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All Souls Day Holy Mass at Fatima Cathedral



White Coat Ceremony at FCIMS



CRI Warangal Unit Jubilee Celebrations at Holy Land, Karunapuram



Mission Sunday Celebrations at Fatima Cathedral



Blessing of New School Block, Children's Day Celebrations at Mount Carmel School & School Day Celebrations, Palakurthy Parish



I. The Grace of Advent and the Joy of Christmas

Dear Rev. Fathers, Religious, and Beloved Faithful in Christ,
Grace, peace, and joy be with you as we enter the beautiful and hope-filled month of December—a season that gathers within it the profound mysteries of Advent and Christmas, and invites us to conclude the year with gratitude and renewed commitment.



1. Advent: A Season of Hope and Vigilance

The Church, in her wisdom, begins December by calling us into the sacred silence of Advent, a time of waiting for the Lord who comes. Let this be a season where our homes, parishes, and communities become places of expectation—where prayer deepens, reconciliation strengthens relationships, and charity becomes the language of our discipleship.

Advent reminds us that Christ comes:

- In history — born in Bethlehem,
- In mystery — present in the Sacraments and the poor,
- In majesty — when He will come again in glory.

May our hearts be ready to welcome Him in all three moments.

2. Celebrating the Birth of the Prince of Peace

Christmas invites us to gaze upon the Child Jesus, the Emmanuel—God-with-us. In a world often marked by conflict, division, and fear, the manger proclaims a message of peace, tenderness, and divine closeness. Let our communities become “Bethlehem houses”—warm, welcoming, and open to all. May every parish celebration, small gathering, and family prayer bring Christ’s joy to the forefront.

3. A Year of Blessings and Challenges

As we conclude this year, we remember with gratitude:

- The tireless service of our priests,
- The silent sacrifices of our religious,
- The faithfulness and generosity of our laity,
- The enthusiasm of our youth and children.

Together, we have walked through moments of growth, healing, deeper collaboration, and renewed missionary vigor. Even amidst challenges, the Lord has been our strength and guide.

4. End of Jubilee Year 2025 .

As we approach the **Conclusion of the Jubilee year 2025**, we lift our hearts in gratitude for the abundant graces the Lord has showered upon our Universal Church and our own diocese of Warangal. This Jubilee has invited us to deeper conversion , renewed mission and

more vibrant experience of God's mercy. As the Jubilee curtains draw to a close, let us carry its spirit forward – strengthening communion, fostering reconciliation and embracing the call to be witnesses of hope in a world longing for God's love.

5. Looking Toward a New Year with Faith

The upcoming year invites us to:

- Strengthen our parish communities,
- Deepen our commitment to the poor and marginalized,
- Promote vocations,
- Build bridges of dialogue, unity, and forgiveness,
- Renew our dedication to evangelization.

Let us enter the New Year with the spirit of the shepherds—humbly seeking and joyfully proclaiming Christ to all.

6. A Pastoral Blessing

As an Administrator, I thank each member of our diocese – Priests, religious and laity, for your cooperation, goodwill, and active participation in the life of the Church.

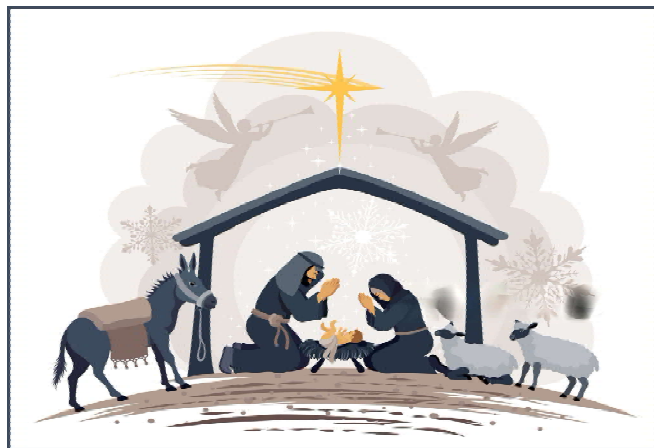
May this December bring:

- Peace to every family,
- Hope to every struggling heart,
- Light to those searching for meaning,
- Joy to every parish community.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and lead us closer to her Son.

Wishing you all a Grace-filled Advent and a Blessed Christmas Season!

Yours in Christ.
Fr.D.Vijaya Paul
Administrator.

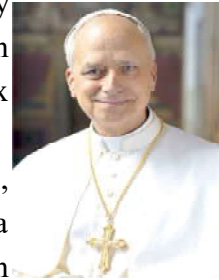


II. Holy Father's General Intention: For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

III. Pope Leo: Doctrinal Note on Marian titles: Mother of the faithful, not Co-redemptrix

The document of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, approved by Pope Leo XIV, offers clarifications on titles applied to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and calls for special attention to the use of the expression, “Mediatrice of all graces.”



The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith on Tuesday, 4 November 2025, published *Mater populi fidelis* (“The Mother of the Faithful People”), a Doctrinal Note “On Some Marian Titles Regarding Mary’s Cooperation in the Work of Salvation.” Signed by the Prefect, Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández, and the Secretary for the Dicastery’s Doctrinal Section, Monsignor Armando Matteo, the Note was approved by the Pope on 7 October.

Mater populi fidelis (MPF) is the fruit of a long and complex collegial effort. It is a doctrinal document on Marian devotion, centred on the figure of Mary, who is associated with the work of Christ as Mother of believers. The Note provides a significant biblical foundation for devotion to Mary, as well as marshalling various contributions from the Fathers, the Doctors of the Church, elements of Eastern tradition, and the thought of recent Popes.

In this positive framework, the doctrinal text analyses a number of Marian titles, encouraging the adoption of some of those appellations and warning against the use of others. Titles such as “Mother of Believers,” “Spiritual Mother,” “Mother of the Faithful” are noticed with approval in the Note. Conversely, the title of “Co-redemptrix” is deemed inappropriate and problematic. The title of “Mediatrice” is considered unacceptable when it takes on a meaning that excludes Jesus Christ; however, it can be used appropriately so long as it expresses an inclusive and participatory mediation that glorifies the power of Christ. The titles “Mother of Grace” and “Mediatrice of All Graces” are considered acceptable when used in a very precise sense, but the document also warns of particularly broad explanations of the meaning of the terms.

Essentially, the Note reaffirms Catholic doctrine, which has always emphasised that everything in Mary is directed towards the centrality of Christ and His salvific work. For this reason, even if some Marian titles admit of an orthodox interpretation through correct exegesis, *Mater populi fidelis* says it is preferable to avoid them.

In his presentation of the Doctrinal Note, Cardinal Fernández expresses appreciation for popular devotion but warns against groups and publications that propose a certain dogmatic development and raise doubts among the faithful, including through social media. The main

problem in interpreting these titles applied to Our Lady, he says concerns the way of understanding Mary's association with Christ's work of redemption (paragraph 3).

Co-redemptrix

Regarding the title "Co-redemptrix," the Note recalls that "some Popes have used the title "without elaborating much on its meaning." Generally, it continues, "they have presented the title in two specific ways: in reference to Mary's divine motherhood (insofar as she, as Mother, made possible the Redemption that Christ accomplished) or in reference to her union with Christ at the redemptive Cross. The Second Vatican Council refrained from using the title for dogmatic, pastoral, and ecumenical reasons. Saint John Paul II referred to Mary as 'Co-redemptrix' on at least seven occasions, particularly relating this title to the salvific value of our sufferings when they are offered together with the sufferings of Christ, to whom Mary is united especially at the Cross" (18).

The document cites an internal discussion within the then-Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which in February 1996 had discussed the request to proclaim a new dogma on Mary as "Co-redemptrix or Mediatrix of all graces." Then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was opposed to such a definition, arguing, "the precise meaning of these titles is not clear, and the doctrine contained in them is not mature. [...] It is not clear how the doctrine expressed in these titles is present in Scripture and the apostolic tradition."

Later, in 2002, the future Benedict XVI expressed himself publicly in the same way: "The formula 'Co-redemptrix' departs to too great an extent from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings... Everything comes from Him [Christ], as the Letter to the Ephesians and the Letter to the Colossians, in particular, tell us; Mary, too, is everything that she is through Him. The word 'Co-redemptrix' would obscure this origin." The note clarifies that Cardinal Ratzinger did not deny the good intentions behind the proposal, nor the valuable aspects reflected in it, but nonetheless maintained that they were "being expressed in the wrong way" (19).

Pope Francis also expressed his clear opposition to the use of the title Co-Redemptrix on at least three occasions.

Tuesday's Doctrinal Note concludes: "It is always inappropriate to use the title 'Co-redemptrix' to define Mary's cooperation. This title risks obscuring Christ's unique salvific mediation and can therefore create confusion and an imbalance in the harmony of the truths of the Christian faith. [...] When an expression requires many, repeated explanations to prevent it from straying from a correct meaning, it does not serve the faith of the People of God and becomes unhelpful" (22).

Mediatrix

The Note emphasises that "the biblical statement about Christ's exclusive mediation is conclusive. Christ is the only Mediator" (24).

At the same time, MPF recognises “the fact that the word ‘mediation’ is commonly used in many areas of everyday life, where it is understood simply as cooperation, assistance, or intercession. As a result, it is inevitable that the term would be applied to Mary in a subordinate sense. Used in this way, it does not intend to add any efficacy or power to the unique mediation of Jesus Christ, true God and true man” (25).

Further, “it is clear that Mary has a real mediatory role in enabling the Incarnation of the Son of God in our humanity” (26).

Mother of believers and Mediatrix of all graces

Mary’s maternal role “in no way obscures or diminishes” the unique mediation of Christ, “but rather shows its power [...] Understood in this way, Mary’s motherhood does not seek to weaken the unique adoration due to Christ alone but, rather, seeks to enkindle it.”

Therefore, the Note states, “one must avoid titles and expressions that present Mary as a kind of ‘lightning rod’ before the Lord’s justice, as if she were a necessary alternative before the insufficiency of God’s mercy” (37b).

Thus, the title “Mother of Believers” “enables us to speak of Mary’s role in our relation to our life of grace”. However, MPF goes on to urge caution concerning the use of expressions that may convey “less acceptable notions” (45).

“Cardinal Ratzinger already affirmed” for example, “that the title ‘Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces’ was not clearly grounded in Revelation.” So, the Note continues, “in line with this conviction, we can recognize the difficulties this title poses, both in terms of theological reflection and spirituality” (45). In fact, “no human person — not even the Apostles or the Blessed Virgin — can act as a universal dispenser of grace. Only God can bestow grace, and he does so through the humanity of Christ” (53).

“Some titles, such as ‘Mediatrix of All Graces,’ have limits that do not favour a correct understanding of Mary’s unique place,” MPF explains, adding, “In fact, she, the first redeemed, could not have been the mediatrix of the grace that she herself received” (67).

Nonetheless, the Doctrinal Note acknowledges that “the term ‘graces,’ when seen in reference to Mary’s maternal help at various moments in our lives, can have an acceptable meaning. The plural form expresses all the aids — even material — that the Lord may grant us when He heeds His Mother’s intercession” (68).

IV. New Liturgical Year: Season of Advent (Nov30)

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.

V. Feast of St. Francis Xavier (Dec.3)

Francis was born in Xavier, in the Kingdom of Navarre on April 7th 1506. He was born into a rich farming family, whose fortunes were severely damaged during the war with Aragon. Francis went to study in Paris, where he met Ignatius of Loyola, who would convince Francis to follow a religious life and become a priest. Francis was reluctant at first, leading Ignatius to ask the now-famous question: "What will it profit a man to gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Along with Ignatius, Francis became one of the founders of the Society of



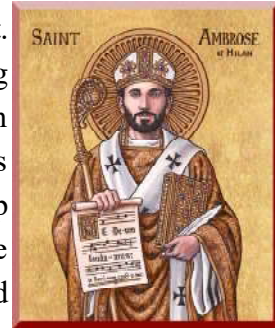
Jesus, commonly known as the Jesuits. They made private vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience to the Pope. They also vowed to go to the Holy Land to convert "infidels."

Francis left Rome for the Indies in March 1540. His future as arguably the greatest Christian missionary since St. Paul began almost by accident. He wasn't originally chosen to be a missionary, but one of the two originally selected by Ignatius fell ill, so Ignatius asked Francis to go as a replacement. Over the next 12 years, Francis led a series of overseas missions, mainly in the Portuguese Empire of the time - Mozambique, Malacca and notably Goa. He was the first Christian missionary to travel Japan and on to Borneo and the Moluccan Islands.

For his evangelist work, he became known as the “Apostle of the Indies”. Francis was waiting to travel to take his missionary work to mainland China when he died from a fever on Shangchuan Island on December 2nd 1552. Francis was made a saint by Gregory XV on March 12th 1622. Saint Francis Xavier’s relics are kept in a silver casket, inside the Born Jesus Basilica in Goa.

VI. St. Ambrose (Dec. 7)

The life of St. Ambrose (b. 337 AD) may be one of the best examples of how God’s plans can be completely different from our own. And St. Ambrose’s response provides a wonderful message for how saying “yes” to God and striving for holiness in our own lives can be an important witness to others. As governor of two Roman provinces headquartered in Milan, Ambrose attended the election of a new bishop to simply help keep the peace between the Nicene Church and the Arians. Well-loved for his fairness and charity, the assembled crowd called for his appointment to the see and he suddenly found himself the new bishop of Milan. Not yet baptized a Christian or versed in Christian theology, he refused and went into hiding.



But, with the Emperor Gratian’s approval, Ambrose finally accepted. He was baptized, ordained and consecrated the bishop of Milan within the week. Popular, persuasive and a fierce defender of the truth, Ambrose became one of the most influential figures of the fourth century and of Church history. Known primarily for his defense of Church teaching against the growing Arian heresy in his time, Ambrose repeatedly found himself tangling with emperors, but his humility and generosity fueled his popularity and increased his political power.

Ambrose is one of the four original Latin doctors of the Church, along with Augustine, Jerome and Gregory the Great. His extensive writings include treatises on ethics, the priesthood, sacraments, the role of Mary and the liturgy. A late student to Scripture, Ambrose used his background in Greek philosophy to share the lessons of the Old Testament through the lens of its heroes. Ambrose is credited with composing hymns that are the foundation for hymns used to this day. His influence as an orator may be best demonstrated by the impact his influence had on St. Augustine. Tradition teaches that Augustine was unimpressed with Christian theology, but was forever changed by meeting Ambrose.

Augustine’s mother, St. Monica, credits Ambrose with Augustine’s conversion, calling him, “An angel of God who uprooted her son from his former ways and led him to his convictions of Christ.” Ambrose is the patron of Milan, beekeepers, beggars and learning. His feast day is Dec. 7, the date he was consecrated bishop. His zealous embrace of God’s plan for him can be an inspiration for all who say “yes” to God’s unexpected plans for them.

VII. Immaculate Conception of Mary (Dec. 8)

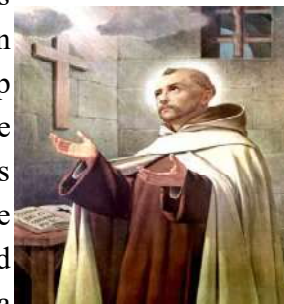
The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.” In 1854, Pope Pius IX’s solemn declaration, “*Ineffabilis Deus*,” clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception. Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, she is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity in her willingness to accept the Plan of God for her. Every person is called to recognize and respond to God’s call to their own vocation in order to carry out God’s plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time. Mary’s “Let it be done to me according to Thy Word,” in response of the Angel Gabriel’s greeting, is the response required of all Christians to God’s Plan. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God’s gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill.



“The word of the Lord came to me thus: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.” (Jeremiah 1:5-6)

VIII. St. John of the Cross (Dec. 14)

John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: “of the Cross.” The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John’s life. The Paschal Mystery—through death to life—strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest. Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa



and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely to experience the dying of Jesus as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God. Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John

came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John's spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique as mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the Spiritual Canticle.

But as agony leads to ecstasy, so John had his Ascent to Mt. Carmel, as he named it in his prose masterpiece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analyzed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification. Uniquely and strongly John underlines the gospel paradox: The cross leads to resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, abandonment to possession, denial to self to union with God. If you want to save your life, you must lose it. John is truly "of the Cross." He died at 49 a life short, but full.

IX. Nativity of the Lord (Dec. 25)

God used amazing events to communicate that Jesus Christ was the promised Messiah who would be the Savior of the world. Give this one-page handout to anyone who has questions about the leading messages regarding Christ's birth:



Message One:-God Promised Christ's Arrival

Throughout History: The promise of the coming Savior appears like a thread running through the Old Testament, starting with a hint after the first recorded sin.

Message Two:-God Became a Man : The most astounding message of the Nativity is that God became man. John tells us God became flesh and lived with us (John 1:14)

Message Three:-Angels Testified to Christ's Coming: The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, not only to prepare her, a virgin, for bearing the Son of God, but to give her specific instructions concerning him.

Message Four:-Witnesses Proclaimed Christ the Messiah: Eight days after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph took him to the temple. Simeon, who had been promised he wouldn't die before seeing the Lord's Christ, said, "My eyes have seen your salvation."

Message Five:-Christ Came for Our Salvation: Jesus came to fulfill thousands of years of prophecy. He would be the one who not only represented God, but was God (John 1:1). When Adam and Eve sinned...

X. Saint Stephen (Dec. 26)

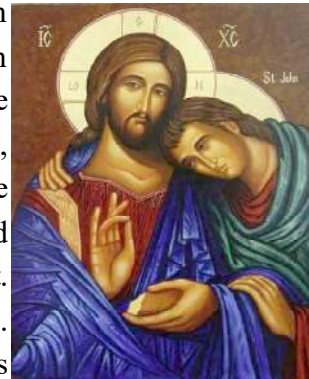
Saint Stephen is recognized as a saint and the first martyr in Christian theology. He was condemned for committing blasphemy against the Jewish Temple, and was stoned to death circa the year 36. Saint Stephen is a recognized saint in many Christian theologies, and is considered to be the first Christian martyr. According to the fifth book of the Bible's New

Testament, the Acts of the Apostles, Stephen was denounced for blasphemy after a dispute with members of a Jewish synagogue circa the year 36. According to Chapters 6 and 7 of the Book of Acts, he was condemned and stoned to death the scene of which was depicted in Dutch artist Rembrandt's "The Stoning of Saint Stephen." Today, Western Christians annually celebrate "St. Stephen's Day" on December 26.



XI. Feast of St. John, the Apostle and Evangelist (Dec. 27)

Today is the third day in the octave of Christmas. The Church celebrates the Feast of St. John, apostle and evangelist. Born in Bethsaida, he was called while mending his nets to follow Jesus. He became the beloved disciple of Jesus. He wrote the fourth Gospel, three Epistles and the Apocalypse. His passages on the pre-existence of the Word, who by His Incarnation became the light of the world and the life of our souls, are among the finest of the New Testament. He is the evangelist of the divinity of Christ and His fraternal love. With James, his brother, and Simon Peter, he was one of the witnesses



of the Transfiguration. At the Last Supper, he leans on the Master's breast. At the foot of the cross, Jesus entrusts His Mother to his care. John's pure life kept him very close to Jesus and Mary in years to come. John was exiled to the island of Patmos under Emperor Domitian. Patron: Against poison; art dealers; authors; bookbinders; booksellers; burns; composers; editors; engravers; friendships; lithographers; painters; papermakers; poisoning; printers; publishers; tanners; theologians; typesetters; writers; Asia Minor; Taos, New Mexico; Umbria, Italy; diocese of Cleveland, Ohio; diocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

XII. Feast of Holy Innocents (Dec. 28)

Herod "the Great," king of Judea, was unpopular with his people because of his connections with the Romans and his religious indifference. Hence he was insecure and fearful of any threat to his throne. He was a master politician and a tyrant capable of extreme brutality. He killed his wife, his brother, and his sister's two husbands, to name only a few. Matthew 2:1-18 tells this story: Herod was "greatly troubled" when astrologers from the east came asking the whereabouts of "the newborn king of the Jews," whose star they had seen. They were told that the Jewish Scriptures named Bethlehem as the place where the Messiah would be born. Herod cunningly told them to report back to him so that he could also "do him

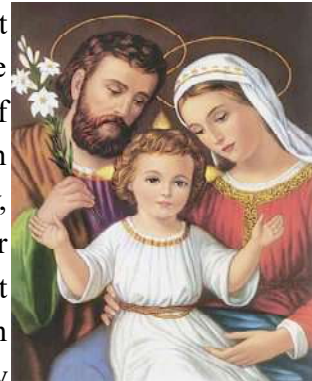


homage.” They found Jesus, offered him their gifts, and warned by an angel, avoided Herod on their way home. Jesus escaped to Egypt. Herod became furious and “ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under.”

The horror of the massacre and the devastation of the mothers and fathers led Matthew to quote Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children...” (Matthew 2:18). Rachel was the wife of Jacob (Israel). She is pictured as weeping at the place where the Israelites were herded together by the conquering Assyrians for their march into captivity.

XIII. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph (Dec.29)

Feast of the Holy Family, Roman Catholic religious festival falling on the first Sunday after Christmas. Although major feast days dedicated to each member of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—also exist, the Feast of the Holy Family commemorates their life together, and the celebration focuses on religious family life. Because of the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, a feast for the Holy Family has been observed by the Copts from early times. In Western Christianity, however, a cult of veneration for the Holy Family as a group, rather than as individuals, did not arise until the 17th century and was not officially recognized until the feast day was formally instituted in 1921 under Pope Benedict XV. Originally celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany (January 6), the Feast of the Holy Family was moved to the Sunday after Christmas in 1969, bringing it within the Christmas season.



The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honor to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honor to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family.

We can go further to affirm that in a certain sense Christ, Himself, was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother and foster father by submitting Himself, with infinite humility, to the duty of filial obedience towards them. This is what St Bernard of Clairvaux said in this regard, ‘God, to whom angels submit themselves and who principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary’s sake. God obeyed a human creature; this is humility without precedent. A human creature commands God; it is sublime beyond measure.’ (First Homily on the ‘Missus Est’).

XIV. Administrator's Schedule in December, 2025

- 01: 9:30am Blessing and Laying of the Foundation Stone for the new building of Holy Cross School, Ghanpur
- 02: 6:00pm United Mega Christmas Second Preparatory Meeting
- 03: Feast of St Francis Xavier: 10:30am Feast mass at Rajupet Parish
- 04: 10:30am: Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Nava Drushti Eye Hospital, Fatimanagar
5:00pm: Jubilee Committee Preparatory Second Meeting, Bishop's House, Fatimanagar
- 05: Office Day
- 06: am Seminar for Catholic Education Leaders Conducted by TCBC, Hyderabad“
3:00pm Marriage at Bandlaguda, Archdiocese of Hyderabad
- 07: 9:00am Immaculate Conception Church Feast Celebrations at Subedari Parish
- 09: 10:00am MET Trust Meeting at Medicare General Hospital
3:30pm Consultors Meeting at Bishop's House, Fatimanagar
- 12: Holy Matrimony at Veleru Parish
- 13: Diocese Level Jubilee Celebrations, Clergy Christmas Recollection at Fatimanagar
- 14: 5:30pm United Mega Christmas Celebrations at Public Garden, Hanumakonda
- 15: 11:00am Pre-Christmas Celebrations at LODIMSSS, Fatimanagar
- 17: 7:00am Provincial Chapter Meeting of DPMT Sisters, Inaugural Mass at Karunapuram
- 19: 10:00am Priestly Ordination of Dn. Arun SCJ at Reddipalem Parish
- 20: St. Ann's Congregation 150 Years Celebrations at Phirangipuram, Guntur Diocese
- 21: 11:00am Banjara Christmas Celebrations at Yesugutta, Mahabubabad
- 22: am Christmas Wishes at Bishop's House
pm 2:30pm Pre-Christmas Celebrations and Opening of Library & Labs at St. Paul's high School, Jangaon
- 23: Pre-Christmas Celebrations at CJITS, Jangaon
- 24: Christmas Vigil Mass at Fatima Cathedral
- 25: 11:00am Christmas Day Mass at Dharmasagar Parish
- 27: Provincial Chapter of Mary Mediatrix Congregation, Holy Mass at Mary Mediatrix Convent, Karunapuram
- 28: 7:30am: Jubilee 2025 Closing Mass at Fatima Cathedral
- 29: 9:00am Holy Matrimony at Emjala Parish, Archdiocese of Hyderabad
- 31: New Year Vigil Mass at Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar

XV. Communications

1. Hearty Congratulations Monsignor M. M. Joseph on Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee

Warm and hearty congratulations to Monsignor M.M. Joseph as he joyfully celebrates the Silver Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination. Born on 7 March 1975 in Ramachandrapuram and ordained on 22 April 2001 for the Diocese of Warangal, Monsignor Joseph has distinguished himself through exemplary pastoral dedication and outstanding service to the Universal Church. From his early ministry as Vice Director of Vidyaniketan Junior College and Diocesan Youth Director, to his pastoral experience in New York, his priestly journey has been marked by zeal, humility, and commitment. His remarkable contribution to the Holy See's diplomatic service includes assignments in Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Pakistan, Zambia and Malawi, Ukraine, and presently Poland, where he continues to serve as Counsellor. Honored by Pope Francis with the title of Monsignor in 2017, he stands as a shining witness of faithful service, missionary spirit, and ecclesial dedication. May the Lord who began this good work in him bring it to fulfillment and continue to bless his ministry abundantly.



2. Diocese Level Jubilee Celebrations on December 13, 2025: As you are aware, the Jubilee 2025 celebrations at the diocesan level will be held on December 13, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This event is a special occasion of grace and renewal for our entire diocesan community as we join the Universal Church in celebrating the Jubilee Year.

Kindly make announcements in all your parishes and warmly encourage the faithful, religious, and parish groups to take part in this meaningful celebration. The event is open to all, and we sincerely look forward to the enthusiastic participation of our people.

For smooth organization, hospitality, and logistical planning, please send the approximate number of participants from your parish through the respective Deans.

Detailed program and further instructions will be shared with you shortly via WhatsApp.

3. Annual Returns for the year 2025, from January to December: All Parish Priests and Heads of the Institutions are requested to start preparing Annual Returns for the year 2025 from January to December, which are to be sent to Rome in the First Quarter of 2025. Forms of Annual Returns will be sent to you by post. If you don't get them, please contact Chancellor & Procurator or Secretary to Bishop, and get the forms by all means. After receiving the forms, please fill them correctly & fully and send them latest by end of January to the Chancellor & Procurator or Secretary to Bishop.

4. Ordo 2026: Ordo 2026 is available at Bishop's House. Please avail @ Rs. 50/- to celebrate liturgy in holy and meaningful manner!

5. Advent Begins on 30 November 2025: Advent, (from Latin *adventus*, “coming”), in the Christian church calendar, the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and also of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ. In Western churches, Advent begins on the Sunday nearest to November 30 (St. Andrew’s Day) and is the beginning of the liturgical year. In many Eastern churches, the Nativity Fast is a similar period of penance and preparation that occurs during the 40 days before Christmas. The date when the season was first observed is uncertain. Bishop Perpetuus of Tours (461–490) established a fast before Christmas that began on November 11 (St. Martin’s Day), and the Council of Tours (567) mentioned an Advent season.

The liturgical meaning of the Advent season referred to the dual “coming” of Jesus then Roman Catholicism the traditional liturgical color for Advent is violet; many Protestant denominations have adopted blue or purple. The third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, is commonly marked by the use of rose-colored vestments and candles.

6. Communio India contribution for the Year 2025: 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. This year it falls on 30th of November. I request the Parish Priest to observe the Communio India Sunday any Sunday in December 2025-January 2026 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.

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

7. News from the Pastoral Centre

A. Marriage Preparation Course (MPC): Marriage Preparation Course is held on 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, providing engaged couples with a rich blend of spiritual enrichment and practical insights vital for a flourishing marriage. This month, we joyfully welcomed 14 enthusiastic participants who actively engaged in sessions led by Director- Pastoral Centre and Mrs. Jyothi MPC Team Member.

B. Report on the CCBI Prison Ministry Commission Meeting held in Kerala: I attended the Prison Ministry meeting in Kerala, conducted by the CCBI Prison Ministry Commission, from October 28–31, 2025. During the meeting, we discussed the establishment of a Legal Aid Cell consisting of all Catholic lawyers in the Diocese to support prisoners and their families. We also deliberated on developing a comprehensive Structured Roadmap based on the 3R Framework: Rescue, Reform, and Rehabilitate, which includes both long-term and short-

term action plans for State and Diocesan levels. Another key point emphasized was the need for Certified Training for all those engaged in Prison Ministry to ensure effective and professional service.

C. Report on National Conference for Regional & Diocesan Secretaries for Proclamation and Regional PMO Directors – 2025: I attended the National Conference for Regional & Diocesan Secretaries for Proclamation and Regional PMO Directors – 2025, held at Nav Sadhana Regional Pastoral Centre, Shivpur, Varanasi, from 20–21 November 2025. The conference, organized by the National Proclamation Commission and the Pontifical Mission Organizations (PMO), India, brought together Diocesan Secretaries and Regional Directors to review the proclamation ministry, strengthen collaborative efforts, and discuss pastoral strategies for evangelization across the country.

Fr. T. Joseph, Director-Pastoral Centre

8. News from LODI MSSS:

I. 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 this reporting period:

- i) Eight trainings were conducted on Fodder development and Backyard Poultry and 258 farmers attended from 23 villages.
- ii) In 23 villages, 400 Women members were given 4000 chicks under the Backyard Poultry program.

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

Achievements in November:

- i. Distributed fodder seeds to 50 members to grow fodder for milk animals and enhance milk yield.
- ii. 500 women were trained on promotion of backyard poultry, vaccination, feeding to poultry and to enhance secondary source of income of the target families in 16 villages.

III. Care & Support Programme for HIV/ Aids infected/affected children

- Children's Day was celebrated for HIV/ Aids infected/affected children on 14-11-2025
- Free medical camp was organized at Lodi MSSS for HIV positive children and adults.
- Awareness meeting on HIV/Aids and Linkage programs was organized.

IV. Revolving Fund Loans:

- 183 women of 6 villages were supported with the loan of Rs. 35,10,000/-
- 91 members of Fatima Mahila Sahakara Sangam were given general loan of Rs. 88,40,000/-
- Total Savings during the month of November: Rs. 3,89,700/-

Fr. S. Inna Reddy, Director-LODI MSSS

9. News from WADES: Technology in Education,

Technology has become an integral part of our lives. From learning and researching to connecting with others, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and social media open exciting doors. Yet, these doors of opportunities come with responsibilities. As young citizens of a rapidly digitising India, you must use these platforms with awareness and integrity.

Many of you use AI tools for homework, projects, or coding. These tools can support learning, but cannot replace our own thinking, effort, or originality. Use AI as a guide, not a substitute, always ask yourself: “Is this truly my work and understanding?” Real learning happens when you question, analyse, and apply knowledge in real life. Social media, too, has two sides. It connects, informs, and gives everyone a voice, but also presents challenges such as misinformation, cyberbullying and unhealthy comparisons.

What you post online may stay forever, shaping how others see you. Be careful with comments and shares. Practice digital discipline. Verify information, limit screen time and be respectful. Your worth is not measured by likes or followers but by character and your skills.

India’s future depends on responsible and ethical youth. If you use technology wisely, you will grow into confident and capable citizens.

Let us be modern yet mindful, connected yet compassionate. Use technology to empower, not to overpower, to create, not to copy, to unite.

Fr. M. Jaya Paul, DM - WADES

10. Banjara Christmas Celebrations-2025

As every Year we Conduct Banjara Christmas and invite all especially Banjaras to participate and give witness to this new Mission.

Venue : Yesu Gutta Divine Mercy Shrine, Shanigapuram
Date : 21-12-2025
Time : 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Fr. Simon, Parish Priest, Mahabubabad

11. United Mega Christmas Celebration

Date: 14th of December 2025; **Time:** 6.30 pm

Venue: Public Garden, Hanumakonda

Chairmen: Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul & Bishop Daniel Kalyanapu

General Convenor: Rev. Fr. T. Joseph-Director- Pastoral Centre

Co-Convenor: Rev. Christopher Bojja, TCF & Rev. Manda Kumar

12. News from Youth Centre: The Mega Job Mela organized by the Arunodaya Youth Centre with the Collaboration of Dhisha Don Bosco on 28th November 2025 at Bala Vikas Social Service Center was a remarkable and highly successful initiative aimed at empowering Catholic and Christian job seekers with meaningful employment opportunities. Under the dynamic leadership of Fr. Vijaya Paul, Administrator of the Diocese of Warangal, the

programme witnessed enthusiastic participation and commendable outcomes. Fr. Vijaya Paul, the Chief Guest of the day, delivered an inspiring and thought-provoking address, encouraging the candidates to prove their capacity and caliber while wishing them success for their interviews.



Other dignitaries on the dais also enlightened the participants with their valuable insights. Fr. Suresh, Youth Director, warmly welcomed everyone with a motivating message; Fr. Joseph, Pastoral Center Director, offered an inspirational reflection for job seekers; and Fr. Jaypaul SDB, Rector of Don Bosco Mariapuram, addressed the gathering with encouraging words. Fr. Justin, Director of Dhisha Don Bosco, along with Adhitya Teja, Coordinator of Dhisha Don Bosco, played an instrumental role in organizing and coordinating the event.

The highlights of the day included the participation of 23 reputed companies, a turnout of 370 students, and the successful selection of 185 candidates across various companies. Notably, 30 offer letters were issued on the spot, adding immense joy and confidence to the young aspirants. Overall, the Mega Job Mela proved to be an excellent platform for youth to connect with recruiters, receive career guidance, and secure promising job opportunities. Sincere appreciation is extended to Fr. Vijaya Paul for his visionary leadership in promoting youth empowerment, as well as to Fr. Justin SDB for arranging this program in our Diocese. Special congratulations to the CJIT staff and students for their meticulous preparation and wholehearted efforts that contributed significantly to the grand success of the event.

Fr. P. Suresh, Director-Youth Centre

13. News from SCMA: Christian Divine Melodies (CDM-2025), organized by St. Cecilia Music Academy of Warangal Diocese, was successfully conducted as a Group Singing Competition for various Christian choir groups across the Warangal Tri-Cities. A total of 120 groups enrolled, and 92 actively participated under Panel A and Panel B. The competitions were judged by renowned experts: Rev. Fr. Dusi Ravi Shekar SJ, Sri Bossie Anthony, Smt. Shilpa Veena, and Sr. Madiri Prisca Xavier.



The whole-day programme was held on the eve of St. Cecilia Feast, honouring the Patroness of Musicians. In the evening, a grand Christian Musical Festival featured a 1,000-member choir from different denominations. Distinguished church leaders graced the occasion, including Rev. Fr. Duggimpudi Vijaya Paul, the Administrator of Warangal Diocese, Bishop Rev. Daniel

Kalyanapu, Rev. Pastor Supriya Sarveshwar, and several priests, committee leaders, and CBC Hanumakonda executive members.

Cash prizes and mementos were awarded to all participating choirs, including consolation prizes. Fellowship meals were served to nearly 2,000 members in the afternoon and night at CBC premises. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, group photography, and joyful choreography, making CDM–2025 a memorable celebration of unity, faith, and divine music.

Fr. N. Surender, SCMA-Director

15. News from Father Colombo College of Allied Health Sciences: "Building Tomorrow's Healthcare Heroes"

Father Colombo Institute of Medical Sciences, has taken a bold step forward by establishing Father Colombo College of Allied Health Sciences & College of Paramedical Sciences in 2024. With a wide range of degree and diploma courses in key specialties, the colleges are preparing young minds for careers that are both demand-driven and deeply rewarding. From Operation Theatre Technologists who assist in life-saving surgeries, to Medical Lab Technologists who detect hidden diseases, from Radiology experts who capture what the eye cannot see, to Emergency care professionals who save lives in critical moments—these courses are opening doors to futures that combine service, skill and security.

At Father Colombo College of Allied Health Sciences, students can choose from a wide range of B.Sc. Allied Health Sciences programs (4 years, 20 seats in each discipline):

1. Anaesthesia Technology (ANT)
2. Operation Theatre Technology (OTT)
3. Cardiac and Cardio Vascular Technology (CVT)
4. Renal Dialysis Technology (RDT)
5. Respiratory Therapy Technology (RPT)
6. Neuro Science Technology (NST)
7. Critical Care Technology (CCT)
8. Radiology and Imaging Technology (RIT)

The eligibility remains simple—for degree Allied Health Science Courses Intermediate with Bi.P.C. — yet the outcomes are powerful: -

within a short time, students can step into respected careers with immense scope both in India and abroad. For families looking for affordable yet impactful education, this is a golden opportunity.

We invite principals, teachers, priests and sisters to guide students towards these programs. By doing so, you are not just shaping their careers—you are strengthening the entire healthcare system of our society.

For more details please visit: www.fcimswgl.in or contact us: 0870-2420426.

Together, let us raise a new generation of healthcare heroes.

Fr. T. Tharun Reddy, Director -FCIMS

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

- 01: 5:30 PM: Participated in the United Mega Christmas Preparatory Meeting at Bishop's House
- 02: 7:30 AM: Celebrated All Souls Day Holy Mass at Fatima Cathedral
- 03: 3:15 PM: Attended the CJITS Finance Committee Meeting at Bishop's House, Fatimanagar
- 05: 6:15 AM: Celebrated Holy Mass at Fatima Cathedral
2:30 PM: Participated in the CRI Warangal Unit Jubilee Celebrations and Celebrated Holy Mass at Holy Land, Karunapuram
5:30 PM: Attended the St. Cecilia Music Academy Singing Competitions at CBC, Hanumakonda
- 06: Celebrated Mass at Reddipalem, Moghilicherla
- 08: 10:00 AM: Blessed the Marriage at Fatima Cathedral
- 09: Con-celebrated the Holy Mass on the occasion of Baptism at Fatima Cathedral
5:30 PM: Celebrated Holy Mass and took part in Mission Sunday Celebrations at Fatima Cathedral
- 10: Conducted Governing Body Meeting of CJITS
- 14: 4:00 PM: Blessed the New School Block and participated in the Children's Day and School Day Celebrations at Mount Carmel School, Palakurthy Parish
- 15: 4:00 PM: Participated in Blessing and Inauguration the Divyavani TV Building at Ramanthapur, Hyderabad
- 16: 6:15 AM: Celebrated the Jubilee Mass at Raghunathapally Village, Kanchanapally Parish
8:00 AM: Celebrated the Jubilee Mass at Kanchanapally Parish
12:00 PM: Celebrated the Jubilee Mass at Jangaon Parish
5:30PM Celebrated Mass in the Cemetery at Fatimanagar
- 19: 5:30 PM Celebrated Mass at Fatima Cathedral
- 20: Attended White Coat Ceremony at FCIMS
- 21: 10:00 AM: Celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the BVM with Holy Mass at Gudur Village
2:00 PM: Blessed and inaugurated the Adoration Chapel and Residential Block at Jeevadhara Prayer Centre, Rampur
- 22: 8:30am: Attended the Ground Breaking Ceremony for Adoration Chapel at Singaram Parish
5:30 PM: Celebrated the Holy Mass on the occasion of the Christ the King Feast and Annual Feast Celebrations at Pegadapally Village, Palivelpula Parish
- 23: 11:00 AM: Blessed and inaugurated the Marian Grotto at Nekkonda Parish
- 25: Attended Regional Jubilee 2025 Review Meeting at St. John's Seminary.
- 26: Participated in the special program conducted for needy children and the elderly by Fr. Jerome at Jeevadhara Prayer Centre, Rampur
- 28: Attended the Job Mela organized by Arunodaya Youth Centre at the Pastoral Centre, Fatimanagar

- 29: 9:30 AM: Con-celebrated the Priestly Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Msgr. M. M. Joseph, Counsellor of the Apostolic Nunciature, Poland
- 30: 7:30am Celebrated Mass in Cathedral on 1st Sunday of Advent.

Best wishes for Birthday Babies in December

Fr. G. Chinnappa	12-12-1985
Fr. G. Balaswamy	19-12-1965
Fr. Y. Bala	19-12-1967
Fr. G. Thomas (Sr)	30-12-1978

Congratulations on Priestly Ordination Anniversary

Fr. I. Abraham	21-12-1967
Fr. A. Prakash	29-12-1970

United Mega Christmas Competitions

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13th UNITED GRAND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS
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Blessing and Inauguration of Divyavani T. V. Building at Ramanthapur, Hyderabad



Jubilee Mass at Raghunathapally Village of Kanchanapally Parish



Jubilee Mass at Kanchanapally Parish



Jubilee Mass at Jangaon Parish



Feast of the Presentation of BVM Holy Mass at Gudur Village



Blessing and Inauguration of Adoration Chapel & Residential Block at Jeevadhara Prayer Centre, Rampur



Christ the King Church Annual Feast Celebrations at Pegadapally Village, Palivelpula Parish



Blessing and Inauguration of Marian Grotto at Nekkonda Parish



Christian Divine Melodies conducted by SCMA at CBC Hanmakonda



Special Program for the needy children and elderly conducted by Fr. Jerome, Jeevadhara Prayer Centre, Rampur



Ground Breaking Ceremony for Adoration Chapel, Singaram Parish

Job Mela organized by Arunodaya Youth Centre at Balavikasa, Fatimanagar



Priestly Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Msgr. M.M Joseph, Counsellor of Apostolic Nunciature, Poland