



SHEPHERD'S CALL

NEWSLETTER OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD

VOL: L

NO.08

AUGUST 2023

**HAPPY FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY
& HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY**



CARDINAL VISIT TO ROME, GERMANY & USA



SHEPHERD'S CALL

NEWSLETTER OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD

AUGUST

2023



Archbishop's Message



Let us liturgically celebrate the memoria of Pope St Pius X on the 21st of this month of August along with all our brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world in union with the hierarchy in the Holy Spirit. We do so by prayerfully recollecting the specific and fruitful manner in which the Son our Lord Jesus Christ continued to build the vast supernatural edifice of His one holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church through the humble and diligent service given by Pope Pius X during the eleven years of service in the Petrine office to His high priestly task of teaching, sanctifying and governing His supernatural flock on earth from the right hand of His Eternal Father and for His greater glory. as its Everlasting Good Shepherd. And so, on this memorial day of Pope St Pius X, we particularly remember, with our utmost gratitude to the Eternal Father, his Apostolic constitution on the Psalter in the Divine office to further the salvific fruitfulness of the Son our Lord Jesus Christ's one sacrifice of the Cross in the daily Mass, through an enlightened and committed devotion to the year-long celebration of His liturgy of the hours for the sanctification of the hierarchy and the faithful, and of all people who fear God in this world. Can you imagine what the Catholic Church would become without the 'Opus Dei' of faithfully celebrating our divine Lord's Liturgy of the Hours by the Hierarchy and its devout faithful all over the world? It would degenerate in no time to exist as a global mass of unspiritual human persons! Appalling indeed! Let us all therefore, on this Memorial Day of Pope St Pius X, be vitally renewed by the Holy Spirit's gifts of the fear of the Lord and of Piety, to brace ourselves to partake of and diligently contribute to the salvific fruitfulness of the 'Opus Dei' of celebrating the Liturgy of the Hours in the Holy Spirit for the greater glory of the Blessed Trinity in our ecclesial lives and the rest of the world.

Solemnities and Feasts

AUGUST 04

ST. JOHN MARIA VIANNEY

On August 4, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. John Vianney, patron of priests. John Vianney, also known as the Holy Curé de Ars, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, near Lyon, France to a family of farmers. He was ordained a priest in 1815 and became curate in Ecully. He was then sent to the remote French community of Ars in 1818 to be a parish priest. Upon his arrival, the priest immediately began praying and working for the conversion of his parishioners. Although he saw himself as unworthy of his mission as pastor, he allowed himself to be consumed by the love of God as he served the people. Vianney slowly helped to revive the community's faith through both his prayers and the witness of his lifestyle. He gave powerful homilies on the mercy and love of God, and it is said that even staunch sinners were converted upon hearing him. St. John Vianney remained firm in his faith, and lived a life of devotion to God. Dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, he spent much time in prayer and practiced much mortification. John Vianney died on August 4, 1859. The Holy Curé of Ars was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He is the patron of priests. *Source: catholicnewsagency.com*



AUGUST 06

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Both Roman and Eastern rite Catholics celebrate the Church's feast of the Transfiguration today, August 6, on its traditional date for both calendars.

The feast commemorates one of the pinnacles of Jesus' earthly life, when he revealed his divinity to three of his closest disciples by means of a miraculous and supernatural light. Before his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Christ climbed to a high point on Mount Tabor with his disciples Peter, James, and John. While Jesus prayed upon the mountain, his appearance was changed by a brilliant white light which shone from him and from his clothing.



During this event, the Old Testament figures of Moses and the prophet Elijah also appeared, and spoke of how Christ would suffer and die after entering Jerusalem, before his resurrection. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record that the voice of God was heard, confirming Jesus as his son (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:6, Luke 9:35). Peter and John make specific reference to the event in their writings, as confirming Jesus' divinity and his status as the Messiah (2 Peter 1:17, John 1:14). *Source: catholicnewsagency.com*

AUGUST 10TH

ST. LAWRENCE

Saint Lawrence was martyred on August 10, 258 during the persecution of the emperor Valerian along with many other members of the Roman clergy. He was the last of the seven deacons of Rome to die. After the pope, Sixtus II was martyred on August 6, Lawrence became the principal authority of the Roman Church, having been the Church's treasurer. When he was summoned before the executioners, he was ordered to bring all the wealth of the Church with him.

He showed up with a handful of crippled, poor, and sick men, and when questioned, replied that "These are the true wealth of the Church." He was immediately sent to his death, being cooked alive on a gridiron. St. Augustine in his sermon on the feast of St. Lawrence once said, "'Just as Christ laid down his life for us, so we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.' My brethren, Lawrence understood this and, understanding, he acted on it. In his life he loved Christ; in his death he followed in his footsteps." He is venerated as one of the patrons of Rome, along with Sts. Peter and Paul. *Source: catholicnewsagency.com*



AUGUST 15TH

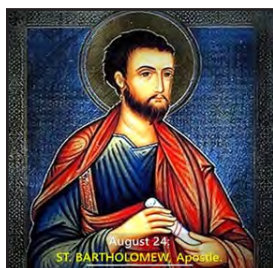
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity of the Assumption is always a Holy Day of Obligation for both Roman and Eastern-rite Catholics, on which they are obliged to attend Mass or Divine Liturgy. The Solemnity of the Assumption honors the fact that when the Blessed Virgin Mary completed her life on earth, she was taken body and soul into Heaven to be with her resurrected Son so as to adore the Most Holy Trinity forever. It's an amazing fact to consider that she retains her body and soul, united as one in Heaven, in anticipation of that glorious day when the new Heavens and Earth will be created and when all the faithful will rise so as to live in a new bodily form forever with God. Though this dogma of our faith had been held and believed by the faithful from the earliest times of our Church, especially since it was witnessed by those closest to our Blessed Mother at the time of her glorious Assumption, it wasn't until November 1, 1950, that Pope Pius XII solemnly proclaimed it to be so, raising this teaching of our faith to the level of a dogma, meaning, it must be held and believed by all. In part, the Holy Father declared, "...we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." *Source: catholic-daily-reflections.com*



AUGUST 24TH

ST. BARTHOLOMEW



The Bartholomew of Matthew, Mark, and Luke may describe the man known in the Gospel of John more correctly as Nathaniel. Bartholomew is paired with Philip in some Gospel lists, which corresponds, interestingly, with Philip being an old friend of Nathaniel in John's Gospel. After his appearance in the Gospels, Bartholomew first resurfaces almost three hundred years later in the works of Eusebius, a bishop and church historian who wrote around 300 A.D. The details of his death likewise dissipated in the fog of ancient history. One tradition holds that he was flayed alive, a story reflected in Michelangelo's Last Judgment in the Sistine Chapel, which depicts Bartholomew holding his own skin. Because of this tradition, Bartholomew is the patron saint of tanners. History holds that Bartholomew's relics are in the church named after him on an island in Rome's Tiber River. Being eminently qualified by divine grace to discharge the functions of an Apostle, he carried the Gospel through the most barbarous countries of the East, penetrating into the remoter Indies, baptizing neophytes and casting out demons. The characteristic virtue of this holy apostle was zeal for the divine glory. *Source: sanctoral.com*

Archbishop's Engagements

N.B.:"In office days", Please call the Secretary before coming. Ph No : 72079 40883

AUGUST 2023

- | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|--|
| 06. Sun | 09.00 a.m. | : | Festive Mass at St. John Maria Vianney Church, Bhoiguda. |
| 07. Mon | [Morning] | : | In Office |
| | 07.00 p.m. | : | Meeting with the SVD Generalate Visitors at Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda |
| 08-9. Tue – Wed | [Morning] | : | In Office |
| 10. Thu | | : | In Office, Nalgonda |
| 11. Friday | 07.00 a.m. | : | Festive Mass of St. Clair at Cloistered Convent, Nalgonda |
| 12. Sat | 09.00 a.m. | : | Blessing and Inauguration of Infant Jesus School and Renovated Pilgrim Quarters at Gajwel. |
| 13. Sun | 10.30 a.m. | : | First Holy Communion and Conformations at Ramgiri Parish, Nalgonda. |
| 14. Mon | | : | In Office |
| 15. Tue | 09.30 a.m. | : | Festive Mass at St. Mary's Basilica, Sec-bad. |
| 16. Wed | [Morning] | : | In Office |
| 17. Thu | [Morning] | : | Meeting with HAES Office Bearers |
| 18. Fri | [Morning] | : | In Office |
| 20. Sun | 09.00 a.m. | : | First Holy Communion and Confirmations at St. Alphonse's Church, Banjara Hills. |
| | 04.00 - 06.00 p.m. | : | Catholic Laity Association Awards Function at St. Ann's High School, Sec-bad. |
| 21. Mon | 07.00 a.m. | : | JMJ Sisters, Inauguration of Provincial Chapter |
| | 04.00 p.m. | : | Visit of Mr. Mark D' Silva., CRS Asia Region Incharge |

31st July, 2023
Archbishop's House

POPE'S INTENTION: AUGUST 2023

For World Youth Day: We pray that the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



RECEIPT OF LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Parish/Individual	No. of Masses
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
26-06-2023	Gandhi Nagar	100
27-06-2023	Khairathabad	550
27-06-2023	Lallaguda	500
20-07-2023	Trimulgherry	540
	Total	4892

Communications

1. THANK YOU:

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, my sincere thanks to all of you for your support, prayers and wishes for my Abroad trip. I took charge of my Titular Church in Rome and participated in a number of meetings including, Meeting with the Dicastery of Integral Human Development, Meeting Cardinal Tagle the prefect of the Propaganda Fidei, Italian Bishops Conference and Telugu Religious and Priests Association in Rome. I also visited Germany and the USA to visit priests of Hyderabad, Nalgonda and other priests and religious from Telugu States.

2. INDEPENDENCE DAY AND ASSUMPTION:

As we are celebrating our Country's Independence Day and Assumption of our Blessed Mother Virgin Mary into Heaven on 15th August, our prayerful wishes to all. We thank God for all the blessings He has given to our Mother Land, India, and we continue to pray that our Country develops further in every sector with a special reference to the poor and needy in the Country. We pray to our Blessed Mother Mary that she keeps all of us and our Mother Land, India, under her loving care and protection.

3. DEANERY LEVEL MONTHLY RECOLLECTION:

All the Deans are here-by requested to conduct the Monthly Recollection at Deanery level in the month of August, 2022. All the clergy are requested to attend the "Deanery Level Recollection" and if anyone is unable to attend the recollection, please inform the respective Deans. All the Deans are here-by requested to note down the minutes of the meetings with the list of the participants and send a copy of the same to the Archbishop's House, Secunderabad.

4. ANNUAL RETREAT:

The Annual Retreat for the Clergy of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad will be held at **St. Joseph's Retreat House, Goa** from 16th to 21st October, 2023.

5. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Religious Asst. Priest:

1. Fr. Nikhil Kalagura, MHM, Jeeva Jala Nilayam Mission, Vikarabad

Regent:

1. Bro. Rakesh Gunipudi SAC : Immaculate Conception Church, Kukatpally

6. CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MANIPUR - IMPHAL ARCHDIOCESE

Sl. No:	Church	Place	Amount
1	St. Alphonsa Church	BHEL-MIG	4000
2	Holy Trinity Church	Begumpet	8320
3	St. Joseph's Church	Bolarum	28730
4	St. John's Church	R.C. Puram	10500
5	St. Anthony's Church	Bazar Ghat	10000
6	St. Anthony's Church	Mudfort	9000
7	Shrine of Our Lady of Health	Khairathabad	10000
8	St. Francis of Assisi Church	Ramnagar	43200
9	Immaculate Conception Church	Kukatpally	55000
10	Mount Carmel Church	Bowenpally	5000
11	Infant Jesus Church	Emjala	15000
12	St. Mary's Basilica	Secunderabad	40000
13	Maria Rosa Mystica Church	L.B. Nagar	5000
14	St. Joseph's Church	Medchel	10000
15	Our Lady of Mercy Church	Sangareddy	57200
16	St. Ignatius Church	Church Gagillapur	5000
17	Holy Family Church	Trimulgherry	42030
18	St. Ann's Church	Nizamabad	8720
	TOTAL		366700

7. 2ND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2023

Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount	Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount
1	18-07-2023	Aliabad	1100	50		Madinaguda	
2		Alirajpet		51	21-06-2023	Mahendra Hills	2000
3	27-06-2023	Ammuguda	2500	52		Mallapur	
4		Arogya Nagar (Mission)		53		Manikonda Mission	
5		Arul Colony		54	08-07-2023	Mariapuram	612
6		Balaji Nagar		55		Medchal	
7	27-06-2023	Balaiah Nagar	11320	56	14-07-2023	Medipalle	2112
8		Band Lines		57	22-06-2023	Mettuguda	15000
9		Bandlaguda Jagir (Kismatpur)		58		Miyapur	
10	12-07-2023	Banjara Hills	10000	59		Moula - Ali	
11		Basuregadi		60		Mudfort	
12	23-06-2023	Bayyaram	390	61		Muthangi	
13		Bazar Ghat		62		Nacharam	
14		Begumpet		63		Nandrakal	
15	14-07-2023	BHEL - MIG	3340	64		Narayankhed	
16	19-06-2023	Bhoiguda	15000	65		Nedunoor	
17		Bodhan		66	15-06-2023	Neela Camp	300
18		Boduppall		67	21-07-2023	Nizamabad	1500
19	20-06-2023	Bolarum	13600	68		Pargi	
20		Borabanda		69		Patancheru	
21	19-06-2023	Bowenpally	9000	70	15-06-2023	Ramachandrapuram	8500
22	22-06-2023	Cherlapally	1200	71	19-06-2023	Ramanthapur	3300
23		Chintalacheruvu		72	03-07-2023	Ramnagar	16167
24	23-06-2023	Church Colony	2000	73		Sadasivpet	
25		Dammaiguda		74		Sainikpuri	
26		Dayanandnagar		75	17-06-2023	Sanathnagar	16000
27	19-06-2023	Dharmaram	2000	76		Sangareddy	
28	19-06-2023	Emjala	20000	77	27-06-2023	Santhoshnagar	2000
29	05-07-2023	Gaddiannaram	6020	78	12-06-2023	Sappers Lines	1325
30	17-07-2023	Gagilapur	1850	79	20-06-2023	Secunderabad	67872
31		Gajwel		80	14-06-2023	Seethaphalmandi	3000
32	15-06-2023	Gandhinagar	8000	81		Shabad	
33	15-06-2023	Garrison (Trimulgherry)	1404	82		Shamshabad	
34		Ghatkesar		83	19-06-2023	Shantinagar	4185
35		Gokonda		84		Shapurnagar	
36		Gunfoundry		85		Siddipet	
37		Jadi Jamalpur		86		Sultan Bazar	
38	12-07-2023	Jagadgirigutta	3500	87	15-06-2023	Suraram	3000
39		Jahanuma		88		Tandur	
40		Jogipet		89		Toopran	
41		Joipet		90	21-06-2023	Trimulgherry	31398
42		Kalwakole		91		Uminthal	
43		Kamareddy		92		Vanasthalipuram	
44	27-06-2023	Khairatabad	19000	93		Venkatapuram	
45	20-07-2023	Kissan Nagar(Armoor)	500	94		Vikarabad	
46	13-06-2023	Kukatpally	20000	95	12-06-2023	Yapral	3500
47	28-06-2023	L. B. Nagar	2274	96	14-06-2023	Yeddumylaram	500
48		Lallaguda		97		Yellareddy	
49		Lillipur		98		Zaheerabad	
						Total	336269

Pastoral News

1. A DAY WITH THE LORD - RETREAT FOR THE YOUTH

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Cor. 3:17)

On June 29th 2023, the Youth Commission of Hyderabad in collaboration with the Church Gagillapur deanery organised a retreat for all the youth at St. Agnes Church, Shapur Nagar. The distinguished preachers for the day included Rev. Fr. Chintapalli Vinod, OSFS Assistant Parish



Priest of Suraram, Rev. Fr. Y. Amal Francis, Parish Priest of Chintal Cheruvu, Rev. Fr. Y. Thomas Reddy, Parish Priest of Madinaguda and Rev. Fr. Benjamin Chinnabathini, Dean and Parish Priest of Church Gagillapur Deanery. The retreat began with an introduction by Rose Mary and blissful atmosphere was created with the lighting of the lamp, followed by praise and worship led by Mrs. Bernadine Juliana and team. Rev. Fr. Chintapalli Vinod OSFS, Assistant Parish Priest of Suraram led the youth into Adoration and with his powerful preaching on the Holy Spirit helped the youngsters to realise the importance of the sanctification and anointing of the Holy Spirit. Confessions were heard simultaneously by the Priests.

A fellowship meal was prepared for all the youth who relished it and then, returning with renewed zeal and devotion to God for the Holy Eucharistic Celebration, which was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Y. Thomas Reddy, Rev. Fr. Y. Amal Francis and Rev Fr. Chintapalli Vinod. The angelic voices of the choir helped the youth to participate enthusiastically and prayerfully in the Mass.

Mr. Harry Joshua, Regional Youth President AP&TS, led the youth in Taize prayer and concluded the day expressing gratitude to all participants from various parishes. The initiative sparked a sense of mission in the young people's hearts.

-Theresa Rose Mary D'Souza, St. Agnes Church Youth President

★ Let's Celebrate! ★
**National Youth
Sunday**



***"Children, obey
your parents in
the Lord, for this
is right." Eph. 6:1***



**13
AUG
2023**

NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION
CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF INDIA

For details contact:
The Executive Secretary
National Youth Commission
Mob. 9891792505
ccbiyouthcommission@gmail.com
website: ccbiyouth.in

Archdiocesan News

1. PASTORAL CENTRE NEWS

Archdiocesan Choir

The Archdiocese of Hyderabad choir, under the guidance of Mr. Peria, gathered at the Pastoral Centre in Hyderabad on July 2nd for their regular practice. The practice began at 11.30 a.m. and continued until 3.30 p.m. The choir practice is given following the norms and rules of the liturgy. Those interested in joining the choir can contact the incharge, Mr. Peria, or Fr. Dion Isaac, Pastoral Centre Director.

Latin hymns and hymns to be sung based on the liturgical rules are taught during the practice.

(Feast day hymns, responsorial hymns connected to the readings of the day, hymns to be sung during solemnities, and other occasions are taught and practiced)

Prison Ministry Sunday

The Prison Ministry of India is recognised by CBCI as a society for the welfare of the prisoners in Telangana State

With the blessings and permission of Cardinal Poola Anthony, the chairman of the Prison Ministry (TCBC), I, Fr. Dion Isaac, the State Coordinator, would request all the parish priests to encourage all the parishioners to pray and encourage the interested volunteers to join the prison ministry. The prison ministry Sunday is celebrated on August 13th, 2023.

Announcement Dates: 6.8.2023 and 13.8.2023

Please announce the above in the church.

Gnana Jyothi Bible Exam

We are happy to announce once again the Gnana Jyothi Bible Exam 2023. The programme has been conducted for the past 23 years and is very much appreciated by TCBE, priests, religious, and laity of the Telugu Catholic Church in both states. This exam is inspiring and enabling many Catholics, Christians, and non-Christians to know about Jesus Christ, the saviour of the world, and about holy scripture. Nearly 12,982 people participated in this exam in the year 2022, according to the statistics given by Diocesan Pastoral Centre Directors across the Telugu states. All this happened with your support and encouragement. We appreciate the service you have rendered to the church by letting them know about Jesus Christ. We request

that you encourage more and more people to participate in this exam this year and to know more about the Bible. This year, let us concentrate more on Catholic schools, colleges, hostels, etc. According to the instructions given by His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Prakash Mallavarapu, Archbishop of Vishakhapatnam, and the chairman of the Jyotirmai Society,

The syllabus and date of the exam are given below. As in previous years, there are four categories in the exam. The syllabus is selected according to the age group of the people and is suitable and easy to understand.

Categories

First category..... 4th to 7th class only: St Luke's Gospel

Second category..... 8th to 10th class students only ...book of proverbs

third category.....Inter and degree students, gospel according to St John, and book of revelation

fourth category.....employees, teachers, and elders

PRIZES

A prize of Rs 3000 is allotted for each category (total of Rs 12,0000 for each diocese). In each category, there will be eight prizes.

The first prize is Rs. 1000, the second prize is Rs. 700, and the third prize is Rs. 500. The fourth prize is Rs. 300. The fifth prize is Rs. 200, and the three consolation prizes are Rs. 100 each.

Please note: the coupon cost is Rs. 15. Therefore, we request that you collect 15 rupees from each participant and contribute to Jyotirmai society. When the exam is completed, the prize money, along with the expenses incurred to organise the exam, will be sent to you.

THE EXAM WILL BE HELD ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER, 05.11.2023.

NB: WE REQUEST YOU TO TELL US HOW MANY COUPON BOOKS YOU NEED. EACH BOOK CONTAINS 50 COUPONS, AND THERE WILL BE SEPERATE BOOKS FOR TELUGU AND ENGLISH. ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENT, WE CAN ORDER AND PRINT THE BOOKS.

Fr. Dion Isaac, Pastoral Centre, Director.

2. FROM FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Family Apostolate Celebrates 3rd World Day for Grand parents and the Elderly.

SECUNDERABAD, July 23, 2023 — The Family Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad celebrated the 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, July 23, 2023 at Archdiocesan level. It was celebrated at St Ann's High School

Hall, Secunderabad and over 100 grandparents and elderly from various parishes across the twin cities were in attendance.

A special programme was organized to honor and appreciate the invaluable contributions of grandparents and the elderly in shaping the lives of families and society. The event included the Eucharistic Celebration, a special blessing, a captivating skit performance, a lively dance, and a felicitation ceremony.

The day commenced with a video compilation of several children sharing about why they loved their grandparents. This was followed by Holy Mass, concelebrated by eight priests, led by Rev. Fr. Y.M. Joseph. In his homily, Rev. Fr. John Packiaraj highlighted the wisdom, experiences, and love that grandparents bring to the lives of their families and communities, and how it is important for the younger generations to respect and listen to the elderly. He said, “Ask yourselves, ‘In my family, is there an atmosphere of prayer? Do we come together ... spend 15 minutes together, to eat together, to pray together?’ Start doing this, elders and young people.” He also asked the youth in the audience to go around and greet the elderly in the congregation, and seek their blessings.

At the end of the mass, Rev. Fr. T. Victor Emmanuel addressed the gathering on behalf of the His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad. “The initiative of our Pope [Francis] to celebrate this day, I hope and pray, will bring change in the people around,” he said, referring again to the need for youth to recognise the importance of the elderly in the community. Following the mass, the talented youth of St Joseph’s Church, Bolarum, put together a heartwarming performance, touching upon themes of faith, togetherness, love, wisdom, and the passing down of values from one generation to another. The skit delighted and moved everyone. The youth then led some of the grandparents and elderly in the audience to join them in song and dance that lifted the spirits of all.

In a heartening gesture, the church community felicitated the oldest members of the guests, grandparents, priests, and religious, recognising their significant role in shaping the community’s history and passing on traditions and values.

The day’s festivities concluded with lunch, during which the elderly and youth interacted with each other, shared stories, memories, and laughter.

All who attended the event expressed their appreciation and joyfulness they felt at the gathering.

- Sylvester E. Isaac, Family Apostolate

3. FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMME FOR BCC ANIMATORS, SACRISTANS, AND CATECHISTS ON 28 JULY, 2023 AT PASTORAL CENTRE, GUNFOUNDRY.



4. FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMME FOR CATECHISM TEACHERS ON 29 JULY, 2023 AT PASTORAL CENTRE, GUNFOUNDRY





CATHOLIC LAITY ASSOCIATION (CLASS)

(Archdiocese of Hyderabad Catholic Laity Initiative)
Hyderabad

CLASS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2023

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The awards are for Catholic students for best performance in 2023 for Class X and Class XII/Intermediate.
2. This program is only for students of families residing in Hyderabad Archdiocese.
3. Eligibility to Apply: (1) Class X – Minimum 9.5 GPA (SSC, CBSE) and 95% (ISC)
(2) Class XII/Intermediate – Minimum 90%
4. Selection: 50 students from Class X and 50 students from Class XII/Inter based on highest marks.
5. How to Apply: Send completed application form and marks sheet to **classawards2023@gmail.com**
6. For application forms write to **classawards2023@gmail.com** or send SMS **<Awards, student's name, email address>** to Mr. P. Balashowry 96520 12088. Zerox copies of application forms can also be used. Copies of pass certificate and marks memo to be enclosed.
NOTE: Applications without marks sheet cannot be processed.
7. Physical copies of forms should **NOT** be submitted in any parish office or elsewhere. There is no provision for collection of such forms. **Only applications received by email will be considered.** Send PDF scans; avoid JPEG format.
8. Applications Due Date: **28-07-2023**. Late applications cannot be processed. Selected students will be informed by email/SMS/phone call. Only selected students can attend the function along with parents.
9. The Awards function is on Sunday 20.08.2023. Time 3.45 pm to 6.00 pm.
St. Ann's High School (ISC), S.P. Road, Secunderabad.

Thumma Vijayapal Reddy
Vice President-Education

Dr. Jakkamsetti Prasad
President

Regional News

1. TELUGU REGION CCBI STRATEGIC PLANNING 2030 AT HYDERABAD

The CCBI journeying towards its Golden Jubilee (2028) and aiming at 2033 of Great Jubilee of our Lord's Death and Resurrection. It is the right time to think of "what God wants CCBI to be in 2028/2033". It is precisely a 'Discernment of the Holy Spirit' in our pastoral engagements process. It wants to revamp CCBI vision, mission and its commissions/ departments / apostolates' goal, objectives and key performance indicators (in another words – it is a strategic planning process for CCBI and its commissions). So, they have come up with regional wise Strategic Planning (SP) Workshop and for the Telugu Region of TCBC will be from 18th to



20th July at Montfort Social Institute (MSI), Church Colony, Pragathi Nagar, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad.

What God wants our 14 regions and 132 dioceses in 2028/ 2033 to become more result oriented to gather the fruits of pastoral engagements. Since it is a participatory process, collective energy and ownership is the base

for its success. All regions and dioceses are the stakeholders of CCBI and therefore regional workshops are conducted to ensure the participation, collective energy and ownership of all stakeholders in SP.

In these workshops all Bishops, diocesans priests, Religious, lay people, Youth and people of other faiths (who believe in humanity) were partners. Which means about 7000 participants will participate in the process through prayer and discern how God wants us to be by 2030 by the end of all the SP workshops are completed. It is not about shortcuts, but it's the process that will give energy to implement the plan. We are privileged to be the first Region for the CCBI to start its workshops and over three months cover the remaining 13 regions in India. From the participants of the Telugu Region, four will be selected for training at Bangalore CCBI office in December, thereafter the TOT will conduct such workshops in 12 dioceses of the Telugu Region with same category of participants in each diocese who will become stakeholder for their diocese and will reach out to their parishes in their diocese.

Expectations from stake-holders:

They have to be understanding, generosity, contribution and ownership. Ownership is essential i.e., at individual level, readiness to give time and effort. Spirit of "I am contributing. I am a part of it" Not "you do it"

Outcome of process:

Plan will be in public domain. So that the least in the parish knows what the CCBI wants by 2030 how the Church will be different by 2030. It gives individuals the right to question/challenge the status of action (of plan). It will generate energy and commitment among large number of stakeholders. Mechanisms to monitor, review and communicate will be in-built into the plan.

Ground Rules Request (the process):

Based on prayer, spiritual conversation and prayer. Speak and listen to one another and come to consensus. Both content and methodology are essential. Time of silence and prayer is must. **Imagination:** We need to 'imagine' what the Church will be like in 2030, map a blueprint. E.g. how does one kindle passion in youth, so on. We may not live to see it, but it's our imagination that makes others believe it's possible.

Nature of Participants:

This workshop is not merely an ordinary type, giving representation to all dioceses of regions but it is identifying and selecting of persons who represent as stakeholders of the CCBI. We have to be very selective in identifying the persons to attend SP regional workshops, like Priests, Religious, Laymen and women, youth boy and girl, few qualified, specialists, as the number of participants should be only 55, for diocese level too. We hope that all the participants specially selected will give their best and become real animators for the entire Church in the Telugu Region.

The CCBI has organised itself with the National Core Team consisting of Fr. Charles Leon, Fr. Joe, Fr. Christopher Vimal, Ms. Anastasia Pinto and Angela Nayak for this regional workshop for the Telugu Region.

We were blessed with the presence of **Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao** Bishop of Vijayawada and General Secretary of TCBC, Mgrs. Chowrappa Anthony Administrator of Kurnool, Fr. Raju Alex A.E. Deputy Secretary of TCBC, 14 Diocesan Priests, 5 Religious Priests, 6 Religious women, 2 Rev. Brothers, 4 laywomen, 11 laymen and 2 youth girls and 4 youth boys, actively attended in this workshop. The NCT formed groups of seven on the first day with the content and methodology to speak and listen to one another and come to consensus on the fourteen themes. The Themes that were discussed were BEC, BIBLE, Catechetics, Liturgy, Family, Media, Laity, Proclamation, Women, Ecology, Youth, Ecumenism, Clergy and Religious, Migrants. The reports of each theme by the groups were presented, further discussed by the entire participants with certain comments, clarifications and then the final findings were noted by the NCT. We thank the CCBI, our Cardinal Poola Anthony, the Bishops of the Telugu Region, the NCT and all the participants for becoming stakeholders in this entire program, we wish all the best to the NCT as they will be going to remaining 13 regions, our prayers are with you for the success of these upcoming workshops in each region.

- Fr. Raju Alex, RDGS of TCBC.

National News



1.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF INDIA (CBCI)

CBCI Centre, 1 Ashok Place, Near Gole Dakhana, New Delhi - 110 001 India
Tel : +91 11 2334 4470 Mob.: 987 114 7838

PRESS NOTE ON MANIPUR

Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, President of Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) accompanied by Archbishop Dominic Lumon, Archdiocese of Imphal, Manipur, Fr. Jervis D'Souza, Deputy Secretary General, CBCI and Fr. Dr. Paul Moonjely, Executive Director, Caritas India visited the conflict-ridden areas of Manipur. The team visited Kakching, Sugnu area, Pukhao, Canchipur, Sangaiprou, etc. and saw the large-scale destruction of private homes, churches/places of worship, schools and institutions in various places along the way. The team distributed relief items for the displaced people in the Relief Camp at Indoor Stadium, Kakching and inaugurated a medical camp at Pukhou. Sugnu, which used to be inhabited by over 1000 families. They had their houses and properties totally destroyed and vandalized. St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School and Parish which rendered educational, social and developmental service to all communities including Kuki-zo, Naga, Meitei and others had been reduced to cinders. Holy Redeemer Church in the campus of Catholic School at Canchipur and the Regional Pastoral Training Centre and St. Paul's Parish at Sangaiprou had also been destroyed completely.

It was heart-wrenching to see that these places looked deserted and seemed like they will not be inhabited in the near future given the mutual mistrust and fear that continues to prevail. We are equally worried as to what is the actual situation and the future of those who have fled from these places and the future of their children, in the midst of all these vulnerabilities. We had the opportunity to visit some of the schools and hostels wherein we could see the anxieties and distress of the children clearly leaving us with no answers at this point of time as to how we can build better the communities and the institutions.

Caritas India, the humanitarian response organization of CBCI has been responding to this unprecedented crisis from the very beginning providing relief assistance and supporting the relief camps in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Diocesan Social Services Society (DSSS), the Social Service Wing of the Archdiocese of Imphal. As of today, Caritas India has provided relief assistance worth 3 crores. As per the appeal from CBCI, the Church in India has been actively responding to this humanitarian crisis by way of prayer, organizing peace rallies and mobilizing resources to support the affected people. The assistance is equally rendered in all the affected areas. Caritas India is committed to take up continued assistance for the rehabilitation and rebuilding of the affected communities. As an expression of solidarity, various religious congregations and church fraternities have come forward to render various forms of assistance including material, healthcare, and psycho-social support in the relief camps.

We are deeply saddened about the prolonged situation of violence in Manipur. We condemn all forms of violence, atrocities and attacks especially on our institutions, places of worship and vulnerable sections of the society like women and children. We are equally worried about the prolonged silence and apathy of the law enforcement agencies in containing the violence. It is our earnest appeal that the governance system should uphold the secular fabric of our country, reinforce constitutional values and cultivate an environment of peaceful co-existence of various communities. We call upon all concerned persons to enter into the process of dialogue and concentrate on the development of all sections of the people in order to bring about peace and harmony in India and in particular in the State of Manipur.


Public Relations Office
CBCI Centre, New Delhi
24th July 2023

e-mail: secretarygeneral@cbci.in • website: www.cbci.in

2.

Commission for Women

CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF INDIA (CCBI)

Jeevan Dhara Convent, Gaurabagh, Sports College P.O., Kursi Road, Lucknow – 226 026, U.P.
Phone: +91-6392905558; 8448801435; Email: ccbiwomencommission@gmail.com



To
All the Member Bishops of
Conference of Catholic Bishops of India

20/07/2023

Your Eminence/Grace/Excellency,

Cordial Greetings from the CCBI Commission for Women!

Sub: Protest Rally against atrocities towards women in Manipur

Much aggrieved at the news of the atrocities happening against women in Manipur the National Executive Team for CCBI Commission for Women in consultation with the Diocesan Secretaries and the women of good will has suggested to all the dioceses to organize rallies or silent marches joining hands with all the women and the people of goodwill to eliminate violence against women, preferably on Sunday Evening or any favorable time on Sunday or days following. Let this be the priority at present though some of us may be planning for 3rd World Day for Grandparents and Elderly in our respective Dioceses and Parishes.

The Executive Body of the CCBI Commission for Women of each diocese will be approaching the respective Local Ordinaries to plan out this rally. The National Office is also drafting a memorandum towards the same which will be sent to all the dioceses.

May I request you to approve and support the women of your respective dioceses to organize this protest rally to eliminate the atrocities against women under the banner of CCBI Commission for Women of the diocese/including the banner of other Organizations.

The rallies could be organized at District/Block/Panchayat level (Diocese or denary level) joining hands with all the women irrespective caste or creed or language, and all the people of good will, different Associations and Organizations, Social and Human Rights Organizations, News Reporters etc. preferably on 23 July 2023 (Sunday) and if not on the days following. The participants could wear black dress; or tie a black ribbon around the wrist or on the forehead for the rally.

Yours in Christ

+ 

Most Rev. Kishor Kumar Kujur
Chairman



Sr. Lidwin Fernandes
Executive secretary.

CHAIRMAN

Most Rev. Francis Kallist
Bishop of Meerut
Bishop's House, 283, Roorklee Road
Meerut Cantt. – 250 001,
Uttar Pradesh, India
Ph: 0121-2642790, 2641274
Mobile: 9412500717
e-mail: frs.kallist@gmail.com
or: mrdiocese@gmail.com

MEMBER

Most Rev. Binay Kandelua
Bishop of Khunti
Bishop's House, Torpa Road
Girja Toli P. O. & Dt.
Khunti – 835 210
Jharkhand, India
Tel. no: +91-6528-220389; 220716
Mobile: 9631763360
Email: bishopkhunti@gmail.com

MEMBER

Most Rev. Gerald Isaac Lobo
Bishop of Udupi
Bishop's House,
Udupi – 576 101
Karnataka, India
Tel. no: +91-820-2531908; 2530392
Mobile: 09 9481466133
Email: udupidiocese@gmail.com

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Sr. Lidwin Fernandes UPS
Jeevan Dhara Convent
Gaurabagh, Sports College P.O.
Kursi Road, Lucknow – 226 026
Uttar Pradesh, India
Phone: 6392 90 5558
8448 80 1435
email: ccbiwomencommission@gmail.com; qsrldwin@gmail.com

International News

1. LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS CONSTITUTING THE “COMMISSION OF NEW MARTYRS - WITNESSES OF THE FAITH” AT THE DICASTERY FOR THE CAUSES OF SAINTS

In view of the forthcoming Jubilee of 2025, which will see us gathered as “Pilgrims of Hope”, I have established at the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints the “Commission for New Martyrs — Witnesses of the Faith”, to draw up a Catalogue of all those who have shed their blood to confess Christ and bear witness to His Gospel. Martyrs in the Church are witnesses of the hope that comes from faith in Christ and incites to true charity. Hope keeps alive the deep conviction that good is stronger than evil, because God in Christ conquered sin and death. The Commission will continue the search, already begun on the occasion of the Great Jubilee of 2000, to identify the Witnesses of the Faith in this first quarter of the century and to continue in the future.

Indeed, martyrs have accompanied the life of the Church in every age, and they flourish as “ripe and excellent fruits of the Lord’s vineyard” even today. As I have said many times, martyrs “are more numerous in our time than in the first centuries”: they are bishops, priests, consecrated men and women, lay people and families, who in the different countries of the world, with the gift of their lives, have offered the supreme proof of charity (cf. *LG* 42). As Saint John Paul II already wrote in his Apostolic Letter *Tertio millennio adveniente*, everything must be done so that the legacy of the cloud of “unknown soldiers ... of God’s great cause” (37) is not lost. On 7 May 2000 they were remembered in an ecumenical celebration, which saw representatives of Churches and ecclesial communities from all over the world gathered at the Colosseum, to evoke, together with the Bishop of Rome, the richness of what I later called “ecumenism of blood”. In the coming Jubilee we will also be united in a similar celebration.

With such an initiative the intention is not to establish new criteria for the canonical ascertainment of martyrdom, but to continue the survey already underway of those who, to this day, continue to be killed simply because they are Christians.

It is therefore a matter of continuing historical research in order to gather the testimonies of life, up to the shedding of blood, of these sisters and brothers of ours, so that their memory can stand out as a treasure safeguarded by the Christian community. The research will concern not only the Catholic Church, but will extend to all Christian denominations. Even in our times, in which we are witnessing a change of epoch, Christians continue to show, in contexts of great risk, the vitality of Baptism that unites us. A not insignificant number, indeed, are those who, despite being aware of the dangers they face, manifest their faith or participate in the Sunday Eucharist. Others are killed in the effort to assist in charity the lives of those who are poor, in caring for those rejected by society, in safeguarding and promoting the gift of peace and the power of forgiveness. Still others are silent victims, as individuals or in groups, of the upheavals of history. We owe a great debt to all of them, and we cannot forget them. The work of the Commission will make it possible to place side by side with the martyrs, officially recognized by the Church, the documented testimonies — and there are many — of these brothers and sisters of ours, within a vast panorama in which the single voice of the *martyria* of Christians resounds.

The Commission now established will be required to avail itself of the active contribution of the particular Churches in their structures, of religious institutes and of all other Christian realities, according to the criteria to be drawn up by the same Commission.

In a world where at times it seems that evil prevails, I am certain that the drafting of this Catalogue, also in the context of the now near Jubilee, will help believers to read our times too in the Paschal light, drawing from the treasure trove of such generous faithfulness to Christ the reasons for life and goodness.

- *Pope Francis*

2. CARDINAL-PREFECT OF THE CHURCH PROTOMARTIRI

27th August 2022 was a remarkable day in the history of the Telugu Catholic Church with the installation of His Eminence, Cardinal Anthony Poola, the Arch-Bishop of Hyderabad, as the first Telugu Priest and Bishop to reach the Consistory of Cardinals besides twenty others. The Vatican walls whispered about His Eminence as *Cardinale delle Periferie* (Cardinal of the outskirts) when his name was read aloud, the crowd cheered joyfully and clapped immensely as he was titled “Cardinal Anthony Poola, the Arch-Bishop of Hyderabad, Telangana, India”.

Almost ten months later, the Indian Priests Sisters Brothers Union, especially

our Telugu Sangham, Rome, testified a similar joy and happiness at the installation ceremony of the Church Titolare of His Eminence at the Church *Protomartirion* 02 July 2023. Protomartiri signifies 'First Roman Martyrs'. It is a church dedicated to and in memory of the first martyrs of Rome at the time of the Apostles. Fortunately, it symbolises the title and the colour of the vestments of a cardinal who sheds his blood for his faith in Christ. The colour red stands for martyrdom. Mons. Massimiliano Boiardi, Pontifice Ceremonier of the Liturgy and the Parish Priest Don. Alessandro Pagliari, along with other priests and the faithful, welcomed His Eminence into the Church at 9:50 a.m. As he entered the Church, His Eminence genuflected before the altar and the Blessed Sacrament and prayed in silence for a while. He read aloud his oath in the presence of priests, religious and the faithful. He sprinkled the holy water and blessed the surroundings, and everyone gathered.

The Holy Eucharist began at 10:30 a.m. The entrance hymn was followed by reading aloud the "Papal Bull" by Mons. Boiardi, in the presence of the parish faithful. His Eminence presided over the Holy Eucharist in Italian and preached in Italian on the theme "Generosity and Hospitality". He emphasized: «The smallest acts of love and service have significance in God's eyes and can bring blessings to both the giver and the receiver. To have a love for Jesus as the top priority requires generosity of heart. And to embrace the cross, we need generosity. Hospitality implies generosity. Love for Jesus is the starting point of hospitality and generosity. Sensitivity, Goodness, and Love for Jesus make us generous and hospitable». With the celebration of the Eucharist, His eminence was titled and installed "Cardinal-Prefect of the Church of Protomartiri".

The entire crowd was invited to share their joy and to shake hands with His Eminence at the Parish Community Hall after the celebration of the Eucharist. It was followed by a fraternal festive Telugu meal at the Generalate of the Dehonians (Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus), SCJ, with all the invited guests from India, especially the Telugu region.

Thus, we can proudly say that through the grace of God, the Almighty, the Indian Church especially, we, the Telugu-speaking faithful, rejoice to have His Eminence as our Cardinal, our Pastor, and our Spiritual Father, to lead us, his children towards our Heavenly Father, through the Way (Jesus), in the Holy Spirit.

**In Cor Iesu,
Fr. Emmanuel Nanduri SCJ.**

Dates & Events to Remember

- | | |
|---|---|
| 01. St. Alphonsus Liguori (Op. M) | 12. St. Jane Frances de Chantal (Op. M) |
| 02. Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli & Peter Julian Eymard (Op. M) | 14. St. Maximilian Kolbe (M) |
| 04. St. John Mary Vianney (M) | 15. The Assumption of the BVM (Sol) |
| 05. Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major. | 16. St. Stephen of Hungary (Op. M) |
| 06. Transfiguration of the Lord (F) | 19. St. John Eudes (Op. M) |
| 07. Sts. Sixtus II and Co, Mrtrs (Op. M) | 21. St. Pius IX (M) |
| 08. St. Dominic (M) | 22. The Queenship of Mary (M) |
| 09. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Op. M) | 23. St. Rose of Lima, Vrg (M) |
| 10. St. Lawrence (F) | 24. St. Bartholomew, Ap (F) |
| 11. St. Clare, Vrg (M) | 25. St. Louis Of France & Joseph Calasanz (Op. M) |
| | 29. The Martyrdom of St John the Baptist (M) |
| | 30. St. Euphrasia, Vrg (M) |



Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 03. Fr. Vincent Arokiadas | 22. Fr. Mallavarapu Sundar Rao |
| 15. Fr. Thonta Prabhudas | 24. Fr. Yeruva Thomas |
| 16. Fr. Dion Issac | 27. Fr. Kommareddy Lourdu Marredy |
| 18. Fr. Chinnabathini Benjamin | 28. Fr. Thomas Stephen |
| 18. Fr. Richard John | 29. Fr. Thumma Arla |
| 19. Fr. Swarna Benard | 31. Fr. Bandanadam Dennis |



Happy Ordination day Dear Fathers

- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| 04. Fr. Ambati Pranith | 04. Fr. Susai Vincent Raj |
| 04. Fr. Jogu Naveen | 27. Cardinal Elect of His Eminence |
| 04. Fr. Prince Xavier Seelam | Poola Anthony |

Necrology



- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 03. Fr. Madanu Ignatius | 15. Fr. Udumula Chinnapa |
| 11. Msgr. Francis Xavier Pinto | 27. Archbishop Marampudi Joji |
| 14. Fr. Xavier Roch | 27. Fr. Gade Peter |

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

Local news items, which might be of interest to the Archdiocese may be addressed to :

The Editorial Team, SHEPHERD'S CALL

Archbishop's House, H.No: 9-1-17/1, 11, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad 500 003, T.S.

Tel. 040-27805545, 27805418, Fax: 040-27800709

E-mail: shepherds�all1953@gmail.com Website: www.archdioceseofhyderabad.org

Published from the Archbishop's House and printed at **Jeevan Institute of Printing, Sikh Village, Sec'bad 500 009, T.S.**



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS AT
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH, BOWENPALLY ON 16TH JULY, 2023**



**THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD CELEBRATES 3RD WORLD DAY FOR
GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY ON 23RD JULY, 2023.**



...s du Pape François



Consistoire ordinaire public
Création de nouveaux Cardinaux



Ordinary Public Consistory
Creation of New Cardinals



Consistoire ordinaire public
Création de nouveaux Card



**CONGRATULATIONS TO HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL POOLA ANTHONY
ON HIS 1ST ANNIVERSARY AS CARDINAL.**