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*Guardian
Angels,
protect Us !*





**08TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIVYAVANI TV CHANNEL
AT ST. JOHN'S REGIONAL SEMINARY, RAMANTHAPUR ON 02ND SEPTEMBER, 2024.**



**INAUGURATION OF NEW PHARMACOGNOSY LAB
AT ST.MARY'S COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2024.**



INAUGURATION OF THE SOLAR PLANT AT HASSS OFFICE ON 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2024,

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Archbishop's Message



In October 1917, after working the miracle of the sun at Fatima, the Blessed Virgin Mary named herself to Lucy, Jacinta and Francisco as the Lady of the Rosary and asked for the pious recitation of Her Rosary by the faithful in the Church to be joined to the sacrifices made by them for the conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls. The feast of our Lady of the Rosary was instituted by Pope St Pius V on the anniversary of the victory secured in the naval battle at Lepanto (1571) through the help given by the Holy Mother of God whose intercession was sought through the recitation of the Holy Rosary. The Popes, and the present Holy Father Pope Francis in particular, have urged the faithful time and again to recite all the prayers of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary with lively faith and ardent hope while meditating on its twenty 'mysteries' to obtain the intercession of our Lady to persevere in their Catholic Hope and in their 'obedience of faith' and obtain the fullness of God's promised salvation for themselves and for the world.

This 'fullness of salvation' not only 'shines out in Christ' but is offered by God through Him to all people of goodwill through the works of the high priesthood of His only begotten incarnate Son Jesus Christ our Lord 'according to the order of Melchisedek' in His one holy Catholic Church.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, pray for us that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

POPE'S INTENTION: OCTOBER, 2024

For a Shared Mission: We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.



CARDINAL'S INTENTION: OCTOBER, 2024

For Seminarians: We lift up to you our seminarians, those who have answered your call to serve. Guide them on their journey of discernment, fill them with wisdom, courage, and joy. Help them to deepen their faith, and to grow in love for you and your people. May their hearts be formed in your likeness, and may their hands be prepared for your service. Bless their studies, their prayer, and their ministry.



Solemnities and Feasts

OCTOBER 01ST

St. Therese of the Child Jesus [Feast]

Today we celebrate the Feast of the great Patroness of Missions, St. Therese of Lisieux, also known as St. Therese of the Child Jesus. St. Therese was a Carmelite nun who was remembered for her great piety and faith, her commitment to the Lord and her great writings and contributions to the Church. As such, she was greatly revered by many people who were touched and inspired by her examples and holy life, even though she had a relatively short life when she died at the very young age of twenty-four.

St. Therese spent her life afterwards in great piety and commitment to God, while still enduring both physical and spiritual trials and difficulties. Yet, all these did not dampen her spirit and enthusiasm as she continued to persevere through prayer and strict discipline throughout her life as a Carmelite and she wrote down her experiences of receiving visions and other spiritual experiences that she lived through. She was also then known for her famous 'Little Way' which also earned her the name of the 'Little Flower of Carmel'.

It is that we do not have to do great things in order to attain the glory of Heaven. Rather, our good works and our living by our faith is measured by the small little actions we do each day and every moment of our lives. Little by little, small effort bit by bit, we will eventually get there, and we will find our way to the Lord if we continue to persevere in our faith and remain faithful to God. This is what we have been called to do through the examples of St. Therese of Lisieux, her faith and exemplary life.

-Source: www.petercanisiusmichaeldavidkang.com



OCTOBER 02ND

The Holy Guardian Angels



Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. Saint Benedict gave it impetus and Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

A feast in honour of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar. The word "angel" means messenger. Thus, our angels play a central role in communicating to us the will and mind of God. They can speak all that God wants to say to us. They are also protectors in that they bring grace from God to particular situations in life to fight against evil and to help us do good.

-Source: www.franciscanmedia.org

On Oct 4, Roman Catholics celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Italian deacon who brought renewal to the Church through his decision to follow Jesus' words as literally as possible.

In a January 2010 general audience, Pope Benedict XVI recalled this "giant of holiness" as a "great saint and a joyful man," who taught the Church that "the secret of true happiness" is "to become saints, close to God."

Three major incidents confirmed Francis in this path. In Assisi, he overcame his fear of disease to kiss the hand of a leper. Afterward, he made a pilgrimage to Rome, where he deposited his money at Saint Peter's tomb and exchanged clothes with a beggar. Soon after he returned home, Francis heard Christ tell him in a vision: "Go, Francis, and repair my house, which as you see is falling into ruin."

Francis began to use his father's wealth to restore churches. This led to a public quarrel in which the cloth-merchant's son removed his clothing and declared that he had no father except God. He regarded himself as the husband of "Lady Poverty," and resolved to serve Christ as "a herald of the Great King."

Through his imitation of Christ, Francis also shared in the Lord's sufferings. He miraculously received Christ's wounds, the stigmata, in his own flesh during September of 1224. His health collapsed over the next two years, a "living sacrifice" made during two decades of missionary preaching and penance. St. Francis of Assisi died on Oct 3, 1226. Pope Gregory IX, his friend and devotee, canonized him in 1228.

-Source: www.catholicnewsagency.com



Today's feast of Our Lady of the Rosary has its roots in a feast named Our Lady of Victory. In the late sixteenth century, the Muslims of the Ottoman Empire were expanding into southeastern Europe and the Mediterranean region. In 1571, Pope Pius V, who was a Dominican, formed an alliance between the Papal States, Spain, Venice, and several other smaller Christian states, called the Holy League, in order to stop Ottoman aggression. On October 7 of that year, the Holy League confronted the Ottoman navy in the

Mediterranean, and the pope called upon all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory. Victory was achieved. In gratitude, Pope Pius V instituted the Feast of Our Lady of Victory to be celebrated on the first Sunday of October every year. Two years later, Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to the Feast of the Holy Rosary. In 1671, the feast was extended to all of Spain, and in 1716, after another important victory against the Muslims, the feast was extended to the entire Church. In 1913, Pius X changed the date from the first Sunday in October to October 7 to preserve the Sunday celebration. Today, this feast is celebrated under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary as a mandatory memorial on the Roman Calendar. Though war is always gravely unfortunate and should be avoided if at all possible, defense of one's family and nation is a moral duty when an unjust aggressor attacks. In this case, prayer is the greatest weapon of war, and after the Mass, the Rosary is the greatest prayer to be prayed.

-Source: <https://mycatholic.life>

On October 18, Catholics and other Christians around the world will celebrate the feast of St. Luke, the physician and companion of St. Paul whose gospel preserved the most extensive biography of Jesus Christ.

St. Luke wrote a greater volume of the New Testament than any other single author, including the earliest history of the Church. Ancient traditions also acknowledge Luke as the founder of Christian iconography, making him a patron of artists as well as doctors and other medical-caregivers. Luke came from the large metropolitan city of Antioch, a part of modern-day Turkey.

In Luke's lifetime, his native city emerged as an important center of early Christianity. During the future saint's early years, the city's port had already become a cultural center, renowned for arts and sciences. Historians do not know whether Luke came to Christianity from Judaism or paganism, although there are strong suggestions that Luke was a gentile convert.

Luke was also among the only companions of Paul who did not abandon him during his final imprisonment and death in Rome. After the martyrdom of St. Paul in the year 67, St. Luke is said to have preached elsewhere throughout the Mediterranean, and possibly died as a martyr. However, even tradition is unclear on this point. Fittingly, the evangelist whose travels and erudition could have filled volumes, wrote just enough to proclaim the gospel and apostolic preaching to the world.

-Source: www.catholicnewsagency.com



Little is known about the post-Pentecost life of St. Simon, who had been called a Zealot. He is thought to have preached in Egypt and then to have joined St. Jude in Persia. Here, he was supposedly martyred by being cut in half with a saw, a tool he is often depicted with. However, the 4th-century St. Basil the Great says he died in Edessa, peacefully.

St. Jude, known as Thaddaeus, was a brother of St. James the Lesser, and a relative of Jesus. Ancient writers tell us that he preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Lybia. According to Eusebius, he returned to Jerusalem in the year 62 and assisted at the election of his brother, St. Simeon, as Bishop of Jerusalem.

He is an author of an epistle (letter) to the Churches of the East, in particular the Jewish converts, directed against the heresies of the Simonians, Nicolaites, and Gnostics. This Apostle is said to have suffered martyrdom in Armenia, which was then subject to Persia. The final conversion of the Armenian nation to Christianity did not take place until the third century A.D.

St. Jude was the one who asked Jesus at the Last Supper why He would not manifest Himself to the whole world after His resurrection. Little else is known of his life, but legend claims that he visited Beirut and Edessa. He was beaten to death with a club, then beheaded post-mortem in 1st century Persia. His relics reside at Saint Peter's in Rome, at Rheims, and at Toulouse, France.

-Source: www.catholicnewsagency.com

Archbishop's Engagements

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ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS: TENTATIVE

NOVEMBER, 2024

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| 01. Fri | : In Office |
| 02. Sat | 03.30: pm : All Souls Day Mass at Mettuguda Cemetery
05.30 pm : All Souls Day Mass at Bhoiguda Cemetery, Secunderabad. |
| 03. Sun | 09.30 a.m. : First Holy Communion and Confirmations at Our Lady of Good Health Church, Khairathabad. |
| 08. Fri | 05.00 p.m. : Annual Day Celebrations at Sacred Heart Convent School, Peerzadiguda, Uppal. |
| 09. Sat | 09.00 a.m. : Blessing of the Newly Constructed Multipurpose Hall at St. Joseph's High School, Dharmaram.
10.30 a.m. : First Holy Communion and Confirmations and Inauguration & Blessing of New Presbytery at St. Ann's Church, Nizamabad. |
| 10. Sun | 11.15 a.m : Festive Mass at Our Lady of Grace Shrine, Aliabad.
Evening : Installation Programme at Shamshabad. |
| 12. Tue | 10.30 a.m. : Final Profession of Sisters of Charity at St. Francis Convent, Sec-bad. |
| 17. Sun | 09.30 a.m. : Festive Mass and First Holy Communion and Confirmations at Holy Family Church, Trimulgherry.
06.00 p.m. : First Holy Communion and Confirmations at John Maria Vianney Church, Bhoiguda. |
| 19. Tue | 11.45 a.m. : Mass at St. Ann's Generalate, Tarnaka |
| 21. Thu | 09.30 a.m. : Perpetual Vows Ceremony at St. Ann's Convent, Madinaguda. |

23. Sat 10.00 a.m.: Silveer Jubilee, Celebration at Sacred Heart Church, Lalaguda.
Evening : Preparation of the Jubilee Year 2025 at St. Mary's Basilica, Secunderabad.
24. Sun 07.30 a.m.: First Holy Communion and Confirmations at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Gunfoundary.
10.30 a.m.: Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Christ the King Church, Ramanthapur Parish.
- 27-29 (Wed-Fri) : TCBC Meeting at St. John's Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur.
30. Sat 10.00 a.m.: Festive Mass at St. Andrews Church, Siddipet
06.00 p.m.: HAC, Decennial Celebrations at Gunfoundry.

30th September 2024
Archbishop's House

+ Cardinal Poola Anthony
Archbishop of Hyderabad

RECEIPT OF LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS		
Date	Parish/Individual	No. of Masses
04-09-2024	BOLARUM	35
05-09-2024	EMJALA	100
06-09-2024	SAINIKAPURI	100
10-09-2024	REV. FR. LANCELOT MENEZES	45
12-09-2024	AMMUGUDA	320
19-09-2024	GANDHI NAGAR	40
19-09-2024	BANDLINES	100
20-09-2024	SECUNDERABAD	700
23-09-2024	TRIMALGHERRY	510
23-09-2024	SURARAM	60
25-09-2024	BAYYARAM	50
26-09-2024	METTUGUDA	5000
27-09-2024	REV. FR. LANCELOT MENEZES	32
	TOTAL	7092

Communications

1. MONTH OF OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY:

The month of October is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary daily. The Holy Rosary brings great peace and holiness to our life. It is a powerful instrument for conversion. The Rosary is the best method of honoring Mary. Month of October calls for a special devotion to the Holy Rosary. It is very simple and very rich form of prayer, very practical and very suitable for our human condition, which fosters the meaningful devotion to our Lady of Holy Rosary. Organize special programmes in the parishes and encourage everyone to grow in the devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary.

2. PRAYER FOR SYNOD:

His Holiness Pope Francis requests all our prayers for the success of the Synod phase II and asks us to offer special prayers in every Parish, Mass Centre, Religious House and Institute. May the outcome of the Synod bring Renewal in the Church that we will be able to fulfil the mandate of Christ to spread the Gospel to All Nations.

3. MISSION SUNDAY CELEBRATION (20th OCTOBER, 2024):

This year Mission Sunday is on 20th October, 2024. **This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is rooted in the Gospel of Matthew: "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet," reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God's love to everyone.**

All the Parish Priests/ Priests In-Charge/ Heads of the Institutions are called upon to observe Mission Sunday on 20th October, 2024. Clergy are requested to highlight the message of the Holy Father during the homily on Mission Sunday which is published in this Shepherd's Call (see pages 23-27).

All of us are obliged to do the following:

- Pray for the Mission – extension and missionaries who are involved in mission work and Proclamation of the Word of God courageously.
- Promote vocations for Priesthood and Religious Life.
- Generous offering and contributions on Mission Sunday for Missions and for Missionaries.

4. ANNUAL RETREAT:

- Annual Retreat for the Clergy of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad will be held from 7th to 11th October, 2024 at the Archbishop's House, Secunderabad. There

will be only one-batch for all the Senior Clergy. Keep yourselves free to participate in the Annual Retreat. Since this will be a closed retreat, please come with your personal belongings.

- The Junior Clergy (Ordained between 2014-2024) will have their Ongoing formation cum Retreat from 14th to 18th October, 2024 at Somascans Retreat House, Araku Valley. Let's wish them all the best.

5. PREPARATION OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025.

“His Holiness Pope Francis will soon inaugurate the Jubilee Year 2025.” Pilgrims of Hope’, the motto of the Jubilee Year 2025, where Pope Francis invites the Church – the men and women of our time, and above all young people – to rediscover the theme of hope. Celebrated every 25 years, the Jubilee is a year-long, grace-filled celebration when we are called to reflect on our faith and renew our commitment to God and experience His mercy. With a view to help every Catholic to prepare fittingly for the Jubilee, the Archdiocese of Hyderabad will organise a programme through the visual media and performing arts with the help of the Pauline sisters. The programmes will be presented in the following parishes.”

1. 23rd November, 2024 - St Mary's Basilica, Secunderabad.
2. 24th November, 2024 - St Joseph's Cathedral, Gunfoundry.
3. 30th November, 2024 - Holy Family Church, Trimulgherry.
4. 1st December, 2024 - Infant Jesus Shrine, Emjala.
5. 7th December, 2024 - St Theresa's Church, Sanathnagar.

Further details will be communicated through the Deans of concerned Deaneries and the respective Parish Priests.

6. Chancery Notice

1. Mission Sunday 2024:

- The Parish Priests/ Priests In-Charge/ Heads of the Institutions are requested to motivate, animate and encourage our Faithful, Youth and Children to contribute generously. Please send the contributions to the Procurator's Office, Archbishop's House, Secunderabad, as early as possible, which will be forwarded to the Holy Father, the Vatican – Rome.
- Mission Sunday posters and envelops are available at Archbishop's House.

2. The Interim Audit of THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD SOCIETY:

The Interim Audit of the Accounts of **Archdiocese and its Parishes** will be done for the period from **01-04-2024 to 31-10-2024**. All the persons concerned are requested to go through the guidelines. **The Audit will be done in the**

respective Parishes. The schedule will be sent to the parish priests by WhatsApp.

All Parishes have to keep ready the following documents/books of accounts/statements for audit as given here below.

1. Receipts & Payments Account for the period from 1st April, 2024 to 31st October, 2024 for as many accounts being maintained.
2. Cash book, Ledger and other books like Daily Collection Register, Salary Register, along with supporting documents like Receipts books, Documentary evidence for payments duly signed by the person in charge/authorized, and sanction letter.
3. The Mass Receipts of the Archdiocese together with the Mass Register has to be presented for Audit.
4. Email/WhatsApp will be sent to individual parish/In charge father, the Annexure's (Excel Format) required for the audit, should be prepared and submitted at the time of Audit.
5. Bank Statements for all the Bank Accounts maintained by Parishes for the period of the as mentioned above as on 31-10-2024.
6. Persons doing the accounts of the parishes namely Parish accountant, Volunteer, Parishioners ect are to be present when the Auditor visits the parish.

7. 2ND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2024

Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount	Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount
1		Aliabad		26		Dharmaram	
2	26-09-2024	Alirajpet	460	27		Dayanandnagar	
3	15-07-2024	Ammuguda	2500	28	05-09-2024	Emjala	20000
4		Arogya Nagar (Mission)		29		Gaddiannaram	
5	12-09-2024	Arul Colony	12517	30		Gagillapuram	
6		Balaji Nagar		31		Gajwel	
7		Balaiah Nagar (Old Alwal)		32	14-08-2024	Gandhinagar	5000
8	19-09-2024	Band Lines	6000	33		Garrison (Trimulgherry)	
9	20-09-2024	Bandlaguda Jagir (Kismatpur)	40173	34	19-09-2024	Ghatkesar	600
10		Banjara Hills		35	19-08-2024	Gokonda	17206
11		Basuregadi		36		Gothumakunda	
12	25-09-2024	Bayyaram	590	37		Gunfoundry	
13		Bazar Ghat		38		Jadi Jamalpur	
14	21-08-2024	BHEL - MIG	2710	39	07-08-2024	Jagadgirigutta	3500
15	17-08-2024	Begumpet	6250	40		Jahanuma	
16	03-09-2024	Bhoiguda	15000	41		Jogipet	
17		Bodhan		42		Joipet	
18		Boduppall		43		Kalwakole	
19	16-08-2024	Bolarum	15200	44		Kamareddy	
20		Borabanda		45		Khairatabad	
21		Bowenpally		46		Kissan Nagar(Armoor)	
22		Cherlapally		47		Kukatpally	
23		Chintalacheruvu		48	16-09-2024	Lallaguda	12000
24	13-08-2024	Church Colony	2500	49		L. B. Nagar	
25		Dammaiguda		50		Lillipur	

51		Mahendra Hills		76		Sanathnagar	
52	17-08-2024	Madinaguda	2600	77		Sangareddy	
53		Mallapur		78	20-08-2024	Santhoshnagar	2000
54		Manikonda Mission		79		Sappers Lines	
55	18-09-2024	Mariapuram (Adibatla)	785	80	20-08-2024	Secunderabad	65504
56		Medchal		81		Shabad	
57	14-08-2024	Medipally	2120	82		Shamshabad	
58	26-09-2024	Mettuguda	14720	83		Shanthinagar	
59		Miyapur		84	14-08-2024	Shapurnagar	4096
60		Moul-Ali		85		Siddipet	
61	26-08-2024	Mudfort	8500	86		Seethaphalmandi	
62		Muthangi		87		Sultan Bazar	
63		Nacharam		88	23-08-2024	Suraram	3000
64		Nandrakal		89		Tandur	
65		Narayankhed		90		Toopran	
66		Nedunoor		91	24-08-2024	Trimulgherry	32500
67	30-08-2024	Neela Camp	300	92		Uminthal	
68		Nizamabad		93		Vanasthalipuram	
69		Pargi		94	12-09-2024	Venkatapuram	4000
70		Patancheru		95		Vikarabad	
71		Ramachandrapuram		96	12-08-2024	Yapral	3500
72	05-09-2024	Ramanthapur	3200	97	26-08-2024	Yeddumylaram	1000
73	14-08-2024	Ramnagar	13400	98		Yellareddy	
74		Sadasivpet		99		Zaheerabad	
75		Sainikpuri				Total	323431

Pastoral News

1. FESTIVE MASS, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH, VANASTALIPURAM ON 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2024.



2. FESTIVE MASS AT OUR LADY OF FATHIMA CHURCH, SURARAM ON 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2024.

Our Karunagiri shrine was blessed and inaugurated by His Grace Most. Rev. Marampudi Joji, Archbishop of Hyderabad in the year 2004 at Surarm Parish. Since then, Calvary Jesus is showering blessings, promised graces and granting healings to all those faithful who touches the cross, kneel and pray. Every year all the devotees in the twin cities of Sec'bad & Hyd join our Shrine Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

This year the feast begun with the triduum prayers from 11th -13th Sep, 24 by Rev. Msgr. Fr. Yeruva Bala Showreddy, Parish Priest, St. Josephs Cathedral, Gunfoundry, Hyderabad with the Inaugural Holy Mass followed by Flag Hoisting. Following day Holy mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Matthai from Divyavani Communications, Hyderabad. The final day of triduum started with the procession of cross within the Shrine and a special prayer at the calvary. Soon after the procession, the Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Yeruva Bala Sudheer, Principal, Infant Jesus School, Jagadgirigutta, Hyderabad.

The Feast Day Mass started with the procession with a beautiful devotional entrance dance by the KGS Children creating a prayerful atmosphere and inviting the main celebrant and priests on to the altar. The holy mass was celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, the Archbishop of Hyderabad and 15 other concelebrants. The KGS Choir, under the direction of Rev. Fr. Paul Prabhakar, Assistant Parish Priest, sung devotional hymns that guided the faithful in glorifying the Lord.

During the homily Cardinal Poola Anthony emphasized on Jesus unconditional love and forgiveness on the Holy cross. The Cross symbolizes His Passion and Death—a willingness to sacrifice for others. It teaches that our struggles have purpose, transforming from a sign of death to a declaration of eternal life. When we unite our struggles with Christ, they become sources of grace and strength.

The Parish Priest and the KGS committee honored His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony with a shawl and a gift as a symbol of affection. Subsequently, the BCC



Leaders felicitated with a shawl and KGS children presented him with a sapling. The Parish Priest expressed gratitude to all the Priests, Sisters, Brothers, and faithful for their contributions to the successful celebration of the feast. Cardinal Poola Anthony felicitated Mr. Deepak John, Chairman of the Telangana Christian Minority Corporation, and appreciated the Parish Priest, the committee, the youth, the children, and the parishioners for their united and meaningful observance of the feast. Following the mass, all the faithful knelt before the Holy Cross to offer prayers for their special intentions. The fellowship meal was arranged to around 1200 faithful.

-Rev. Fr. Yeruva Joji Reddy, Parish Priest, Suraram Parish

3. FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS AT MAHIMAGIRI HILLS, JYOTHINAGAR VILLAGE, JOJIPET PARISH.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was celebrated with deep reverence and spiritual joy from the 12th to the 14th of September at Mahimagiri Hills in Jyothinagar, a substation of St. Mathias Church, Jojipet. This annual celebration drew numerous faithful from across the Nizamabad district, gathering to commemorate the significance of the Holy Cross and its role in Christian salvation.

The three-day event was filled with adoration, praise and worship, followed by the Holy Eucharist and fellowship meals. Each day offered a unique spiritual experience, helping the faithful to connect more deeply with the meaning of the Cross in their lives.

Day 1: Welcoming the Newly Ordained Priests

The celebration began on the 12th of September, marked by the welcoming of the newly ordained priests of the Archdiocese, Fr. T. Pranay and Fr. Christopher, in accordance with the local traditions. This ceremony was a joyful moment for the community as they embraced the new priests, who were eager to begin their ministry. The Holy Mass on the first day was celebrated by Fr. Susai Vincent, Parish Priest of Ummenthal, and the homily was delivered by Fr. A. Pranith, Youth Director who reflected on the significance of the Cross and its place in Christian faith. Following the Mass, the official flag hoisting ceremony was conducted and hoisted by Fr. J. Naveen, Secretary to His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, signalling the commencement of the three-day celebration.

Day 2: Healing Service and Eucharistic Celebration

The second day, organized by the young priests of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, focused on the healing power of the Cross. The day began with a special healing service and adoration led by Fr. G. Peter, Head Master of St. Joseph's High

School (Nellore) from the Diocese of Nellore. Through his prayers and guidance, many of the faithful experienced spiritual and emotional healing. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Christopher, and Fr. T. Pranay delivered an inspiring homily, encouraging the faithful to embrace the Cross as a source of strength and transformation in their lives.

Day 3: Feast Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The highlight of the celebration was on the third day, the feast day itself, where Fr. Vijay Joseph, In charge of Evangelization led the Eucharistic Adoration and celebrated the solemn Holy Mass along with other priests, Religious and faithful from the Nizamabad Deanery. During his homily, Fr. Vijay Joseph explained the profound significance of the Cross and its central role in Christian salvation, reminding the faithful of the love and sacrifice it represents.

Pilgrimage and Veneration of the Holy Cross

One of the most significant aspects of the feast was the pilgrimage up the Mahimagiri Hills, where a large Holy Cross has been established since 1995. Many faithful undertook this symbolic journey, climbing the hill to venerate the Cross and spend time in prayer. This act of devotion,



along with the solemn celebration of the Eucharist, made the day truly special. The faithful experienced God's blessings and grace, strengthened by the message of salvation through the Cross.

The celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at Mahimagiri Hills brought together people from all walks of life, almost 1200, uniting them in faith and devotion. It was a time of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and reflection on the saving power of Christ's Cross, leaving a lasting impact on all who participated.

-Rev. Fr. G Bala Kiran, Parish Priest

4. THANKSGIVING MASS FOR THE NEW SUPERIOR GENERAL AND TEAM AT GENERALATE OF ST. ANN'S LUZERN, SUCHITRA ON 21ST SEPT., 2024.



5. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH, LALAGUDA ON 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2024.



6. FESTIVE MASS AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GOLCONDA PARISH ON 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2024.



7. INAUGURATION OF NEW PHARMACOGNOSY LAB AT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ON 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2024.

To Challenge all the private pharmacy colleges in Telangana, St. Mary's College of Pharmacy, opened a new highly sophisticated Pharmacognosy Lab. His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony inaugurated newly designed and renovated Pharmacognosy laboratory on 23-09-2024. Students, Principal and Faculty members were delighted to receive the Cardinal for the blessing and inauguration program at 12.10 p.m. Msgr. Yeruva Balashow Reddy, Vice Chairman, HAES, Rev. Fr. Guvvala Anthony, Secretary, HAES Rev. Fr. Pasala Innaiah, Treasurer, HAES and few other priests also witnessed the program. Finally, we expressed our gratitude by proposing the vote of thanks. **- Rev. Fr. Yeruva Bala Reddy, Director, St. Mary's College of Pharmacy.**

8. ANNUAL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH, JAHANUMA ON 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2024.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church came alive with vibrant celebrations as the local community gathered to observe the annual church feast on 15 September 2024 within the church campus, Boys Town, Jahanuma, Hyderabad. The feast day, began with a welcome by Rev. Fr. A.S



Tony, Parish Priest followed by a solemn mass led by Re. Fr. M. Kennedy, Principal of Rock Memorial School, Khaitabad co-celebrated by Rev. Fr. Daniel Selvaraj, and Rev. Fr. Matthew. The liturgy was filled with special readings, hymns, and prayers that paid tribute to the Our Mother. The congregation was visibly moved by the service, homily, procession and healing service. Following the mass, devotees joined together in procession that wound its way through the church's surrounding led to the grotto and returned to church for the prayer and healing service.

The celebration concluded with a benediction marking the end of a day filled with joy, healing, and spiritual reflection. The church feast not only strengthened the bonds within the congregation but also fostered a sense of belonging and solidarity among all who attended. Devotees and parishioners alike enjoyed the delicious food, which was both a feast for the senses and a symbol of unity and hospitality. The Parish Priest and the community extends its gratitude to all who participated in the celebrations, making this year's feast a memorable and meaningful event. The community looks forward to continuing these traditions and welcoming new members to share in the joy and spirit of the occasion in the years to come..

-Rev. Fr. A.S Tony

Archdiocesan News

1. ONGOING FORMATION FOR ANIMATORS, CATECHISTS AND SACRISTANS

Hyderabad Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre with the collaboration of A.P. Jyotirmai Society has organized Ongoing Formation Program for Animators, Catechists and Sacristans of Archdiocese of Hyderabad on 16th September 2024, at A.P. Jyotirmai Society Central office, Sikh Village, Secunderabad.



Altogether there were 45 members participated in this comprehensive Training Program. The Participants were enlightened about the Scripture, Liturgy and Sacraments. The Resource persons emphasized how to read the Bible, understand and apply it in their daily lives. They also spoke about Religious Skepticism, Strong Catholic faith and Experiencing God in their day-to-day responsibilities. The Program emphasized continuous learning of Animators, Catechists and Sacristans, highlighting their role to guide others in faith and practice as spiritual guide. This program concluded with Holy Eucharistic celebration and gifts were distributed, which His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony has sent as a token of love and appreciation for the unwavering commitment of the Animators, Catechists and Sacristans in their spiritual endeavours.

-Rev. Fr. G Arogya Swamy, Director, Hyderabad Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre

2. ST. MARY'S CENTENARY JUNIOR COLLEGE UPLIFTING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ACTIVITIES

Last 2 months St. Mary's Centenary Junior College, Secunderabad, conducted FREE MEDICAL CAMP to Parents and Students as a service. Dental, Diabetics, Blood Pressure, Eye check-up and general health care. Over 400 Parents and Students availed it and appreciated the College for this service.

Visit to Indian Airforce training centre Hakimpet.

42 boys and 28 girls from MPC 1&2 Along with the head boy and head girl of the college, Accompanied by the Principal and 4 lecturers Mr. Anil, Mrs Mounika Singh, Ms. Melinda and Mr. Ibrahim. The visit began at 10:00 am.

The students were taken to STATION MUSEUM where they witnessed different types of aircraft models along with the explanation of. The runway Map. Students were also taken to FIGHTER TRAINING WING where the met officer trainees and also



saw the Live aircraft and were given information about it. After which the students visited the *HELICOPTER TRAINING CENTRE Where they saw Cheetah Helicopter.

The students were served refreshments by the Airforce, also the students were motivated by the Airforce officer to join the Indian air force. At the end the students visited the AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL ROOM. From where the whole Hakimpet station is controlled the officer explained the technical aspects to students. Students were brought back and refreshments were served.

- Fr. Gnana Reddy, Principal

3. ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD YOUTH COMMISSION YOUNG CATHOLIC STUDENTS/YOUNG STUDENT MOVEMENT.

DTA/DTS MEETING on 23-09-2024

"We are still at the beginning, we are always at the beginning, we are just beginning" -Cardinal Cardijn

The beginning of the journey of YCS/YSM' ers for the academic year 2024-2025, at the diocesan level, started off with a DTA/DTS Meeting organized by the Youth Commission of The Archdiocese of Hyderabad at 'Pastoral Center, Gunfoundry.' We extend our sincere gratitude to Rev. Fr. Govindu Arokiaswamy for his generosity of providing us the Pastoral Centre for the day's meeting.

The invitation for the same was sent across to the schools associated with the movement by our Diocesan Chaplain, Rev. Fr. Pranith, to which 9 out of 11 schools responded and 6 out of 11 attended and actively participated in the program.

The schools which participated in the DTA/DTS Meeting are:

1. Sacred Heart High School, South Lalaguda.
2. St Francis High School, Secunderabad.
3. Rosary Convent High School. Gunfoundry.

4. St Ann's High School, Bolarum.
5. St Ann's High School, Tarnaka.
6. St Ann's High School, ICSE, Petbasheerbagh.

The event began with a prayer song led by students from St. Ann's High School, Bolarum, setting a spiritual tone for the gathering. An inclusive inter-religious prayer, conducted by students from Sacred Heart High School, South Lalaguda, fostered unity and respect among diverse faiths. A ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the DYD, animators, and former leaders of the movement symbolized the illumination of knowledge and guidance for the day's proceedings. Mr. Joseph S Babu, President of the DTA, warmly welcomed attendees and provided an overview of the event's purpose and significance. Participants acknowledged the contributions of Rev. Fr. A. Pranith as DYD & YCS/YSM Chaplain during a formal felicitation honoring his dedication. Participants were divided into cells, led by Mr. A. Aravind Paul who was the moderator of the program, to facilitate focused interaction and engagement.

Rev. Fr. A. Pranith delivered an insightful session on Leadership and the qualities one has to possess, drawing from his experience as a spiritual leader within the Archdiocese of Hyderabad. The session was moderated to ensure smooth discussions and active participation among attendees.

Master. Ronal Chris, our very own NEXCO Member of YCS/YSM India shared his experience of working with the national office and also briefed the gathering about the various activities that the national office organizes for the YCS/YSM'ers of India. In his short speech, he also encouraged students to subscribe to 'The Search' a bi-monthly magazine published by the national office and to take active part in presenting their work to be published in the same.

Miss. Nicole (Our Ex President of YCS/YSM Hyderabad) and Master. Nigel (Ex-Vice President of YCS/YSM Hyderabad) shared their experiences to help our YCS/YSM'ers feel connected to and develop deeper relationship with the movement.

Mr. Aravind Paul led a session, discussing the vital roles of animators and YCS/YSM members in student leadership and community building, greatly emphasizing to let the students know that this movement entirely belongs to them and that they are the heart of the movement. Participants engaged in discussions within their respective cells, encouraging collaboration and the sharing of ideas and experiences based on the case studies provided for different cells. Students came up with creative and a practical plan of action while presenting their reports to the gathering. The students showed their ability to solve the problem faced as a cell. Students then broke off for their lunch and were back with their energies gathered up. The moderator

led an engaging activity aimed at fostering teamwork and enhancing the participants' experience.

A democratic process allowed participants to elect new leaders for the DTS, ensuring fresh perspectives and energy for upcoming initiatives.

The elected DTA/DTS was then announced and was presented before the general body as given below respectively.



SL No.	Name of the Candidate	Position	Name of the Institution
1.	Shaun Maurice	President	Sacred Heart High School
2.	Irene Rajan	Secretary	St Francis High School
3.	Suhali Thakur	Spokesperson	St Ann's High School, Bolarum.
4.	Catheline	Treasurer	Rosary Convent High School
SL No.	Name of the Animator	Position	Name of the Institution
1.	Mr. Joseph S Babu	President	Sacred Heart High School
2.	Mrs. Mercy Binny	Vice President	StAnn's High School, Bolarum
3.	Mrs. Maria Sheryl	Secretary	St Francis High School
4.	Mrs. Arogya Mary	Treasurer	Rosary Convent High School
5.	Mrs. Leena	Spokesperson	St Ann's High School, Tarnaka

Newly elected leaders took an oath, committing to their responsibilities and the values of the movement. Mrs. Maria Sheryl, the Animator of St Francis High School, Secunderabad, expressed gratitude to all participants, speakers, and organizers, acknowledging their contributions to the event's success.

The event concluded with the YCS/YSM anthem and clap, celebrating the spirit of the movement. Let **YCS/YSM** light shine!!

-Mr. Joseph S Babu (DTA President)

4. PRISON MINISTRY TELANGANA 22nd SEPTEMBER, 2024

A special Mass was offered with 20 members on 22nd September at 04.00 p.m. in St. Mary's Junior College Hall, Secunderabad. With the graces and blessings of our Cardinal, Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony, and the with the prayers and blessings of our chairman of prison ministry, Telangana, Most Rev. Dr. Sagili Prakash, Bishop of Khammam Diocese.

The intention of offering the Holy Mass was to seek God's blessings for the inmates, volunteers, prison department and to pray for the departed souls of the volunteers and for getting permission for prison visits. The program began with the recitation of Rosary and divine mercy chaplet followed by mass. After the mass some of the volunteers were felicitated for their outstanding works and contribution with bouquets and shawls.



Ms. Regina, state secretary, Telangana, updated the volunteers about the prison activities. Mrs. Imma shared about her experience with the juvenile children about the good touch and the bad touch. Mrs. Clara shared about her experience about the volunteers training program held at Bangalore, for 15 days in the month of April-2024 organized by national coordinator Fr. Francis Kodiyan, Mr. Patrick Cross, shared about his past experience and service he rendered to the inmates and he raised few queries that were noted by Fr. Dion Isaac, the state coordinator.

The program ended with a prayer, followed by distribution of snacks and tea. We are thankful to Rev. Fr. Ganana Reddy, the principal of college for allotting the hall. The same evening after the mass the state coordinator along with the secretary visited Asha Kiran, prisoners' children's home, Gandhi Nagar, run by the Sisters of Charity. The sisters and the children received us with great love and hospitality. We said prayers, sang god's songs, and activity-based songs by the children taught by the sisters. For fifteen minutes we had interactive session and Sr. Christine shared about the daily activities, education and visiting the prison. A bag full of snacks were given to the children. The program was closed with prayer for god's blessings for the sisters and the children of Asha Kiran children's home.

On 23rd Sep, 2024, evening, the state coordinator and the secretary visited Mrs. Christine Lazarus, Ex. M.L.A, for the Anglo-Indian community, to help us in getting permission for prison visits. She shared her experience about prison visits and refreshed her memories with Sr. Leena FMM, the pioneer of prison ministry in Telangana. And she gladly assured her cooperation and support for getting permission for prison visits. Our meeting ended with a prayer, and we felicitated her with a shawl and bouquet.

-Fr.Dion Isaac , Telangana state coordinator PMI.

5. TRAINING IN FAMILY COUNSELLING

The Hyderabad Archdiocesan Family Apostolate organised an inaugural ceremony at its first module of Training in Family Counselling, a certificate course at Jyothirmai, TCBC Secretariat, Secunderabad on September 21, 2024. The National Secretary of Family Commission Rev. Fr. Arulraj and Ms. Jayashree an experienced licensed psychologist From Chennai were the main resource persons. The opening ceremony was graced by Rev. Fr.



Victor Emmanuel the Chancellor & Procurator of Archdiocese of Hyderabad, Rev. Fr. Raju Alex the Secretary of TCBC, Rev. Fr. Pratap the Regional Secretary of Family Commission TCBC and Mr. Henry a senior member of the Family Apostolate Team of Archdiocese of Hyderabad.

The objective of this training program is to empower and certify priests, religious and lay faithful with the nuances of professional counselling principles and techniques in order to offer such services to individuals and families who are in need of counselling in their circumstances or challenges. The inputs sessions are infused with contemporary and dynamic methodologies, imparted by means of presentations, group discussions, practical role plays and team dynamisms. The course aims to train participants in basic counselling skills, Psychotherapies and cognitive therapies. The group of participants comprised of different age groups of people who are either actively engaged in the work of psychological or spiritual counselling and would like to render professional family counselling in the future.

The Family Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad in alignment with the objectives of both CCBI National Strategic Planning roadmap and the Archdiocesan plan for families, aims to plant the seed of at least one certified counsellor in each Parish in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad. This training program is structured across 6 modules which will be organised during the 3rd Saturday & 3rd Sunday of each month. The aim is to work towards a healthy body, mind and spirit and build strong and effective families in the church and society.

-John Roger Athony for the Family Apostolate

Regional News

1. AS PER THE INSTRUCTION OF CARDINAL POOLA ANTHONY, THE ARCHBISHOP OF HYDERABAD, A TEAM FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD VISITED FLOOD HIT AREAS IN KHAMMAM DIOCESE AND MADE A CONTRIBUTION.



International News

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2024

20th October, 2024.

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE TO THE BANQUET (CF. MT 22:9)

Dear brothers and sisters!

The theme I have chosen for this year's World Mission Day is taken from the Gospel parable of the wedding banquet (cf. *Mt 22:1-14*). After the guests refused his invitation, the king, the main character in the story, tells his servants: "Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find" (v. 9). Reflecting on this key passage in the context of the parable and of Jesus' own life, we can discern several important aspects of evangelization. These appear particularly timely for all of us, as missionary disciples of Christ, during this final stage of the synodal journey that, in the words of its motto, "*Communion, Participation, Mission*", seeks to refocus the Church on her primary task, which is the preaching of the Gospel in today's world.

1. "Go and invite!" Mission as a tireless going out to invite others to the Lord's banquet

In the king's command to his servants we find two words that express the heart of the mission: the verbs "to go out" and "to invite".

As for the first, we need to remember that the servants had previously been sent to deliver the king's invitation to the guests (cf. vv. 3-4). Mission, we see, is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God

and enter into communion with him. Tireless! God, great in love and rich in mercy, constantly sets out to encounter all men and women, and to call them to the happiness of his kingdom, even in the face of their indifference or refusal. Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd and messenger of the Father, went out in search of the lost sheep of the people of Israel and desired to go even further, in order to reach even the most distant sheep (cf. *Jn* 10:16). Both before and after his resurrection, he told his disciples, “Go!”, thus involving them in his own mission (cf. *Lk* 10:3; *Mk* 16:15). The Church, for her part, in fidelity to the mission she has received from the Lord, will continue to go to the ends of the earth, to set out over and over again, without ever growing weary or losing heart in the face of difficulties and obstacles.

I take this opportunity to thank all those missionaries who, in response to Christ’s call, have left everything behind to go far from their homeland and bring the Good News to places where people have not yet received it, or received it only recently. Dear friends, your generous dedication is a tangible expression of your commitment to the mission *ad gentes* that Jesus entrusted to his disciples: “Go and make disciples of all nations” (*Mt* 28:19). We continue to pray and we thank God for the new and numerous missionary vocations for the task of evangelization to the ends of the earth.

Let us not forget that every Christian is called to take part in this universal mission by offering his or her own witness to the Gospel in every context, so that the whole Church can continually go forth with her Lord and Master to the “crossroads” of today’s world. “Today’s drama in the Church is that Jesus keeps knocking on the door, but from within, so that we will let him out! Often we end up being an ‘imprisoning’ Church which does not let the Lord out, which keeps him as ‘its own’, whereas the Lord came for mission and wants us to be missionaries” (*Address to Participants in the Conference organized by the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life*, 18 February 2023). May all of us, the baptized, be ready to set out anew, each according to our state in life, to inaugurate a new missionary movement, as at the dawn of Christianity!

To return to the king’s command in the parable, the servants are told not only to “go”, but also to “invite”: “Come to the wedding!” (*Mt* 22:4). Here we can see another, no less important, aspect of the mission entrusted by God. As we can imagine, the servants conveyed the king’s invitation with urgency but also with great respect and kindness. In the same way, the mission of bringing the Gospel to every creature must necessarily imitate the same “style” of the One who is being preached. In proclaiming to the world “the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 36), missionary disciples should do so with joy, magnanimity and benevolence that

are the fruits of the Holy Spirit within them (cf. *Gal* 5:22). Not by pressuring, coercing or proselytizing, but with closeness, compassion and tenderness, and in this way reflecting God's own way of being and acting.

2. *"To the marriage feast". The eschatological and Eucharistic dimension of the mission of Christ and the Church.*

In the parable, the king asks the servants to bring the invitation to his son's wedding banquet. That banquet is a reflection of the eschatological banquet. It is an image of ultimate salvation in the Kingdom of God, fulfilled even now by the coming of Jesus, the Messiah and Son of God, who has given us life in abundance (cf. *Jn* 10:10), symbolized by the table set with succulent food and with fine wines, when God will destroy death forever (cf. *Is* 25:6-8).

Christ's mission has to do with the fullness of time, as he declared at the beginning of his preaching: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand" (*Mk* 1:15). Christ's disciples are called to continue this mission of their Lord and Master. Here we think of the teaching of the Second Vatican Council on the eschatological character of the Church's missionary outreach: "The time for missionary activity extends between the first coming of the Lord and the second..., for the Gospel must be preached to all nations before the Lord shall come (cf. *Mk* 13:10)" (*Ad Gentes*, 9).

We know that among the first Christians missionary zeal had a powerful eschatological dimension. They sensed the urgency of the preaching of the Gospel. Today too it is important to maintain this perspective, since it helps us to evangelize with the joy of those who know that "the Lord is near" and with the hope of those who are pressing forward towards the goal, when all of us will be with Christ at his wedding feast in the kingdom of God. While the world sets before us the various "banquets" of consumerism, selfish comfort, the accumulation of wealth and individualism, the Gospel calls everyone to the divine banquet, marked by joy, sharing, justice and fraternity in communion with God and with others.

This fullness of life, which is Christ's gift, is anticipated even now in the banquet of the Eucharist, which the Church celebrates at the Lord's command in memory of him. The invitation to the eschatological banquet that we bring to everyone in our mission of evangelization is intrinsically linked to the invitation to the Eucharistic table, where the Lord feeds us with his word and with his Body and Blood. As Benedict XVI taught: "Every Eucharistic celebration sacramentally accomplishes the eschatological gathering of the People of God. For us, the Eucharistic banquet is a real foretaste of the final banquet foretold by the prophets

(cf. *Is* 25:6-9) and described by the New Testament as ‘the marriage-feast of the Lamb’ (*Rev* 19:9), to be celebrated in the joy of the communion of the saints” (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 31).

Consequently, all of us are called to experience more intensely every Eucharist, in all its dimensions, and particularly its eschatological and missionary dimensions. In this regard, I would reiterate that “we cannot approach the Eucharistic table without being drawn into the mission which, beginning in the very heart of God, is meant to reach all people” (*ibid*, 84). The Eucharistic renewal that many local Churches are laudably promoting in the post-Covid era will also be essential for reviving the missionary spirit in each member of the faithful. With how much greater faith and heartfelt enthusiasm should we recite at every Mass: “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again”!

In this year devoted to prayer in preparation for the Jubilee of 2025, I wish to encourage all to deepen their commitment above all to take part in the celebration of Mass and to pray for the Church’s mission of evangelization. In obedience to the Saviour’s command, she does not cease to pray, at every Eucharistic and liturgical celebration, the “Our Father”, with its petition, “Thy kingdom come”. In this way, daily prayer and the Eucharist in particular make us pilgrims and missionaries of hope, journeying towards everlasting life in God, towards the nuptial banquet that God has prepared for all his children.

3. *“Everyone”: The universal mission of Christ’s disciples in the fully synodal and missionary Church*

The third and last reflection concerns the recipients of the King’s invitation: “everyone”. As I emphasized, “This is the heart of mission: that ‘all’, excluding no one. Every mission of ours, then, is born from the heart of Christ in order that he may draw all to himself” (*Address to the General Assembly of the Pontifical Missionary Societies*, 3 June 2023). Today, in a world torn apart by divisions and conflicts, Christ’s Gospel remains the gentle yet firm voice that calls individuals to encounter one another, to recognize that they are brothers and sisters, and to rejoice in harmony amid diversity. “God our Saviour desires everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth” (*1 Tim* 2:4). Let us never forget, then, that in our missionary activities we are asked to preach the Gospel to all: “Instead of seeming to impose new obligations, [we] should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 14).

Christ’s missionary disciples have always had a heartfelt concern for all persons, whatever their social or even moral status. The parable of the banquet tells us that,

at the king's orders, the servants gathered "all whom they found, both good and bad" (*Mt* 22:10). What is more, "the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame" (*Lk* 14:21), in a word, the least of our brothers and sisters, those marginalized by society, are the special guests of the king. The wedding feast of his Son that God has prepared remains always open to all, since his love for each of us is immense and unconditional. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that *everyone* who believes in him may not perish but may have life eternal" (*Jn* 3:16). Everyone, every man and every woman, is invited by God to partake of his grace, which transforms and saves. One need simply say "yes" to this gratuitous divine gift, accepting it and allowing oneself be transformed by it, putting it on like a "wedding robe" (cf. *Mt* 22:12).

The mission *for* all requires the commitment *of* all. We need to continue our journey towards a fully synodal and missionary Church in the service of the Gospel. Synodality is essentially missionary and, vice versa, mission is always synodal. Consequently, close missionary cooperation is today all the more urgent and necessary, both in the universal Church and in the particular Churches. In the footsteps of the Second Vatican Council and my Predecessors, I recommend to all dioceses throughout the world the service of the Pontifical Mission Societies. They represent the primary means "by which Catholics are imbued from infancy with a truly universal and missionary outlook and [are] also a means for instituting an effective collecting of funds for all the missions, each according to its needs" (*Ad Gentes*, 38). For this reason, the collections of World Mission Day in all the local Churches are entirely destined to the universal fund of solidarity that the Pontifical Society of the Propagation of the Faith then distributes in the Pope's name for the needs of all the Church's missions. Let us pray that the Lord may guide us and help us to be a more synodal and a more missionary Church (cf. *Homily for the Concluding Mass of the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops*, 29 October 2023).

Finally, let us lift our gaze to Mary, who asked Jesus to perform his first miracle precisely at a wedding feast, in Cana of Galilee (cf. *Jn* 2:1-12). The Lord offered to the newlyweds and all the guests an abundance of new wine, as a foreshadowing of the nuptial banquet that God is preparing for all at the end of time. Let us implore her maternal intercession for the evangelizing mission of Christ's disciples in our own time. With the joy and loving concern of our Mother, with the strength born of tenderness and affection (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 288), let us go forth to bring to everyone the invitation of the King, our Saviour. Holy Mary, Star of Evangelization, pray for us!

Dates & Events to Remember

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| 01. St Therese of the Child Jesus, Vg Dr, [F] | Alacogue, Vgn, Blessed Augustine |
| 02. The Holy Guardian Angels [M] | Thevaraparambil, Pt, [O.P.M] |
| 04. St Francis of Assisi [M] | 17. St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp and Mtr, [M] |
| 05. St Maria Faustina Kowalski, [O.P.M] | 18. St Luke, Evangelist [F] |
| 07. Our Lady of the Rosary [M] | 19. Sts. John de Brebeuf, Issac Jogues, Pts & |
| 09. Sts. Denis, Bp, and comps, Mtrs, St John | comps, Mtrs, St Paul of the cross, pt, |
| Leonardi, pt, [O.P.M] | [O.P.M] |
| 11. St John XXIII, Pp [O.P.M] | 22. St John Paul II, Pope, [O.P.M] |
| 14. St Callistus I, Pp & Mtr, [O.P.M] | 23. St John of Capistrano, Pt, [O.P.M] |
| 15. St Teresa of Avila, Vgn & Dr, [M] | 24. St Anthony Mary Claret, Bp, [O.P.M] |
| 16. St. Hedwig, Rel, St. Margaret Mary | 28. St Simon and Jude, Apostles [F] |

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

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| 02. Fr. Chinnabathini John Paul | 13. Fr. Guvvala Anthony |
| 04. Fr. Thathireddy Julian | 13. Fr. Madanu Arogyam |
| 04. Fr. Susai Vincent Raj | 17. Fr. Madanu Amal Raj |
| 06. Fr. Yeruva Amal Kumar Francis | 18. Fr. Thathireddy Anil Kumar |
| 08. Fr. Kandi Marreddy | 30. Fr. Michael Selvaraj |
| 08. Fr. Pasala Joseph (Sr.) | 30. Fr. Thumma Udaya Bhasker |
| 10. Fr. Valentine J. D'Mello | |



Happy Ordination day Dear Fathers

19. Fr. Thomas Stephen



Necrology

01. Fr. Kolandai Gnanapragasam
 13. Most Rev. Vismara Dionigi, PIME
 30. Fr. Joseph Maurice

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

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**FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
AT MAHIMAGIRI HILLS, JYOTHINAGAR VILLAGE, JOJIPET PARISH.**



**FESTIVE MASS AT THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS, GATTUPALLY VILLAGE,
YESU SNEHA NILAYAM PARISH, PARIGI ON 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2024.**



**FESTIVE MASS AT OUR LADY OF HEALTH SHRINE, KHAIRATHABAD
ON 08TH SEPTEMBER, 2024.**

**"CENTENARY OF GRACE"
COMMEMORATING THE
100TH BIRTH ANIVERSARY OF
ARCHBISHOP SAMINENI ARULAPPA**



Most Rev. Samineni Arularppa
Second Archbishop of Hyderabad
1972-2000