



SHEPHERD'S CALL

NEWSLETTER OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



MISSIONARIES OF HOPE AMONG ALL PEOPLE

First Holy Communion & Confirmation, Blessing and Inauguration of Arch and laying Foundation Stone for the upcoming Infant Jesus Pilgrim Quarters & Convention Center at Infant Jesus Shrine, Emjala



Children & Youth Camp "RADIATE" at Maria Rosa Mystica Church, LB Nagar



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Archbishop's Message



Have you ever imagined a prayer to 'the most beautiful person,' with 'the most beautiful words' and with 'the most beautiful request'? It may be well beyond our means to do so! But God in His supreme goodness has given us such a prayer. It is 'the Hail Mary!'

The 'most beautiful person' is none other than the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the one who was greeted by Archangel Gabriel with the divinely inspired words 'Hail Mary!'

The 'most beautiful words': She is the one who heard the same Archangel utter the 'most beautiful words' to her, revealing the unspeakable and divine radiance bestowed on her by the Blessed Trinity in the singular grace of her Immaculate Conception, namely 'full of grace', at the very moment of her creation as a human person in the womb of her holy mother St. Ann, to serve Him indefectibly in the eschatological fulfilment of His definitive verdict against the Devil after the fall of Adam, and in the eschatological restoration of the fallen human race to Himself in Christ Jesus His Son and in His Holy Spirit: 'The Lord is with you!' She is the one who heard her kinswoman St. Elizabeth recite words of truth inspired by the Holy Spirit: 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb!' For, She is the one who was definitively constituted 'perpetual Virgin of God,' 'Holy Mary,' 'Mother of God' and 'Mother of the Church' by the marvelous act of the Blessed Trinity for us and for our salvation!

‘With the most beautiful request’: What greater request can the Holy Spirit inspire a person with a sincere and contrite heart to cry out to the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mother of God, except to implore Her to obtain for him or her through Her intercession, the inestimable grace of sharing the divine holiness and immortality and glory of Her divine Son in union with Herself forever: ‘Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, that we too ‘may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.’

‘Hail Mary! full of grace... now and at the hour of our death. This is the prayer that will enable us to grow in habitual communion with the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Holy Spirit, and make our present synodal pilgrimage of faith to the judgment seat of Christ through this ‘vale of tears’ in a stable and secure manner, and be assured of being welcomed at that awful moment by the Eternal Father, to join Him in the company and heavenly joys of all His holy Angels and Saints forever.

POPE’S INTENTION: OCTOBER 2025

For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.



CARDINAL’S INTENTION: OCTOBER 2025

Let us pray for the war-stricken zones, especially **Israel and Gaza**, that God may bring peace and reconciliation. May the Lord protect and care for all who are suffering, particularly the **women, children, and the elderly**, and may hearts be moved to end violence and build a future of justice and harmony.



Solemnities and Feasts

1ST OCTOBER

St. Therese of the Child Jesus



On October 1, Catholics around the world honor the life of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, or St. Thérèse of Lisieux on her feast day. St. Thérèse was born January 2, 1873 in Alençon, France to pious parents, both of whom are scheduled to be canonized in October 2016. Her mother died when she was four, leaving her father and elder sisters to raise her.

On Christmas Day 1886 St. Thérèse had a profound experience of intimate union with God, which she described as a “complete conversion.” Almost a year later, in a papal audience during a pilgrimage to Rome, in 1887, she asked for and obtained permission from Pope Leo XIII to enter the Carmelite Monastery at the young age of 15.

On entering, she devoted herself to living a life of holiness, doing all things with love and childlike trust in God. She struggled with life in the convent, but decided to make an effort to be charitable to all, especially those she didn’t like. She performed little acts of charity always, and little sacrifices not caring how unimportant they seemed. These acts helped her come to a deeper understanding of her vocation.

She wrote in her autobiography that she had always dreamed of being a missionary, an Apostle, a martyr – yet she was a nun in a quiet cloister in France. How could she fulfill these longings?

“Charity gave me the key to my vocation. I understood that the Church had a Heart and that this Heart was burning with love. I knew that one love drove the members of the Church to action, that if this love were extinguished, the apostles would have proclaimed the Gospel no longer, the martyrs would have shed their blood no more. I understood that Love comprised all vocations, that Love was everything, that it embraced all times and places...in a word, that it was eternal! Then in the excess of my delirious joy, I cried out: O Jesus, my Love...my vocation, at last I have found it...My vocation is Love!”

Thérèse offered herself as a sacrificial victim to the merciful Love of God on June 9, 1895, the feast of the Most Holy Trinity and the following year, on the night between Holy Thursday and Good Friday, she noticed the first symptoms of Tuberculosis, the illness which would lead to her death.

Thérèse recognized in her illness the mysterious visitation of the divine Spouse and welcomed the suffering as an answer to her offering the previous year. She also began to undergo a terrible trial of faith which lasted until her death a year and a half later. “Her last words, ‘My God, I love you,’ are the seal of her life,” said Pope John Paul II.

Since her death, millions have been inspired by her ‘little way’ of loving God and neighbor. Many miracles have been attributed to her intercession. She had predicted during her earthly life that “My Heaven will be spent doing good on Earth.”

Saint Thérèse was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997 - 100 years after her death at the age of 24. She is only the third woman to be so proclaimed, after Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Teresa of Avila.

St. Thérèse wrote once, ‘You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them.’

Source: catholicnewsagency.com

Luke, author of the Gospel and Acts of the Apostles, is identified as “Luke, the beloved physician” (Colossians 4:14). He was likely a Greek and a Gentile, born in Antioch, Syria. Some scholars suggest he may even have been a well-educated slave trained in medicine.



Luke joined Paul at Troas around the year 51 (Acts 16:10, where “they” becomes “we”). He accompanied Paul through Macedonia and later rejoined him on his third journey (Acts 20:5). Luke remained a loyal companion, staying with Paul during his imprisonments and was the only one with him at the end (2 Timothy 4:11).

Luke’s Gospel, written after careful investigation (Luke 1:1–3), is known for its compassion and inclusiveness. It highlights Jesus’ concern for the poor, Gentiles, women, and sinners. Unique to Luke are parables like the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, and the Rich Man and Lazarus, as well as the Annunciation, the Magnificat, and stories about Mary. He emphasizes God’s mercy and justice: “Blessed are the poor” and “He has lifted up the lowly” (Luke 1:52–53).

Tradition about Luke’s later life is uncertain—some say he preached in Greece or Gaul, others that he died at 84 in Boeotia. The claim that he was a painter is legendary, though he is often depicted with an ox, symbolizing sacrifice. Luke is honored as the patron saint of physicians, surgeons, and painters.

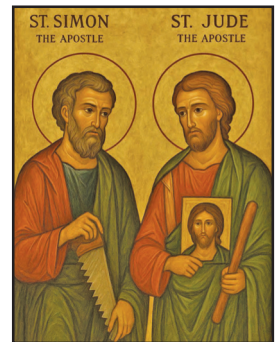
Source: catholic.org

St. Simon the Zealot

Simon is listed among the Twelve Apostles in the Gospels (Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13). He is called *the Zealot*—which may mean he once belonged to the Jewish Zealot movement or simply that he was deeply zealous for God’s law. The Scriptures do not record any words or deeds of Simon, but tradition remembers him as a fervent missionary who carried the Gospel far beyond Palestine. St. Simon is often depicted with a saw, symbolizing his martyrdom.

St. Jude Thaddeus

Jude, also called *Thaddeus* or *Lebbaeus*, is sometimes referred to as “Jude of James” (Luke 6:16). He is not Judas Iscariot, the betrayer, but another Apostle who remained faithful. At the Last Supper, Jude asked Jesus, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?” (John 14:22), showing his desire for all people to know Christ. He is the traditional author of the short *Letter of Jude* in the New Testament, which urges believers to remain steadfast in the true faith. Devotion to St. Jude grew in later centuries, and he is especially honoured today as the **patron of desperate and hopeless causes**. St. Jude is shown holding a club, or sometimes an image of Christ known as the “Image of Edessa,” recalling a legend that he carried an image of Jesus to heal a king.



Their Mission and Martyrdom

Ancient tradition holds that Simon and Jude travelled together as missionaries, preaching the Gospel in Mesopotamia and Persia (modern-day Iran). Both suffered martyrdom for Christ; some sources say Simon was martyred by being sawed in two, while Jude was killed with a club or axe. Because they shared their missionary journeys and martyrdom, the Church celebrates their feast together on **October 28**. Together, they are honoured as tireless missionaries who brought hope and the light of Christ to distant lands.

Archbishop's Engagements

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

OCTOBER 2025

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| 01. | Wed | : | In Office |
| 02. | Thu | 09.30 a.m. | : Festive Mass, 50 years of Salesian Presence at St. Theresa's Church, Sanathnagar |
| 03. | Fri | 10.30 a.m. | : 50 years Jubilee of Ancillae Secular Institute at Lillipur |
| 11. | Sat | 05.30 p.m. | : Holy Mass, 375 th Anniversary of the Foundation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy, at Waltair, Vishakhapatnam |
| 19. | Sun | 8.30 a.m. | : First Holy Communion & Confirmation at Holy Trinity Church, Begumpet |
| 20. | Mon | 09.30 a.m. | : Holy Mass, 40 th Ruby Jubilee of Rev. Sr. Kata Clementine, FMM, Mariapuram |
| 21-22. | Tue- Wed | : | : Regional Level Jubilee Year Celebrations at St. John's Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur. |
| 24. | Fri | : | : Golden Jubilee Celebrations of MSFS, Guwahati, Assam |
| 25. | Sat | 05.30 p.m. | : Festive Mass, First Holy Communion & Confirmation at Auxilium Church, Mahendra Hills |
| 26. | Sun | 10.30 a.m. | : Annual Feast Mass at St. Jude's Shrine, Vikarabad |
| 28. | Tue | : | : In Office |
| 29. | Wed | 07.00 a.m. | : Inaugural Mass at PMI International Convention, Diocese of Kothamangalam, Kerala |
| 31. | Fri | 09.30 a.m. | : Opening Ceremony of Science Fest – "Visionary Nexus" (connecting ideas – creating our future) at Ave Maria School (CBSE), Ramanthapur |

05.00 p.m. : First Holy Communion & Confirmation, Closing
of Marian Month at St. Agnes Church, Shapur
Nagar

TENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS:NOVEMBER2025

02. Sun 03.30 p.m. : All Souls Day Mass at Mettuguda Cemetery
05.30 p.m. : All Souls Day Mass at Bhoiguda Cemetery
08. Sat 10.30 a.m. : First Holy Communion and Confirmations at St.
Francis Xavier, Church, Borabanda
09. Sun 08.15 a.m. : First Holy Communion and Confirmations at
Holy Family Church, Trimulgherry
11.15 a.m. : Festive Mass at Our Lady of Grace Shrine,
Aliabad.
12. Wed : Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Fr Jose
Changanasshery, Kerala
16. Sun 09.00 a.m. : First Holy Communion and Confirmations at St.
John Maria Vianney Church, Bhoiguda
05.00 p.m. : Festive Mass at St Cecilia's Church, Dayanand
Nagar
22. Sat 10.30 a.m. : 50 years of Mary Mediatrix Congregation
Presence, Provincial House, L.B. Nagar
04.00 p.m. : Valedictory Function of HAES 14th Talent &
Proficiency Competition, Ave Maria School,
Ramanthapur.
23. Sun 0 8.00 a.m. : First Holy Communion and Confirmations at St.
Joseph's Cathedral, Gunfoundry
10.00 a.m. : First Holy Communion and Confirmations at
Shrine of Our Lady of Good Health, Khairathabad.
04.00 p.m. : CLASS Awards, Secunderabad

30th September, 2025
Archbishop's House

+ Cardinal Poola Anthony
Archbishop of Hyderabad.

Communications

1. MONTH OF OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY

The Church dedicates the month of October to the Holy Rosary. This is a grace-filled time to renew our commitment to praying the Rosary daily. The Rosary is a powerful instrument of conversion, a source of peace and holiness in our lives, and one of the most effective ways of honouring Our Blessed Mother.

The Rosary is often called the “Gospel in miniature,” for in meditating upon its mysteries, we walk with Mary through the life of Christ. It strengthens families, protects against evil, deepens personal faith, and brings countless blessings to those who pray it with devotion. The saints and popes throughout history have constantly reminded us that the Rosary has the power to change hearts and even transform the course of history.

The simplicity and depth of this prayer make it most suitable for our human condition, fostering a profound devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary. We encourage you to organize special programmes in the parishes during this month and to inspire the faithful to grow in love and devotion to Our Lady through the regular recitation of the Holy Rosary. Let us remind the people that when we pray the Rosary, we place our lives and our families under the maternal protection of Mary, who always leads us closer to Jesus.

2. MISSION SUNDAY CELEBRATION ON 19th OCTOBER, 2025

As the Church prepares to celebrate **World Mission Sunday** on *October 19, 2025*, the Holy Father has given us a powerful theme for this Jubilee Year: “*Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples*.” In his message, the Pope reminds us that **hope is at the very heart of the Christian mission**, and every disciple is called to be a bearer of this hope to the world.

All **Parish Priests, Priests-in-Charge, and Heads of Institutions** are earnestly requested to observe Mission Sunday with due solemnity. On this occasion, the clergy are encouraged to **highlight the message of the Holy Father** during the homily, as published in this edition of *Shepherd’s Call* (see pages 32-35).

Let us remember our common responsibility and respond with faith and generosity by:

- **Praying fervently for the missions**—for their growth, and for all missionaries who courageously proclaim the Word of God.

- **Promoting vocations** to the Priesthood and Religious Life, so that the mission of the Church may continue to flourish.
- **Making generous offerings and contributions** on Mission Sunday to support the missions and the missionaries across the world.

May this Mission Sunday renew in us the zeal to be true witnesses of Christ's hope and love, becoming **missionaries of hope among all peoples**.

3. LITURGICAL NORMS FOR PRIESTS CONCELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

From time to time, questions arise regarding the proper participation of priests in concelebrated Masses, particularly in situations of late arrival or unforeseen necessity. I wish to recall the mind of the Church, as expressed in the **General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)**, the **Instruction Redemptionis Sacramentum (2004)**, and the **Directives of the Congregation for Divine Worship**.

The **GIRM (nos. 206–209)** makes clear that concelebrants are to vest, join the entrance procession, and take part in the Introductory Rites together with the principal celebrant. The very structure of concelebration presumes full participation from the beginning. According to **GIRM no. 212**, a priest who arrives only after Mass has begun, is not to join the concelebration. Instead, he may attend in clerical dress and, in accord with **no. 214**, receive Holy Communion under both species, like the faithful.

The **Instruction Redemptionis Sacramentum (RS) (nos. 128–129)** reminds us that the Eucharist must always be celebrated in conformity with the liturgical books, without anything that introduces disorder or detracts from the sacredness of the rite. In the same spirit, the Congregation for Divine Worship insists that priests who come late are not to insert themselves into a concelebration once it has commenced.

Furthermore, the **GIRM (no. 93)** emphasizes that the priest presides over the *entire celebration* from the chair and the altar. This presiding is continuous and does not allow for handing over midway, except in a case of grave necessity. **GIRM no. 210** underscores that concelebrants must be present for the whole Eucharistic Celebration. **GIRM no. 207** allows substitution of the principal celebrant only if sudden illness or another grave reason arises, and then the Mass must continue seamlessly.

Therefore, I remind all priests:

- **The Eucharist is one single act of worship.**
- A priest may not voluntarily withdraw after the homily (nor come only to deliver the homily and then leave) or at any other point of the Mass (cf. **GIRM 93; RS 128**).
- Replacement is justified only in cases of serious and unforeseen necessity, such as sudden illness or urgent pastoral emergency (cf. **GIRM 207; RS 129**).
- In such circumstances, the liturgy must continue seamlessly without interruption (cf. **GIRM 207; RS 129**).
- Concelebrants are required to be present from the beginning of Mass until its conclusion (cf. **GIRM 206–210; RS 128**).
- A priest arriving late should not vest and join midway, but may attend in clerical dress and receive Holy Communion (cf. **GIRM 212, 214; RS 128**).
- Once entered into concelebration, a priest is bound to remain until the end (cf. **GIRM 210; RS 128**).
- The principal celebrant may be substituted only in exceptional cases of grave necessity, ensuring continuity of the celebration (cf. **GIRM 207; RS 129**).

Additional Norms on Concelebration:

On the Proclamation of the Gospel

- When the bishop is the principal celebrant, the deacon or concelebrant is to receive his blessing before proclaiming the Gospel (cf. **GIRM 212**).

On the Eucharistic Prayer

- Concelebrants pronounce the words of consecration in a low voice, while the voice of the principal celebrant is heard clearly (cf. **GIRM 218**).
- At the Epiclesis, all concelebrants extend both hands over the gifts; likewise, they extend their hands at those parts of the Eucharistic Prayer that are recited together by all (cf. **GIRM 222, 227, 230, 233**).
- Concelebrants should remain in the sanctuary or in an assigned place during the Eucharistic Prayer. They approach the altar only after the Prayer over the Gifts. They are not to concelebrate if simultaneously fulfilling another role (e.g., choir, photography), since two things cannot be done at once (**DCL, Do's and Don'ts, 40**).

On the Lord's Prayer

- All concelebrants extend their hands during the Our Father (cf. **GIRM 237**).

On Communion

- Concelebrants must receive Holy Communion from hosts consecrated at that Mass, never from the tabernacle (**DCL, Do's and Don'ts, 48**).

On Reverence at the Altar

- Before leaving the altar, concelebrants make a profound bow; the principal celebrant, together with the deacon, kisses the altar (**cf. GIRM 251**).

On Vesture

- Celebrants are not permitted to wear a stole or vestment over secular dress.

On Announcements

- Only the regular parish announcements are to be made after the *Prayer after Communion*.
- Any other programme such as felicitations, welcoming, farewells, or cultural items should take place **after the Final Blessing**, preferably away from the Altar or outside the church, in order to maintain the sacred character of the liturgy.

(Courtesy: Rev. Fr. Devadass OFM CAP, Asst. PP St. John the Baptist Church, Arul Colony and Rev. Fr. M. Anand Andrew, Liturgy Professor, St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad)

Chancery Notice

1. Mission Sunday 2025

- 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 Pontifical Mission Office.
- Mission Sunday posters and envelopes 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 **01-04-2025 to 31-10-2025**. The parish Priests and all 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, 2025 to 31st October, 2025 for as many accounts being maintained.
2. Cashbook, 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/Parish, together with the Mass Register has to be presented for Audit.
4. Email/WatsApp 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 31-10-2025.
6. Persons doing the accounts of the parishes namely Parish accountant, Volunteer, Finance Committee ect. are to be present when the Auditor visits the parish.

RECEIPT OF LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Parish/Individual	No. of Masses
28-08-2025	TRIMULGHERRY	550
29-08-2025	JAGADGIRIGUTTA	40
29-08-2025	BOLARUM	36
01-09-2025	DAMMAIGUDA	114
09-09-2025	GUNFOUNDRY	142
12-09-2025	METTUGUDA	5500
15-09-2025	ADIBATLA	6
15-09-2025	BOLARUM	27
16-09-2025	SULTANBAZAR	100
17-09-2025	BEGUMPET	250
18-09-2025	VENKATAPURAM	305
18-09-2025	VENKATAPURAM	597
23-09-2025	KHARITHABAD	7805
26-09-2025	TRIMULGHERRY	550
26-09-2025	SECUNDERABAD	3000
	Total	19022

KNOW THE SEMINARIANS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD 2025

S.NO	NAME	COURSE	PARISH
1.	Bro. Aduri Dwijesh Reddy	4 th Year Theology (Ramanthapur)	St. Francis Xavier Church, Alwal
2.	Bro. Madanu Manoj Kumar	4 th Year Theology (Ramanthapur)	Karunagiri Shrine, Suraram
3.	Bro. Kasu Akhil Reddy	4 th Year Theology (Ramanthapur)	St. Thomas Church, Lillipur
4.	Bro. Fabian Sebastian	3 rd Year Theology (Ramanthapur)	Mount Carmel Church, Bowenpally
5.	Bro. Pasala Kalyan	3 rd Year Theology (Ramanthapur)	St. Patrick's Church, Garrison
6.	Bro. Govindu Akhil	3 rd Year Theology (Ramanthapur)	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Basuregadi
7.	Bro. Ivon Britto Patrick	2 nd Year Theology (Ramanthapur)	St. Joseph's Church, Bolarum
8.	Bro. Ch. Calvin Kenneth	Regent, St. Joseph's Degree and PG College, King Koti	Our Lady of Fatima Church, Dammaiguda
9.	Bro. Pasala Mary Bala Claret	03 rd Year Philosophy (Karunapuram)	St. Joseph's Church, Medchal
10.	Bro. Maddela Alphonse Christhu Raj	02 nd Year Philosophy (Karunapuram)	Karunagiri Shrine, Suraram
11.	Bro. Mendies Rudolf Richard	02 nd Year Philosophy (Karunapuram)	St. Ann's Church, Mallapur
12.	Bro. Thumma Bala Pujith Thrishanth Kumar	02 nd Year Philosophy (Karunapuram)	St. Paul the Hermit Church, Nandrakal
13.	Bro. Chinnabathini Anush	01 st Year Philosophy	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Jagadgirigutta
14.	Bro. Kasu Rohit Marreddy	01 st Year Philosophy	St. Thomas Church, Lillipur
15.	Bro. Madanu Sujith Kumar	01 st Year Philosophy	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Bolligudem
16.	Bro. Polishetty Mariya Nithin Anthony	01 st Year Philosophy	St. Joseph's Church, Cherlapally
17.	Bro. Gangarapu Navaneeth	01 st Year Philosophy	Infant Jesus Shrine, Emjala
18.	Bro. Dellacroix Calvin Joshua	01 st Year Philosophy	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Jagadgirigutta
19.	Bro. Udagandla Prem Kumar	01 st Year Philosophy	Mount Carmel Church, Bowenpally
20.	Bro. Mekala Dilip Adarsh Reddy	Spiritual Orientation (Nuzvid)	St. Joseph's Church, Alirajpet

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21.	Bro. John Simon Michael	Spiritual Orientation (Nuzvid)	Holy Family Church, Trimulgherry
22.	Bro. Madanu Stephen Paul	2 nd Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)	Holy Spirit Church, Church Colony
23.	Bro. Madanu Anthony Peter	2 nd Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)	Christ the King Church, Ramanthapur
24.	Bro. Joshua	2 nd Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)	St. Anthony's Church, Gandhi Nagar
25.	Bro. Adagatla Johnson	2 nd Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)	Infant Jesus Shrine, Emjala
26.	Bro. Yemparla Akhil	2 nd Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)	St. Stanislaus Church, Gaddinnaram
27.	Bro. Pasala Abhishek	2 nd Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)	Karunagiri Shrine, Suraram
28.	Bro. Jack Calvin	2 nd Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)	St. Anthony's Church, Gandhi Nagar
29.	Bro. G. Bhanu Prakash	2 nd Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)	Jeevan Datha Church, Umenthal
32.	Bro. Madanu Anthony Patrick	1 st Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)	Christ the King Church, Ramanthapur
33.	Bro. Bokka Akshay	1 st Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)	Holy Spirit Church, Chinthalacheru
34.	Bro. Peddakotla Joseph Akhil	1 st Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)	Christ the King Church, Ramanthapur
35.	Prafool Minj	Orientation (Karunapuram)	St. Ann's Church, Mallapur
36.	Bokka Ajay Joseph	Orientation (Karunapuram)	Holy Spirit Church, Chinthalacheru
37.	Pasala Living Tejesh	Orientation (Karunapuram)	Karunagiri Shrine, Suraram
38.	Mannam Abhi Raj	Orientation (Karunapuram)	Infant Jesus Shrine, Emjala
39.	Gorinder Kevin Alex	Orientation (Karunapuram)	St. Joseph's Church, Alirajpet
40.	Mamidi Rubin Crystal	Orientation (Karunapuram)	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Bolligudem
41.	Shyamala Varun Reddy	Orientation (Karunapuram)	Holy Spirit Church Chinthalacheru
42.	Kala Noel Sathwik	Orientation (Karunapuram)	St. Joseph's Church, Alirajpet
43.	Kala Moses Sathivik	Orientation (Karunapuram)	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Bolligudem

2nd Sunday Collection for the month of August 2025

Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount	Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount
1		Aliabad		51		Lillipur	
2		Alirajpet		52		Mahendra Hills	
3		Ammuguda		53		Madinaguda	
4		Arogya Nagar (Mission)		54	19-08-2025	Mallapur	850
5		Arul Colony		55		Manikonda Mission	
6		Balaji Nagar		56	11-08-2025	Mariapuram (Adibatla)	1000
7	11-08-2025	Balaiah Nagar (Old Alwal)	11370	57		Medchal	
8		Band Lines		58		Medipally	
9	16-09-2025	Bandlaguda Jagir (Kismatpur)	41725	59		Mettuguda	
10	02-09-2025	Banjara Hills	11200	60	22-08-2025	Miyapur	3000
11		Basuregadi		61	12-08-2025	Moul-Ali	4790
12		Bayyaram		62		Mudfort	
13	12-09-2025	Bazar Ghat	2000	63		Muthangi	
14		BHEL - MIG		64		Nacharam	
15	25-08-2025	Begumpet	6850	65		Nandrakal	
16		Bodhan		66		Narayankhed	
17		Boduppall		67		Nedunoor	
18		Bhoiguda		68	23-08-2025	Neela Camp	300
19	02-09-2025	Bolarum	10000	69	15-09-2025	Nizamabad	2150
20	15-09-2025	Borabanda	11300	70		Pargi	
21		Bowenpally		71		Patancheru	
22	12-08-2025	Cherlapally	10500	72	11-09-2025	Ramachandrapuram	8000
23		Chintalacheruvu		73	12-09-2025	Ramanthapur	3200
24		Church Colony		74	02-09-2025	Ramnagar	17000
25		Dammaiguda		75		Sadasivpet	
26	19-08-2025	Dharmaram	11500	76		Sainikpuri	
27		Dayanandnagar		77	11-08-2025	Sanathnagar	20000
28		Emjala		78		Sangareddy	
29		Gaddiannaram		79		Santhoshnagar	
30	19-09-2025	Gagillapuram	4504	80		Sappers Lines	
31	20-08-2025	Gajwel	2500	81	26-09-2025	Secunderabad	50000
32		Gandhinagar		82		Shabad	
33	18-08-2025	Garrison (Trimulgherry)	3000	83		Shamshabad	
34	22-09-2025	Ghatkesar	1382	84	18-08-2025	Shanthinagar	2176
35	18-08-2025	Golconda	800	85		Shapurnagar	
36		Gothumakunda		86		Siddipet	
37	20-08-2025	Gunfoundry	1000	87		Seethaphalmandi	
38	09-09-2025	Jadi Jamalpur	13400	88	12-08-2025	Sultan Bazar	6000
39	18-09-2025	Jagadgirigutta	200	89	13-08-2025	Suraram	3000
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41		Jogipet		91		Toopran	
42		Jojipet		92	28-08-2025	Trimulgherry	32500
43		Kalwakole		93		Uminthal	
44		Kamareddy		94		Vanasthalipuram	
45		Khairatabad		95	18-09-2025	Venkatapuram	4000
46		Kissan Nagar (Armoor)		96		Vikarabad	
47		Kukatpally		97	11-08-2025	Yapral	5000
48		Lallaguda		98		Yeddumylaram	
49		L. B. Nagar		99		Yellareddy	
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Pastoral News

1. A Grace-filled Day at Infant Jesus Shrine, Kammaguda

On 7th September 2025, we were blessed with the precious presence of His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, the Archbishop of Hyderabad, at the Infant Jesus Shrine, Kammaguda– Turkayamjal. The Archbishop graciously blessed the Arch and laid the Foundation Stone for the upcoming Infant Jesus Pilgrim Quarters & Convention Center.

His Eminence then presided over the Solemn High Mass, during which he conferred the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation upon 82 of our parish children. In his homily, His Eminence emphasized the importance of giving priority to the presence of Jesus in our lives and to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad, for his precious presence and for conferring the Sacraments upon our children. We also extend our special thanks to His Lordship Most Rev. Govind Joji, Bishop Emeritus of Nalgonda, for his gracious presence during the Mass.

Our sincere gratitude goes to Rev. Sr. Allam Mary, Superior, and the entire Community of St. Joseph's Convent, Emjala, for their meticulous efforts and constant support. We also thank our parish catechism teachers and youth for their dedication in preparing our children to receive the Sacraments. A word of special appreciation to Rev. Fr. B. Albert and the Parish Committee for their encouragement and wholehearted support. It was truly a memorable and spirit-filled occasion for the Infant Jesus Shrine community, Kammaguda– Turkayamjal.

- Fr. Thathireddy Jayaraj (Rector & Parish Priest)

2. Annual Feast of Karunagiri Shrine, Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14th September, 2025-Suraram Parish

The Karunagiri was announced as a shrine on 14th Sep, 2004 in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Suraram Parish, and Archdiocese of Hyderabad. Since then the Jesus on the miraculous cross is showering blessings



and granting healings and deliverance to all the faithful who kneels down before him, touches and pray. Every year all the devotees in the twin cities of Sec'bad & Hyd. and out station pilgrims earmark the date and visit our shrine on the feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

This year the feast began with the triduum prayers from 11th -13th Sep, 25 by the Rev. Fr. Dodda Sunder (P.P. St. Joseph's Church, Moulali) with the inaugural holy mass followed by flag hoisting. Following day holy mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. B. Mathai (Asst. P.P. Sacred Heart Church, South Lalaguda). The final day of triduum



started with the procession of the precious wood of the Life-giving Cross of Jesus Christ in the streets of calvary nagar with a beautiful band enriching the divinity and faith. The holy mass was celebrated

by Rev. Fr. Golamari Vinay (Principal, Valerian Grammar High School, Yaprul)

The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free. The feast day mass started with the devotional welcome dance performance by KGSC children creating a prayerful atmosphere and inviting priests on to the altar. The holy mass is celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad and 12 other concelebrants. During homely cardinal emphasized on the cross, which is the universal image of Christian belief and an instrument of salvation. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. The feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened. The Parish Priest and Asst. Parish Priest has felicitated the main celebrants and thanked priests, Sisters and everyone for the fruitful celebrations of the feast. Soon after the mass all the faithful, visited the holy cross prayed for their intentions. A fellowship meal was arranged to all the devotees numbering 1200 with the support of one of the believer's family belonging to the parish.

- Fr. Yeruva Joji Reddy (Parish Priest, Suraram Parish)

3. 30 Years of JesusYouth Telugu Region Jubilee, Secunderabad



4. First Holy Communion and Confirmation at SacredHeart Church, Lallaguda



Archdiocesan News

1. ST. MARY'S CENTENARY COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT

A report on the first Convocation Ceremony held on 20th September, 2025 at St Mary's Auditorium at 5pm

The first convocation ceremony of St. Mary's Centenary College of Management, Hyderabad, was held with solemnity and joy, marking a significant milestone in the college's mission of forming future leaders. The event was graced by His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, Chairman of the Hyderabad Archdiocese Educational Society (HAES) and Archbishop of Hyderabad, as the Chief Guest.

In his address, His Eminence emphasized the need for inclusive leadership, urging the graduates to be men and women of integrity who are deeply committed to giving back to society. He reminded them that their education is not merely for personal advancement but for social responsibility and service to others.



The Guest of Honour, Msgr. Yeruva Bala Showry, Vice Chairman of the Hyderabad Archdiocese Educational Society (HAES), encouraged the graduates to become job creators and changemakers in today's challenging world. He called on them to be active participants in the Church's mission of societal transformation through innovation, entrepreneurship, and a strong moral compass. Also present on the occasion was Mr. G. Anthony, Secretary of HAES, who extended his warm wishes to the graduating students and commended the faculty and management for their dedication to academic and moral excellence.

On this special occasion, Rev. Fr. Dr. P. Anthony Vinay, Director of the College, presented the College Report, highlighting the institution's academic achievements, growth milestones, and initiatives promoting holistic development. He expressed gratitude to His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, the Archdiocese and HAES for their constant support and guidance.

The convocation witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, who shared stories of their academic and personal journeys. The day was filled with

emotion, gratitude, and celebration as the first graduating batch created lasting memories with their peers and mentors. This momentous occasion reflects the Archdiocese's continued commitment to holistic education that forms not just professionals, but compassionate leaders dedicated to the common good.

2. Chanting the Responsorial Psalms. (*Psalmi Responsorii in Cantu*)

Setting music for the 353 Responsorial Psalms found in the 'Liturgy of the Word' was a labor of devotion and below are the guiding reasons behind this project.



1. Fostering an integral Liturgical theme: I believe that every element of the Mass: prayers, readings, homily, and hymns, should be interwoven around a central, unifying theme. My hope is that each worshipper leaves Mass with this theme resonating within them, carrying its spiritual inspiration throughout the week until they return for the next Holy Mass.
2. Upholding the Liturgical Importance of the Responsorial Psalm: The Responsorial Psalm is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Word and has great liturgical and pastoral importance, since it fosters meditation on the Word of God. It must be taken from the Lectionary. It is preferable that the Responsorial Psalm be sung, especially the response by the people. Accordingly, the psalmist or cantor proclaims the Psalm verses from the ambo or another appropriate location, while the entire congregation remains seated and attentive. The Liturgical norm GIRM 61 emphasizes that "if a Psalm cannot be sung, then it should be recited in a way that is particularly suited to fostering meditation on the Word of God". Thus, the lyrics of the responsorial Psalm cannot simply be replaced by an unrelated hymn or song, regardless of their musical beauty.
3. Responding to the Decline in Liturgical Music Standards: Observing a decline in the quality and liturgical integrity of music in many English-language Catholic communities - including parishes, seminaries, and houses of formation, I felt compelled to use my God-given musical talent to compose settings for all Responsorial Psalms across three liturgical years, Proper of saints, Rituals including religious vows, and Needs of the Church.
4. Composing with purposeful innovation: So, why new composition? According to *Musica Sacram* (MS 23), there must be no innovations unless the good of the Church genuinely and certainly requires them; and care must be taken

that any new forms adopted should in some way grow organically from forms already existing. My work strives to honor this principle, blending tradition with thoughtful creativity.

5. Honoring Gregorian Chant as the Heart of Roman Liturgy: As per the *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, Gregorian chant is “specifically suited to the Roman Liturgy” and “should be given pride of place in liturgical services.” Inspired by this, I adopted the chant style for Psalm settings, echoing Pope Benedict’s affirmation: “Gregorian chant is the paradigm of Sacred Music.”
6. Embracing Polyphony in Catholic Tradition: ‘The main place should be given, all things being equal, to Gregorian chant, as being proper to the Roman Liturgy. Other kinds of sacred music, in particular polyphony, are in no way excluded’—GIRM 41. That is why each Psalm chorus in my collection is arranged in four-part polyphony, a commitment that often required days or even months to fully set music for one Responsorial Psalm.

I am grateful to the lay faithful, religious, and clergy of our Archdiocese, especially your dear Cardinal, for their encouragement during this endeavor. A special thanks to St. Anthony’s Parish, Mudfort, where these settings were first sung and warmly received since 2014, and to the members of the Hyderabad Archdiocesan Choir (HAC), who have begun chanting these Responsorial Psalms in their own parishes.

- Mr. Michael Peria (Hyderabad Archdiocesan Choir)

3. Youth Sunday 2025 at St. John Maria Vianney Church, Bhoiguda

The Youth Sunday - 2025 at St. John Maria Vianney Church was held on 31st August. It was a memorable, vibrant and spiritually enriching day that brought together the youth of our parish in faith, fellowship, and joyful celebration with the powerful theme “ARISE” (Luke 7:14): “*Rise Up in Faith, Step Out with Purpose, Shine with Christ*”, served as a powerful call to the young people of our parish to rise in faith, step out with purpose, and shine with Christ in their lives.



The celebration commenced with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration, presided over by Fr. Jerome, Diocesan Youth Director as the Main Celebrant along with Fr. Madanu Pratap, Parish Priest, and Fr. Kranthi Kumar, Assistant Parish Priest as con-celebrants. The Mass began with a reverent entrance candle procession, led by the youth and core committee members. This procession symbolized the youth’s

mission to carry the light of Christ into the world and set a prayerful, uplifting tone for the day. The liturgy was prayerfully animated by the youth, reflecting their active participation in the spiritual life of the Church.

A highlight of the celebration was the Investiture Ceremony of the newly elected Youth Office Bearers. Each office bearer received a sash marking their role, followed by a formal oath-taking, and pledging their commitment to serve the Church and their fellow youth with faith, dedication, and humility. The priests then offered a special blessing, commissioning the youth into their respective roles. Following the Mass, the youth gathered for a group photo and presented a vibrant spiritual flash mob, filling the church with joy, movement, and praise. The day continued with two engaging sessions. The first focused on the importance and uniqueness of the Latin Rite and the Catholic Church, while the second explored communication and the role of Christ in our daily lives. Both sessions encouraged active participation, reflection, and open discussions, helping the youth connect their faith with real-life experiences, followed by a fun and energetic Bible Quiz that tested the participants' knowledge of Scripture in a joyful and interactive way. The afternoon was filled with fun and fellowship through various team activities. These games fostered unity, laughter, and camaraderie among the youth. The celebration ended on a high note with a beautiful session of Praise and Worship, where the youth lifted their hearts in music and prayer, expressing gratitude and surrender to God. The day concluded leaving behind memories of a joyful and faith-filled gathering.

Youth Sunday - 2025 was a true reflection of the strength, unity, and commitment of the young people of our parish, a day that not only celebrated their presence but also encouraged them to live out their calling with courage and joy.

- Rev. Fr. Madanu Pratap, Parish Priest

4. Jojipet Parish – Three-Day Celebrations at Jyothi Nagar, Mahimagiri Konda

To commemorate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in a meaningful way, the substation of our parish situated on the hill of Mahimagiri Konda hosted a three-day celebration.

On 12th September, the festivities began with the hoisting of the flag, followed by the Holy Eucharist. Faithful from our parish and neighbouring parishes in the deanery participated devoutly in the concelebrated Mass offered by several priests. On 13th September, a deeply prayerful anointing and healing service was held during adoration. The faithful joined with great faith and devotion, experiencing God's blessings. This was followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a concelebrated Holy Eucharist.

14th September, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: The day began with adoration, followed by a Solemn Holy Eucharist celebrated by our Diocesan Vicar General, Rev. Msgr. Fr. Yeruva Balashowry. Deanery priests and other invited clergy concelebrated and prayed for all the faithful during the Feast-day Mass. Worshippers from parishes across the Nizamabad Deanery gathered in large numbers to receive God's blessings. Throughout the three days, priests were available to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, allowing many to receive God's mercy in confession.

- Rev. Fr. G. Bala Kiran, Parish Priest

5. Second batch of Certificate Course in Basic Counselling takes wings at Jeevan Jyothi

The Family Apostolate, Archdiocese of Hyderabad in collaboration with Peyton Institute for Families, Bangalore held the first class of the Certificate Course in Basic Counselling (part 1). The twelve-week course is being conducted at Jeevan Jyothi, Begumpet.

Over 25 participants representing various parishes across the city, registered for and attended the course.



The program commenced with an inaugural ceremony that began with an opening prayer, lighting of the lamp, scripture reading, and a keynote address by the chief guest, Fr. Raju Alex. In his speech, Fr. Raju emphasized the pressing need for counselling in the present times and highlighted the role of counsellors in supporting youth, young couples, and families. Fr. David Francis, Director, Family Apostolate, in his address, stated that the vocation of a counsellor is not only noble but also rooted in compassion and empathy. He underlined the importance and power of active listening, highlighting the deep healing it can bring about.

The course curriculum has been meticulously designed with a balance of theory and practical application. It begins with foundational concepts such as the introduction to counselling, and progresses to advanced therapeutic approaches including Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and Rational Emotive Behaviour Therapy (REBT). The sessions are facilitated by a team of well-qualified and experienced faculty members.

In addition to classroom learning, the program integrates practicum requirements. Participants are required to undertake five sessions of personal counselling, three verbatim reports, a presentation, and a case study, which forms the basis for certification as Counsellors.

Over a period of twelve weeks, it is expected that the course will not only enhance the professional skills of the participants but will also bring about personal growth and self-awareness, making the initiative both impactful and enriching.

This is the second batch of the Counselling Course by The Family Apostolate, Archdiocese of Hyderabad. The first batch was held last year with more than 30 students graduating.

- Ms. Bellinda D'Souza

6. Children & Youth Camp “RADIATE”

Maria Rosa Mystica Church, LB Nagar, organized a Children and Youth Camp under the theme “RADIATE” on 26th September 2025. The program was marked by vibrant participation, featuring enriching input sessions, spiritual talks, cultural and recreational activities, praise and worship, adoration, and the Holy Mass. The camp brought together children and youth to grow in faith, friendship, and fellowship, making it a truly fulfilling spiritual experience.

Proceedings of the Day

The day began with a solemn prayer led by Rev. Fr. Jerome Lewis and Rev. Fr. Marreddy Yeruva, invoking God's blessings upon all participants. The camp saw the active participation of 45 children and 10 youth members.

Enriching Input Sessions: Immediately after the opening prayer, a series of input sessions were conducted. The sessions focused on important aspects such as spirituality, the Word of God, the importance of the Bible, quality education for holistic growth, and the responsibility of youth in society. The resource persons included John Roger, Jessy, Sr. Lissa, and Rev. Fr. Jerome Lewis, who shared valuable insights to inspire and guide the young participants.

Praise and Worship & Adoration: A spiritually uplifting session of Praise and Worship and Adoration was led by Rev. Fr. Jerome Lewis, supported by the singing group comprising Clara Solomon, Bro. A. Kishore, Sherlock Valentine, Nazreene Jude, Pravalika, B. Ramya, and Anastasia. Their music and prayerful leadership created an atmosphere of devotion and joy. Special mention goes to Renaldo Cresswell, who offered his support by playing the keyboard and enriching the worship experience.

Games and Cultural Activities: Children and youth also participated in fun-filled games and engaging activities coordinated by Clara Solomon, Sherlock Valentine, Nazreene Jude, Pravalika, B. Ramya, Renaldo Cresswell, Anastasia, and Sr. Lissa. These programs fostered teamwork, strengthened friendships, and brought delight to the participants, ensuring a memorable experience for all.

Spiritual Talk & Adoration Service: In continuation, Rev. Fr. Jerome Lewis

delivered a thought-provoking spiritual talk during the adoration service, encouraging the participants to deepen their relationship with God and to radiate His light in their daily lives.

Holy Mass: The highlight of the day was the celebration of the Holy Mass at 2:30 pm, presided over by Rev. Fr. Marreddy Yeruva, Parish Priest of Maria Rosa Mystica Church. This solemn celebration was a moment of thanksgiving and spiritual renewal for both children and youth.

The Children and Youth Camp “RADIATE” successfully achieved its objectives of faith formation, community building, and joyful fellowship. Through a well-balanced program of prayer, input sessions, praise and worship, cultural activities, and the Eucharistic celebration, the camp provided participants with a deeper sense of belonging and spiritual growth. The active involvement of priests, religious, youth leaders, and volunteers ensured the smooth conduct of the event. The camp not only enriched the faith of the young participants but also created a strong foundation for them to grow as responsible individuals in society, radiating the light of Christ in their lives.

- Rev. Fr. Yeruva Marreddy, Parish Priest, Maria Rosa Mystica Church, L.B. Nagar

7. On Going Formation for Catechism Teachers at Pastoral Centre, Gunfoundry



8. Twin Cities Youth Mass & Youth Jubilee Celebration 2025

The Twin Cities Youth Mass and Youth Jubilee Celebration 2025 was held on 14th September 2025 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Health, Khairatabad. The event was organized by the parish clergy and youth in collaboration with Youth Commission archdiocese of Hyderabad, bringing together youth from various



parishes to celebrate faith, unity, and joy. At 9:45 am the youth from various parishes gathered, joining a solemn procession led by the host youth, the Youth Director Rev. Fr. Jerome Emmanuel Lewis, and parish clergy members.

The celebration began with the Holy Eucharist, offered for the youth and lay faithful—outside the church. Fr. Jerome delivered an inspiring homily addressed especially to the youth. Post-Mass, the cultural segment began with a welcome dance by the students of Vijay Marie Nursing School. Parish Priest Fr. Michael Selvaraj then addressed the gathering. A skit on the theme of Hope was performed by the youth group “Bandlines.” Felicitation of clergy members and the Youth Director followed. Rev. Fr. Jerome gave a talk on Mary, Mother of Hope, emphasizing the responsibility of Catholic youth in the Church. The youth from Bolarum Parish performed a lively dance presentation.

The Gospel Band ‘Prodigal Sons’ performed powerfully for 20 minutes, lifting the atmosphere with spiritual music. This was followed by a prayer session led by Fr. Jerome and Ms. Pinky Cross. The host youth band performed, leaving the audience amazed with their 20-minute set. A heartfelt Vote of Thanks was delivered by Ms. Roma. The event concluded with a festive lunch for all participants and guests. The Twin Cities Youth Jubilee Celebration was a day filled with prayer, inspiration, cultural expression, and fellowship. It strengthened unity among the youth of different parishes, deepened their faith, and encouraged them to take responsibility as active members of the Church. The event was a true success, leaving lasting memories for all participants.

- Fr Jerome Emmanuel Lewis, Youth Director

9. YCS/YSM Winter Camp 2025

The YCS/YSM Winter Camp 2025 was held from September 20 to 23 at St Joseph’s High School, Patancheru, bringing together around 110 young students

and 6 animators of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad in an atmosphere of faith, fellowship, and learning. The camp opened with the arrival and orientation of participants, where they were introduced to the objectives, rules, and schedule of the program. The division into smaller groups and ice-breaking activities created bonds of friendship, while the shared fellowship of meals set a tone of unity and community life.



The following days were filled with a variety of sessions, spiritual encounters, and exposure activities. Each day began with the celebration of the Holy Mass and shared meals, grounding the camp in prayer and fraternity. Mr. Aravind introduced participants to Dexco and guided engaging group dynamics, while Mr. Joseph deepened their understanding of the YCS/YSM movement, its mission, and values. Exposure activities allowed participants to encounter social realities, helping them to reflect on the challenges faced by their communities and fostering empathy. Evenings came alive with cultural programs, where participants showcased their creativity, talents, and cultural diversity, building camaraderie and joy. A special highlight of the camp was the session on “Voice of the Voiceless and Leadership” by Fr. Jerome, which inspired participants to embrace their role as servant leaders. Fr. Selvam’s session on artificial intelligence invited young people to reflect critically on technology and its impact on society, while case study activities led by Mr. Aravind encouraged analytical thinking and problem-solving.

In the spirit of commitment, participants prepared unit-wise action plans to take forward YCS/YSM values in their respective communities. The final day was dedicated to evaluation, thanksgiving, and conclusion. Participants shared their reflections on the camp, offering feedback and highlighting personal learnings. Recreational games added a joyful close, after which a vote of thanks was delivered, expressing gratitude to all organizers, animators, and participants. The camp officially concluded with the YCS/YSM clap and anthem, symbolizing unity, enthusiasm, and the commitment of young people to continue being witnesses of faith and voices of the voiceless in society. Hence, the YCS/YSM Winter Camp 2025 provided an enriching platform for young participants to grow spiritually, intellectually, and socially. It was a memorable experience that strengthened the bonds of friendship and instilled in everyone a renewed zeal to live the values of the YCS/YSM movement. Submitted

- Anish Tirky, President, YCS/YSM, Archdiocese of Hyderabad

Regional News

1. The Annual Meeting of the Telugu Catholic Bishops' Council (TCBC) Regional Directors and Commissions' Secretaries

The Annual Meeting of the Telugu Catholic Bishops' Council (TCBC) Regional Directors and Commissions' Secretaries was held on September 10, 2025, at Jyotirmai Hall, TCBC Centre, Sikh Village, Secunderabad. The event brought together delegates from across Andhra Pradesh and Telanganato present their annual reports,



share challenges, review progress, and plan future initiatives for the mission of the Church in the region. The day began with a Holy Mass, followed by an opening prayer led by Fr. Raju Alex A.E., Deputy Secretary of TCBC. Bishop T. Joseph Raja Rao, General Secretary and Treasurer of TCBC, extended a warm welcome to all the attendees and delivered the opening address. In his remarks, Bishop Raja Rao emphasised the importance of transparent reporting of performance, ongoing programmes, challenges, and future goals by each delegate. He further encouraged participants by acknowledging their success stories and contributions over the past year.

During the meeting, detailed presentations were made by the regional directors of institutions, including Amruthavani Communications Centre, Divya Vani, Andhra Pradesh Jyotirmai Society, APSSS, APSSF, Jeevan Trust, and Bharathamithram Society. The secretaries of the various TCBC commissions then presented their reports. The commissions included Canon Law, Theology, Catechetics, Ecumenism & Interfaith Dialogue, Bible, Education, Health, Liturgy, Youth, Prison Ministry, SC/BC, Tribal Affairs, Vocations, ATCRI, Charismatic Renewal, Justice & Ecology, Proclamation, Migrants, and the Telugu Catholic Council.

The sessions during the meeting, moderated by various directors and secretaries, enabled meaningful dialogue, reflection on the past year's activities, and sharing of best practices. The meeting concluded with observations from Bishop T. Joseph Raja Rao, who expressed gratitude to all contributors for their efficient reporting and for their fellowship.

- Fr. Raju Alex, Deputy Secretary, (TCBC)

2. THE TELUGU CATHOLIC BISHOPS' COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING – 2025

The Telugu Catholic Bishops' Council (TCBC) Extraordinary Meeting was

held from **23rd to 25th September 2025**. The meeting opened with prayer and words of welcome from **His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony**. During the inaugural session, the bishops felicitated **Most Rev. Prince Anthony**, the first Archbishop-elect of Shamshabad, and **Mar Joseph Thachaparambath, CMI**, the Bishop-elect of Adilabad Diocese.

In the second session, the **CEO of Divyavani Communications** presented a report, announcing the grand release of the film *The Face of the Faceless* (the story of Sr. Rani Maria), dubbed in Telugu by Divyavani. Updates were also given on the construction of the new **Divyavani Social Communication and Amruthavani Communication Centre**, scheduled to be inaugurated on **15th November 2025**.



Fr. Lourduraj SJ reported on the TCBC complex, noting the installation of a new lift, ground-floor renovations, and full occupancy of rental spaces generating an annual income of Rs. 1 crore. **Most Rev. Vijay Kumar Rayrala**, Chairman of the Commission for Youth, highlighted the upcoming **National Youth Jubilee Convention** (1st–5th October 2025, Divine Retreat Centre, Potta, Kerala), in which many youth from the Telugu region will participate.

The **Montfort Brothers of the Hyderabad Province** submitted a request for land to establish inclusive schools, though the final decision was deferred to the seminary governing body. The Council also confirmed that the next ordinary meeting of the TCBC will be held on **4th–6th March 2026**.

The day concluded with the session of the **Federation of Telugu Churches (FTC)**. Though attendance was modest, nine TCBC bishops participated. **Most Rev. Johannes Gorantla, Bishop of Kurnool**, gave an address on the **1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed**, tracing its history and explaining the significance of the upcoming celebration. The session closed with prayers and benediction.

The second day began with prayer, followed by words of welcome and a review by **Cardinal Poola Anthony**.

Fr. Joe Xavier SJ gave an insightful input on *“The CCBIPastoral Plan and Synodality: A New Way of Being the Church”*, which inspired bishops and commission secretaries. Later, **Most Rev. Moses D. Prakasam, Bishop of Nellore**, released **three volumes of the Adult Catechism in Telugu**.

In the third session, the TCBC bishops met with the **ATRCRI**, represented by **Fr. Stany SJ** on behalf of **Fr. Thomas Santiago SDB**. Three key issues were discussed:

1. Collaboration of religious with the TCBC in implementing the **Mission 2033 Pastoral Plan**.
2. Addressing challenges faced by the Church and religious communities.
3. Providing concessions in Catholic schools for Catholic students.

The discussion was fruitful, and it was decided to grant 50% concessions for deserving students from poor backgrounds. Bishops and ATCR members further reflected on challenges and on advancing the mission of the Church in a truly synodal way.

The final day was dedicated to the **Telugu Catholic Council (TCC)**. **Fr. Raju Alex** welcomed the assembly, and **Most Rev. T. Joseph Raja Rao** offered introductory remarks, highlighting the importance of the TCC and its activities. Members introduced themselves, the minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed, and matters arising were addressed, with requests that TCBC consider recommendations from 2024.

Fr. Joji Babu, professor at St. John's Regional Seminary, presented a scintillating session on "*Lay Leadership*", accompanied by a PPT. He initiated group discussions by dividing members into six groups, each tasked with responding to three key questions. Their reports will serve as recommendations for the TCBC.

Cardinal Poola Anthony, President of the TCBC, expressed gratitude to **Bishop T. Joseph Raja Rao** for his observations, and encouraged TCC members to take active roles in their dioceses and support the upcoming Jubilee Mini-Conventions in both ecclesiastical provinces of the Telugu region.

The meeting concluded with the Angelus, final prayer, and blessing. Cardinal Poola Anthony thanked the bishops, TCC members, and in a special way, Fr. Lourdu Marreddy, Rector of St. John's Seminary, for his support in ensuring the success of this three-day extraordinary meeting.

– **Fr. Raju Alex**, Deputy Secretary of TCBC

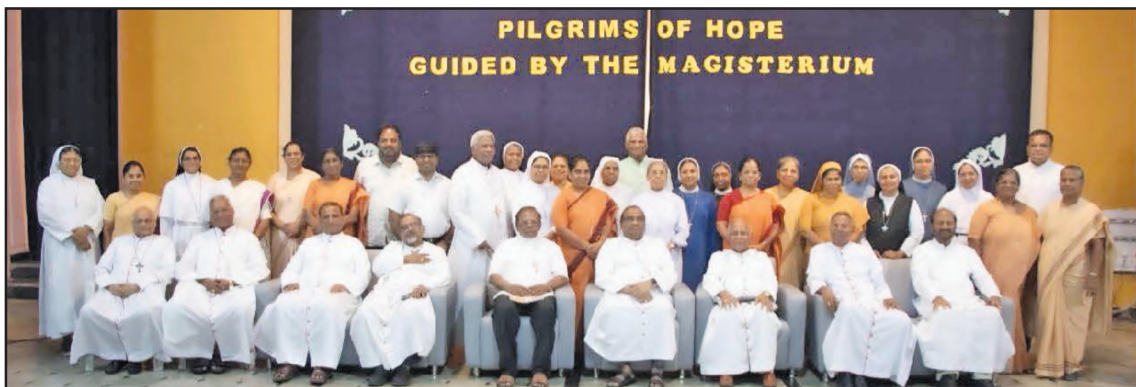
3. Federation of the Telugu Churches FTC Meeting



4. Release of the Adult Catechism Book in Telugu by the TCBC



5. The Andhra Telangana Regional CRI Meeting



6. The TCBC felicitating Mar Antony Prince Panengaden, who was elevated as the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Archeparchy of Shamshabad



7. The TCBC felicitating Bishop Elect Mar Joseph Thachaparampath C.M.I. appointed as the Bishop of Adilabad Diocese



8. The Telugu Catholic Council, at St. John's Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur



9. Release of the Movie "Face of Faceless" in the Telugu version. A biographical Feature film about Blessed Rani Maria



International News

1. MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2025 19 October 2025

Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples

Dear brothers and sisters!

For World Mission Day in the Jubilee Year 2025, the central message of which is hope (cf. Bull *Spes Non Confundit*, 1), I have chosen the motto: “Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples”. It reminds individual Christians and the entire Church, the community of the baptized, of our fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope. I trust that it will be for everyone a time of grace with the faithful God who has given us new birth in the risen Christ “to a living hope” (cf. 1 Pet 1:3-4). Here, I would like to mention some relevant aspects of our Christian missionary identity, so that we can let ourselves be guided by the Spirit of God and burn with holy zeal for a new evangelizing season in the Church, which is sent to revive hope in a world over which dark shadows loom (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 9-55).

1. In the footsteps of Christ our hope

Celebrating the first Ordinary Jubilee of the Third Millennium after that of the Holy Year of 2000, we keep our gaze fixed on Christ, the centre of history, “the same yesterday and today and forever” (*Heb* 13:8). In the synagogue of Nazareth, Jesus declared that Scripture was fulfilled in the “today” of his presence in history. He thus revealed that he is the One sent by the Father with the anointing of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God and to inaugurate “the year of the Lord’s favour” for all humanity (cf. *Lk* 4:16-21).

In this mystic “today”, which will last until the end of the world, Christ is the fullness of salvation for all, and in a particular way for those whose only hope is God. In his earthly life, “he went about doing good and healing all” from evil and the Evil One (cf. *Acts* 10:38), restoring hope in God to the needy and the people. He experienced all our human frailties, save that of sin, even those critical moments that might lead to despair, as in the agony in the garden of Gethsemane and on the cross. Jesus commended everything to God the Father, obediently trusting in his saving plan for humanity, a plan of peace for a future full of hope (cf. *Jer* 29:11). In this way, he became the divine Missionary of hope, the supreme model of all those down the centuries who carry out their own God-given mission, even amid extreme trials.

Through his disciples, sent to all peoples and mystically accompanied by him, the Lord Jesus continues his ministry of hope for humanity. He still bends over all those who are poor, afflicted, despairing and oppressed, and pours “upon their wounds the

balm of consolation and the wine of hope” (*Preface “Jesus the Good Samaritan”*). Obedient to her Lord and Master, and in the same spirit of service, the Church, the community of Christ’s missionary disciples, prolongs that mission, offering her life for all in the midst of the nations. While facing persecutions, tribulations and difficulties, as well as her own imperfections and failures due to the weakness of her members, the Church is constantly impelled by the love of Christ to persevere, in union with him, on her missionary journey and to hear, like him and with him, the plea of suffering humanity and, indeed, the groaning of every creature that awaits definitive redemption. This is the Church that the Lord always and for ever calls to follow in his footsteps: “not a static Church, but a missionary Church that walks with her Lord through the streets of the world” (*Homily at the Concluding Mass of the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops*, 27 October 2024).

May we too feel inspired to set out in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus to become, with him and in him, signs and messengers of hope for all, in every place and circumstance that God has granted us to live. May all the baptized, as missionary disciples of Christ, make his hope shine forth in every corner of the earth!

2. Christians, bearers and builders of hope among all peoples

In following Christ the Lord, Christians are called to hand on the Good News by sharing the concrete life situations of those whom they meet, and thus to be bearers and builders of hope. Indeed, “the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts” (*Gaudium et Spes* 1).

This celebrated statement of the Second Vatican Council, which expresses the sentiment and style of Christian communities in every age, continues to inspire their members and helps them to walk with their brothers and sisters in the world. Here I think especially of those of you who are missionaries *ad gentes*. Following the Lord’s call, you have gone forth to other nations to make known the love of God in Christ. For this, I thank you most heartily! Your lives are a clear response to the command of the risen Christ, who sent his disciples to evangelize all peoples (cf. *Mt* 28:18-20). In this way, you are signs of the universal vocation of the baptized to become, by the power of the Spirit and daily effort, missionaries among all peoples and witnesses to the great hope given us by the Lord Jesus.

The horizon of this hope transcends the passing things of this world and opens up to those divine realities in which we share even now. Indeed, as Saint Paul VI observed, salvation in Christ, which the Church offers to all as a gift of God’s mercy, is not only “immanent, meeting material or even spiritual needs... completely caught up in temporal desires, hopes, affairs, and struggles. Rather, it exceeds all such limits in order to reach fulfilment in a communion with the one Absolute, which is God. It is

a salvation both transcendent and eschatological, which indeed has its beginning in this life, but is fulfilled in eternity" (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 27).

Impelled by this great hope, Christian communities can be harbingers of a new humanity in a world that, in the most "developed" areas, shows serious symptoms of human crisis: a widespread sense of bewilderment, loneliness and indifference to the needs of the elderly, and a reluctance to make an effort to assist our neighbours in need. In the most technologically advanced nations, "proximity" is disappearing: we are all interconnected, but not related. Obsession with efficiency and an attachment to material things and ambitions are making us self-centred and incapable of altruism. The Gospel, experienced in the life of a community, can restore us to a whole, healthy, redeemed humanity.

For this reason, I once more invite all of us to carry out the works mentioned in the *Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee* (Nos. 7-15), with particular attention to the poorest and weakest, the sick, the elderly and those excluded from materialistic and consumerist society. And to do so with God's "style": with closeness, compassion and tenderness, cultivating a personal relationship with our brothers and sisters in their specific situation (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 127-128). Often they are the ones who teach us how to live in hope. Through personal contact, we will also convey the love of the compassionate heart of the Lord. We will come to realize that "the heart of Christ... is the very core of the initial preaching of the Gospel" (*Dilexit Nos*, 32). By drawing from this source, we can offer with simplicity the hope we have received from God (cf. *1 Pet* 1:21) and bring to others the same consolation with which we have been consoled by God (cf. *2 Cor* 1:3-4). In the human and divine heart of Jesus, God wants to speak to the heart of every man and woman, drawing all of us to his love. "We have been sent to continue this mission: to be signs of the heart of Christ and the love of the Father, embracing the whole world" (*Address to Participants in the General Assembly of the Pontifical Mission Societies*, 3 June 2023).

3. Renewing the mission of hope

Faced with the urgency of the mission of hope today, Christ's disciples are called first to discover how to become "artisans" of hope and restorers of an often distracted and unhappy humanity.

To this end, we need to be renewed in the Easter spirituality experienced at every Eucharistic celebration and especially during the Easter Triduum, the centre and culmination of the liturgical year. We have been baptized into the redemptive death and resurrection of Christ, into the Passover of the Lord that marks the eternal springtime of history. Consequently, we are a "springtime people", brimming with hope to be shared with all, since in Christ "we believe and know that death and hate are not the final word" pronounced on human existence (cf. *Catechesis*, 23 August 2017). From the paschal mysteries, made present in liturgical celebrations and in the sacraments, we constantly draw upon the power of the Holy Spirit in order to work

with zeal, determination and patience in the vast field of global evangelization. “Christ, risen and glorified, is the wellspring of our hope, and he will not deprive us of the help we need to carry out the mission which he has entrusted to us” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 275). In him, we live and bear witness to that sacred hope which is “a gift from God and a task for Christians” (*Hope is a Light in the Night*, Vatican City 2024, 7).

Missionaries of hope are men and women of prayer, for “the person who hopes is a person who prays”, in the words of Venerable Cardinal François-Xavier Van Thuan, who was himself sustained in hope throughout his lengthy imprisonment thanks to the strength he received from faithful prayer and the Eucharist (cf. *The Road of Hope*, Boston, 2001, 963). Let us not forget that prayer is the primary missionary activity and at the same time “the first strength of hope” (*Catechesis*, 20 May 2020).

So let us renew the mission of hope, starting from prayer, especially prayer based on the word of God and particularly the Psalms, that great symphony of prayer whose composer is the Holy Spirit (cf. *Catechesis*, 19 June 2024). The Psalm strain us to hope amid adversity, to discern the signs of hope around us, and to have the constant “missionary” desire that God be praised by all peoples (cf. *Ps* 41:12; 67:4). By praying, we keep alive the spark of hope lit by God within us, so that it can become a great fire, which enlightens and warms everyone around us, also by those concrete actions and gestures that prayer itself inspires.

To conclude, evangelization is always a communitarian process, like Christian hope itself (cf. Benedict XVI, *Spe Salvi*, 14). That process does not end with the initial preaching of the Gospel and with Baptism, but continues with the building up of Christian communities through the accompaniment of each of the baptized along the path of the Gospel. In modern society, membership in the Church is never something achieved once for all. That is why the missionary activity of handing down and shaping a mature faith in Christ is “paradigmatic for all the Church’s activity” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 15), a work that requires communion of prayer and action. Here I would emphasize once more the importance of this missionary synodality of the Church, as well as the service rendered by the Pontifical Mission Societies in promoting the missionary responsibility of the baptized and supporting new Particular Churches. I urge all of you, children, young people, adults and the elderly, to participate actively in the common evangelizing mission of the Church by your witness of life and prayer, by your sacrifices and by your generosity. Thank you for this!

Dear sisters and brothers, let us turn to Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ our hope. To her we entrust our prayer for this Jubilee and for the years yet to come: “May the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God’s love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!” (Bull *Spes Non Confundit*, 6).

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 January 2025, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul,
Apostle - FRANCIS

Dates & Events to Remember

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| 01. St. Therese of Child Jesus, Vrg & Dr (F) | 16. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Vrg; |
| 02. The Guardian Angles (M) | St. Hedwig, Rel.; Bl. Augustine |
| 04. St. Francis of Assisi (M) | Thevarambil, Pt (Op. M) |
| 06. St. Bruno, Pt (Op. M) | 17. St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bp & Mrtr (M) |
| 07. Our Lady of the Rosary (M) | 18. St. Luke, Evg (F) |
| 09. St. Denis, Bp & Comps Mrts & | 20. St. Paul of the Cross, Pt (Op. M) |
| St. John Leonardi, Pt. | 22. St. John Paul II, Pope (Op. M) |
| 11. St. John XXIII, Pope (Op. M) | 23. St. John of Capistrano, Pt (Op. M) |
| 14. St. Callistus I, Pope & Mrtr (Op. M) | 24. St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bp (Op. M) |
| 15. St. Teresa of Avila, Vrg & Dr (M) | 28. Sts. Simon & Jude, Aps (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 |
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| 08. Fr. Pasala Joseph (Sr.) | 30. Fr. Thumma Udaya Bhasker |
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19. Fr. Thomas Stephen

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

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Wisdom Whispers"





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