు ప్రభువు పునీత పౌలుతో పలికిన ఈ మాటలకు అర్థం పరమార్థం తెలుసుకుందాం. పునీత పౌలు మనోపరివర్తనకు పూర్వం తాను హింసించిన క్రైస్తవులు, క్రీస్తు ప్రభుని దేహమని, క్రైస్తవులందరూ ఆయన శరీర భాగాలని మనం గ్రహించాలి. నేడు మనం చూస్తున్న విభజనలు క్రీస్తుని దేహాన్ని గాయ పరుస్తున్నాయి. అన్ని క్రైస్తవ సంఘాలు, చిన్న చిన్న క్రైస్తవ శాఖలు కలిస్తేనే ‘ఏక క్రీస్తు సంఘంగా’ తయారవ్వగలదు. క్రైస్తవ సంఘాలన్నీ ఈ సత్యాన్ని తెలుసుకొని క్రీస్తుని దేహంలో ఒక్కటిగా, ఐక్యంగా ఉండటానికి, కృషి చేయాల్సిన అవసరత చాలా వుంది.

సువార్త పాఠం : లూకా, 1:1-4,14-21

ప్రభుని ఆత్మ యేసు క్రీస్తుని శుభవార్తను బోధించుటకు అభిషేకించింది. ప్రతి క్రైస్తవుడు జ్ఞానస్నానం ద్వారా ఈ సువార్త పరిచర్యకు పిలువ బడ్డాడు. క్రైస్తవ సంఘాల మధ్య నున్న విభజనలు ఈ పరిచర్యకు ఆటంకాలుగా నిలుస్తున్నాయి. పేదలు, బంధీలు అణగ ద్రోక్కుబడుతున్నవారు క్రీస్తు ప్రభుని సువార్త బోధ కోసం, విముక్తి కోసం ఎదురు చూస్తున్నారు. క్రీస్తు ప్రభుని ప్రేమ సందేశం ప్రకటించాలన్న ఆశే లూకా గారిని తన సువార్త రచించడానికి ప్రేరేపించింది. ప్రస్తుతం క్రీస్తుని ప్రేమ సందేశం ప్రకటించాల్సిన అవసరత చాలా వుంది. ఐక్యంగా కలసి మెలసి పరిచర్య చేద్దాం.

ప్రసంగానికి ఉపకరించు అంశాలు

(మూడు వరిశుద్ధ గ్రంథ పాఠాలకు ఉపోద్ఘాతముగా ఇవ్వబడిన అంశాలను ప్రసంగానికి వినియోగించుకోవచ్చును. ఈ క్రింది మరి కొన్ని అంశాలను కూడా ఉపయోగించుకోగలరు).

పవిత్రాత్మ ఐక్యత కోసం పనిచేస్తుంటే, సొలాను కుటుంబాలలో, గురుమండలాల్లో మరియు క్రైస్తవ సంఘాలలో విభజనలు సృష్టించడానికి దురుద్దేశ్యంతో ప్రయత్నిస్తుంటుంది.

అపొస్తలులు విభిన్న సంస్కృతుల్ని, సాంప్రదాయాల్ని, సుహృద్భావంతో, సహృదయంతో స్వీకరించి (ఆదిమ శ్రీసభ వ్యాప్తికి, విస్తరణకు) ప్రపంచంలోని పలు ప్రాంతాలకు నూతనంగా ఆవిర్భవించిన శ్రీసభను విస్తరించారు. ఈ విభిన్న సాంప్రదాయాలు, సంస్కృతులు క్రీస్తుని ఏక శరీరమైన

శ్రీసభ గొప్పతనాన్ని సూచిస్తున్నాయి. దురదృష్టవశాత్తు ప్రయోజనకరమైన ఆనాటి అంశాలే, ఈనాడు క్రీస్తుని దేహమైన శ్రీసభలో విభజనలకు కారణాలయ్యాయి. శ్రీసభలోని ఈ విభజనలు శ్రీసభకు చాలా బాధాకరమైన కళంకం. మన బాషలు, సంస్కృతులు, సాంప్రదాయాలు, ప్రాంతాలు, హోదాలు, మనల్ని ఏక శరీరంగా ఐక్యపరచే క్రీస్తు సందేశం నుండి ప్రక్కకు మళ్లించకుండా జాగ్రత్త వహించాలి.

రోమన్ కథోలిక శ్రీసభలో క్రీస్తు ఏర్పరిచిన సంఘం ఎప్పటికీ కొనసాగుతూనే ఉంటుందని ద్వితీయ వాటికన్ మహాసభ ప్రకటించింది. “పవిత్రత, సత్యం మున్నగు అంశాలు కనిపించే సంస్థాగత పరిపాలన వెలుపల కనిపిస్తాయి. ఈ అంశాలు (పవిత్రత, సత్యం) క్రీస్తు శ్రీసభకు ఇచ్చిన వరాలు. చాలా దృఢంగా విశ్వ క్రైస్తవ ఐక్యత కోసం అనునిత్యం ఇవి మనలను ప్రేరేపిస్తుంటాయి” (*Lumen gentium*, 8). కథోలికేతర సంఘాల్లో కూడా ఈ వరాలు వున్నాయి. ఇవి క్రైస్తవులందరి ఉపయోగార్థం అనుగ్రహించబడ్డాయి. అవి మనల్ని సుసంపన్నం చేయగలవు. మనందరం ఈ వరాల ప్రయోజనాల్ని పూర్తిగా పొందడానికి సంయుక్త చర్యలకు, సంప్రదింపులకు చొరవు తీసుకొని క్రీస్తుని ఏకైక మందలాగా కలసి ముందుకు నడవాలి.

“కలసి వుంటే కలదు సుఖం” అన్నారు పెద్దలు. కానీ మధ్య ప్రాచ్య దేశాల్లో నాటి స్వాభావిక బలహీనతలు క్రీ.శ. 1054 సం. లో తూర్పు, పశ్చిమ క్రైస్తవ సంఘాలుగా విభజింప బడటానికి దారి తీసాయి. తిరిగి ఐక్యతా పునఃస్థాపన కోసం చేసిన అన్ని ప్రయత్నాలు విఫలమయ్యాయి. శ్రీసభను ఈ విభజన క్రమేపీ బలహీన పరిచింది. తత్ఫలితంగా తూర్పు క్రైస్తవ దేశాల ప్రధాన కేంద్రమైన ‘కాన్స్టాంటినోపుల్’ క్రైస్తవ సంఘం పూర్తిగా బలహీన పడిపోయింది. క్రైస్తవ మత సామ్రాజ్య పునాదిగా పిలువబడే నగరం నుండి క్రైస్తవ మతం దాదాపుగా తుడిచిపెట్టుకు పోయింది. ఒకప్పుడు క్రైస్తవ మత ప్రధాన కేంద్రంగా పరిగణింపబడి, నేడు అతి తక్కువ క్రైస్తవ ఉనికిని కలిగి ఉండడం చాలా బాధాకరం. నేడు ఈ ప్రాంతం క్రైస్తవ వ్యతిరేఖ ఉగ్రవాదానికి సులువైన లక్ష్యంగా ఉంది.

క్రీస్తుని స్వస్థలం నజరేతులోని ప్రజలు, ఆయన సందేశం, బోధనలు అర్థం చేసుకోలేక పోయారు. ఆయన్ని చంపాలనుకొన్నారు. నేటికీ క్రైస్తవ విశ్వాసం కోసం తమ రక్తాన్ని చిందిస్తున్న వారు, ప్రాణాలు త్యాగం చేస్తున్న హతాశులు చాలా మంది ఉన్నారు. వారిలో వివిధ క్రైస్తవ శాఖలకు, సంఘాలకు చెందిన వారున్నారు. క్రైస్తవులనే లక్ష్యంగా చేసుకొని జరిపే ఉగ్రదాడులు చాలా ధారుణం. ఈ ఉగ్రవాదులకు క్రైస్తవ శాఖలతో సంబంధం లేదు. ఈ ఉగ్రవాదులు తమ ఏకైక లక్ష్యమైన క్రైస్తవులు ఏ సంఘానికి, ఏ శాఖకు చెందిన వారని చూడరని పోప్ ఫ్రాన్సిస్ గుర్తు చేస్తున్నారు. ఈ ఉగ్రదాడులు చాలా సార్లు చాలా ఘోరంగా, హింసాత్మకంగా, భయంకరంగా ఉంటున్నాయి. ఈ మతహింసలు, హతాశుల మరణాలు మనకు కనువిప్పు కలిగించి క్రైస్తవ ఐక్యత దిశగా మనల్ని ముందుకు నడిపించాలి.

సకల విశ్వాసుల ప్రార్థనలు

గురువు : క్రీస్తుని ఏక కుటుంబంగా ఈ దివ్యబలి పూజ పీఠం చుట్టూ చేరిన ప్రിയ సహోదరీ సహోదరులరా! మన అవసరాల కోసం ముఖ్యంగా క్రైస్తవుల ఐక్యత కోసం తండ్రి దేవుని ప్రార్థించుదాం!

అందరు: ఓ ప్రభువా, మా ప్రార్థన ఆలకించండి.

1. పేదలకు శుభవార్తను, బంధీలకు విమోచనను, అంధులకు దృష్టిని, అణగారిన వారికి స్వేచ్ఛను ప్రకటిస్తూ ప్రజలకు పరిచర్య చేస్తున్న మన పవిత్ర జ్ఞాన తండ్రి, పాప్ ఫ్రాన్సిస్ గారి కోసం ప్రార్థించుదాం. క్రీస్తుని సువార్తా ప్రేమ సందేశం ప్రపంచ మంతటా ప్రకటింపబడాలని, క్రైస్తవ సంఘాలన్నీ క్రీస్తుని ఏక శరీరంలాగా ఐక్యంగా ఉండాలని, జగద్గురువుల పరిచర్య ప్రతి క్రైస్తవునికి స్ఫూర్తి దాయకంగా ఉండాలని ప్రార్థించుదాం. అందరు : ఓ ప్రభువా ..
2. మన (పేరు) పీఠాధిపతులు కోసం, మన భారత దేశంలోని పీఠాధిపతులందరి కోసం, సువార్తా పరిచర్యకు అంకితమైన వారందరి కోసం ప్రార్థించుదాం. ముఖ్యంగా క్రైస్తవుల మధ్య ఐక్యతా సాధన కోసం, వీరు చేసే కృషి ఫలించాలని ప్రార్థించుదాం. అందరు : ఓ ప్రభువా ..
3. మన దేశ పాలకుల కోసం, నాయకుల కోసం, ప్రభుత్వాధికారుల కోసం ప్రార్థించుదాం. కుల మత భేదాలకు అతీతంగా, వర్గ వర్గ సంకుచిత మనస్తత్వానికి లోబడకుండా, దేశ సమైక్యత కోసం శ్రమించాలని, వీరి శ్రమ ఫలించాలని ప్రార్థించుదాం. అందరు: ఓ ప్రభువా ..
4. ప్రపంచ వ్యాప్తంగా ముఖ్యంగా మధ్య ప్రాచ్య దేశాల్లో దాడులకు, హింసలకు గురవుతున్న క్రైస్తవులందరి కోసం ప్రార్థించుదాం. వారు విశ్వాసంలో బలపడాలని, బాధలలో దేవుని ఓదార్పును తోటివారి ఆదరణను పొందాలని ప్రార్థించుదాం. ఉగ్రవాదుల్ని, హింసకు ప్రేరేపించే వారిని దయగల దేవుడు తాకి పరివర్తన కలుగజేసి, శాంతి, సౌభ్రాతృత్వపు సమాజ స్థాపన జరగాలని ప్రార్థించుదాం. అందరు: ఓ ప్రభువా ..
5. శ్రీనభలో వివిధ స్థాయిల్లో క్రైస్తవులందరి ఐక్యత కోసం పరిచర్య చేస్తున్న వారందరి కోసం ప్రార్థించుదాం. ప్రభుని కాంక్ష, మనందరి ఆకాంక్ష అయిన క్రైస్తవ ఐక్యతా సాధన వేగవంతంగా సాగాలని, సలహాలు, సూచనలు, మార్గాలు కనుగొనేలా, ప్రభుని ఆత్మ వారిని ప్రేరేపించాలని ప్రార్థించుదాం. అందరు : ఓ ప్రభువా

గురువు : పరలోక మందున్న మా తండ్రి! మీ కుమారుని శరీరమైన క్రీస్తుని సంఘం, క్రైస్తవ సంఘాల ఐక్యత కోసం మీ బిడ్డలు చేసిన ప్రార్థన ఆలకించండి. ఐక్యతతో కలసి మెలసి ఉండటానికి, సువార్త విలువలకు సాక్ష్యంలా జీవించటానికి కావలసిన అనుగ్రహాల్ని అనుగ్రహించండి. మీ ప్రിയ కుమారుడు క్రీస్తు నామాన వేడుకుంటున్నాం. ఆమెన్.

మూలం : భారతదేశ కతోలిక పీఠాధిపతుల సమాఖ్య (CCBI) క్రైస్తవ సమైక్యతా విభాగం
సమర్పణ : తెలుగు కతోలిక పీఠాధిపతుల మండలి క్రైస్తవ సమైక్యతా విభాగం
స్వేచ్ఛానువాదం : గురుశ్రీ బత్తిని బాలస్వామి, గుంటూరు పీఠం

V. Foreword for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022

“We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him” is the theme for this year’s ‘The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity’. These words are still fresh in our minds from the recently celebrated feast of the Epiphany. They remind us that the salvation appeared in the Middle East.”It was in the Middle East that the Word of God took root and bore fruit: thirty and sixty and one hundredfold. And from this east that the apostles set out to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). The Middle East gave thousands of Christian witnesses and thousands of Christian martyrs.”

The resources for this year’s Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon. Offering the universal church this theme for reflection during the prayer for unity among Christians, the churches in the Middle East want the rest of the world to realize the painful situation in which they find themselves today. Christianity is in the verge of extinction in the Middle East where it originated and from where it spread to the rest of the world. The rise of religious extremism has forced even the remnants of Christians to flee from their countries! Coupled with the prevailing economic crises and religious persecution, COVID-19 has only aggravated the situation.

Lebanon, where these resources were prepared, has the largest percentage of Christians of all the Middle Eastern countries, i.e. 36% and 40% of the total population. Majority of the Christians belong to the Maronite rite which is in communion with Rome. While the origin of Christianity in Lebanon goes back to Apostolic times, the credit of evangelizing the country goes to St. Maron, the founder of Maronite rite, in the 4th century. The Maronites have a unique and distinct culture from the rest of the Middle East. They are politically most active and have played an important role in the creation of the State of Lebanon. Traditionally, the President of the Country is always a Maronite. Other Christian denominations include Eastern Orthodox, Melkite Catholic, Protestant, Armenian Orthodox or Apostolic, Armenian Catholic Church, Latin Catholic Church, Assyrian Church of the East.

The Christians in Lebanon have lived in relative harmony all these years with rest of the population. However, unrest and persecutions have surfaced in the recent decades forcing the exodus of Christians from Lebanon. Recently, amid a spiralling economic crisis and an upsurge in violence in Lebanon, Syriac Catholic Patriarch Ignatius Joseph III Younan of Antioch and all the East of the Syrians, said Christian migration from Lebanon urgently needs to be stemmed: “We are very, very scared that if this crisis continues it will be the end of Christians in Lebanon and the whole of the near East in a few years.”

The above-mentioned crises faced by these churches are reflected in these prayers prepared by them. The Christians in the Middle East need to be united to face the crises that challenge them. At the same time the international community has to hasten to stem the unprecedented exodus of Christians from the Middle East. The churches in the Middle East request our prayers

The prayer for Christian unity has to become an integral part of Christian spirituality. Therefore, the CCBI Commission for Ecumenism while forwarding this year's 'The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity', requests everyone concerned, especially the Parish Priests and heads of the Institutions of Religious, to make sincere efforts to enlighten the flock under their pastoral care to realise their duty and pray for the unity among Christians. The Commission also requests everyone to celebrate the Ecumenism Sunday, which falls on 23rd January 2022. Material for the Liturgy can be found at the end of this booklet. The Commission requests the Regional Secretaries and the Diocesan Secretaries to have this material translated into respective local languages to ensure the active participation of the entire community.

Fr. Baptist Pais, SVD
Executive Secretary

VI. Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (January 1)

We celebrate the liturgical feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 1st, which is the Octave of Christmas. Only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave, which is an eight day extension of the feast. The honoring of Mary as the Mother of God can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. By the 7th century, January 1st was observed as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the 13th century, the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ had come to replace the feast honoring Mary; however in 1751, after a push in Portugal for an official feast day celebrating Mary's divine maternity, Pope Benedict XIV allowed Portugal's churches to devote a feast to Mary on the first Sunday in May. Eventually, the feast extended to other countries, and in 1914 began to be observed on October 11. In 1931, Pope Pius XI extended the feast to the entire church, and in 1974, Pope Paul VI removed the feast of the Circumcision of Christ from the liturgical calendar and replaced it with the feast of the "Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God", bringing Mary's feast day back to the first day of the year.



The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer." On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word." Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace." New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

VII. Solemnity of Epiphany of the Lord (January 2)

The Feast of the Epiphany has traditionally been considered more theologically important than almost any other Feast Day, including Christmas. The early Christians had only Scripture, not the wealth of tradition we have today, to guide them in marking the great events of the life of Christ. So Holy Week and Easter, the Baptism of the Lord, Pentecost, and Epiphany jumped off the pages of Scripture as great events which merited celebration. These few dates became fixed points on the calendar and were later surrounded over the centuries with numerous other feasts and saints' days.



Two lessons from the visit of the Magi are worth considering. The first is that the wise men's gifts were given after Christmas. Many Catholic cultures preserve the ancient tradition of giving gifts on the Epiphany, not on Christmas itself. This tradition separates the birth of Christ from gift giving. When these two things—the birth of Christ and the giving of gifts—are collapsed into the same day, it causes some confusion of priorities, and the birth of Christ never wins. Waiting to exchange gifts until January sixth lets the Child God have the stage to Himself for a day. It makes people, especially children, wait, a modern day rarity in the Western world. Gift giving postponed until January sixth makes for a long, leisurely Christmas season and has the benefit of tradition and good theology as well.

Another great lesson from the Magi is more theological—that a true religion must be true for everyone, not just for some people. Truth is not geographical or confined to borders. Truth by its nature conquers untruth. The Magi are the first non Jews, or Gentiles, to worship Christ. They tell us that the mission field of Christ is the whole world, not just the Holy Land. The Church is forever bound, then, to teach, preach, and sanctify the world over. The Magi crack everything open. The true God and His Church must light a fire in Chinese souls, Arab souls, African souls, and South American souls. This may take until the end of time, but Christianity has time on its side. The Magi give personal testimony to the universality of the Church, one of its four marks. The Epiphany is the start of the multi-cultural, multi-lingual, multi-ethnic, and faith-united society the Catholic Church envisions as the only source of true human unity. Catholicism started multiculturalism and diversity without sacrificing unity and truth.

VIII. Baptism of the Lord (January 9)

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes



In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the “substance of our flesh” and was recognized “outwardly like unto ourselves”, He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: “Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world.”

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ’s baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ’s baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the “Beloved Son” of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ’s baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

IX. Feast of Conversion of St. Paul (January 25)

St. Paul the Apostle was the greatest of the early Christian missionaries. He first appears in the Acts of the Apostles under the name of Saul. Saul was raised in the Jewish faith as a Pharisee trained in the strict observance of God’s Law. He believed the Law should be obeyed by himself and all Jews. Saul was upset by the early Christian Church, believing that the early Christians had broken away from their Jewish traditions. He actively persecuted the Church in Jerusalem. As the first Christian martyr Stephen was being stoned to death, Saul watched the cloaks of the persecutors (Acts 7:58).



Paul then traveled to Damascus to further persecute early Christians. On the road to Damascus Saul had an encounter with the Risen Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles 9:1–19, Galatians 1: 13–14). Jesus asked, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” Paul replied, “Who are you, sir?” Jesus responded, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting” (Acts 9: 4 – 5). Jesus then sent Saul into Damascus to wait for further instructions. Saul was shaken and blinded by the experience. When a Christian named Ananias came and baptized Saul, his blindness went away. As a result of this encounter Saul became a follower of Christ. He was now convinced that fellowship with the risen Jesus Christ, not the observance of the Law, was all that was needed to receive God’s promise of salvation. (Galatians 1:11–12; 3:1–5)

Saul, whose name now became Paul, went to Jerusalem to consult with Peter (Galatians 1: 18). After his first missionary journeys, Paul was called by Jesus to proclaim the Gospel to the Gentiles. He spent the rest of his life journeying on his missions, establishing local churches, and writing to them when he heard of their accomplishments and failures.

Paul's letters are the earliest records of the life and history of the early Church. As inspired by the Holy Spirit Paul's letters are part of the Canon of the New Testament. As a record of the happenings in the early Church they are in invaluable record of the expansion of the Christianity.

X. Republic Day (January 26)



Though India became a free nation on August 15, 1947, it declared itself a Sovereign, Democratic and Republic state with the adoption of the Constitution on January 26, 1950. A salute of 21 guns and the unfurling of the Indian National Flag by Dr. Rajendra Prasad heralded the historic birth of the Indian Republic on that day. Thereafter 26th of January was decreed a national holiday and was recognized as the Republic Day of India. The Constitution gave the citizens of India the power to choose their own government and paved the way for democracy. Dr. Rajendra Prasad took oath as the first President of India at the Durbar Hall in Government House and this was followed by the Presidential drive along a five-mile route to the Irwin Stadium, where he unfurled the National Flag.

National Flag: The National Flag is a horizontal tricolour of deep saffron (kesaria) at the top, white in the middle and dark green at the bottom in equal proportion. The ratio of width of the flag to its length is two to three. In the centre of the white band is a navyblue wheel which represents the chakra. The top saffron colour, indicates the strength and courage of the country. The white middle band indicates peace and truth with Dharma Chakra. The green shows the fertility, growth and auspiciousness of the land. Its design is that of the wheel which appears on the abacus of the Sarnath Lion Capital of Ashoka. Its diameter approximates to the width of the white band and it has 24 spokes. The design of the National Flag was adopted by the Constituent Assembly of India on 22 July 1947. It is really amazing to see the various changes that our National Flag went through since its first inception. It was discovered or recognized during our national struggle for freedom. The evolution of the Indian National Flag sailed through many vicissitudes to arrive at what it is today.

XI. Bishop's Engagements in the Month of January, 2022

1	:	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God English New Year, Vigil Mass, Cathedral
2	:	Solemnity of Epiphany of the Lord, Cathedral
3	:	Platinum Jubilee, Munugodu, Nalgonda Diocese
4	:	Final Vows of Mary Mediatrix Sisters, Karunapuram
6	:	Golden Jubilee celebrations of Sr. Innamma, CSA Convent, Jangaon
7	:	Priestly Ordination of Br. M. Bala Dilip, SDB at Singaram
10	:	Golden Jubilee celebrations of Sr. Showrilu and Chinnamma CSA, Divya Deepthi Convent, Fatimanagar
11	:	Assessment of United Christmas Celebrations at Ecclesia Gospel Ministries, Siddarthnagar
13	:	Yadireddy Pally 100 years celebrations, Nalgonda Diocese
14	:	St. Thomas Church Silver Jubilee celebration: Shanthinagar Parish
15	:	Reddipuram Village Centennial Celebrations
16	:	Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Manthini Church
20-22	:	CDPI Meeting at NBCLC Bangalore
23	:	St. Vincent Pallotti: 25 years presence of Pallottine Sisters & 25 years of the Religious Profession of Sr. Marymony Celebrations, Dhacharam
24	:	Holy Matrimony at Mariapuram (Addabata)
25	:	Balanagar Village Golden Jubilee Celebrations
30	:	Gandhi's Death Anniversary: Pray for Peace in INDIA

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2	:	Chapel Blessing of Missionaries of the Poor, Fatimanagar
6-9	:	Classes at St. John's Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur
9	:	Holy Matrimony at Peddakottala, Kurnool Diocese
12	:	Singaram Village Centenary Celebrations
13	:	Silver Jubilee Celebration of St. Joseph Church, Kumarapally

XII. Communications

1. New Year, 2022: On the occasion of entering into the Year 2022, I wish all the Priests, the Religious and the Faithful a very grace-filled New Year, 2022. May it bring us true Peace, Harmony, Joy, Health and Prosperity.

2. Medicare Hospital Services: Please announce in all the parishes that from January 3, 2022 Medicare Hospital offers general and special medical services by Doctors, physicians, and surgeons. Further details will be sent by WhatsApp / email. Special concern will be shown to the poorest.

3. Deanery Level Recollection in January: Deans are requested to organize the January-monthly recollection on Deanery level in 2nd week. All Priests are requested to attend and grow in holiness and Priestly Ministry.

4. Week of Christian Unity: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is to be observed from the 18th to the 25th January. Please organize/ conduct appropriate programmes.

5. Submission of Annual Returns (for January to December, 2021): Parish Priests and Heads of the institutions are requested to submit the annual returns, which are to be sent to Rome in the first quarter of 2022. Please fill in correctly and submit them by January 15, 2022.

6. Submission of Binated /Trinated Masses: Maintenance of “Mass Intentions Register.” Priests are asked to submit the number of Binated/Trinated Masses to the procurator, by January 15, 2022, for the period from July to December, 2021. Those who neglect the maintaining the Holy Mass Register and non - submission of Binated and Trinated Masses would invite consequent action and some Priests may not have Mass offerings to celebrate Masses.

7. Condolences to Rev. Fr. Thumma Sharan Teja: The Diocese was saddened to hear the news of the death of Thumma Melka Reddy, the Father of Rev. Fr. Thumma Sharan Trja. He passed away at Nallabelli at the age of 50 at 3:45 pm on December 16th, 2021. The Diocese conveys heartfelt condolences to Rev. Fr. Thumma Sharan Teja, who is rendering his services in St. Thomas High School, Jammikunta and the bereaved family members and Pray that ‘May his soul Rest in Peace’.

8. Feast of St. Francis Xavier in St. Xavier Major Seminary: It was an occasion of immense joy and opportunity to experience and acknowledge the graces of God, as we celebrated the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, the patron saint of St. Xavier Major Seminary, Karunapuram on December 3, 2021. The celebration brought additional joy as it is the 22nd anniversary of this seminary. His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal and patron of this seminary presided over the Holy Eucharist concelebrated by the three of the resident priests at 11.30 am. The bishop was welcomed at the

entrance with a flower bouquet and Kolatam performed by the seminarians. “Communion, Participation and Mission” was the theme of the celebration which is also the theme of the synod of bishops.

Our Bishop appreciated the efforts of the seminarians in decorating and various arrangements. He insisted that the seminary is a place to explore talents and improve their abilities. In his homily, his Lordship cited the incidents from the life of St. Francis Xavier and called on the seminarians to foster the zeal for evangelization and missionary spirit. He also emphasized the role of a seminarian and a priest in fulfilling the divine plan of God, i.e., to bring all of humanity into communion with oneself, each other, and above all with God and thus enabling him to participate in His glory, he exhorted that mission is the only way to accomplish it. The liturgy was lively and prayerful. The seminarians felicitated the bishop and the rector as it was their patron saint’s feast too. The bishop appreciated the services of Fr. P. Prakash, Fr. Sravan, and the Rector. The celebration was followed by the festive lunch.

Fr. S. Balashowry, Rector

9. CRI Warangal Unit Christmas Celebration: Cordial greetings of Peace and joy to all members of the conference of Religious Warangal Unit. On 15th of December 2021 the CRI unit of Warangal arranged the Christmas Programmes in Divya Deepthi Retreat Centre, Fatimanagar. The day began at 9.00 a.m. with registration. There were about 100 participants registered. The resource person for this Christmas meet was Fr. Dr. M. Xavier Rex (SJ) and Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal. The theme we have reflected upon was ‘Birth of Jesus is Birth of Good News.’ The day celebration commence with a prayer invoking the Holy Spirit. Sr. Selvi Pillai FMM the CRI President extended warm welcome to all the participants and the Resource person. Fr. M. Xavier Rex talk was enriching. Then Bishop Udumala Bala and the synod committee shared the Synodal process. His Lordship enlightened the participants saying that in the church everyone had a vital role to play in the mission of the Church. Bishop Udumala Bala celebrated the Holy Mass. He told us that CRI has to inspire their mission in the diocese. Then we had friendly meal after which we had games and revealing Christmas friends gift exchanging. Then with happy smiling face and renewed heart and mind all dispersed to their respective places. **Sr. Selvi FMM, CRI President**

10. Rededication of Medicare Hospital (WIMS): The Rededication and Blessing of Medicare hospital was done on December 16, 2021 by Most Rev. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal. The last dream of Fr. Augusto Colombo had come true by the grace of God and intercession of Our Lady of Fatima and Constant efforts of our Beloved Bishop. Trustees, Priests, Religious and Tri-cities Church Councils had participated in the Programme. Please announce in all parishes that from January 3, 2022 Medicare Hospital functions with medical services by Doctors, physicians and surgeons. Further details will be sent by WhatsApp / email.

Fr. G. Chinnappa Reddy, Director of WIMS

11. United Mega Christmas Celebrations: The 9th Tri-city united mega Christmas celebration was held on 19th December 2021 at St. Anthony's Cultural Shrine, Fatimanagar at 6.30 p.m. It was decorated beautifully with glitter and lights. The aroma of food and cake and the warmth of togetherness filled the entire environment. The celebration truly brought the flavor of Christmas. Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal, Rev. Bishop Daniel Kalyanpu (Ecclesiafull Gospel Church), Rev. Bishop. Markandeya (Alpha Omega ministries) and Rev. Joseph Prabhakar (Vice-President –TCF,) gave messages on the birth of Christ. Shri. M. Sudheer Kumar – (ZP Chairman – Warangal Urban) was the chief guest of the celebration. Many priests, pastors, Catholics and other Christian denominations, faithful and sisters participated in the celebrations. Rev. Fr. Surrender led the choir group with 75 singers. There were few competitions like singing, choreography, Bible Quiz, and short sermons. Prizes were also distributed to the winners. It was encouraging to see a good number of Fatimanagar deanery priests Participating and supporting for the success of the celebrations. Cakes, biscuits and food packets were distributed to the people who attended the celebrations. Despite the chilling cold wave everyone enjoyed the United Christmas celebrations merrily singing and dancing.

Fr. K. Vijay Kumar Francis, General Convener

12. Banjara Christmas Celebration: On 19th December 2021, we had Banjara Christmas celebration at Yesu Gutta, Mahabubabad. The Banjara Christmas celebration began with the blessings. First our beloved Bishop blessed the car decorated with Mother Mary statue and blessed the New Road. After blessing the Road, our Bishop inaugurated the road by cutting the ribbon. Our Bishop along with Fr. Ronald. SdC, the Provincial Superior of the congregation of The Servants of Charity, Fr. Sebastian the founder of Yesu Gutta, other fathers, sisters and all the faithful went to the top of the hill by procession. Our beloved Bishop started the Holy Eucharistic Celebration. In the homily our Bishop highlighted “the Synodality, about the human relationship who is affected by the intervention of money in human life. Jesus came for the salvation of human race and not in search of race and cast or color and he is savior of all and mother Mary is the mother of all”. Fatima High School children gave cultural program about Christmas. After the cultural program our Bishop invited the faithful, with open hearted to come forward to sponsor saints' statues for the church. Guanellian as they celebrate the special day for the people with special needs. They honored special people with gifts. Nearly 15 Priests, 25 Sister and Religious and 600 Faithful took part in this Banjara Christmas celebration. At the end of the program people were provided with delicious food.

Fr. Paul Raj Sdc

13. Christmas Celebrations at St. Paul's High School, Jangaon: It was fabulous day for all the staff and students of St. Paul's High school. Because on the occasion of Mathematics day and semi-Christmas that were celebrated on 22nd December were successful events. Though it was a short period program our students have participated

in various events. Students are hope for the future. This generation is being updated with new technology. Our students performed the beautiful skit putting forth importance of mathematical elements of plus, minus, addition, subtraction which are part of human life. They delivered eloquent speeches about some of the great personalities who contributed to the mathematics subject. This shows how intelligence and presence of mind of our students.

Christmas is an auspicious festival for all the Christians. We being the family of St. Paul's share the virtues of love, care and togetherness. To bring these qualities of our students into light our school has celebrated the semi Christmas programme with cultural programme and Exchanging of gifts to each other. Our students performed a beautiful skit about the birth of Jesus Christ. I have also given meaningful message about the birth of Jesus which made us to realize the importance of Jesus coming in to the world for the coming year 2022. This day has become unforgettable memory of our school, which lives smiles on our faces and peace to our hearts.

Fr. Maria Joseph Head Master & Correspondent

14. News from Arunodaya Youth Centre:

Youth Christmas Celebrations: Arunodaya semi Christmas celebrations held on 22 December 2021 staff, students and Youth participated. And I was called to the semi Christmas celebrations in the Parishes for the Youth where in insisted the Youth to make a personal confession and prepare for the solemnity of Nativity of Jesus and to help the Parish Priest in all the ways Possible like going for Carol's, decoration in the church and distributing the cakes for all etc.,

New Year 2022: when I met the Youth in different occasions motivated the Youth to help the Parish Priest for the New Year Celebrations, I requested them to take a good resolution for new Year and try to Practice it. For all the celebration safety measures need to be taken and insist the other also to follow the safety measures. Wishing You all a Prosperous New Year 2022

National Youth Day: India celebrates National Youth Day on January 12. This date was chosen to honor the birthday of Swami Vivekananda, one of India's greatest spiritual and social leaders. He saw hope for the future in every child and believed that with "muscles of iron" and "nerves of steel" they could bring about social change. Swami himself personified the eternal energy of the youth and a restless quest for truth. Today, almost 50 percent of India's population is under the age of 25. The future of the country rides on their shoulders. So let us join with the national Youth Day by celebrating special Mass for the Youth and also creative games and cultural events to motivate them in your respective Parishes on that day or the feasible day. Kindly send the pictures for our record.

Fr. Vatti Simon, Director

15. Christmas Celebrations at Fatima Cathedral: On 24th December, 2021 at 10:30pm Christmas Celebrations started with welcoming the chief guest Sri Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar garu M.L.A of Warangal West & Chief whip of Telangana and His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala garu, Bishop of Warangal. Followed by the Christmas Vigil Mass was celebrated and blessed all the faithful. The Bishop exhorted all the faithful to be joyful at all times by following the mysterious birth of Jesus as fully human and fully God. On this auspicious day, M.L.A Sri Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar garu participated in the Celebrations and extended his greetings to the gathering. The entire celebration was Live Telecasted in Divyavani TV channel.

Fr. Kasu Marreddy, Parish Priest, Fatima Cathedral

16. News from the Pastoral Centre (Month of January – 2022)

1. There is a joy in our hearts in the Christmas season; First and foremost we wish you all from the pastoral center Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year 2022.
2. Fr G. Kamal the Pastoral Center Director and his team organized the United Christmas Quiz competition at pastoral center. The Quiz competition is on Gospel of St John. There were thirteen teams participated from various denominations from the tri city. This quiz comparison improved the knowledge about Gospel of St John. There was Christmas joy.
3. Marriage Preparation Course and Counseling was conducted on Second Saturday i.e. on 11th of December 2021. On 11th thirty three members attended for MPC. The group shared and expressed their feelings about this MPC program. It was really fruitful. During this Pandemic. We are following SMS (Social distancing, Mask, Sanitization) in pastoral center. Rev. Fr. Y Chinnappa Reddy the Director of MPC with the help of Fr. T. Santhosh and team guided and suggested the program and the program went on well.
4. On the day of Diocesan level recollection Bishop with the team had organized Diocesan level synod meeting. Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala Bishop of Warangal and the team had explained the history of synod, role of synod and duties of the synod. Finally the route map of Diocesan Synod was explained. The program went on well. Diocesan synod program was organized on 16th Dec 2021. Diocesan synod team and Parish Priests, Brothers, Sisters and Laity synod team had participated.
5. Pastoral Centre Semi-Christmas was celebrated on 20th Dec, 2021. Rev. Fr. T. Jerome gave Christmas message and motivated animators and Rev. Fr. D. Vijaypaul Social Service Centre Director gave Charismas gifts to all the animators and motivated them.
6. I visited many Parishes for the Kothakala Panduga Programmes and Advent season prayers, Masses, Confessions, Semi Christmas, Children Christmas and Youth Christmas in the Parishes with the invitation of Parish Priests were conducted.

Note: 1. Marriage preparation courses and counseling's are arranged on every 2nd Saturday and 4th Saturday of every month.

2. Please do Organize Jyothirmai Sunday (30th Jan, 2022) as we do every year. Posters and covers are available in Pastoral Centre. Mass readings and for further information will be conveyed in dioceses what sup group.

3. For any pastoral needs you can approach Fr. G. Kamal, Pastoral Center Director.
Fr. G. Kamal, Director

17. Deanary Level Synod Meeting – Jan 2022: Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala Bishop of Warangal had asked me to conduct Deanary Level Synod meeting with the consultation of all the Deans in the diocese. I consulted all the Deans and Regional Director and fixed the dates and time for this meeting. This is to motivate the groups to participate actively for synodology. Please plan well and send catechists, village elders, men, women and youth to participate actively.

Resource persons: Regional Synod Team and Diocesan Synod Team.

Place, Date and time:

1. Ghanpur Denary	10 th January	2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
2. Fatimanagar Denary	11 th January	2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
3. Karunapuram Denary	12 th January	2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
4. Karimnagar Denary	17 th January	2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
5. Mahabubad Denary	18 th January	2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
6. Ookal Denary	19 th January	9:00AM to 12:00PM

Note: Parish synod team consists of the representatives of all groups from all sub-stations too. Please do elect parish synod team and bring parish synod on that day.

Fr. G. Kamal, Director, Pastoral Centre

18. News from Lodi MSSS: The happiest people in life are the givers, not the getters.

1. Project Title: Sustainable Livelihood Based Food Security program for the Marginalized Communities of 20 villages of Raikal Mandal of Jagityal District

1. We have completed 4 feeder channels at Dawanpalli, Vastapur, Chintaloor, Basheerpalli Lokyanaikthanda of Raikalmandal and 645 farmers will be benefitted through these feeder channels. 2. We have completed 4 renovation of irrigation pond at Dawanpalli, Cherla Kondapur, Dharmajipet, Vastapur of Raikalmandal and 540 farmers will be benefitted through irrigation pond. 3. 40-Marginalized farmers received neem oil and applying organic farming cultivation in 54 acres of land.

II. Title of the Project: Livelihood Based Food Security program for the Tribal & Dalit communities in Kothaguda Mandal of Mahabubabad District: 30 Community Based Groups were formed in 30 villages with 445 members of women group leaders, youth group leaders, active farmers and Panchyath Raj members and trained on their roles and responsibilities.

III. Semi -Christmas Celebrations with HIV& Physically challenged children: As we are aware that International Aids Day is on 1st December and World Disability Day is on 3rd December and Christmas Day is on 25th December. Every year Lodi MSSS clubs these triple days and celebrates “Semi Christmas with HIV / AIDS children and Physically Challenged Children. We had it on 18th December and around 600 children were present for this celebrations. The cultural program of these special children were the main attraction of the day. We have given a pair of dress to 600 children and a delicious lunch is provided to all. Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, President of Lodi MSSS and Bishop of Warangal as the Chief Guest of this program and gave a solid Christmas message and distributed the gifts to the children.

IV. Title of the Project: Poverty Reduction among Poor and Marginalized rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming and NRM in Kodakandla Mandal, Jangoan Dist.

1. Staff trainings were conducted for three days on NGO IDEAS tools to 11 staff.
2. MDC (Mandal Development Committee) meeting was conducted for 32 women group leaders and farmers. 3. Distributed loans of Rs.6,40,000 for promotion of milk animals for 33 women as part of income generation activity. 4. Distributed loans of Rs 18,5,000 to 123 farmers @ Rs 15,000 to promote Organic farming as part of project activity.

Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul. Director, Lodi MSSS.

Birthday Babies in January

Fr. Polumari Anil	01/01/1983
Fr. Gopu Anand	03/01/1978
Fr. Thirumala Reddy Joji	05/01/1970
Fr. Annapareddy Raja	08/01/1962
Fr. Duggimpudi Vijaya Paul	08/01/1965
Fr. Gopu Suresh	08/01/1977
Fr. Gangarapu Anukiran	25/01/1995
Fr. Kommareddy Joseph	26/01/1984



Blessing of St. Joseph's Hut at Bishop's House



United Christmas Celebrations, at St. Anthony Cultural Shrine



CRI Christmas Meet



Clergy Christmas Recollection and Rededication of WIMS



Banjara Christmas Celebrations and Blessing of New Road- Up Hill



LODI Christmas Celebrations with Handicapped Children



Christmas Celebrations at Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar & Samudrala



Happy New Year-2022

