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All Saints' Day



ALL SOULS DAY



15th NOVEMBER, 2024 IS THE BIRTHDAY OF
HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL POOLA ANTHONY
WE THE PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS & LAY
FAITHFUL WISH A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY &
GOD'S BLESSINGS.



HYDERABAD CLERGY ANNUAL RETREAT: 07TH - 11TH OCTOBER, 2024.
PLACE: ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE CAMPUS



HYDERABAD YOUNG CLERGY; ONGOING FORMATION COM. RETREAT
AT ARAKU FROM 14.10.2024 - 18.10.2024.



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Archbishop's Message



Holy Mother Church celebrates the feast of the Apostle St. Andrew on the 30th November during the last week of the current liturgical year. He was called personally by the Son our Lord Jesus Christ along with his brother Peter to follow Him and become a 'fisher of men' for the covenantal kingdom of God that He Himself was about to bring into existence by giving himself as 'a sin offering' on the Cross for 'the ransom of the many' and through His consequent exaltation at the 'right hand' of His Eternal Father as 'the Lord and Christ' of the Eternal Father's promised new and everlasting covenant, through His bodily resurrection and Ascension to the 'right hand' of His Eternal Father in the Holy Spirit. His name figures fourth, after Peter, James and John, in the list of the twelve Apostles in the synoptic gospels and in St. Luke's 'Acts of Apostles.' Along with the other members of 'the Twelve' he too witnessed the silent divine strength with which the Son our Lord Jesus Christ successfully endured and completed His traumatic passion and definitively overcame 'the ruler of the world' on the Cross, and in this manner entered into His glory (Lk.24:26). After the foundation of the Church in Jerusalem following the great event of the Pentecost when the Apostles began to carry out the command of the Son our Lord Jesus Christ to make all the nations His disciples, it fell to the lot of St. Andrew to evangelize the Scythian country surrounding the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea. In this capacity He founded the Apostolic Church in the city of Byzantium as the Centre of his missionary work in all the Scythian region. At the end of His Apostolic life, he was martyred by the governor in the city of Patria in Achaia on an X cross in punishment for his superabundant apostolic zeal in the

Holy Spirit to carry out the command of our Lord to his utmost ability. Along with the other members of 'the Twelve' he too lives in heaven with the Son our Lord Jesus Christ in the glory of His divine Sonship as one of 'the twelve foundations' of 'the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God' with his own apostolic name written on one of them (Rev.21:10,14).'

In what way is St. Andrew an inspiration for our Christian life today? His characteristic interest in the Person of Jesus (namely in all that Jesus said, did asked or gave) which one can easily discern from the few instances in which he figures in St John's gospel (Jn.1:36-40, 6:8, 12:20-22) is not only worthy of our personal imitation but constitutes the necessary nourishment for our post-baptismal life of faith with Him in the Holy Spirit. The gospel of St John is a necessary companion for our personal life in the Holy Spirit with the Son our Lord Jesus Christ in the sacrament of His body 'given up for us' in the tabernacles of His Catholic Church. Unfortunately, we are impeded from using this gospel in this manner because discourses or sermons on St John's gospel are ordinarily one's 'erudite' commentary on what is supposedly 'Johannine theology' thematized in his gospel. The outcome of all this is that even after eating the Son of God in 'His body given up for us' and 'drinking Him in His blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins' our interest is not in Him, but in the world of creatures around us, in all that goes on in it and all that we are constrained to do in it until we are unexpectedly robbed of this eschatologically pathetic life by the Son of man who 'comes like a thief at an unexpected hour.'

POPE'S INTENTION: NOVEMBER, 2024

For Anyone Who Has Lost a Child: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



CARDINAL'S INTENTION: NOVEMBER, 2024

Embracing Unity in Diversity: This month, we collectively intend to embrace harmony and respect among all religions. Together, we will seek connections, recognizing our shared values while celebrating our unique differences. Through compassion, open dialogue, and collaborative efforts, we commit to creating a world where our unity fosters prosperity for everyone.



Solemnities and Feasts

NOVEMBER 01ST

All Saints Day [Feast]

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints — that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church. All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Lutheran and Anglican Churches. Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness. Other countries have different rules according to their national bishop's conferences. The bishops of each conference have the authority to amend the rules surrounding the obligation of the day.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints.

Source: www.catholic.org



NOVEMBER 02ND

All Souls' Day



All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. The day is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church, but it is also celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Church and a few other denominations of Christianity. The Anglican church is the largest protestant church to celebrate the holy day. Most protestant denominations do not recognize the holiday and disagree with the theology behind it.

According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go. Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus, made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin."

Source: www.catholic.org

The life of St Charles Borromeo can be seen to run between the two poles of “boy bishop” and “giant of sanctity,” in a period of time that corresponded to his pastoral action. The young Charles progressed quickly, even as a child. He was born in Arona in 1538, the second son of Gilbert and Margaret. At the age of 12 he was given the title of “commendatory” of a nearby Benedictine Abbey. The honorific title came with a notable income, but the future Saint insisted on dedicating the revenue to charity, especially the care of the poor. His pastoral ministry, stimulated by his love of Christ, nonetheless met with hostility and resistance. One group, the so-called “Humiliati” – a doctrinally suspect religious order – organised an attempt on his life. While praying in his chapel, the future Saint was shot at with an arquebus; however, the bullet failed to penetrate his vestments, and his life was saved. This was considered a miracle, and Charles was able to continue his mission because, as Pope Francis said, “he wanted Pastors who would be servants of God and fathers to their people, especially the poor”.

Source: www.vaticannews.va



Dedication of Lantern Basilica [Feast]



Most Catholics think of St. Peter's as the pope's main church, but they are wrong. St. John Lateran is the pope's church, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides. The feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran is celebrated by the entire Church. It marks the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I in 324. This church is the cathedra (or chair) of the bishop of Rome, who is the Pope. A Latin inscription in the Church reads: “omnium ecclesiarum

Urbis et Orbis mater et caput.” Translated, this means, “The mother and head of all churches of the city and of the world.” The basilica was originally named the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior. However, it is called St. John Lateran because it was built on property donated to the Church by the Laterani family, and because the monks from the monastery of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Divine served it.

Source: www.catholicnewsagency.com

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple recalls – according to the apocryphal gospels, the day on which Mary, while still a child, was brought to the temple in Jerusalem to be offered to God. The Church wants to emphasize not so much the historical event in itself, of which there is no trace in the Gospels, but the total gift that Mary made of herself, by listening: “Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it” (Lk. 11:28). This experience prepared the young girl from Nazareth to become the “temple of the Son of God”. The celebration of this feast dates back to the 6th century in the East with the dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary the New built by the Emperor Justinian I near the ruins of the temple in Jerusalem. There is evidence that various monasteries in Italy celebrated the feast in the 9th century. It was not until the 15th century that it was included in the Roman Missal. This is also the on which the Church celebrates the World Day of Cloistered Life, established by Pope Pius XII in 1953.



Source: www.vaticannews.va



St. Andrew, also known as Andrew the Apostle, was a Christian Apostle and the older brother to St. Peter. According to the New Testament, Andrew was born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee during the early first century. Much like his younger brother, Simon Peter, Andrew was also a fisherman. Andrew's very name means strong and he was known for having good social skills.

In the Gospel of Matthew, it is said Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and saw Andrew and Simon Peter fishing. It is then he asked the two to become disciples and "fishers of men."

In the Gospel of Luke, Andrew is not initially named. It describes Jesus using a boat, believed to be solely Simon's, to preach to the multitudes and catch a large amount of fish on a night that originally was dry. Later, in Luke 5:7, it mentions

Simon was not the only fisherman on the boat, but it is not until Luke 6:14 that there is talk of Andrew being Simon Peter's brother. However, the Gospel of John tells a separate story, stating Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John the Baptist stated, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" It is then that Andrew and another made the decision to follow Jesus.

Source: www.catholic.org

RECEIPT OF LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Parish/Individual	No. of Masses
04-10-2024	KHAIRATHABAD	6760
07-10-2024	BOLARUM	35
14-10-2024	SULTHAN BAZAR	200
16-10-2024	SECUNDERABAD	650
17-10-2024	BANDLINES	100
23-10-2024	TRIMALGHERRY	550
24-10-2024	METTUGUDA	5000
26-10-2024	EMJALA	100
	TOTAL	13395

Archbishop's Engagements

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

ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

NOVEMBER, 2024

- 01. Fri : In Office
- 02. Sat 03.30: p.m. : All Souls Day Mass at Mettuguda Cemetery
05.30 p.m. : 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 Shrine, Khairathabad.
- 04-07. (Mon-Thu) : In Office
- 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.
- 11. Mon 09.30 a.m. : Memorial Mass of Rev. Fr. Madanu Arogyam at St. Mary's Basilica, Sec-bad.
- 12. Tue 10.30 a.m. : Final Profession of Sisters of Charity at St. Francis Convent, Sec-bad.
- 13. Wed : In Office
- 17. Sun 09.30 a.m. : Festive Mass and First Holy Communion and Confirmations at Holy Family Church, Trimulgherry.
- 18. Mon : In Office
- 19. Tue 11.45 a.m. : Mass at St. Ann's Generalate, Tarnaka
- 20. Wed : In Office
- 21. Thu 09.30 a.m. : Perpetual Vows Ceremony at St. Ann's Convent, Madinaguda.

23. Sat 10.00 a.m. : Wedding Silver Jubilee of Mr. Henry Vijayaraj & Mrs. Maria Christian, at Sacred Heart Church, Lalaguda.
06.30 p.m. : Pilgrims of Hope, Jubilee programme at St. Mary's Basilica, Sec-bad.
24. Sun 07.30 a.m. : First Holy Communion and Confirmations at St. Josephs Cathedral, Gunfoundry.
10.30 a.m. : First Holy Communion and Confirmations, Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Christ the King Church, Ramanthapur Parish.
25. Mon : In Office
- 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.

TENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS: DECEMBER

01. Sun 9:30 a.m. : First Holy Communion & Confirmations at St. Mary's Basilica, Sec-bad.
4:00 p.m. : Class Awards at St. Ann's School, Sec-bad.
03. Tue 5:30 p.m. : Festive Mass and First Holy Communion & Confirmations at St. Xavier's Church, Yaprall.
07. Sat 3:30 p.m. : HAES XX Games and Sports Meet Closing Ceremony at Infant Jesus School, Shamshabad.
08. Sun 8:30 p.m. : Festive Mass and First Holy Communion & Confirmations at Immaculate Conception Church, Kukatapally.
6:00 p.m. : Festive Mass at Our Lady of Lourdu Church, Bandlines
15. Sun 6:30 p.m. : LCRI Christmas Celebrations at St. Ann's School Chapel, Secunderabad.
24. Tue 11.30 p.m. : Vigil Mass St. Mary's Basilica, Secunderabad.
25. Wed 9:15 a.m. : Christmas Day Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Gunfoundry.
30. Mon 4:30 p.m. : First Holy Communion & Confirmations at St. Anthony's Church, Venkatapuram.
31. Tue 11:30 p.m. : Vigil Mass at St. Josephs Cathedral, Gunfoundry.

31ST October 2024
Archbishop's House

+ Cardinal Poola Anthony
Archbishop of Hyderabad

Communications

1. MY HEART BEATS FOR THE SYNODAL CHURCH

Highlights of the Second Session of the XVI General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Second Session of the XVI General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality, which concluded last week, was an experience of grace, learning, and impact. I was privileged to be part of both sessions (Oct '23 and Oct '24). This event aimed to make the Church more participatory and inclusive, following Pope Francis' vision of a "listening Church." The session centred on important topics like unity, participation, and mission, highlighting the need for greater inclusion and better governance. It was rooted in prayer and open discussions.

Spiritual foundation: Insights from the retreats

The Assembly started with spiritual retreats led by Dominican Fr. Timothy Radcliffe and Benedictine Mother Maria Ignazia Angelini, which set the stage for the Synod's work. These retreats focused on scripture and Church teachings, encouraging participants to embrace a spirit of listening and humility. Key themes included the importance of unity, humble leadership, and openness to the Holy Spirit.

The idea of "walking together" was highlighted, emphasizing that synodality is about patience and trust among all members of the Church. Everyone, no matter their role, has a part to play in strengthening the Church. The retreats also stressed the need for prayer in this process, as true understanding comes when the Church listens to God in quiet reflection. This spiritual mindset helped ensure that the voices of those who are often overlooked were heard with compassion.

The Holy Father's opening talk: A call for boldness and humility

In his opening address, Pope Francis encouraged the Church to adopt a new way of being, marked by courage and humility. He explained that synodality is not just a passing trend, but a path Christ calls the Church to follow today.

The Pope stressed that "synodality means walking together" as brothers and sisters in Christ. He urged participants to avoid division and clericalism, which can block real dialogue and unity. He called for a Church that is "open to surprises" and listens to everyone, especially women, young people, and those who feel left out.

Pope Francis warned against seeing the Synod as just a bureaucratic task. Instead, he encouraged a change of heart, envisioning the Church as a lively, missionary community sharing the Gospel with everyone. He also reminded bishops to lead with humility, focusing on serving the people of God rather than ruling over them.

Key issues discussed

The Synod focused on several critical issues that shape the life and mission of the Church today. These discussions were framed by the overarching themes of communion, participation, and mission, which have been central to the synodal process since its inception.

Greater inclusion and participation: The Assembly emphasized the need for a more inclusive Church where all voices, especially those of women, young people, and marginalized groups, are heard. Participants advocated for the integration of laypeople in decision-making processes. Efforts to enhance women's roles in leadership were discussed, highlighting the necessity for structural reforms to foster a synodal Church.

Addressing clericalism: Clericalism was identified as a significant obstacle to synodality, limiting lay participation in the Church's mission. Many participants called for a renewed appreciation of the laity, advocating for a culture of co-responsibility among all baptized individuals. This sentiment particularly resonated with younger members eager to engage more actively in the Church's life.

Synodal leadership: Discussions highlighted the importance of 'synodal leadership,' which encourages leaders to listen and serve rather than command. Bishops and priests were urged to engage in pastoral dialogue with their communities to discern shared needs and aspirations. Synodal leadership demands humility and a willingness to be transformed by the people they serve.

Missionary transformation: The Synod called for a missionary transformation of the Church to address contemporary challenges like secularism, migration, and social injustice. Participants stressed the need for the Church to adopt a more outward-looking approach and encouraged all members to embrace their baptismal call as missionary disciples. A listening Church is vital to discern the signs of the times and respond effectively.

Formation for synodality: There was a consensus on the necessity for formation in synodality for both clergy and laity. The Church needs to create opportunities for prayer, dialogue, and education to cultivate a deeper

understanding of synodality as a way of being. This formation includes training leaders in essential skills such as listening, dialogue, and collaborative decision-making.

Commitment to ongoing dialogue: Throughout the discussions, there was a strong commitment to ongoing dialogue and reform within the Church. The Assembly recognized that building a more inclusive and synodal Church requires continuous reflection and adaptation. Participants expressed hope that these conversations would lead to meaningful changes that strengthen the Church's mission in the world.

Conclusion

The Second Session of the XVI General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality was a profound moment of grace for the Church. I, personally, cherished the interactions in the plenary and the groups. I wish that every member of our Diocese, the Local Church, aspire to become a 'missionary of synodality' as our beloved and respected Holy Father Pope Francis calls for. God bless you all.

2. DEMISE OF REV. FR. MADANU AROGYAM:

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of **Rev. Fr. Madanu Arogyam**, who departed this life on **12th October, 2024**. Fr. Arogyam was a beloved priest, known for his deep faith, dedication and firm service to the Church. His ministry touched the lives of many and he will be remembered for his compassion, humility and guidance.

We pray for the repose of his soul and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and all those whose lives were impacted by his ministry. May God grant him eternal rest, and may his legacy of love and service continue to inspire us all.

Archdiocesan level Memorial Mass for Fr. Madanu Arogyam will be Celebrated on 11th November, 2024 in St. Mary's Basilica, Secunderabad at 9:30 am.

3. MASSES ON ALL SOULS DAY (02 NOVEMBER) AND INDULGENCES IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

- A. Every Priest is permitted to celebrate three Masses on "All Souls Day", 2nd November, accepting stipend only for one Mass.**

First Mass: They can apply in favour of any person and accept a stipend for the Mass.

Second Mass: Priests are bound to apply it for the Faithful departed.

Third Mass: Priests are bound to apply it for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

B. Plenary Indulgence: (applied only to the Souls in Purgatory):

- I. Plenary Indulgence is granted to any of the Faithful on one of the days from 01st to 08th November who visits devoutly cemetery or who simply prays mentally for the dead.
- II. On All Soul's Day (or else with the permission of the Ordinary on Sunday that precedes or follows, or else on All Saints Day) visit a Church or Chapel with devotion and there recite the "Our Father and Creed".

C. Partial Indulgence (applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory); A Partial Indulgence is granted to any of the Faithful who:

- I. Visit devoutly cemetery or who simply pray mentally for the dead.
- II. Recite devoutly Lauds or Vespers of the Office of the Dead, or the invocation "Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord! R/. And let thy perpetual light shine on them O Lord!

4. DEANERY LEVEL MONTHLY RECOLLECTION:

All the Deans are here-by requested to conduct the Monthly Recollection at Deanery level in the month of November, 2024. 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.

5. THE CHRISTMAS RECOLLECTION AND GET-TOGETHER ON 12th DECEMBER, 2024:

Archdiocesan level Recollection for all the Pastoral Clergy and the Christmas Get-together for the Archdiocesan Clergy is arranged at Archbishop's House on 12th December, 2024 from 9:30 am to 1 pm and from 3 pm to 9 pm respectively.

6. PREPARATION FOR THE FORTHCOMING JUBILEE CELEBRATION IN THE TWIN CITIES:

With the initiative taken by the Pauline Sisters together with their Cooperators and Fr. Dusi Ravi Shekhar SJ and other collaborators, we are organising a theatrical event in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad on the Jubilee theme 'Pilgrims of hope.' The theatrical event reflects the Jubilee message of Pope Francis through drama and dances and invites everyone to take steps to care for those neglected by today's

world, namely, the migrants, prisoners, elderly, sick, disabled and the poor. These events will take place from 23rd November to 1st December in the twin cities. We request all the Parish Priests to encourage the faithful to attend this event since we are obliged to take part in the Jubilee celebration of the Universal Church organised by the Archdiocese of Hyderabad.

Kindly note the Date and Place:

Nov 23 rd	St Mary's Basilica Secunderabad
Nov. 24 th	St Joseph's Cathedral Gunfoundry.
Nov. 29 th	St Theresa's Church Sanathnagar
Nov. 30 th	Holy Family Church Trimulghery
Dec 1 st	Infant Jesus Shrine Emjala.

7. CHANCERY NOTICE

I. THE INTERIM AUDIT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD SOCIETY:

S.No	Dates of the Audit	Parish
1.	04 th And 05 th Nov., 2024	Head Quarters – The Archdiocese of Hyderabad Society
2.	6 th November, 2024	Gagilapuram & Venkatapuram
3.	7 th November, 2024	Banjarahills & Ammuguda
4.	8 th November, 2024	Bollaram & Emjala
5.	9 th November, 2024	Sainik Puri & Emjala
6.	10 th November, 2024	Moulali
7.	11 th November, 2024	Dammaiguda & Begumpet
8.	12 th November, 2024	Ramanthapur
9.	13 th & 14 th Nov., 2024	Mettuguda
10.	16 th & 18 th Nov., 2024	Gunfoundry & Secunderabad & Youth Office
11.	19 th Nov., 2024	Mahendra Hills & Seethaphal Mandi
12.	21 st & 22 nd Nov., 2024	Trimulgery & Bhoiguda & Pastoral Centre
13.	23 rd & 25 th Nov., 2024	Lallaguda
14.	26 th Nov., 2024	Bowenpally & Kukatpally
15.	27 th Nov., 2024	Jagadgirigutta & Khairathabad & Bandlines
*Note: Kindly Follow All The Guidelines Sent Through Whatsapp		

II. MISSION SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS:

The Parish Priests/ Priests In-Charge/ Heads of the Institutions are requested to forward 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. The religious Houses, convents, institutions can handover cheques directly at Archbishop's House and obtain the receipt.

Mission Sunday Collection Received for the Year 2024 as on 28-10-2024

Date	Parish/Convent/Individual	Amount
21-10-2024	Kukatpally	270000
21-10-2024	Bolarum	139940
21-10-2024	R C Puram	50000
22-10-2024	Secunderabad	105100
23-10-2024	Bhoiguda	25000
23-10-2024	Suraram	15760
24-10-2024	Nizamabad	16000
24-10-2024	Dharmaram	6000
24-10-2024	St. Francis Convent, Secunderabad	10000
24-10-2024	The Sisters of Charity of Secunderabad Province, Sec'bad	10000
25-10-2024	Madinaguda	9000
28-10-2024	Garrison	5302
28-10-2024	Yapral	43000
28-10-2024	Begumpet	52250
28-10-2024	Lillipur	5000
28-10-2024	Bowenpally	70200
29-10-2024	Gandhi Nagar	10000
29-10-2024	Khairathabad	25370
	Total	867922

III. SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

All Parish Priests and Heads of the Institutions, who have not yet paid the special collections and Second Sunday Collections, are requested to pay as soon as possible. Please clear all dues till October, 2024. Please contact Procurator's office for details of your parish/institute dues.

IV. ORDO:

ORDO 2024-2025 for the Archdiocese of Hyderabad will be released on 15th November, 2024 on the occasion of the Birthday of our Cardinal. You may buy the copies after the release from Archbishop's house office at the cost of Rs. 50.

V. VISITORS TO ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE:

Kindly Note:

1. Do not bring any sort of eatables, not even Cakes.
2. Do not bring flowers, Shawls, show case decorative items, wooden/glass or any other mementos. You may bring Live Plants.
3. You may give Bibles, Bible Diaries or Spiritual Books that Cardinal can give to others.
4. You may give Cheques for Education Fund to help the poor. (You will be given a receipt)

8. RELIGIOUS APPOINTMENTS

1. **Rev. Fr. Potunuru Madhu Babu MHM:** Parish Priest/Director of Jeeva Jala Nilayam Mission, Vikarabad.
2. **Rev. Fr. Sanoop Kanjirakkattuthottiyil CMI:** Parish Priest, Sacred Heart Church, Kamareddy.

8. 2ND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPT. 2024

Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount	Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount
1		Aliabad		52	26-09-2024	Madinaguda	2200
2	26-09-2024	Alirajpet	490	53		Mallapur	
3		Ammuguda		54		Manikonda Mission	
4		Arogya Nagar (Mission)		55	18-09-2024	Mariapuram (Adibatla)	703
5	12-09-2024	Arul Colony	8530	56		Medchal	
6	05-10-2024	Balaji Nagar	7680	57		Medipally	
7		Balaiah Nagar (Old Alwal)		58	26-09-2024	Mettuguda	11970
8	19-09-2024	Band Lines	6000	59		Miyapur	
9	21-10-2024	Bandlaguda Jagir (Kismatpur)	44000	60		Moul-Ali	
10		Banjara Hills		61	13-09-2024	Mudfort	7000
11		Basuregadi		62		Muthangi	
12		Bayyaram		63		Nacharam	
13	11-10-2024	Bazar Ghat	2000	64		Nandrakal	
14	01-10-2024	BHEL - MIG	3000	65		Narayankhed	
15	16-09-2024	Begumpet	6710	66		Nedunoor	
16	20-09-2024	Bhoiguda	15000	67		Neela Camp	
17		Bodhan		68	14-10-2024	Nizamabad	2500
18		Boduppal		69		Pargi	
19	12-09-2024	Bolarum	10050	70		Patancheru	
20		Borabanda		71		Ramachandrapuram	
21		Bowenpally		72	16-10-2024	Ramanthapur	3200
22		Cherlapally		73	23-09-2024	Ramnagar	8477
23		Chintalacheruvu		74		Sadasivpet	
24	21-10-2024	Church Colony	2500	75		Sainikpuri	
25		Dammaiguda		76		Sanathnagar	
26	14-10-2024	Dharmaram	1200	77		Sangareddy	
27	02-10-2024	Dayanandnagar	4300	78		Santhoshnagar	
28	26-10-2024	Emjala	20000	79		Sappers Lines	
29		Gaddiannaram		80	20-09-2024	Secunderabad	52390
30		Gagillapuram		81		Shabad	
31		Gajwel		82		Shamshabad	
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33	13-09-2024	Garrison (Trimulgherry)	780	84		Shapurnagar	
34	19-09-2024	Ghatkesar	600	85		Siddipet	
35		Golconda		86		Seethaphalmandi	
36		Gothumakunda		87	14-10-2024	Sultan Bazar	2000
37		Gunfoundry		88	23-09-2024	Suraram	3000
38		Jadi Jamalpur		89		Tandur	
39	11-09-2024	Jagadgirigutta	3500	90		Toopran	
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42		Joipet		93		Vanasthalipuram	
43		Kalwakole		94	12-09-2024	Venkatapuram	4000
44		Kamareddy		95		Vikarabad	
45		Khairatabad		96	09-09-2024	Yapral	3500
46		KissanNagar(Armour)		97	18-10-2024	Yeddumylaram	1060
47		Kukatpally		98		Yellareddy	
48	16-09-2024	Lallaguda	12000	99		Zaheerabad	
49		L. B. Nagar					
50		Lillipur					
51	25-10-2024	Mahendra Hills	2470			Total	284030

Pastoral News

1. FAITH FORMATION DAY AT INFANT JESUS SHRINE GAJWEL ON 20TH OCTOBER, 2024

“Go to the whole world and preach the gospel to all the people”, as our master Jesus Christ acclaimed in the Holy Gospel that if we have the faith of the mustard seed the Faith can move the mountains. **Matthew 17:20**

“And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love. But the greatest of these is love.” **1 Corinthians 13:13**

“We are the Bibles the world is reading us. My dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ a very good morning to you all. It’s our immense joy to express to you We the Parish of Gajwel had a meaningful Faith formation day conducted by Rev.Fr.Arogyaswamy director of pastoral center Hyderabad archdiocese along with his team members. The very theme of the day is “Every Baptized child is responsible in baring and bringing the Gospel to others”, especially non believers, and laying the new foundations where there is no faith in Christ and Christianity. The day was started with holy adoration along with praise and worship, procession with the Holy Bible and the holy Bibles were brought with great reverence with sprinkling of the flowers by catechism children to the altar of God in procession to witness that we will proclaim that Jesus is our real master who shed His precious blood to redeem the sinful humanity, the faith build and handed to the apostles and Martyrs. Now it’s our bounden duty to carry on to the four corners of the world. Witness means allowing the Gospel which we have come to believe, and which has brought us into a relationship with Jesus Christ, to speak through our actions.

With faith, hope and courage. It is an act of commitment, a sense of self-giving, self-emptying and humility to give Christ crucified to the world and its change.



Archdiocesan News

1. HASSS, EMPOWERS TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY WITH DIGITAL SKILLS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT HYDERABAD.

23rd October 2024: In a landmark initiative for social inclusion, the Hyderabad Archdiocese Social Service Society (HASSS) has launched new programmes to empower the transgender community in Suraram Colony. Under the leadership of Cardinal Antony Poola and driven by the dedication of Fr Anthony Madanu, with the support of Miserior, Germany, these efforts aim to challenge and change societal attitudes, offering practical support to a marginalized community.



The centrepiece of this initiative is a newly inaugurated Computer Training Centre, which welcomed 57 transgender participants, including both trans women and trans men. The centre will provide essential digital literacy and IT skills, equipping attendees with the tools to access better employment opportunities in the digital economy. This marks a significant step in addressing the economic exclusion faced by the transgender community, which has historically struggled with social stigma and limited job prospects.



grocery stores. Through a microfinancing scheme, these entrepreneurs have gained the chance to build stable, independent lives, breaking away from the limited opportunities that have often confined transgender individuals to precarious livelihoods.

HASSS's efforts extend beyond digital education. The organization has also facilitated entrepreneurial support for three members of the community—Ch Anjali, Y Anjali, and Surya Kiran—who have been empowered to open their own

Collaboration has been key to the success of these programs. Fr Madanu

has partnered with local NGOs, including Queer Bandhu, led by Mrs. Mala, a mother advocating for her transgender daughter, and the Trans Equality Society, headed by Miss Jasmine, a trans woman. Legal expertise was provided by Mr Suresh from State Legal Services, while Mr Kiran Raj championed transgender rights. This coalition has built a robust support network, fostering a spirit of inclusivity and community empowerment.

Fr Christopher Vimalraj, Associate Deputy Secretary General of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI), was the chief guest at the event. In his address, he emphasized the Church's commitment to social justice and applauded the initiative for providing crucial vocational opportunities that restore dignity and hope to transgender individuals.

Beyond digital training and entrepreneurship, HASSS has been actively working to offer alternatives to begging and sex work. Over the past 18 months, 27 trans women have received training in jute bag-making, gaining a valuable skill and a pathway to a stable income. This vocational program has not only fostered economic independence but also instilled a sense of pride and purpose among participants, who have successfully sold their handmade products.

Through its multi-pronged approach—digital education, microenterprise support, and vocational training—HASSS is leading efforts to uplift the transgender community in Hyderabad. These initiatives aim to provide dignity, self-reliance, and new opportunities, paving the way for a brighter, more inclusive future.

- David Raj, Coordinator

2. ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD YOUTH COMMISSION YOUNG CATHOLIC STUDENTS/ YOUNG STUDENTS MOVEMENT WINTER CAMP (2024-2025)

“The best way to know your future is to create it.”

“Unforgettable Winter Camp 2024: On Thrust, Sustenance @Alirajpet! Thank you YCS/YSM Hyderabad for an Enlightening, Enriching and Empowering on the Thrust. Imprinting life-long memories. #WinterCamp2024 #YCS/YSM”

The YCS/YSM camp for the year 2024-2025 took place from the evening of October 1st to the evening of October 4th at St Vincent High school and St Joseph church at Alirajpet. Our DYD, Animators, DEXCOs, and NEXCOs worked diligently to make this camp a fruitful experience for all the Delegates.

Day 1: Arrival

The journey began on the evening of October 1st, as we gathered near the Jubilee bus stand, Hyderabad and traveled to Gajwel, and to the venue. Upon arrival around 10:30 p.m., our animator, Mr. Joseph S. Babu, briefed us on the code of conduct. We were then assigned rooms, had dinner, and rested for the night.

Day 2: See

The day began with morning Mass celebrated by our DYD Rev. Fr. Pranith and liturgy organized by Sacred Heart High School and Father Rock Memorial High School. After breakfast, participants were divided into different cells, and tasked with selecting meaningful names for their cells.

Rev. Fr. Pranith had involved us in a game teaching the importance of concentration and led us with the session on the thrust on sustenance. Later in the afternoon we continued with a group exposure activity to interact with the villagers and to observe the environment following the principal “SEE”. After which all the cell members have picturized and explained about what they have seen which was followed by an inter-religious prayer by (SHHS and FRMHS) and a cultural night where delegates showcased their talents in singing and dancing.



Day 3: Judge

The third day started with the Mass by our DYD Rev. Fr. Pranith, liturgy organized by St. Ann's high school Bollarm, St. Francis High school and St. Joseph's High school after which we had breakfast and followed by sessions on Environmental Sustainability, led by Mr. Joseph S. Babu, and on climate and weather conditions, presented by Mr. Arvind Paul. In keeping with the “Judge” aspect the delegates were lead in an activity to keep their campus clean.

Post-lunch, we engaged in fun games such as relay races and a few of the Traditional games. In the evening, Then we had inter-religious prayer by (SAHS, SFHS and SJHS) and preparation for the Camp fire. The day ended with dinner and a campfire, during which each cell and units performed cultural activities showcasing their talents.

Day 4: Act

The final day began with Mass, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Peter the main celebrant (Nellore Diocese) Concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Anil (Parish Priest St Joseph Church Alirajpet) and Rev. Fr. Pranith liturgy organized by Animators. After breakfast, we moved into evaluation sessions, where each cell proposed activity which has to be taken up at the diocese level and the unit level. The dexco team had led



this session (Master Shawn Morris, Miss. Irene and Miss. Suhali). Followed by lunch, the camp culminated in a Saplings - planting as an "Act" of environmental responsibility. Two members, Miss. Zoya (Girl Vice president) and Master. Nivas (Boy Vice President) were nominated for the DEXCO team. This memorable winter camp was concluded with a prayer and expressing of gratitude by Mr. Joseph S Babu for all who contributed towards the success of this Winter Camp. Looking forward for support from each and everyone for the YCS/YSM Movement. We heartfully thank everyone for the best in them.

- Gratias Tibi YCS/YSM Hyderabad. -DEXCO

3. STATE CHESS COMPETITION FOR BOYS AND GIRLS ON 16-10-2024 AT ST. MARY'S CENTENARY JUNIOR COLLEGE, SEC-BAD.

St. Mary's Centenary Junior College added one more feather to its fame with honour of having 68th SGF under 19 years, Hyderabad District level, Telangana State Chess Competition for Boys and Girls was held on 16-10-2024 at ST. MARY'S CENTENARY JUNIOR COLLEGE Campus itself. It's first of its kind to be held in our institution. Intermediate Board officials who conducted and who were present at the venue appreciated very much most elegant and spacious Auditorium and thanked profusely.



- Fr. P. Gnana Reddy, Principal

Regional News

**ORDINATION TO DIACONATE AT ST. JOHN'S REGIONAL SEMINARY,
RAMANTHAPUR ON 26TH OCTOBER, 2024.**



National News

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PRESS RELEASE

CBCI EXTENDS DIWALI GREETINGS: CELEBRATING LIGHT, UNITY, AND HARMONY ACROSS FAITHS

New Delhi, October 29, 2024 — The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) joyfully extends its warmest wishes to all citizens of India on the auspicious occasion of Diwali. This sacred Festival of Lights, symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, truth over falsehood, and hope over despair. The CBCI joins in the celebration of these values that resonate with people of all faiths, serving as a beacon for peace, harmony, and compassion across communities.

In his Diwali message, Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, President of the CBCI, said, "Diwali is an occasion to embrace peace, love, and harmony. May the radiant glow of this festival illuminate hearts, strengthen families, and renew the bonds of love that make us one human family."

Earlier this week the Pope's office for interreligious dialog also extended its festive greetings and best wishes to all the Hindus around the world on the occasion of Diwali. Terming diversity a gift the message said, "In the divine project, diversity and differences are not meant to be a threat to anyone's existence but a gift for harmonious coexistence." The message calls for rediscovering the divine plan for humanity and nurturing a spirit of fraternity to build bridges and defeat distress and disharmony.

This Diwali CBCI invites people of all faith to reflect on the power of empathy, understanding, and mutual respect. These values inspire us to build an inclusive and harmonious society that values each individual's unique gifts and perspectives. Together, may we kindle the lamps of goodwill, illuminate paths of compassion, and foster an enduring spirit of fraternity.

***About CBCI:** The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) is the permanent association of the Catholic Bishops of India. Established in 1944, the CBCI serves as a forum for the bishops to discuss and deliberate on matters affecting the Church and society in India.*

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Message of the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue to Hindus on the occasion of the feast of Deepavali 2024

The feast of Diwali is celebrated by all Hindus and is also known as Deepavali or “row of oil lamps”. Symbolically based on ancient mythology, it represents the victory of truth over falsehood, of light over darkness, of life over death, of good over evil.

The actual celebration lasts three days, marking the beginning of a new year, family reconciliation, especially between brothers and sisters, and worship of God. This year the festival will be celebrated by many Hindus on 1 November.

On this occasion, the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue has sent them a message on the theme: “Hindus and Christians: Promoting harmony amidst diversity and despite differences”. The following is the full text of the message:

Message

Hindus and Christians:

Promoting harmony amidst diversity and despite differences

Dear Friends,

The Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue sends you its most joyful and prayerful greetings as you celebrate Deepavali, the festival of lights, on 31 October this year. May God, the source of light, fill your minds and hearts with peace and joy, and your families and communities with grace and happiness!

More than ever our cities and countries are increasingly becoming diverse. People of different cultures, religions, ethnicities, languages and ideologies live side by side, either by choice or chance, in almost every part of the globe. This diversity is viewed by most as a great source of mutual growth, learning and enrichment. At the same time, it is also rejected in some parts of the world because it is seen as a potential threat to harmony, even leading to conflict. Concerned as we are over this matter, we would like to share with you some thoughts on how both Christians and Hindus can promote harmony amidst diversity and despite differences.

Throughout history human beings have always experienced difficulties living in harmony. Indeed, this has been the case whenever there is diversity and differences among peoples, resulting sometimes in displays of both hostile and subtle resistance. Nevertheless, as Pope Francis said, “In the dynamics of history, and in the diversity of ethnic groups, societies and cultures, we see the seeds of a vocation to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another”

(Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*, 96, 3 October 2020). Diversity, therefore, invites efforts to build harmony. Moreover, seeds of harmony can be sowed and harvested only through “respect for diversity by offering opportunities for advancement and social integration to all” (Ibid. 220).

In the divine project, diversity and differences are not meant to be a threat to anyone’s existence but a gift for harmonious coexistence. They are relational mosaics of a pluriform edifice in which humans of all colours, creeds and cultures can live together. Moreover, they display our common humanity in pluriform expressions.

They enrich us and respect diversity.

Unfortunately, the divine vision of fostering harmony through God’s own power, in and through diversity is supplanted by ideologies that favour exclusion, discrimination and conformity on both the individual and collective level. Religious fundamentalism, extremism, fanaticism, racism and hyper nationalism in different parts of the world are some examples of ideologies that destroy harmony and give rise to suspicion, prejudice, mistrust, hatred and fear among people, thereby impeding them from forging bonds that sustain human fraternity and social friendship.

There is a need more than ever to rediscover the divine plan for humanity and nurture in our communities, cities and countries the spirit of fraternity that binds everyone together as God’s children and as brothers and sisters.

As a result, we will be able to build bridges and defeat all forms of moral, economic and social distress and disharmony (cf. Pope Francis, Address, Meeting with the Authorities, Civil Society and the Diplomatic Corps, Jakarta, 4 September 2024).

Sowing the seeds of harmony amidst diversity and despite differences is a practical necessity that calls for concrete action and collective effort from all individuals, families, educational institutions, media, communities and nations. All need to work towards breaking down stereotypes, fostering empathy, sensitivity and respect for those who are different from us. We also need to promote dialogue at all levels for a greater awareness, understanding and appreciation of the richness of diversity and differences. With the immense potential religions have to create conducive conditions for harmony in society, all religious leaders have the sacred duty to encourage their followers to strive for harmony.

As believers grounded in our own respective religious traditions and as persons with shared commitment to strengthening harmonious coexistence in society, may we, Christians and Hindus, join hands with the people of other religious traditions and with people of good will, do all that we can to promote harmony amidst diversity and despite differences “with a sense of responsibility and in a spirit of fraternity and inclusiveness” (Pope Francis, Meeting with Authorities, Civil Society and the Diplomatic Corps, Singapore, 12 September 2024).

We wish you once again a joyful celebration of Deepavali!

Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, MCCJ

Prefect

Msgr. Indunil Janakaratne Kodithuwakku Kankanamalage
Secretary

International News

1. THE APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO INDONESIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, TIMOR-LESTE AND SINGAPORE

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

And today I will talk about the Apostolic Journey I made in Asia and Oceania: it is called an Apostolic Journey because it is not a tourist trip, it is a journey to bring the Word of the Lord, to make the Lord known, and also to get to know the souls of the peoples. And this is very good.

Paul VI, in 1970, was the first Pope to fly towards the rising sun, with long visits to the Philippines and Australia, but pausing also in various Asian countries and in the Samoan Islands. And that was a memorable journey, wasn't it? Because the first to leave the Vatican was Saint John XXIII, who went to Assisi by train; then, Saint Paul VI did that: a memorable journey! In this one too I tried to follow his example but, being a few years older than he was, I limited myself to four countries: Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Singapore. I thank the Lord who allowed me to do as an elderly Pope what I would have liked to do as a young Jesuit, because I wanted to go there as a missionary!

A first reflection that comes naturally after this journey is that in thinking of the Church, we are still too Eurocentric, or as they say, "western". But in reality, the Church is much bigger, much bigger than Rome and Europe, much bigger! And also, if I may say so, much more alive, in those countries. I experienced this in an exciting way by meeting those communities, listening to the testimonies of priests, religious sisters, laypeople, and especially catechists – catechists are those who drive evangelization. Churches that do not proselytize, but grow "by attraction", as Benedict XVI wisely said.

In Indonesia, about ten per cent of people are Christians, and three per cent Catholics – a minority. But what I encountered was a lively, dynamic Church, capable of living and transmitting the Gospel in a country which has a very noble culture, inclined to harmonize diversity, and at the same time has the largest Muslim presence in the world. In that context, I received confirmation that compassion is the path that Christians can and must walk to bear witness

to Christ the Saviour, and at the same time to encounter the great religious and cultural traditions. On the subject of compassion, let us not forget the three characteristics of the Lord: closeness, mercy and compassion. God is close, God is merciful and God is compassionate. If a Christian does not have compassion, he is of no use. “Faith, fraternity, compassion” was the motto of the visit to Indonesia: on the basis of these words, the Gospel enters every day into the life of the people in a concrete way, welcoming it and giving it the grace of Jesus who died and rose again. These words are like a bridge, like the underpass that connects the Cathedral of Jakarta to the largest Mosque in Asia. There, I saw that fraternity is the future, it is the answer to anti-civilization, to the diabolical plots of hatred and war – also sectarianism. There is brotherhood, fraternity.

I rediscovered the beauty of an outbound missionary Church in Papua New Guinea, an archipelago stretching out towards the immensity of the Pacific Ocean. There, the diverse ethnic groups speak over eight hundred languages – eight hundred languages are spoken there – an ideal environment for the Holy Spirit, who loves to make the message of love resonate in the symphony of languages. What the Holy Spirit makes is not uniformity, it is symphony, harmony; He is the patron, He is the master of harmony. There, in a particular way, the protagonists have been and still are the missionaries and catechists. I rejoiced to be able to stay a while with the missionaries and catechists of today; and I was moved to listen to the young people’s songs and music: in them, I saw a new future, without tribal violence, without dependency, without ideological and economic colonialism; a future of fraternity and care for the wondrous natural environment. Papua New Guinea can be a “laboratory” for this model of integral development, inspired by the “leaven” of the Gospel. Because there is no new humanity without new men and new women, and only the Lord makes these. And I would also like to mention the visit to Vaimo, where the missionaries are between the forest and the sea. They enter the forest in search of the most hidden tribes, there... that is a beautiful memory.

The power of the Christian message of human and social promotion is particularly evident in the history of Timor-Leste. There, the Church has shared the independence process with the entire population, always guiding it towards peace and reconciliation. It is not a matter of the ideologization of faith, no; it is faith that becomes culture and at the same time enlightens it, purifies it, elevates it. This is why I relaunched the fruitful relationship between faith and culture, to which Saint John Paul II had pointed in his visit. Faith must be

inculturated and cultures must be evangelized. Faith and culture. But above all, I was struck by the beauty of the people: a people who have endured much but are joyful, a people wise in suffering. A population that not only bears a lot of children – there was a sea of children, so many, eh? – but also teaches them how to smile. I will never forget the smile of the children of that land, of that region. The children there smile all the time, and there are many of them. That faith teaches them to smile, and this is a guarantee for the future. In short, in Timor-Leste I saw the youthfulness of the Church: families, children, young people, many seminarians and aspirants to consecrated life. I would like to say, without exaggeration, that I breathed the “air of springtime” there!

The last stop on this journey was Singapore. A country very different to the other three: a city-State, ultra-modern, an economic and financial hub for Asia and beyond. There, Christians are a minority, but they nonetheless form a lively Church, engaged in fostering harmony and fraternity between the various ethnicities, cultures and religions. Even in wealthy Singapore there are the “little ones”, who follow the Gospel and become salt and light, witnesses to a hope greater than what economic gains can guarantee.

I would like to thank these peoples who listened to me with such warmth, with such love, and to thank their governors who helped a great deal with this visit, so that it could be conducted in an orderly manner, without problems. I thank all those who also collaborated in this, and I give thanks to God for the gift of this journey! And I reiterate my gratitude to everyone, to all of them. May God bless the peoples I encountered, and guide them on the way to peace and fraternity! Greetings to all!

Summary of the Holy Father’s words

Dear brothers and sisters, in my recent Apostolic Journey to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Singapore, I encountered many large and vibrant Christian communities. The abundant growth the Church has experienced in these countries comes from a living and joyful faith marked by compassion and respect for all God’s children, regardless of their religion or culture. This witness, and the concrete experience of fraternity and cooperation with other religions offer the hope for a future of greater justice and harmony in our human family. I thank the various civil and religious authorities for making my visit possible, and I pray that God will guide those countries in the way of prosperity and peace.

Cycle of Catechesis.

7. Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. The Holy Spirit, our ally in the fight against the spirit of evil

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Immediately after His baptism in the Jordan, Jesus “was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil” (Mt 4:1) – this is what the Gospel of Matthew says. The initiative is not Satan’s, but God’s. Going into the wilderness, Jesus obeys an inspiration of the Holy Spirit; He does not fall into an enemy snare, no, no! Once He has withstood the test, it is written, He returns to Galilee “in the power of the Spirit” (Lk 4:14).

In the wilderness, Jesus freed Himself of Satan, and now He can deliver from Satan. He freed Himself, He frees from Satan. It is what the Evangelists highlight with the numerous studies of deliverance from possession. Jesus says to His opponents: “If it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you” (Mt 12:28). And Jesus casts out the demons, with the aspiration of the kingdom of God.

Nowadays we are witnessing a strange phenomenon regarding the devil. At a certain cultural level, it is held that he simply does not exist. He would be a symbol of the collective subconscious, or alienation; in short, a metaphor. But “the cleverest ruse of the devil is to persuade you he does not exist!”, as someone wrote (Charles Baudelaire). He is astute: he makes us believe that he does not exist, and in this way he dominates everything. He is cunning. And yet our technological and secularized world is teeming with magicians, occultism, spiritualism, astrologers, sellers of spells and amulets, and unfortunately with real satanic sects. Driven out the door, the devil has re-entered, one might say, through the window. Driven out of faith, he re-enters with superstition. And if you are superstitious, you are unconsciously conversing with the devil. One does not converse with the devil.

The strongest proof of the existence of Satan is found not in sinners or the possessed, but in the saints! “And how can this be, Father?”. Yes, it is true that the devil is present and working in certain extreme and “inhuman” forms of evil and wickedness that we see around us. But by this route, though, it is practically impossible to reach, in individual cases, the certainty that it is truly him, given that we cannot know with precision where his action ends and our own evil begins. This is why the Church is so prudent and so rigorous in performing exorcism, unlike what happens, unfortunately, in certain films!

It is in the life of the saints, precisely there, that the devil is forced to come out into the open, to place himself “against the light”. All the saints, all the great believers, some more, some less, testify to their struggle with this obscure reality, and one cannot honestly assume that they were all deluded or mere victims of the prejudices of their time.

The battle against the spirit of evil is won as Jesus won it in the wilderness: by striking with the word of God. You see that Jesus does not converse with the devil, He never conversed with the devil. Either he casts him out, or condemns him, but He never converses. And in the wilderness, he replies not with His word, but with the Word of God. Brothers, sisters, never converse with the devil; when temptations present themselves: “But, this would be nice, that would be nice” – stop. Raise your heart to the Lord, pray to Our Lady and banish him, just as Jesus taught us how to banish him. Saint Peter also suggests another means, that Jesus did not need, but we do – vigilance. “Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Pt 5:8). And Saint Paul says to us: “Give no opportunity to the devil” (Eph 4:27).

After Christ, on the cross, defeated forever the power of the “ruler of this world” (Jn 12:31), a Father of the Church said, “the devil is bound, like a dog on a chain; he cannot bite anyone except those who, defying the danger, go near him... He can bark, he can urge, but he can bite only those who want” [1]. If you are a fool and you go to the devil and say, “Ah, how are you?”, and everything, it ruins you. The devil – distance. One does not converse with the devil. One banishes him. Distance. And all of us, everyone, we have experience of how the devil approaches with some temptation. The temptation of the ten commandments: when we feel this, stop, keep your distance: do not approach the chained dog.

Modern technology, for example, besides the many positive resources that are to be appreciated, offers also countless means to “give an opportunity to the devil”, and many fall in the trap. Think of online pornography, behind which there is a flourishing market: we all know this. It is the devil at work, there. And this is a very widespread phenomenon, which Christians should beware of and strongly reject. Because any smartphone has access to this brutality, to this language of the devil: online pornography.

Awareness of the action of the devil in history should not discourage us. The final thought must be, also in this case, of trust and security: “I am with the Lord, be gone”. Christ overcame the devil and gave us the Holy Spirit to make

His victory our own. The very action of the enemy can turn to our advantage, if with God's help we make it serve our purification. Let us therefore ask the Holy Spirit, in the words of the hymn *Veni Creator*:

Drive far away our wily Foe,
And Thine abiding peace bestow;
If Thou be our protecting Guide,
No evil can our steps betide”.

Beware, the devil is astute – but we Christians, with God's grace, are more astute than him. Thank you.

I extend a warm welcome to the English-speaking pilgrims taking part in today's Audience, especially the groups from England, Australia, India, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, Canada and the United States. My special greeting goes to the new students of the Venerable English College, together with my prayers for their preparation for the priesthood. Upon all of you, and your families, I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you!

Appeal of the Holy Father

I am saddened by the news from Lebanon, where in recent days the intense bombings have claimed many victims and caused destruction. I hope that the international community will make every effort to stop this terrible escalation. It is unacceptable.

I express my closeness to the Lebanese people, who have already suffered too much in the recent past. And let us pray for everyone, for all the peoples who suffer as a result of war: let us not forget tormented Ukraine, Myanmar, Palestine, Israel, Sudan, all the suffering peoples. Let us pray for peace.

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on the Holy Spirit, we now turn to the Gospel account of Jesus' temptations in the desert, which speaks to us of the reality of Satan, the tempter, but also the Lord's sovereign power to set us free from his snares. The greatest proof of the existence of the devil is not to be found in the evidence of evil in our world, but in the lives and witness of the saints. By their efforts to growth in virtue and holiness, the saints testify to the sinister reality of the spirit of evil and the need to struggle against temptations to sin. The victory of the risen Lord over the power of evil and sin gives us sure hope that, by trusting in his word and strengthened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can overcome every temptation, experience purification in our hearts and grow in union with Christ.

Dates & Events to Remember

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| 01. All Saints [Sol] | 18. The Dedication of Basilicas of Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles, [OP.M] |
| 02. All Soul's Day | 21. The Presentation of the BVM, [M] |
| 04. St Charles Borromeo, Bp [M] | 22. St. Cecilia, Vgn&Mtr [M] |
| 09. Dedication Of Th Lantern Basilica [F] | 23. St. Clement I, Pp &Mtr, St. Columban, Abbot [OP.M] |
| 11. St. Martin Of Tours, Bp [M] | 25. St. Catherine Of Alexandria, Vgn&Mtr, [OP.M] |
| 12. St. Josephat, Bp &Mtr, [M] | 28. St. Cathorine Laboure, Vgn& Rel, [OP.M] |
| 15. St. Albert The Great, Bp & Dr, [OP. M] | 30. St. Andrew, Apostle |
| 16. St. Margaret Of Scotland, St. Gertrude, Vgn [OP.M] | |

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

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| 02. Fr. Chintamohan Micheal D'Souza |  | 16. Fr. Madanu Ignatius maria Shekar |
| 05. Fr. Mirapakayala Melchizedek Kennedy | | 18. Fr. Kommareddy Marreddy |
| 06. Fr. Gollapudi Praveen Kumar | | 20. Fr. Polishetty Anthony Vinay Kumar |
| 15. Cardinal Poola Anthony | | 25. Fr. Thathireddy Jeyaraj Reddy |



Necrology

05. Fr. Joseph D'Souza

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

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**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
REV. FR. MADANU AROGYAM**

*"I AM THE RESSURECTION AND THE LIFE,
WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME,THOUGH HE DIE,
YET HE SHALL LIVE" JN 11:25*



DATE OF BIRTH : 13TH OCTOBER, 1946
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DATE OF DEATH : 12TH OCTOBER, 2024

Memorial Mass:

Date:- 11th November, 2024

Place:- St. Mary's Basilica, Secunderabad

Time:- 09:30 am

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM, O LORD