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HAPPY FEAST OF ASSUMPTION OF MARY



Solemnity of St. Thomas the Apostle Celebrations at Unikicherla Parish



Blessing the Construction of New Adoration of Chapel and Holy Mass at Jeevadhara Prayer Centre, Rampur



Holy Mass at Rosa Mystica Convent, Kamalapuram, on its Feast Day



Blessing and Inauguration of the Science lab at St. Joseph's High School, Husnabad

I. August : A Month of Grace, Mission and Renewal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we step into the month of August, we are invited once again to reflect on the richness of our faith, the heritage of our nation, and the grace-filled journey we are all part of in our diocesan family.

August holds a special place in both our spiritual and national consciousness. Liturgically, this month is adorned with solemnities and feasts that elevate our spirits—particularly the glorious feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the 15th. In this feast, we celebrate not only the singular privilege granted to Our Lady but also the promise of our own future resurrection. Mary's Assumption reminds us that holiness and surrender to God bear eternal fruit. She is the first disciple, the first to receive the reward of glory, and our constant intercessor in heaven.



August is also Vocations Month in many parts of the world, and it offers us the opportunity to renew our prayer and commitment to the promotion of priestly and religious vocations. We are called to cultivate a culture of vocation in our families, parishes, and institutions—encouraging young people to listen to the gentle voice of the Good Shepherd who calls.

From a national perspective, we celebrate India's Independence Day on the same date, August 15th. As citizens of this great nation, we are reminded of the values of freedom, justice, and fraternity. These are not merely civic virtues but deeply Christian as well. As the Church in India, we are called to be active participants in nation-building—standing for truth, justice, and the dignity of every human person, especially the poor and marginalized.

This month is also a time to reawaken our missionary spirit. As we prepare for catechetical renewals, educational initiatives, and pastoral engagements in the months ahead, let us be energized by the witness of the saints celebrated in August: St. John Mary Vianney, the patron of parish priests; St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), a martyr of truth and love; and St. Maximilian Kolbe, a model of self-sacrificial charity.

Let us use this month to deepen our devotion, renew our commitment to service, and strengthen our communal bonds. May every home in our diocese become a sanctuary of faith, every parish a beacon of hope, and every heart a vessel of God's mercy.

With warm blessings and prayers for a fruitful month of grace and growth,

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul

Administrator, Diocese of Warangal

II. Holy Father's General Intention: For Mutual Coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons. This intention calls us to pray for peaceful and respectful coexistence among diverse groups, particularly in contexts where divisions and tensions threaten harmony and understanding.

III. Message of Pope: Pope Leo calls on priests to be builders of unity and peace

Pope Leo invites his brother presbyters to be builders of unity and peace, and to renew their devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The true nature of priestly ministry, Pope Leo writes in a Message to Priests, is revealed in “the Heart of Christ, pierced for love... the living and life-giving flesh that embraces each of us and conforms us to the image of the Good Shepherd.”

In his Message occasioned by the Day of Sanctification of Priests, observed each year on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pope Leo notes that the day's feast “renews in our own hearts the call to be completely committed to the service of God's holy people,” a ministry that “begins with prayer and is carried out in union with the Lord.”



Be builders of unity and peace!

Entering into the Sacred Heart, the Pope says, allows priests to “experience and renew that gift which the Lord entrusted to us and charged us to pass on in His Name,” by bringing to God's people “the Word and the sacraments... in order to bring about a world reconciled in love.” For this reason, he continues, “I would make this heartfelt appeal to all of you today: Be builders of unity and peace!” Pope Leo explains that to do so, priests must be “pastors capable of wise discernment,” with the “ability to understand and interpret complex situations,” and provide “pastoral solutions that generate and regenerate faith by building good relationships, bonds of solidarity, and communities in which the style of communion shines forth.” He went on to emphasize that “being builders of peace and unity means serving and not domineering,” and highlights the need for priestly fraternity, which can become of a credible sign of God's presence.

Ministry rooted in prayer and proximity

The Holy Father closes his Message with an appeal to priests to renew the “yes” they gave at their ordination, to allow themselves to be shaped by the Holy Spirit, and to not be “daunted” by personal frailty. “The Lord does not look for perfect priests,” he says, “but for humble hearts that are open to conversion and prepared to love others as He loved us.” And finally, after recalling his predecessor's invitation to priests to renew their devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, he encourages them to root their ministry “in prayer and forgiveness, and in closeness to the poor, to families, and to young people who are searching for the truth,” reminding them that “a holy priest makes holiness flourish around him.”

IV. Feast of St. John Mary Vianney - Patron of Priests

On August 4, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. John Vianney, patron of priests. John Vianney, also known as the Holy Curé de Ars, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, near Lyon, France to a family of farmers. He was ordained a priest in 1815 and became curate in Ecully. He was then sent to the remote French community of Ars in 1818 to be a parish priest. Upon his arrival, the priest immediately began praying and working for the conversion of his parishioners. Although he saw himself as unworthy of his mission as pastor, he allowed himself to be consumed by the love of God as he served the people.



Vianney slowly helped to revive the community's faith through both his prayers and the witness of his lifestyle. He gave powerful homilies on the mercy and love of God, and it is said that even staunch sinners were converted upon hearing him. In addition, he restored his church, formed an orphanage, "La Providence," and cared for the poor. His reputation as a confessor grew rapidly, and pilgrims traveled from all over France to come to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Firmly committed to the conversion of the people, he would spend up to 16 hours a day in the confessional.

Plagued by many trials and besieged by the devil, the St. John Vianney remained firm in his faith, and lived a life of devotion to God. Dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, he spent much time in prayer and practiced much mortification. He lived on little food and sleep, while working without rest in unfailing humility, gentleness, patience and cheerfulness, until he was well into his 70s. John Vianney died on August 4, 1859. Over 1,000 people attended his funeral, including the bishop and priests of the diocese, who already viewed his life as a model of priestly holiness. The Holy Curé of Ars was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He is the patron of priests. Over 450,000 pilgrims travel to Ars every year in remembrance of his holy life. In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI, commemorating the 150th anniversary of St. John Vianney's death, declared the Year for Priests. The Pope wrote a Letter to Clergy, encouraging all priests to look to the Curé of Ars as an example of dedication to one's priestly calling.

V. National Friendship Day (August 3)

National Friendship Day was originally founded by Hallmark in 1919. It was intended to be a day for people to celebrate their friendship by sending each other cards. However, by 1940 the market had dried up, and eventually, it died out completely. In April 2011, the United Nations officially recognized 30th July as International Friendship Day; although most countries celebrate on the first Sunday of August. On the first Sunday in August, National Friendship Day encourages people across the country and world to connect with friends. Make a new



friend or reconnect with an old one. Friendships come in many forms, and we begin developing them when we're very young. Throughout our lives, friendships and their meanings evolve. Our classmates and neighborhood pals explored the world with us. Friendship is one of the most precious things shared between friends in your life. The golden time spent with childhood friends stay as a treasure in our hearts for the whole life. In order to celebrate this precious bond of togetherness, Friendship day is celebrated every year on first Sunday of August month.

VI. Feast of Transfiguration of Jesus Christ (August 6)

Feast of the Transfiguration, Christian commemoration of the occasion upon which Jesus Christ took three of his disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on a mountain, where Moses and Elijah appeared and Jesus was transfigured, his face and clothes becoming dazzlingly bright (Mark 9:2–13; Matthew 17:1–13; Luke 9:28–36). The festival celebrates the



revelation of the eternal glory of the Second Person of the Trinity, which was normally veiled during Christ's life on earth. According to tradition, the event took place on Mount Tabor. It is not known when the festival was first celebrated, but it was kept in Jerusalem as early as the 7th century and in most parts of the Byzantine Empire by the 9th century. It was gradually introduced into the Western Church, and its observance was fixed as August 6 by Pope Calixtus III in 1457 as a thank offering for the victory over the Turks at Belgrade on that day in 1456. In 2002 Pope John Paul II updated the meditations of the rosary with five "luminous mysteries," of which the Transfiguration is one. In the Transfiguration Christ enjoyed for a short while that glorified state which was to be permanently His after His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The splendor of His inward Divinity and of the Beatific Vision of His soul overflowed on His body, and permeated His garments so that Christ stood before Peter, James, and John in a snow-white brightness. The purpose of the Transfiguration was to encourage and strengthen the Apostles who were depressed by their Master's prediction of His own Passion and Death. The Apostles were made to understand that His redeeming work has two phases: The Cross, and glory—that we shall be glorified with Him only if we first suffer with Him.

VII. World Senior Citizens Day (August 08)

You have probably been told many times before that you need to respect your elders. In fact, this is a phrase that most children hear throughout their lives! Well, Senior Citizen Day is all about respecting your elders. It is about honoring those people who have been on this earth longer than we have. Getting old is not easy. You have been independent your whole life, and then you feel this being stripped away from you. It can be very difficult to deal with, and



that is why we all need to make sure that we are there for our grandparents and older people in general. That's what this day celebrates, and it's special to be a part of it. After all, seniors bring so much to the world!

VIII. National Protest Day (August 10)

The Commission (Scheduled Caste) Order 1950 was signed on 10th August 1950 by the then President of India which says that “No person who professes a religion other than Hinduism shall be deemed to be a member of the Scheduled Caste” which was later amended to include Sikhs (1956) and Buddhists (1990) in the Scheduled Caste net. Civil Writ Petition 180/2004 in the Honorable Supreme Court of India praying the deletion of Para 3 of the Constitution (Scheduled Caste) Order 1950 is still pending for the past 15 years in which the CBCI and NCCI have also impleaded. The case had been referred to a higher bench and still it has not been constituted. Thus, Constitutional Rights for Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims are denied based on religion for the past 69 Years. To express our dissatisfaction about this “Constitution Scheduled Caste Order 1950 Para 3 which is “unconstitutional and it is a black letter written outside the Constitution introduced through the back door by an executive order”

Hence I, request you all to observe ‘National Protest Day’ on August 10th in our diocese in all possible ways. Kindly co-operate with the SC-ST commission. By this action we can show support and solidarity to the suffering Christians of Scheduled Caste Origin. We pray and continue to agitate till the Justice is done to SC Christians!

IX. Rakhi: The Thread of Love (August 9)

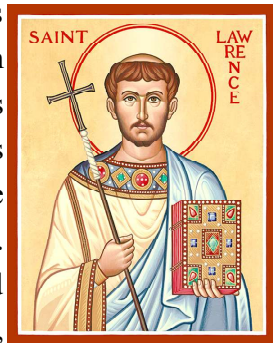
The bonding between a brother and a sister is simply unique and is beyond description in words. The relationship between siblings is extraordinary and is given importance in every part of the world. However, when it comes to India, the relationship becomes all the more important as there is a festival called “Raksha Bandhan”

dedicated for the sibling love. Rakhi is basically a sacred thread of protection embellished with the love and affection of a sister for her brother. This day is also known as Raksha Bandhan and celebrated on the full moon day of the Hindu month of Shravana in India. This frail of thread of Rakhi is considered as stronger than iron chains as it binds the most beautiful relationship in an inseparable bond of love and trust. Rakhi festival also has a social significance because it underlines the notion that everybody should live in harmonious with each other. In India, festivals are the celebration of togetherness, of being one of the families. Raksha Bandhan is one such festival that is all about affection, fraternity and sublime sentiments. It is also known as Raksha Bandhan which means a ‘bond of protection’. This is an occasion to flourish love, care, affection and sacred feeling of brotherhood.



X. Feast of St. Lawrence- (August 10)

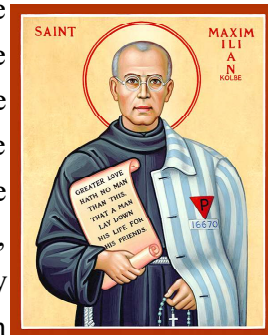
Saint Lawrence (died 258, Rome [Italy]; feast day August 10) was one of the most venerated Roman martyrs, celebrated for his Christian valour. He is the patron saint of the poor and of cooks. Lawrence was among the seven deacons of the Roman church serving Pope Sixtus II, whose martyrdom preceded Lawrence's by a few days: they were executed during the persecution under the Roman emperor Valerian. It is said that Lawrence gave the church's treasures to the poor and the sick before his arrest. Although Lawrence was probably beheaded,



St. Ambrose of Milan and the Latin poet Prudentius, among others, recorded that he was roasted to death on a gridiron, remarking to his torturers at one point, "I am cooked on that side; turn me over, and eat." Many conversions to Christianity throughout Rome reportedly followed Lawrence's death, including those of several senators witnessing his execution. The Basilica of San Lorenzo Fuori le Mura (St. Lawrence Outside the Walls), Rome, was built over his burial place. He is named in the canon of the Roman mass.

XI. St. Maximilian Kolbe – (August 14)

St. Maximilian Kolbe was born in Poland in 1894 and at about the age of 10 had a vision of the Virgin Mary. She offered him a white crown and a red crown, representing purity and martyrdom. He chose both, a foreshadowing of his life to come. In 1910, he joined the Conventual Franciscan Order. He was sent to study in Rome where founded the M.I. on October 16, 1917. Ordained a priest in 1918, Father Maximilian returned to Poland and began his untiring missionary activity, starting a monthly magazine and establishing two evangelization



centers dedicated to the Immaculate Virgin: Niepokalanów, the "City of the Immaculata," in Poland, and Mugenzai no Sono in Japan, and envisioned missionary centers worldwide. To better "win the world for Christ through the Immaculata," the friars utilized the most modern techniques. St. Maximilian used short-wave radio and planned to build a motion picture studio. In 1939, during WWII, at Niepokalanów he welcomed thousands of refugees, especially Jews. In 1941, St. Maximilian was arrested by the Nazis and taken to the Auschwitz concentration camp. There he offered his life for another prisoner and was condemned to slow death in a starvation bunker. He died on August 14, 1941, with an injection of carbolic acid. Pope John Paul II canonized him as a Saint and Martyr of Charity on October 10, 1982. St. Maximilian Kolbe is considered a patron of journalists, families, prisoners, the pro-life movement, the chemically addicted and those with eating disorders.

XII. Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (August 15)

The Catholic Church teaches that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory when her earthly life was over. This belief is based on the dogma of the Assumption, which affirms that Mary's body was glorified after her death. Unlike other human beings who will experience the resurrection of the body at the end of the world, Mary's body was glorified before the general resurrection, as a special privilege. This teaching was affirmed by the Second Vatican Council and is expressed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church 12.



The Assumption of Mary is a sign of her victory over sin and death, just as Jesus, her Son, conquered sin, and death through His Resurrection. Mary's assumption into Heaven is a manifestation of her complete association with the victory of Jesus Christ. She is free from the power of death and fully filled with life. Her assumption also signifies her role as the Queen of the Universe, exalted by the Lord to be more thoroughly conformed to her Son, who is the conqueror of sin and death.

The Assumption of Mary is closely related to the resurrection of the Son, Jesus Christ. In the divine act of reuniting Mary with the Risen Christ, the normal bodily corruption of human death is not simply transcended, but the bodily assumption of the life of God is anticipated. Mary's assumption anticipates the destiny of the resurrection that pertains to all believers. Just as Jesus is the firstborn among many brothers and sisters, the Risen Lord who rose before everyone else, so believers will also rise again and be born into heaven, still themselves, with their humanity and lived experience.

In summary, the Assumption of Mary means that she was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory after her earthly life was over. It signifies her victory over sin and death, her association with the victory of Jesus Christ, and her role as Queen of the Universe. Mary's assumption also anticipates the destiny of the resurrection for all believers, as she is reunited with the Risen Christ and shares in the bodily assumption of the life of God.

XIII. 79th Independence Day of India (August 15)

Every year India celebrates 15th of August as Independence Day. This day is significant for the Indian. After the slavery of years, India got independence on the same day from British rule, 15 August 1947. This day has been declared as a gazetted holiday Throughout India to honor the great sacrifice of our countrymen. India is a country with a rich cultural heritage and it



is the world's largest democracy. The citizens here are committed to taking the country to higher heights. As soon as the tricolor wakes up in the sky, every citizen promises to work hard to increase the glory of the country and takes a firm resolve to make India a nation that is always firm for human values. For any country, the effect of history on its future journey is obvious. Because of this, the present generation should be aware of the ancestor's sacrifice. Be respectful towards them.

This day is very important for the current generation. So that they can take the lessons from history so as a citizen of the country we should not repeat the old mistakes. The importance of August 15 has increased even in our lives. The country is facing many challenges within and outside boundaries. Social, political and religious stability in the country is constantly under threat. It is now the responsibility of today's youth to realize the spirit of that magical night of 1947 and move on to the path shown by freedom fighters.

**XVI. The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner of the Lord,
John the Baptist (August 29)**

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The “voice crying in the desert” did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3:11).



Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: “The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God.’ The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus” (John 1:35-37). It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

XVII. Administrator's Schedule for August, 2025

- 01: am Investiture Ceremony at St. Alphonse High School, Karimnagar
pm Feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori: Holy Mass at Karimnagar Parish
- 02: Office Day
- 03: Holy Mass at Fatima Cathedral & Peace rally in Solidarity with detained ASMI
Nuns in Chhattisgarh at St. Mother Teresa Statue, Fatimanagar
- 04: Feast of St. John Maria Vianney: Patron of Priests-Warangal Diocese Clergy Day:
St. Francis Xavier's Major Seminary, Karunapuram
- 08: Holy Matrimony at Fatima Cathedral
- 10: Holy Mass at Kazipet Parish & National Youth Sunday Celebrations at Arunodaya
Youth Centre, Fatimanagar
- 11: National Protest Day: Rally and Submission of Memorandum to Collector
- 13: Investiture Ceremony and Blessing of Computer Lab at St. Anthony's High School,
Karimnagar
- 15: Solemnity of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary & Independence Day
am Investiture Ceremony at St. Thomas High School, Jammikunta
- 16: Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Confirmation & First Holy Communion, Jangaon
Parish
- 17: Holy Mass at Dharmasagar
- 23: WADES Annual Budget Meeting, Bishop's House, Fatimanagar
- 30: Office Day
- 31: Rev. Fr. Augusto Colombo's Death Anniversary

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- 06: Office Day
- 08: am Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary : Holy Mass at Diesel Colony Shrine Parish
pm: Jordan Philosophy Study House Seminary Day Celebrations cum 107th Death
Anniversary of Bl. Francis Jordan, the founder of Salvatorians Congregation, Gnanapuram

XVIII. Communications

Congratulations to New Executive Body of CRI Warangal Unit

The CRI Warangal Unit held a General Body meeting on July 21, 2025, focusing on spiritual leadership, guided by Rev. Fr. T. Joseph, Pastoral Center Director. A new executive body was elected for the CRI unit Warangal with the following office bearers:

President	-	Fr. Balaraju (SCJ)
Vice-President	-	Bro Joseph Amal Rajan (SG)
Secretary	-	Sr. Grace Maria (CMC)
Treasurer	-	Sr. Geetha (Divya Jyothi)



Rev. Fr. Vijay Paul, the administrator of the Warangal diocese, celebrated Holy Mass and enlightened attendees on the duties of effective leadership. He congratulated the new office bearers. The unit expressed gratitude to religious members who have relocated from the diocese, acknowledging their valuable service and contributions to CRI's growth and unity. Heartfelt appreciation was extended to former committee members, Fr. Rajaratnam, Sr. Kalpana, Sr. Mary Jeya, and Bro. George, for their dedicated service to CRI and the diocese. The newly elected members were felicitated and congratulated, followed by cake cutting and meals, fostering a sense of community and celebration.

With Best Wishes
CRI, Warangal Unit

2. Congratulations to the New Executive Body of CRI Warangal Unit & Heartfelt Thanks to the Outgoing Team

We extend our warmest congratulations to the newly elected Executive Body of the CRI Warangal Unit, chosen during the General Body Meeting held on July 21, 2025, at the Pastoral Centre.

The newly elected office bearers are:

President – Fr. Balaraju (SCJ)
Vice-President – Bro. Joseph Amal Rajan (SG)
Secretary – Sr. Grace Maria (CMC)
Treasurer – Sr. Geetha (Divya Jyothi)

I am confident that under their leadership, the CRI Warangal Unit will continue to grow in unity, service, and commitment to the Church and society. Their willingness to serve is greatly appreciated, and we assure them of our prayers and support.

A special word of thanks and appreciation goes to the outgoing executive members Fr. Rajaratnam, Sr. Kalpana, Sr. Mary Jeya, and Bro. George for their dedicated and selfless service to CRI and the Diocese of Warangal. Your leadership, commitment, and collaborative spirit have greatly contributed to the growth and vibrancy of the Unit.

We also express our gratitude to the religious members who have recently been transferred out of the diocese. Your contributions and presence have enriched the CRI community, and your service will always be remembered with gratitude.

Let us continue to walk together in Faith and Service.

3. Clergy Day and Monthly Recollection for Clergy on 4th August 2025 at Karunapuram: In View of Celebrating St. John Mary Vianney Day, a monthly Recollection cum Sports & Games for Clergy at Diocesan Level is arranged on 4th August 2025 from 9.00 am at St. Xavier Major & St. Pius X Minor Twin Seminaries, Karunapuram. All the Priests are requested to attend it without fail.

4. National Protest Day: As you know, 10th of August every year is commemorated as PROTEST DAY (earlier called Black Day). It was on this day, the Presidential Order 1950, Para 3, denying SC status to Dalit Christians and Muslims was promulgated. On this occasion, we do different activities like Rally, Dharna, Protest Meetings, demonstrating at Dr. Ambedkar Squares and before Collectorates, giving memorandum to District Collectors. These are organized by SC, ST and BC Commissions, NCDC and other Dalit Muslim and Christian groups in different places, in collaboration with other likeminded groups. Kindly take active participation through Prayer and Action!



Office for Scheduled Castes (Dalits) and Backward Classes

(CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE OF INDIA)

Dt: 21/07/2025

Appeal to observe AUGUST 10th as "National Protest Day"

Your Eminence/ Grace/Excellency/Father/Brother/Sister and friends,
Greetings from the CBCI Office for SC/BC, National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) and National Council of Dalit Christians (NCDC)!

The Constitution (Scheduled Caste) order of 1950 was signed on 10th August 1950 by the then President of India which says that "No person who professes a religion other than Hinduism shall be deemed to be member of the Scheduled Caste". Ever since this order was promulgated, the Christians and Muslims of Scheduled caste origin have been denied their SC status and have been suffering from injustice and deprivation of Constitutional rights in the Independent India. Therefore they have been observing 10th August as a BLACK/NATIONAL PROTEST DAY.

As usual this year too we (CBCI, NCCI, and NCDC) are organizing a National protest day on **11th August 2025** at JANTAR MANTAR New Delhi from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. We extend our cordial invitation to all the Christian communities and Christian leaders of all churches in India to participate in this protest.

I do hereby prayerfully invite your Excellency to attend this programme and lead us in prayer. Also kindly instruct the parishes, religious institutions and the local churches and urge the members to observe 10th August as a National protest day at their respective places and submit memorandums to the local government

Thanking you in anticipation,

Fr. Vijay Kumar Nayak

National Secretary, CBCI Office for SC/BC, New Delhi



5. Independence Day & Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: As we celebrate our country's Independence Day and solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 15th of August, we thank God for all the blessings He has been showering and continue to pray that our country develops in every sector with a special attention to the poor and the rural areas. We pray that Mary assumed into heaven may protect and promote the unity and prosperity of India.

6. National Youth Sunday: National Youth Sunday will be celebrated on 10th August this year. Kindly celebrate in whatever way possible and send that Sunday's collection to the Diocesan office, some of it will go to the National Office. May the Youth grow in Faith, Wisdom and Service for the Church and Nation!

Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul
Administrator
Diocese of Warangal

7. NEWS from Lodi MSSS:

I. Title of the Project: Poverty Reduction among Poor and Marginalised rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming and Natural Resource Management in 22 villages of Dharmsagar and Velair mandals of Hanumakonda district.

Achievements in July: 1. Trained 295 farmers on growing different varieties of vegetables with improved vegetable cultivation methods, promotion of millets and traditional crops to reduce the investment cost and enhance yield and gain additional income. 2. Distributed 10 varieties of vegetable seeds to 50 farmers to promote improved vegetable cultivation and get additional income and fresh vegetables, for consumption purpose. 3. Distributed fodder seeds to 100 members to grow fodder for milk animals and enhance milk yield. 4. Distributed 6 varieties of vegetable seeds 500 women to promote Backyard vegetable gardening to enhance income and vegetable consumption. 5. 200 women were provided with concentrate feed and minerals nutrient bags for female calves to enhance the nutrients among calves and ensure that calves become dairy cattle and later yield milk. 6. 240 farmers were provided with sprayer pumps, solar light traps, neem oil, growth promoter, pheromone trap, yellow plates to promote ecological farming methods and to improve the soil fertility and soil nutrients.

II. PROJECT TITLE: Sustainable Livelihood Based Food Security program for the Tribal, Dalit and Backward Class Communities of 23 villages of Akkannapet Mandal of Siddipet district of TELANGANA State

Achievements in July: Training was given to 262 Marginalized farmers to gain knowledge on organic farming, IPM/NPM methods, Vermi compost. 254 small-scale farmers were educated on soil moisture conservation & water harvesting structures and water management.

III. Food Security Project in Chennaraopet Mandal

- We have identified and selected the 200 Women to promote Kitchen Garden. Distributed six varieties of vegetable seeds to each family.

- Distributed vegetable seeds to the farmers in 20 villages of Chennaraopet Mandal in order to promote vegetable gardening.

IV. CABA Project:

- CABA program annual review meeting phase III was conducted for three days by CHAI at Hyderabad. Two of our Coordinators participated in the training. Training was given on Quarterly progress report template, and Commcare online data entry.
- As part of the CABA program, CLHA / CAA Peer Group meetings were held for 105 children in Four places: Wardhannapet, Thorrur, Hanamkonda and Warangal. During these meetings, Baseline Survey Pre-Test information was filled and this information was provided to the CHAI Office.
- Vocational training on Cloth dying and printing Practices was conducted at Lodi MSSS for Children living with HIV/AIDS.



V. Revolving Fund Loans

- 138 beneficiaries of 5 villages were supported with the loan of Rs.30,60,000/-
- 142 members of Fatima Mahila Sahakara Sangam were given general loan of Rs. 1,39,30,000-
- Total Savings during the month of June: Rs. 3,54,600/-

Fr. S. Inna Reddy, Director, LODI MSSS

8. News from Pastoral Centre: Catechism Teachers' Meeting was held on July 21st 2025

A Catechism Teachers' seminar and training program was organized on Monday, 21 July 2025. Nearly 60 participants, including teachers and religious sisters from various institutions and parishes, actively took part in the program. The session commenced with praise and worship, setting a spiritual tone for the day.

Rev. Fr. D. Vijay Paul, Administrator of the Warangal Diocese, delivered the introductory address, highlighting the essential role of catechism in faith formation and offering practical guidance on effectively conducting catechism classes.



Mr. Kalpala Praveen, a volunteer from the Pastoral Centre, led an insightful session on “The Difference Between Secular and Catechism Classes and How to Manage a Catechism Class,” providing practical strategies for teachers. This was followed by a thought-provoking session by Mr. Kotte Srujan Kumar on “What Should We Offer Our Children in the Contemporary World and HOLYSTIC Education,” emphasizing values-based instruction. Subsequently, the Catechism Committee officially announced the syllabus for the 2025–2026 academic year. The meeting concluded reverently with the celebration of the Holy Mass, presided over by Rev. Fr. Thatikonda Joseph, Director of the Pastoral Centre.

Fr. T. Joseph, Director-Pastoral Centre

9. News from WADES: Bishop Beretta High School Investiture Ceremony.

Bishop Beretta High School celebrated its investiture ceremony on July 20, 2025, with Rev. Fr. Bala Martin Reddy as the chief guest, during the ceremony, Rev. Fr. Bala Martin Reddy, Rev. Fr. Jaya Prathap Reddy Sr. Kalpana handed over responsibilities to the newly



elected house cabinet members. The chief guest distributed prizes to winners of the Spelling Bee and IIT and NEET foundation competitions. Notably, Kumari Sai Sahasra stood fifth in the national Spelling Bee competition.

The chief guest appreciated the talented students and emphasized the importance of leadership and discipline. The cultural programs organized by the girls and boys at ceremony showcased their leadership skills and patriotism. The ceremony marked a significant milestone in the academic year, symbolizing the transition of leadership roles to the new student cabinet members.

**Fr. Jaya Pratap Reddy, H. M and Correspondent
Bishop Beretta High School**

10. News from Youth Centre

1. On 20th July 2025, we visited Laskar Singaram village in St. Peter's Colony Parish. I had the privilege of celebrating Holy Mass for the faithful gathered there. During our visit, we focused especially on the youth, encouraging and motivating them to take an active role in transforming society. I spoke to them about the vital role youth play in shaping a better world. I encouraged them to develop their skills and talents, and to nurture qualities such as vision, innovation, creativity, and energy. It was heartening to see their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn new things. We also discussed our plans to celebrate National Youth Sunday and shared ideas on how it could be meaningfully observed in the parish.

2. Celebration of Youth Sunday on August 10, 2025-

Dear Fathers and Heads of Institutions,

This year, we will be celebrating Youth Sunday on August 10, 2025. I kindly request you to celebrate this occasion meaningfully in your respective parishes and institutions, with a special focus on encouraging and empowering the youth.

Please arrange special programs and activities that will inspire young people to grow in faith, leadership, and service. Let this be a day to recognize their potential, celebrate their contributions, and motivate them to take active roles in the Church and society. Together, let us build a vibrant and dynamic youth community rooted in Gospel values and committed to transforming the world.

Fr. Polimera Suresh-Youth Director

11. Investiture Ceremony at St. Joseph's High School, Husnabad

St Joseph High School, Husnabad, organized the investiture ceremony to bestow the responsibilities on the newly elected members of students council for the academic year 2025 26 on July 24th. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul Reddy our diocesan



administrator. It was the occasion where the elected students were all prepared to wear the mantle of leadership and discharge the responsibility interested to them by the school management. The event began with a welcome dance followed by the inauguration of ceremony by lighting of the lamp. The chief guest then received the oath from the leaders and were conferred with badges and sashes as a sign of delegating responsibility to the newly elected office bearers. After taking responsibilities the newly elected leaders and house captains hoisted the school flag and house flags. Chief Guest Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul Reddy congratulated and appreciated the newly elected school cabinet. In his speech he encouraged and motivated the students to discharge their duties very responsibly. He instructed the students to co-operate with their leaders and participate in all the events with competitive spirit. He also appreciated the school management, staff and students for organizing this beautiful ceremony very systematically. He encouraged the students to work hard in studies and to use all the facilities provided in the school to keep up the good reputation of the school. On this momentous occasion the newly purchased interactive teaching panel board and established science lab was inaugurated. Principal Fr. E. Vijay Kumar Reddy felicitated and thanked the Chief Guest Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul Reddy for his presence, support and encouragement. The program concluded with the national anthem.

Fr. E. Vijay Kumar Reddy, H.M & Correspondent

Synopsis of the Chronicles of Administrator's Diary in July-2025

- 03: Celebrated Solemnity of St. Thomas the Apostle at Unikicherla Parish
- 04: Blessed the Construction of New Adoration of Chapel and Celebrated Holy Mass at Jeevadhara Prayer Centre, Rampur
- 12: Celebrated Holy Mass at Rosa Mystica Convent, Kamalapuram, on its Feast Day
- 14: Blessed and Inaugurated the Science lab at St. Joseph's High School, Husnabad
- 21: am Addressed the Catechism Teacher's Training Meeting at Pastoral Centre, Fatimanagar
pm Celebrated Holy Mass during the CRI General Body Meeting at Divya Deepthi Bhavan, Fatimanagar
- 26: Celebrated Holy Mass at St. Ann's Convent, Kazipet, on the occasion of St. Ann's Feast
- 28: Blessed and Inaugurated St. Anne's High School Gnanamma Block - Shanthinagar

Birthday Babies in the Month of August

Celebrate your Birthday today

Rev. Fr. S. Shobhan Reddy	03-08-1970
Rev. Fr. A. Vincent	06-08-1963
Rev. Fr. Yeruva Ajith Kumar	07-08-1992
Rev. Fr. S. Mahipaul	09-08-1988
Rev. Fr. A. Inna	15-08-1965
Rev. Fr. T. Sunil	15-08-1977
Rev. Fr. D. Jaya Prathap	15-08-1971
Rev. Fr. P. Dasaiah	15-08-1979
Rev. Fr. T. Santhosh	19-08-1987
Rev. Fr. E. Vijay Kumar	25-08-1985
Rev. Fr. Y. Sathish	26-08-1984
Rev. Fr. T. Manohar	31-08-1972
Rev. Fr. Mettu Sravan	21-08-1991



Priestly Ordinations

Rev. Fr. Mettu Sravan	16-08-2021
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Necrology: R.I.P

Rev. Fr. Augusto Colombo, PIME	31-08-2009
Rev. Fr. Boyapati Leeno	08-08-2016
Rev. Fr. M.P. Joseph	11-08-2020
Rev. Fr. Yeruva Lourdu	24-08-2021



CRI General Body Meeting at Divya Deepthi Bhavan, Fatimanagar



Holy Mass at St. Ann's Convent, Kazipet, on the occasion of St. Ann's Feast



Blessing and Inauguration of St. Ann's High School Gnanamma Block - Shanthinagar



Catechists and Catechism Teachers Training Program at Pastoral Centre, Fatimanagar



*"The priesthood is the love
of the heart of Jesus."*

- St. John Maria Vianney

HAPPY FEAST OF ST. JOHN MARIA VIANNEY