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**I open your graves and bring you up from your graves**

**(Ezek 37:13)**





## Indian Prime Minister Modi Meeting the Pope Francis



**Our Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met His Holiness Pope Francis on 30-10-2021 at Vatican City. It was a very pleasant and a warm meeting. Even though it was scheduled for 20 minutes, the meeting went on for much longer, where a wide range of issues were discussed. The Prime Minister also extended an invitation for the Holy Father to visit India. The meeting saw the exchange of meaningful gifts between the two leaders.**

**Kapari Vani**

## **Heart of the Gospel**

### **Christ's Death, Burial and Resurrection**

#### **In the month of Sun-set of Life**

The month of November, naturally turns our minds towards the end of our lives on earth and makes us reflect the reality after our death. During the last Covid twenty months lakhs of unexpected people died of Covid-19 and variants. Many could not be given even a decent burial. The enigma of death baffles many. It is seen as absurd and bizarre. Only in Christ, death becomes a great Blessing for us mortals, who strongly desire for immortality. St. Paul states that the Gospel contains the factual historical events of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (1 Cor 15:1-11) provide and assure humans the immortal life prepared by God.



#### **Gospel of prosperity of worldly wealth and health**

Many faiths and ideologies try to provide better life in this only. Even some televangelists and mega churches proclaim like the gospel of prosperity of worldly wealth and health, one never imagined. The Bible promises God will bless believers immensely, but the main blessing of the true Gospel is a restored relationship with God through Jesus Christ for God's glory, not our earthly comforts. The Gospel is based on grace and received through faith. Healing from cancer, millions of dollars, and "glory stories" of earthly success are all real blessings from God for some people. But the true promised reward of the Gospel is God himself with you in triumphs and trials, leading to eternal life.

#### **Gospel often found is 'God is Love Only'**

Another false gospel often found is "God is Love Only" gospel. In this false gospel preachers emphasize the "unconditional love" of God, the "endless grace" of God, and the "always forgiving" Father. In their proper context, truths like these are absolutely biblical. But preaching one truth at the expense of another always leads to heresy. If you only talk about the love of God and never preach on the holiness, justice, or wrath of God, you are presenting an incomplete picture of who God is. A church in the false "God is love only" gospel will say that correcting others, church discipline, and "rule following" are unacceptable. God does not love us so much that He overlooks our sins nor does He accept us no matter our behaviour. The list can unfortunately go on but we see from these examples that our world is full of churches, denominations, sects, cults, etc. with no gospel at all just where Satan wants them to be as St. Paul tells us in *Gal 1:6-9*.

#### **I am the Resurrection and the Life**

*"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die"* (Jn 11:25). Of all these great sayings of Jesus, this is the one that's most precious. It's the promise that no matter what happens to us, Jesus carries our life, safe in his heart. In the month November, praying for all Souls, let's listen to the Apostle Paul who underlines the central message of Jesus that 'Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, he was buried, he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures'.

### **Jesus Died for Our Sins in Accordance with the Scriptures**

Paul tells us here that the Gospel is of first importance. In other words he came to preach and teach one thing. His focus was the Gospel of Christ, not therapy, wealth, feeling better about yourself, not physical healing, it was Christ and Him crucified. Paul never said, *Come to Jesus and you will have a better life on earth*. Paul came to deliver an historical message. The death of Jesus really happened. It was an event that took place in real time. It was not an imagined or made up story it really happened.

### **Jesus was Buried**

We've heard various heresies that would try to teach us that Jesus didn't really die but was unconscious. These false teachers have no idea of the authority of Scripture nor understand what crucifixion was. Jesus died as dead as any dead man who has ever died. Paul wants us to see that Jesus' dead corpse was placed in the tomb. This is given to us as an historical account and not a myth. Jesus' body was buried by Joseph of Arimathea and placed in his own personal tomb. Roman soldiers guarded the tomb. It was a known location that could be checked and verified. This event was also spoken of in Isaiah 53\_ 5-9. Thus His burial is found in the Old Testament. It too is according to the Scriptures. This burial, this tomb that contains the corpse of Christ is a fundamental factor to prove His resurrection. So, part of the reason Paul speaks of Christ's burial is to also turn to the fact that He was also raised from the dead.

### **Jesus was Raised on the Third Day in Accordance with the Scriptures**

Jesus was raised or more literal has been raised which means that He will always remain alive. The Greek uses the perfect tense *has been raised* which means that the resurrection of our Lord has ongoing significance.

The resurrection is an historical fact. The tomb of Jesus was found empty. Christ died, was buried, and has been raised from the dead according to Old Testament prophecy. So, the fact that the OT tells us centuries before hand what will happen, then those promises are fulfilled in Jesus' death burial and resurrection prove that 'Jesus is all He said He is and did all He said He would do'. God the Father accepted all Jesus did for His people by raising Him from the dead on the third day. God accepted Jesus' payment on behalf of all of His people and God having accepted payment raised Christ from the dead.

### **November is already here ...**

Hard to believe, but time flies, it is said. We begin each November with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, and the entire month is dedicated to remembering *and praying for* the dead. And since we will all one day be dead (lovely thought, Is it not?), let's reflect for a moment on Purgatory. Autumn is a great time of year for death. Or I should say a great time to think about death. The leaves are falling, the plants are dying, and the days grow shorter. Saints have often reminded us that "*Memento mori*" is a good thing. It is good to remember one's death. Remembering the fact that we will die would help us to live a good life. Let us believe, remember the Departed and pray for all Souls especially those whom we owe greatly.

**May the Souls of the Priest and Consecrated died due to Covid-19 rest in Peace!**

**May the Souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace!**

## **II. Holy Father's Intention:**

### **Universal Prayer Intention- People who suffer from Depression.**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

## **III. MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE XXXVI WORLD YOUTH DAY**

21 November 2021

***“Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of What you have seen.” (Acts 26:16)***



*Dear young people,*

Once again I would like to take you by the hand and walk with you on the spiritual pilgrimage that leads to the 2023 World Youth Day in Lisbon. Last year's Message, which I signed shortly before the pandemic broke out, had as its theme: "Young man, I say to you, arise!" (cf. *Lk 7:14*). In his providence, the Lord was already preparing us for the grave challenge we were about to experience.

Everywhere in the world, we suffered the loss of so many of our dear ones and experienced social isolation. The health emergency was a particular setback for you young people, for your life is naturally directed outwards: to school or university, to work and social gatherings. You found yourselves in difficult situations that you were not used to facing. Those who found it harder, or lacked support, felt disoriented. We saw a rise in family problems, unemployment, depression, loneliness and addictive behaviour, to say nothing of growing stress, tensions, outbursts of anger and increased violence.

Yet, thank God, this was only one side of the coin. The experience showed us our fragility, but it also revealed our virtues, including our inclination to solidarity. All over the world, we saw great numbers of individuals, including many young people, helping to save lives, sowing seeds of hope, upholding freedom and justice, and acting as peacemakers and bridge builders. Whenever a young person falls, in some sense all humanity falls. Yet it is also true that when a young person rises, it is as if the whole world rises as well. Young people, what great potential you have in your hands! What great strength you have in your hearts! Today too, God is saying to each one of you: "Arise!" I fervently hope that this Message may help us prepare for new times and a new page in the history of humanity. Yet we cannot begin anew without you, dear young people. If our world is to arise, it needs your strength, your enthusiasm, your passion. I would like, then, to meditate with you on the passage of the Acts of the Apostles where Jesus says to Saint Paul: "Arise! I have appointed you to testify to what you have seen" (cf. *Acts 26:16*).

### ***Paul's witness before the king***

The verse that has inspired the theme of the 2021 World Youth Day is taken from the testimony of Paul before King Agrippa following his imprisonment. Paul, formerly the enemy and persecutor of Christians, is now on trial precisely for his faith in Christ. Some twenty-five years

later, the apostle recounted the story of his fateful encounter with Christ. Paul states that he persecuted Christians, until one day while travelling to Damascus to arrest some of them, a light “brighter than the sun” shone around him and his companions (cf. *Acts* 26:13). He alone, however, heard “a voice”: the voice of Jesus who spoke to him, calling him by name.

### ***Saul! Saul!***

Let us take a closer look at this event. By calling Saul by name, the Lord made him realize that he knew him personally. It was as if he said: “I know who you are and what you are up to; even so, I am speaking directly to you”. Twice, the Lord calls Paul by name as the sign of an important special vocation; so he had earlier done with Moses (cf. *Ex* 3:4) and Samuel (cf. *1 Sam* 3:10).

Falling to the ground, Saul realizes that he is witnessing a theophany, a powerful divine revelation that throws him into confusion, but does not destroy him. Instead, he finds himself called by name.

Only a personal and non-anonymous encounter with Christ changes lives. Jesus shows that he knows Saul very well, “inside out”. Even though Saul is a persecutor, even though his heart is full of hatred for Christians, Jesus realizes that this is due to ignorance. He wants to show in him his mercy. This grace, this unmerited and unconditional love, will be the light that radically transforms Saul’s life.

### ***Who are you, Lord?***

Before this mysterious presence calling out his name, Saul asks: “Who are you, Lord?” (*Acts* 26:15) This question is decisive, and sooner or later all of us have to ask it. It is not enough to hear other people speak about Jesus; we need to speak to him ourselves, personally. Deep down, this is what prayer is all about. Prayer means talking directly with Jesus, even though our heart may still be confused and our mind full of doubts or even contempt for Christ and Christians. I pray that every young person, in the depths of his or her heart, will eventually ask the question: “Who are you, Lord?” We can no longer assume that everyone knows Jesus, even in the age of the internet. The question that many people are asking of Jesus and his Church is precisely this: “Who are you?” In the entire story of Saint Paul’s calling, this is the only time in which he, Paul, speaks. And the Lord immediately replies: “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting” (ibid.).

### ***“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting!”***

With this answer, Jesus reveals to Saul a great mystery: that he sees himself as one with the Church, with Christians. Up to that point, Saul had seen nothing of Christ, but only the faithful whom he had cast into prison (cf. *Acts* 26:10) and in whose killing he had consented (ibid.). He had seen how Christians responded to evil with goodness, hatred with love, enduring injustice, violence, calumnies and persecutions for the name of Christ. In some way, without knowing it, Saul had already encountered Christ. He had encountered him in Christians! How many times have we heard it said “Jesus yes, the Church no!”, as if one could be an alternative to the other. One cannot know Jesus if one does not know the Church. We cannot call ourselves fully Christian unless we experience faith’s ecclesial dimension.

### ***“It hurts you to kick against the goads”***

With these words, the Lord speaks to Saul after he had fallen to the ground. Yet for some time he had no doubt been mysteriously repeating those same words to Saul, in an attempt to draw him to himself. Saul, however, had resisted. Our Lord addresses that same gentle “reproach” to every young person who turns away from him: “How long will you flee from me? Why can’t you hear me calling you? I am waiting for you to come back to me”. There are times when we too say, like the prophet Jeremiah: “I will no longer think about him” (cf. *Jer* 20:9). Yet a fire burns in every person’s heart: even if we try to stifle it, we will not succeed, because it is stronger than we are. The Lord chose someone who was persecuting him, completely hostile to him and his followers. We see that, in God’s eyes, no one is lost. Thanks to a personal encounter with him, we can always start over again. No young person is ever beyond the reach of God’s grace and mercy. Of no one can we say: He’s too far gone... It’s too late... How many young people passionately rebel and go against the grain, while deep in their hearts they feel a need to be committed, to love with all their heart, to have a mission in life! In the young Saul, Jesus saw exactly that.

### ***Recognizing our blindness***

We can imagine that, before his encounter with Christ, Saul was to some extent “full of himself”, thinking he was “great” on the basis of his moral integrity, zeal, background and education. Certainly, he was convinced of being right. Once the Lord reveals himself, Saul “falls to the ground”, blinded. Suddenly, he is unable to see, both physically and spiritually. His certainties are shaken. In his heart, he realizes that his passionate zeal to kill Christians was utterly wrong. He realizes that he does not possess absolute truth, and is indeed far from it. His certainties and his pride dissipate; suddenly he finds himself disoriented, weak and “small.”

Such humility – the awareness of our limitations – is essential! Those who are convinced that they know everything about themselves, other persons and even religious truths, will find it hard to encounter Christ. Saul, once blinded, lost his reference points. Alone in darkness, the only clear things were the light he saw and the voice he heard. How paradoxical! Only when we are blinded, do we start to see! After his overpowering experience on the road to Damascus, Saul preferred to be called Paul, a name that means “small”. This was not like those nicknames or made-up names so common today. His encounter with Christ changed his life; it made him feel truly small and tore down everything preventing him from truly coming to know himself. As he tells us: “I became the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God” (*1Cor*15:9). Saint Therese of Lisieux, like so many other saints, loved to say that humility is truth. Nowadays we fill up our time, especially on social media, with any number of “stories”, often carefully constructed with backdrops, web cameras and special effects. More and more, we want to be in the spotlight, perfectly framed, ready to show our “friends” and “followers” an image of ourselves that does not reflect who we really are. Christ, the noonday sun, comes to enlighten us and to restore our authenticity, freeing us from all our masks. He shows us clearly who we are, for that is exactly how he loves us.

### ***Changing perspective***

Paul's conversion did not involve turning back, but being open to a completely new way of seeing things. He continued on his journey to Damascus, but something had changed; now he was a different person (cf. *Acts* 22:10). Conversion can renew our everyday lives. We continue to do what we did before, but our hearts and motives are now changed. In the case of Paul, Jesus told him to continue on to Damascus, where he had originally been going. Paul obeyed, but the goal and purpose of his journey were radically altered. From this point on, Paul will view things with new eyes, no longer as a persecutor and executioner, but as a disciple and a witness. In Damascus, Ananias will baptize him and present him to the Christian community. In silence and prayer, Paul would deepen his experience and the new identity bestowed on him by the Lord Jesus.

### ***Do not dissipate the strength and passion of youth***

Paul's attitude prior to his encounter with the risen Jesus is not so strange for us. How much strength and passion also well up in your own hearts, dear young people! Yet the darkness around and inside you can prevent you from seeing things rightly. You can risk finding yourselves lost in fighting meaningless and even violent battles. Sadly, the first victims will be yourselves and those closest to you. There is also the danger of fighting for causes that begin by upholding just values, but once carried to extremes, turn into destructive ideologies. How many young people today inspired, perhaps driven, by political or religious convictions, end up becoming instruments of violence and destruction in the lives of many others! Some, moving with ease in the digital world, use virtual reality and social networks as a new battlefield, unscrupulously employing the weapon of fake news to spread venom and to wipe out their adversaries. When the Lord broke into Paul's life, he did not suppress his personality or passionate zeal. Instead, he brought those gifts of his to full flower by making him a great herald of the Gospel to the very ends of the earth.

### ***The apostle of the nations***

Henceforth, Paul would be called the "apostle of the nations". Paul, who had been a Pharisee, a scrupulous follower of the Law! Here we see yet another paradox: the Lord putting his trust in the very one who had persecuted him. Like Paul, each of us can hear a voice in our heart saying: "I trust you. I know your story and I lay hold of it, together with you. Even if you have often been against me, I choose you and make you my witness". God's ways of thinking can turn the worst persecutor into a great witness.

Christ's disciples are called to be "the light of the world" (*Mt* 5:14). Paul must now testify to what he saw, but for the time being he is blind. Another paradox! Yet by virtue of his personal experience, Paul can fully identify with those to whom the Lord will send him. That was why he was made a witness: "to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light" (*Acts* 26:18).



***“Arise and bear witness!”***

When we embrace the new life bestowed on us in baptism, the Lord gives us an important and life-changing mission: “You are to be my witness!” Today Christ speaks to you the same words that he spoke to Paul: Arise! Do not remain downcast or caught up in yourself: a mission awaits you! You too can testify to what Jesus has begun to accomplish in your lives. In Jesus’ name, I ask you:

- Arise! Testify that you too were blind and encountered the light. You too have seen God’s goodness and beauty in yourself, in others and in the communion of the Church, where all loneliness is overcome.
  - Arise! Testify to the love and respect it is possible to instill in human relationships, in the lives of our families, in the dialogue between parents and children, between the young and the elderly.
  - Arise! Uphold social justice, truth and integrity, human rights. Protect the persecuted, the poor and the vulnerable, those who have no voice in society, immigrants.
  - Arise! Testify to the new way of looking at things that enables you to view creation with eyes brimming with wonder that makes you see the Earth as our common home, and gives you the courage to promote an integral ecology.
  - Arise! Testify that lives of failure can be rebuilt, that persons spiritually dead can rise anew, that those in bondage can once more be free, that hearts overwhelmed by sorrow can rediscover hope.
  - Arise! Testify joyfully that Christ is alive! Spread his message of love and salvation among your contemporaries, at school and in the university, at work, in the digital world, everywhere.
- The Lord, the Church and the Pope trust you and appoint you to bear witness before all those other young people whom you will encounter on today’s “roads to Damascus”. Never forget that “anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 120).

***Arise and celebrate WYD in the particular Churches!***

Once again, I invite all of you, young people throughout the world, to take part in this spiritual pilgrimage leading to the celebration of the 2023 World Youth Day in Lisbon. The next event, however, will take place in your particular Churches, in the different dioceses and eparchies of the world, where the 2021 World Youth Day will be celebrated locally, on the Solemnity of Christ the King. I hope that all of us can experience these steps along the way as true pilgrims, and not merely as “religious tourists”! May we be increasingly open to God’s surprises, for he wants to light up our path. May we be more and more open to hearing his voice, also through the voices of our brothers and sisters. In this way, we will help one another to arise together and, at this troubled time in our history, we will become the prophets of a new and hope-filled future! May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for all of us.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 14 September 2021, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Franciscus.

#### **IV. Letter from Apostolic Nunciature in India (Prot. N. 0881/21/N)**

7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Your Eminence,

The consulate General of laity in Mumbai has written to the Apostolic Nunciature to Clarify the current rules for all visa applications presented by priests and religious from India who wish to travel to Italy. The text of the communication is as follow:

“As you may be aware, all religious fathers and sisters who are going to Italy for religious motives need to receive the authorization from the Italian Ministry of Health before this Consulate General can issue necessary visa.”

These norms also apply to all visa requests presented to the embassy of Italy in New Delhi and to the offices of the Consulate General of Italy in India.

For further details and the relevant form that needs to be completed, those priests and religious, who have a genuine motive to travel, are to consult the website of the Italian Health Ministry ([www.salute.gov.it](http://www.salute.gov.it)).

Without the necessary authorization, visa requests will not be taken into consideration, even those that have already been presented. Indeed, priests and religious who currently have a visa application pending are advised to ensure that they have made the necessary request to the Italian Health Ministry.

Once the requested authorization has been issued, it may be forwarded by e-mail to the Embassy of Italy in New Delhi or to the Consulate General.

I would be most grateful to your Eminence, if through the good offices of the C.B.C.I., this information could be made available to all the Bishops of India.

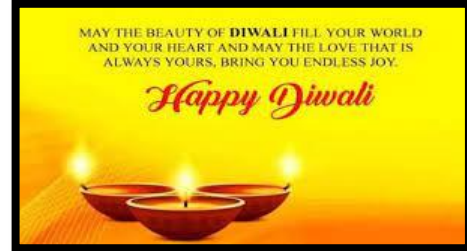
With my deep respect and prayerful good wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely in the Lord,  
Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli

His Eminence  
Card. Oswald Gracias  
Archbishop of Bombay  
President of the C.B.C.I, Mumbai



**V. PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE**  
*Christians and Hindus: Together Bringing Light  
in People's Lives in Times of Despair*  
MESSAGE FOR THE FEAST OF DEEPAVALI 2021, Vatican City.



Dear Hindu Friends,

The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue extends its most cordial greetings to you on the occasion of Deepavali which falls on 4 November this year. May the observance of this feast even in the midst of anxiety and uncertainty arising from the present pandemic, and its resultant worldwide crises, light up your lives, homes and communities with the hope for a better future!

Besides the scars that are fresh in our minds of the first and second waves of the pandemic which upended the lives and livelihood of people, in one way or another, there runs through in all of us, in varying degrees, a sense of resignation, despair and despondency whenever devastating things happen across the globe caused by factors ranging from terrorism to ecological degradation. These not only instill fear in people but also add to their distress and despair. It is in this context, we wish to share with you some thoughts - in keeping with our cherished tradition - on how we, both Christians and Hindus can bring the light of hope in people's lives in such challenging times.

As amidst the dark clouds of the current pandemic which have caused immeasurable suffering and trauma to the people there have been silver linings of solidarity and fraternity, it is within our ability to demonstrate that we can be 'together' and overcome every crisis with resolve and love, even the seemingly insurmountable. The power of solidarity unleashed in alleviating the suffering and assisting the needy, more so with an interreligious character and responsibility, gives visibility to the light of hope by putting in evidence the response which adherents of all religious traditions are called upon to make in times of despair and darkness. Bringing light together in people's lives through interreligious solidarity also validates the usefulness and resourcefulness of religious traditions in society.

A growing awareness of the need to be with and to belong to one another in the present pandemic period calls for finding, more and more, ways of bringing the light of hope where there is discord and division, destruction and devastation, deprivation and dehumanization. Only through a greater awareness among us that we are all part of one another, that we are brothers and sisters of one another (cfr. Pope Francis, *Encyclical Letter Fratelli Tutti- On Fraternity and Social Friendship*, 3 October 2020) and that we have a shared responsibility for one another and for the planet, which is our 'common home', can we attempt to lift us out of despair of any kind.

Moreover, by being interdependent and working in solidarity with others, we shall emerge out of every crisis better. Even the pressing global issues that threaten to disrupt the harmony between nature and people and the harmonious co-existence of people such as climate change, religious fundamentalism, terrorism, hyper nationalism, xenophobia can be effectively addressed since these are concerns that affect us all.

In times of crisis, while religious traditions- as repositories of centuries of wisdom - have the power of lifting our sagging spirits, they also have the capacity to help individuals and communities to reset their life's compass with hope, with their gaze fixed beyond their present despair. Above all else, they instruct and invite their adherents to reach out, using every means in their power, to those who feel a sense of hopelessness so as to give them hope.

It is incumbent upon religious and community leaders, therefore, to nurture the spirit of fraternity among their followers with a view to helping them walk and work together with the people of other religious traditions, most especially during crisis and calamity of every kind. Fraternity, according to Pope Francis, “is the true cure for the pandemic and the many evils that have affected us” (*Address to the Members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See*, 8 February, 2021). Being responsible for one another inter-religiously is a sure means of strengthening solidarity and fraternity among us, and bringing succour to the afflicted and hope to the distressed.

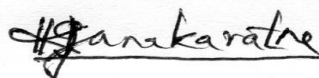
As believers grounded in our own respective religious traditions and as persons with shared vision for and shared responsibility towards humanity, in particular the suffering humanity, may we Christians and Hindus, individually and collectively, and joining hands with people of other religious traditions and of good will, reach out to people who are in despair, to bring light into their lives!

We wish you all a Happy Deepavali!



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*President*



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*Secretary*



## భారత కతోలిక పీఠాధిపతుల సమాఖ్య

### భారత సద్భావన ఆదివారం

(Communio Sunday)

“నేను మిమ్ము ప్రేమించినట్లు మీరును ఒకరినొకరు ప్రేమించుకొనుడు” - (యోహాను 13:34)

భారత కతోలిక శ్రీసభ (లతీసు క్రమం) అగ్రపీఠాధిపతులు, పీఠాధిపతులు, గురువులు, డీకన్లు, దైవాంకిత మఠవాసులు, ఉపదేశులు, గృహస్థ క్రైస్తవ విశ్వాసులందరకు,

యేసు క్రీస్తునందు ప్రియమైన సహోదరీ సహోదరులారా!

1. మనందరం నిరిక్షణ కాలపు ప్రారంభ దినాల్లో వున్నాం. ఈ పవిత్ర కాలంలో యేసుక్రీస్తు, జనన పరమ రహస్యాన్ని మననం చేసుకుంటూ మన నమ్మకాన్ని పునరుద్ధరించుకుంటున్నాం. కోవిడ్-19 మహోపద్రవం వలన కొంత బాధ, నిరాశ నిస్పృహలనే నీలమేఘాల మాటున, ప్రభు యేసు జయంతోత్సవం, ఈ బాహ్యప్రపంచం మనకు ఇవ్వలేనటువంటి శాంతి, దైవ సంతోషాలతో మన జీవితాలన్ని వెలుగింపజేస్తుంది. మన ప్రభువైన యేసుక్రీస్తు మనకు ప్రేమ గొప్పతనాన్ని, శక్తిని తెలియజేశారుగాని, ప్రేమ అధికార పీఠం కోసం కాదు. శ్రీసభ తన సహవాసంతో, క్రీస్తునందు క్రొత్త జీవితానికి సకల ప్రపంచాన్ని ఆహ్వానిస్తుంది. ఈ దినం, మనం ‘భారత సద్భావన ఆదివారాన్ని’ కొనియాడుతున్న సందర్భంలో మన వ్యక్తిగత జీవితం, ప్రపంచంలో మన పాత్ర ఏమిటన్న విషయాన్ని గూర్చి మరింతగా అవగాహనను పెంచుకుందాం!
2. రాబోయే కొన్ని దినాల్లో పునీత యోసేపుగారికి అంకిత సంవత్సరాన్ని ముగించబోతున్నాం. పోప్ ఫ్రాన్సిస్ గారు తాను రాసిన “సప్తాదయుడైన తండ్రి” అను పుస్తకములో తండ్రిలాంటి హృదయం కలిగిన పునీత యోసేపు గారి గుణగణాలు వివరిస్తూ, పునీత యోసేపుగారు “సృజనాత్మక దైర్యమున్న తండ్రి”గా వర్ణించారు. పరిశుద్ధ తండ్రిగారు, “సృజనాత్మక దైర్యం” అంటే, మనం కష్టాల్ని ఎదుర్కొనే సమయంలో కనబరిచే ముఖ్యమైన సుగుణమని తెలియజేశారు. లూకా సువార్త 5:17-26 వచనాలు ఉటంకిస్తూ, పక్షవాత రోగి స్నేహితులు అతనిని యేసు దగ్గరకు చేర్చడానికి ఇంటికప్పు పైభాగాన్ని కొంత తొలగించి అక్కడ నుంచి రోగి మంచాన్ని యేసు దగ్గరకు చేర్చడంలో, చూపించిన తెగువే, “సృజనాత్మక దైర్యానికి” ఓ గొప్ప ఉదాహరణగా అభివర్ణించారు. “సృజనాత్మక దైర్యం”, చేతులుచాచి సమస్యను వొడిసి పట్టుకొని, క్రొత్త పరిష్కార మార్గాన్ని కనుగొని, దాన్ని ఆచరించడంలోనే ప్రదర్శితమౌతుందన్నారు. తత్ఫలితంగా నిరాశ్రయులైన మానవ జాతి నూత్నీకరించబడి తిరిగి క్రొత్త జీవితాన్ని పొందగలుగుతుంది. భారత శ్రీసభలో మనం ఒకర్నొకరం ప్రేమించే విధానంలో, దాన్ని ఆదరించే విధానంలో ఇదే “సృజనాత్మక దైర్యాన్ని” ప్రదర్శించడానికి ‘భారత సద్భావన ఆదివారం’ మనల్ని ఆహ్వానిస్తోందా?
3. మారుమూల గ్రామాల్లో దైవ వాక్యప్రబోధ సేవలో పని చేస్తున్న అన్ని గురు పీఠాల అధిపతులకు, దైవాంకితులకు ఇతోధికంగా 2018 సం॥ నుండి సువార్త సేవలో సహాయపడుతున్న భారత కతోలిక పీఠాధిపతుల సమాఖ్య చే ప్రారంభించబడినదే ఈ “భారత సద్భావన ఆదివారం” - తద్వారా,  
అ. అవసరంలో వున్న సహోదరీ సహోదరులకు సంఘీభావాన్ని తెలుపుతూ, సహోదర భావంతో ఒకరితో నొకరు సహకరించుకొనే సంస్కృతిని నిర్మించడం;

- ఆ. సువార్త ప్రబోధ కార్యక్రమాలను, సువార్త సేవలను, సువార్తీకులను బలపరుస్తూ, దైవాంకిత జీవితానికి దైవ పిలుపులను ప్రోత్సహిస్తూ, విశ్వాసులను ప్రార్థించమని ప్రోత్సహించడం.
- ఇ. గృహస్త క్రైస్తవులు స్వచ్ఛందంగా సువార్త సేవలో పాల్గొనడాన్ని ప్రోత్సహించడం,
- ఈ. పోప్ ఫ్రాన్సిస్ గారు 'ఎవాంజేలియుం గౌదియుం' లో పేర్కొన్న విధంగా, గృహస్త క్రైస్తవులను సువార్త సేవ శిష్యులకంటే తర్ఫీదు పొందే దిశగా ప్రోత్సహించడానికి 'భారత సద్భావన ఆదివారం' ద్వారా మనం ఉమ్మడిగా కూడి వచ్చి, కలిసి ప్రార్థించి, ఒకటిగా పనిచేయ గలుగుతాం!
4. 'భారత సద్భావన ఆదివారం', దేవాలయాలను నిర్మించడంలోను, గురుశిక్షణ కేంద్రాలకు వెన్ను దన్నుగా నిలువడంలోనూ, గురువులు, దైవాంకితులు, ఉపదేశుల శిక్షణ వ్యవస్థను ఆదుకొనడంలోను శ్రీసభ అనేక అవసరాలలో ఆర్థిక సహాయాన్ని అందజేయాలని అభిలషిస్తుంది.
5. ఈ ఆదివారం దివ్యపూజలో అర్ధవంతంగా పాల్గొనడం ద్వారా "భారత సద్భావన ఆదివారాన్ని" ఘనంగా కొనియాడదాం. దివ్యపూజలోని రెండవ పాఠంలో (1 తెస్స 3:12, 4:2) ఈ ఆదివార ప్రాశస్త్యాన్ని చాలా చక్కగా వివరించారు. పునీత పౌలు, ప్రభుని రెండవ రాకడ దగ్గర్లోనే వుండన్న విషయాన్ని గురించి వ్రాస్తూ, ఒకరినొకరు ప్రేమించుకొంటూ, ఆ ప్రేమను అందరితో పంచుకొనే సుగుణాన్ని పెంపొందించమని, ఆ ప్రేమ అధికమయ్యేట్లుగా ప్రార్థించమని తెస్సలోనియులను కోరాడు. అంతేకాదు, మనందరం కూడా మన ప్రేమను ఒకరితోనొకరు పంచుకోవడం మనం గుర్తుంచుకోవాలని తెలియజేశారు.
6. ఈ సందర్భంగా భారత కతోలిక పీఠాధిపతుల సమాఖ్య, మీ దయను, దాతృత్వాన్ని, గొప్ప మనస్సును శ్లాఘిస్తూ కృతజ్ఞతలు తెలియజేస్తుంది. "మీయందు ప్రారంభించిన పనిని, ప్రభుని రెండవ రాకడ సమయానికి, సంపూర్తిగావించాలని" (ఫిలిప్పీ 1:6), మేము ఆకాంక్షిస్తున్నాం.
- ప్రభుని ప్రథమ రాకడ సమయాన్ని కొనియాడడానికి సిద్ధపడుతున్న మనం ఆయన రెండవ రాకడ కోసం ఎడ తెగని నమ్మకంతో ఎదురుచూద్దాం.
- సువార్త "ధృవతార", మన పరిశుద్ధ కన్యమరియ, విశ్వశ్రీసభకు పాలకుడైన పునీత యోసేపు, మనకోసం ఎల్లప్పుడూ ప్రార్థింతురుగాక!

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## VII. Solemnity of All Saints (Nov 1)

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the solemnity of All Saints, which allows us to experience the joy of being part of the great family of God's friends, or as St. Paul writes, “to share in the inheritance of the saints in light” (Colossians 1:12). The liturgy again presents the expression full of surprise of the Apostle John: “See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and so we are”(1 John 3:1). Yes, to be saints means to realize fully what we already are insofar as raised in Christ Jesus to the dignity of adopted sons of God (cf. Ephesians 1:5; Romans 8:14-17).



With the incarnation of the Son, his death and resurrection, God willed to reconcile with himself the whole of humanity and allow it to share in his own life. He who believes in Christ the Son of God is reborn “from above,” is again as though begotten by the work of the Holy Spirit (cf. John 3:1-8). This mystery is acted in the sacrament of baptism, through which Mother Church gives birth to “saints.” The new life, received in baptism, is not subjected to corruption nor to the power of death. For one who lives in Christ, death is the passage of the earthly pilgrimage to the heavenly homeland, where the Father welcomes all his children, “from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues,” as we read today in the Book of Revelation (7:9). For this reason, it is very significant and appropriate that, after the feast of All Saints, the liturgy makes us celebrate tomorrow the commemoration of all the deceased faithful.

## VIII. All Souls Day (Nov 2)

All Souls’ Day, in Roman Catholicism, a day for commemoration of all the faithful departed, those baptized Christians who are believed to be in purgatory because they died with the guilt of lesser sins on their souls. It is observed on November 2. Roman Catholic doctrine holds that the prayers of the faithful on earth will help cleanse these souls in order to fit them for the vision of God in heaven, and the day is dedicated to prayer and remembrance. Requiem masses are commonly held, and many people visit and sometimes decorate the graves of loved ones. From antiquity certain days were devoted to intercession for particular groups of the dead.



The institution of a day for a general intercession on November 2 is due to Odilo, abbot of Cluny (died 1048). The date, which became practically universal before the end of the 13th century, was chosen to follow All Saints’ Day. Having celebrated the feast of all the members of the church who are believed to be in heaven, the church on earth turns, on the next day, to commemorate those souls believed to be suffering in purgatory.



## IX. Feast of Lateran Basilica Church (Nov 9)

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official Ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. The Basilica is also called the Church of Holy Savior or the Church of St. John Baptist. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324.



This feast became a universal celebration in honor of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*), as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter. According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the commemoration of St. Theodore, a Christian soldier and martyr of Asia Minor.

## X. Children's Day (Nov 14)

Children's Day, celebrated on November 14, is recognized across India to increase awareness of the rights, care, and education of children. The day is also held as a tribute to India's First Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. Fondly known as "Chacha Nehru" among children, he advocated for children to have fulfilled education. Nehru considered children as the real strength of a nation and foundation of society. The nation usually celebrates Children's Day with educational and motivational programs held across India, by and for children. Unfortunately, all observances tend to become rituals over a period of time. No thought is given to the subjects of the celebration except to go through rigmarole in educational institutions where children are a captive audience. None of us care enough to find out statistics of children employed as domestic workers or in tea shops and other forms of labour.



It is true that India is a developing country and therefore to compare the development indices of developed countries to ours is not fair. Many families depend on the incomes brought by their adolescent children who are compelled to drop out of school on account of poverty and take up some kind of work. Article 24 of the Constitution of India prohibits child labour. There are other laws and the Indian Penal Code such as the Juvenile Justice (care and protection) of Children Act-2000, and the Child Labour (Prohibition and Abolition) Act-1986 provide a legal basis to identify, prosecute and stop child labour in India. But there is a huge gap between what the law says and how it is implemented.



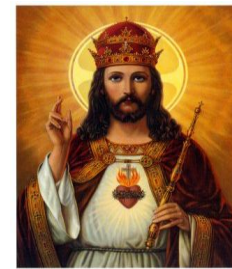
## **XI. Memorial of Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Nov 21- Sunday)**

Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church. As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Proto evangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless. Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.



## **XII. Solemnity of Christ the King (Nov 21)**

Solemnity of Christ the King, festival celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church in honour of Jesus Christ as lord over all creation. Essentially a magnification of the Feast of the Ascension, it was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Originally, it was celebrated on the last Sunday in October, but in the revised liturgical calendar promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1969 it was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time (immediately preceding Advent), where its theme of Christ's dominion made it a fitting end to the liturgical year. The festival is also observed in Lutheran, Anglican, and other Protestant churches.



## **XIII. St. Cecilia, Patron of Music (Nov 22)**

St. Cecilia, Cecilia also spelled Cecily, (flourished 3rd century, Rome [Italy]; feast day November 22), one of the most famous virgin martyrs of the early church and historically one of the most discussed. She is a patron saint of music and of musicians. According to a late 5th-century legend, she was a noble Roman who, as a child, had vowed her virginity to God. When she was married against her will to the future saint Valerian, then a pagan, she told him that an angel of God wished her to remain a virgin. He promised to respect this wish if he were allowed to see the angel. She replied that he would if he were baptized. On his return from baptism he found Cecilia talking to the angel. She then converted his brother Tiburtius, who also saw the angel. Both men were martyred before she was. She distributed her possessions to the poor, which enraged the prefect Almachius, who ordered her to be burned. When the flames did not harm her, she was beheaded.



#### XIV. New Liturgical Year: Season of Advent (Nov 28)

The New Liturgical Year in the Church begins with the season of Advent a time to help us prepare for Christmas, when we celebrate the fulfillment of our longing for the Savior with the birth of Jesus. So, what is Advent: It's the season that lasts about four weeks, beginning four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. The Church's Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve and lasts for twelve days. So, Advent is a season of anticipation that leads up to Christmas.



**Advent Traditions:** One of the primary traditions of Advent is the lighting of the Advent wreath. Each candle lit represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The circle of branches of the wreath symbolize the eternal cycle of the seasons while the evergreens and lighted candles signify the persistence of life in the midst of winter. Advent Candles The Advent wreath contains 4 candles. All of the candles are purple except the third (which is rose).The symbolic meanings of the candles can vary but they are often:

1. **Hope** - expectation of what is to come and sometimes prophecy
2. **Love** - sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle
3. **Joy** - this rose candle is often called Mary's Candle
4. **Peace** - it can often be called the Angel's Candle

**Colors of Advent:** The color of Advent is purple. You'll see purple used quite often in banners around the church or in the vestments of the clergy. Purple is used at Advent as it is at Lent to represent the penitential nature of the season. In fact, Advent used to be known as "little Lent." The color is a symbolic reminder for us to be preparing ourselves for the coming of our Lord. The third Sunday during Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. The word Gaudete means "rejoice." On that Sunday your priest may wear rose vestments. This color is meant to remind us that Christmas is drawing near.

#### XV. Feast of St. Andrew (Nov 30)

November 30 is the Feast Day of St. Andrew, one of the original twelve disciples of Jesus. Andrew was among Jesus' first disciples, Andrew was the first evangelist of the Christian faith, for he brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus (John 1:41). As we have been involved directly or indirectly, in sharing the Good News of Jesus. Andrew has been a model disciple for us. Andrew was not one of the three disciples closest to Jesus – Peter, James and John. Andrew brought the child to Jesus who had five loaves and two fish which Jesus proceeded to multiply and fed over 5,000 people (John 6).



## XVI. Bishop's Schedule in November, 2021

1	:	All Saints' Solemnity- Cathedral
2	:	All Souls' Day- Fatimanagar Cemetery
4	:	Deepavali- Feast of Lights
8	:	Lodi Executive Body Meeting
11	:	Blessing of the Marriage of G. Akhil Reddy at Gunfoundry
11-15	:	ARMS General Body Meeting, Bangalore
21	:	Solemnity of Christ the King: TCBC Meeting & Blessing of Bishop's House, Shamshabad
22	:	St. Joseph and St. Cecilia Music Celebration: Karunapuram Deanery
28	:	Communio Sunday: Celebration Offerings to Fr. K. Joseph, Procurator, Season of Advent begins & St. Cecilia and Year of St. Joseph Celebrations, Karimnagar Deanery
30	:	Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle
<b>December 2021</b>		
1	:	World AIDS Day
3	:	Solemnity of St. Francis Xavier: Feast Mass at St. Xavier's Major Seminary, Karunapuram
7	:	Priestly Ordination Deacon Srikanth at Godavarikani
8	:	Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Concluding the year of St. Joseph: Cathedral

## XVII. Communications

### 1. All Souls' Day

**a) Celebration of Requiem Masses:** Every Priest is permitted to celebrate three Masses on "All Souls Day" November 2, accepting stipend only for one Mass in virtue of the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Benedict XV.

**First Mass:** One can apply in favor of any person and accept a stipend for the Mass

**Second Mass:** Priests are bound to apply it for the faithful departed.

**Third Mass:** Priests are bound to apply it for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

**b) Plenary indulgence (applicable only to souls in purgatory):** Plenary indulgence is granted to any one of the faithful who devoutly visits the cemetery or who simply prays for the dead on one of the days from 1st to 8<sup>th</sup> of November. On All Souls' Day (or else with the permission of the Ordinary on Sunday that precedes or follows, or else on All Saints Day) visit a church or chapel with devotion and there recite the 'Our Father and the Creed'.

**c) Partial Indulgence (applicable only to souls in purgatory):** A partial indulgence is granted to any faithful who: a) Visits devoutly cemetery or who simply prays mentally for the dead. b) Recites Lauds or Vespers of the office of the Dead or the invocation, "eternal rest grant..."

**2. Communio India contribution for the Year 2021:** The Conference of the Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) has come up with the idea of establishing a ‘Funding Agency’ in India, similar to the one like ‘MISSIO’ in Germany. The idea of establishing Communio is to raise funds in our country, with a view to helping the Mission Dioceses and Religious Congregations in India for the variety of needs they have. Communio is to observe on the nearest Sunday of St. Francis Xavier Feast. This year it falls on 28<sup>th</sup> of November. I request the Parish Priest to observe the Communio India Sunday on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and send the offerings and contributions of that Sunday to Rev. Fr. Kommareddy Joseph, the procurator as early as possible. Kindly announce that they can contribute any Sunday/ Day of the year for the purpose. Let them take the envelopes and give back any day during the year. It is out of Love and obligation towards the Church in Motherland, India.

**3. Condolences to Fr. S. Prabhakar:** The Diocese was saddened to hear the news of the departure of Singareddy Maria Susheela, the Mother of Rev. Fr. Singareddy Prabhakar, aged 50 at 5:40 pm on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Our Bishop and many Priests offered the Funeral Mass on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. The Diocese conveys heartfelt condolences to Rev. Fr. Singareddy Prabhakar, who is serving in Ghanpur Parish and the bereaved family members and pray ‘**May her soul rest in peace.**’



**4. Condolences to late Fr. Y. Lourdu:** We are very sad to inform you that Yeruva Showrilamma, the mother of late Fr. Y. Lourdu, aged 87 has reached her eternal abode at 3.30 pm on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Our Bishop with some priests offered the Funeral Mass. The Diocese conveys heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members: “**May her soul rest in Peace.**”

### **5. Clergy Annual Retreat: Priesthood a Gift of God:**

The whole world in all of the entities has been shaken by the Pandemic. It’s been about two years which also challenged the faith and the social life both of the faithful and the clergy throughout this pandemic. To renew ourselves spiritually and socially, Annual Retreat 2021 is arranged for the clergy of Diocese of Warangal from October 10 to 15, 2021. Rev. Fr. Francis Pasupuleti who is the Spiritual Director at St. John’s Regional Seminary, Hyderabad, has preached us the Annual Retreat at Fatimanagar. The Diocesan clergy & religious who attended



both physically and virtually were 70. He is a priest with lot of experience and dedication towards his ministry and mission.



The spiritual journey during these days is reflecting on the following themes:

- Dignity of the Priesthood.
- Ministry of the Priesthood.
- Priest as Eucharist /Eucharistic Priest.
- Priest as earthly symbol.
- Mary Our Mother, supporter of the priests.
- St. Joseph and his Happy Death.

Thank you father for your acceptance and doing your best in leading us spiritually. We have two reflections, Holy Eucharist and Devotions all through the retreat days. A sincere word of gratitude to our Bishop for arrange this retreat and to all who worked directly and indirectly for the success of this Annual Retreat.

**Fr. Prashanth Reddy, President CDPI-Warangal.**

## **6. Opening of Synod at Diocese Level:**



The Synod for Communion, participation and Mission was announced by our Pope Francis on October 10th 2021. This was initiated by Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal in our diocese on 17th October, 2021 in Fatima Cathedral Church. On this occasion as a sign of communion and collaboration seven representatives from different sects holding the lighted candles joined in the procession along with the bishop before the Holy Eucharistic celebration and placed at the statue of Mother Mary. At the same time there was a veneration ceremony of the Holy Bible lifting and placing it on the Alter. His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala in a solemn way announced Synod for our diocese and explained to faithful the importance of it. On this auspicious day everyone prayed for the Universal church, our Warangal Diocese and poor and needy to be in Communion, for a better Participation and Mission. Finally Bishop blessed all the people and recited a prayer invoking the intervention of Holy Spirit to lead us in His Wisdom and Knowledge. At the end Bishop mandated each representative to pray earnestly for every district in our Telangana State and went in procession with the lighted candles as a sign that “We are the Light of the World”.

**Fr. Kasu Marreddy, Parish Priest, Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar.**

### 7. Appointment of New priests

**Fr. Mettu Sravan** is appointed as Assistant Priest to Rector at St. Pius X and St. Xavier’s Seminaries.



**Fr. Gangarapu Anukiran** is appointed as the secretary to the Bishop of Warangal with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021.



I wish them fruitful ministry in all their lifelong assignments/ appointments.

### 8. Blessing of Presbytery at Ladella:



October 24, 2021, the Foundation Day of the MSFS well as the Mission Sunday in the Universal Church, was a day of great rejoicing for the people of Pulkurthy Mission Parish, especially for Ladella village because we had Triple Celebrations: the blessing of Our Lady grotto on main road Junction of Ladella; the laying foundation stone for Church at Ladella; and the Inauguration



of the Presbytery at Ladella. It was witnessed by the participation of 42 priests both MSFS and diocesans and 31 Religious sisters. First of all, we received with warm welcome His Lordship Most Rev. Udumula Bala who blessed the Grotto and then the kolatam group brought us in procession to the place of foundation stone for the future Church which His Lordship Udumula Bala blessed in the presence of all gathered there. Finally from blessings we moved to the Inauguration of the new Presbytery. Very Rev Fr. Suresh Babu, our Provincial Superior inaugurated it solemnly which was applauded by the gathering. His Lordship Udumula Bala celebrated the Holy Eucharist on the entrance platform of the New Presbytery. In his homily, he highlighted about the great zeal and work of our MSFS first missionaries. He said (in Telugu), “Suvarthanu Bodhinchu vari padamulu entha Sundharaminavi”. Rev Fr. Suresh Babu thanked His Lordship for the encouragement and support he has been giving to the MSFS. He also thanked the Parish Priest for his efforts in this Mission. After Mass we had a felicitation followed by a delicious dinner in the new presbytery. Praise the Lord!!!

**Fr. Ravi Prashanth MSFS, Parish Priest.**

**9. 10<sup>th</sup> Year Canonization Celebrations of St. Louis Guanella, Shanigapuram:**



“It is God who does-St. Louis Guanella.” The Servants of Charity (Guanellian Fathers), Yesu Gutta celebrated their Founder’s 10<sup>th</sup> Canonization Anniversary on 25.10.2021. Our Bishop Dr. Udumala Bala presided over the Eucharistic celebration and made the day as grace filled day. “Service to the Poor is the Service to God”, “Pray and Suffer” was emphasized by our beloved Bishop during his Homily. Bishop also explained not always praying and not always doing mission. But we need prayer and mission. They are the two paddles of boat with one paddle the boat cannot move. We need two paddles to move the boat. Therefore we need both prayer as well as Mission as the paddles for our life. This is what St. Guanella lived and asked his followers to live. Bishop also shared his experience in Rome with the Guanellian fathers. In our Diocese also Guanellian Fathers are doing the mission of Banjara. St. Guanella, Caring and Loving the differently able people in and around Mahabubabad. For this celebration 15 Fathers, 20 Sisters, 27 differently abled people, 10 Poor families and people those who are interested in this mission also took part in the celebration. After the Mass our beloved Bishop distributed some grocery things to the differently abled and poor people as a Corona relief.

**Fr. Paul Raj**

**10. Blessing and Inauguration of St. Anthony’s Cultural Shrine:**

St. Anthony’s Cultural Shrine was blessed and Inaugurated by Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal on 31-10-2021. It was a great day for all of us because we had double celebrations: the blessing and Inauguration of St. Anthony’s shrine and Closing day of Rosary

Month. In his homily His Lordship, highlighted about the powerful intercession of Mother Mary and St. Anthony of Padua. St. Anthony's Shrine was constructed for dual purpose of inculcate devotion to St. Anthony of Padua and for Cultural purpose. On this auspicious day Tri-cities Priests, Religious and many lay Faithful have participated in the inauguration ceremony.



**Fr. Kasu Marreddy, Parish Priest, Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar.**

## **11. Arunodaya Youth Centre**

### **1. Reciting, Recording and Telecasting the Rosary by Youth:**

Warangal Diocese Youth gathered in two places one in Cathedral and the other in Dharmasagar Parish and recited Rosary to protect India specially Warangal Diocese from COVID -19, recorded by Divyavani team and telecasted in Divyavani TV channel on 8th and 19th of October, 2021. The YouTube links are available in Divyavani YouTube channel, kindly share and watch.

<https://youtu.be/R3nNN6Z4qgw> (Rosary link of Cathedral)

<https://youtu.be/ZzzTWNZIU8> (Rosary link of Dharmasagar Parish)





**2. Distribution of Provision and Medical Kits:**

Arunodaya Youth centre has distributed the provision and Medical kits for 70 Youth in each Deanary. Distribution dates as follows

- 2-10- 2021: Fatimanagar Deanary
- 2-10- 2021: Karunapuram Deanary
- 10-10- 2021 : Mahabubad Deanary
- 24-10- 2021: Ookal Deanary
- 25-10- 2021: Karimanagar Deanary
- 26-10- 2021 : Jangoan Deanary. Thanks to all who supported for the success of this Programme.

**3. World Youth Day:**

World Youth Sunday is Celebrated on 21st of November, 2021 with the theme “Stand up, I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen” (Acts 26:16). This we have celebrated in the Diocese level on August 8, 2021 as National Youth Sunday. Those Parishes who have not celebrated National Youth Sunday on August 8, 2021, kindly make use of this an opportunity to celebrate Youth Sunday in your Parish on this Day of World Youth Sunday and send the collection to Fr. K. Joseph, Procurator.

**Fr. Simon, Director**

**12. WADES: October 2021**

The Education institutions have been resumed from 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021, after *Dusserha* holidays. We hope that the attendance of children would increase in numbers. The safety of children would increase in numbers. The safety of children has become a paramount important and laid huge responsibility on the part of the educators due to impact of the Covid-19.

In order to assist and accompany Educators in carrying dual responsibilities: imparting education and caring for well – being and safety of children, the CBCI- Delhi has organized an important Webinar in collaboration with an organization named CACA-CHILD RIGHTS-CHILD ABUSE on 15 & 16 Oct 2021. On 15<sup>th</sup> the resource persons spoke about: Legal perspectives of Child rights and related laws and on 16<sup>th</sup> about psychological aspects of child sexual abuse, thus empowering the managers, Headmasters and Principals on the safety and well- being of children. The two days seminar helped the participants to become aware on the latest Laws and right to draw up strategies and responsibilities of the stake holders of the institution on the safety and well- being of children.

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

### **13. News from the Pastoral Centre (Month of November– 2021)**

1 Marriage Preparation Course and Counseling was conducted on Second Saturday and Fourth Saturday i.e. on 09<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2021. On 09<sup>th</sup> Sixteen members attended for MPC. The group shared and expressed their feelings about this MPC program. Rev. Fr.Y Chinnappa Reddy the Director of MPC and team guided and suggested the program and the program went on well.

2. Diocesan Synod in the Diocese was opened on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Fatima Cathedral by Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala Bishop of Warangal. Committee members organized the program and all actively participated in Diocesan Synod. Topic: Communion- Participation- Mission.

3. National Synod Zoom meeting was conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2021. Committee Members Fr. Kamal and N. Rayapa Sir attended the meeting. Action plan of the synod was explained through PowerPoint presentation in the meeting.

4. A meeting was conducted on 29<sup>th</sup> Oct through the help of Rev. Fr. Vijaypaul Director of Social Service Centre and some Provisions were distributed to the animators. I motivated animators, prayer groups and co-ordinators during this month.

5. Rev. Fr. M. Naveen Parish Priest of Yelkathurthi invited Pastoral team to conduct special prayers and spiritual meeting in the Parish on 22<sup>th</sup> Oct. Two other parishes also joined for the prayers and meeting.

6 Rev Fr. Y. Kiran Parish priest of Velair invited Regional Pastoral Centre team and Diocesan Pastoral Centre team to conduct special prayer services and motivation sessions in the parish on 31<sup>st</sup> of Oct.

**Note:** 1. Gnana Jyothi Bible Exam for the year 2021(Jyotirmai Bible Exam) will be conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021. If anyone interested please do contact me as early as possible. Please do encourage in you parishes and institutions. Prizes will be given.

2. Please place an order for the Calendars for the year 2022. If you want religious articles for Kothakala pandagalu and Christmas 2021 please place an order. Candles for November are also available.

**Fr. G. Kamal, Director, Pastoral Centre**

### **14. NEWS from Lodi MSSS: “It’s in giving that we receive” St. Francis of Assisi.**

**1. Title of the Project : Poverty Reduction among Poor and Marginalized rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming and Natural Resource Management in Kodakandla Mandal, Jangaon District.**

1. Distributed to 36 farmers four varieties of vegetable seeds to enhance income and vegetable consumption

2. Distributed to 106 farmers seven varieties of traditional and millet crops to enhance income with less investment.

3. Distributed fodder seeds to 64 women for the promotion of milk animals and enhancement of milk yield.
4. 110 farmers promoting natural farming in 110 acres of land and using waste decomposer, pest repellents and traps to control pest with less investment.
5. 50 Farmers were taken to exposure to Bhongir, Etukalapalli, Gopalpuram and kallem villages and visited model farmers farms and learnt about natural farming methods, homeo pest control methods, growing organic traditional paddy crops, vegetable crops and marketing, FPO activities and marketing of produced crops etc.

## II. Covid -19 Second Wave Response:

1. On 05/10/2021 from LODI MSSS distributed Dry Ration Food kits & Medical kits to Covid-19 affected 25 families at Jayashanker Bhupalpally district. Sri. Divakar Garu Addl. Collector Participated as a chief Guest and addressed in this program and handover the food kits to the families and medical kits to DWO office staff and 1098 staff. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul Director LMSSS, DWO, CWC chair person and DCPO's addressed in the program supported by Caritas India.
2. With the support of Caritas India on 08/10/2021, LODI MSSS has distributed 90 food kits to covid'19 affected families & 58 Medical kits to Aasha workers at in Lodi premises Fr. D. Vijaya Paul and Fr. M. Jaya Paul handover the kits and addressed in this Program.



**III. Medical support to Physically challenged Children:** We supported 9 Disable Children with medical support with the collaboration of CHAI (Catholic Health Association of India). Total Rs.36.837/- benefited under medication.

**IV: Child line Program in Bhupalapally District:** Lodi MSSS has been working in Bhupalapally district since 15 months. During the month of October, the Child line staff has conducted 37 meetings and created awareness to 2772 people in 241 villages of 11 Mandals

**V. Women Federation Meetings:** Awareness meetings and trainings were conducted in Shanthinagar, Thipapur and Siricilla villages of Shanthinagar parish for Fatima Federation groups by Fr. D. Vijaya Paul and Fr. Y. Inna Reddy. SJ – Parish Priest of Shanthinagar, along with the Committee members and staff, which enabled the women for self-empowerment.

**Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Director - Lodi MSSS**

### Birthday Babies in November

Fr. Thirumalareddy Augustine	02/11/1963
Fr. Thatikonda Joseph	10/11/1974
Fr. Vatti Simon	12/11/1988
Fr. Kasu Marreddy	13/11/1982
Fr. Yetukuri Thomas Kiran	21/11/1973
Fr. Pentareddy Baltha Raj	25/11/1965
Fr. Thirumalareddy Rayappa	29/11/1964

