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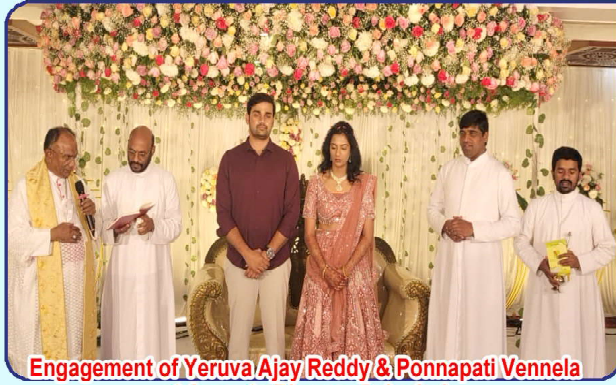
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Hearty Congratulations

Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala

New Archbishop of Visakhapatnam



**Engagement of Yeruva Ajay Reddy & Ponnapati Vennela
at Assunta Bhavan, Subedari**



**Priestly Ordination of Deacon Edera Vamshi CSC
at St. Peter's Chair Church, Narmetta Parish**



Visit of Bishop Joseph Kopacz & Msgr. Sunds of Jackson Diocese, MS, USA



Deanery Level Jubilee 2025 Celebrations in Mahabubabad Deanery



**Oath Taking Ceremony of Allied Sciences and
Paramedical Students**



**Graduation Ceremony
at St. Mother Teresa High School, Choppadandi**

History and Mystery of Our Lady of Fatima

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Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fátima is a Catholic title of Mary, Mother of Jesus, based on the Marian apparitions reported in 1917 by three shepherd children at the Cova da Iria in Fátima, Portugal. The three children were Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto. José Alves Correia da Silva, Bishop of Leiria, declared the events worthy of belief on 13 October 1930.

Pope Pius XII granted a pontifical decree of canonical coronation via the papal bull *Celeberrima solemnitas* towards the venerated image on 25 April 1946. The designated papal legate, Cardinal Benedetto Aloisi Masella, carried out the coronation on 13 May 1946, now permanently enshrined at the Chapel of the Apparitions of Fátima. The same Roman Pontiff also raised the Sanctuary of Fátima to the status of a Minor Basilica by the apostolic letter *Luce superna* on 11 November 1954. The published memoirs of Sister Lúcia in the 1930s revealed two secrets that she claimed came from the Virgin Mary, while the third secret was to be revealed by the Catholic Church in 1960. The controversial events at Fátima, including the Miracle of the Sun, gained fame due partly to elements of the secrets, prophecy and eschatological revelations supposedly related to the Second World War and possibly more global wars in the future, particularly the Virgin's request for the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



History

Beginning in the spring of 1916, three shepherd children –Lúcia dos Santos, Francisco and Jacinta Marto– reported three apparitions of an Angel in Valinhos. Then on 13 May 1917, in Cova da Iria, six apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary were reported. The children described her as "a Lady more brilliant than the Sun". The children reported a prophecy that prayer would lead to an end to the Great War, and that on 13 October that year the Lady would reveal her identity and perform a miracle "so that all may believe." Newspapers reported the prophecies, and many pilgrims began visiting the area. The children's accounts were deeply controversial, drawing intense criticism from both local secular and religious authorities. A provincial administrator briefly took the children into custody, believing the prophecies were politically motivated in opposition to the officially secular First Portuguese Republic established in 1910.

On 13 May 1917, the shepherd children reported seeing a woman "brighter than the sun, shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal goblet filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the burning rays of the sun." The woman wore a white mantle edged with gold and held a rosary in her hand. She asked them to devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to pray "the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war". While the children had never told anyone about seeing the angel, Jacinta told her family about seeing the brightly lit woman. Lúcia had earlier said that the three should keep this experience private. Jacinta's disbelieving mother told neighbours about it as a joke, and within a day the whole village knew of the children's vision.

Mystery

The children said the woman told them to return to the Cova da Iria on 13 June 1917. Lúcia's mother sought counsel from the parish priest, Father Manuel Ferreira, who suggested she allow them to go. He asked to have Lúcia brought to him afterward so that he could question her. The second appearance occurred on 13 June, the feast of Saint Anthony, patron of the local parish church. Lúcia would later report that on this occasion, the lady revealed that Francisco and Jacinta would be taken to Heaven soon, but Lúcia would live longer in order to spread her message and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

During the June visit, the children said the lady told them to say the Holy Rosary daily in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace and the end of the Great War. Fr. Ferreira later stated that Lúcia recounted that the lady told her, "I want you to come back on the thirteenth and to learn to read in order to understand what I want of you." In the following months, thousands of people flocked to Fátima and nearby Aljustrel, drawn by reports of visions and miracles. On 13 August 1917, the government provincial administrator Artur Santos (no relation to Lúcia dos Santos) intervened. He believed that these events were politically disruptive in the conservative country. He took the children into custody, jailing them before they could reach the Cova da Iria. Santos interrogated and threatened the children to get them to divulge the contents of the secrets. Lúcia's mother hoped the officials could persuade the children to end the affair and admit that they had lied. Lúcia told Santos everything short of the secrets, and offered to ask the woman for permission to tell the secrets.

That month, instead of the usual apparition in the Cova da Iria on 13 August, the children reported that they saw the Virgin Mary on 19 August, a Sunday, at nearby Valinhos. She asked them again to pray the rosary daily, spoke about the miracle coming in October, and asked them "to pray a lot, a lot for the sinners and sacrifice a lot, as many souls perish in hell because nobody is praying or making sacrifices for them." The three children claimed to have seen the Blessed Virgin Mary in a total of six apparitions between 13 May and 13 October 1917. After some newspapers reported that the Virgin Mary had promised a miracle for the last of her apparitions on 13 October, a huge crowd, possibly between 30,000 and 100,000, including reporters and photographers, gathered at Cova da Iria. That was the "Miracle of the Sun".

Our Lady of Fatima continues to work miracles today

The ‘miracle of the sun’ in Fátima helped to end an atheist regime. The stunning event was a direct and very convincing contradiction to the atheistic regimes at the time, which is evidenced by the fact that the first newspaper to report on the miracle on a full front page was an anti-Catholic, Masonic newspaper in Lisbon called O Seculo. The miracle of the sun was understood by the people to be “the seal, the guarantee, that in fact those three children were telling the truth”. Even today, “Fátima makes people change their perception of God,” since “one of the most important messages of the apparitions is that even if someone has separated from God, God is present in human history and doesn’t abandon humanity.”

The reported visions at Fátima gathered widespread attention as numerous pilgrims began to visit the site. After a canonical inquiry, the Bishop of Leiria-Fátima officially declared the visions of Fátima as "worthy of belief" in October 1930, officially permitting the belief of Our Lady of Fátima. The year 2017 marked the 100th anniversary of the apparitions and it was celebrated with the visit of Pope Francis to the Sanctuary of Fátima.

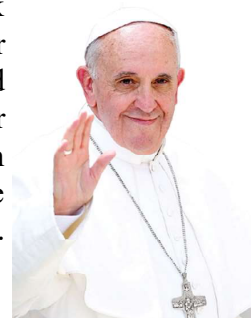
Diocesan Festive Wishes of AVE MARIA AVE FATIMA

II. Holy Father's Intention: For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

III. Lenten Message of the Holy Father: Lent calls us to journey together in hope

In his Message for Lent 2025, Pope Francis invites the faithful to “journey together in hope,” and to take the opportunity of the upcoming Lenten Season to ask ourselves whether we are truly willing to heed God's call to change our lives. The central theme of Pope Francis’ Lenten Message is encapsulated in the phrase “Let us journey together in hope,” which ties into the broader theme of the Jubilee Year - “Pilgrims of Hope.” The Pope's reflection focuses on conversion and unfolds in three key dimensions: the importance of journeying, journeying together, and journeying with hope.



Our life of faith is a journey of conversion

Recalling the biblical Exodus of the people of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land, the Pope reminds us that our lives too are a journeyone that should be directed toward God. This journey is not merely a metaphorical one but involves a constant call to conversion, “to leave behind the occasions of sin” and situations that degrade our human dignity. Pope Francis, therefore, urges the faithful during this Lenten Season to examine their own lives: are they actively progressing on the path of spiritual renewal or are they held back by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of their comfort zone?

Drawing a parallel between the Hebrew people’s “arduous path from slavery to freedom” and the plight of modern migrants and refugees, the Pope invites us to use this period as an opportunity to consider how we relate our own lives with the struggles of those who are forced to flee “situations of misery and violence in search of a better life” and “in this way discover what God is asking of us.” This, he writes, “would be a good ‘examination of conscience’ for all of us wayfarers.”

“It is hard to think of the biblical exodus without also thinking of those of our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life.”

The call to journey together: a summons to synodality

A fundamental aspect of the Lenten Message is the emphasis on community and synodality—the idea that Christians must walk together rather than in isolation. Pope Francis reminds us, “The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters.” “Journeying together,” he writes, “means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded.” Again, he challenges the faithful to reflect on whether we are capable of walking together with others in our families, workplaces, and communities, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed. Are we welcoming to others? Do we include those who feel marginalized?

“Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance.”

The call to journey in hope

The third fundamental dimension of the Lenten journey is hope, anchored in God’s promise of salvation and eternal life fulfilled in Jesus’ Resurrection, the victory over sin and death. This hope is not abstract but must be lived concretely. Pope Francis invites us to examine whether we truly trust in God’s mercy. Do we believe in His forgiveness, or do we fall into the trap of self-reliance? And do we concretely experience the hope that inspires in us “a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?” Referencing Saint Teresa of Avila, the message urges the faithful to remain watchful and patient, understanding that God’s promises will be fulfilled in His time.

“This was the prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila: 'Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one.'”

Pope concludes by entrusting this journey of hope to the intercession of the Virgin Mary, "Mother of Hope," praying that she may accompany the faithful as we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter.

IV. Pope’s Lent Message in Telugu

**తపఃకాలానికి పరిశుద్ధ ఫ్రాన్సిస్ పాపుగారి సందేశము
నిరీక్షణలో మనమంతా కలసి పయనించుదాం**

ప్రియ సహోదరి, సహోదరులారా,

ప్రతి సంవత్సర తపఃకాల పవిత్ర యాత్రను విశ్వాసములో, నిరీక్షణలో విభూతిని స్వీకరించు పశ్చాత్తాప క్రమము ద్వారా ప్రారంభిస్తాము. పునీత పౌలుగారు ప్రకటించిన విధముగా, “మృత్యువు నాశనము చేయబడినదిబీ విజయము సంపూర్ణము” అను లేఖనవాక్యము యథార్థమగును. ఓ మృత్యువా! నీ విజయము ఎక్కడ? ఓ మృత్యువా! బాధకలిగింపగల నీ ముల్లు ఎక్కడ?” (1 కొరింఠీ 15:54-55). పాపము, మరణముపై క్రీస్తు పాస్కా విజయమును అత్యంత ఆనందముతో కొనియాడుటకు, మన తల్లి, బోధకురాలైన శ్రీసభ దైవానుగ్రహమునకై మన హృదయాలను తెరువమని ఆహ్వానిస్తుంది. యదార్థముగా, సిలువ వేయబడి, ఉత్థానుడైన యేసు క్రీస్తు మన విశ్వాసానికి ఆయువుపట్టు, తన దివ్య కుమారునిలో నిత్యజీవమును పరిపూరించేసిన తండ్రి దేవుని వాగ్దానానికి మన నిరీక్షణకు ప్రతిజ్ఞ. (యోహాను 10:28బీ 17:3)(24 అక్టోబరు 2024, పాపుగారి విశ్వలేఖ, డెలిక్సిత్ నోస్, 220). ఈ తపఃకాలములో, జూబిలీ అనుగ్రహములో పాలుపంచుకొనుచుండగా, నిరీక్షణలో కలసి పయనించుట అనగానేమి అను అంశముపై, మనలను వ్యక్తిగతముగా, సంఘముగా దేవుడు ఆయన కరుణతో మనలను హృదయపరివర్తనకు పిలుపునిచ్చే కొన్ని ధ్యానాంశాలను ప్రతిపాదించాలని భావిస్తున్నాను.

మొదటిగా, ప్రయాణించుట. జూబిలీ నినాదము, “నిరాక్షణ యాత్రికులు”, నిర్గమకాండములో వివరించిన విధముగా, ఇస్రాయేలీ ప్రజలను వాగ్దాత భూమికి నడిపించిన సుదీర్ఘ ప్రయాణాన్ని గుర్తుచేస్తుంది. దాస్యము

నుండి స్వాతంత్ర్యమునకు నడిపించిన ఈ కఠినమైన మార్గము, తమను ప్రేమించు, విశ్వాసపాత్రముగానుండు ప్రభువుచేత చిత్తగింపబడి నడిపింపబడినది. ప్రస్తుత కాలములో దురావస్థను, హింసను తప్పించుకొని, వారికి, వారి ప్రియమైన వారికి మెరుగైన జీవితము కొరకు తమ ప్రాంతాలను విడిచివెళ్ళుచున్న మన సహోదరి, సహోదరుల గురించి ఆలోచించకుండా, బైబిలు గ్రంథములోని ఇస్రాయేలు ప్రజల ఎడారి ప్రయాణమును గురించి ఆలోచించలేము. మనందరము ఈ జీవితములో యాత్రికులము అనే అవగాహన హృదయపరివర్తనకు మొట్ట మొదటి పిలుపుబీ ప్రతి ఒక్కరు ఒక క్షణము ఆగి ఈ విషయమును మన జీవితాలు ఎవిధముగా అవలోకనము చేసుకొంటున్నాయో ప్రశ్నించుకోవాలి. నేను నిజముగా ప్రయాణము చేస్తున్నానా, లేక నిశ్చింతగా నిలుచున్నానా, చలనము లేకుండా ఉన్నానా, భయముచేత, నిరాశచేత కదలలేని స్థితిలో లేదా నా సురక్షితమైన స్థావరము నుండి నేను కదులుటకు అయిష్టతను వ్యక్తపరుస్తున్నానా? పాపములో పడు సందర్భాలలో, నా గౌరవమును పోగొట్టుకొను సందర్భాల చాటున ఉండుటకు నేను కోరుకొంటున్నానా? తండ్రి ఇంటికి త్వరితముగా చేరుకొనుటకు ఈ తపఃకాల కార్యాచరణగా మన అనుదిన జీవితాలను ఒక ప్రవాసి లేదా విదేశీయుని జీవితముతో పోల్చుకొని ఏవిధముగా వారి అనుభవాలతో సానుభూతిని కలిగి జీవించాలో నేర్చుకొను ఆవకాశము ఏర్పడుతుంది, ఈ విధముగా దేవుడు మన నుండి ఏమి కోరుచున్నారో కూడా తెలుసుకోవచ్చు. ప్రయాణించు మనకు ఈ కార్యాచరణ ఒక మంచి ఆత్మపరిశీలన చేసుకొనుటకు తోడ్పడుతుంది.

రెండవదిగా, కలసి పయనించుట. శ్రీసభ కలసి పయనించుటకు, కలిసి పయనించునదిగా ఉండుటకు పిలువబడింది. (జొవాన్ని బత్తిస్త స్కలబ్రీని, ఆరైమీదె జాత్తి ల పునీత పట్టపు దివ్యపూజలో చేసిన వాక్యోపదేశము, అక్టోబరు 9, 2022) క్రైస్తవులు ఒంటరిగా కాక ఇతరులతో కలసి పయనించుటకు పిలువబడ్డారు. పరిశుద్ధాత్మ మనలో మనము ఉండక, మనలను మనము త్యజించుకొని దేవునివైపు, మన సహోదరి, సహోదరులవైపు నడువమని నిర్దేశిస్తుంది. (జొవాన్ని బత్తిస్త స్కలబ్రీని, ఆరైమీదె జాత్తి ల పునీత పట్టపు దివ్యపూజలో చేసిన వాక్యోపదేశము, అక్టోబరు 9, 2022) కలసి పయనించుట అనగా మనమంతా దేవుని బిడ్డలమను సామూహిక గౌరవమను ఐక్యతలో సమీకరించుకొనుట. (గలతీ 3:26-28) అనగా తోసుకోకుండా, ఇతరులను త్రొక్కుకుండా, అసూయ, కపటత్వము లేకుండా, ఎవ్వరిని వెనుక వదిలివేయకుండా లేదా వెలివేయకుండా, ఒకరి ప్రక్క ఒకరు నడచుట. ఒకే గమ్యముతో, ఒకరిని ఒకరు ప్రేమతో, ఒపికతో పట్టించుకొంటూ, మనందరము ఒకే దిశగా నడుద్దాం.

ఈ తపఃకాలములో, మన జీవితాలలో, మన కుటుంబాలలో, మనము పనిచేయు స్థలములలో, మనము గడుపు సమయాలలో ఇతరులతో కలసి నడువగలమా అని పరీక్షించుకోమని, వారిని ఆలకించుట ద్వారా మన అవసరాల కొరకు మాత్రమే ఆలోచిస్తూ మనలో మనమే దాగి ఉండే శోధనను జయించమని దేవుడు మనలను అడుగుచున్నారు. దేవుని రాజ్య పరిచర్యలో ఒకవేళ మనము పీరాధిపతులుగా, గురువులుగా, దైవాంకితులుగా, సామాన్య విశ్వాసులుగా ఇతరులతో సహకరిస్తుమా లేదా అని ప్రభుని సన్నిధిలో మనము మనలను ప్రశనించుకుందాం. మన సమీపములో గాని, దూరముగా గాని ఉన్న వారిని అర్థవంతమైన సంజ్ఞలతో స్వాగతించగలుగుచున్నామా? వారిని మన సంఘములో భాగస్థులనుగా చూస్తున్నామా లేక దూరముగా ఉంచుతున్నామా? (జొవాన్ని బత్తిస్త స్కలబ్రీని, ఆరైమీదె జాత్తి ల పునీత పట్టపు దివ్యపూజలో చేసిన వాక్యోపదేశము,

అక్టోబరు 9, 2022). అయితే, ఇది హృదయపరివర్తనకు రెండవ పిలుపు: కలసి పయనించుట కొరకు ఆహ్వానము.

మూడవదిగా, నిరీక్షణలో కలసి పయనించుదాం, ఎందుకనగా మనకు ఒక వాగ్దానము ఇవ్వబడినది. నిరీక్షణ మనకు నిరాశను కలిగింపకుండునుగాక (రోమీయులు 5:5), జూబిలీ సంవత్సర ముఖ్య సందేశము, (స్పెస్ నోన్ కొన్సుండిత్, 1) పాస్కా విజయమునకు చేరు తపఃకాల ప్రయాణములో మన మార్గచూపరిగా ఉండునుగాక. 16 వ బెనెడిక్టు పావుగారు తమ స్పె సాల్వి (Spe Salvi) అను విశ్వలేఖలో బోధించిన విధముగా, “మానవునికి అపరిమితమైన ప్రేమ అవసరము. మన ప్రభువగు క్రీస్తు యేసు ద్వారా మనకు లభించిన దేవునిప్రేమ నుండి మనలను మృత్యువుగాని, జీవముగాని, దేవదూతలుగాని, లేక ఇతర పాలకులుగాని, ఇక్కడ ఉన్నవిగాని, రానున్నవిగాని, శక్తులుగాని, ఊర్ధ్వలోకముగాని, అథోలోకముగాని, సృష్టిలో మరెవరియు వేరుచేయజాలదనుట నిశ్చయమే (రోమీయులు 8:38-39) అని చెప్పు నిశ్చయము అవసరము.” (విశ్వ లేఖ స్పె సాల్వి 26 (నవంబరు 30, 2007) నా నిరీక్షణయైన క్రీస్తు, ఉత్థానమయ్యెను! (పాస్కా అనుక్రమము) ఆయన సజీవునిగా, మహిమతో పరిపాలిస్తున్నాడు. మరణము విజయముగా రూపాంతరముగావింపబడినది, క్రైస్తుల విశ్వాసము, గొప్ప నిరీక్షణ క్రీస్తుని పునరుత్థానములోనే దాగియున్నది!

అయితే, ఇది హృదయపరివర్తనకు మూడవ పిలుపు: నిరీక్షణకు పిలుపు, దేవునిపై, ఆయన ఒసగిన నిత్య జీవ వాగ్దానముపై నమ్మకము కలిగియుండుటకు పిలుపు. మనలను మనము ప్రశ్నించుకుందాం: దేవుడు నా పాపములను మన్నిస్తారని నేను దృఢ నమ్మకము కలిగియున్నానా? లేక నన్ను నేను రక్షించుకోగలను అని భావిస్తున్నానా? నేను రక్షింపబడాలనే తపన కలిగి ఉన్నానా, ఆ రక్షణ పొందుటకు దేవుని సహాయము కొరకు ఎదురుచూస్తున్నానా? చరిత్రలో చోటుచేసుకున్న సంఘటనలను అవగాహనచేసుకొని, న్యాయము, సోదరభావమును పెంపందించుటకు ప్రేరణ పొందుకొని, మన మందరము కలసి నివసించు నిమిత్తము, తద్వారా ఎవ్వరు వెలివేయబడినట్లు భావింపకుండుటకై నేను యదార్థముగా నిరీక్షణను అనుభవించుటకు ప్రయత్నిస్తున్నానా?

సహౌదరి, సహౌదరులారా, యేసు క్రీస్తు నందు దేవుని ప్రేమకు కృతజ్ఞతలు, మనలను నిరాశకు గురిచేయని నిరీక్షణతో పోషింపబడుచున్నాము (రోమీయులు 5:5). నిరీక్షణ అనునది, “మన ఆత్మకు ఖచ్చితమైన, దృఢమైన ఓడ లంగరు వంటిది.” (కతోలిక సత్యోపదేశము, 1820) “మానవులు అందరు రక్షింపబడవలసినయి” (1 తిమోతి 2:4) ప్రార్థించ శ్రీసభను ప్రేరేపిస్తుంది, పరలోక వైభవములో తన పెండ్లి కుమారుడైన క్రీస్తుతో ఐక్యమగుట కొరకు ఎదురు చూస్తుంది. పునీత అవలొపురి తెరేసమ్మ ప్రార్థన కూడా ఇదే: “నిరీక్షణ కలిగియుండుము, ఓ నా ఆత్మమా, నిరీక్షణ కలిగియుండుము. నీకు ఆ రోజు గాని, ఘడియ గాని తెలియదు. జాగ్రత్తగా మేలుకొనియుండుము ఎందుకనగా అంతయు త్వరితముగా అంతరించును, నీ అసహనము నిశ్చయమైనదానిని సందేహించునట్లు చేసినా, అతి తక్కువ వ్యవధిని సుధీర్ఘముగా మార్చినా సరే.” (The Exclamation of the Soul to God 15:3) (కతోలిక సత్యోపదేశము, 1821) నిరీక్షణ మాతయైన కన్య మరియు, మన కొరకు ప్రార్థిస్తూ, ఈ తపఃకాల ప్రయాణములో మనకు తోడుగా నుండునగాక.



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LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN INDIA

Pilgrims of Hope: Discerning the Synodal Path

For we walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor 5:7)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the 145 Archbishops and Bishops representing the 132 dioceses of the Conference of the Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI), gathered at the XIM University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, for our 36th Plenary Assembly from 28th January to 4th February 2025, send you greetings of Peace, Love and Joy.

The Synod on Synodality, with its emphasis on Communion, Participation and Mission, has deepened our understanding of the Church as the People of God. As a follow-up of the Synod, considering the Final Document of the Synod, we came together to deliberate, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, on how to journey further towards a Synodal Church. The theme of our Plenary was: **Discerning Synodal Pathways for Mission.**

The Church in India embarked upon three journeys towards a synodal Church. First, at the universal level, in response to Pope Francis' call for a synodal Church, the Conference initiated an extensive consultation process from October 2021 to July 2022, culminating in the collation of reports from 130 dioceses into the CCBI's National Synthesis (August 2022). Secondly, at the Asian level, the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC), marking its Golden Jubilee, undertook prayerful discernment by representative Bishops of Asian countries, culminating in the FABC Bangkok 50 Document: *Journeying Together as Peoples of Asia ... and they went a different way* (Matt 2:12) (March 2023). Finally, the CCBI engaged in a massive consultation process, involving close to 5,000 people, culminating in the Pastoral Plan - *Journeying Towards a Synodal Church: Mission 2033* (September 2024).

The CCBI reviewed the fruits of these journeys and prepared the Working Document for the Plenary Assembly. The Working Document outlined ten themes which served as a framework for us to engage in prayerful reflection, listening and discernment. The methodology used at the Plenary was "Spiritual Conversation": listening prayerfully to "what the Spirit says

to the Churches” (Revelation 2:7). All the participants felt powerfully the movement of the Holy Spirit. The Bishops expressed their intention to use this methodology in all structures of participation, such as parish and diocesan pastoral and financial councils, in arriving at decisions on administration, governance and ministry-related matters that could help the Church immensely.

Searching for synodal pathways for the coming years, we discerned the following themes that would need attention: Faith Formation and Word of God, Children, Family, Youth, Laity, Basic Ecclesial Communities, Migrants and Refugees, Dalits, Tribals/Adivasis/Indigenous Peoples, Socially Excluded People, Women and Gender Justice, Poverty and Equitable Economy, Digital Technology and Social Media, Ecology and Climate Stewardship, Ecumenism and Inter-religious Dialogue, and finally, Peacebuilding. The CCBI will soon share in a more elaborate manner the fruits of this Plenary for the benefit of all.

The purpose of the Synod of Bishops was “to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands” (Pope Francis’ Address at the Opening of the Synod of Bishops on Young People, 3 October 2018). The Synod is not a destiny nor a distant future but a process of active engagement. We see our 36th Plenary Assembly as one step forward in this ongoing process.

With sentiments of deep affection and spiritual closeness, we would like to thank you, the lay faithful, consecrated persons and priests, for your participation in various consultation processes undertaken so far and for your prayers for the Plenary Assembly. In our prayers, we gratefully remembered you, the laity, especially the faithful of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar Archdiocese and, with pain and hope, all those who sacrificed and bore witness to the faith during the Kandhamal persecution.

It is our heartfelt desire that we, as a synodal family, journey towards a synodal Church. We invite committed members of the Church to walk together as we seek to take new Synodal Pathways for Mission under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May Mary, Mother of the Church, who walks with us on our pilgrimage, guide us as we embark on a synodal path with missionary zeal as Pilgrims of Hope, especially during this Jubilee Year 2025 and in the coming years.

Given on February 4, 2025 on the Feast Day of St. John de Britto.

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President, Conference of Catholic Bishops of India

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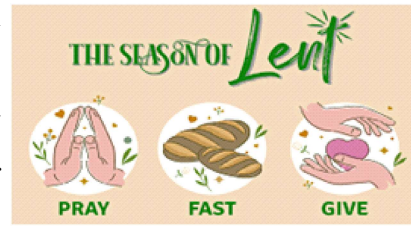
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VI. Lent: Time for Transformation (March 5)

Few times in the Christian year call us to reflect on transformational change like Lent leading toward Easter. Springtime is lush with rebirth, new beginnings, and new growth. Too often, however, we want to race to the Easter Resurrection without fully embracing the Lenten process



that leads there. Lent reflects the forty days that Jesus wandered in the wilderness — tempted by Satan — in readiness for a ministry destined to end in tragedy. Few of us can relate to the level of sacrifice and commitment that Jesus displayed in his forty days, yet Lent provides us with an opportunity to deepen our spirituality by engaging in regular discipline from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. The wilderness — the desert days of Lent — is the true path toward spiritual transformation. There is a compelling metaphor that helps us embrace the wilderness and prevents us from racing to Easter. It is the metaphor of the seed. Jesus began his teaching ministry with the parable of the sower (Matthew 13) and referred to seeds and trees, fruit and branches, throughout his ministry. To see the metaphor of Christian growth and spiritual development contained in a seed is to learn valuable lessons about change and transformation. Receive these six lessons from the seed as six weekly devotionals for this Lenten season. Incorporate them into your daily meditations so that they might grow to full bloom in your heart.

Three Timeless Practices of Lent: Praying, Fasting, Almsgiving

a) **Fasting:** Fast from watching television one night each week so that you can spend time on a Lenten practice, such as praying, reading the Bible and serving others. Fast from one movie during Lent and give the money and the time in service to others. Fast from using foul language and put-downs and start affirming the good in other people. Fast from buying new things like clothes, music, magazines, or jewelry and make a donation. . . Fast from spending money on entertainment and make a donation of time or money that serves others. Fast from holding resentments and start practicing forgiveness. Fast from gossiping or being dishonest and start the practice of always being truthful and honest. Fast from a favorite snack food or drink and set aside the money you would have spent to donate to a special charity. Fast from being angry or upset with people who have hurt or offended you, and pray for the courage to

forgive them. Fast from feeling guilty and angry at yourself for things you have done wrong, instead remember God's great love for you.

b) **Praying:** Pray for a forgiving heart and ask the people you have hurt to forgive you. Participate in Ash Wednesday services with your family. Participate in the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Rent the video, The Prince of Egypt. Watch the video and read the story of Moses from the Book of Exodus, chapters 2-15. Try to read one chapter each day. Be sure to read the story of the Passover in chapters 12 through 13:22. List three blessings you have been given. Say a prayer to God, giving thanks for the blessings in your life. Pray for the children and families who are homeless, and think about ways you and your family might help them.

c) **Serving/Almsgiving:** Show an act of kindness to each family member today. Show an act of kindness to a friend and to someone who is difficult to like. Together with your family, spend time serving others during Lent. Work at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter. Visit elderly people who are in nursing homes or are shut-ins. Bring food or clothing to the parish or community food pantry, food bank, or homeless shelter. Do someone else's chores one day this week. Donate a new item of children's clothing to the local homeless shelter or clothing center. Go through your closet and find some clothes in good shape to give away to other children who are in need of clothes. Write a letter or create a card for someone who is sick or might be lonely. Buy a can of food to give to a food bank or homeless shelter. Talk with your family about eating one simple meal each week of Lent and putting the money you save in the Operation Rice Bowl box or giving the money to a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.

VII. International Women's Day (March 8)

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality. Marked annually on March 8th, International Women's Day (IWD) is one of the most important days of the year to:



- celebrate women's achievements
- raise awareness about women's equality
- lobby for accelerated gender parity
- fundraise for female-focused charities

What's the theme for International Women's Day?

The campaign theme for International Women's Day 2025 is “Accelerate Action.”

Do we still need an International Women's Day?

Yes! There's no place for complacency. According to the World Economic Forum, sadly none of us will see gender parity in our lifetimes, and nor likely will many of our children. Gender parity will not be attained for almost a century.

VIII. Solemnity of St. Joseph: Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary(March 19)

St. Joseph was an ordinary manual laborer although descended from the royal house of David. In the designs of Providence he was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, "Foster-father of Jesus." About him Sacred Scripture has little more to say than that he was a just man-an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his high trust of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary.



The darkest hours of his life may well have been those when he first learned of Mary's pregnancy; but precisely in this time of trial Joseph showed himself great. His suffering, which likewise formed a part of the work of the redemption, was not without great providential import: Joseph was to be, for all times, the trustworthy witness of the Messiah's virgin birth. After this, he modestly retires into the background of holy Scripture. Of St. Joseph's death the Bible tells us nothing. There are indications, however, that he died before the beginning of Christ's public life. His was the most beautiful death that one could have, in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Humbly and unknown, he passed his years at Nazareth, silent and almost forgotten he remained in the background through centuries of Church history. Only in more recent times has he been

accorded greater honor. Liturgical veneration of St. Joseph began in the fifteenth century, fostered by Sts. Brigid of Sweden and Bernadine of Siena. St. Teresa, too, did much to further his cult. At present there are two major feasts in his honor. On March 19 our veneration is directed to him personally and to his part in the work of redemption, while on May 1 we honor him as the patron of workmen throughout the world and as our guide in the difficult matter of establishing equitable norms regarding obligations and rights in the social order.

IX. The Feast of the Annunciation (March 25)

The Feast of the Annunciation is one of the most important in the Church calendar. First, it celebrates the actual Incarnation of Our Savior -- the Word made flesh in the womb of His mother, Mary. Second, it is a principal Marian feast. Two other feasts honoring Our Lord's mother, the Assumption (August 15), and the Immaculate Conception (December



8), are celebrated as Holy Days of Obligation in the United States. The biblical account of the Annunciation is in the first chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke, which describes the news given to Mary that she was to become the mother of the Incarnation of God, records the "angelic salutation" of Gabriel to Mary, 'Hail, thou who art highly favored. The Lord is with thee.' This is the origin of the repeated "Hail Mary" prayer of the Rosary; and Mary's response to God's will, "Let it be done to me according to thy word." Her exultant hymn, the Magnificent, found in Luke 1:46-55, has been part of the Church's liturgy of the hours, at Vespers (evening prayer), and has been repeated nightly in churches, convents and monasteries for many centuries.

The significance of this Christian feast on Western culture is made clear from the fact that New Years Day used to be celebrated on March 25. This was the case in England until as late as 1752. Another remnant of the historic universality of Christianity in the world is the universal use of BC (before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini -- The Year of Our Lord) to denote periods of time in history. Although there has been an attempt in some circles to change 'BC' to 'BCE' (before the common era), AD to CE (common era), and although it is true that the religious significance of our system of dating has been effectively obliterated, nevertheless, Christians and non-Christians alike consent to the birth of Christ as the "fulcrum" of the dating the events of human history.

X. Bishop's Engagements in March, 2025

- 01: Graduation Ceremony at St. Anthony's High School, Karimnagar
- 02: Holy Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Kazipet Parish
- 03: am Office
pm Flag Hoisting: Fatima Tirunalla Novena Beginning
- 05: Ash Wednesday: Lent Begins-Mass at Fatima Cathedral
- 06: Foundation Stone Blessing and Graduation Ceremony at St. Mother Mary School, Kaleshwaram
- 07: Office
- 09: Soura Bible Maha Sabha at Mariagirimatha Shrine, Srikakulam Diocese
- 10: Press Meet on Fatima Thirunallu at Media Point, Kazipet
- 11: Triduum: Silver & Golden Jubilarians Marriage Renewal Day
- 12: am Healing Day: Preaching & Healing Services
pm Grand Procession with Theru (car) with Our Lady of Fatima Statue and Jubilee Cross
- 13: Solemnity of Fatima Tirunallu, Diocese's Patroness Solemnity
6:30am: Holy Mass in English by Msgr. C. Francis, Vicar General of Archdiocese of Bangalore
9:00am Pontifical Mass by Most Rev. Dr. Uduamala Bala, Bishop of Warangal & Archbishop-Elect of Visakhapatnam
- 17-19: TCBC Ordinary Meetings at Ramanthapur, Hyderabad
- 20: am Visit to St. Mother Teresa School and B.ed College, Blessing of the Science Labs, Basketball Courts, Fatimanagar
pm First Holy Communion and Confirmations at Subbaipally Village, Waddepally Parish
- 21: Blessing of New Block at St. Gabriel's High School, Fatimanagar
- 23-27 Retreat
- 29: Graduation Ceremony at Father Colombo CBSE School, Ghanpur
- 30: Karimnagar Deanery Jubilee 2025 Celebrations at Lourdu Matha Church, Karimnagar

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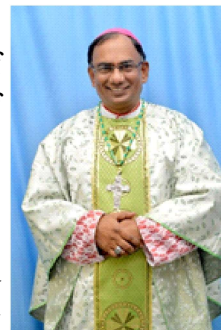
- 03: 4pm-Installation of Bishop Uduamala Bala as the Archbishop of Visakhapatnam, Vizag

XI. Communications

1. Hearty Congratulations to Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala new Archbishop of Visakhapatnam:

The Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Udumala Bala Showreddy (70) as the Archbishop of Vishakapatnam in Adhra Pradesh transferring him from the diocese of Warangal on February 8, 2025.

He was appointed Bishop of Warangal on April 13, 2013 and ordained Bishop on May 23, 2013. He was the Apostolic Administrator of the diocese of Khammam from 2022 to 2024. He was the Deputy Secretary General of the CCBI from 2006 to 2013 and the Chairman of the CCBI Commission for Vocations, Seminaries, Clergy and Religious from 2015 to 2023.



Bishop Bala was born on June 18, 1954, in Ghanpur, Gudur, Diocese of Warangal, Andhra Pradesh. He began elementary school in his native village of Gudur and then completed high school at St. Gabriel High School, Warangal. He holds a Diploma in Telugu and a Bachelor of Arts from Usmania University. He did his priestly formation in St. Pius X Minor Seminary, Fatima Nagar, Warangal and to St. John's Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad.

He was ordained a priest on February 20, 1979, for the diocese of Warangal. After his priestly ordination he held the following positions: 1979-1980: Parish Vicar in Dornakal; 1980-1984: parish priest in Produtur; 1984-1985: parish priest in Ravi Nuthala; 1985-1986: parish priest in Cherumadaram; 1986-1987: Financial Administrator and Chancellor of the diocese; 1987-1990: Procurator and Catechetical Teacher at St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad; 1990-1994: Studies at the Alphonsianum, Rome, where he obtained a doctorate in Moral Theology; 1994-1997: Professor of Moral Theology at St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad; 1997-2006: Rector of St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad. Archdiocese of Visakhapatnam became vacant by the resignation of Archbishop Prakash Mallavarapu on February 14, 2024.

We wish and Pray for his fruitful ministry in the Archdiocese of Visakhapatnam

2. Transfers & Appointments:

a. Fr. P. PrakashRetires: Fr. Pudota Prakash has submitted the request of his retirement due to health reasons. Bishop Udumala Bala granted his request with effect on February 22, 2025. I thank him for all services in the diocese of Warangal in different capacities for 39 years.

b. Fr. P. Suresh is appointed as the Parish Priest of Ekasilanagar in addition to the present appointment with effect from 22nd of February, 2025.

3. Fatima Tirunallu: I request you to kindly announce and encourage your people to participate in Fatima Tirunallu of the Diocese of Warangal and on 11-13th culminated with the Pontifical High Mass.

4. Special Collection towards Feast: Please announce and promote special collection on Sunday March 9 towards Fatima Tirunallu and transfer it to Fr. Joseph, Procurator. May God reward you!

5. Warangal Diocese Tirunallu of Our Lady of Fatima-2025: Executive Committees? Chairman: Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal & Archbishop-Elect of Visakhapatnam

1. General Co-Ordinator/s: Fr. K. Marreddy, Fr. G. Anukiran, Fr. Ashirwadam, SJ, Mrs. P. Showreelu, Sr. Kalpana, Mr. Dayasagar & Mr. Arun.

2. Fund Raising: Fr. K. Joseph, Mr. Prakash Reddy, Mr. T. Mathias Reddy, Mrs. K. Kusuma, & Sr. Nirmala SAP.

3. Liturgy: Fr. G. Naveen, Fr. Gopu Prakash Pradeep, Mr. T.D. Tommy, Sr. Elsin SAB & Adoration Convent, Mr. Christopher, Mr. Pramod & Mr. Sudheer

4. Sacred Music: Fr. N. Surender (Cecilia Music Academy), Mr. Praneel, Mr. Lourdhu Marreddy, Sr. Mamatha CSA, Mrs. Vijaya & Mr. Kalapala Praveen

5. Venue: Fr. P. Baltha, Mr. Dayasagar, Mr. T. Mathias Reddy, Mr. G. Sudheer, Mr. Arun, Arunodaya Youth Committee, Mr. A. Showreddy, Mr. M. Sudheer, Mr. M. Bhaskar, Mr. A. Praveen & Mrs. G. Suma, Mr. P. Innareddy, Mr. Surendra Prasad.

6. Light, Sound, Illumination: Fr. T. Joseph, Mr. K. V. Johnson, Mr. Sudheer Reddy, Mr. Ramulu & Mr. Lourdhu Marreddy, Mr. P. Srinivas.

7. Decoration: Fr. P. Suresh, Fr. N. Balaswamy, Fr. Bala Martin, St. Ann's Hospital, Br. Antony, Mr. Jude, M.O.P, Presentation Convent, Adoration Convent, Mr. G. Pramod, Sr. Nirmala, Mrs. Celina, Mr. Praveen Reddy, Bhattupalli Youth & Assisi Convent (Our Lady Statue: Regina Mundi, Grotto: ITI, Gabriel Brothers & Presentation Sisters, Stage: St. Ann's Hospital, Theru: Assisi Sisters, Altar: Adoration sisters)

8. Drinking Water: Mr. A. Sudhakar, Mr. A. Prakash Reddy, Mr. Arogya Reddy, Mr. P. Innareddy & Balavikasa

9. Electricity and Sanitation: Mr. A. Sudhakar, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Gopu Marreddy, Mr. Anthony Reddy & Mr. Raj Mohan Rao

10. Renting Spaces: Fr. Anukiran, Fr. K. Marreddy, Mr. Allam Prakash Reddy, Mr. K. Kiran, Mr. T. Arogyareddy, Mr. P. Inna Reddy, Mr. G. Anthony Reddy.

11. Law and Order: Fr. M. Jayapaul, Mr. Raj Mohan Rao, Mr. Dayasagar, Mr. Mathias Reddy, Mr. Balashowraiah & Mr. Rayappa

- 12. Mass Offerings:** Fr. N. Sampath, Divya Deepthi Convent, Y. Pavani & Mrs. Jyothi
- 13. Cultural Program:** Fr. Jaya Prathap, Sr. Aruna FMM, Mrs. Kusuma, Mrs. Innasamma, Mrs. Josna, Mrs. Celina Chinnappa, Mr. Jaddu Rayappa, Mr. P. Sunil, Mr. Praveen.
- 14. Reception and Accommodation:** Sr. Marciline FMM, Fr. Jaya Prathap, Br. Antony, Regina Mundi Sisters, Mrs. T. Anitha & Sr. Elsamma
- 15. Food and Accommodation:** Fr. K. Joseph, Sr. Kalpana, Mr. Rajaiah, Mr. Mathais Reddy, Mr. Bhaskar & Mr. Srinivas, Br. Aravind MOP (Police: Mr. Kiran & Mr. Allam Prakash Reddy, Electricity & Municipality: Mr. Sudhakar)
- 16. Printing and Banners:** Fr. G. Anukiran, Br. Aravind MOP
- 17. Publicity and Media:** Fr. Anukiran, Fr. Ahirwadam SJ, Mr. A. Ramesh, & Mr. Dayasagar
- 18. Felicitation:** Fr. K. Marreddy, Mrs. Celina, Mr. T.D. Tomy, Mrs. Sandhya, Mrs. Kasu Rani, Mrs. Innasamma, Mrs. Showreelu & Mrs. Suma
- 19. Discipline and Volunteers:** Fr. P. Suresh, Mr. T.D Jose, Mr. Rayappa, Mr. K. Praveen & Fatima Cathedral Youth, Arunodaya Youth Centre.
- 20. Blessing at Grotto and in Cathedral:** Fr. T. Joseph, Deans, Fr. George VC, VC Fathers, Fr. D. Joseph, Mrs. Nazerethamma, Mr. Allam Prakash, Mr. MG Prakash, Mr. Ramulu, Mr. Bala Showraiah, Mrs. Sandhya (Darga), Mr. Peter, Mr. Stanislaus Reddy, Mrs. Karmel, Mr. K. Kiran, Mr. D. Sandeep, Mr. G. Antony Reddy, Mr. Praveen, Mr. A. Raja Reddy, Mr. K. Raju & Mr. G. Anthony Reddy
- 21. Announcements:** Mr. Jaddu Rayappa, Mr. Praveen, Mr. Ravi, Mrs. Joshna, Mr. Sandeep, Mr. Tomy & Sr. Elsamma
- 22. Confessions:** Fr. K. Marreddy, Fr. Ashirwadam SJ, Mrs. Prema, Mr. Christopher, Aradhana Sisters, Mr. Jeettu & Mr. Kiran
- 23. Special Invitees:** Fr. K. Marreddy, Mr. Dayasagar, Mr. T. Mathaias Reddy, Mr. Rajmohan Rao, Mrs. Celina, Mr. Johnson, T.D. Jose & Fatima Parish Council

NB: 1) All committees are requested to make proper PLASTIC- FREE & ECO-FRIENDLY arrangements, conducive for Spiritual Experience with Christian fervor and Enthusiasm.

2) Press Meet is on 10-03-2025 at MediaPoint, Kazipet

+ Udumala Bala
Bishop, Diocese of Warangal &
Archbishop-Elect of Visakhapatnam
Chairman of Executive Committees

Rev. Fr. K. Marreddy, Parish Priest
and Co-Ordinator of Executive

6. NEWS from Lodi MSSS:

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

Achievements in February:

- i) Renovated 4 Feeder channels in 4 project villages and 80 farmers were benefitted with increase of irrigation and recharge of bore wells.
- ii) Four small ponds in 4 project villages were renovated by clearance of jungle on the bund and strengthened the bund and 120 farmers were benefitted with the increase of irrigation sources.
- iii) 120 farmers were provided with plastic drums, cans, 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 of TELANGANA State.

Achievements in February:

- 317 units of backyard chickens were distributed to 317 women in 23 villages to enhance secondary income of the target families and also to promote usage of eggs in their daily food.
- We have selected 100 farmers from 23 villages and constructed 100 Vermi Compost Pits. Applying this compost improves the soil fertility and increases soil moisture content, thereby reduce expenditure on chemical fertilizers.
- 112 Farmers were provided traditional food crop seeds and cultivated in 121 acres of land in 23 project villages.
- 108 farmers were provided Fodder seeds and cultivated in 68 acres of land for animal husbandry.

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

- Nursing Students from Australian Catholic University had an exposure visit to Lodi and learned about the field activities and services of Lodi.

- Two coordinators from Lodi attended the ISI (Indian Social Institute) Bengaluru state level training and orientation program on resource mobilization and leadership qualities. 1) CLHA Nutrition support was given to 150 children. 2) CHAI



organization provided one day training program on CLHA registration form online data collection system.

IV. Revolving Fund Loans

- During the month of February, 41 beneficiaries of 2 villages were supported with the loan of Rs. 8,00,000/-.
- 105 members of Fatima Mahila Sahakara Sangham of 65 villages of 28 parishes were given the loan of Rs. 1,09,25,000/-
- Total contribution towards Savings of Fatima Mahila Sahakara Sangham: Rs. 3,86,850/-.

Fr. S. Inna Reddy, Director, LODI MSSS

7. News from Pastoral Centre

1. Marriage Preparation Course: On the second and fourth Saturday of february , the Pastoral Centre successfully conducted a Marriage Preparation Course with 44 participants, the course aimed to equip would be couples with the spiritual and practical tools necessary for a successful Catholic Marriage. Topics covered are marital responsibilities, the sacredness of the Sacrament of Marriage, a call to unity and holiness m, walking together in love is gift of God and grow in and through differences to build a new family. The participants found the course to be an enriching experience, helping them build a strong foundation for their future together.

2. Quiz Competitions: The Children's Bible Quiz competition, held at both the Deanery and Diocesan levels, was a significant and uplifting event for the community. A large number of groups took part in the competition, which showcased the dedication and eagerness of the children to engage with the teachings of the Bible. This kind of event not only fosters learning but also nurtures spiritual growth in the participants.

Fr. T. Joseph, Director, Pastoral Centre

8. Celebrating the Progress: Inaugural and Oath-Taking Ceremony at Father Colombo College of Allied Health&Paramedical Sciences-Father Colombo health city, Hunter Road, Warangal.

On 14th February 2025 Father Colombo Health City witnessed a historic moment as the first batch of Allied Health Sciences and Paramedical Sciences students took their solemn oath in a grand inaugural ceremony. The event marked the official induction of students into Father Colombo College of Allied Health Sciences and Father Colombo College of Paramedical Sciences. With eight specialties and 160 seats in Allied Health Sciences and ten



specialty courses with 550 seats in Paramedical Sciences, the institutions are set to shape the future of healthcare professionals.

The auspicious occasion was graced by our Chairman and Managing Trustee Bishop of Warangal and Archbishop elect of Visakhapatnam Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala and distinguished guests from the United States Most. Rev. Joseph Kopacz, Msgr. Elvin Sunds and Rev. Fr. Vatti Albeen Reddy. Adding to the honor, Dr. B. Karunakar Reddy, Vice Chancellor of KNR University attended as the chief guest, delivering an inspiring address to the new students. The oath-taking ceremony was conducted with great reverence, symbolizing the commitment of students to serve humanity with dedication and ethics. The program featured vibrant cultural performances, deeply moving speeches, and words of encouragement from Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, along with other esteemed dignitaries.

On this auspicious day Directors of FCIMS, MGH & FCCN – Rev. Fr. T. Tharun Reddy, Rev. Fr. G. Chinnappa Reddy, Rev. Fr. N. Sampath, teaching faculty and non-teaching staff of Father Colombo Institute of Medical Sciences and Medicare General Hospital honored and congratulated Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, the Bishop of Warangal, who has been elevated to Archbishop of Visakhapatnam. This landmark event marks the beginning of a new chapter for Father Colombo Health City, reaffirming its commitment to excellence in medical education and ethical healthcare services.

Fr. T. Tharun Reddy, Director-FCIMS&FCCAHS

9. News from WADES: St. Alphonse High School Celebrates Annual Day with Gusto

St. Alphonse High School recently celebrated its Annual Day with great enthusiasm and fervor. The event was attended by distinguished guests, including Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, President, Bishop of Warangal Diocese, and Arch Bishop Elect of Vishakapatnam, and Hon. Justice G. Chandraiah, former Judge of Telangana High Court.



Theme: SANKALP - A PROMISE TO CHANGE

The theme of this year's celebrations was "Sankalp: A Promise to Change," reflecting the school's commitment to growth, improvement, and making a positive impact. The students showcased their talents through a theme-oriented cultural fiesta, "Ekalavya: Guru Shishya Banda."

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND SPORTS FACILITIES

The school celebrated its academic excellence, acknowledging the outstanding achievements of its students in various fields. The students have consistently demonstrated exceptional skills in cultural activities, sports, and academics.

The event also marked the inauguration of the school's brand-new Basketball court, a state-of-the-art facility that will provide students with a world-class platform to hone their skills and pursue their passion for sports. Work on the school's swimming pool is also progressing rapidly.

GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION

The school extended its gratitude to its esteemed guests, Deputy Manager Rev. Fr. M. Jaya Paul, DEO Janardhan sir, BADRAIAH MEO, and alumni Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Dr. V. Chandra Shekar, and A. Chandra Shekar. The event was a testament to the school's commitment to shaping young minds, fostering creativity, and inspiring positive change. The students, staff, and parents came together to make the evening unforgettable.

A PROMISE TO CHANGE

As the school looks to the future, it reiterates its promise to change and make a positive impact. With its emphasis on academic excellence, sports, and cultural activities, St. Alphonse High School is poised to continue its tradition of nurturing young minds and inspiring them to become responsible citizens of tomorrow.

Fr. Santhosh Thumma, H M & Correspondent

10. News from FCT

1. Distribution of dry ration and clothes to the poor children: on 26th of January FCT in collaboration with Fr. G. Sudhakar Parish Priest of Karunapuram held a gathering of FCT children from different Parishes in the premises of Karunapuram Parish from 9.00 am to 2 p.m. Fr. M. Praveen guided the gathering. He spoke about the missionary zeal and great things of late Fr. Colombo, PIME in Warangal for the upliftment of the people. At 10:45am our Bishop Udumala Bala and Archbishop-Elect of Visakhapatnam came to greet children. He was given a joyful welcome by the children, Priests and Church Elders. Then Fr. M. Praveen appreciated and thanked Bishop for his valuable services and contribution for our Diocese and his elation as Archbishop of Visakhapatnam. Then he was felicitated by the Children, FCT staff and Church elders. Later Bishop addressed the children and the parents. He appreciated and thanked late Rev. Fr. Colombo, PIME and the donors for their generosity and sacrifices. Then he started the distribution continued till 2.pm. About 200 children were given. Each child received quintal rice, 25 kgs Dal, 5 liters of cooking oil, stationary and two dresses. FCT directed thanked all those who helped particularly St. Augustine youth of Karunapuram.



Fr. G. Martin, Director

11. News from Jeevadhara Prayer Centre

రండి ! పాల్గొనండి !! రక్షణ పొందండి !!!

జీవధార డివైన్ ప్రార్థన కేంద్రం

Vincentian Fathers (పోటా బృందం), రాంపూర్, వరంగల్లు పేతం

ప్రార్థనలు:

- శుక్రవారం ప్రార్థనలు :** ప్రతి శుక్రవారం ఉ. 10 గం||లకు జపమాల 11 గం|| లకు స్తుతి ఆరాధన, 11.30 గం||లకు దివ్యవాక్కు మ. 1.00 గం||లకు కరుణ జపమాల ఓ స్వస్థత ఆరాధన మ. 2.00 గం||లకు దివ్యబలి పూజ.
- బైబిల్ పాఠాలు :** ప్రతి బుధవారం ఉ. 7 గం||లకు బైబిల్ చదవడం, సభ్యత సాంగ్స్ మ. 12.30 గం||లకు దివ్యబలి పూజ.
- జాగరణ ప్రార్థన :** ప్రతి రెండవ శనివారం రా. 9.30 గం||లకు దివ్యబలి పూజ 10.30 గం||లకు జపమాల 11.30 గం||లకు దివ్యవాక్కు మధ్యరాత్రి 1.30 గం||లకు సిలువ మార్గం. 2.15 గం|| లకు ఆరాధన, ఉ. 4.00 గం||లకు దివ్యబలి పూజ.
- విజ్ఞాపన ప్రార్థన :** ప్రతిరోజూ ఉ. 7 గం||ల నుండి రా. 7.30 గం||ల వరకు

సభ్యత సాంగ్స్, కౌన్సిలింగ్ సదుపాయం కలదు
Confession, Counselling Available

ప్రార్థన విన్నపముల కొరకు:
9491118075, 9100378401

గురుశ్రీ జార్జ్ VC డైరెక్టర్ గురుశ్రీ అనల్ కుమార్ VC అడ్మినిస్ట్రేటర్

రండి ! పాల్గొనండి !! రక్షణ పొందండి !!!

అతడు మన తప్పిదముల కొరకు గాయపడెను. (యెషయా 53:5)

తపస్సుకాల శుక్రవారం ప్రత్యేక ప్రార్థనలు

జీవధార డివైన్ ప్రార్థన కేంద్రం

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<p>తేది: 07-03-2025 ముదటి శుక్రవారం గురుశ్రీ గంగాధర సతీష్ (వడ్డెపల్లి విచారణ)</p>	<p>తేది: 28-03-2025 నాలుగవ శుక్రవారం గురుశ్రీ తాటికొండ బోనప్ప పాస్టరల్ సెంటర్ డైరెక్టర్, వరంగల్ పేతం</p>
<p>తేది: 08-03-2025 తపస్సుకాల జాగరణ ప్రార్థన రెండవ శనివారం రా. 9.30 గం.ల నుండి ఉ. 4 గం.ల వరకు</p>	<p>తేది: 04-04-2025 బడవ శుక్రవారం గురుశ్రీ నెల్సన్ వి.సి. డీపాల్ స్యూల్ ఫ్రీక్వివల్, భవదోలు</p>
<p>తేది: 14-03-2025 రెండవ శుక్రవారం గురుశ్రీ మలియదాసు, వి.సి. విశాఖ డివైన్ ప్రార్థన కేంద్రం, డైరెక్టర్, వైజాక్</p>	<p>తేది: 11-04-2025 ఆరవ శుక్రవారం గురుశ్రీ బోబన్ వి.సి. పాపులర్ మిషన్ అసిస్టెంట్ డైరెక్టర్, ఎ.పి. తెలంగాణ.</p>
<p>తేది: 21-03-2025 మూడవ శుక్రవారం గురుశ్రీ అజీస్ వి.సి. సీవారు డివైన్ ప్రార్థన కేంద్రం, డైరెక్టర్, కర్నూల్</p>	<p>తేది: 18-04-2025 పెద్ద శుక్రవారం ఉ. 10.00 గం.లకు ఆరాధన ఉ. 10.30 గం.లకు బహిరంగ సిలువ మార్గం చిన్న రాంపూర్, మ. 1.30 గం.లకు సిలువ ఆరాధన</p>

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12. News from Youth Centre:

1. I have visited Somidi in Kazipet parish and celebrated Mass for the youth and I have motivated them to take part in different responsibilities in the church and encouraged them to be active in youth programmes. They are very happy and came forward to give their wonderful services in the parish. They are very much interested to learn the professional courses and they are very exemplary to others in their speech or deed. I taught them some songs for Mass and played some games. They are very much interested in spiritual matters. I thank Fr Baltha for welcoming me to his parish to meet the youth.

2. I request all the parish priest and Heads of the institutions to announce about the Computer, Tailoring, Typing and beautician Courses. Kindly encouraged the youth.

Fr. P. Suresh, Director

Blessings on the Anniversary of Priestly Ordination	
Rev. Fr. Yeruva Chinnapa	02-03-1977
Rev. Fr. Devarapu Sudhakar	06-03-2000
Rev. Fr. Salibindla Arogyam	06-03-2000
Rev. Fr. Singareddy Shoban	06-03-2000
Rev. Fr. Vatti Albeen	06-03-2000
Rev. Fr. Yeruva Joji	09-03-1982
Rev. Fr. Pudota Prakash	12-03-1986
Rev. Fr. Singareddy Balashowry	12-03-1986
Rev. Fr. Rachumalla Inna	12-03-1990
Rev. Fr. Gali Bala Swamy	20-03-1995
Rev. Fr. Pentareddy Baltha Raj	22-03-1995
Rev. Fr. Dodda Raja	26-03-1987
Rev. Fr. Golamari Ranjith Kumar	30-03-2016
Rev. Fr. Salibindla Joseph Mahipaul	31-03-2016
Prayers on Anniversary of Birthdays in Month of March	
Rev. Fr. Mekala Anand	02-03-1964
Rev. Msgr. Maramreddy Maria Joseph	07-03-1975
Rev. Fr. Basani Mathias	13-03-1943
Rev. Fr. Thirumalareddy Anthony	20-03-1980
Rev. Fr. Golamari Joseph Reddy	27-03-1987



New Church Blessing at Uttaravalli Parish, Vizag



CRI-Thanksgiving and Felicitation to Archbishop-Elect of Visakhapatnam



Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Fatima Cathedral Parish, Fatimanagar



Felicitation to Archbishop-Elect of Visakhapatnam at Fatima School, Fatimanagar



Celebration of 50 Years of Faith in Jayagiri village and Blessing of Grotto at Jayagiri village, Hasanparthy Parish



Annual Day Celebrations at St. Alphonse High school, Karimnagar



Consoling Former MLA of Wardhannapet Mr. Ramesh for the Loss of His Mother

వేరోంగొల్లు పీఠం

[12 జల్లాల విశ్వాసుల తిరునాళ్ళు]

ఫాతిమామాత మహోత్సవం

2025 సాధారణ జూబిలీ సంవత్సరంలో

మా కాపరి విశాఖ అగ్రపీఠకాపరిగా నియామక ఆశీర్వాద వేళలో..

Year of Jubilee 2025

ఫాతిమా పతాకా ఆవిష్కరణ మార్చి 3-2025

నవదిన జపములు: మార్చి 3 నుండి 11, 2025 వరకు

సమయం: సా: 5.30 గం.లకు

మహోత్సవ ప్రత్యేక పూజా ప్రార్థనలు మార్చి 11, 12, 13 - 2025
మంగళ, బుధ, గురు వారాలలో

ఫాతిమా బృహద్దేవాలయం, ఫాతిమానగర్, హనుమకొండ జిల్లా, తెలంగాణ రాష్ట్రం



ప్రధాన అర్చకులు
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పరంగల్ పీఠకాపరి & విశాఖపీఠం నూతన అగ్రపీఠకాపరి

