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St. Thomas THE APOSTLE



**ALTAR SERVERS' FORMATION CUM TRAINING PROGRAM AT
ST. MARYS SCHOOL GROUNDS, SECUNDERABAD ON 03RD JUNE, 2023**



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Archbishop's Message



The liturgical feasts and solemnities of the Catholic Church, of which Sunday is the kernal, are necessarily distinct from all the other festivities celebrated in our human world! The latter are secular in nature because they are celebrations centred entirely on the fulfilment of the corporal and psychological needs of the human person's provisional bodily life in this world until the death of his human body. But the Church's liturgical feasts are salvific and eschatological in nature because they are centred entirely on the need of every human person in his or her 'inner nature' (namely in the spiritual soul in which he or she exists as a human person) to belong our Creator and enjoy the unspeakable bliss of eternal life with Him.

The existence of the Catholic Church in this secular world from the day of the Pentecost and all its proper activities and liturgical festivities, originate solely from the 'sanctifying aliveness' in the Holy Spirit of all human persons actively maintaining and dynamically expressing their baptismal union with the Eternal Son as our Lord Jesus Christ (in His human nature) through His eternal and natural consubstantiality with His Eternal Father, the one and only truly living God of all creatures. These human persons actively maintain their baptismal incorporation 'into Christ' and 'work out their salvation in fear and trembling,' not only to secure the definitive and everlasting fulfilment of their need for eternal life with the Eternal Father in Christ and in the Holy Spirit but also to experience and ascertain the truth of it in the Holy Spirit!

How can a human person baptized 'into Christ' know whether or not he or she enjoys this 'eternal life'? The origin of eternal life in the human person baptised 'into Christ' is the Holy Spirit's activity through His seven gifts and twelvefold fruits in his or her inner spiritual nature as the promised Paraclete and Spirit of Truth to direct their interest away from the secular world of perishable creatures, and instead, generate, sustain and augment the baptised person's interest and involvement in the loving activity of the Eternal Father and of His Eternal Son our Lord Jesus Christ for their everlasting life and happiness with Them: *'And this is eternal life, that they may know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent (Jn.17:3).'* This is our faith! This is the faith into which we have been baptized through the mercy of the ineffable Blessed Trinity, by our Holy Mother Church. And this is the touchstone by which every baptized person in the Eternal God's one, holy Catholic Church, can discern whether he or she enjoys and pursues 'eternal life' or floats like a dead fish in the eternal kingdom of God the Father and His Son our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit!

POPE'S INTENTION: JULY 2023

For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



RECEIPT OF LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Parish/Individual	No. of Masses
05-06-2023	Mettuguda	2000
19-06-2023	Divine Light Ministry	30
20-06-2023	Secunderabad	620
21-06-2023	Trimulgherry	520
22-06-2023	Cherlapally	32
22-06-2023	Mettuguda	2000
	Total	5202

Solemnities and Feasts

JULY 03

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE OF INDIA. (SOL)

St Thomas the Apostle of India (also known as Judas Thomas or Didymus, meaning “Twin”) was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus who is best known for doubting the resurrection of Jesus and demanding to feel Jesus’ wounds before being convinced (John 20:24-29). This story is the origin of the term “Doubting Thomas.” After seeing Jesus alive, Thomas professed his faith in Jesus, exclaiming “My Lord and my God!” presenting one of the first clear declarations of Christ’s divinity.



As an apostle, Saint Thomas was called to spread Jesus’ teachings throughout the nations. While Saints Peter and Paul were said to have brought the gospel to Greece and Rome, Thomas was said to have taken it eastwards as far as India. The churches of Malankara in India trace their roots back to St. Thomas who, according to local tradition, arrived along the Malabar Coast in the year 52 C.E.

Saint Thomas is also associated with a collection of ancient documents that bear his name. These documents include the Gospel of Thomas, the Acts of Thomas, and the Infancy Gospel of Thomas. In the ancient world, it was common to attribute texts to an apostle or religious teacher even if they were not the true authors.

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JULY 22

ST. MARY MAGADALINE

After Mary’s birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne “made a sanctuary” in the infant girl’s room, and “allowed nothing common or unclean” on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father “made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel.” St. Joachim and St. Anne have been a part of the Church’s liturgical calendar for many centuries. Devotion to their memory is particularly strong in the Eastern Catholic churches, where their intercession is invoked by the priest at the end of each Divine Liturgy. The unchallenged facts about her life establish that Jesus cleansed her of seven demons (Luke 8:2 and Mark 16:9), probably implying that he cured her of a physical disorder rather than the popular notion that he freed her of evil spirits. She was one of the women who accompanied and aided Jesus in Galilee (Luke 8:1-2), and all four canonical Gospels attest that she witnessed Jesus’ crucifixion and burial; John 19:25-26 further notes that she stood by the cross, near the Virgin Mary and the unidentified Apostle whom Jesus loved. Having seen where Jesus was buried (Mark 15:47), she went with two other women on Easter morning to the tomb to anoint the corpse. Finding the tomb empty, Mary ran to the disciples. She returned with St. Peter, who, astonished, left her. Christ then appeared to Mary and, according to John 20:17, instructed her to tell the Apostles that he was ascending to God.



Source: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com>

JULY 25

ST. JAMES (FEAST).

St. James also called **James, son of Zebedee**, or **James the Greater**, (born, Galilee, Palestine—died 44 ce, Jerusalem; feast day July 25), one of the Twelve Apostles, distinguished as being in Jesus' innermost circle and the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament (Acts 12:2)

James witnessed the raising of Jairus's daughter from the dead (Mark 5:37 and Luke 8:51), the Transfiguration (Mark 9:2), and Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:33 and Matthew 26:37). James and John asked Jesus to let them sit, one at his right and one at his left, in his future glory (Mark 10:35–40), a favour that Jesus said was not his to grant. James was beheaded by order of King Herod Agrippa I of Judaea; according to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, where his shrine attracts Christian pilgrims from all over the world.



Source: <https://www.britannica.com/>

JULY 26

STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE

On July 26 the Roman Catholic Church commemorates the parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anne. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ.

The New Testament contains no specific information about the lives of the Virgin Mary's

parents, but other documents outside of the Biblical canon do provide some details. Although these writings are not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, they outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about Joachim, Anne and their daughter.

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves to rigorous prayer and fasting, in isolation from one another and from society. They regarded their inability to conceive a child as a surpassing misfortune, and a sign of shame among the tribes of Israel.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah. An angel revealed this to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honour their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth; and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."



Source: https://www.britannica.com

Communications

1. MONTHLY RECOLLECTION:

Archdiocesan Clergy Monthly Recollection is arranged at Archbishop's House on 20th (Thursday) July, 2023 from 09.30 am to 01.00 pm. Kindly take note of it and be here on time. All the Archdiocesan Priests and Pastoral clergy working in the Archdiocese are to participate in this recollection.

2. FAITH FORMATION:

a. Enrichment programme for BCC Animators, Sacristans and Catechists.

Date: 28th July, 2023, Time: 10 am to 03:30 pm

b. Enrichment Programme for Catechism Teachers.

Date: 29th July, 2023, Time: 10 am to 03:30 pm

Both the programmes are organized by Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre in collaboration with Jyotirmai Society. Venue: Pastoral Centre, Gunfoundary, Hyderabad

You are asked to send participants from your parishes and institutions accordingly. For further details and information, please contact Rev. Fr. Dion Isaac, Director, Pastoral Centre. Phone: 9949158988.

3. DOCUMENTS OF LANDS/PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- All the Parish Priests, Correspondents, Principals, heads of the institutions, Priest in charges are asked to verify the original property documents and submit to the Chancellor.
- Make a list with details of property, land, rentals, leased, cultivation and hostel in the parish, sub - station, school, college and forward to the Chancellor.
- For further information and clarification regarding your Parish/institution file in the Archives, you may contact the Archbishop's Secretary.

4. REMINDER:

All Parish Priests and Heads of the Institutions, who have not yet paid the special collections and Second Sunday Collections, are requested to pay as soon as possible. Please clear all dues till June, 2023. Please contact Procurator's office for details of your parish/institute dues.

5. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS:

1. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Bala, Director of St. Mary's Pharmacy College is appointed as the Vice-Chairman of Hyderabad Archdiocese Social Service Society (HASSS), together with the present assignment, with effect from on or before 30th June, 2023. We wish Rev. Fr. Yeruva Bala, Hearty Congratulations and all the best in this new assignment
2. Our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Fr. Madanu Chinnaiah who served as Vice-Chairman of HASSS for the past five years. We wish him all the best and God's Blessings.
3. Religious: Parish Priests
 1. St Thomas Church, Sadashivpet: Fr. Robert Fernands, SVD
 2. Our Lady of Rosary Church, Miyapur: Fr. Nagothu Anand SVD
 3. Sacred Heart Church& Immaculate Heart Church, Basuregadi: Fr William Pudota CMF
 4. Lourdu Matha Church, Church Colony: Fr. Dinesh Kumar Chennupati, ALCP/OSS
 5. Sacred Heart Church, Kamareddy: Fr. Thomas Perumthara, CMI
 6. St Francis of Assisi Church, Yellareddy: Fr. Babu Kuttikadan, CMI
4. Religious: Assistant Parish Priests
 1. St Mary's Church, Muthangi: Fr. Sijo Manickathan, SVD
 2. St Gonsalo Garcia Church, Pargi: Fr. Satyendra, MHM
 3. St Francis Xavier Church, Borabanda: Fr. Marneni Mariadas, SDB
5. Regent
 1. Bro. Ivon Britto Patrick : Archbishops House

6. 2ND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2023

Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount	Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount
1	23-05-2023	Aliabad	1000	51	21-06-2023	Mahendra Hills	2000
2		Alirajpet		52		Mallapur	
3		Ammuguda		53		Manikonda Mission	
4		Arogya Nagar (Mission)		54		Mariapuram	
5	14-06-2023	Arul Colony	8567	55		Medchal	
6		Balaji Nagar		56		Medipalle	
7		Balaiah Nagar		57	05-06-2023	Mettuguda	10000
8		Band Lines		58		Miyapur	
9		Bandlaguda Jagir (Kismatpur)		59		Moula - Ali	
10	19-06-2023	Banjara Hills	10000	60	09-06-2023	Mudfort	7600
11	19-06-2023	Basuregadi	870	61		Muthangi	
12	23-06-2023	Bayyaram	360	62		Nacharam	
13	29-05-2023	Bazar Ghat	1500	63		Nandrakal	
14	17-05-2023	Begumpet	3905	64		Narayankhed	
15	02-06-2023	BHEL - MIG	3000	65		Nedunoor	
16	26-05-2023	Bhoiguda	10000	66	15-06-2023	Neela Camp	300
17		Bodhan		67		Nizamabad	
18		Boduppal		68		Pargi	
19	22-05-2023	Bolarum	13800	69		Patancheru	
20	25-05-2023	Borabanda	7238	70	24-05-2023	Ramachandrapuram	8500
21	19-06-2023	Bowenpally	9000	71	16-05-2023	Ramanthapur	3300
22	22-06-2023	Cherlapally	1200	72		Ramnagar	
23		Chintalacheruvu		73	18-05-2023	Sadasivpet	750
24	23-06-2023	Church Colony	2000	74	18-05-2023	Sainikpuri	5360
25		Dammaiguda		75	16-05-2023	Sanathnagar	15070
26		Dayanandnagar		76		Sangareddy	
27	08-06-2023	Dharmaram	1450	77		Santhoshnagar	
28	19-06-2023	Emjala	20000	78	12-06-2023	Sappers Lines	1270
29		Gaddiannaram	5220	79	19-05-2023	Secunderabad	54466
30		Gagillapuram		80	14-06-2023	Seethaphalmandi	3000
31		Gajwel		81		Shabad	
32	23-05-2023	Gandhinagar	7000	82		Shamshabad	
33	19-05-2023	Garrison (Trimulgherry)	1625	83	16-05-2023	Shantinagar	3460
34		Ghatkesar		84		Shapurnagar	
35		Golconda		85		Siddipet	
36		Gunfoundry		86		Sultan Bazar	
37		Jadi Jamalpur		87	22-05-2023	Suraram	3000
38	16-05-2023	Jagadgirigutta	3500	88	31-05-2023	Tandur	300
39		Jahanuma		89		Toopran	
40		Jogipet		90	22-05-2023	Trimulgherry	30040
41		Joipet		91		Uminthal	
42		Kalwakole		92		Vanasthalipuram	
43		Kamareddy		93		Venkatapuram	
44	09-06-2023	Khairatabad	20000	94		Vikarabad	
45		Kissan Nagar(Armoor)		95	15-05-2023	Yapral	3500
46	13-06-2023	Kukatpally	20000	96	14-06-2023	Yeddumylaram	520
47		L. B. Nagar		97		Yellareddy	
48		Lallaguda		98		Zaheerabad	
49		Lillipur					
50		Madinaguda				Total	303671

Pastoral News

1. PERPETUAL VOWS OF ST. ANN'S OF PHIRANGIPURAM SISTERS [CSSA], MADINAGUDA ON 01ST JUNE, 2023



2. FESTIVE MASS AT AKSHARA ABYASA MATHA CHURCH, NANDRICAL ON 08TH JUNE, 2023



3. FLAG HOISTING AND MASS AT ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, GANDINAGAR ON 01ST JUNE, 2023



4. FESTIVE MASS AT ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, BAZARGHAT ON 13TH JUNE, 2023



5. FESTIVE MASS AT ST. ANTHONY'S SHRINE, METTUGUDA ON 13TH JUNE, 2023



6. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, AS RAO NAGAR ON ON 25TH JUNE 2023



7. GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT ST. ANTHONYS CHURCH MUDFORT PARISH ON 25TH JUNE, 2023



Archdiocesan News

1. ALTAR SERVERS FORMATION CUM TRAINING PROGRAM

The Formation Program for Altar Servers was planned for the formation and development of Altar Servers ministry who assist at the Altar during the Mass and the celebrations of the Catholic Liturgical Rites in the parishes and institutions in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad. The desired outcome of the Formation Program is the preparation of effective Altar Servers who prayerfully and respectfully assist the priest, the deacon and the faithful during the celebration of Mass in the parishes and institutions of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad.



It all started with a few like-minded Priest, lay people and with the esteem support of our Shepherd His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony who came forward to organize a formation cum training program for the existing and New Altar Servers in the Archdiocese. The response from different parishes was overwhelming with more than 805 altar services along with their respective mentor participating. The Formation

Program was a set of Session, Animation, discussion and Modelling of Altar service it also includes action songs with presentations and time for practical procedures related to knowledge of religious items used at Mass, procedures for serving at Mass, prayers and postures at Mass and a study of the Mass.

The Formation program was a one full day program with Priest taking up different sessions involving themselves to the level of children to make them understand that how worthy and blessed they are serving on the Altar in the presence of the almighty. The blessed day at St Mary's School Secunderabad started with a prayer and Bible reading. Rev. Fr. Victor procurator chancellor welcomed in everyone and special appreciation for children who had come in large numbers for the program. Rev. MSGR Y. Bala Showry in his message was indeed happy to see Archdiocese of Hyderabad creating history with 805 Altar servers participating in the program. The first session was taken up by Rev. Fr. Arogya Swamy on "The

importance of the Eucharist and preparation for it The brothers from St John's regional seminary Ramanthapur had created an animation program for the Altar servers attending the program. A briefing on the Altar Servers was taken up by Rev. Fr David. The second session for the day was Called to the Joy of Service in the Parish was taken up by Rev Fr. Raju Alex. The Holy Mass Procedure and the importance of religious articles a Modelling of Altar Servers was prepared and taken up by Rev. Fr. M. Anthony.

The Participant attending the program had a spiritual take away back to their respective parishes. The entire day was full of liturgical learning. A new beginning with a positive approach which created a history in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad. The participant attended the program was happy with the entire program and the hospitality. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.

2. REPORT FROM PASTORAL CENTER DIRECTOR

MARY THE MODEL FOR SYNOD

Our Lady of Lourdes Church,Bandlines,Hyderabad has celebrated the feast of visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary on 31st of May. Holy Mass was celebrated in honour of our Mother Mary, and in the sermon, Mary was highlighted as the model for humility and her acknowledgment of God 'grace by singing Magnificat, expressing her gratefulness to God for choosing her to be the Mother of God was praise worthy.



**PROCESSION WITH THE SYNOD PLACARDS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH,
BANDLINES ON 31ST MAY 2023**

After the Holy Mass, procession with the statue of Our Mother Mary was held in the campus. The altar servers were in the front and the other children were holding Synod Placards which were used in the diocesan final phase celebration expressing our solidarity and unity with our Holy Father with regard to Synod of Synodality. Others were holding lighted candles expressing their unity with the Universal Church. We also prayed for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for initiating this beautiful concept of Synod in the Universal Church.

- Fr. Dion Isaac: Pastoral Center, Director

3. FROM FAMILY APOSTALATE

a) Archdiocese to Celebrate 3rd World Day for Grandparents and Elderly

His mercy is from age to age” is the theme of the third edition of the worldwide event, desired by Pope Francis, which will be celebrated on **Sunday July 23** with a Mass by the Pope in St. Peter’s Square. The theme is connected to the WYD in Lisbon to emphasize dialogue with young people. The Day is a time to reflect with and for the elderly, not only as a Church: grandparents also need political support.

On the same day (Sunday 23rd July) the Family Apostolate in Collaboration with the Sisters’ of St. Ann’s Providence will celebrate the 3rd World Day of Grandparents and Elderly (WDGE 2023) at the Archdiocesan level at St. Ann’s High School Secunderabad (ICSE) starting at 10:00 a.m. We invite three participants from each parish (2 Grandparents and 1 Elder) along with one caretaker. There will be felicitations and awards for special milestones achieved by Grandparents and Elders. There will be Eucharistic celebration followed by a fellowship meal. Last date for registration will be Wednesday 19th July 2023.

The details along with registration form and liturgy matter will be sent to all priests/religious by post and by email.

We also encourage you to celebrate the event in your parishes/institutions on Sunday 23rd July 2023 or any appropriate Sunday at one of the masses. Details for Pastoral directions are printed in the Shepherd's Call of July 2023 so as to celebrate the event in a meaningful manner.

- Fr. David Francis & The Family Apostolate Team

b) WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Pastoral Guide lines

(Key Points from the Pastoral Guide lines – Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life)

Visiting the elderly who are alone

- In order for the message of closeness and consolation that the *Day* seeks to express to reach everyone - even those who are most isolated - we suggest making visits to the lonely elderly in your community and deliver the Holy Father's message to them.
- The visit, a tangi blesign of the Church that goes forth, is away to reaffirm that the elderly, even the loneliest, are at the center of our communities.
- Visits express the personal choice to get up and go quickly towards others (cf. Lk 1:39), just as Mary did to visit the elderly Elizabeth.
- The visit may be an opportunity to bring a gift, such as a flower, and to read the *Day's* message and prayer together.
- Visiting an elderly person is one of the possibilities for obtaining the Plenary Indulgence granted on the occasion of the *Day*.
- The encounter between young and old, the friendship that may ensue, manifests how the Lord's mercy extends from generation to generation.

Preparing for the day with the elderly

- The *Day's* activities are mainly directed towards the elderly. The Holy Father's message is addressed to them.
- It is important to make sure that as many elderly people as possible personally participate in the Sunday liturgy celebrated on the *Day*.
- After the pandemic, in many contexts, participation of the elderly in Sunday Mass has declined. The *Day* can be an opportunity to help the elderly regain the habit of attending Mass in person.
- Through visits to the lonely elderly, the text of the message can also be conveyed to those unable to attend the meetings.

Preparing for the day with the youth

- The youth from one's own community may be summoned a few weeks before the *Day* to explain it and to be sure that they reach as many elderly people as possible through their visits.
- Young people can organize social campaigns to promote the *Day*

Plenary Indulgence

- The Apostolic Penitentiary has promulgated a decree granting Plenary Indulgence on the occasion of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.
- For the elderly, Indulgence can be obtained by attending one of the Masses celebrated to observe the *Day*.
- Given that some elderly people are unable to attend Mass in person for health reasons, Indulgence is also extended to those who take part in it through television, radio or the web.
- Indulgence is also granted to all those who, on the occasion of the *Day*, perform a 'work of mercy by visiting an elderly person.

HASSS

REPORT ON THE INAUGURATION OF RENOVATED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE AND *hasssjobsworld.com* AT HASSS PREMISES

On June 28, 2023, an auspicious event took place at the headquarters of HASSS. The newly renovated Executive Director's office was inaugurated by His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony and Vicar General Y. Balashowry. The ceremony was attended by Fr. Y. Bala, the newly appointed Vice-Chairman of HASSS, along with several priests and staff members.

The inauguration ceremony commenced with a prayer invoking God's blessings upon the office space and the endeavors undertaken by HASSS. Cardinal Poola Anthony, in his address, emphasized the importance of providing a conducive environment for effective leadership and decision-making. He commended the efforts put forth in renovating the office, which now reflects the dignity and professionalism of HASSS.

Following the inauguration of the Executive Director's office, attention turned to the launch of *hasssjobsworld.com*, a fully-featured job portal aimed at helping the youth secure employment opportunities. The portal offers a comprehensive set of tools and features for both job seekers and employers.

Job seekers can create profiles, upload resumes, and search for suitable jobs using advanced filters. They can easily apply for positions and receive job alerts to stay updated with relevant opportunities. The portal also provides a resume builder tool to assist job seekers in crafting impressive resumes.

Employers, on the other hand, can create company profiles, post job openings, and effectively filter candidates to find the right fit for their organizations. The portal includes features such as resume search, an application tracking system, and instant messaging to streamline the recruitment process.

The inauguration of *hasssjobsworld.com* marked a significant step in the organization's mission to empower the youth and facilitate their access to

employment opportunities. By providing a user-friendly and comprehensive platform, HASSS aims to bridge the gap between job seekers and employers. This is a boon for all the Schools, colleges and various catholic Institutes to avail this opportunity and register your requirement of job profiles and employ the personnel in your institutions and parishes.

The event concluded with expressions of gratitude to Cardinal Poola Anthony, Vicar General Y. Balashowry, and all those involved in the renovation of the Executive Director's office and the development of the job portal. Fr. Anthony Madanu, the Executive Director of HASSS, expressed pride in the achievements and reiterated the organization's commitment to serving the community.

The inauguration of the renovated Executive Director's office and the launch of hasssjobsworld.com serve as significant milestones for HASSS, reflecting its dedication to growth, innovation, and the betterment of the youth.

- Fr. Anthony Madanu, Executive Director - HASSS

LENTEN CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM 23RD MAY 2023 TO 19TH JUNE 2023

S. No.	Name of the Parish & Institutions	R.No.	Date	Amount
1	StPuisx Church-Nacharam	852	23-05-2023	35,215.00
2	Our Lady of Lourdes Church Dharmaram	853	29-05-2023	4,050.00
3	St.Anthony's Church-BazarGhat	854	29-05-2023	10,717.00
4	Nirmala Dhyana Sadan-Athvelly-Medchal	855	29-05-2023	2,500.00
5	Holy Trinity Church- Begumpet	856	05-06-2023	4,360.00
6	Auxilium Navajeevana Society	857	17-06-2023	2,000.00
7	Immaculate Heart Of Church	858	19-06-2023	12,490.00
8	Mount Carmel Church	860	19-06-2023	31,500.00
				1,02,832.00

Thank You: Dear Rev. Parish priests/Principals/Directors/Superiors, On behalf of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad and the Hyderabad Archdiocese Social Service Society, I Thank you for making efforts to mobilize the funds for the Lenten Campaign Contributions. God bless you for your generosity.

Reminder : Dear Rev Fathers/Head of the Institutions/Religious Superiors we request you to forward whatever the collections made towards Lenten campaign from your parishes/ convents/institutions /communities. Kindly forward your contributions to “HASSS Lenten Campaign Account” at the earliest. We look forward your journey with HASSS in promoting this campaign. Thank you.

- Fr. Madanu Anthony, Executive Director HASSS

Regional News

1. TELUGU REGION CATHOLIC LAWYERS FORUM MEETING

The Catholic Lawyers, Priests, Religious Nuns and Men, Law Students, and Legal Staff of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana organized the Telugu Region Catholic Lawyers Forum Meeting on 29th June at St. Mary’s College of Pharmacy Auditorium, Secunderabad. The event, aimed to discuss the vital role of advocates in promoting social justice and human rights in India in our community.

The Most Rev. Polimera Jaya Rao, Bishop of Eluru, and Chairman for the Commission of Canon Law, initiated this meeting in response to the request of approximately 92 advocates. In his opening address, Bishop Jaya Rao introduced the purpose of the gathering and motivated the participants to actively engage in the discussion.

The distinguished guest speaker, Hon’ble Justice V. Eshwaraiah, Former Acting Chief Justice of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh and Former Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes, delivered an insightful talk on social justice and human rights in India. He emphasized the crucial role advocates play in the justice system and encouraged them to uphold these principles.



The event also featured Hon'ble Justice Dr. G. Radha Rani, Judge of the High Court of Telangana, who enlightened the advocates about the essential role of advocates in the justice delivery system. Justice Dr. G. Radha Rani emphasized the importance of sincerity, honesty, dedication, generosity, and charity in the legal profession.

Sr. Jessie Kurian addressed the forum on the rights of women and minors in advocacy, focusing on the protection of their rights. She highlighted the significance of advocating for the rights of women and minors and emphasized the responsibility of lawyers in ensuring their well-being.

During the meeting, Fr. Raju Alex and Mr. Vijay Raj, advocates, presented a detailed plan on how to establish Legal Aid Cells in each Diocese of the Telugu Region. They animatedly discussed the framework and invited all participants to fill out a form indicating their respective roles within the Catholic community.

The forum provided an opportunity for attendees to express their views and suggestions, which were duly noted for further consideration. The interactive session fostered meaningful discussions and valuable insights from the participants.

In the concluding remarks, Mr. Lloyd Joseph, the Master of Ceremonies, extended his gratitude to the gathering, the Chief Guest, and the Guest of Honor for their valuable contributions to the event.

The Telugu Region Catholic Lawyers Forum Meeting served as a platform to inspire and empower advocates to uphold social justice, human rights, and the rights of women and minors. It also aimed to encourage the establishment of Legal Aid Cells in each Diocese of the Telugu Region to ensure legal support for those in need.

Dear Catholic Advocates thank you for your presence in the "Telugu Region Catholic Lawyers Forum" (TRCLF) in it's 2nd Convention organised by Most Rev.P. Jaya Rao garu, Bishop of Eluru, Chairman of Canon Law,TCBC.

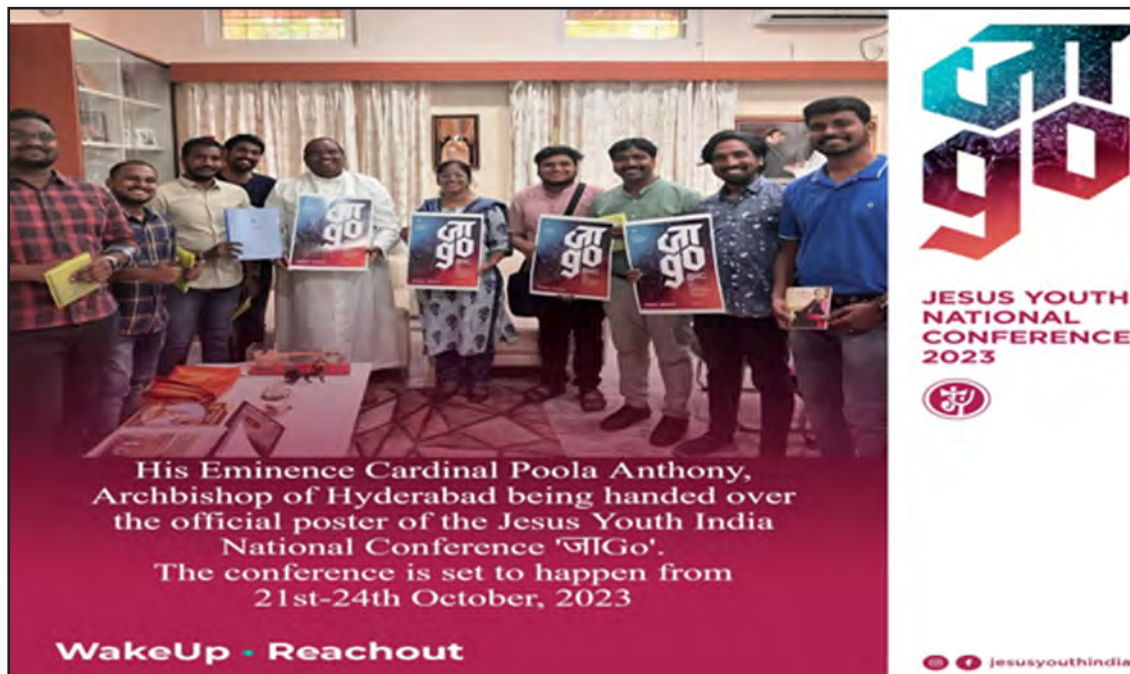
National News

CARDINAL POOLA ANTHONY SAYS YES TO “Jhago 2023’

His Eminence, Cardinal Poola Anthony, graciously accepted the Jesus Youth’s invitation to its National Conference, “Jhago 2023’ to be held from October 21st to 24th at Christ University, Bangalore.

Confirming his esteemed presence for October 23rd, the Cardinal shared “I have been observing this youth group since 14 years and I have also witnessed the beautiful works and the ministry that they are doing not only in India but also overseas.” He added “I promise my support and prayers for all these young people.”

A comprehensive report, highlighting the initiatives, programs and accomplishments of JY Hyderabad and Telugu Region was presented to the Cardinal by Ms. Vandana Maria Paul, Jesus Youth International Assistant Coordinator, Mr. Raju, Telugu Regional Coordinator and a few representatives of JY Hyderabad.



International News

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Dear brothers and sisters!

“His mercy is from age to age” (Lk 1:50). This is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and it takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (cf. Lk 1:39-56). Filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth addressed the Mother of God with words that, millennia later, continue to echo in our daily prayer: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (v. 42). The Holy Spirit, who had earlier descended upon Mary, prompted her to respond with the Magnificat, in which she proclaimed that the Lord’s mercy is from generation to generation. That same Spirit blesses and accompanies every fruitful encounter between different generations: between grandparents and grandchildren, between young and old. God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly or to push them to the margins of life, as tragically happens all too often in our time.

This year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place close to World Youth Day. Both celebrations remind us of the “haste” (cf. v. 39) with which Mary set out to visit Elizabeth. In this way, they invite us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms

of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment. Mary's visit to Elizabeth and their shared awareness that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation remind us that, alone, we cannot move forward, much less save ourselves, and that God's presence and activity are always part of something greater, the history of a people. Mary herself said this in the Magnificat, as she rejoiced in God, who, in fidelity to the promise he had made to Abraham, had worked new and unexpected wonders (cf. vv. 51-55).

To better appreciate God's way of acting, let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, and that our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and in relationship with others. Those who focus only on the here and now, on money and possessions, on "having it all now", are blind to the way God works. His loving plan spans past, present and future; it embraces and connects the generations. It is greater than we are, yet includes each of us and calls us at every moment to keep pressing forward. For the young, this means being ready to break free from the fleeting present in which virtual reality can entrap us, preventing us from doing something productive. For the elderly, it means not dwelling on the loss of physical strength and thinking with regret about missed opportunities. Let us all look ahead! And allow ourselves to be shaped by God's grace, which from generation to generation frees us from inertia and from dwelling on the past!

In the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, between young and old, God points us towards the future that he is opening up before us. Indeed, Mary's visit and Elizabeth's greeting open our eyes to the dawn of salvation: in their embrace, God's mercy quietly breaks into human history amid abundant joy. I encourage everyone to reflect on that meeting, to picture, like a snapshot, that

embrace between the young Mother of God and the elderly mother of Saint John the Baptist, and to frame it in their minds and hearts as a radiant icon.

Next, I would invite you to make a concrete gesture that would include grandparents and the elderly. Let us not abandon them. Their presence in families and communities is a precious one, for it reminds us that we share the same heritage and are part of a people committed to preserving its roots. From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. May we never allow the elderly to be cast aside!

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is meant to be a small but precious sign of hope for them and for the whole Church. I renew my invitation to everyone – dioceses, parishes, associations and communities – to celebrate this Day and to make it the occasion of a joyful and renewed encounter between young and old. To you, the young who are preparing to meet in Lisbon or to celebrate World Youth Day in your own countries, I would ask: before you set out on your journey, visit your grandparents or an elderly person who lives alone! Their prayers will protect you and you will carry in your heart the blessing of that encounter. I ask you, the elderly among us, to accompany by your prayers the young people about to celebrate World Youth Day. Those young people are God's answer to your prayers, the fruits of all that you have sown, the sign that God does not abandon his people, but always rejuvenates them with the creativity of the Holy Spirit.

Dear grandparents, dear elderly brothers and sisters, may the blessing of the embrace between Mary and Elizabeth come upon you and fill your hearts with peace. With great affection, I give you my blessing. And I ask you, please, to pray for me.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2023,

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dates & Events to Remember

- 03. St. Thomas, Ap of India (Sol)
- 04. St. Elizabeth of Portugal (Op.M)
- 05. St. Anthony Zaccaria (Op.M)
- 06. Maria Goretti, Vrg & Mrtr (Op.M)
- 08. St. Augustine Zhao Rong
& Companions, Mrtrs (.M)
- 11. St. Benedict (M)
- 13. St. Hendry (Op.M)
- 15. St. Bonaventure, Bp & Dr (M)
- 16. Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Op. M)



- 20. St. Apollinaris Bp & Mrtr (Op. M)
- 22. Mary Magdalene (f)
- 24. St. Charbel Makhluft, pt (Op m)
- 25. St. James, Ap (F)
- 26. Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM (M)
- 28. St. Alphonsa Muttathu Padathu, Vrg(M)
- 29. St. Martha (M)
- 31. St. Ignatius of Loyola (M)

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

- 02. Fr. Selva Kumar Aloysius
- 02. Fr. Tharigopala
Victor Emmanuel
- 05. Fr. Romald Joseph
- 06. Fr. Anthony Sagayaraja
- 06. Fr. Swarna Balaprabhakar
- 10. Fr. Chinnabathini Jayaraj



- 11. Fr. Michael Thaigaraj
- 12. Fr. Bandaru Baltharaj
- 15. Fr. Golamari Arogya Reddy
- 17. Fr. Thanugundla Solomon
- 18. Fr. Madanu Anthony (Sr.)
- 19. Fr. Marneni Arogyam
- 23. Fr. Prince Xavier Seelam
- 25. Fr. Chinnabathini Charles

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- 14. Fr. Bandanadam Julian
- 16. Fr. Pancras Fernando
- 26. Fr. Joseph Chanayil
- 26. Fr. Walter Pinto
- 30. Fr. Bandanadam Marianna

MAY ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

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**MASS OF THE HOLY SPRIT & "LECTIO BREVIS" AT ST. JOHNS REGIONAL
SEMINARY, RAMANTHAPUR ON 16TH JUNE, 2023**



"And those who have taught many people to do what is right will shine like the stars forever" (Daniel 12:3)

Faith Formation Program for BCC Animators, Sacristans & Catechists

Date : Friday, 28th July, 2023

Time : 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Faith Formation Program for Catechism Teachers

Date : Saturday, 29th July, 2023

Time : 10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Organized by

**Hyderabad Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre
In Collaboration with Jyotirmal Society
(Telugu Regional Pastoral Centre – TRPC)**

Venue:

**Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre
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**PRAYER FOR THE THIRD
WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS
AND THE ELDERLY 2023**

Virgin Mary,
Mother of faith and hope,
an example for this humanity bent by
indifference,

make me as willing as You
to accept the will of God,
to magnify and praise His Mercy.
Mary, Mother of fortitude,
you who knows my heart,
do not allow me to become discouraged.
I confidently surrender my life into your hands.
Heal my wounds.

May your tenderness accompany me
on the way. Your presence, Mother of love,
brings us to experience the joy
of seeing our families united.
Help me to transmit the tenderness and
Love of God

to the grandchildren and youth
so that, in addition to praying for them,
we can pray with them.
Mary, may the gift of the
Holy Spirit intercede for me:

sustain my weakness;
breathe into my heart the consolation
that I may leave traces of faith
among the young,
bearing witness to the beauty of life,
knowing that life has a limit
and that beyond it lies before us
our father's embrace.

Amen.