



SHEPHERD'S CALL

NEWSLETTER OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



**PRIESTLY ORDINATION
ANNIVERSARY WISHES
TO OUR DEAR ARCHBISHOP
MOST REV. DR. POOLA ANTHONY**

**WE THE CLERGY, RELIGIOUS &
THE FAITHFUL WISH YOU
A HAPPY PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY
ON 20TH FEBRUARY, 2022**

COME

PARTICIPATE

RECEIVE BLESSINGS OF INFANT JESUS



THE MORE YOU HONOUR ME
THE MORE I WILL BLESS YOU

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

12th & 13th FEBRUARY 2022



03-02-2022: **THURSDAY** 5:30 PM. PROCESSION, HOLY MASS, FLAG HOISTING BY **MOST. REV. JAYARAO POLIMERA D.D** (Bishop of Eluru)

DAYS

NOVENA DAYS

THEME - CHRISTIAN FAMILY

04-02-2022: FRIDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass by	Fr. T. Fathima Reddy	- Called to be good parents
05-02-2022: SATURDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass by	Fr. K. Joji Babu	- Called to live your faith
06-02-2022: SUNDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass by	Fr. K. Thomas	- Called for challenges of fly life
07-02-2022: MONDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass by	Fr. CH. Praveen Kumar	- Called to promote faith
08-02-2022: TUESDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass by	Fr. G. Samson	- Called to love everyday
09-02-2022: WEDNESDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass by	Fr. Louis Kumar	- Called to live for God
10-02-2022: THURSDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass by	Fr. Swarna Bernard	- Called for family spirituality
11-02-2022: FRIDAY	5:30 PM. Procession, Holy Mass By	Fr. Dagani Xavier	- Called for reality check

12-02-2022 SATURDAY

7.00 AM,	Holy Mass in Telugu by	Fr. CH. Benjamin - Basics of Family life : Love, Forgiveness & Prayer...
5:00 PM,	Adoration, Word of God & Holy Mass by	Fr. G. Arogya Swamy - Called to be Communities of Faith, Hope & Love

13-02-2022: SUNDAY - INFANT JESUS FEAST DAY

4:00 AM,	Holy Mass in Telugu by	Fr. Michael S.H.S -Asst. P.P. Emjala
5:00 AM,	Holy Mass in Telugu by	Fr. Wilson O.S.A
6:00 AM,	CAR PROCESSION STARTS FROM BHOIGUDA	
6:00 AM,	Holy Mass in English by	Fr. Prince Xavier -Asst. P.P. Emjala
7:00 AM,	Holy Mass in Telugu by	Fr. Allam Arogya Reddy
8:00 AM,	Holy Mass in Tamil by	FR. UDUMALA J. CHINNAPPA REDDY - Parish Priest, Emjala
9.00 AM,	INFANT JESUS SOLEMN HIGH MASS IN ENGLISH BY	MOST. REV. RAYARALA VIJAY KUMAR D.D Bishop of Srikakulam
11.00 AM,	INFANT JESUS SOLEMN HIGH MASS IN TELUGU BY	MOST. REV. POOLA ANTHONY D.D Archbishop of Hyderabad
2:00 PM,	Prayer & Healing Service by	Fr. Bhagyaraj IC & Team
4:00 PM,	Procession and Benediction	

20-02-2022 Lowering of the Flag after 7.30 AM. Holy Mass.

R.T.C. SPECIAL BUSES FOR THE FESTIVAL:

On the Feast Day R.T.C runs special buses for pilgrims from city to Emjala Shrine with the name board **INFANT JESUS SPECIAL**. These buses start from Secunderabad Station, Tarnaka, Safilguda, Dilsukhnagar, Koti. The regular buses 277 from IMLIBUN Bus Depot, Nalgonda 'X' Roads and 102/277 Koti- Secunderabad and 279 from Jubilee Bus Station will operate as usual.

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 & Parishnors**

NOTE: KINDLY WEAR MASK AND MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING & SANITIZE

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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE THIRTIETH WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36).

Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity

Dear brothers and sisters,

Thirty years ago, Saint John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to encourage the people of God, Catholic health institutions and civil society to be increasingly attentive to the sick and to those who care for them.

We are grateful to the Lord for the progress made over the years in the particular Churches worldwide. Many advances have been made, yet there is still a long way to go in ensuring that all the sick, also those living in places and situations of great poverty and marginalization, receive the health care they need, as well as the pastoral care that can help them experience their sickness in union with the crucified and risen Christ. May the Thirtieth World Day of the Sick – whose closing celebration, due to the pandemic, will not take place as planned in Arequipa, Peru, but in Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican – help us grow in closeness and service to the sick and to their families.

1. Merciful like the Father

The theme chosen for this Thirtieth World Day of the Sick, *"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36)*, makes us first turn our gaze towards God,

who is “rich in mercy” (*Eph 2:4*); he always watches over his children with a father’s love, even when they turn away from him. Mercy is God’s name par excellence; mercy, understood not as an occasional sentimental feeling but as an ever-present and active force, expresses God’s very nature. It combines strength and tenderness. For this reason, we can say with wonder and gratitude that God’s mercy embraces both fatherhood and motherhood (cf. *Is 49:15*). God cares for us with the strength of a father and the tenderness of a mother; he unceasingly desires to give us new life in the Holy Spirit.

2. Jesus, the mercy of the Father

The supreme witness of the Father’s merciful love for the sick is his only-begotten Son. How often do the Gospels relate Jesus’ encounters with people suffering from various diseases! He “went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people” (*Mt 4:23*). We do well to ask ourselves why Jesus showed such great concern for the sick, so much so that he made it paramount in the mission of the apostles, who were sent by the Master to proclaim the Gospel and to heal the sick (cf. *Lk 9:2*).

One twentieth-century philosopher suggests a reason for this: “Pain isolates in an absolute way, and absolute isolation gives rise to the need to appeal to the other, to call out to the other”. When individuals experience frailty and suffering in their own flesh as a result of illness, their hearts become heavy, fear spreads, uncertainties multiply, and questions about the meaning of what is happening in their lives become all the more urgent. How can we forget, in this regard, all those patients who, during this time of pandemic spent the last part of their earthly life in solitude, in an intensive care unit, assisted by generous healthcare workers, yet far from their loved ones and the most important people in their lives? This helps us to see how important is the presence at our side of witnesses to God’s charity, who, following the example of Jesus, the very mercy of the Father, pour the balm of consolation and the wine of hope on the wounds of the sick.

3. To touch the suffering flesh of Christ

Jesus’ invitation to be merciful like the Father has particular significance for healthcare workers. I think of all those physicians, nurses, laboratory technicians, the support staff and the caretakers of the sick, as well as the numerous volunteers who donate their precious time to assist those who suffer. Dear healthcare workers, your service alongside the sick, carried out with love and competence, transcends the bounds of your profession and becomes a mission. Your hands, which touch the suffering flesh of Christ, can be a sign of the merciful hands of the Father. Be mindful of the great dignity of your profession, as well as the responsibility that it entails.

Let us thank the Lord for the progress that medical science has made, especially in recent times; new technologies have made it possible to prepare therapies that are of great benefit to the sick; research continues to make a valuable contribution to eliminating old and new pathologies; rehabilitation medicine has greatly expanded its expertise and skills. None of this, however, must make us forget the uniqueness of each patient, his or her dignity and frailties. Patients are always more important than their diseases, and for this reason, no therapeutic approach can prescind from listening to the patient, his or her history, anxieties and fears. Even when healing is not possible, care can always be given. It is always possible to console, it is always possible to make people sense a closeness that is more interested in the person than in his or her pathology. For this reason, I would hope that the training provided to health workers might enable them to develop a capacity for listening and relating to others.

4. Centres of care as “houses of mercy”

The World Day of the Sick is also a good occasion to focus our attention on centres of care. Down the centuries, showing mercy to the sick led the Christian community to open innumerable “inns of the good Samaritan”, where love and care can be given to people with various kinds of sickness, especially those whose health needs are not being met due to poverty or social exclusion or to the difficulties associated with treating certain pathologies. In these situations, it is children, the elderly and those who are most frail who most often pay the price. Merciful like the Father, countless missionaries have combined the preaching of the Gospel with the construction of hospitals, dispensaries and care homes. These are precious means whereby Christian charity has taken visible shape and the love of Christ, witnessed by that of his disciples, has become more credible. I think especially of people in the poorest areas of our planet, where it is sometimes necessary to travel long distances to find treatment centres that, albeit with limited resources, offer what is available. We still have a long way to go; in some countries, access to adequate care remains a luxury. We see this, for example, in the scarcity of available vaccines against Covid-19 in poor countries; but even more in the lack of treatment for illnesses that require much simpler medicines.

In this context, I wish to reaffirm the importance of Catholic healthcare institutions: they are a precious treasure to be protected and preserved; their presence has distinguished the history of the Church, showing her closeness to the sick and the poor, and to situations overlooked by others. How many founders of religious families have listened to the cry of their brothers and sisters who lack access to care or are poorly cared for, and have given their utmost in their service! Today too, even in the most developed countries, their presence is a blessing, since

in addition to caring for the body with all necessary expertise, they can always offer the gift of charity, which focuses on the sick themselves and their families. At a time in which the culture of waste is widespread and life is not always acknowledged as worthy of being welcomed and lived, these structures, like “houses of mercy”, can be exemplary in protecting and caring for all life, even the most fragile, from its beginning until its natural end.

5. Pastoral mercy: presence and proximity

In the past thirty years, pastoral health care has also seen its indispensable service increasingly recognized. If the worst discrimination suffered by the poor – including the sick, who are poor in health – is the lack of spiritual attention, we cannot fail to offer them God’s closeness, his blessing and his word, as well as the celebration of the sacraments and the opportunity for a journey of growth and maturation in faith. In this regard, I would like to remind everyone that closeness to the sick and their pastoral care is not only the task of certain specifically designated ministers; visiting the sick is an invitation that Christ addresses to all his disciples. How many sick and elderly people are living at home and waiting for a visit! The ministry of consolation is a task for every baptized person, mindful of the word of Jesus: “I was sick and you visited me” (Mt 25:36).

Dear brothers and sisters, to the intercession of Mary, Health of the Infirm, I entrust all the sick and their families. United with Christ, who bears the pain of the world, may they find meaning, consolation and trust. I pray for healthcare workers everywhere, that, rich in mercy, they may offer patients, together with suitable care, their fraternal closeness.

To all I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

Francis

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 10 December 2021, Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto.

POPE’S INTENTION: FEBRUARY 2022

For religious sisters and consecrated women:
We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.





Archbishop's Message



All over the world the Catholic Church will, in this month of February, once again celebrate the feast of the chair of St. Peter. In doing so, all faithful Catholics personally profess their firm adherence to the Petrine office of our Lord's college of Apostles as the divinely established principle and foundation of the visible unity of the body of His Apostles and Bishops and of His whole Church in His Holy Spirit in accordance with our Lord's own infallible words to St. Peter: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church..... I will give you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven (Mt. 16:18-19)." And again "Feed My lambs", "Tend My sheep" (Jn. 21:15,16). Our profession of faith in the Chair of St. Peter is included in the Apostles' creed: "I believe in the one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church." Through these commands the Son our Lord Jesus Christ indicated that He was calling St. Peter (and all the future successors in the Petrine office) to serve and participate in His own appointment from the eternal Father as the good Shepherd of His sheep: "I will set up over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I the Lord will be their God, and My servant David shall be prince among them (Ezek. 34:23-24)." Therefore the Eternal Son Jesus our Lord solemnly said that He was going to lay down His bodily life and take it up again in order to fulfill this divine appointment from His Eternal Father for us and for our salvation when He declared "I am the good shepherd. I know My sheep and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life to take it up again (Jn. 10:14-17)."

Our celebration of the feast of the chair of St. Peter this month offers us a good opportunity to perceive and study the truth and evolution of the participation of our Holy Father Pope Francis in the Holy Spirit in this work of the Eternal Father's one good Shepherd the Son our Lord Jesus Christ at the Father's right hand through his right understanding and faithful discharge of all the duties of the Petrine office. And as good Catholics, let us renew the Church's tradition of praying for the Holy Father for his personal protection and the eschatological fruitfulness of his obedience of faith to our Lord Jesus Christ in the Petrine office out of love for Him and for all of us His flock.

Solemnities and Feasts

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 02nd

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany (January 6), the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later—February 15. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification. The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.



At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemass.

Source: catholicnewsagency.com

ST. JOHN DE BRITTO

February 04th



St John De Britto, of the high nobility, was educated as a page with the royal Prince (later Peter II). He entered the Jesuits in December 1662 and was ordained in January 1673. He arrived in Goa in September 1673, he followed the ascetic, withdrawn life of a sannyasi missionary that R. de nobili had led, thus having access to both Brahmins and the lower castes. His labors were successful, although handicapped by war and other disasters. After a period spent farther south (1679–85), he returned to Marava and was imprisoned (July 17, 1686), tortured, and expelled from the country. In September 1687, he returned to Portugal but was not allowed to go to Rome to report in person. In March 1689, he left again for India, where he was visitor of the Jesuit mission (1691). He had great success, converting many to Christianity, including the feudal chief of Siruvalli. The chief then dismissed all his wives except the first. Among those dismissed was the niece of the Prince of Marava. The prince, with Brahmin support, began a persecution. He had the missionary brought before him and sent him to Oriyūr, where he was beheaded. John was beatified Feb. 17, 1852, and canonized June 22, 1947. *Source: encyclopedia.com*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

February 11th

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: "O Mary conceived without sin." Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

February 22nd

The chair of St. Peter is a symbol of authority, as Jesus refers to this in Matthew 23: 2, when he commands and warns the crowd and his disciples, "The Scribes and Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses". The "chair" is metaphorically referring to the teaching and judging office that Moses held in the Name of God. The name that Jesus gives to Peter is a second metaphor for an office of teaching and judging, and to drive the point home, Jesus uses a third metaphor by speaking of the "Keys of the kingdom of Heaven" Mathew 16:19. The "power of the keys" is used in many ways; some are specific to the Office of St. Peter the Papacy, others are shared with those ordained to priestly ministry, the Sacrament of Confession.



This feast day is an anniversary and celebration of the "authority" of the Papacy, and the particular mission entrusted to St. Peter by Jesus. The Roman Missal explains, the symbol of the chair, and emphasizes the mission of teacher and pastor of Christ conferred upon Peter, to whom He formed in His person and in St. Peter's successors, a visible foundation of unity of the Church. The chair, literally is a fixed seat of the supreme Pontiff and the Bishops, permanently placed in the Mother Church of the Diocese – Cathedral, and is the symbol of the Bishop and his ordinary magisterium in the local church. The Chair of St. Peter indicates his position in the Apostolic College, established by the express will of Jesus, who assigned the task of "feeding" the flock, to lead the People of God, the Church.

Source: newmanministry.com

Archbishop's Engagements

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| 01. Tue | : | Not Available |
| 02. Wed | (Morning) : | In Office |
| | 06:00 p.m. : | Diaconate Ordinations of brothers belonging to Missionaries of Compassion Congregation at Shrine of Our Lady of Grace, Aliabad |
| 03. Thu | (Morning) : | In Office |
| 05. Sat | 10:00 a.m. : | 1 st Holy Communions and Confirmations at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Ramnagar |
| 06. Sun | 08:00 a.m. : | 1 st Holy Communions and Confirmations at St. Anthony's Church, Gandhinagar |
| 07-08. Mon -Tue | (Morning) : | In Office |
| 09. Wed | : | Monthly Recollection for the Clergy at Archbishop's house, Sec-bad. |
| 10. Thu | : | Mass at Gunadala Matha Shrine, Vijayawada |
| 11. Fri | : | Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (Not Available) |
| 12. Sat | 10:00 a.m. : | Festive Mass, 1 st Holy Communions and Confirmations at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sangareddy |
| 13. Sun | 11:30 a.m. : | Annual Feast of Infant Jesus Shrine, Emjala |
| 14. Mon | (Morning) : | In Office |

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| 15. Tue | 09:30 a.m. | : | Priestly Ordination of Dn. Gollapudi Joseph MSFS at Bheemanapally Parish, Nalgonda |
| 16. Wed | 10:30 a.m. | : | Platinum Jubilee Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Dargulla (Gagillapuram Sub-station) |
| 17. Thu | 10:30 a.m. | : | Graduation day at St. Joseph's High School, Trimulgherry |
| 18. Fri | 09:30 a.m. | : | Silver Jubilee Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at Patigadda, Nalgonda |
| 19. Sat | 05:00 p.m. | : | Mass: 'World Marriage Day' at St. Mary's Pharmacy College, Sec'bad |
| 20. Sun | 09:00 a.m. | : | 1 st Holy Communions and Confirmations at St. Anthony's Church, Venkatapuram |
| 21. Mon | (Morning) | : | In Office |
| 22. Tue | 10:30 a.m. | : | Golden Jubilee Mass at St. Peter's Church, Bodhan |
| 23. Wed | 10:00 a.m. | : | Silver Jubilee Mass at St. Bernard's Church, Ammuguda |
| 24-25. Thu-Fri | (Morning) | : | In Office |
| 27. Sun | 09:00 a.m. | : | 1 st Holy Communions and Confirmations at St. John Maria Vianney Church, Bhoiguda |
| 28. Mon | (Morning) | : | In Office |

27th January, 2022
Archbishop's House

+ Poola Anthony
Archbishop of Hyderabad

Communications

1. The Monthly Recollection is arranged for all the Clergy in the Archdiocese at the Archbishop's House, Secunderabad on 09th February, 2022 at Vianney Hall.
Time: 9 am to 12:00 noon.
2. The Elections for Priests' Senate Body as per Canon Law will be conducted at Vianney Hall, Archbishop's House, Secunderabad on **09th February, 2022 from 12:00 noon to 01.30 p.m.** I here-by invite all the Hyderabad Archdiocesan Priests to come and participate in these elections. Do come without fail.
3. The world day of the sick is celebrated on 11th February 2022. 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, 2022 (The Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes). The theme given by Holy Father for the World Day of the Sick is *Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36).*
4. There are number of issues with regard to the documents of lands/property belonging to the Archdiocese.
 - I request the Parish Priests, Correspondents, Principals, heads of the institutions, Priest in charges to verify the original documents and submit them to the Chancellor.
 - Please make a list with details of property, land, rentals, leased, cultivation and hostel ect in the parish, sub-station, school, college and forward to the Chancellor.
 - You may contact the Archbishop's Secretary to check your Parish/ institution file in the Archives, if you don't have the documents in your office.
 - We are planning to Digitalize the Land/property documents. Kindly cooperate and do the needful.
5. A Meeting is arranged for the Synodal Team together with all the Deans on 9th February 2022 from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

6. All the priests are hereby asked not to involve in any schemes, programmes, policies and projects where promises are made to pay back in multifold. Also not to involve in any kind of schemes that promise to send people abroad, get them jobs, admissions or loans. The Archdiocese of Hyderabad is not responsible and do not encourage or foster such unauthorized or fraudulent schemes.

ARCHDIOCESAN EDUCATIONAL FUND :

Fixed Deposit as on 27th January, 2022 : Rs. 6,59,03,210/-
(with interest)

Amount in Savings Account : Rs. 10,56,186/-

RECEIPT OF LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Parish/Individual	No. of Masses
04.01.2022	BANDLINES	200
04.01.2022	FR. L. MENEZES	11
05.01.2022	SECUNDERABAD	304
06.01.2022	METTUGUDA	1000
13.01.2022	FR. STEPHEN THOMAS	13
11.01.2022	BOWENPALLY	500
11.01.2022	GANDHINAGAR	200
12.01.2022	VENKATAPURAM	140
12.01.2022	LALLAGUDA	300
15.01.2022	DAMMAIGUDA	2000

Archdiocesan News

1. WORLD MARRIAGE DAY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD – 19th FEBRUARY 2022

The Family Apostolate together with Worldwide Marriage Encounter is organizing **WORLD MARRIAGE DAY** for married couples of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad on Saturday 19th February 2022 at St. Mary's Pharmacy College Auditorium, Secunderabad. This occasion is normally celebrated every year on the second Sunday of February.

The program will begin with Holy Mass by our Archbishop Most Rev. Poola Anthony at 5:00 p.m. followed by a short interaction, Archbishop's address, felicitation of jubilee couples (25 and 50 years of marriage) and refreshments. As we are still in COVID times there will be a limit of two couples per parish. Information regarding this event and registration forms are sent to you. The last date to submit registration forms will be on or before 14th February 2021. Deans and Parish Priests are cordially invited to join this special occasion. Your presence will be a great encouragement to the couples of the Archdiocese and will go a long way in strengthening the bonds of marriage in the Catholic Community. If there are any Jubilarian couples (25th and 50th) please encourage them to attend as they will be felicitated at this event.

- Fr. David Francis, Family Apostolate

2. DATES FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE- 2022

● January – 18th & 19th ● February – No MPC, World Marriage Day on 19th February ● March – 12th & 13th ● April – 09th & 10th ● May – No MPC ● June – 11th & 12th	● July – 09th & 10th ● August – 13th & 14th ● September – 10th & 11th ● October – No MPC, MPC Training Program cum Consultation ● November – 12th & 13th ● December – 10th & 11th
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- Candidates should register online along with parish priest letter, and a photograph
- Registration fee of Rs. 1000/- only if the course is online then payment is Rs. 200/- only
- Will keep you all posted monthly whether the program is offline or online
- Attendance at all sessions is mandatory
- For further details contact: 9490941460/9515110473

- Fr. David Francis, Family Apostolate

3. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONS AT ST. SEBASTIAN'S CHURCH, SAINIKPURI ON 15TH JANUARY '22



4. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONS AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH, ALWAL ON 16TH JANUARY '22



5. ANNUAL FEAST, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONS AT ST. AGNES CHURCH, SHAPURNAGAR ON 17TH JANUARY '22



6. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONS AT ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, MUDFORT ON 22ND JANUARY '22



7. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONS AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BOLARUM ON 23RD JANUARY '22



8. ANNUAL FEAST, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATIONS AT ST. PAUL THE HERMIT CHURCH, NANDRAKAL ON 25TH JANUARY '22



9. INAUGURAL OF WEBSITE *familyoffaith.in* FOR FAMILY OF FAITH BY MOST REV. DR. POOLA ANTHONY ON 01ST DECEMBER, 2021. THIS WEBSITE IS FOR FOUNDATION LEVEL COURSE IN COLLABORATION WITH CATHOLIC ONLINE SCHOOL

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CONVENOR.**



10. CATHOLIC BANK: Inauguration of new A.C. premises of CATHOLIC BANK, Secunderabad Branch on 29th November, 2021 by Archbishop of Hyderabad at S.D. Road, beside St Mary's Basilica. Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony has blessed the premises. Inaugural function was well attended by Govt. officials and its customers. Bank was established originally in the year 1998 at Ramnagar, was shifted to existing premise at Amruthavani building. It's another branch is in church premises at Sanathnagar. It proposes to shortly extend co-branded ATM card services.

- Catholic Bank, S.D. Road, Sec'bad



Regional News

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January 26, 2022

Your Graces and Excellencies,

Greetings from TCBC Commission for VSCR!

The Regional commission for VSCR is unable to conduct physical seminar for the priests of our Telugu Regions this year due to fast spreading of COVID-19. The Commission is planning to conduct a webinar on February 16, 2022 from 6 pm to 8 pm for all the diocesan priests of Telugu regions. **The resource person is Rev. Dr. Rajkumar SJ (Systematic Theology Professor at Vidya Jyothi College, New Delhi). The theme of the webinar is "The Christian meaning of suffering and hope in Corona Context".**

I request you to publish this information in your diocesan News letter of February edition and encourage your priests to participate in this webinar. They can enrol their names with Fr. P. Raja Reddy, the Secretary to TCBC Commission for VSCR. The webinar ID and Password will informed very shortly. Cell: 9985468349. Email: pentreddyraja92@gmail.com.

With kind regards and prayerful wishes

Yours sincerely

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Bishop of Guntur &

Chairman for TCBC Commission for VSCR.



National News

1. WANT TO KNOW *HOLY CHILDHOOD*

Charles de Forbin-Janson was born in Paris, in 1785, into a noble and Catholic family.



During his seminary time, Charles attends the chapel of foreign missions in Paris, begins to listen to the stories of the missionaries about their work in China and the thousands of children that priests and nuns welcome, care for, educate, baptize and teach them to live according to Christian values.

As a Priest, in his spare time, Charles dedicated himself to catechism for the children of his parish and teaches them to pray. He thinks continually of those poor children who cannot grow in the beauty of faith, of the many children in China who have no one to teach them who God is. In the mid-nineteenth century, Bishop Charles de Forbin-Janson was upset by the news coming from China about the children who were dying without having received Baptism.

Regretting that he could not personally leave as a missionary, Charles asked for advice from Pauline Jaricot, the foundress of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Bishop Charles met Pauline Jaricot a second time, the decisive one for the start of a new work. What she had organized for adults in France, he would have organized for children from all over Europe. Charles was overjoyed: the children would help their brothers and sisters and not only those of China, but of all the missions in the world.



Bishop Charles got the idea to involve the children so that through prayer and material cooperation, they could help the Chinese children of their same age. “One Hail Mary a day, one small coin a month” was the commitment made by every child from the first moment.

It was on May 19th 1843 and through this initiative the seed was sown from which the Society germinated. Years later, the motto would be coined, “CHILDREN

HELPING CHILDREN” which sums up well the founder’s intuition and the Society’s charisma.

On May 3, 1922, mindful of the Society’s great contribution to the missions for nearly eighty years, Pope Pius XI made it his own and recognized it as Pontifical.

On December 4, 1950, Pope Pius XII created the World Day of the Holy Childhood, and declared the day of the Epiphany as the date for its celebration, but leaving each nation free to adapt the date to local needs.

MISSION OF HOLY CHILDHOOD

PRAYER: The children of the Missionary Childhood pray every day for the other children and for the spread of the Gospel message.

CONTRIBUTION: This is the fruit of the missionary children’s sacrifices and all those who want to give a better future to the children in the world. Thanks to this aid, so many children can know Jesus and the Gospel, eat, study, have a roof over their heads where they can sleep, take care of themselves.

MISSIONARY WITNESS: Through their behaviour and their message, the missionary children are witnesses and an example for their peers and the whole community.

2. LITURGY FOR THE HOLY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY 2022

13th February 2022 (06th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C)

Introduction:

Today, the Church celebrates the Holy Childhood Sunday, in order to promote, encourage and support Children Helping Children. The theme for the year 2022 is *‘Let us Share...’* be reflected, not only today, but in every activity throughout our life.

The motto of the Holy Childhood has been enriched to
CHILDREN EVANGELIZING CHILDREN,
CHILDREN PRAYING FOR CHILDREN, and
CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN WORLDWIDE.

Through their behaviour and life’s message, the missionary children are witnesses and an example for their peers and the whole community.

In this Eucharistic celebration, let us join together and pray for all the children. More importantly for those who influence the children directly or indirectly, to be a witness, like Parents, Family, Relatives, Friends, Teachers, Catechists, Animators, Religious, Priests, and others.

Let us also pray for those children who are victims of various evils that prevail in the world, which affect their growth and development - physically, intellectually, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually. In a special way let us also remember and pray for all the children who are dying without having received Baptism.

As Jesus teaches us the great values of life through the beatitudes, let us also make all the possible efforts to live the beatitudes, and especially teach them to our children.

Prayer of the Faithful:

Cel: Dear sisters, brothers and children in Christ, we learn the values of God's Kingdom from the Beatitudes. Let us ask God to strengthen us to follow them sincerely, and pray:

Lord hear our prayer.

1. For the leaders of the Church, that they may live the values taught by Jesus and light up the lives of the faithful who are entrusted to their care. *Let us Pray to the Lord.*
2. For all the Children, that they understand the importance of helping, praying and evangelizing other children, and live a life of Missionary Children in their everyday activities. *Let us Pray to the Lord.*
3. For the Children to help other children monetarily and spiritually, by way of sharing what they have, with the spirit of solidarity and missionary charity of the work. *Let us Pray to the Lord.*
4. For all of us who are gathered in this Eucharistic assembly: Help us to live as the Beatitudes of Jesus, especially by being a witness to the children and help all of us to learn the values of God's Kingdom. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. For the children who are dying without receiving baptism, for the unwanted

child before they are born, and for all the diseased, that they may enjoy the peace and joy in the company of saints in heaven. *Let us Pray to the Lord.*

Pray silently for our personal and community needs.

Cel: God our Father, you have blessed us with your words that teaches us to be your true witnesses. We ask you to bless all the children in a special way today, that they may be an example by their behaviour and life. We place all these prayers and petitions through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After Communion:

THE TOGO CHILDREN'S PRAYER

O Infant Jesus,
model of Holy Childhood,
Grant to all the children of the world
to grow up in a family
like the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Like You,
may they rejoice in love and affection
of parents and relatives.
May they receive human and religious education
in order to grow in wisdom, maturity and grace
in the presence of God
and with human community.

Allow them to be fully accompanied
by loving adults,
so that they be worthily prepared
to take their role in the Church and in society.

We ask You through the intercession of
the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph.
Amen.

International News

1. POPE CALLS FOR ERADICATION OF CHILD LABOUR

In a message, signed by Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, on the Pope's behalf, and addressed to the Director of the UN's Rome based Food and Agriculture Organization, where a Global Solutions Forum entitled "Acting Together to End Child Labour in Agriculture" took place on 2 and 3 November, Pope Francis has called for a joint international commitment to eradicate the scourge of child labour.

Using strong words to decry the exploitation of children in the production processes of the globalized economy for the profit and gain of others, Pope Francis reiterated the Church's commitment to continue to promote and coordinate initiatives to protect children, for the good of children themselves and for all humanity.

His message upholding the right to health, education, and a future for all children across the globe was addressed to participants in an International Conference promoted by the Vatican COVID-19 Commission of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the FAO, the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization.

Entitled "Eradicating Child Labour, Building a Better Future," the conference is held at a time in which the elimination of child labour has stalled for the first time in 20 years with some 160 million children suffering of the situation that is exacerbated by the pandemic. It also falls in the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour: one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The Pope noted that the safeguard of children's fundamental rights is crucial for the present and future of humanity: "The way we relate to children, the extent to which we respect their innate human dignity and their fundamental rights, expresses the kind of adults we are and want to be and the kind of society we want to build."

He remarked on the paradox of galloping technological innovations side by side with the persistence of the use of children in work activities in every part of the world.

"This puts their health and mental and physical well-being at risk and deprives them of the right to education and to live their childhood with joy and serenity. The pandemic has further aggravated the situation," he said.

Children exploited for the profit and gain of others. The Holy Father pointed out that child labour is not to be confused with the small domestic tasks that children may perform as part of family life: “Child labour is something else entirely! It is the exploitation of children in the production processes of the globalized economy for the profit and gain of others.”

Child labour, he said, denies children’s “right to health, education and harmonious growth, including the possibility to play and to dream.”

“It is the robbery of the future of children, and therefore of humanity itself. It is a violation of human dignity,” he said.

He pointed to extreme poverty, lack of work and the consequent desperation of families as the factors that most expose children to labour exploitation, and said that in order to eradicate this scourge, a joint effort is needed to “eradicate poverty, to correct the distortions of the current economic system, which concentrates wealth in the hands of the few.”

In this perspective, he called on states and business actors to create decent work opportunities with fair wages that allow families to meet their needs without their children being forced to work.”

He also called for joint efforts “to promote quality education in every country that is free for all, as well as a health care system that is accessible to all without distinction.”

“All social actors are called upon to combat child labour and its causes,” the Pope said, noting that the participation in this Conference of representatives of international organizations, civil society, business and the Church “is a sign of great hope.”

A question of civilization: Pope Francis concluded urging the Vatican institutions to continue in its work to facilitate and coordinate initiatives and efforts in the fight against child labour and thanking all participants for their commitment to this cause, which he described as a true question of civilization.

Let us always keep in mind the words of Jesus in the Gospel, he said: “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

-Linda Bordoni, Vatican News

Dates & Events to Remember

02. The Presentation of the Lord (F)
03. Sts. Blaise & Ansgar (Op. M)
04. St. John de Britto, Pt & Mrtr (F)
05. St. Agatha, Vrg & Mrtr (M)
07. St. Gansalo Garcia, Mrtr (M)
08. Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita (Op. M)
10. St. Scholastica, Vrg (M)
11. Our Lady of Lourdes (Op. M)



14. Sts. Cyril & Methodius (M)
18. St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara (M)
21. St. Peter Damian, Bp & Dr (Op. M)
22. The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (F)
23. St. Polycarp, Bp & Mrtr (M)

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

03. Fr. Lancelot Menezes
03. Fr. Yelugu Jude Raj
08. Fr. Samala Marianna Michael



13. Fr. Bandanadam Prem Kumar
28. Fr. Dodda Sunder

Necrology



03. Fr. Marneni Devanand
07. Fr. Kakumanu Rayanna
09. Fr. Annapareddy Innaiah
13. Most Rev. Vigano Pietro PIME
13. Archbishop S. Arulappa
28. Archbishop Gopu Mark
28. Fr. Dominic Sylvester

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

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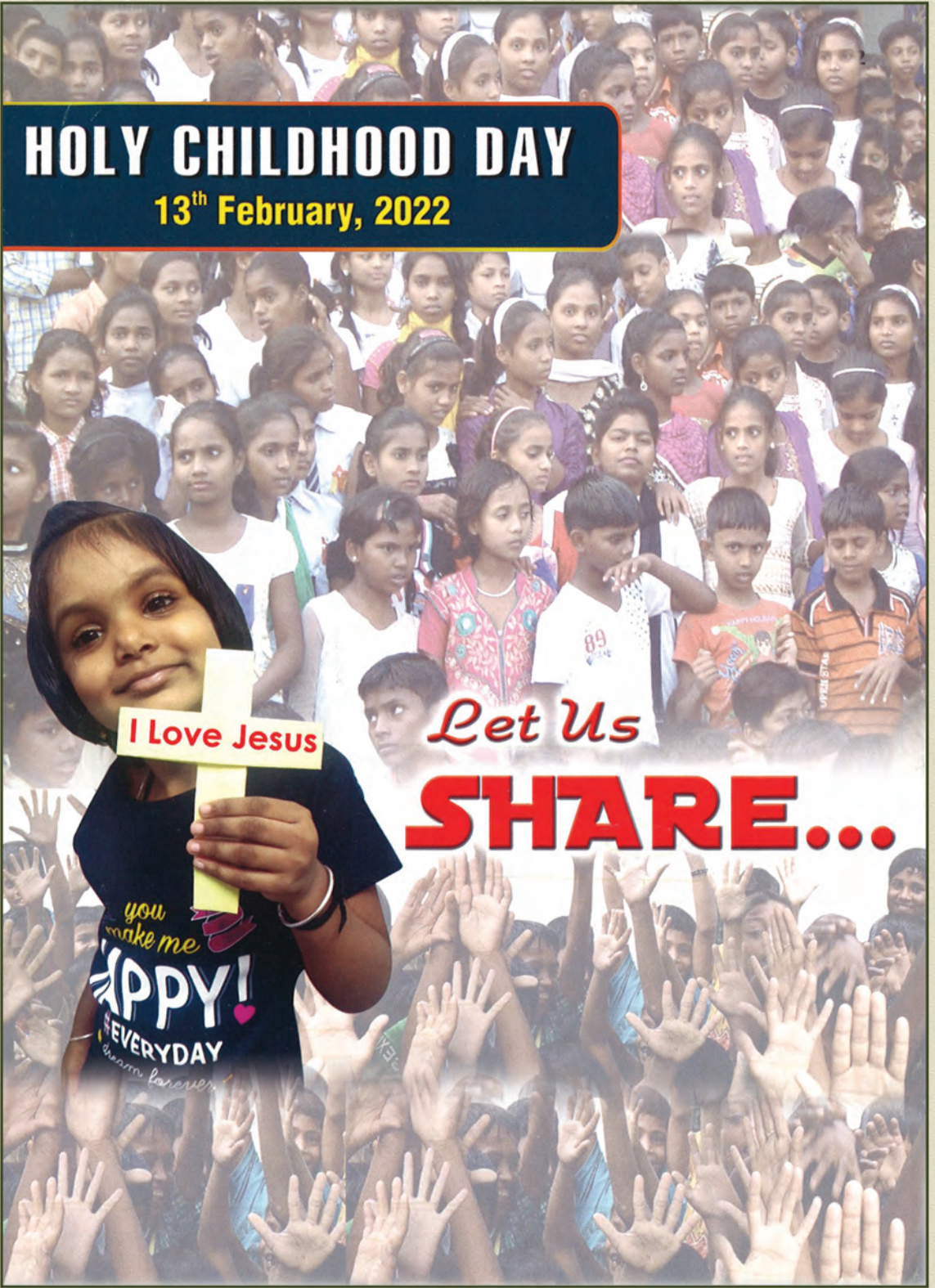
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I Love Jesus

Let Us

SHARE...

you
make me
HAPPY!
EVERYDAY
dream forever

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

(FEBRUARY 11, 2022)



**"BE MERCIFUL,
EVEN AS YOUR FATHER IS MERCIFUL"**
(Lk 6:36)



**STANDING BESIDE THOSE WHO SUFFER
ON A PATH OF CHARITY**



**THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
WE PRAY FOR HEALING AND INNER STRENGTH
TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK.
MAY THE COMPASSIONATE MOTHER MARY
WIPE AWAY THE DEADLY VIRUS AND ITS EFFECTS
FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH
AND RESTORE HEALTH AND
SUSTAIN PEACE ALL OVER THE WORLD.**