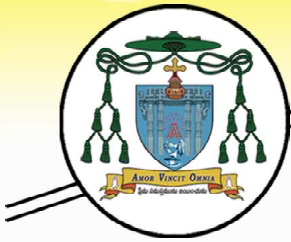


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**Happy Easter**



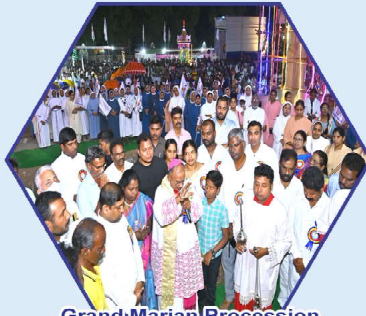
**Thanksgiving & Farewell Mass for**  
**Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala**



# Flag Hoisting : Fatima Feast 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Novena



Honouring the Silver & Golden Jubilerian Married Couples



Grand-Marian Procession



Grand Marian Procession



Candle Lit -Eucharist Procession & Benediction



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Pontifical High Mass





**I. Affectionate Adieu, Gracious Goodbye**

**Dear Loving Priests, Consecrated, Catechists and Faithful**

**God took a Chance on me**

***You shaped me an Archbishop and God took a chance on me!***

God took a risk in appointing me as an Archbishop! With mixed feelings of excitement, I have much to be thankful for this one of the best dioceses in the Church of Ecclesiastical Region! And I proclaim to you that this local Church tried to be at the front of God's mission. Therefore, I have much to be thankful for in having served here together with you ALL. Let us, in this challenging world make ourselves fit for the mission we are all called. You are all good hearted with praying and serving hands, only which would change this world, the society in this illustrious diocese, wherein the PIME missionaries toiled by shedding sweat, so as the Seed of the Word of God sprouted and grew into the tree of the Diocese of Warangal! In 2021, Pope Francis told Bishops to find their true joy by living the "smell of the sheep". I have been blessed with big breath to smell you all as the sheep that God has given me to care for the last 12 to 13 years. I have sought to follow the pattern of the Good Shepherd. I am sorry for the ways in which I have failed you. But I can say that in all these years journeying with you, I have lacked nothing by God's grace and in your company.



**Farewell Message**

With a heart filled with varied emotions of joyful tears, I write this farewell message to express my deep gratitude and affection as I prepare to board on a new chapter in my journey as a priest cum Bishop. It is with a sense of excitement that I bid farewell to the loving community of the Church of Warangal, which has been my home for the past very many years. I was born, brought up and was ordained a priest for this diocese. As I reflect upon my time here, I cannot help but be overwhelmed by the innumerable blessings and graces that God has bestowed upon me. Your commitment to your faith and service has been an inspiration to me, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have served alongside you. Your prayers have been a source of enormous strength and support to my episcopal ministry. They have sustained me through both the joys and challenges of my ministry. The united work in the Mission have been a reminder that we are all interconnected, united in our faith, through Jesus Christ! I am particularly grateful for the honour and privilege to celebrate the sacraments with you, and proclaiming the Goodnews of Jesus Christ. These sacred moments have deepened my own faith and have enriched my faith in the profound love that God has for each of us.

**Goodbye Address: Biblical Examples (Acts 20:17-38)**

There is an old proverb that defines the only certainties in life as 'death and taxes'. To that short list most of us would add the *inevitability of change*. While the changes we face in life know no time or season, many occur at transition points woven into the secular calendar. Embracing personal and corporate change that transitions generate is possible because of the assurance that God is with us in all times and circumstances.

**Biblical examples** and theological affirmations assure us of the presence of God with individuals and with communities of faith through the many seasons of life. The two dimensions of any life transition are “*acknowledging the past and anticipating the future*” serve as lenses for a message! Biblical character of offering examples of leaving is Moses, who blesses the Israelites before turning them over to Joshua’s leadership. Another is St. Paul, who as a part of his 3rd missionary journey, Paul stayed in Ephesus and lived there for about three years. God used him while he was there, and the Church in Ephesus had been marked by his ministry. They knew him. He lived among them. He was their pastor, their brother, their friend, and their fellow worker. He called the leaders of the Ephesian Church for one last talk. I experiencing some of the same emotions but thankfully, I’m not going to a faraway country.

### **Paul Leaving for a New Mission**

“Behold, I am going to Jerusalem, compelled by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God... And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him.” ([Acts 20: 22-24, 36-37](#)). But there’s something deeply personal in the relationship between a pastor and his people. The relationship goes beyond the professional. Love enters the picture. It’s an emotionally charged picture.

### **My New Mission in Archdiocese**

As I prepare to take on new responsibility as the Archbishop of Visakhapatnam, which was the first missionary Centre in Telugu Region by stretching from Vizag-Nagpur-Cuttack Bhubaneswar Karnatic Mission! It is vast in area on the coast of Bay of Bengal with a big port, more numerous in Catholic population, vibrant in Faith, fervent Mission, and more. I carry with me the fond memories and rich experiences I have gained all of you at Warangal. You have left an indelible mark on my heart, and I will forever cherish the relationships, which we have formed and the moments we have shared. Let us continue to support and pray for one another, even as our paths separate us as Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. I have no doubt that both the dioceses will continue to grow in faith, love, and service, guided by the Holy Spirit. As I move onward, please know that you will remain in my prayers, and I humbly ask for your prayers as well, that God may grant me the strength and wisdom to shepherd the new flock entrusted to my care. No matter the distance that separates us, God continues to unite us through the celebration of the Mass, for we all share and participate in the one Mass that is celebrated in Heaven for all eternity. I pray that you continue to grow in faith, so that Jesus Christ in the Eucharist will truly be the source and summit of your lives!

*May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Star of Evangelization continue to with us in both the dioceses in order to proclaim her Son more efficiently and effectively! Good Bye*

***God bless YOU WARANGAL and you all will be in my thoughts and prayers!***





## **II. Holy Father's Intention: For the Use of New Technologies**

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

## **III. Message of His Holiness Pope Francis: 'Every Vocation is animated by Hope'**

Pope Francis emphasized the role of hope in vocational discernment in his message for the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations released by the Vatican on Wednesday.

“Vocation is a precious gift that God sows in hearts, a call to step outside oneself to undertake a journey of love and service,” wrote Francis in his address on March 19.



The hospitalized pope described how vocations develop through “trust in providence” and said Christian hope goes beyond optimism to become “a certainty rooted in faith in God, who works in the history of every person.”

Francis called on Church leaders to support younger generations in their vocational journeys while encouraging young people to work with “the Holy Spirit” in discovering their life’s purpose. The pope pointed to young saints as examples of those who found “complete happiness in relationship with the living Christ” through their vocations.

On the solemnity of St. Joseph, Francis explained that vocational paths develop through “daily fidelity to the Gospel, prayer, discernment, and service” and concluded by urging Church communities to foster vocational awareness across various aspects of life. “The Church is alive and fruitful when it generates new vocations,” he added.

“Our world looks, often unknowingly, for witnesses of hope who proclaim with their lives that following Christ is a source of true joy. Let us never tire, then, of asking the Lord for new laborers for his harvest, certain that with great love he continues to call them.”

In closing, the pope entrusted efforts of the young faithful “to follow the Lord to the intercession of Mary, mother of the Church and mother of vocations. Keep walking as pilgrims of hope on the path of the Gospel! I accompany you with my blessing and I ask you, please, to pray for me.”



**IV. Letter from the Synod Secretariat in Rome regarding the implementation phase of the Synod for a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission**



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**Letter on the Accompaniment Process  
of the Implementation Phase of the Synod**

Vatican, 15 March 2025  
Prot. No. 250062

Your Beatitude, Eminence, Excellency,  
Dear Brother in Christ,

in a spirit of communion and co-responsibility, I write to you and to the holy People of God entrusted to your care regarding the implementation phase of the Synod For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission». The Holy Father hopes that this phase, as outlined in the Apostolic Constitution *Episcopalis Communio* (n. 7, arts. 19-21), receives particular attention so that synodality is increasingly understood and lived as an essential dimension of the ordinary life of local Churches and the entire Church.

On 11 March, the Holy Father definitively approved the start of a process of accompaniment and evaluation of the implementation phase by the General Secretariat of the Synod. This process calls upon Dioceses and Eparchies, Episcopal Conferences, and the hierarchical structures of the Eastern Catholic Churches, as well as their continental groupings. They will be responsible for engaging institutes of consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, lay associations, ecclesial movements, and new communities present in their territories. It will ultimately culminate in the celebration of an ecclesial assembly in the Vatican in October 2028. For now, therefore, a new Synod will not be convened; instead, the focus will be on consolidating the path taken so far.

In the Accompanying Note to the Final Document of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, the Holy Father had already specified that it is part of the ordinary magisterium of the Successor of Peter and and, as such, must be received accordingly. He went on to explain that it is not strictly normative but nonetheless calls on the Churches to make consistent choices. In particular, the local Churches and groupings of Churches are now called upon to implement, in their different contexts, the authoritative proposals contained in the Document through the processes of discernment and decision-making provided for by law and by the Document itself».

To the Patriarchs and Major Archbishops of the Eastern Catholic Churches  
To all Bishops and Eparchs  
To the Presidents of the Episcopal Conferences  
To the Presidents of the International Meetings of Episcopal Conferences

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- **June 2025-December 2026:** implementation paths in local Churches and their groupings,
- **24-26 October 2025:** Jubilee of synodal teams and participatory bodies;
- **first half of 2027:** evaluation Assemblies in Dioceses and Eparchies;
- **second half of 2027:** evaluation Assemblies in national and international Episcopal Conferences, Eastern hierarchical structures, and other groupings of Churches,
- **first half of 2028:** continental evaluation Assemblies;
- **June 2028:** publication of the *Instrumentum laboris* for the works of the ecclesial Assembly in October 2028,
- **October 2028:** celebration of the ecclesial Assembly in the Vatican

As of now, the General Secretariat of the Synod is committed to accompanying and supporting the Churches on this journey.

**Mario Card. Grech**  
**Secretary General**

#### **V. Vatican Document Life is Always Good**

The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life has published a 40-page document calling for organized pro-life initiatives in every diocese.

The document, “[Life is always a good: Initiating Processes for a Pastoral Care of Human Life](#),” commemorates the 30th anniversary of [Evangelium Vitae](#), Pope St. John Paul II’s encyclical letter on the value and inviolability of human life.

“In a time marked by extremely serious violations of human dignity, with many countries afflicted by wars and all sorts of violence—especially against women, children before and after birth, adolescents, people with disabilities, the elderly, the poor and migrants—we must forge a genuine Pastoral Care of Human Life,” Cardinal Kevin Farrell, the dicastery’s prefect, wrote in the document’s preface. “Therefore, every person’s life should always be respected, safeguarded, and defended. This principle, which is recognizable even by reason alone, is to be implemented in every country, village, and household.”

Cardinal Farrell called for the development of “an organic and structured Pastoral Care of Human Life, which can provide workers, educators, teachers, parents, young people, and children the right formation to respect the value of life.”

#### **He explained:**

I am referring to an “organic” ecclesial pastoral care, since the Church is a dynamic living organism; it is the Body of Christ that grows bigger. It is entrusted with the priceless gift of life. As such, it is called to always defend, promote, and serve life, every human life. Therefore, the Pastoral Care of Life should engage all the “organs” that compose the Body of the Church,



all its faithful, pastors, and lay people. It should be a constant and dynamic concern for every baptized faithful, fostering a united, clear, and consistent pastoral care, which is also well-integrated in all its aspects.

In this respect, the Pastoral Framework does not aim to provide particular Churches [i.e., dioceses] with present and ready-to-use “recipes.” Instead, it aims to initiate “processes” to develop a Pastoral Care of Human Life all over.

The document offers extensive guidance to dioceses for organizing such frameworks. The document also states that the world’s bishops, in their *ad limina* visits, identified 16 pro-life priorities, with the following six the most frequently identified: (1) legal abortion, (2) contraception, (3) sexual morality/ gender, (4) in-vitro fertilization, (5) euthanasia and assisted suicide, and (6) trafficking of women and children (p. 15).

### **The Document Concludes:**

Do not be discouraged by secularization, the lack of Christian values, laws that legitimize the worldwide suppression of life. Let us continue to foster a positive dialogue with culture, so that all younger generations can know the truth about the priceless value of every human life ...

Every human life, unique and unrepeatable, is of inestimable value. This must be proclaimed and calls us to solidarity and fraternal love for the whole human family. Therefore, with Saint John Paul II, we remind the world of the call he addressed to all of us over thirty years ago: “Respect, defend, love and serve life, every human life!” (*Evangelium vitae*, 5), in every situation and stage of development.

## **VI. Paschal Triduum**

The Latin word Triduum means a period of three days. The Easter Triduum unfolds the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. It is the culmination of all liturgical celebrations during the year. During the Easter Triduum, Christians commemorate the central events of their Salvation. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday with the Easter Vigil run through the essential core of Christian faith: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. By participating in the Easter Triduum, Christians want to awaken in them the living memory of the sufferings that the Jesus Christ endured for them. They prepare their hearts to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. For Christians, Easter is the biggest day in the liturgical year.



On **Holy Thursday**, Christians enact the Last Supper, in which the Lord Jesus, on the eve of his Passion and Death, instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of the ministerial Priesthood. The traditional English name for this day, Maundy Thursday, comes from the Latin phrase *mandatum novum* – a new command – which comes from Jesus’ words: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another” (Jn 13: 34). On Maundy

Thursday, Jesus established the new commandment of love. During the Mass on Maundy Thursday, Christians remember that Jesus Christ gave his body and blood to them as a remedy for immortality. Therefore, the Eucharist became the source and Summit of Christian life. With the humble and expressive gesture of the washing of the feet, Christians are invited to recall what the Lord Jesus did for his apostles: by washing their feet he concretely proclaimed the primacy of love. He also anticipated the supreme sacrifice of his life which would be consumed the next day on the Calvary.

**Good Friday** is a day to commemorate the Passion, Cross, and death of Jesus Christ. It's a day of fasting. The liturgy of Good Friday consists of three parts: the liturgy of the Word, the veneration of the Cross and the reception of the Holy Communion. On Good Friday, there is no Mass because Christians keep the somber and mournful atmosphere of the day. The Body of Christ distributed on Good Friday is consecrated on Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday, Christians remember the humiliation that Christ Jesus undertook for the entire humanity. By dying on the Cross, Jesus takes the suffering and sin of the entire humanity upon him. The veneration of the Cross recalls to the Christians that Cross of Jesus Christ became a sign of victory on Good Friday. The participation in the Way of Cross helps Christians to associate themselves with the sufferings of Christ.

**Holy Saturday** is marked by profound silence. The Churches are stripped and no special liturgical celebration is foreseen except the Easter Vigil. Waiting for the great event of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Christians persevere with Mary in praying and meditating. On Holy Saturday, great importance is given to participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, an indispensable way to purify the heart and prepare to celebrate Easter. Saturday of silence, meditation, forgiveness and reconciliation will lead Christians to the Easter Vigil. At the heart of the night, the Paschal candle, the symbol of Jesus Christ in glory, is lit from the new fire. Jesus Christ, the light of humanity, dispels the darkness of heart and mind and illuminates every human being who comes into the World. All the faithful gathered join in procession back to the main sanctuary. The Priest carries the Paschal candle, lifting it three different times and chanting: "Christ our Light". The people respond by singing: "Thanks be to God". All people in the Church light their candles from the Paschal candle and then they process into the sanctuary. Then, the Exultet is sung by the deacon or cantor. It is a hymn of praise to God for the light of the Paschal candle from 4th century, from the time of Saint Ambrose.

It is a beautiful song of light and glory: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, Radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever! ... May the Morning Star which never sets Find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all mankind, Your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

**The Easter Vigil** affirms that Christ is truly Risen and death has no power over Him. By his death he has conquered evil forever and has given to all humans the very life of God. The

Bible readings during the celebration give an overview of salvation history and God's interventions into time and space from the time of Creation till today. From the ancient time, the Easter Vigil was also the celebration for adult converts to be baptized and enter the Church. The catechumens received the Sacrament of Baptism and all faithful renewed their baptismal promises.

**Easter Sunday** is a day of joy and celebration. Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The time of fasting and penance is over! Christians sing Alleluia to glorify God for all marvelous things that happen in their life. They fill their life from the life of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Thousands of pilgrims come to the Churches during the Easter Triduum to participate in different celebrations. They come from different walks of life. Rich and poor, healthy and sick, big and small, belonging to different cultures and backgrounds, people come to participate in the Divine Mystery of Jesus Christ.

### **VII. Solemnity of Easter- April 20**

The life of our Lord on earth did not end with the Resurrection. There still remained the important and difficult task of convincing these fearful, doubting apostles of his that he had risen as he said he would. It wasn't easy. It took forty days and many appearances to do this. The Gospels during this Easter Season have been about these appearances. The important lesson for us in all of these appearances of the Risen Jesus is that the joy and the power of the Resurrection is not to be found in the empty tomb or in the testimony of someone else. It is to be found only in a personal encounter, with the Risen Jesus. The empty tomb did nothing for Mary Magdalene. She thought that the gardener or someone else had taken the body away, and there was only tears, disappointment and sorrow. It was when Mary recognized and embraced the Risen Jesus that she experienced the joy and the power of the Resurrection.



Two disciples were on the road to Emmaus getting out of town. The empty tomb and the fact that some women told them that an angel said he had risen didn't convince them either. Then they had an encounter with the Risen Jesus in the form of a stranger. Finally, they recognize him in the breaking of bread and are so filled with joy that they turn around and hurry back to the city to spread the good news. The empty tomb and the testimony of the others did nothing for the apostles either. They thought that it was all over. They locked themselves in a room for fear that they too would be crucified. Then they encountered the Risen Jesus. "Peace be with you. As the father has sent me, so I send you," he said to them. Suddenly, these cowardly apostles are transformed into fearless martyrs who defy the chief priest and are willing to suffer death, "rejoicing to be found worthy to suffer something for the name of Jesus."



### VIII. Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27)

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led



her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion. When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world.

### IX. Calendar for April, 2025

- 02: Adieu to the Diocese of Warangal
- 03: 4pm-Installation of Bishop Udumala Bala as the Archbishop of Visakhapatnam, Vizag
- 09: Episcopal Ordination of Msgr. Saginala Prakash, Cuddapah Diocese
- 17: Maundy Thursday
- 18: Good Friday:  
pm Celebration of Passion of Christ,  
Good Friday Collections are towards the Maintenance of the Holy Land
- 19: Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil
- 20: Easter Sunday

#### May 2025

- 2: Platinum Jubilee of Prakashreddypet Village, Subedari Parish
- 3: Blessing & Inauguration of Piarist Fathers School at Karimnagar

## **X. Communications**

**1. Hearty Congratulations to Msgr. Saginala Prakash, New Bishop of Cuddapah:** Fr. Paul Prakash Saginala has been appointed as the new Bishop of Cuddapah by Pope Francis. The announcement was made public on March 8, 2025. Until now, he has been serving as a professor of Sacred Scripture at Saint John's Regional Seminary in Hyderabad.



Born on November 28, 1960, in Badvel, Diocese of Cuddapah, Fr. Paul Prakash Saginala pursued his studies in philosophy and theology at the Sacred Heart Seminary in Poonamallee, Chennai. He later earned a diploma in journalism from Delhi University. He was ordained a priest on April 27, 1987, for the Diocese of Cuddapah. In the early years of his priestly ministry, he served as the assistant parish priest in Chittoor from 1987 to 1988. He then took on the role of correspondent at St. Joseph's Boarding and High School in Mariapuram, Cuddapah, from 1988 to 1991. From 1991 to 1994, he was the parish priest in Tekurpet.

He pursued higher studies and obtained a doctorate in biblical theology from the Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome, where he studied from 1994 to 1998. Following this, he served as the Vice Rector of Collegio San Paolo in Rome from 1998 to 2004. Upon returning to India, he was appointed parish priest and dean in Proddatur, a position he held until 2008. His commitment to theological education led him to serve as a professor of Sacred Scripture at Saint John's Regional Seminary in Hyderabad from 2008 to 2015. He then moved to Masapet, Cuddapah, where he served as chancellor and parish priest from 2015 to 2022. Since 2022, he has been once again a professor of Sacred Scripture at Saint John's Regional Seminary in Hyderabad.

## **2. Word of Gratitude for OLF Feast: by Chief Shepherd**

The Celebrations of the Annual Solemnity of Our Lady of Fatima were spiritual and solemn. Around 12000 people attended the Holy Eucharist with 150 members Choir! It was very spiritual, solemn and melodious celebration, real Catholic and Warangal! I thank All who prayed n worked towards such elevating celebrations,

All Committees, Convener Fr. K. Marreddy and Parish Council, Fr. K. Joseph cum Fr. G. Anukiran with Clergy, Consecrated and Faithful worked a Team for one single purpose bringing Glory to God and Honor to Mother Mary! Ave Maria!

Hats off to our dynamic Priests, Consecrated and Laity!

May God reward All!

+ Udumala Bala

Bishop of Warangal



## **3. Fatima Feast Celebrations: Report**

The Diocese of Warangal was delighted in Veneration to Our Lady of Fatima through the Celebrations of Fatima Feast on March 11-13, 2025. The Diocesan Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, the General Convener and Council member were behind the very solemn Celebration of Feast. Unceasing prayers and deep Faith on the Triune God were the weapons

used for the success of Diocese Feast. Twelve Thousands of people flocked to Fatima Cathedral Campus on these days which was a clear proof that Warangal people's Faith is alive, active and dynamic!

**March 03-11, 2025:** Novena Prayers and Masses- The Holy Feast began with the hoisting of Marian Flag by Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal Diocese on March 3<sup>rd</sup> followed by Novena Prayers and Mass, which lasted for nine days represented by all the deaneries. On March 11<sup>th</sup> i.e. the final day of Novena married couple who are celebrating silver; Ruby & Golden jubilees of marital life were invited. Our Bishop honored them and they renewed their Marital promises.

**March 12, 2025: Theru was decorated with flowery glittering illumination:**

Holy Mass, Procession with OLF, Eucharistic Adoration and Candle-lit Procession & Benediction: 4.00 pm-8.00 pm: Before the Procession Holy Mass is Celebrated by Rev. Frs. Yeruva Joji Reddy and Rayappa, Kurnool Diocese, after which the procession began with the Statues of Our Lady of Fatima, St. Micheal, Jubilee Cross and Eucharist praying for all Families followed by Eucharistic Adoration, Candle-lit witness cum Eucharistic Benediction was the Crux of the day because 7000 lay people gave witness by candle lit in their hands, which was amazing and the ambience was prayerful & devotional as we see at Lourdes.



**Blessing of Maha Arch of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine & Holy Rosary Garden:** On the holy occasion of the second day of the Fatima Thirunallu, and in celebration of the Jubilee Year, we were blessed with the privilege of the Blessing and Inauguration of the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine Arch and the Rosary Garden. The arch has been beautifully designed, incorporating symbols from various religious traditions, symbolizing unity and interfaith harmony. The Rosary Garden has been constructed in the style of the famous Velankanni Shrine, offering a peaceful place for reflection and prayer.

The Blessing and Inauguration ceremony was presided over by the Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal, who, along with a gathering of priests, consecrated religious, and thousands of faithful, marked this significant event with deep reverence and joy. The event was not only a moment of spiritual renewal but also a testament to the power of faith and community.

**Cultural Programs: 9.30 pm–12.00 am:** The Climax of the day was the cultural program. Our Children made the night as bright as the day by their amazing performances.





**Pontifical High Mass:** 9.00 am: Preceded by distribution of Prizes for Catechism & Bible Quiz at 8:45am. Pontifical High Mass presided Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal & Archbishop-Elect of Visakhapatnam. The solemn Mass was attended in great number with faith-devotion. Thousands more visited the Cathedral and venerated Our Lady of Fatima praying for their witness. The festival attracts more and more devotees year after year turning into a big Jatara, incultured celebrations without superstitious practices. Whole day Blessing of the sick, suffering and needy was held by different teams of Priests.

**Soul Elevating Choir:** Pontifical Eucharist was solemn, harmonious and melodious because of the Solemn Soul Elevation Choir: Pontifical Eucharist was the solemn, harmonious and melody unison of the choir lead by Fr. N. Surender, Director of Cecilia Music Academy.

**Blessings & Offering of Prayers, Coconuts, Candles by Devotees:** Thousands of Christians and non-Christians visited the shrine of our Lady of Fatima, paid their veneration to the Mother and prayed for their needs, offered gifts, lighted candles and flowers, and had the *Darshan* of the special statue of our Lady of Fatima in the Cathedral waiting in queue for long hours. All Three days, the number of the people who offered prayers and sought Blessings was countless. Thus Our Lady of Fatima attracts people of all creeds, castes, languages and regions and leads them through Repentance, Penance and Prayer to Jesus.

**Gratitude:** The celebrations of 2025 at Warangal were a living proof of the apparitions and Miracles of Mother Mary all over the Globe especially at Fatima, Portugal. Thanks to all the Faithful, Clergy and Consecrated represented by various committees. Special thanks to all Committees and all donors of money, time and trouble. Special thanks to Divyavani for live telecast and also recorded telecast.

**Fr. Anukiran, Secretary to Bishop**

**3. Appointment:** Fr. R. Sharath was appointed as the In-charge Priest of Malkapur Parish, succeeding Fr. M. Naveen, who is undergoing treatment for his health. This appointment became effective on March 15, 2025. We place on record the services of Fr. M. Naveen at Malkapur Parish.

**4. Heartfelt of Condolences to Fr. T. Jerome:** The Diocese of Warangal is saddened to hear the news of the demise of Mrs. Thanugundla Mariamma the mother of Rev. Frs. Thanugundla Jerome and Bala Joji, aged 86 at 7:30 pm on 26-03-2025 at Sanathnagar, Hyderabad after a few days of illness. The Diocese conveys heartfelt condolences to Rev. Frs. Thanugundla Jerome and Bala Joji, and to the bereaved family and we pray that May her Soul rest in peace. The Funeral Mass and Burial Services were held at Mount Carmel Church, Bowenpally, Archdiocese of Hyderabad on 27-03-2025 @ 4pm.

In solidarity in time of Grief to the 2 Priests, whom she offered to God,

+ **Udumala Bala**

**Bishop, Diocese of Warangal**

## **5. News from the Pastoral Centre**

**1. Marriage Preparation Course (MPC):** The Marriage Preparation Course is conducted on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, offering engaged couples an enriching experience

that blends spiritual insights with practical advice essential for building a strong and lasting marriage. This month, we had the privilege of welcoming 25 enthusiastic participants who actively engaged in insightful discussions and reflections during the sessions. These sessions were led by:

- Fr. T. Joseph, Director of the Pastoral Centre
- Fr. P. Suresh, Youth Director
- Mrs. Jyothi, MPC Team Member

The course aims to prepare couples for the spiritual and practical aspects of married life, guiding them on a path toward love, mutual understanding, and lifelong commitment. We look forward to continuing this vital ministry and extending our warm invitation to more couples in the future.

## **2. Catechism and Bible Quiz Competitions, and Jyothirmai Gana Jyoti Bible Exam:**

On the occasion of the Fatima Feast, the Catechism Bible Quiz competitions and Jyothirmai Gana Jyoti Bible Exam were conducted, with prizes graciously distributed by Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala. The event was a celebration of faith, knowledge, and community spirit, bringing together participants of all ages in a spirit of friendly competition and spiritual learning.

### **Catechism Bible Quiz Competition Results:**

- School Seniors:
  1. Bishop Beretta High School
  2. Rosa Mystica High School, Kamalapuram
  3. Carmel High School, Elkathurthy
- School and Parish Level - Juniors:
  1. Fatima Cathedral
  2. Kamalapuram
  3. Godavarikhani
- Parish Level - Seniors:
  1. Fatima Cathedral
  2. Vangalapally
  3. Godavarikhani
- Elders Bible Quiz:
  1. Raghunathpalli Kanchanapalli Parish
  2. Prakash Reddypet Subedari Parish
  3. Karimnagar Parish
- Youth Bible Quiz - Parish Level:
  1. Parkal
  2. Dharmasagar
  3. Vangalapally - Nashkal

### **Jyothirmai Nana Jyoti Bible Quiz Exam Results:**

- Category I:
  1. Cheran Reddy, St. Joseph's High School, Kumarapally
  2. Nalla Siri, Saint Peter's Church, Waddepalli
  3. D. Ashmita, Fatima Girls High School

- Category II:
  1. Ke Deewana, Fatima Girls High School
  2. Nalla Robin, Waddepalli
  3. K. Samanvit, Manfort CBSE School
- Category III:
  1. Satvika Glory, St. Joseph High School, Kumarapally
  2. Angel, St. Joseph High School, Kumarapally
  3. Alina Sani, St. Ann's College of Nursing, Fathima Nagar
- Category IV:
  1. T. Sunita, St. Joseph Church, Kumarapally
  2. G. Nagamani, Karunapuram
  3. Meri Sunitha, St. Joseph Church, Kumarapally

We are very grateful to all the participants for their enthusiasm and dedication, as well as to the Parish Priests, School Heads, Teachers, and Students who contributed to the success of these events.

A heartfelt thank you to Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala for his continued support and encouragement of our youth and faith formation programs. We thank old students of Vidhyaniketan Junior College and Vidhya Jyothi Degree College for coming forward to sponsor huge amount for prizes in the name of Fr. Vijay Kumar. May his Soul rest in peace. We also express our appreciation to the Pastoral Centre team for their commitment to organizing and executing such meaningful events that bring our community closer to the Word of God.

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

## **6. News from LODI:**

**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 March:**

i) Renovated 6 Feeder channels in 6 project villages and 120 farmers were benefited with increase of irrigation and recharge of bore wells. ii) Renovated 6 small ponds in 6 project villages by clearance of jungle on the bund and strengthened the bund and 180 farmers were benefitted with the increase of irrigation sources. iii) Constructed 3 weir on 3 traditional irrigation tanks in 3 project villages to increase storage capacity and 90 farmers will be benefited with enhanced irrigation from bore wells and wells. iv) 200 women were provided with concentrate feed and mineral nutrient bags for female calves to enhance the nutrients among calves and ensure that calves become dairy cattle and later yield milk. v) 120 farmers were provided with plastic drums, neem oil, growth promoter, yellow plates, pheromone traps to promote ecological farming methods to improve the soil fertility and soil nutrients.

**II. Title of the Project:** Sustainable Livelihood Based Food Security program for the Tribal, Dalit and Backward Class Communities of 23 villages of Akkannapet Mandal of Siddipet district.



i) 20 Open wells were deepened and 20 Farmers were benefited through deepening of open wells and enhanced irrigation for 23 acres of paddy fields. ii) 108 members were trained through Linkage Meeting and sensitized how to get Government Schemes.

### **III. Care and Support Program for HIV/AIDS infected / affected children**

The Coordinator and Outreach staff visited the families of children living with HIV/Aids, collected complete information and documented. With the support of CHAI, as part of Vocational training, 5 young boys were admitted in Driving School at Maruti Suzuki Driving School in Warangal.

**IV. Title of the project:** Sustainable agriculture-based Food Security and Livelihood for 4000 tribal, Dalit & backward communities in 20 villages of Chennaraopet Mandal of Warangal District.

#### **Activities done:**

- ❖ Training was given to 400 farmers in 20 villages on renovation of irrigation ponds and feeder channels.
- ❖ Six small ponds in 6 project villages were renovated by clearance of jungle on the bund and strengthened the bund. Six feeder channels were renovated in six villages which help in the increase of irrigation and recharge of bore wells.

**Fr. S. Inna Reddy, Director-LODI MSSS**

### **7. News from WADES: Excellence in Education**

Striving truly to give the best to the students St. Mother Teresa ICSE International School has set up several new facilities for better education to the students. This ceremony of inauguration of the new installations is presided by His Grace Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala DD. Bishop of Warangal and Archbishop elect of Vishakhapatnam. Our school



being named after St. Mother Teresa a new statue of Mother Teresa is placed at the entrance of the school. After the blessing and inauguration of the statue, Bishop has blessed and inaugurated the newly constructed Basketball court, Cricket Pitch and then Launching of SMTS Rocket had taken place. Then the blessing of E- library, Computer lab, Infirmary and Music Center, followed by the blessing of Chemistry, Physics and Biology labs.

After the inauguration of all the new installations a short felicitation program had taken place wherein Bishop had addressed the students to make “Education as the secret of their energy”. Rev. Fr. M. Jaya Paul has written a special song in tribute to Bishop Udumala Bala comprising of all the endeavours Bishop had accomplished in his twelve years of Shepherding to the Diocese of Warangal. Rev. Fr. M. Jaya Paul principal and correspondent along with the school management felicitated Bishop. This ceremony was attended WADES committee members, Diocesan priests, religious sisters and parents.

**Rev. Fr. M. Jaya Paul, Principal & Correspondent  
St. Mother Teresa ICSE School**

## Congrats & Prayers on Anniversary of Birthdays in Month of April

Fr. Salibindla Arogya Reddy	09/04/1972
Fr. Thirumalareddy Tharunkumar	10/04/1975
Fr. Nagothu Vinod Kumar	10/04/1979
Fr. Thumma Ashok	12/04/1985
Fr. Pentareddy Johnpaul	14/04/1967
Fr. Yeruva Lourdu	20/04/1961
Fr. Golamari Ranjith Kumar	20/04/1987
Fr. Allam Shravan	22/04/1985
Fr. Marapalli Praveen	24/04/1980
Fr. Thumma Sharan Teja	29/04/1992



## Blessings on the Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

01. Rev. Fr. D. Vijay Paul	02-04-1992	36. Rev. Fr. Thatikonda Joseph	18-04-2005
02. Rev. Fr. Kasu Showreddy	02-04-1992	37. Rev. Fr. T. Kiran	18-04-2006
03. Rev. Fr. Basani Prakash	03-04-1983	38. Rev. Fr. Ch. Ravi Joseph	18-04-2006
04. Rev. Fr. Y. Papi Reddy	03-04-1995	39. Rev. Fr. Gangarapu Suresh	19-04-2012
05. Rev. Fr. G. Rayappa	04-04-1995	40. Rev. Fr. K. Marreddy	19-04-2012
06. Rev. Fr. T. Rayappa	06-04-1992	41. Rev. Fr. N. Surender	19-04-2012
07. Rev. Fr. G. Prakash	07-04-1992	42. Rev. Fr. S. Prabhakar	19-04-2012
08. Rev. Fr. K. Vijay Kumar	08-04-1985	43. Rev. Fr. T. Ashok	19-04-2012
09. Rev. Fr. P. Dasaiah	09-04-2007	44. Rev. Fr. Y. Kiran Kumar	19-04-2012
10. Rev. Fr. E. Vijay Kumar	09-04-2013	45. Rev. Fr. B. Anthony	20-04-1966
11. Rev. Fr. T. Santhosh	09-04-2015	46. Rev. Fr. A. Bala	20-04-1993
12. Rev. Fr. A. Shravan	10-04-2013	47. Rev. Fr. M. Naveen Kumar	20-04-2006
13. Rev. Fr. T. Pradeep	10-04-2007	48. Rev. Fr. N. Maria Joseph	20-04-2009
14. Rev. Fr. D. Prashanth	11-04-2007	49. Rev. Fr. G. Anand	21-04-2006
15. Rev. Fr. P. Papireddy	12-04-1966	50. Rev. Fr. Basani Kishore	21-04-2008
16. Rev. Fr. Y. Sebastian	12-04-1966	51. Rev. Fr. M. P. Joseph	22-04-1963
17. Rev. Fr. S. Innareddy	12-04-1999	52. Rev. Msgr. M.M. Joseph	22-04-2001
18. Rev. Fr. M. Raju	12-04-2010	53. Rev. Fr. Sharan Teja	22-04-2019
19. Rev. Fr. P. Suresh	12-04-2010	54. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Inna	24-04-1989
20. Rev. Fr. G. Kamal	13-04-2010	55. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Lourdu	24-04-1989
21. Rev. Fr. T. Yaga Reddy	13-04-1998	56. Rev. Fr. N. Bala Swamy	25-04-2002
22. Rev. Fr. T. Augustine	13-04-1993	57. Rev. Fr. Y. Thomas Kiran	25-04-2002
23. Rev. Fr. T. Sunil	13-04-2009	58. Rev. Fr. M. Jaya	25-04-1994
24. Rev. Fr. G. Joseph	13-04-2015	59. Rev. Fr. T. Jerome	25-04-1988
25. Rev. Fr. G. Thomas	14-04-2008	60. Rev. Fr. Polumari Anil	25-04-2011
26. Rev. Fr. N. Sampath	14-04-2015	61. Rev. Fr. K. Joseph	26-04-2011
27. Rev. Fr. M. Praveen	15-04-2008	62. Rev. Fr. B. Joseph Praveen	26-04-2011
28. Rev. Fr. Gali Rayappa	15-04-1991	63. Rev. Fr. Gopu Thomas(Jr.)	26-04-2017
29. Rev. Fr. G. Naveen	16-04-2008	64. Rev. Fr. G. Bala Martin	27-04-1994
30. Rev. Fr. A. Inna	16-04-1993	65. Rev. Fr. V. Simon	27-04-2018
31. Rev. Fr. T. Anthony	17-04-2008	66. Rev. Fr. A. Raja	27-04-1988
32. Rev. Fr. N. Vinod	18-04-2009	67. Rev. Fr. T. R. Tharun	28-04-2003
33. Rev. Fr. T. Joji	18-04-1996	68. Rev. Fr. Allam Vincent	29-04-1994
34. Rev. Fr. Gopu Suresh	18-04-2005	69. Rev. Fr. P. Kiran	30-04-2003
35. Rev. Fr. T. Manohar	18-04-2005	70. Rev. Fr. R. Sharath	28-04-2023





**Graduation Ceremony at St. Anthony's High School, Karimnagar**



**Holy Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Kazipet Parish**



**Foundation Stone Blessing and Graduation Ceremony at St. Mother Mary School, Kaleshwaram**



**Laying foundation stone for Construction of new church at Gudur Village**



**6 Visit to St. Mother Teresa School and B.ed College, Blessing of the Science Labs, Basketball Courts, Fatimanagar**



**First Holy Communion and Confirmations at Subbaipally Village, Waddepally Parish**



**Graduation Ceremony at Father Colombo CBSE School, Ghanpur**



**Karimnagar Deanery Jubilee 2025 Celebrations at Lourdu Matha Church, Karimnagar**



**St. Alphonse High School Annual Day celebration, Karimnagar**



**Church Blessing at Saipet Village**



**Funeral Mass & Burial services of Mrs. Mariamma, Mother of Fr. Jerome**



**Inauguration of New School block at St. Gabriel High school, Fatimanagar**





*Thank you Your Excellency for your Dedicated Leadership and Services*