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*HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD PRAY FOR US!*

*Happy Pongal*

*Happy  
Republic Day*

**2026**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**





**Blessing and Laying of the Foundation Stone for the new building of Holy Cross, Ghanpur**



**Feast of St Francis Xavier- Feast mass at Rajupet Parish**



**Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Nava Drushti Eye Hospital, Fatimanagar**



**Seminar for Catholic Education Leaders Conducted by TCBC, Hyderabad**



**Holy Matrimony at Bandlaguda, Archdiocese of Hyderabad**



**Immaculate Conception Church Feast Celebrations at Subedari Parish**



**Holy Matrimony at Veleru Parish**



**I. "Walking into 2026 with Hope, Unity and Mission under God's Guidance, while Thanking 2025"**

Dear beloved priests, religious, and faithful in Christ,

As we step into the New Year 2026, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God who has gently led us through the days and seasons of the past year- 2025. Every new beginning is a gift of grace, a fresh page on which God invites us to write a story of faith, hope, and love. January, the first month of the year, calls us not merely to change the calendar, but to renew our hearts.



The Church begins this year under the loving mantle of **Mary, the Mother of God**, whom we honor on the first day of January. Mary teaches us how to welcome God's plans with trust and humility. As she pondered all things in her heart, may we too learn to discern God's will for our diocese, our families, and our personal lives. In moments of uncertainty, her silent faith becomes our strength.

The recently concluded **Jubilee Year 2025** has left us with precious memories and deep spiritual insights. It reminded us that we are a pilgrim people, journeying together as one family of God. The Jubilee spirit must not end with celebrations alone; it must continue as a way of life marked by reconciliation, compassion for the poor, care for creation, and renewed commitment to prayer and mission.

As the Administrator of the diocese, I am deeply grateful to all our priests for their tireless pastoral service, to our religious sisters and brothers for their prophetic witness, and to the lay faithful for being the living Church in homes, villages, institutions, and workplaces. Your faith, patience, and cooperation are signs that the Spirit of God is actively at work among us. Million thanks to you dear priests, religious sisters and brothers and people of God for whatever you have done in the Jubilee Year 2025.

The New Year also invites us to look ahead with hope. Our diocese faces challenges, but also immense opportunities to grow in unity and mission. Let us walk together clergy, religious, and laity with mutual respect and shared responsibility. When we listen to one another and place Christ at the centre, the Church truly becomes a home for all.

**May 2026 be a year** of healing for broken hearts, peace for troubled families, wisdom for our leaders, and joy for our youth. Let our parishes become centres of prayer and service, and let every Christian home radiate the light of Christ.

Entrusting our diocese to the maternal intercession of **Our Lady of Fatima**, I invoke **God's abundant blessings** upon you and your families. May the Lord who makes all things new, renew us in faith and lead us forward in hope. Let us continue to be united in prayer and spirit for the good of the church and our beloved diocese of Warangal and for the greater glory of God and work together for establishment of God's kingdom in our diocese.

With prayerful good wishes for a blessed and grace-filled **New Year 2026**.

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

## II. Holy Father's General Intension: For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence

## III. Message of the Holy Father for World Day of Peace: "Peace be with you all"

Pope Leo XIV releases the theme for the 2026 World Day of Peace, "Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace," as the Vatican Publishing House produces a book entitled "And Let There Be Peace."



"Peace be with you all. Towards an unarmed and disarming peace" is the theme of Pope Leo XIV's Message for the World Day of Peace 2026 which will be celebrated on January 1, 2026. The Holy Father invites everyone to welcome peace and become witnesses to it because it "exists; it wants to dwell within us. It has the gentle power to enlighten and expand our understanding; it resists and overcomes violence. Peace is a breath of the eternal". Christians must become witnesses, and quoting St. Augustine, the Pope invites them "to forge an unbreakable bond with peace". We are all invited to walk this path traced by the Risen One. He himself embodied unarmed peace because "his was an unarmed struggle".

Peace is a gift that must be safeguarded, in fact if it "is not a reality that is lived, cultivated and protected, then aggression spreads into domestic and public life" and one can fall into the trap of thinking that in order to achieve it, one must prepare for war by embodying the "irrationality of relations between nations, built not on law, justice and trust, but on fear and domination by force".

The Holy Father recalls that St. Augustine recommends "not to burn bridges or persist in reproach, but to prefer listening and, where possible, engaging in discussions with others." In order to achieve disarming peace, we must embody meekness because "goodness is disarming. Perhaps this is why God became a child".

Peace comes from evangelical humility. A child, in all its fragility, could change hearts, question our choices, and lay down our weapons.

Pope Leo reminds us that peace is possible, it is not a utopia, and that ecumenical and interreligious dialogue are privileged ways to achieve it. Nor must we forget to embark on "the disarming path of diplomacy, mediation, and international law," which requires mutual trust, loyalty, and responsibility in the commitments we make.

"This is the peace of the risen Christ – a peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. It comes from God who loves us all unconditionally" Pope Leo XIV.



#### **IV. Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Jan 1)**

We celebrate the liturgical feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 1st, which is the Octave of Christmas. Only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave, which is an eight-day extension of the feast. The honoring of Mary as the Mother of God can be traced back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. By the 7th century, January 1st was observed as a celebration of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ had come to replace the feast honoring Mary; however in 1751, after a push in Portugal for an official feast day celebrating Mary's divine maternity, Pope Benedict XIV allowed Portugal's churches to devote a feast to Mary on the first Sunday in May. Eventually, the feast extended to other countries, and in 1914 began to be observed on October 11. In 1931, Pope Pius XI extended the feast to the entire church, and in 1974, Pope Paul VI removed the feast of the Circumcision of Christ from the liturgical calendar and replaced it with the feast of the "Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God", bringing Mary's feast day back to the first day of the year.



The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer." On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word." Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace." New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

#### **V. Solemnity of Epiphany of the Lord (Jan 4)**

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words, the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.



The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the Episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young

Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the Magnificat at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (Ceremonial of Bishops). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts.

## VI. Baptism of the Lord (Jan 11)

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God.

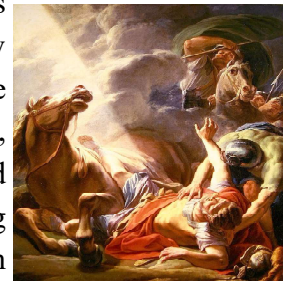


The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world."

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

## VII. Feast of Conversion of St. Paul (Jan 25)

Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them





over for imprisonment” (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was “entered,” possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior. One sentence determined his theology: “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting” (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing. From then on, his only work was to “present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me” (Colossians 1:28b-29). “For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction” (1 Thessalonians 1:5a).

Paul’s life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ’s victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new. So Paul’s great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more “works” than the Law could ever contemplate.

#### **VIII. 76 Anniversary of Constitution: Republic Day (Jan 26)**

Though India became a free nation on August 15, 1947, it declared itself a Sovereign, Democratic and Republic state with the adoption of the Constitution on January 26, 1950. A salute of 21 guns and the unfurling of the Indian National Flag by Dr. Rajendra Prasad heralded the historic birth of the Indian Republic on that day.



Thereafter 26th of January was decreed a national holiday and was recognized as the Republic Day of India. The Constitution gave the citizens of India the power to choose their own government and paved the way for democracy. Dr. Rajendra Prasad took oath as the first President of India at the Durbar Hall in Government House and this was followed by the Presidential drive along a five-mile route to the Irwin Stadium, where he unfurled the National Flag. National Flag: The National Flag is a horizontal tricolour of deep saffron (kesaria) at the top, white in the middle and dark green at the bottom in equal proportion. The ratio of width of the flag to its length is two to three. In the centre of the white band is a navyblue wheel which represents the chakra. The top saffron colour, indicates the strength and courage of the country. The white middle band indicates peace and truth with Dharma Chakra. The green shows the fertility, growth and auspiciousness of the land. Its design is that of the wheel which appears on the abacus of the Sarnath Lion Capital of Ashoka. Its diameter approximates to the width of the white band and it has 24 spokes. The design of the National Flag was adopted by the Constituent Assembly of India on 22 July 1947.

### **Brief Report on Diocese Level Jubilee 2025 Celebrations**

The Diocese-Level Jubilee 2025 Celebrations were solemnly and joyfully held on 14 December 2025, bringing together clergy, religious, and faithful from all parts of the Diocese of Warangal. The celebration was organized in the spirit of thanksgiving, renewal, and unity, in harmony with the Jubilee Year theme, “Pilgrims of Hope – Hope does not disappoint.” The event witnessed active participation and reflected the vibrant life of the diocesan community.

The programme began with a meaningful Eucharistic Adoration, prayerfully conducted by Rev. Fr. Balaraju, SCJ, invoking God’s blessings upon the entire Jubilee celebration. This sacred moment set a contemplative tone, reminding the gathering of the centrality of prayer in the life and mission of the Church. Following the adoration, a graceful welcome dance was presented, symbolizing joy, gratitude, and the unity of God’s people.

The inaugural session commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, marking the formal opening of the Jubilee celebrations. Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Administrator of the Diocese of Warangal, offered the introductory address, in which he warmly welcomed the participants and highlighted the significance of celebrating the Jubilee at the diocesan level. He emphasized the call to renew faith, strengthen communion, and recommit to pastoral responsibilities in the light of the Jubilee Year.

Rev. Fr. Balashowry, the Moderator of the day introduced the three resource persons for the day’s thematic sessions. The first speaker, Mr. SrujanSegev, spoke on Media and Youth in the Church, emphasizing the role of digital media in evangelization and the urgent need to engage youth meaningfully in the life and mission of the Church. The second speaker, Rev. Fr. Mallavarapu Sunder, addressed the role of the Pastoral Council, highlighting collaboration, shared leadership, and co-responsibility among clergy, religious, and laity in building vibrant parish communities. The third speaker, Rev. Fr. S. Inna, spoke on Liturgy and Reforms, stressing the importance of active and conscious participation in the liturgy, fidelity to liturgical norms, and the need for reverence in worship.

After a brief interaction and reflection on the sessions, the participants gathered for lunch, fostering fellowship and fraternity. The post-lunch session featured a short cultural programme, creatively depicting the Jubilee theme, “Hope does not disappoint us.”

The Jubilee celebrations reached their spiritual climax with the Solemn Holy Eucharist, presided over by Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Administrator of the Diocese of Warangal. In his homily, he highlighted the unity and communion of the diocesan Church, calling upon all members to walk together as pilgrims of hope. He re-emphasized the responsibilities and duties of priests, religious, catechists, and the lay faithful, urging everyone to remain committed to their vocation and mission in service of God’s people.

The Diocese-Level Jubilee 2025 Celebration concluded on a note of gratitude, renewal, and joy. The event strengthened the sense of belonging among the faithful and inspired all participants to move forward with renewed hope, faith, and dedication to the mission of the Church in the Diocese of Warangal.



## Diocese Level Jubilee 2025 Celebrations





## Closing Celebrations of Diocese Level Jubilee 2025





### **Closing Celebrations of Diocese Level Jubilee 2025**

The Jubilee Year 2025 was solemnly inaugurated with the traditional opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on 24 December 2024 by Pope Francis, through the Bull of Indiction *Spes non confundit* "Hope does not disappoint". This message of hope became the unifying theme of the Ordinary Jubilee. At the diocesan level, the Jubilee was formally opened on 28 December 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. From that moment onward, the Jubilee was meaningfully celebrated at diocesan, deanery, parish, and village levels through various spiritual, pastoral, and charitable programmes.

#### **CRI Warangal Unit – Jubilee Activities**

- **Ookal Zone:** Jubilee Celebration with widows – 9 August 2025, Atmakur.
- **Mahabubabad Zone:** Outreach programme for 80 persons living with HIV/AIDS – 13 September 2025, Thorur.
- **Fatimanagar Zone:** Jubilee Celebration with orphans and HIV-affected children – 21 October 2025, Fatimanagar.
- **Karunapuram Zone:** Charity event and distribution of 50 grocery kits – 18 October 2025, Karunapuram.
- **Karimnagar CRI Unit:** Social service programme for HIV-infected children at Krupa Bhavan, Dacharam, with participation of 25 women Religious – 28 October 2025.

#### **Deanery-Level Jubilee Celebrations**

- Mahabubabad Deanery: 16 February 2025.
- Karimnagar Deanery: 30 March 2025.
- Karunapuram Deanery: February 2025.
- Ookal Deanery: 28 December 2024.

#### **Fatima Charitable Trust Jubilee 2025 Celebrations**

- Children's Jubilee Celebrations-27-09-2025
- Youth Jubilee Celebrations -28-09-2025

#### **Pastoral Centre Jubilee 2025 Celebrations**

- Catechist's and Animators Jubilee Celebrations-13 September 2025

## **Parish- and Village-Level Jubilee Celebrations**

- **Jangaon Parish:** Parish Jubilee Celebration – 16 November 2025.
- **Kanchanapally Parish:** Parish and Village-Level Jubilee Celebrations – 16-11-2025.
- **Bheemaram Village (Waddepally Parish):** Jubilee celebrations for all sections of the faithful – 26 September to 4 October 2025.
- **Narmetta Parish:** Jubilee Celebration – 7 December 2025.
- **Manugonda Parish:** Jubilee Celebration – 21 September 2025.
- **Reddipalem Parish:**
  - o Parish-Level Jubilee Day of Prayer – 2 February 2025.
  - o Children's Jubilee Celebration – 10 May 2025.
  - o Parish Jubilee Retreat (Kutumbha Ashirwada Sadasullu) – 29 September to 1 October 2025.
- **Pasara Parish -** Jubilee Celebrations-7 December 2025
- **Dacharam Parish -** Jubilee Celebrations- 8 November 2025
- **Mahabubabad Parish-**
  - o Catechist Jubilee Celebrations 15-05-2025
  - o Children and Youth Jubilee Celebrations on 05-10-2025
  - o Religious Jubilee Celebrations on 05-11-2025
- **Hunabad Parish:** Farmers Jubilee celebrations-31-05-2025

The Diocesan-Level Closing of the Jubilee Year 2025 was solemnly celebrated with deep faith at Fatima Cathedral Church on the Feast of the Holy Family at 7:15 a.m., marking the formal conclusion of the Jubilee Year under the theme “Pilgrims of Hope – Hope does not disappoint” (Rom 5:5). The Holy Mass began with a solemn procession led by the Jubilee Cross, symbolizing the Diocese's spiritual journey throughout the Jubilee Year, with clergy, religious, and faithful participating prayerfully in thanksgiving for the graces received. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Administrator of the Diocese, who in his homily reflected on Christian hope rooted in Christ, drawing inspiration from the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a model of love, faith, and trust for Christian families. The Jubilee Cross remained near the altar, and the liturgy was marked by a spirit of unity, renewal, and gratitude. The celebration concluded with the lowering of the Jubilee flag, followed by the release of balloons, symbolizing peace, hope, and the renewed mission of the faithful.



### **IX. Administrator's Engagements in the Month of January, 2026**

- 1: New Year Vigil Mass at Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar  
11:00 am Day Mass at Ghanpur Parish  
6:00pm Closing of Provincial Chapter of Mary Mediatrix Congregation
- 2: Infant Jesus Church Feast at Mogili Cherla Reddipalem
- 3: 5:30pm Annual Day Celebrations of Mount Carmel High School, Jagitial
- 4: Holy Mass at Ranipuram Parish
- 5: Priestly Ordinations of 4 Deacons at Thimmaraopet Parish
- 9: 5:00 pm Holy Mass at Christ King Monastery of MOP Brothers, Fatimanagar
- 10: Office  
5:00pm Annual Day Celebrations of Fatima Girls High School, Fatimanagar
- 11: 11:00am Mass at Thigarajupalli Parish  
5:30pm Decennial Celebration of Pusapalli Village, Mahabubabad Parish
- 12: 10:00am Rededication of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Blessing of Arch & First Holy Communion and Confirmation at Mulugu Parish
- 14: 10:00am First Holy Communion & Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church, Godavarikhani Parish
- 15: Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Kommareddy Marreddy at St. John's Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur
- 17: am Office  
pm 3:30pm FCT General Body Meeting
- 24: am Office  
pm 3:30pm VKS & TORRI General Body Meeting
- 25: Feast of St. Paul: Mass at Thirumalayapalem, Khammam Diocese
- 26: Blessing & Inauguration of New Chapel at Bachupally Village, Kukatpally Parish, Archdiocese of Hyderabad
- 28: Holy Matrimony at Brahmanapally Parish, Nalgonda Diocese
- 31: 10:30am Talent Show & Sports Day at Bishop Beretta High School, Fatimanagar  
6:00pm Feast of Don Bosco-Holy Mass at Don Bosco Seminary, Karunapuram

### **February 2026**

- 2-11: CBCI 37<sup>th</sup> General Body Meeting, Bangalore

## X. Communications

### 1. Congratulations and Welcome to two Deacons of Warangal Diocese

I am happy to introduce two of our Deacons:

**a. Bro. Pentareddy Bala Sanjay:** Bro. Sanjay hails from Mariapuram Village, Narmetta Parish, who completed his Theological Studies at St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad. Currently he is in Kadavendi and Madhapuram Parishes, doing his Diaconate Ministry.

**b. Bro. Bochu Amarender:** Bro. Amar is from Parkal Parish. He pursued his Theological Studies in St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad. He is doing his Diaconal ministry at Waddepally Parish.

I congratulate both of them as they received their Diaconate Ordination on October 26, 2024. I cordially welcome them in to the Diocese of Warangal.

**2. New Year, 2026:** On the occasion of entering into the Gregorian Year 2026, I wish all the Priests, the Religious and the Faithful a very grace-filled, 2026. May it bring us true Peace, Harmony, Joy, Health and Prosperity.

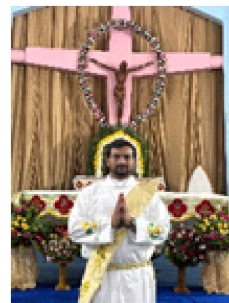
**3. Deanery Level Recollection in January:** Deans are requested to organize the January- monthly recollection on Deanery level. All Priests are requested to attend and grow in holiness and Priestly Ministry.

**4. Week of Christian Unity:** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is to be observed from the 18th to the 25th January. Please organize/ conduct appropriate programmes. Suitable prayer material is provided in this issue.

**5. Submission of Annual Returns (for January to December, 2025):** Parish Priests and Heads of the institutions are requested to submit the annual returns, which are to be sent to Rome in the first quarter of 2025. Please fill in correctly and submit them by January 15, 2026.

**6. Submission of Binated /Trinated Masses:** Maintenance of "Mass Intentions Register." Priests are asked to submit the number of Binated/Trinated Masses to the procurator, by January 15, 2026, for the period from July to December, 2025. Kindly continue to maintaining the Holy Mass Register and Submit the Binated and Trinated Masses in Bishop's house.

**7. Recitation of Prayer for a New Shepherd for the Diocese of Warangal:** Kindly recite the Prayer for the Appointment of a New Bishop for the Diocese of Warangal after Holy Communion, in place of the Jubilee 2025 Prayer. The prayer texts in both English and Telugu have already been shared with you via WhatsApp



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



## 8. Report on the Greater Warangal United Mega Christmas Celebrations – 2025

The 13th Tricity Mega United Christmas Celebration was held on 14 December 2025 at the Public Garden, Hanamkonda, in a spirit of joy and Christian unity. Organized by the United Megha Christmas Celebration (UMCC), the event beautifully reflected the Jubilee Year 2025 theme, “Pilgrims of Hope – Hope does not



disappoint” (Rom 5:5), and brought together Christians from Kazipet, Hanamkonda, and Warangal Tricity to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The programme began with an opening prayer by Rev. Fr. Thatikonda Joseph, General Convener of UMCC, and was graced by the presence of several eminent Christian leaders and dignitaries. Bishop Daniel Kalyanapu, Chairman of UMCC, delivered an inspiring Christmas message, followed by Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Co-Chairman of UMCC and Administrator of the Warangal Diocese, who reflected on the true meaning of Christmas, emphasizing hope, peace, love, and Christian unity. The evening was enriched with melodious Christmas carols led by Rev. Fr. N. Surendar and team, along with vibrant cultural performances by local churches, adding color and festivity to the celebration. The gathering experienced a deep sense of prayerful fellowship, culminating in a prize distribution ceremony conducted by the Cultural Committee, a joyful cake-cutting ceremony, and a final blessing, leaving a lasting witness of unity and faith during the Jubilee Year 2025.

**Fr. T. Joseph, General Convener-UMCC**

**9. NEWS from WADES:** Christmas celebrations at St. Mother Teresa ICSE International school and at the Wishing you all Merry Christmas and Prosperous New year 2026.

The school celebrated Christmas and welcomed the New Year 2026 with great joy, reverence, and a spirit of togetherness. The program reflected the true message of Christmas—love, peace, humility, and service reminding everyone of the birth of Jesus Christ and His message of hope for humanity. Through prayers, carols, and meaningful reflections, students were encouraged to live with kindness, gratitude, and compassion. The celebration emphasized that Christmas is not only a festive occasion but also a call to share with others, especially the less fortunate, and to spread peace and goodwill. As the celebration transitioned into the New Year, the focus shifted to reflection and renewal. The school community was inspired to thank God for the blessings of the past year and to welcome 2026 with renewed commitment toward discipline, moral values, and excellence in education.

The program also acknowledged the dedicated efforts of teachers and the continuous support of parents in shaping students’ character and future. Overall, the Christmas and New Year celebrations were meaningful and inspiring, encouraging students to step into the New Year with hope, responsibility, and a positive outlook.

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

## **10. News from the Pastoral Centre:**

**1. Marriage Preparation Course:** A Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana) Course was conducted at the Pastoral Centre, Warangal Diocese, with 14 participants. The sessions emphasized marriage as a sacrament and divine vocation, rooted in love, fidelity, and permanence. Participants were guided to understand marriage as a lifelong covenant, not merely a social or legal contract. Special focus was given to the Christian family as a Domestic Church, with parents as the first educators of faith. Couples were encouraged to model their lives on the Holy Family of Nazareth and to build strong families through faith, communication, prayer, and mutual responsibility.

**2. Christmas Celebration at the Pastoral Centre:** The Christmas Celebration at the Pastoral Centre was joyfully held with the active participation of animators and catechists in an atmosphere of faith, unity, and fellowship. The programme began with prayer, setting a spiritual tone for the celebration. Rev. Fr. Surendar, Parish Priest of Kumarapally, delivered an inspiring reflection on the true meaning of Christmas, highlighting the values of love, humility, peace, forgiveness, and selfless service revealed in the birth of Jesus Christ. Rev. Fr. D. Vijay Paul, Administrator of the Warangal Diocese, presided over the Holy Mass and extended his heartfelt Christmas greetings to all present. In his message, he described the birth of Jesus as both history and mystery and expressed deep appreciation for the committed service of animators and catechists in nurturing the faith of children and the faithful. He encouraged them to continue their mission with renewed zeal and dedication. The celebration fostered prayerful reflection, joyful fellowship, and a renewed call to witness Christ's love in families, parishes, and society.

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

## **11. 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 December:**

i. 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. ii. Distributed to 60 farmers Zinc Sulphate to promote Enriched composting for different crops to improve plant growth and soil nutrients. iii. 103 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. Care and Support Program for HIV/AIDS infected / affected children**

- Mandal Advocacy Meeting was conducted at Lodi MSSS for PLHA – Persons Living with HIV/AIDS.



- Semi-Christmas Programme was organized at Lodi premises on 15-12-2025 for HIV/Aids infected/affected children, differently abled children and orphans. Around 500 children participated in the programme. Cultural programme was performed by these children. All the children were provided with new clothes for Christmas. Rev. Fr. Vijaya Paul, Administrator of Warangal Diocese was the Chief Guest and blessed the children with his presence and message.
- 155 HIV-infected children were provided Nutrition support.

### **III.Revolving Fund Loans**

- During the month of December, 37 beneficiaries of 2 villages were supported with the loan of Rs. 7,40,000/-.
- 106 members of Fatima Mahila Sahakara Sangham o were given the loan of Rs. 1,27,00,000/-
- Total contribution towards Savings of Fatima Mahila Sahakara Sangham: Rs. 3,89,250/-

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

**12. News from Youth Centre:** Jwala youth programme is conducted on November 11th to 13th at pastoral Centre in Srikakulam diocese. We the youth from Warangal diocese attended this Jwala youth programme and also



some of the youth from different dioceses also attended. Youth are very happy and participated in different youth programmes. They conducted different cultural programmes and different games. Many youth participated in these activities. Bishop Pilli Anthony, bishop of Nellore celebrated Mass for the youth and inaugurated the games. Bishop Rayarala Vijay Kumar encouraged the youth. Programme was successful.

**Fr. P. Suresh, Youth Centre Director**

**13.Banjara Christmas Celebrations, Closing of Mahabubabad Deanery level Jubilee Year Celebration, Blessing and Inauguration of the Banjara Matha Chapel and Word Differently**



**abled day:** The Banjara Christmas Celebrations,

along with the Closing of the Mahabubabad Deanery Jubilee Year 2025, were held on 21 December 2025 at Mahabubabad. The programme began at 9:30 a.m. with the laying of the foundation stone for the Fatima Community Hall at the Fatima Matha Church Campus by Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Archbishop of Visakhapatnam, in the presence of Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Administrator of the Diocese of Warangal, along with priests, religious, and lay faithful. World Differently Abled Day was

observed by inviting 50 differently abled children, to whom the Guanellian Fathers distributed school bags, while the Administrator provided blankets. The Deanery Jubilee Closing included the lowering of the Jubilee flag, blessing of vehicles, and a vehicle procession from Fatima Matha Church to Shanigapuram, followed by a car procession of Mother Mary from Shanigapuram to Yesu Gutta with singing, dancing, praise, and the recitation of the Rosary; the statue was garlanded by the Administrator and the car blessed by the Archbishop. The Holy Eucharist began at 11:30 a.m., followed by the blessing and inauguration of the Banjara Matha Chapel; the Archbishop presided, the Administrator gave the introduction, and Rev. Fr. D. Joseph led a healing service. A Banjara Christmas lunch was served to about 700 people, and the celebration concluded with heartfelt gratitude to the Archbishop, the Administrator, the priests, religious, and lay faithful for their generous cooperation.

#### **Synopsis of the Chronicles of Administrator's Diary in December-2025**

- 01: 9:30am: Blessed and laid the Foundation Stone for the new building of Holy Cross School, Ghanpur
- 02: 6:00pm: Participated in the United Mega Christmas Second Preparatory Meeting
- 03: Feast of St. Francis Xavier: 10:30am Feast Mass was celebrated at Rajupet Parish
- 04: 10:30am: Participated in the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Nava Drushti Eye Hospital, Fatimanagar
- 5:00pm: Attended the Jubilee Committee Preparatory Meeting at the Bishop's House, Fatimanagar
- 05: Office Day was observed
- 06: am: Attended the Seminar for Catholic Education Leaders conducted by TCBC, Hyderabad
- 3:00pm: Blessed and officiated the Marriage at Bandlaguda, Archdiocese of Hyderabad
- 07: 9:00am: Participated in the Immaculate Conception Church Feast Celebrations at Subedari Parish
- 09: 10:00am: Chaired the MET Trust Meeting at Medicare General Hospital
- 12: am Officiated the Holy Matrimony at Veleru Parish
- pm Attended Funeral Mass of Ms. UdumalaSahaja Reddy at Gudur Village
- 13: Chaired the Diocese Level Jubilee Celebrations and Celebrated Holy Mass, Fatimanagar
- 14: 5:30pm: Took part in the United Mega Christmas Celebrations at the Public Garden, Hanumakonda
- 15: 11:00am: Participated in the Pre-Christmas Celebrations at LODIMSSS, Fatimanagar
- 17: 7:00am: Celebrated the Inaugural Mass of the Provincial Chapter Meeting of DPMT Sisters at Karunapuram

18 3:30pm: Presided over the Consultors Meeting at the Bishop's House, Fatimanagar  
 19: 10:00am: Con-celebrated the Priestly Ordination of Dn. Arun, SCJ, at Reddipalem Parish  
 20: Attended the 150 Years Celebrations of St. Ann's Congregation at Phirangipuram, Guntur Diocese  
 21: 11:00am: Participated in the Banjara Christmas Celebrations at Yesugutta, Mahabubabad  
 22-24: am: Received and conveyed Christmas Wishes at the Bishop's House  
 2:30pm: Attended in the Pre-Christmas Celebrations and inaugurated the Library & Labs at St. Paul's High School, Jangaon  
 23: pm Participated in the Pre-Christmas Celebrations at CJITS, Jangaon  
 pm Attended the Pre-Christmas Celebrations at Father Colombo Health City Campus  
 24: Celebrated the Christmas Vigil Mass at Fatima Cathedral  
 25: 11:00am: Celebrated the Christmas Day Mass at Dharmasagar Parish  
 27: Celebrated the Holy Mass during the Provincial Chapter of the Mary Mediatrix Congregation at Mary Mediatrix Convent, Karunapuram  
 28: 7:30am: Celebrated the Jubilee 2025 Closing Mass at Fatima Cathedral  
 29: 9:00am: Officiated the Holy Matrimony at Emjala Parish, Archdiocese of Hyderabad

#### **Birthday Babies in January**

Fr. Polumari Anil	01/01/1983
Fr. Gopu Anand	03/01/1978
Fr. Thirumala Reddy Joji	05/01/1970
Fr. Annapareddy Raja	08/01/1962
Fr. Duggimpudi Vijaya Paul	08/01/1965
Fr. Gopu Suresh	08/01/1977
Fr. Gangarapu Anukiran	25/01/1995
Fr. Kommareddy Joseph	26/01/1984



# FATIMA CHARITABLE TRUST

Regd. 34/78

FATIMANAGAR – NIT, (POST) KAZIPET, WARANGAL – 506 004  
TELANGANA – INDIA

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Date: 27-12-2025

To  
The Parish Priests,  
Warangal diocese.

**Sub: One day Camp for FCT Children who did not attend the camp  
held on 27-09-2025 at Rampur – reg.,**

Dear Rev. Father,

Greetings to you in the Lord.

First and foremost, I wholeheartedly thank you for your cooperation for the success of children's Jubilee 2025 and Youth Jubilee 2025 during Dasara holidays. It helped our children and youth in their faith formation and to receive Jubilee blessings.

I would like to inform you that FCT office will conduct one-day camp for **FCT Children who could not participate** in the Children's Jubilee celebrations held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in **Jeevadara prayer center, Rampur**. About 1050 children and 200 parents participated in the children's Jubilee. Some Children were absent. These Children can attend this camp.

Date	: 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 (Wednesday)
Venue	: Jeevadhara Prayer center – Rampur
Time	: 9 A.M to 4 P.M
Registration fee	: Rs: 100/-

Kindly tell the children to revise the penny catechism (*Satyopadesha Sankeshmam*)

**NB: Children's camp and College student's seminary will be held on the same day-14-01-2026 at same venue. It is only for those children/college students were absent during Dussehra camps.**

Yours sincerely in Christ

Fr. G. Bala Martin  
FCT Director

CC: Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Administrator of Warangal Diocese

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Regd. 34/78

FATIMANAGAR – NIT, (POST) KAZIPET, WARANGAL – 506 004

TELANGANA – INDIA

Date: 11-12-2025

To  
The Parish Priests,  
Warangal diocese.

**Sub: One day seminar for college and higher education students who  
did not attend the seminar held on 28-09-2025 at Rampur – reg.,**

Dear Rev. Father,

Greetings to you in the Lord.

First and foremost, I wholeheartedly thank you for your cooperation for the success of children's Jubilee 2025 and Youth Jubilee 2025 during Dasara holidays. It helped our children and youth in their faith formation and to receive Jubilee blessings.

I would like to inform you that FCT office will conduct one-day seminar for higher education students (**B. Tech, MBA, MCA, B. ED, Nursing, B. Pharmacy, MBBS and P.G**) and college students who could not participate in the Jubilee celebrations held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in **Jeevadara prayer center, Rampur**. About 1050 children and 200 parents participated in the children's Jubilee about 900 youth and 50 parents attended youth Jubilee celebrations. Some students were absent. These students can attend this seminar.

Date : 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (**Wednesday**)

Venue : Jeevadhara Prayer center – Rampur

Time : 9 A.M to 4 P.M

Registration fee : Rs: 100/-

Kindly tell the students to read, the Gospel of Luke and learn about the parables and miracles of Jesus. We will keep small test.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Fr. G. Bala Martin  
FCT Director

CC: Rev.Fr. D. Vijaya Paul



## వరంగల్ మేత్రాసన నూతన పీఠాధిపతి ఎన్నిక కొరకు ప్రార్థన



ప్రార్థించుదము:

పరలోక తండ్రి,  
సర్వ జ్ఞానమునకు, నడిపింపునకు మూలమైన దేవా!  
వరంగల్ మేత్రాసనానికి చెందిన  
మీ విశ్వాసులమైన మేము,  
పరిశుద్ధ కన్యమరియమ్మ మరియు  
పునీతుల మధ్యస్థ ప్రార్థన ద్వారా  
మీకు వినయపూర్వకంగా విన్నవించుకుంటున్నాము.

ఓ ప్రభువా! మీ హృదయానుసారముగా  
మమ్ము నడిపించే కాపరిని మాకు దయచేయుము.  
పరిశుద్ధాత్మతో నిండినవారై,  
సువార్త సేవలో ఉత్సాహముగలవారై,  
ఆలోచనలో జ్ఞానముగలవారై, కరుణతో కూడిన  
హృదయము కలిగినవారై ఉండునట్లు,  
శ్రీసభలో విశ్వాస సంబంధ ఏకత్వమును  
కాపాడువారై ఉండునట్లు,  
మమ్మును సత్య మార్గములో నడిపించుచు, మా విశ్వాస  
ఏకత్వమును దృఢపరచునట్లు,  
యువతను పెంపొందించుచు,  
వేదనలో ఉన్నవారిని ఆదరించునట్లుగా  
ప్రార్థనల ద్వారా, దివ్య సంస్కారాల ద్వారా, మరియు  
ప్రేమపూర్వక సేవ ద్వారా  
మా మేత్రాసనంలో మీ రాజ్యాన్ని నిర్మించే కాపరిని  
దయచేయండి.  
ఈ ప్రార్థనను మా ప్రభువైన క్రీస్తు ద్వారా  
మనవి చేయుచున్నాము.  
ఆమెన్.

## **Prayer for the Appointment of a New Bishop for the Diocese of Warangal**



**Let us pray:**



**Heavenly Father,  
Source of all wisdom and guidance,  
We, Your faithful people of  
the Diocese of Warangal,  
Humbly beseech You, through the  
intercession of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary and our patron saints,  
Send forth, O Lord,  
A shepherd after Your own heart,  
Filled with the Holy Spirit,  
Zealous for the Gospel,  
Wise in counsel,  
Compassionate in mercy,  
and united in faith  
with the universal Church.  
May he lead us in truth,  
Strengthen our unity,  
Nurture the young,  
Comfort the suffering,  
and establish Your Kingdom  
in our diocese  
through prayer, sacraments,  
and loving service.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**







**United Mega Christmas Celebrations at Public Garden, Hanumakonda**



**Pre-Christmas Celebrations at LODIMSSS, Fatimanagar**



**Priestly Ordination of Dn. Arun SCJ at Reddipalem Parish**



**St. Ann's Congregation 150 Years Celebrations at Phirangipuram, Guntur Diocese**



**Banjara Christmas Celebrations at Yesugutta, Mahabubabad**



**Pre-christmas Celebrations at Father Colombo Health City**



**Pre-Christmas Celebrations and Opening of Library & Labs at St. Paul's High School, Jangaon**



**Funeral Mass and Burial Services of Ms. Udumala Sahaja, Gudur Village**





**Christmas Vigil Mass at Fatima Cathedral**



**Christmas Day Mass at Dharmasagar Parish**



**Provincial Chapter of Mary Mediatrix Congregation,  
Holy Mass at Mary Mediatrix Convent, Karunapuram**



**Provincial Chapter Meeting of DPMT Sisters,  
Inaugural Mass at Karunapuram**



*Happy Birthday*

**Rev.Fr.D. Vijaya Paul**

**Administrator of Diocese of Warangal**

**January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

