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## INAUGURATION OF JUBILEE 2025 IN DIOCESE OF WARANGAL



**Silver Jubilee Celebrations of St. Xavier Major Seminary at Karunapuram**



**Lodi Pre-christmas celebrations, Fatima nagar**



**Youth Pre-Christmas Celebrations at Arunodaya Youth Centre, Fatimanagar**



**Immaculate Conception Feast Celebrations, Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Kukatpally Parish, Archdiocese of Hyderabad**



**Pre-Christmas Celebrations at Mount Carmel School at Jagtial**



**CRI Warangal Unit Christmas Celebrations at Millenium High School, Mucherla**



## I. Jubilee 2025 Launch n Year-Long Programs

**1. Universal Church:** The Holy Father Francis on the Eve of December 25, 2024 had solemnly launched the Jubilee year. Our Redeemer, Jesus Christ was born 2024 years ago and with it a New Era of Grace began. Marking that historic and redeeming event, the Holy Father celebrated the Holy Mass of CHRIST-MASS at St. Peter's Major Basilica, Vatican and declared open 'the Jubilee 2025. Thereby, he conveyed the Blessings of Jesus' Birth and gave a Clarion call to all Catholics, Christians and all men and women of Goodwill to pray and work for a Society of Peace, Love and Justice. In this world it appears that it is a **hopeless** and hapless world but with God it is possible as the angel Gabriel told Mary "Nothing is impossible for God" (Lk: 1:37). He gave the hopeless world the theme of Hope, a Theological and human virtue to overcome the evil and unitedly work for Peace in the World. He invited the Catholic Dioceses to launch the Year Jubilee 2025 on December 29, 2024!



**2. Particular Churches/ Local Churches-Jubilee 2025 Diocese-wise:** The Diocese of Warangal with All dioceses over the Globe launched the Jubilee 2025 on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December at Fatima Cathedral with a procession of a decorated Jubilee Cross as a Flag on the Top bending over the Peoples and as an Anchor at the Bottom by following the Ritual given by the Vatican. In addition, it was organized in a creative and in-cultural was a by the gathering of great number of people of all vocations for the only Mass in the morning. Children waving flags, women holding colorful umbrellas, Religious and Lay flocking and lining up from the Marian *Pilan* to Cathedral Flag post. It was innovative of Fatima Parish, to arrange Jubilee Logo Flag to be hoisted at the portico to the Cathedral. On the platform a temporary baptismal font was set up and with the Blessing of the Water with salt, the baptismal vows renewed.



Then solemn procession into the Church with melodious music and the official jubilee song Telugu "*manduchunnadi na Nireekshana Oka Jwala ai*" being sung the procession with the Cross three times adored by the Celebrant and the people, reached

the central Altar. Being the Feast of the Holy Family, the Mass continued with its Liturgy. Marking the historical and epoch-making Jubilee 2025, in the place of the Sermon, the Celebrant Bishop Bala read out the Joint Pastoral letter of the Bishops of the Telangana and Andhra Pradesh states, outlining the greatness, glory and pride of the Church in Telugu States, honouring the Missionaries, past and present, our children as Priests and Consecrated, who are also Missionaries in most countries of the world, The unique role of catechists, people, various services being rendered to build the country and highlighting the various programs and celebrations of the Universal and local Churches during the Jubilee year, asking to utilize the Plenary indulgences, and invited All to participate with full spirit in this hopeless world with the FLAME OF HOPE shining all over the world, especially in Telugu region to bring about a change, a change that would make a real difference in the lives of the people!

**3. Parish-wise Programs of the Whole Year:** The College of Consultors, the Senate, Deans and CRI had a meeting and deliberated on the Jubilee year along with the programs of delineated by the Vatican cum the programs of our Diocese and Deanery cum parishes. The list of programs was given in our Newsletter Fathima Vani December 2024 Issue to kindly follow them.: In addition, the 6 Deaneries should discuss and plan the programs it wishes to organize and conduct, deanery-wise, parish-wise, sub-stations-wise, Institutions-wise, CRI-wise, etc. The dean is responsible to call for a physical or virtual meeting and organize the required. A Jubilee Cross is provided to each Deanery to adore and obtain the Plenary indulgences.

Please place universal, Diocesan Logos at all important points of Parish!!

#### **4. Kindly:**

**(A) Read out/ Summarize the Joint Pastoral of all the Shepherds of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh States on the Inaugural mass of Jubilee on January 1, 2025 to let people know well and participate in the celebrations of the entire Holy Year.**

**(B) Encourage to make Pilgrimages to Designated Basilicas, Cathedrals, Churches, Shrines of Universal, Holy land, National, Regional, Diocesan level holy places, perform works of mercy, OFTEN make good Confession, Pray for the Holy Father, repenting for one's and others' sins in order to obtain Plenary Indulgences as mentioned in Joint Pastoral letter! The Churches/Shrines/ Holy Places and Confession Centres designated in Warangal Diocese are:**

#### **(C) Jubilee Indulgences Centres-Warangal Diocese**

1. Fathima Cathedral, Fatimanagar
2. Infant Jesus Shrine, Karunapuram
3. Lourdamatha Church, Karimnagar
4. Banjaramatha Shrine, Mahabubabad
5. Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Jangoan

6. Lourdamatha Church, Ookal
7. Sahayamatha Shrine, Dharmasagar Reservoir
8. Muktheswaramatha, Kaleshwaram Laxmi Pump House

**(D) For Individual Confession- Centres of Sacramental Reconciliation:**

1. Vianney Home
2. Jeevadhara VC Centre
3. Rekurthy SJ Centre
4. Shanigapuram SDC Centre
5. Godavarikhani, Sacred Heart
6. Holy Cross Fathers, Ghanpur
7. Rosa Mystica, OCDs-Kamalapuram

**(E) Catechesis:** Kindly catechize well and motivate Catechists and people to take lead in organizing spiritual, cultural, social, etc. programs! Raising finances is essential for activities: Therefore, let us enthuse people to donate and give due recognition to the donors/sponsors in kind, cash, phone pay, cheques, wire-transfer, etc. May God be Praised, People are transformed and the world becomes a better place by the celebrations of Jubilee 2025!

**(F) Year 2024 has been Blessings-full:**

As we begin this grace-filled Jubilee 2025, I convey you my affectionate wishes of peace, joy, and hope to you ALL in the diocese. This time of the year invites us to thank you in a special way and to be grateful to GOD n You and renew our commitment to the Gospel values that make us work together.

2024 has been a special year for the Diocese of Warangal, and we could not have achieved so much without your commitment. Your hard work helped us to make a real difference in our mission to build communities based on Christian values of justice, equality, and brotherhood. We have been able to help many people, especially those in need, and spread a message of love and solidarity.

Looking ahead to the New Year during the Jubilee 2025, we are hopeful about what we can accomplish together. With your continued prayer and works, we hope to reach out to many more people in need and share the love of God and make a positive impact in the families, communities and in the Larger non-Christian society where-in we live and work.

**With Jubilee 2025 Year Blessings**  
**+ Udumala Bala, Chief Pastor**  
**Diocese of Warangal**



## II. తెలుగు శ్రీసభ పీఠకాపరుల సమష్టి జూబిలి 2025 లేఖ!!

సాధారణ జూబిలి 2025

ప్రధాన అంశం: “నిరాశను నివృత్తిచేయు నిరీక్షణ” (రోమా 5:5)

ప్రభువునందు ప్రియులైన ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్, తెలంగాణ రాష్ట్రాలలోని పూజ్య గురువులకు, దైవాంకితులకు, విశ్వాసులందరికీ సకల మానవుల రక్షకుడైన యేసుప్రభు జయంతి జూబిలి 2025 సంవత్సర శుభాశీస్సులు. పరిశుద్ధ ప్రాన్నిను పోపుగారు ప్రకటించిన 2025 సాధారణ జూబిలి ‘విశిష్ట దైవనుగ్రహాలు’ మీకందరికీ, మనందరికీ లభించాలని ఆశిస్తున్నాము. ఈ చారిత్రాత్మక పవిత్ర జూబిలి సందర్భంగా, తెలుగు ప్రాంతీయ కఠోలిక పీఠకాపరులందరం కలిసి సమష్టిగా ఈ కాపరిసేవా లేఖను ఆశీర్వాదపూర్వకంగా అందిస్తున్నందుకు ఆనందిస్తున్నాము.

### తెలుగునాట కఠోలిక క్రైస్తవం

సువిశాల భారతదేశంలోని యావత్తు కఠోలిక శ్రీసభలో, జంట తెలుగు రాష్ట్రాలైన తెలంగాణ, ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ ప్రాంతీయ శ్రీసభ దాదాపు 20 లక్షల విశ్వాసులతో విశిష్టమైన స్థానం కలిగిఉన్నది. దీనిని బట్టి యేసుక్రీస్తు విశ్వాసులైన మీ అందరికీ, ఉపదేశులకు, దైవాంకితులకు, గురువులకు అభినందనలు. ఈ సమయంలో గత-ప్రస్తుత, విదేశీ-స్వదేశీ మిషనరీలందరికీ శిరమువంచి నమస్కరించుచున్నాము. మన యువతి యువకులు ఎందరో దైవ పిలుపును కృతజ్ఞతతో అందుకుని గురువులుగా, కన్యలుగా, సోదరులుగా ప్రభుసేవచేస్తూ, విశ్వాసులను పటిష్టపరుస్తూ, క్రైస్తవేతరులకు సువార్త వెలుగుల సేవాసాక్ష్యము ఇస్తున్నందుకు గర్వించుచున్నాము. క్రైస్తవ విశ్వాసులైన మీకుటుంబాలనుండి చాలామంది, దైవపిలుపును అందుకుని దేశవిదేశాల్లో మిషనరీలుగా సేవలందిచటాన్ని, తెలుగునాట శ్రీసంఘాల విశ్వాస త్యాగాలకు బలమైన సంకేతంగా భావిస్తున్నాం.

అంతేగాక, శ్రీసభ సేవాకార్యక్రమాల ద్వారా ఉన్నతవిద్యను అభ్యసించి, గృహస్థ క్రైస్తవులుగా పలురంగాలలో ఎనలేని సేవలు అందించడం, తద్వారా కఠోలిక విశ్వాసానికి సాక్ష్యంఇవ్వడం అదనపు గర్వకారణం! గౌరవ ఉపదేశులు, గృహస్థ క్రైస్తవ పిలుపులో జీవిస్తూ, క్షేత్రస్థాయిలో, గ్రామగ్రామాల్లో, కోరుక్రైస్తవులతో, క్రొత్త, పాత క్రైస్తవులతో మమేకమవుతూ, గురుమండల గురువులకు కుడిభుజమై సంఘాలను సంరక్షిస్తున్నారు. వీరి అమూల్య సేవలకు రెండు చేతులెత్తి కృతజ్ఞతాంజలు అర్పిస్తున్నాం! ఈవిధంగా మన రెండు తెలుగు రాష్ట్రాల్లో, వివిధ అద్వితీయ సేవలతో, తెలుగునాట శ్రీసభ దేదివ్యమానంగా ప్రకాశిస్తుందనుట అతిశయోక్తి కాదు! దేవునికి మహిమ, ఘనత చెల్లునుగాక!

### సరికొత్త సాధారణ జూబిలి 2025: సంసిద్ధతాకాలం

2000 సంవత్సర మహాజూబిలి వేడుకలతో ప్రపంచమంతా క్రీస్తుశకం మూడవ సహస్రబ్దిలోకి ప్రవేశించింది. కాలం వేగంగా దొర్లిపోతుండగా, సాధారణ జూబిలి 2025 వేడుకలకు సమయం

రానే వచ్చింది. ఈ జూబిలి వేడుకలకు సంసిద్ధపడుటకు 2023 ను అధ్యయన సంవత్సరంగా (Year of Learning) విశ్వశ్రీసభ ప్రకటించింది. రెండవ వాటికను మహాసభ ఆమోదించిన నాలుగు సంవిధాన పత్రాలను చదివి, ధ్యానించి, వాటిని స్థానిక సంఘాలకు అన్వయించుకోవాలని ఉపదేశించింది. అదేవిధంగా 2024 ను ప్రార్థనా సంవత్సరంగా (Year of Prayer) ప్రకటించింది. అధికారిక “జూబిలి సంవత్సర ప్రార్థన”ను కూడా అందించింది. 2024 సంవత్సరమంతా దాదాపు అన్ని గురుమండలాల్లో, గ్రామాల్లో ప్రజలు ఈ జపమును భక్తితో ప్రార్థిస్తున్నారని తెల్పుటకు సంతోషిస్తున్నాము.

### జూబిలి పుట్టుపూర్వోత్తరాలు

జూబిలి పూర్వోపరాలను పరిశీలిస్తే, దీని మూలాలు లేవీయకాండం 25వ అధ్యాయ పరమార్థంతో, యేసుప్రభు లూకా 4:18లో నజరేతు మందిర “తన మిషన్ ప్రకటన” యొక్క పరమానందంతో ముడిపడి ఉన్నవి. వాటి ప్రకారం జూబిలిసంవత్సరం అతి పవిత్రం, అత్యంత ప్రశస్తం. అది దేవుని విశిష్ట అనుగ్రహ కాలం, మనుషులకు సఖ్యతా సంవత్సర సమయం. అనగా మనిషి దేవుడితో, పొరుగువారితో, సకల సృష్టితో, సఖ్యతా సంబంధాలు తిరిగి నెలకొల్పుకొనుటకు తిరుగులేని అవకాశం. పైపై ఆడంబరాల పండుగలకే పరిమితం కాకుండా “అంతరంగ నూత్నీకరణ, శత్రువుల మన్నింపు, పాపసంకెళ్ల నుండి విడుదల, అందరితో సత్సంబంధాలు, ఆధ్యాత్మికస్వేచ్ఛ అనుభవం, పవిత్రాత్మ నడిపింపు” వంటి వాటికి అత్యంత ప్రాముఖ్యతనివ్వాలి. అవి పొందలేకపోతే ఈ పవిత్రకాల వరాలను చేజేతుల పోగొట్టుకున్నట్లే!

### జూబిలి ప్రకటన: ప్రారంభం, ముగింపు

పరమపవిత్ర త్రిత్వదేవుని రెండవవ్యక్తి, ఆదినుండి ఉన్న వాగ్దేవుడు (యోహా 1:1) మరియుగర్భంలో మానవజీవం పోసుకుని, ఈ భూమి మీద జన్మించిన 2025 వసంతాల ఉత్సవమును, పరిశుద్ధ ప్రాన్సిసు పోపుగారు జూబిలి సంవత్సరముగా “నిరీక్షణ నిరాశ పరచదు” (Spes non Confundit) అను ఆదేశపత్రం ద్వారా చేసిన ప్రకటన, కతోలికలోకాన్ని ఆనంద పరవశం చేసింది! ఈ జూబిలి వేడుకలను విశ్వశ్రీసభ పక్షాన డిసెంబరు 24, 2024 క్రీస్తుజయంతి జాగరణ పూజాప్రార్థనలతో పరిశుద్ధ ప్రాన్సిసు పోపుగారు రోము నగరంలోని భక్త పేతురు బృహద్దేవాలయ “కృపాద్వారం” తెరచి ప్రారంభించారు. ప్రపంచంలోని ఇతర కతోలిక పీఠమండలాలన్నింటిలోనూ, స్థానిక పీఠకాపరి తన ప్రధాన ఆసన దేవాలయంలో డిసెంబర్ 29న, 2024 తిరుకుటుంబ పండుగరోజున అలంకరించిన సిలువ ప్రదక్షణతో, గురువులతో, దైవాంకితులతో, విశ్వాసులతో కలిసి ప్రారంభిస్తారు. అదే పవిత్రకుటుంబ పండుగ రోజున, అనగా డిసెంబర్ 28, 2025 నాడు అధికారికంగా ఈ పవిత్ర వసంతాన్ని ముగిస్తారు. విశ్వశ్రీసభ తరుపున జనవరి 6, 2026న క్రీస్తు సాక్షాత్కార మహోత్సవంనాడు పోపుగారు జూబిలి 2025 వసంతాన్ని పరిపూర్తి చేస్తూ శుభం పలుకుతారు.

## క్షేత్రస్థాయి కార్యక్రమాలు

ఈ సంవత్సరాన్ని మొత్తం నిరీక్షణ వెలుగులతో నింపుటకు పలువిధ కార్యక్రమాలను, వేడుకలను విశ్వశ్రీసభ క్యాలెండర్‌ను ప్రకటించింది. వాటికి తోడుగా పీఠకాపరులు, విశ్వాసుల సమాలోచనలతో జాతీయస్థాయిలో, ప్రాంతీయస్థాయిలో, పీఠస్థాయిలో, గురు మండలస్థాయిలో, వెరసి గ్రామస్థాయిలో అధ్యయన, విశ్వాస వికాస, సత్యోపదేశ, సంవాద ఆశయాలలో వివిధ కార్యక్రమాలు ఏర్పాటు చేసుకొనే సౌలభ్యాన్ని ఇచ్చింది. తెలుగు పీఠకాపరులు వారివారి పీఠమండలాల్లో ఏర్పాటు చేసుకొను కార్యక్రమాలతో పాటు, ప్రాంతీయ స్థాయిలో, తెలుగు శ్రీసభలో రెండు అధ్యయన పూజాప్రార్థనా వేడుకలను నిర్వహించటకు నిశ్చయించాము. ఒకటి హైదరాబాదులో, రెండవది విజయవాడలో. వాటి విధివిధానాలను తగుసమయంలో తెలియపరుస్తాము. దానికి మీ అందరి భాగస్వామ్యం, సహాయ సహకారాలు చాలా అవసరమని ఇప్పుడే తెలియపరుస్తున్నాం.

### సహజ ఆశాభావం-క్రైస్తవ నిరీక్షణ:

అవినీతి, అన్యాయ, అశాంతి, అసమానత శక్తుల విజృంభణతో, మంచి కన్నా చెడుదే పైచేయి అన్నట్లుగా కనిపించే పరిస్థితుల్లో, నిరాశ, నిస్పృహలతో కుమిలిపోతున్నది నేటి ప్రజాలోకం. ప్రజలకు భవిష్యత్తును గూర్చిన ఆశాజనక దృఢనమ్మకాన్ని, ‘అంతిమ విజయం మంచికే’ ననుభవించే భరోసానిస్తుంది “నిరాశను నివృత్తిచేయు నిరీక్షణ” అను జూబిలి ప్రధాన అంశం. దేవుడు మనిషి రక్తంలోనే, మనిషి స్వభావంలోనే ‘ఆశాభావం’ అను సహజ దైవిక ధర్మాన్ని ఉంచాడు. ‘ఆశ’ అను ఇంధనం లేకపోతే మనిషి జీవించడం దుస్సాధ్యం. క్రైస్తవ ఆశాభావం దైవానుగ్రహంతోనిండి ‘నిరీక్షణ సుగుణం’గా రూపాంతరం చెందుతుంది. ఈ క్రైస్తవ నిరీక్షణ విశ్వాసుల్లో ఒక జ్వాలగా మండాలని, ఆజ్ఞాల కాగడగామారి, చెడును కాల్చి వేసి, మంచిని వెలిగిస్తుందన్న ఆనంద అభయానిస్తుంది. విశేషవిధంగా ఈ జూబిలీ సంవత్సరంలో ఈ ఆశాజ్వాలతో ఇతరులను వెలిగిస్తూ, లోకమంతా ఆవరించిన చిమ్మచీకట్లను పారద్రోలుతూ, దృఢమైన గుండెలతో, ప్రశాంత మనస్సులతో, నిరీక్షణశక్తితో భవిష్యత్తు పట్ల ఆశాజనకంగా ప్రకాశిద్దాం. ‘దేవునికి అసాధ్యమైనది ఏదీ లేదు’ (లూకా 1:37) అను కన్యమరియ మాటలలోని విశ్వాసఇంధనంతో, వినూత్న జూబిలీ అనుగ్రహాలతో, దైవరాజ్య సంపూర్ణ స్థాపనకై జూబిలీ కంకణం కట్టుకుందాం!

### దివ్యపూజాప్రార్థనల క్రమము:వివిధ వేడుకలు

క్రీస్తు సిలువ యాగమైన దివ్యపూజాబలి “శ్రీసభ జీవితానికి, సువార్తప్రకటనా ధర్మాలకు మూలం, శిఖరం” (L.G 11; CCC 1324) అని కతోలిక విశ్వాసం ఘంటాపథంగా బోధిస్తుంది. దానితోపాటు విశ్వాసులందరూ ‘నిండుమనస్సుతో, పరిజ్ఞానముతో, చురుకుగా’ పూజాప్రార్థనలలో పాల్గొనాలని ఆహ్వానిస్తుంది (SC 14). కాబట్టి ఈ జూబిలీ సంవత్సరములో విశ్వ శ్రీసభ నిర్దేశించు పూజా ప్రార్థనలను, అర్థవంతంగా, క్రమబద్ధంగా, భక్తియుతంగా కొనియాడుటకు ‘జూబిలీ దైవార్చన

క్రమము' అనుగ్రంథాన్ని అందించింది విశ్వశ్రీసభ. సంవత్సరమంతా కొనియాడు వివిధ ప్రత్యేక పూజాఉద్దేశాల ప్రకారం, విశేషవిధంగా ఈ జూబిలీ ప్రారంభ, ముగింపు వేడుకలు జరుపుటకు ఈ గ్రంథాన్ని వినియోగించాలి. దీనికి అదనంగా, జూబిలీ ప్రార్థనతో పాటు ఒక “పాటను” కూడా అధికారికంగా అందించింది. వీటన్నింటిని మన మాతృభాష తెలుగులో, దైవార్చన సమితి ఇప్పటికే అందించింది. “ఆత్మలో, సత్యములో ఆరాధించు ప్రజగా” (యోహా 4:23) వీటిని ఉపయోగించుకుంటూ మన దైవారాధనను జూబిలీ వెలుగులతో నింపుదాం! దైవానుగ్రహాలను కోకొల్లలుగా పొందుదాం!

### పరిపూర్ణ కృపాఫలాలు (Plenary Indulgences)

ఈ జూబిలీ సంవత్సరమంతా అనేక పుణ్యకార్యాలు, కారుణ్యక్రియలు, తీర్థయాత్రలు చేపట్టాలని శ్రీసభ ఆహ్వానిస్తుంది. జగద్గురువులు ప్రాన్నిను పోవుగారు పాపపరిహార “పరిపూర్ణ ఫలాలు” అను ఆదేశపత్రం ద్వారా వాటిని ప్రకటించారు. ఈ పవిత్ర సంవత్సరంలో లభించు పాపపరిహార పరిపూర్ణ ఫలాలను పొందుటకు వలయు నిర్దేశాలను, విధులను ఆ పత్రంలో పొందుపరిచారు. కృపా సంపన్నుడైన దేవదేవుని అపారమైన ప్రేమను, కరుణను, మన్నింపును కేవలం మానవక్రియల ద్వారా పొంద సాధ్యంకాదు. అయినప్పటికీ ‘పరలోక రాజ్యపు తాళపుచెవులను నీ చేతిలో పెడుతున్నాను’ (మత్త 13:19) అను దైవానుగ్రహంతో, షరతులను పాటించి, తిరుసభ నిధినుండి ఆ పరిపూర్ణ ఫలాలను, పొందమని పోవుగారు ఆహ్వానించారు. అన్ని షరతులను పాటిస్తూ, విధులను నెరవేరుస్తూ ఈ కారుణ్యక్రియలు చేపట్టినచో పాపములకు రావలసిన ఐహిక శిక్షను తొలగిస్తుంది. ఈ జూబిలీ సంవత్సరంలో రోజుకు రెండుసార్లు ఈ కృపా పరిపూర్ణ ఫలాలు పొందవచ్చు. జగద్గురువుల ఆత్మీయ ఆకాంక్ష మేరకు, రెండు రాష్ట్రాల తెలుగు కతోలిక విశ్వాసులు ఈ జూబిలీ వసంతకాల సంవత్సరాన్ని అర్ధవంతంగా, ఆశీర్వాదకరంగా కొనియాడాలని, తెలుగు కతోలిక పీఠకాపరులు ఈ లేఖ ద్వారా జూబిలీ 2025 పిలుపును ఆత్మీయతతో అందిస్తున్నాము. ఇది తెలుగు శ్రీసభలో క్రీస్తువైపుకు ఒక పిలుపు, ఒక మేలుకొలుపు, అనన్య అనుగ్రహాల మలుపు కావాలని ఆశిస్తున్నాము.

### పరిపూర్ణ ఫలాలు పొందు విధానాలు

- చేసిన పాపాలకు నిండు మనసుతో వశ్చాత్తాప పడవలెను.
- దీక్ష తీసుకున్న వ్యక్తుల్లా నిష్ఠగా వ్యక్తిగత పాప సంకీర్తనం చేసి, వశ్చాత్తాపపడి దివ్య ప్రసాదం స్వీకరించాలి.
- దానధర్మ క్రియలు తరచుగా చేయాలి.
- జగద్గురువు ప్రాన్సిస్ గారి తలంపులు నెరవేరాలని తప్పక ప్రార్థించాలి.
- దైవార్చన గడియల ప్రార్థించడం చేయాలి.

- ఊ) రోమా పట్టణంలోని పాపు గారి బృహద్ దేవాలయాల సందర్శించుట.
- బు) పవిత్ర భూమి (హోలి ల్యాండ్) లోని బృహద్దేవాలయాల సందర్శన.
- బుూ) భారతదేశంలోని, తెలుగు రాష్ట్రాల్లోని పుణ్యక్షేత్రాల, నిర్దిష్ట జూబిలీ దేవాలయాల సందర్శన.
- ఎ) తీర్థయాత్రలు చేయలేని వారు కూడా పాపపరిహార పరిపూర్ణ ఫలాలను పొందుటకు నిండు మనసుతో తన పాపాలకై పశ్చాత్తాపదాలి, పాపసంకీర్తనం చేయాలి.
- ఏ) దేవాలయానికి వెళ్లి పూజల్లో పాల్గొనలేని విశ్వాసులు కనీసం ఆధ్యాత్మికంగా పూజలో పాల్గొని వరప్రసాదాలను స్వీకరించాలి.
- ఐ) తపో కార్యక్రమాలు చేస్తూ, సువార్త సేవా పరిచర్యలకు తోడ్పడాలి. తపోజీవనం, ఉపవాసం, దానధర్మాలు, మానవ జీవ పరిరక్షణ, మున్నగునవి చేయాలి.
- ఒ) దైవార్చనల్లో, వీరకాపరులు ఇచ్చే జూబిలీ ప్రత్యేక ఆశీర్వాదాలు పొందుట
- ఓ) ప్రతీపీఠంలో జూబిలీ నిర్దిష్ట దేవాలయాల, పాప విమోచన గురువుల కేంద్రాల ఏర్పాట్లను వినియోగించుకోవాలి.

పైన పేర్కొన్న కారుణ్యక్రియలు, భక్తి కృత్యాలు వ్యక్తిగత పాపపరిహారం ఇతరుల ఆధ్యాత్మిక శ్రేయస్సు మరియు ఉత్తరించు ఆత్మల విమోచనకు తోడ్పడుతాయి. దేవుని కృపాకారుణ్య ప్రేమానుగ్రహాలను అందిస్తాయి!

ఈ 2025 అనుగ్రహ సంవత్సరంలో మనలో మిణుకుమిణుకుగా ఉన్న సహజ ఆశాభావం, క్రైస్తవ నిరీక్షణతో కలసిపోయి ఒక జ్వాలగా మండుతూ, తెలుగు శ్రీసభ సంఘాలలో, గురుమండలాలల్లో, కుటుంబాలల్లో, వెరసి ప్రతి విశ్వాసిలో నిరాశ చికట్లను పారద్రోలి, కారు చీకట్లలో కాంతిరేకల్లా జూబిలీ వెలుగులు నింపును గాక! కతోలికులందరూ క్రీస్తు జ్యోతుల్లా దేదీప్యమానంగా ప్రకాశిస్తూ, తెలుగు ప్రాంతీయ శ్రీసభలో దివ్య కాగడాలుగా విలసిల్లాలని ఆశీర్వదిస్తున్నాం. అందరం సమష్టిగా, పట్టువిడవక ప్రార్థించుదాం (లూకా 18:1). గీతసంగీత నాదాలతో దేవుని స్తుతించుద్దాం (కీర్తన 44:33)! దేవదేవునికే మహిమ చెల్లుగాక! పూజా ప్రార్థనలతో మాధవుని, సేవా కార్యక్రమాలతో మానవ సేవలో తరిద్దాం!

**తెలుగు ప్రాంతీయ శ్రీసభ మండుచున్న జ్యోతియై వర్ధిల్లుగాక!! తథాస్తు, ఆమెన్**

**తెలుగు కతోలిక శ్రీసభ పీఠకాపరుల మండలి**

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III. Jubilee 2025 Telugu Song: Translated by Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala,  
Bishop of Warangal



విశ్వశ్రీసభ వాటికను అధికారిక గీతం, పీఠకాపరి ఉడుమల బాలగారి తెలుగు  
అనువాదం, సంగీతం శ్రీనల్ల ప్రణీల్, సమర్పణ పూజ్య తాటికొండ జోసెఫ్  
జూబిలి గీతం

పల్లవి:

మందుచున్నది నా నిరీక్షణ ఒక జ్వాలయై-క్రీస్తు జ్యోతియై  
ఎగసిపడెను నా గుండె సవ్వడి ఒక గీతమై-సంగీతమై  
అనంత జీవనాధారం నీవేగా  
జీవిత బాటలో నా నమ్మకం నీవేగా

1. దేశదేశం ఊరువాడ జాతులన్ని  
దర్శించును దివ్యకాంతిని దైవవాక్కులో  
చెల్లాచెదరై బెదిరిపోయిన బిడ్డలు  
కనుగొందురు తమ ఇంటిని నీ తనయునిలో

“మందుచున్నది”

2. మృదువైన ప్రభుడవు సహనశీలుడవు  
ప్రాతఃకాల వెలుగై ఆదరించు అందరిని  
మలచెను భూపరముల నూతన సృష్టిగా  
విడుదల చేయు పవిత్రాత్మ శక్తితో

“మందుచున్నది”

3. కన్నులెత్తి చూచెదం చల్లగాలి వీచగా  
జనియించే మన దైవం కాలగమనంలో  
తనయుడె మానవుడై అవతరించె అందరికై  
కనుగొందుము సత్యమార్గం క్రీస్తేనని-క్రీస్తేనని

“మందుచున్నది”

#### **IV. Holy Father's General Intension: for the Right to an Education**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

#### **V. Message of the Holy Father for World Day of Peace: 'We are all in debt to God'**

In his message for the 58th World Day of Peace marked on 1 January, Pope Francis reflects on the central theme of the upcoming Jubilee of Hope and reiterates his pressing appeal for debt forgiveness, reminding us that we are all “debtors” to God and one another. Hope has been a constant theme in all of Pope Francis’ World Day of Peace messages. This is all the more true in his message for the 58th World Day of Peace, which will be marked on 1 January 2025, as the Church begins the Jubilee of Hope amid an unprecedented combination of challenges facing the world today.



#### **“Forgive us our Trespasses”**

This year’s message is entitled “Forgive Us Our Debts: Grant Us Your Peace” underscoring the deep meaning of the Jubilee tradition that reminds us that we are all “in debt” to God, who in His infinite mercy and love forgives our sins and calls upon us to forgive those who trespass against us. Recalling that in the Jewish tradition, the Jubilee was a special year of universal remission of sins and debts liberating the oppressed, the Pope notes that in our day too, this special year of grace “is an event that inspires us to seek to establish the liberating justice of God in our world,” marred by injustices and “systemic” challenges that Saint John Paul II termed “structures of sin.”

#### **Systemic Injustices and “Interconnected” Challenges**

The Pope cites the inhuman treatment inflicted on migrants, environmental degradation, “the confusion willfully created by disinformation, the refusal to engage in any form of dialogue, and the immense resources spent on the industry of war.” “Each of us must feel in some way responsible for the devastation to which the earth, our common home, has been subjected, beginning with those actions that, albeit only indirectly, fuel the conflicts that presently plague our human family,” he writes. “Each of us must feel in some way responsible for the devastation to which the earth, our common home, has been subjected, beginning with those actions that, albeit only indirectly, fuel the conflicts that presently plague our human family.”

These “interconnected” challenges, Pope Francis argues, demand not “sporadic acts of philanthropy” but “cultural and structural changes” to “break the bonds of injustice and to proclaim God’s justice.”

### **Resources of the earth are God’s gift to all humanity**

Referencing Saint Basil of Caesarea, the Pope reminds us that everything we claim as our own is, in fact, a gift from God and that therefore the resources of the earth are intended for the benefit of all humanity, “not just a privileged few.” By losing sight of our relationship with God, he says, human interactions become tainted by the logic of exploitation and oppression, “where might makes right.” This mirrors the dynamics of elites in Jesus’ time, who thrived on the suffering of the poor and finds resonance in today’s globalized world, which perpetuates injustices as showcased by the debt crisis trapping poorer nations in the Global South in a vicious circle of dependency and inequality.

### **Foreign debt a means of control by richer nations**

Indeed, the Pope observes, “Foreign debt has become a means of control whereby certain governments and private financial institutions of the richer countries unscrupulously and indiscriminately exploit the human and natural resources of poorer countries, simply to satisfy the demands of their own markets.” In addition, “different peoples, already burdened by international debt, find themselves also forced to bear the burden of the ‘ecological debt’ incurred by the more developed countries.”

In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis therefore reiterates his plea for the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world. “This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice,” he emphasizes.

### **Plea for debt Forgiveness**

First, he renews the appeal launched by Saint John Paul II on the occasion of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 to consider substantial reductions or the outright cancellation of international debts of countries “that are in no condition to repay the amount they owe,” also in light of the ecological debt the more prosperous countries owe them. This, he says, should be done in a “new financial framework,” leading to the creation of a global financial charter “based on solidarity and harmony between peoples.”

### **Appeal for Abolition of Death Penalty**

The Pope then asks for “a firm commitment to respect the dignity of human life from conception to natural death” and calls for the abolition of the death penalty and promoting a culture of life that values every individual.

## VI. Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Jan 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 (Jan 5)

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words, the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.



The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the Episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the Magnificat at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the

Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (Ceremonial of Bishops). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts.

### **VIII. Baptism of the Lord (Jan 12)**

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord 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 (Jan 25)**

Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior. One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing. From then on, his only

work was to “present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me” (Colossians 1:28b-29). “For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction” (1 Thessalonians 1:5a).



Paul’s life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ’s victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new. So Paul’s great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more “works” than the Law could ever contemplate.

#### X. 75 Anniversary of Constitution: Republic Day (Jan 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, 2025**

- 1: New Year Vigil Mass at Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar  
Day Mass at Mother Teresa Convent, Assisi Parish, Kasibugga
- 3: Office Day
- 4: am Matrimony at Gudur Samudrala  
pm Distribution of Scholarships to FCIMS Poor Students by FCN
- 5: Confirmation, First Holy Communion & Laying Foundation stone for Platinum Arch at Prakashreddipet, Subedari Parish
- 6: Centenary Jubilee of Patibandla Parish, Diocese of Guntur
- 9: Homily at Episcopal Consecration of Msgr. Antony Das Pilli at Nellore, Nellore Diocese
- 11: Silver Jubilee of St. Vincent Palotti High, Shanigaram, Dacharam Parish
- 12: FCT College Students Seminar at Jeevadhara Prayer Centre, Rampur
- 13: Silver Jubilee of Fr. Eadera Innareddy, SVD at Chinathalapally, Archdiocese of Hyderabad
- 14: Bl. Joseph Thambi Feast Celebration Mass, Avtupally, Vijayawada Diocese
- 15: Matrimony at Kanchanapally Parish, Warangal Diocese
- 16: Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Fr. D. Sudhakar at Lourdhunagar, Godavarikani Parish
- 17: Jagannadhapuram Parish Feast, Vijayawada Diocese
- 20: Office
- 22: Office for Consecrated
- 25: Bishop Beretta High School Annual Day Celebrations, Fatimanagar
- 27-Feb 04: CCBI Meeting at Bhuvaneshavar, Odisha State

### **February 2025**

- 04: Return from CCBI Meeting
- 06: Office

## XII. Communications

### 1. Congratulations and Welcome to two Deacons of Warangal Diocese

I am happy to introduce two of our Deacons:

**a. Bro. Kotte Sudheer:** Bro. Sudheer hails from Dharmasagar Parish, who completed his Theological Studies at St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad. Currently he is in St. Xavier Major Seminary, Karunapuram, doing his Diaconate Ministry.



**b. Bro. Pendala Umesh Chendra:** Bro. Umesh is from Atmakur Parish. He pursued his Theological Studies in St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad. He is doing his Diaconal ministry at Kadavendi & Madapur Parishes.



I congratulate both of them as they received their Diaconate Ordination on October 26, 2024. I cordially welcome them in to the Diocese of Warangal.

**2. New Year, 2025:** On the occasion of entering into the Gregorian Year 2025, I wish all the Priests, the Religious and the Faithful a very grace-filled, 2025. May it bring us true Peace, Harmony, Joy, Health and Prosperity.

**3. Deanery Level Recollection in January:** Deans are requested to organize the January-monthly recollection on Deanery level. 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. Suitable prayer material is provided in this issue.

**5. Submission of Annual Returns (for January to December, 2024):** 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 2024. Please fill in correctly and submit them by January 15, 2024.

**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, 2024, for the period from July to December, 2024. 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. Report on the Greater Warangal United Mega Christmas Celebrations - 2024**  
The Greater Warangal United Mega Christmas Celebrations held on December 15th, 2024, was an extraordinary and spiritually uplifting event. Organized by the United Christian Council (UMCC), the celebration brought together Christians from various

denominations across Warangal. The event, held at the stunning St. Anthony's Cultural Shrine, was a beautiful display of unity, faith, and joy as the community gathered to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The evening began with an opening prayer led by Fr. Thatikonda Joseph, General Convener



of UMCC, who invoked God's blessings on the event. The distinguished guests included:

- i. Bishop Daniel Kalyanapu, Chairman of UMCC and Bishop of Ecclesia Full Gospel Church
- ii. Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Co-Chairman of UMCC, Bishop of Warangal
- iii. Bishop John Markandeya, Vice-Chairman of UMCC and Bishop of Alpha Omega Ministries

These leaders were warmly welcomed, and the evening continued with beautiful Christmas carols, performances, and dance programs by various local churches, including Fatima Cathedral, Ecclesia Full Gospel Church, and Alpha Omega Church. The highlight of the evening was the message of hope and unity delivered by Bishop Daniel Kalyanapu, followed by another inspiring message from Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala. These messages reminded the gathered community of the true essence of Christmas – peace, goodwill, and the joy of unity in Christ. The prize distribution ceremony, led by Mr. John Bunny, Co-Ordinator of the UMCC Cultural Committee, celebrated the artistic talents of the community. The evening culminated with the Lighting of Candles, symbolizing the light of Christ, followed by the cake-cutting ceremony and fellowship.

**Fr. T. Joseph, General Convener-UMCC**

## **8. News from Arunodaya Youth Centre:**

We celebrated the youth Christmas celebration on December 17th 2024. The youth from Tri City parishes participated in this programme, we invited our beloved bishop Most Rev Dr Udumala Bala. Our Bishop gave a motivational message for the youth and encouraged them; we invited some of our fathers, sisters and some of the elders who worked in youth centre. They are all happy. Our dear fathers S. Inna Reddy,



Director of Lodi society, Fr. T. Joseph, Pastoral centre Director, Fr. Surender, Kumarapally Parish Priest, Fr Anukiran, Bishop's Secretary participated and gave Christmas greetings to the youth. We had also cultural programmes and youth shared their experiences of life situations and how youth centre helped them to become better persons and to settle in life. We distributed cakes and the programme ended with Christmas meal.

**Fr. P. Suresh, Director**

## 9. NEWS from WADES:

Once on a pre- Christmas celebrations in a school, the 8th class students performed a Christmas play / drama. During the play- a boy named Stephen, his dialogue was to say: No room, no room, there is no room, Go away. As the play was going on, Mary and Joseph came on to the stage and requested for a room. Stephen was very silent. Joseph pleaded, “please provide a room but yet he didn’t open his mouth nor said a word.

After a short silence, Mary took the initiative, stepping forward, appealed to him to give little place in their house. Responding to her, Stephen in his top voice said “There is no room, no room, no room, get away from here. On hearing this Mary & Joseph were very disappointed and going away with sad faces. As Mary and Joseph were going, tears flew from the eyes of Stephen. He felt so bad for dejecting and refusing to give room to Mary and Joseph and then he cried out “there is no room here, but there is a big room in my house, you please come to my house.

The lesson we derive from this incident is that – We are so over-packed in our lives that there is no room left to welcome in a divine visitor. 2. We are preoccupied in our lives and find ourselves busy. 3. We are too caught up with the world that we do not have time for divinity. 4. We entertain with worldly allurements and there is no space for divinity in our lives. We deject and reject God always in our own interest.

On the other hand in actuality there should be a deeper longing for divinity. There’s a lesson that we need God in our lives and we need to welcome the divine in our lives; The innkeeper at Bethlehem missed out on a tremendous opportunity to discover who God really is, and the power of God’s love; He missed out the opportunity to discover the meaning and purpose of life; He missed out on the opportunity to experience the Joy and Peace that no amount of money can buy; He missed out a lot more, because he did not recognize and give place to the Divinity.

Dear Friends, at this festive season of Christmas and New year, let us learn to understand the need for divinity in our lives and significance of God’s presence in our lives and always being receptive to His coming.

**Fr. M. Jaya Paul, DM - WADES**

## 10. News from the Pastoral Centre:

**1. Marriage Preparation Course:** On the second Saturday of December, the Pastor Centre successfully conducted a **Marriage Preparation Course**. With **28 participants**, the course aimed to equip couples with the spiritual and practical tools necessary for a successful Christian marriage. Topics covered included communication, marital responsibilities, and the sacredness of the sacrament. The participants found the course to be an enriching experience, helping them build a strong foundation for their future together.

**2. Pre-Christmas Celebration for Animators:** In anticipation of the Christmas season, a special **Pre-Christmas Celebration** was organized on **December 9th** for the animators of the Pastor Centre. This event was designed to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work and dedication of our animators. It was a joyous occasion that included the distribution of **Christmas gifts** as a token of gratitude. The event fostered a spirit of community and joy among the animators, as they came together to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

**3. Harvest Festivals:** As part of our cultural and spiritual traditions, the **Pastoral Centre** supported several parishes in celebrating their **Harvest Festivals**. These celebrations were held in the following parishes: Ekashila, Reddipuram, Unikicherla, Waddepally and Rampur. These festivals provided an opportunity for the community to gather in thanksgiving for the harvest and share in prayer, worship, and fellowship. The Pastor Centre actively participated in these celebrations, helping to deepen the sense of gratitude and unity within the parishes.

**4. Parish Visits for Christmas Preparations:** In preparation for the Christmas season, the Pastor Centre visited several parishes to support the parish priests in their preparations for the liturgical celebrations. The following parishes were visited: Ookal, Kanchanapally, Palivelpula and Diesel Colony. These visits involved providing spiritual guidance, assisting with organizing liturgical activities, and offering logistical support. By strengthening these parishes spiritually and practically, the Pastor Centre ensured that each community was well-prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ.

**Fr. Thatikonda Joseph**, Director of Pastoral Centre

#### **Achievements in December:**

i) Distributed biofertilizers -zincsulphate to 50 farmers to promote Enriched composting for different crops to improve plant growth and soil nutrients. ii) Renovated 2 Feeder channels in 2 project villages and 40 farmers were benefitted with increase of irrigation and recharge of bore wells. iii) Constructed 5 check dams in 5 villages on big stream and 200 farmers will be benefitted with recharge of ground water and enhanced irrigation from bore wells and wells. iv) Constructed 3 weirs on 3 traditional irrigation tanks in 2 project villages to increase storage capacity and 90 farmers will be benefitted with enhanced irrigation from bore wells and wells. v) Constructed 513 stone gullies in farmers' agricultural lands in 128 acres of 128 farmers in 2 project villages to control the soil erosion and increase the soil moisture retention capacity.

**11. News from Lodi MSSS: I. Title of the Project:** Poverty Reduction among the Poor and Marginalized rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming and Natural Resource Management in 22 villages of Dharmasagar and Velair mandals of Hanumakonda district.



## II. UJJWALA – PHASE III

- We have conducted capacity building training to volunteers on 09/12/2024 at Bupathipeta Raithuvedhika.
- As part of Seed farm festival, we have distributed indigenous seeds black rice, Navara rice, green gram, maize, foxtail millet & sorghum seeds for selected 70 farmers of 9 U3 target villages in Gudur mandal, Mahabubabad District for 2<sup>nd</sup> crop, from U3 target 9 villages participated.
- Caritas India conducted U3 Phase III: Reflection and Annual Review Meeting at HASSS, Hyderabad on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Fr. S. Inna Reddy, Director of LODI MSSS participated in the meeting and distributed Brown top millet seeds to 10 partner NGO's for demonstration models development purpose and released a booklet prepared by Lodi MSSS on organic farming.

## III. Care and Support Programme for HIV Infected / affected Children

- With the support of Indian Social Institute, Bangalore, Three days residential training program was conducted for 35 students by Lodi MSSS, together with FMM Social Service Institute, Recard Society and Siri Society. In this training program, the topic of 'Democracy and People Entitlement' was explained.
- Pre-Christmas Day celebration was held with 255 CLHA, 150 CAA and 225 Differently abled Children on 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2024. His Excellency Most Rev. Udumala Bala was the Chief Guest. He gave the message of God's special love towards children, in particular towards the Differently Abled and HIV children.
- Free medical camp was conducted on 21-12-2024 by Suhaas Foundation by which HIV children and adults are benefitted.



**Fr. S. Inna Reddy, Director, Lodi MSSS**

## 12. News from FCT

**1) One day seminar for college and higher education students who did not attend the seminar held on 12-10-2024 at Rampur-Reg.** I would like to inform the Parish Priests that FCT office will conduct one-day seminar for higher education students (B. Tech, MBA, MCA, B.ED, Nursing, B. Pharmacy, MBBS and P.G) and college students who could not participate in the seminar held on 12th of October, 2024 in Jeevadhara Prayer Centre, Rampur. Those students who were absent for the last time held seminar can attend this seminar and receive scholarship money.

**Date:** 12th January, 2025 (Sunday), **Time:** 9.00am to 4.00pm, **Venue:** Jeevadhara Prayer Centre-Rampur, **Registration Fee:** Rs. 100/-. Kindly tell the students to read, the Gospel of Luke and learn about the parables and miracles of Jesus. We will keep a small test. NB: Kindly inform us about the number of students who will participate in the seminar for arranging meals for them.

**2) One day children's camp for the children who didn't attend the camp held on 13-10-2024 in Rampur – Reg.,** I would like to inform the Parish Priests that FCT office will conduct one day camp for the children who didn't participate in children's camp held on 13th October 2024 at Jeevadhara Prayer Center, Rampur. I requested the deans of Jangaon, Mahabubabad and Karimnagar to conduct camp for these children in their own respective deaneries for children's convenience. The children from 5th class to 10th class from other deaneries can attend the camp in Rampur. **Venue:** Jeevadhara Prayer Center, Rampur, **Date:** 13th January 2025 (Monday) **Time:** 9am to 4pm, Registration Fee: Rs 50/-

Note: Kindly tell children to revise penny catechism (Satyopadesha Sankshepam)

**Fr. G. Bala Martin, FCT-Director**

### **13. News from FCIMS, MGH & FCCN:**

**1. Father Colombo College of Nursing:** Father Colombo College of Nursing (FCCN) is proud to announce that, in its second year of establishment, all 100 seats for the B.Sc. Nursing program have been successfully filled. This achievement is a testament to the unwavering support we have received from many dedicated individuals. We extend our heartfelt thanks to His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, all the Parish Priests, Religious Sisters, and our esteemed Principal, Mrs. T. Madhavi, Vice-Principal Sr. Antony Lourdu Mary, and our dedicated faculty members for their invaluable contributions in making this possible.

With this accomplishment, FCCN looks forward to continued support and encouragement in the years ahead. We remain deeply committed to fulfilling the vision of our founder, the late \*Fr. Augusto Colombo, and our Chairman, Most Rev. Udumala Bala, to provide compassionate education that empowers nurses to serve those in need. Just as Jesus Christ healed the sick and reached out to those in suffering, our students are prepared to extend their hands in service to those who lack basic healthcare. As we nurture these future caregivers, we believe that, like Christ, they will create a world where every ending is a happy one where healing, compassion, and love abound.

**Fr. Narisetti Arogya Sampath, Director-FCCN**

### **2. News from FCIMS & MGH**

**a) Father Colombo College of Allied Health Sciences, Warangal:** Season's greetings to all dear fathers, sisters, and brothers! With immense joy, I am here to share that another jewel adorns our crown with the establishment of Father Colombo College of Allied Health Sciences, a prestigious addition to the medical institutions under the Medicare Educational Trust of Warangal Diocese. This college is a testament to the dedication and tireless efforts of our Chairman, Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal, in empowering middle-class and underprivileged students.

Our college offers eight courses (BSc Anaesthesia technology, Operation Theatre Technology, Cardiac and Cardio Vascular Technology, Renal Dialysis Technology, Respiratory Therapy Technology, Neuro Science Technology, Critical care Technology, Radiology and Imaging Technology) and admissions are currently open and only few seats are left in all courses. The eligibility requirement is an intermediate qualification with Bi.P.C group. We request you to kindly share this information with others and help spread awareness. We warmly invite everyone to visit our website at [fcimswgl.in](http://fcimswgl.in), where you can find brochures for the Medical College and Allied Health Sciences, along with their curricula and all other relevant details.

**Fr. T. Tharun Reddy, Director – FCIMS & FCCAHS**

**b) Paramedical Sciences:** Father Colombo College of Paramedical Sciences, located in Father Colombo Health City, offers nine high-demand 2-year diploma courses with a total intake of 500 students. Admissions are open to students with an intermediate qualification in any group. We request everyone to share this information so that poor and deserving students can benefit. These courses offer excellent career opportunities, as the need for skilled professionals in these fields is consistently high. We extend our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to all. We humbly request for your prayers that this new initiation bring success and blessings to everyone involved.

**Fr. Chinnappa Reddy, Director-MGH**

### **3) Christmas Celebrations at Father Colombo Health City, Warangal:**

The campus Christmas celebrations at Father Colombo Health City took place on December 21, 2024, bringing together 300 MBBS students, 150 nursing students, and 300 faculty, non teaching and supporting staff. The heads of the institutions, Fr. T. Tharun Reddy (Director of FCIMS), Fr. G. Chinnappa Reddy (Director of MGH) and Fr. N. Sampath (Director of FCCN) inaugurated the event with beautiful and inspiring messages.



The chief guest, Fr. D. Vijaypaul, Director of CJITS, Jangaon, delivered a heartfelt message about the birth of Jesus Christ, emphasizing love, humanity, and how Christianity teaches us to serve the sick and the needy. Over 750 people came together to celebrate with skits, cultural performances, and dances, beautifully portraying the teachings of Christ and the joy of His birth.

The family of Father Colombo Health City extends heartfelt season's greetings to all the priests, sisters, and brothers, wishing all peace, love, and abundant blessings.

**Fr. G. Chinnappa Reddy**  
**Director – MGH**

**Fr. T. Tharun Reddy**  
**Director – FCIMS**

**Fr. N. Sampath**  
**Director – FCCN**

#### 14. St. Xavier Major Seminary, Karunapuram Celebrates 25 Years Jubilee

The Silver Jubilee is not a just milestone, but a mirror reflecting the glorious past and a beacon illuminating the path to a radiant future.

The 25 years of dedicated service in forming the young seminarians to meet the challenges of the contemporary world were marked by grandeur and spiritual fervor on December 3, 2024.



The celebration was graced by the presence of Most Rev. Dr. Johannes Gorantla OCD, Bishop of Kurnool, and Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal, who served as the chief guests.

The festivities began with a grand procession with band from the seminary's main gate, symbolizing the journey of faith and commitment upheld by the institution over the years. The rector welcomed the esteemed guests, the priests of the Diocese of Warangal, local priests and religious from Karunapuram and philosophy students from different communities, Karunapuram.

The spiritual highlight of the day was the solemn Holy Eucharist, presided over by Bishop Johannes Gorantla, OCD. In his inspiring homily, he reflected on themes of self-emptying, imitating Christ and walking in the footsteps of St. Xavier. He urged all present to live lives of dedication, humility and service, fully embracing Christ's mission.

The cultural program was another vibrant highlight, showcasing the rich talent and commitment of the seminarians. The history of the seminary was presented in a captivating manner through Power Point Presentation. A special Jubilee Dance under the direction of Fr. Marapally Praveen and performed by 25 seminarians mesmerized the audience, which symbolized the seminary's journey of faith and formation. Another standout was the JAAGO theme dance, which inspired everyone to embrace their vocation, rise up, and reach out to live authentic Christian lives. The Papal Blessing was presented to the Rector and the Jubilee Souvenir containing the tributes, blessing, messages, reflections and stories of the alumni was released.

The seminary expressed its profound sense of gratitude for God's abundant blessings in the past 25 years and renewed its commitment to forming seminarians who are spiritually, intellectually and pastorally to become relevant in modern Church and world.

The rector and the associate Formator expressed the heartfelt gratitude to Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal, for his unwavering support and to the Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle, Rome for the invaluable contributions. It was truly a day of joy, thanksgiving and hope for the journey ahead.

The bishops and the former rectors and formators were duly honored and the celebrations concluded by cutting the cake and the festive meal.

*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam et Beatae Mariae Virgini!*

**Fr. S. Balashowry, Rector**

**15. Banjara Christmas Celebration:** On 22.12.2023 we had Banjara Megha Christmas Celebration at Yesu Gutta, Shenigapuram, Mahabubabad. The birth of Jesus has brought us the unity and joy. The Birth of Jesus gives us the new life and happiness to each and every one of us. Jesus has come to this world to redeem us from all our suffering into joy and happiness. The Birth of Jesus unites us all together as one family that's why we are gathered here as one family to celebrated the joyous birth of Jesus. With this core message we celebrated the Banjara Christmas celebration with our Lordship, 13 Priests and Banjara people from Mahabubabad, Nellukuthuru, Ksemudram, Palapala, Dornakal and Nekkonda parishes. There were around 700 people took part in this celebration. We also celebrated the world Special's day for the persons with disabilities. There were 50 persons with disabilities took part in the celebration, we have distributed gifts for them.



**Fr. Paul Raj, SDC**

### **Birthday Babies in January**

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| 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 |



**Greater Warangal United Mega Christmas Celebrations at St. Anthony's Cultural Shrine, Fatimanagar**



**Warangal Clergy Christmas Recollection at Bishop's House, Fatimanagar**



**Women Christmas Celebrations at CBC, Hanmakonda**



**Pre Christmas Celebrations at St. Paul's School, Hanmakonda**



**Presentation Sisters Silver Jubilee Celebrations at Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar**



**Banjara Christmas Celebrations, Mahabubabad Parish**



**Christmas Vigil Mass at Fatima Cathedral Parish & Christmas Feast Samudrala Village of Ippagudem Mission**



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