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OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAY FOR US



Hearty Congratulations on your
Ordination Anniversary
Your Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony
20th Feb



UNITY OCTAVE PRAYER IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD



1 - ST JOHN MARIA VIANNEY CHURCH, BOIHGUDA



4 - LUTHERAN CHURCH, LAKDIKAPOL



2 - DON BOSCO SHIRNE, BANLAGUDA , BANLAGUDA PASTORS FELLOWSHIP



5 - MILLENNIUM METHODIST CHURCH, SEC-BAD



3 -EASTERN BELIEVER CHURCH, ECIL



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Archbishop's Message



Once again, the Son our Lord Jesus Christ gives us the happiness of joining Him in His ecclesial liturgical celebration of the Chair of St. Peter on the 22nd February this year. The 'chair of St. Peter' is the name for the Petrine office the Son established in the body of the Twelve apostles to build, from the 'right hand of His Eternal Father', the unspeakably immense everlasting *supernatural edifice* of the people of the new and everlasting covenant through the mission of God the Holy Spirit in them as the Spirit of Truth and the promised Holy Spirit (Ezekiel 36:26-27; 37:24-28), in eschatological fulfilment of His Eternal Father's promise to David through His prophet Nathan: *'He will build a house for My Name (Sam.7:13),'* and in accordance with His infallible promise to St. Peter: *'You are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind of earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven (Mt.16:16-19).'* On this sacred occasion it is salutarly educative to consider the services which St. Peter was called to offer the Son our Lord Jesus Christ in this multifaceted Petrine office from the day it was established by Him for the building up of His promised Church in this world on Pentecost day. The first service St. Peter was called to offer Him after the Pentecost was for the fulfilment of His mission from His Eternal Father *'to bring Jacob back to Him and that Israel might be gathered to Him'* in His new and everlasting covenant (Is.49:5), which service St. Peter faithfully gave as He proclaimed to the Jews *'therefore let the whole house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Christ this Jesus whom you crucified...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit....So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the teaching of the Apostles and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:36-42).'* The second service that St. Peter was called upon to offer Him, was to maintain the discipline of divine truth and charity in this new covenant community by his power *'to bind and to loose'* as our Lord revealed in St. Peter's encounter with Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11): Peter asked Ananias

“why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit...You did not lie to us but to God.” When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. And when his wife came later and uttered the same lie to him, Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.” Immediately, she fell down at his feet and died And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard these things.’ The third service St Peter was called upon to offer our Lord was for the fulfilment of His mission from His Eternal Father to the Gentiles: ‘I will give you as a light to the nations, that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth (Is.49:6b),’ as we read in Acts 10:1-48): ‘While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the words....Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.’ And further, St Peter explained the truth of this service which the Son our Lord Jesus Christ Himself had led him to offer Him which he was questioned by the Judaic Christian community in Jerusalem about the covenantal legality of baptizing Gentiles into the Lord’s new covenant Church and secured their acceptance of it: ‘“If then God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life” (Acts 10:17-18).’ And again, when the Son our Lord had specifically chosen and educated St Paul to serve Him in His mission to the Gentile nations which He had inaugurated through St Peter, it was indeed through St Peter that He integrated St Paul into the Apostolic service to His mission to the Gentiles: ‘Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days (Gal.1:18).’ And fifteen years later when St Paul joined St Peter in the Council of the apostles and elders in Jerusalem to resolve the contentious demand for the circumcision of the Gentile Christians (Acts 15:12), it was through St Peter that our Lord decisively reiterated His choice of St Paul as His divinely ordained Apostle to the Gentiles: ‘When they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel for the circumcised...and when James and Cephas and John recognized the grace that had been given to me, they gave to Barnabas and to me the right hand of fellowship (Gal.2:7-9).’ And it was on this occasion that the Son our Lord Jesus Christ secured through St Peter the unity of ‘one flock’ composed at once and at all times of Judeo Christians and Gentiles Christians and revealed this as the imperative, dominant and permanent service required of him in the Petrine office (Acts 15:6-29).’ On this occasion of our liturgical celebration of the Chair of St Peter the Holy Spirit surely invites the fervent faithful to grow in their knowledge of the Son our Lord Jesus Christ by employing their discerning minds to discover these various facets of the Petrine office in the humble and persevering service Pope Francis has been offering the Son our Lord Jesus Christ from this Apostolic office from the time he entered it, for the praise and glory of the Eternal Father.

POPE INTENTION: FEBRUARY, 2025

For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life:

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ’s mission in the priesthood and religious life.



CARDINAL'S INTENTION: FEBRUARY, 2025

For those Affected with Ailments: "Dear Lord, I lift up those who are suffering from ailments. Please bring them comfort, healing, and peace. Ease their pain, calm their fears, and restore their health. May your loving presence be their strength and hope. Amen."



Solemnities and Feasts

FEBRUARY 02



Presentation of the Lord (Feast)

This feast commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. This presentation finds its complete and perfect fulfilment in the mystery of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the child to God in the Temple and his buying back (redemption) from God. It is also known as the Feast of the Purification of Mary, and the Feast of Candlemas. It is also called the Feast of Encounter (Hypapante in Greek) because the New Testament, represented by the baby Jesus, encountered the Old Testament, represented by Simeon and Anna. Joseph offered two pigeons in the Temple as sacrifice for the purification of Mary after her childbirth and for the presentation and redemption ceremonies performed for baby Jesus.

Source: www.vaticannews.va

FEBRUARY 04

St. John de Britto, Priest and Martyr

John de Brito (João de Brito, 1647-1693) was one of the earliest Jesuit missionaries in India to adopt elements of the local culture in his evangelization. He was eventually martyred because of his success and his steadfast refusal to accept honors and safety. He was born of Portuguese aristocracy and became a member of the royal court at age nine and a companion to the young prince later to become King Peter II. When de Brito was young, he almost died of an illness and his mother vowed he would wear a Jesuit cassock for a year if he were spared. He regained his health and walked around court like a miniature Jesuit, but there was nothing small about his heart or the desire that grew to actually become a Jesuit. Despite pressure from the prince and the king, he entered the Jesuit novitiate in Lisbon Dec. 17, 1662 when he was only 15 years-old. He studied classics, with an interruption because of health problems, then philosophy. He wrote to the superior general in 1668 asking to be sent to the east as a missionary, but had to finish theology first. He was ordained in February 1673 and left Lisbon for Goa in mid-March, arriving the following September. He studied more theology in Goa and was asked to remain as a teacher but he desired to be a missionary and to seek the glory of martyrdom.



Source: www.jesuits.global



In 1627, Garcia and his fellow martyrs were declared as Venerable by Pope Urban VIII. The martyr's feast day occurs on Feb 5th and in 1629, their veneration was permitted throughout the Catholic Church. On June 8, 1862 Garcia was declared a saint by Pope Pius IX.

saint Gonsalo Garcia (1556-1597) is a Roman Catholic saint from India. Born in the western coastal town of Vasai, an exurb of the city of Bombay, he preached from the Bassein fort during the time the town was under Portuguese colonial rule. The feast of St. Garcia has traditionally been held on the first Sunday nearest to the neap tide following Christmas in Vasai.

Gonsalo Garcia was born Gundi Slavus Garcia- to a Portuguese father and a Canarese (resident of the Konkan coast) mother in Bassein, on February 5, 1557. He was the right hand of father St Peter Baptist Superior of Franciscan mission in Japan. He was tutored by Fr. Sebastian Gonçálves, a Jesuit priest working in Vasai, in the college near Bassein fort. Garcia studied under the tutelage of the Jesuits for eight years from 1564 to 1572. Then, at the age of fifteen, Fr. Sebastian took Garcia to Japan. He soon managed to learn the language and since was seen as an affable person; he soon became popular in the local community as a catechist. He resigned and left to Alcao to set up trade. His business prospered and branches were opened in different locales in Southeast Asia.

Gonsalo's long cherished dream to be a Jesuit did not materialise and moved on to Manila in the Philippines as a lay missionary. In the Philippines, he was influenced by a Franciscan priest, Fr. Peter Baptista and soon joined the Seraphic Order as a lay brother. After working with the leprosy patients there he was formally ordained as a Franciscan as the Friars Minor at Manila.

Source: www.catholic.org

This feast commemorates Christ's choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church.

After the "lost weekend" of pain, doubt, and self-torment, Peter hears the Good News. Angels at the tomb say to Magdalene, "The Lord has risen! Go, tell his disciples and Peter." John relates that when he and Peter ran to the tomb, the younger outraced the older, then waited for him. Peter entered, saw the wrappings on the ground, the headpiece rolled up in a place by itself. John saw and believed. But he adds a reminder: "...[T]hey did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead" (John 20:9). They went home.

There the slowly exploding, impossible idea became reality. Jesus appeared to them as they waited fearfully behind locked doors. "Peace be with you," he said (John 20:21b), and they rejoiced. Only then can Peter fulfil the task Jesus had given him: "... Once you have turned



back, you must strengthen your brothers” (Luke 22:32). He at once becomes the spokesman for the Twelve about their experience of the Holy Spirit-before the civil authorities who wished to quash their preaching, before the Council of Jerusalem, for the community in the problem of Ananias and Sapphira. He is the first to preach the Good News to the Gentiles. The healing power of Jesus in him is well attested: the raising of Tabitha from the dead, the cure of the crippled beggar. People carry the sick into the streets so that when Peter passed his shadow might fall on them.

Even a saint experiences difficulty in Christian living. When Peter stopped eating with Gentile converts because he did not want to wound the sensibilities of Jewish Christians, Paul says, “...I opposed him to his face because he clearly was wrong.... They were not on the right road in line with the truth of the gospel...” (Galatians 2:11b, 14a).

At the end of John’s Gospel, Jesus says to Peter, “Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go” (John 21:18). What Jesus said indicated the sort of death by which Peter was to glorify God. On Vatican Hill, in Rome, during the reign of Nero, Peter did glorify his Lord with a martyr’s death, probably in the company of many Christians.

Source: www.franciscanmedia.org

RECEIPT OF LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Parish/Individual	No. of Masses
02-12-2024	AUXILIAM CHURCH	100
30-12-2025	SANTHOSH NAGAR	200
02-01-2025	BOLARUM	25
09-01-2025	SULTAN BAZAR	100
13-01-2025	SECUNDERABAD(DIVINE LIGHT MIS	50
15-01-2025	SURARAM	50
16-01-2025	GANDHINAGAR	30
21-01-2025	SECUNDERABAD	863
21-01-2025	SECUNDERABAD	1198
23-01-2025	METTUGUDA	5000
27-01-2025	GAGILAPURAM	168
28-01-2025	TRIMALGHERRY	550
	TOTAL	8334

Archbishop's Engagements

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

ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

FEBRUARY 2025

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| 01. | Sat | 06.45 a.m. | : Mass at Home for the Aged, Little Sisters of the Poor, Bhoiguda |
| | | 06.00 p.m. | : Mass at Jeevan Jyothi (LCRI), Begumpet |
| 02. | Sun | 09.30 a.m. | : Festive Mass and First Holy Communion and Confirmations at Mary Help of Christians Church, Santosh Nagar. |
| 03. | Mon | | : In Office |
| 06. | Thu | 04.30 p.m. | : Annual Day Celebrations at Sacred Heart School, South Lalaguda. |
| 07. | Fri | 10.00 a.m. | : Silver Jubilee Celebration of Rev. Fr. Balashowry (ALCP/OSS) at Alirajpet |
| | | 04:30 p.m. | : Annual Day Celebrations at Mount Carmel High School, Bowenpally. |
| 08. | Sat | 11.00 a.m. | : First Holy Communion and Confirmations at St Anthony's Shrine, Mettuguda. |
| 09. | Sun | 08.00 a.m. | : First Holy Communion and Confirmations at St Anthony's Church, Mudfort |
| | | 11.30 a.m. | : Festive Mass at Infant Jesus Shrine, Emjala. |
| 10-13. | Mon-Thu | | : International Conference in Singapore. |
| 14. | Fri | [Morning] | : In Office |
| | | 05.00 p.m. | : Annual Day Celebrations at Ave Maria School, Ramanthapur |
| 15. | Sat | 10.30 a.m. | : Mass & Blessing of Formation House and School at St Ann's Convent, Madinaguda. |
| 16. | Sun | 9.30 a.m. | : First Holy Communion and Confirmations at St Theresa's Church, Sanathnagar. |
| 17. | Mon | | : In Office |

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| 18. | Tue | 09.00 a.m. | : Inaugural Mass for SIGNIS INDIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY-2025 at MSI, Ramanthapur. |
| 19. | Wed | 10.00 a.m. | : Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Allam Arogya Reddy at Bramanapalli, Nalgonda. |
| 20. | Thu | 10.30 a.m. | : Blessing of the New Church at Lourdu Matha Parish, Uttaravalli, Vizag Diocese. |
| 22. | Sat | 06.00 p.m. | : Blessing of the Church Elevation and Family Day Celebrations at Mount Carmel Church, Bowenpally. |
| 23. | Sun | 08.00 a.m. | : First Holy Communion and Confirmations at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Miyapur. |
| 24. | Mon | 10.00 a.m. | : Silver Jubilee Celebration of Rev Fr. Jojappa (ALCP/OSS) at Church Colony, Ramanthapur. |
| 25. | Tue | | : In Office |
| 26. | Wed | 05.30 p.m. | : Blessing of the Renovated Church at St. Francis Xavier's Parish, Yapral |
| 28. | Fri | Morning | : In Office |

TENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS: MARCH

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| 01. | Sat | 10.30 a.m. | : Visit of Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ Superior General |
| 02. | Sun | 09.00 a.m. | : First Holy Communion and Confirmations at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Ramnagar. |
| 05. | Wed | 06.00 a.m. | : Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Mary's Basilica, Sec-bad. |
| 07. | Fri | 11.30 a.m. | : Mass at "Bible Maha Sabha" at Mariagiri, Veeraghattam, Srikakulam Diocese. |
| 17-19 | Mon-Wed | | : TCBC Meeting at Ramanthapur |
| 18. | Tue | 06.00 p.m. | : Feast of St Joseph, Archdiocesan Level Jubilee 2025 Celebrations, Bicentenary Celebrations & Inauguration, Blessing of New Adoration Chapel and Presbytery at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Gunfoundry. |

31st January, 2025
Archbishop's House

+ Cardinal Poola Anthony
Archbishop of Hyderabad

Communications

1. MONTHLY RECOLLECTION CUM PLANNING FOR JUBILEE 2025 CELEBRATION FOR FEBRUARY-MARCH COMBINED:

As we embrace the Graces of the Jubilee Year 2025, we here-by propose to organize a **Deanery Recollection** that will bring together all the priests and religious working in the Deanery. This gathering will be a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal, communal prayer and collaboration as we prepare for the Jubilee 2025 celebrations. You are also requested to plan the contributions of each Deanery for the Archdiocesan Level Jubilee 2025 Celebrations which will be held on 18th March, 2025 at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Gunfoundary.

Details of the Recollection:

The Recollection will be organized by the Deans, who will communicate the specific details regarding the date, venue and agenda. The Deans can make a **JUBILEE 2025 CELEBRATION COMMITTEE** for each Deanery to organize this Recollection cum Planning session. This committee may consist of Archdiocesan Clergy, Religious men and women who will then involve the laity.

We encourage everyone to cooperate closely with your Dean in ensuring the success of this Recollection. Your active involvement in both the spiritual and planning aspects will greatly contribute to making this Jubilee Year 2025 truly distinct for our Archdiocese.

The day will include moments of prayer, reflection, sharing and a planning session dedicated to our Jubilee celebrations. Let this be a moment to strengthen our bonds as a community of faith and to discern how best to proclaim the Good News during this special year.

We look forward to journeying together as we deepen our commitment to the mission entrusted to us. May the Jubilee Year be a time of abundant grace for all.

2. THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2025:

The world day of the sick is celebrated on 11th February 2025. As per the direction and instructions given by the Holy Father Pope Francis, we need to observe the World Day of the Sick on 11th February, 2025 (The Feast Day of our Lady of

Lourdes). World Day of the Sick is a Catholic Church awareness day, aimed at praying for the sick. All are invited to pray for the sick and provide medicine, food and counselling to the needy. Pope Francis invites everyone to see the face of Christ in his or her ailing brother or sister.

The theme given by the Holy Father for the World Day of the Sick 2025 is, to offer compassionate and loving care to the sick.

3. THE HOLY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY 2025:

The Holy Childhood Sunday will be celebrated on **09th February 2025** (*05th Sunday in Ordinary Time*) The Mother Church invites us to celebrate the gift of children as we commemorate Holy Childhood Day. Every single life, every single child, is a reward and blessing. Children are a gift from God and a source for the growth of His Kingdom here on Earth. God knows that children can bring us closer to Him and help us grow in our Christian character. The psalmist in Psalm 127:3 says “Children are a heritage from the Lord.” This verse is an important reminder for us as we acknowledge their uniqueness. All the parish priests are to conduct special Sunday Liturgy and organize programmes for the Children and create an awareness about the Holy Childhood Special Collection.

4. DIVYAVANI TV:

Divyavani TV is a brainchild of TCBC, and it represents the aspirations of Telugu Catholics all over the world to have a TV channel with spiritual content. Divyavani has begun the construction of a new building to house Divyavani TV, which will have modern studios, offices and residences.

Divyavani appeals to all the parish priests and assistant parish priests to promote their Programmes in the Archdiocese. For further details please contact Rev. Fr. Dr. I.Lourduraj SJ, CEO, P. 040 27207733. M: +91 7250711859. Email: divyavani.s.com@gmail.com

5. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Rev. Fr. Yelugu Jude Raj (Medical Leave) : Relieved from Parish Priest (Ad-Tempus) St Joseph’s Church, Jadi Jamalpur.
2. Rev. Fr. Madanu Ajith Kumar: Priest In-Charge (Ad-Tempus) of St. Joseph’s Church, Jadi Jamalpur.
3. Rev. Fr. Pidikirala Prabhudas: (TCBC) Secretary for Catholic Charismatic Renewal CCR (T.G)

6. 2ND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024

Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount	Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount
1		Aliabad		51		Mahendra Hills	
2		Alirajpet		52		Madinaguda	
3		Ammuguda		53	12-12-2024	Mallapur	1200
4		Arogya Nagar (Mission)		54		Manikonda Mission	
5		Arul Colony		55	12-12-2024	Mariapuram (Adibatla)	940
6		Balaji Nagar		56		Medchal	
7	12-12-2024	Balaiah Nagar (Old Alwal)	11250	57		Medipally	
8		Band Lines		58		Mettuguda	
9		Bandlaguda Jagir (Kismatpur)		59		Miyapur	
10		Banjara Hills		60		Moul-Ali	
11		Basuregadi		61		Mudfort	
12		Bayyaram		62		Muthangi	
13		Bazar Ghat		63		Nacharam	
14	20-12-2024	BHEL - MIG	3220	64		Nandrakal	
15	21-01-2025	Begumpet	12120	65		Narayankhed	
16		Bhoiguda		66		Nedunoor	
17	12-12-2024	Bodhan	300	67		Neela Camp	
18		Boduppall		68		Nizamabad	
19	14-12-2024	Bolarum	15410	69		Pargi	
20		Borabanda		70		Patancheru	
21	18-01-2025	Bowenpally	10000	71		Ramachandrapuram	
22		Cherlapally		72	08-01-2025	Ramanthapur	3200
23		Chintalacheruvu		73	20-01-2025	Ramnagar	11700
24	09-12-2024	Church Colony	2500	74		Sadasivpet	
25		Dammaiguda		75		Sainikpuri	
26		Dharmaram		76	09-12-2024	Sanathnagar	10000
27		Dayanandnagar		77	30-12-2024	Sangareddy	2000
28		Emjala		78		Santhoshnagar	
29		Gaddiannaram		79		Sappers Lines	
30	27-01-2025	Gagillapuram	2250	80	21-01-2025	Secunderabad	59350
31		Gajwel		81		Shabad	
32	09-12-2024	Gandhinagar	3000	82		Shamshabad	
33	04-01-2025	Garrison (Trimulgherry)	1220	83		Shanthinagar	
34		Ghatkesar		84		Shapurnagar	
35	16-12-2024	Golconda	7355	85		Siddipet	
36		Gothumakunda		86	29-01-2025	Seethaphalmandi	5550
37		Gunfoundry		87	09-01-2025	Sultan Bazar	3000
38		Jadi Jamalpur		88	12-12-2024	Suraram	3000
39	12-12-2024	Jagadgirigutta	3500	89		Tandur	
40		Jahanuma		90		Toopran	
41		Jogipet		91	16-12-2024	Trimulgherry	35500
42		Joipet		92		Uminthal	
43		Kalwakole		93		Vanasthalipuram	
44		Kamareddy		94		Venkatapuram	
45	21-01-2025	Khairatabad	20000	95		Vikarabad	
46		Kissan Nagar (Armoor)		96	13-01-2025	Yapral	3500
47		Kukatpally		97	18-12-2024	Yeddumylaram	820
48		Lallaguda		98		Yellareddy	
49	14-12-2024	L. B. Nagar	2000	99		Zaheerabad	
50		Lillipur				Total	233885

Pastoral News

1. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BOLLARAM ON 05TH JANUARY, 2025.



2. BLESSING AND INAUGURATION OF OUR LADY OF FATHIMA'S GROTTO AT OUR LADY OF FATHIMA CHURCH, DHAMMAIGUDA ON 05TH JANUARY, 2025.



3. ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS AT ST. PAUL'S HIGH SCHOOL, KHAMMAGUDEM, EMJALA ON 11TH JANUARY, 2025.



4. ANNUAL DAY OF ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL & COLLEGE, TRIMULGHERRY ON 17TH JANUARY, 2025.

The eagerly anticipated Annual Day celebration unfolded in all its splendour on 17th January, 2025, radiating joy, enthusiasm and grandeur. The occasion was graced by His Eminence Dr.Poola Anthony Archbishop of Hyderabad and Chairman of HAES as our Chief Guest whose words of wisdom illuminated the evening. Adding to the magnificence of the event were our distinguished guests Rev. Fr. G. Anthony, Secretary of HAES, Rev. Fr. Innaiah, Treasurer of HAES as our Guests of honour – whose presence enriched the celebration with majesty and reverence. Among the other honoured guests we had special guest like Mr.Nagaraju, the Circle Inspector



of Police Trimulgherry, Our Alumnus Mrs.Anthonamma, Sub-Inspector of Trimulgherry Police Station Mr.Nagesh President of our alumni team titled VRIKSH etched another triumph making the day truly unforgettable and memorable.

Our cultural programme themed "Together for a Sustainable Future" blossomed

with boundless exuberance and eager hearts. The event embarked with a soulful prayer song invoking divine grace and serenity. This was followed by a warm welcome address by our respected Principal Rev. Fr. P. Joseph extending heartfelt greetings and the school report a testament to our journey of growth and achievement was eloquently presented, reflecting our strides towards excellence.



Our cultural evening commenced with a symphony of vibrant dances and captivating performances, weaving a mesmerizing tapestry of tradition from nations across the world.

Students were recognised and honoured for their outstanding achievement in academics and the toppers of school and college were also awarded. The chief guest's address motivated students to pursue their dreams with dedication and perseverance.

The evening concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks honouring every hand that shaped its success and culminated with the National Anthem leaving the audience inspired and elated.

-Mrs. Bridget Singleton

5. FESTIVE MASS & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS AT INFANT JESUS SHRINE, GAJWEL ON 19TH JANUARY, 2025.



The Annual Church feast was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm on 19th January 2025 at Infant Jesus Shrine- Gajwel, marking a significant day in the liturgical calendar. This Annual feast began with flag hoisting on 9th January 2025 followed by Novena Masses from 10th to 18th of January 2025. His Eminence, Cardinal Poola Anthony, presided over the feast day Mass 19th January 2025, drawing a large gathering of faithful from near and far.

The festivities began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration, led by the His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, who emphasized the importance of faith, Unity and glorifying God in our lives in his homily. He highlighted the life of Jesus, urging the congregation to



follow example of Jesus in sharing and caring of His love and compassion. The mass was concelebrated by several priests, adding spiritual richness to the occasion.

The liturgy was adorned with melodious hymns sung by the Parish choir which was led by Rev. Fr. P. Bala swamy creating an atmosphere of reverence and joy. Special prayers were offered for peace, harmony, and the well-being of the community. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and lights, symbolizing the festive spirit by the Parish youth. Parish Council Members played vital role in arranging everything specially food for the whole people (above 1000). St. Joseph's Convent Sisters (JMJ) helped a lot in making these celebrations in grand Success.

Previous day we had, a grand procession, with the statue of Infant Jesus carried through the streets. Devotees participated with great fervor, holding candles and singing hymns, expressing their gratitude and faith.

His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony expressed his gratitude to the organizing committee and volunteers for their efforts in making the feast a memorable event. He also blessed the congregation, encouraging them to continue living as witnesses of Christ's love and service.

- Rev. Fr. Thonta Prabhudas Parish Priest & Dean- Gajwel

6. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATIONS AT ST. SABASTIAN'S CHURCH, SAINIKPURI ON 19TH JANUARY, 2025.



7. SPORTS DAY AT ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, SECUNDERABAD ON 22ND JANUARY, 2025.



Archdiocesan News

1. ST. MARY'S CENTENARY JUNIOR COLLEGE-EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP PROGRAM ON 10TH JANUARY, 2025.

St. Mary's Centenary Junior College as part of ADVANCED TEACHING SKILLS has conducted 3 Educational Field Trips, for MPC Students Airforce Station, for CEC, MEC Students MSME a prestigious Central government institute for Startup business opportunity especially for budding business flare young minds as part of their Curriculum, for BIPC Students Botanical Garden, Seed Plantation and AI influenced Subject related visit



St. Mary's Centenary Junior College Educational Field trip to MSME. 10-1-25

Altogether 6 buses with 292 Students along with 10 Staff have made these visits. Students & Staff expressed deep gratitude to the Principal Rev. P. Gnana Reddy for initiating practical methods, creating great fervor and interest among the Students & Staff. Theses visits were very useful, helpful and positive changes to Students focus about their future. Information about CAD & CAM diploma courses machine work through software has been key inputs learnt. Technical advancements were shown practically.

Science Students visit to Rashtrapati Bhavan, Botanical display was hugely impressed them. Exploring various plant Species, flower exhibits, eco- friendly products, Herbal Garden, Rock Garden, maze garden, fruit Orchard and even delicious food were served.

St. Mary's Centenary Junior College adapts thought provoking, life changing and very modern methods to deviate from routine to empowering, FUTURE READY Preparation of Students mindset. An Institute Most quickly evolving and superior Education College, welcome to St. Mary's....

- Mrs. Manjula JL Commerce Mrs. Tina JL Zoology

2. INFANT JESUS SHRINE FEAST DAY TIME TABLE, EMJALA, 2025

Come Participate Receive Blessings of Infant Jesus

INFANT JESUS SHRINE

KAMMAGUDA, TURKAYAMJALA, R. R. DT, TELANGANA - 501 510
(FIRST SHRINE OF INFANT JESUS IN TELANGANA, A.P & THE THIRD SHRINE IN INDIA)

ANNUAL FEAST

09th FEBRUARY 2025

THE MORE YOU HONOUR ME
THE MORE I WILL BLESS YOU



30-01-2025: THURSDAY 5:30 PM. PROCESSION, HOLY MASS, FLAG HOISTING BY MOST. REV. PAUL MAIPAN (Bishop Emeritus of Daman)

DAYS		NOVENA DAYS		NOVENA THEME - TO BE LIKE JESUS
31-01-2025: FRIDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass by Fr. P. Gnana Reddy	- Live like Jesus		
01-02-2025: SATURDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass by Fr. K. Marreddy	- Practice unconditional Love		
02-02-2025: SUNDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass by Fr. Allam Arogyareddy	- Be Prayerful		
03-02-2025: MONDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass by Fr. Dusi Ravi Shekar SJ	- Be Forgiving		
04-02-2025: TUESDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass by Fr. K. Lourdu Marreddy	- Live by God's Word		
05-02-2025: WEDNESDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass by Fr. Madhu Babu HGM	- Choose Integrity		
06-02-2025: THURSDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass by Fr. Gopu Sunder Reddy	- Follow God's Commandments		
07-02-2025: FRIDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass by Fr. Ch. Praveen MSC	- Seek ye first the Kingdom of God		

08-02-2025 - SATURDAY

7:00 AM	Holy Mass in Telugu	Fr. Gabriel O.S.A. - Be Fruitful
5:00 PM	Adoration, Word of God & Holy Mass	Fr. Govindu Arogyaswamy - Committed to the mission of Jesus

09-02-2025: SUNDAY - INFANT JESUS FEAST DAY

4:00 AM	Holy Mass in Telugu	Fr. Thathireddy Jayaraj - Parish Priest, Emjala
5:00 AM	Holy Mass in Telugu	Fr. Madanu Arogyaswamy - Associate Priest, Emjala
6:00 AM	CAR PROCESSION STARTS FROM BHOIGUDA	
6:00 AM	Holy Mass in English	Fr. Victor Immanuel
7:00 AM	Holy Mass in Telugu	Fr. Saginala Prakash
8:00 AM	Holy Mass in Tamil	Fr. Rex Angelo SJ
9:30 AM	Infant Jesus Solemn High Mass In English Msgr. Veruva Balashowreddy	
11:30 AM	INFANT JESUS SOLEMN HIGH MASS IN TELUGU His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony (Archbishop of Hyderabad)	
2:00 PM	Prayer & Healing Service	Fr. Vijay Joseph
4:00 PM	Procession	
5:00 PM	Benediction	

FEAST DAY THEME:
Become more and more like Jesus

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offerings for Poor Feeding



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His Eminence
Cardinal Poola Anthony
(Archbishop of Hyderabad)



REV. FR. THATHIREDDY JAYARAJ
Shrine Rector & Parish Priest



REV. FR. MADANU AROGYASWAMY
(Associate Parish Priest)



FR. LANCELOT MENZIES
(Confessor/Spiritual Director)

TELECAST BY CATHOLIC HUB TV & DIVYAVANI TV

CATHOLIC HUB: LIVE Telecast of Flag Hoisting, Novena & Feast Day Masses from Jan 30 to 09th February 2025

DIVYAVANI TV: Telecast of Flag Hoisting & Feast Day Mass 09th February from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm

We cordially invite all devotees of Infant Jesus to participate in this Greatest and most Glorious Festival of MIRACULOUS INFANT JESUS in the State of Telangana and receive His blessings, - Parish Clergy & Parishioners

3. A JOYOUS INAUGURATION OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025 JMJ PROVINCIALATE, SOMAJIGUDA, HYDERABAD.



The dawn of the Jubilee Year 2025 marked a profound and joyous occasion for the JMJ sisters of Hyderabad province. This momentous celebration began with an inaugural Mass, filled with reverence and gratitude. The esteemed Rev. Fr. Raju Alex presided over the Mass, whose inspiring words and spiritual guidance set the tone for the year of grace and spiritual renewal.

The festivities commenced with a symbolic and significant inaugural ceremony. Sr. Pauline Nusi, Provincial Superior, led the Jubilee Year 2025 by gracefully entering into the Chapel for a period of grace and transformation. This act symbolized the ushering in of new beginnings and spiritual awakening, encapsulating the essence of the Jubilee. The entire JMJ family, each holding a lighted lantern and a small Jubilee flag, moved forward in a solemn and prayerful procession, symbolizing their shared mission to bring the light of faith and service into the world.

The Mass, with the Jubilee's essence—a time to commemorate God's blessings, renew our commitment to our mission, and embrace the spirit of unity and love. Rev. Fr. Raju Alex's homily was both profound and uplifting, emphasizing the significance of the Jubilee as a time to deepen our faith and rededicate ourselves with the words of "Spes Non Confundit". He reminded the congregation that the Jubilee is a sacred invitation to renew



our relationship with God and each other, to share, embrace forgiveness, and to walk in the light of hope and love. Fr. Raju Alex urged everyone to see this year as an opportunity to reflect on God's abundant blessings and to commit anew to acts of kindness and service, embodying the mission of the JMJ family through the four Vatican II documents Pope has recommended us to relive.

The liturgy was enriched with melodious hymns, heartfelt prayers, and the active participation of the JMJ family, creating an atmosphere of spiritual joy and communal celebration. The chapel, adorned with symbolic Jubilee decorations, radiated a sense of sacred festivity, reminding everyone present of the journey ahead—a journey of grace, reflection, and spiritual renewal.

After the Mass, the provincial Superior distributed the jubilee logos to all the superiors of the communities to be displayed in the communities throughout the jubilee year, which will serve as a reminder of the jubilee year 2025 and its significance in their own communities.

After the Mass and Lunch, sisters were encouraged to participate in jubilee year planning session to make the year more meaningful and pertinent.

The following action plans for spiritual enrichment and impactful mission 2025.



- Chain Adoration on every Second Saturday.
- Akhanda Japamala: A non-stop recitation of rosary during the Month of May and October 2025
- Visiting Prisons: Sisters will visit prisons to minister to inmates and provide emotional support.
- Renewal Retreats sisters of the province in Muthangi, Habsiguda & Premagiri
- Food Distribution: Sisters will distribute food to the poor and marginalized on 29th of every month as is the foundation day of our Congregation.
- Pilgrimage: Sisters will visit designated churches as part of a pilgrimage, promoting spiritual growth and reflection and to gain indulgences.
- Online sessions on 9th of every month on book- Bull of Indiction
- Sisters will be given opportunity to go to Rome, Goa and other pilgrimage centres.
- Special focus will be given for sacrament of reconciliation.
- Quarterly Articles (Jubilee Strings) on faith & spiritual experience based on action plans.

These activities aim to foster a deeper sense of spirituality and service among the sisters.

We are grateful to Fr. Raju Alex for his soul nourishing thoughts and insightful reflection at the beginning of the jubilee year 2025. As we step into the Jubilee Year 2025, let us carry forward the blessings of this sacred celebration, striving together to live the values of our faith and to make a meaningful impact in the lives of others. May this Jubilee be a time of abundant grace, unity, and renewed zeal for the mission entrusted to us.

- Sr. Geetha Gollamari MJJ, Hyderabad Province

4. GNANA JYOTHI BIBLE EXAM 2024 PARISH WISE PARTICIPANTS ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD

S.No	Name of the Parish	No. of Participants	S.No	Name of the Parish	No. of Participants
1	Kukatpally	45	26	Basuregadi	17
2	Cathedral, Gunfoundry	25	27	Gnanapuram, Basuregadi	13
3	Mettuguda	94	28	Aliabad	17
4	St. Pious Degree & PG, Nacharam	23	29	Moula Ali	13
5	Sainikpuri	24	30	Christ the King Church, Ramanthapur	2
6	Sithaphalmandi	20	31	Church Colony, Ramanthapur	35
7	Ghandhi Nagar	19	32	Neelacamp	10
8	Bhoiguda	50	33	Bazarghat	15
9	Trimulgherry	58	34	Gokonda	5
10	Ammuguda	34	35	Alwal	16
11	Bolaram	55	36	St. Mary's Basilica	31
12	Emjala	75	37	Arul Colony	40
13	St. Pious High School, Ramnagar	75	38	Venkatapuram	24
14	Mudfort	106	39	L.B.Nagar	18
15	Chiguralapally, Pargi	15	40	Medchal	55
16	Manchanpally, Pargi	24	41	Jojipet	46
17	Jagathgiri Gutta	12	42	Bowenpally	100
18	Gagillapur Parish	22	43	Shanthi Nagar	25
19	Gagillapur School	22	44	Ghatkesar	6
20	Nadargul	34	45	Don Bosco, Bandlaguda	16
21	Santosh Nagar	6	46	Sulthan Bazar	20
22	Vijay Marie School of Nursing, Khairatabad	25	47	Dayanand Nagar	46
23	Dammaiguda	16	48	BHEL, Sherlingampally	23
24	Gajwel	9	49	Balaji Nagar	1
25	Suraram	54		Total	1536

GNANA JYOTHI BIBLE EXAM PRIZES 2024 - ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD

1st Category - 4th to 7th class students only

S. No.	Participants Name	Parish	Prize
1	G. Akshara	Manchanpally Pargi	I
2	Anika	Gagillapur	II
3	Johanna	St. Pious School, Ramnagar	II
4	Reena	St. Pious School, Ramnagar	III
5	K. Akshaya	Medchal	IV
6	Pranathi	Suraram	V
7	Mary Asmitha	Suraram	C
8	G. Angel Sanvi	Church Colony Ramanthapur	C
9	H. Alice	Nadargul	C

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2nd Category - 8th to 10th class students only

S. No.	Participants Name	Parish	Prize
1	Moraica	St. Pious School, Ramnagar	I
2	D. Joy Divya	St. Pious School, Ramnagar	II
3	Aarthi	St. Pious School, Ramnagar	III
4	B. Rishith Kevin	Medchal	IV
5	M. Greshma	Church Colony, Ramanthapur	V
6	K. Thanvi	Medchal	C
7	Gracy Kumar	Sulthan Bazar	C
8	Gali Reddy	Alwal	C

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3rd Category - Inter and Degree Students

S. No.	Participants Name	Parish	Prize
1	Hama Jaya	Ammuguda	I
2	Dr. R. Sushma	St. Pious School, Ramnagar	II
3	Susheel Francis	Ammuguda	III
4	Vivian Rooney	Ammuguda	III
5	Nit Anumol	St. Anthony, Venkatapuram	IV
6	Sr. Anusha (SAP)	Bowenpally	V
7	Thalla Sandeep	Jagathgiri Gutta	C
8	P. Sravi	Nadergul	C
9	Sr. Leema	Khairathabad	C

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4th Category - Employees, Teachers and Elders

S. No.	Participants Name	Parish	Prize
1	Elizabeth	Gagillapur	I
2	K. Jaya Mary	Gagillapur	I
3	P. Raj Ratna Reddy	Gagillapur	I
4	K. Reginamma	Jagathgiri Gutta	I
5	Sr. Jyothi	Emjala	I
6	K. Kanuka Mary	Santhosh Nagar	II
7	G. Maria Shailaja	Gatkesar	II
8	Rakshith Asuweek	Suraram	III
9	Dasari Anusha	Moula Ali	III

S. No.	Participants Name	Parish	Prize
10	Rachitha D'Souza	Arul Colony	III
11	Sr. Ratna	Emjala	III
12	Victoria	Trimulgherry	III
13	Manjula Rani	Gagillapur	IV
14	CH. Rani William	Aliabad	IV
15	G. Mosha Rani	Emjala	IV
16	CH. John	Nadergul	V
17	Suvartha	Suraram	V
18	B. Sleeva Rani	Nadergul	C
19	Sr. Sujitha	Bazarghat	C
20	Seby Allwin	Dayanand Nagar	C

5. EXHIBITION ON THE WORD OF GOD SUNDAY/JUBILEE OF COMMUNICATION AT RAMNAGAR CHURCH

The youth, children, Catechism Animators and the Parish Council members came together to celebrate the Word of God Sunday in a very meaningful and splendid way.



There was a grand procession of the Bible to the altar during the mass and placed before the altar and garlanded and incensed. After the Mass, all the people were treated to a delightful, energetic and creative exhibition on the Word of God. Scenes of Passion-Death-Resurrection, the central events of our salvation were acted out by children. The creation story and the 800th Anniversary of the Canticum of Creatures by St. Francis of Assisi were beautifully converged by the youth. The other children showed the important events of Salvation: the Exodus/Crossing of the Red Sea, the Covenants, the Prophets, the Apostles and how the Gospel was preached around the whole world by the various Apostles and missionaries was beautifully showcased and also explained by our Catechism Children.

In the evening, as a parish community, we watched the movie: The Least of These,

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based on the missionary family of Graham Staines, to evoke in us the desire to communicate the message of the Gospel.

God Communicates with us His deep and personal love in and through the person of Jesus, the Word that became flesh and we keep reading it in the Bible. The Word of God is truly the LOVE LETTER of God to the humanity! The Jubilee year 2025 is a special blessing to all of us and this month of January as we celebrate the Jubilee of Communication, let us listen to God who communicates through His son in the Holy Spirit!

-Fr. Praveen Dsouza OFM

PP, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Ramnagar

6. THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY-2025 ORGANIZED BY THE ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR ECUMENISM

The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was observed in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad from the 18th to 25th January 2025 with the proposed theme for reflection: “Do you Believe this?” (John 11:26). Under the direction of Fr. Anthaiah Kondaveeti, Regional Secretary and Fr. Raju Alex, the Telangana State Coordinator of TCBC Commission for Ecumenism, we could reach out to different Church Councils, Church Federations, and Church organisations like the Telangana Council of Churches - TCC, Telangana Federation of Churches - TFC, United Christmas Celebrations Committee – UCCC, Twin-Cities Pastors Fellowship, and several other Christian denominations to celebrate the unity octave in various churches in the Archdiocese.

With the collaboration and cooperation of several people, the Unity Week of Prayer Services were organised in different churches in the Archdiocese in which many people participated to pray for Unity among Christians. On the 18th January, the 1st Day of Unity Octave prayer service was held at St. John Maria Vianney Church, Boiguda; on the 19th at Don Bosco Shrine, Bandlaguda Pastors Fellowship; on 20th at Eastern Believers Church, ECIL, Rampalli; on 21st at Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lakidikapool, on 22nd at Millennium Methodist Church, Sec-Bad; on 23rd, at Good Shepherd Church Cathedral, Suchithra, Kompally; on 24th in the morning at CSI Medak Cathedral, Medak, and in the evening at St. John’s Reginal Seminary, Ramanthapur, and on 25th, the final day, at St. Mary’s Syro Malabar Church, Balapur. There were eminent Bishops, Pastors, Priests, and Church Leaders who shared their reflections each day on the need for Christian unity as desired by our Lord Jesus.

The celebration on 24th at CSI Medak Cathedral was a special one on the occasion of its centenary, and it was organized by Rev. Dr T Bhaskar, Secretary of TCC [Telangana Council of Churches] with the collaboration of Rev. Dr Santhaiah,



Pastor of the Cathedral, who invited all member churches of of TCC, Telangana Federation of Churches (TFC) and many other denominations. It was presided by In charge CSI Bishop Rt. Rev. K. Ruben Mark, CSI Bishop in Dornakal Rt. Rev. K. Padma Rao, and Rev. Asir Ebnezar, the General Secretary of NCCI.

We are grateful to the Holy Spirit, the bond of unity for inspiring us in the path of Christian unity. This year by the grace of God and with the collaboration of UCCC, TCC, FTC, and several church leaders we were able to reach out to a few more churches and pastors' fellowships in the twin cities and around Hyderabad. We are happy that the pastors and heads of churches from all these communities welcomed us, organized Unity octave prayer and provided snacks and fellowship meals to everyone.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks to Mr. Sleeva Galleli, Treasurer of UCC, Rev. Dr Bhaskar, CSI, Secretary of TCC, Dr Robert Surya Prakash of Baptist church & treasurer of TCC and James Sylvester, General Secretary of UCC, Dr V.J. H. Nelson, President, Twin Cities Pastors Fellowship, Rev. Jeevan of Lutheran church, Rev. Giri Babu of Good Shepherd Church of India, Dr P. S. Prakash Rao of Lutheran Church, ECIL, without whose collaboration it would not have been possible to organize the Unity Octave in a meaningful way. Guided by the Spirit of God, may we all be committed to the priestly prayer of Jesus Christ, "that they may all be one" and learn to walk together, pray together and work together with all Christians in the realization of God's Kingdom.

-Rev. Fr. Michael Samala, Archdiocesan Director of Ecumenism

Regional News

1. REPORT ON RISE'25: 10th REGIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION

10th Regional Youth Convention – A Grand Celebration of Faith and Hope

The 10th Regional Youth Convention, organized by the TCBC Commission for Youth, was a spectacular gathering of young Catholics from across the Telugu region. Rooted in the powerful theme, “Those who hope in the Lord, walk without becoming weary” (Is 40:31), the event was a transformative experience for over 1,000 youth who came together in faith, fellowship, and formation.



The convention was held at St. Theresa's Girls High School, Sanathnagar, Hyderabad, from January 11th to 14th, 2025. The highlight of the inaugural day was the Pontifical High Mass celebrated by His Eminence Most Rev. Anthony Cardinal Poola, Archbishop of Hyderabad. His presence, along with the esteemed bishops of the Telugu region, added great spiritual depth and solemnity to the occasion.

The event was graced by:

Bishop of Nalgonda, His Excellency Most Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera, Bishop of Eluru & Apostolic Administrator – Archdiocese of Visakhapatnam, His Excellency Most



Rev. Karanam Dhaman Kumar, His Excellency Most Rev. Gorantla Johannes, Bishop of Kurnool, His Excellency Most Rev. Sagili Prakash, Bishop of Khammam, His Excellency Most Rev. Rayarala Vijaya Kumar, PIME, Bishop of Srikakulam & Chairman of TCBC Commission for Youth, His Excellency Most Rev. Prince Anthony Panengadan, Bishop of Shamshabad & Apostolic Administrator of Adilabad

The leadership of Most Rev. Rayarala Vijaya Kumar, PIME, along with Rev. Fr. Sagili Praveen Kumar, Regional Youth Secretary, and Rev. Fr. Pranith, Diocesan Youth Director of Hyderabad, was instrumental in making this convention a monumental success. The REXCO team, alongside 150 volunteers and participants from the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, played a crucial role in the smooth execution of the event.

The convention was not just a spiritual retreat but a comprehensive formation program that addressed various aspects of a young person's life-spiritual, social,

physical, emotional, and psychological. The sessions were designed to empower the youth in their faith journey and equip them for modern-day challenges.

Key topics included:

- ★ Importance of Sacraments – Deepening the understanding of faith and its sacramental foundations.
- ★ Cyber Security – Addressing the digital challenges faced by today's youth.
- ★ Pro-Life Movement – Advocating for the sanctity of life.
- ★ Digital Evangelization – Preparing young Catholics for new-age evangelism.
- ★ Youth Movements & Jubilee Year 2025 – A special session by Fr. Chetan Machado, National Youth Director (CCBI), who enlightened the youth about their role in the Jubilee Year of Youth - 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Rev. Fr. G. Arogya Swamy further emphasized the significance of this sacred milestone.

The youth of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, particularly the young members of St. Theresa's Church, Sanathnagar, played an active role in the animation, coordination, and execution of the convention. Special mention must be made of Rev Sr. Nissy Pauline, the provincial of JMG Congregation sisters And Rev Sr. Sujatha the principle of St. Theresa's Girls high school and Rev. Fr. Justin, Asst. parish priest of St. Theresa's Church, whose unwavering support ensured the event's seamless organization.



The four-day convention was not just a celebration of faith but a renewal of commitment to the mission of the Church. It was a time of learning, sharing, and growing as a community—a generation of young Catholics, strengthened in hope, walking

without weariness towards a future anchored in Christ.

The 10th Regional Youth Convention was a beacon of inspiration, reinforcing the message that youth are not just the future of the Church but its present strength. The event successfully instilled a renewed sense of mission and hope, ensuring that the young generation remains steadfast in their faith and unafraid to evangelize in the modern world.

With hearts ablaze with hope, faith, and determination, the youth of the Telugu region are now ready to embrace their calling as Pilgrims of Hope, walking together in unity towards the Jubilee Year 2025 and beyond.

- Manisha Sharon Thompson,
Liturgy Secretary, DEXCO



National News

1. SOLEM DECLARATION OF MINOR BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF DIVINE GRACE, MOKAMA, PATNA DIOCESE ON 24TH JANUARY, 2025.



International News

1. Cycle of Catechesis. The most beloved of the Father.

Dear brothers and sisters

I wish to dedicate this and the next catechesis to children, and to reflect in particular on the scourge of child labour.

Nowadays we want to turn our gaze towards Mars or towards virtual worlds, but we struggle to look in the eyes of a child who has been left at the margins and who is exploited or abused. The century that generates artificial intelligence and plans multiplanetary existences has not yet reckoned with the scourge of humiliated, exploited, mortally wounded childhood. Let us think about this.

First of all, let us ask ourselves: what message does the Sacred Scripture give us about children? It is curious to note that the word that occurs most frequently in the Old Testament, after the divine name of Jahweh, is the word *ben*, that is, “son”: almost five thousand times. “Certainly, sons (*ben*) are a gift from the Lord, the fruit of the womb, a reward” (Ps 127:3). Children are a gift from God. Unfortunately, this gift is not always treated with respect. The Bible itself leads us through the streets of history where songs of joy resound, but also the cries of victims are raised. For example, in the book of Lamentations we read: “The tongue of the infant cleaves to the roof of its mouth in thirst; children beg for bread, but no one gives them a piece” (4:4); and the prophet Nahum, recalling what had happened in the ancient cities of Thebes and Nineveh, writes: “Even her little ones were dashed to pieces at the corner of every street” (3:10). Think of how many children, today, are dying of hunger and destitution, or torn apart by bombs.

The storm of the violence of Herod, who slaughters the infants of Bethlehem, erupts immediately even on the newborn Jesus. A dismal tragedy that repeats in other forms throughout history. And here, for Jesus and His parents, is the nightmare of becoming refugees in a foreign country, as still happens today to many people, to many children (cf. Mt 2:13-18). Once the storm has passed, Jesus grows up in a village never named in the Old Testament, Nazareth; He learns the carpenter’s trade from His legal father, Joseph (cf. Mk 6:3; Mt 13:55). In this way, “the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon Him” (Lk 2:40).

In His public life, Jesus went preaching from village to village together with His disciples. One day, some mothers approached Him and presented Him their children to bless; but the disciples rebuked Him. So Jesus, breaking with the tradition

according to which children were considered simply as passive objects, calls the disciples to Him and says: “Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these”. And He thus indicates the little ones as a model for adults. And He solemnly adds: “Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it” (Lk 18:16-17).

In a similar passage, Jesus calls to a child, places him among the disciples, and says: “Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven” (Mt 18:3). And then He cautions: “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea” (Mt 18:6).

Brothers and sisters, the disciples of Jesus Christ must never allow children to be neglected or mistreated, to be deprived of their rights, not to be loved or protected. Christians have the duty to earnestly prevent and firmly condemn violence or abuse against children.

Today too, in particular, there are too many children forced to work. But a child who does not smile, a child who does not dream cannot know or nurture his or her talents. In every part of the globe there are children who are exploited by an economy that does not respect life; an economy that, in so doing, consumes our greatest store of hope and love. But children occupy a special place in God’s heart, and whoever harms a child will have to account to Him.

Dear brothers and sisters, those who recognize themselves as children of God, and especially those who are sent to bring the glad tidings of the Gospel to others, cannot remain indifferent; they cannot accept that our little sisters and brothers, instead of being loved and protected, are robbed of their childhood, of their dreams, victims of exploitation and marginalization.

Let us ask the Lord to open our minds and hearts to care and tenderness, and for every boy and every girl to be able to grow in age, wisdom and grace (cf. Lk 2:52), receiving and giving love. Thank you.

Special greetings:

I extend a warm welcome to the English-speaking pilgrims, especially those coming from the United States of America and the Philippines. I pray that each of you, and your families, may cherish the joy of Christmas and draw near in prayer to the Saviour who has come to dwell among us. God bless you!

Summary of the Holy Father’s words:

Dear brothers and sisters: In this final catechesis of the Christmas season, I would like to reflect in a special way on children, their dignity and their welfare.

Our world, which can peer into the depths of space, is often blind to the desperate needs of innocent children all around us who are suffering from abject poverty, exploitation and abuse. The Gospels reveal Jesus' particular love for children, whom he holds up as a model for all those who desire to enter into the kingdom of heaven. As his disciples, we are called to make every effort to ensure that children are not robbed of their childhood and their dreams, especially by the brutality of war and the scourge of child labour. As we begin this Jubilee Year in the sign of hope, let us pray that every child in our world may come to experience love, freedom, security and the promise of a dignified future.

2. To hope is to begin again – John the Baptist

Dear brothers and sisters,

Many of you are here in Rome as “pilgrims of hope”. This morning, we are starting the Saturday Jubilee audiences, which will ideally welcome and embrace all those who are coming from all over the world in search of a new beginning. Indeed, the Jubilee is a new beginning, the possibility for everyone to start anew from God. With the Jubilee we start a new life, a new phase.

On these Saturdays I would like to highlight, from time to time, some aspects of hope. It is a theological virtue, the Catechism tells us. And in Latin, *virtus* means “strength”; thus, it is a strength that comes from God. Hope, therefore, is not a habit or a character trait – that you either have or you don’t – but a *strength to be asked for*. That is why we make ourselves pilgrims: we come to ask for a gift, to *start again* on life’s journey.

We are about to celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, and this makes us think about that *great prophet of hope, John the Baptist*. Jesus said something wonderful about him: that he is the greatest among those born of women (cf. *Lk 7:28*). We understand then why so many people flocked to him, longing for a new beginning, longing to start over. And the Jubilee helps us in this. The Baptist appeared truly great, he appeared credible in his personality. Just as we today pass through the Holy Door, so John proposed to cross the river Jordan, entering the Promised Land as Joshua had done the first time. To begin again, to receive the land all over again, like the first time. Sisters and brothers, this is the word: *begin again*. Let us put this in our heads and let us all say together: “begin again”. Let us say it together: begin again! [all repeat several times] There, don’t forget this: begin again

Jesus, however, immediately after that great compliment, adds something that makes us think: “I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he” (v. 28). Hope, brothers

and sisters, is everything in this qualitative step. It does not depend on us, but on the Kingdom of God. Here is the surprise: welcoming the Kingdom of God leads us to a new order of greatness. Our world, all of us, we need this! And us, what must we do? [Everyone: “Begin again!"]. Do not forget this.

When Jesus utters those words, the Baptist is in jail, full of questions. We too bring many questions on our pilgrimage, because there are many “Herods” who still oppose the Kingdom of God. Jesus, however, shows us the new path, the path of the Beatitudes, which are the surprising law of the Gospel. Let us ask ourselves, then: do I have within me a true desire to start again? Think about it, each one of you: inside myself, do I want to begin again? Do I want to learn from Jesus who is truly great? The least, in the Kingdom of God, is great. Because we must ... [Everyone: “Begin again!"].

From John the Baptist, then, we learn to recreate ourselves. Hope for our common home – this Earth of ours, so abused and wounded – and the hope for all human beings resides in the difference of God. His greatness is different. And let us start again from this originality of God, which shone in Jesus and which now binds us to serve, to love fraternally, to acknowledge ourselves as small. And to see the least, to listen to them and to be their voice. Here is the new beginning, our Jubilee. And so we must... [Everyone: “Begin again!"]. Thank you.

Special greetings:

I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and offer my cordial good wishes that the Jubilee will be for all of you a season of spiritual renewal and growth in the joy of the Gospel. Upon you and your families I gladly invoke God’s blessings of wisdom, strength and peace.

Summary of the Holy Father’s words:

Dear brothers and sisters: During this Jubilee Year, many of you have come to Rome as “pilgrims of hope”, confident in the power of God’s grace to offer us the possibility of a new beginning. Hope, as we know, is a virtue that enables us to trust in Christ’s promises and ask for their fulfilment in our lives. This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord by Saint John the Baptist. John’s message in calling for conversion was one of hope in the advent of the Messiah, a hope fulfilled in the coming of Jesus and his invitation to welcome the Kingdom of God. Like the crowds that flocked to the waters of the Jordan, may all who pass through the Holy Door this year receive the grace of interior renewal, openness to the dawn of God’s kingdom and its summons to conversion, fraternal love and concern for the least of our brothers and sisters.

Dates & Events to Remember

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| 02. Presentation of the Lord (F) | 10. St. Scholastica, Virgin (M) |
| 03. St. Blaise Bp and Mtr St. Ansgar Bp (Op.M) | 11. Our Lady of Lourdes (M) |
| 04. St. John de Britto Mtr (M) | 14. Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bp (M) |
| 05. St. Agatha Virgin and Mtr (M) | 18. St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, Priest (Op.M) |
| 06. Sts. Paul Miki and Companions martyrs (M) | 21. St. Peter Damian, Bp and Dr (Op.M) |
| 07. St. Gonsalo Garcia Martyr (M) | 22. Chair of Saint Peter, The Apostle (F) |
| 08. St. Jerome Emiliani,
St. Josephine Bakhitha, virgin (Op.M) | |

Happy Ordination day Dear Fathers

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| 03. Fr. Kata Joseph | 12. Fr. Bonagiri Albert |
| 10. Fr. Dian Issac | 13. Fr. Kandula Charles |
| 10. Fr. Gopu Sunder Reddy | 13. Fr. Dominic Savio |
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| 11. Fr. Madanu Hruday Kumar | 14. Fr. Thumma Arla |
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Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

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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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