



SHEPHERD'S CALL

NEWSLETTER OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD

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PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

PLEASE SAY THIS PRAYER TO OBTAIN PEACE IN THE LAND OF UKRAINE.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF
THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AMEN.

ALMIGHTY GOD, THROUGH JESUS' DIVINE NAME
AND THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY,
WE HUMBLY ASK FOR YOUR MERCY.
TO OBTAIN PEACE IN THE LAND OF UKRAINE.
MAY ALL THE PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY,
ESPECIALLY KIDS AND ELDERS,
REMAIN SAFE FROM DANGER.
PLEASE DO NOT LET CHAOS AND WAR REIGN
IN THE LAND OF UKRAINE, BUT ONLY
A FOREVER PEACE THAT COMES FROM YOU.
AMEN.

OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY, GLORY BE



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MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR LENT 2022

“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, *let us do good to all*” (Gal 6:9-10)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul’s exhortation to the Galatians: “Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (*kairós*), let us do good to all” (Gal 6:9-10).

1. SOWING AND REAPING

In these words, the Apostle evokes the image of sowing and reaping, so dear to Jesus (cf. Mt 13). Saint Paul speaks to us of a *kairós*: an opportune time for sowing goodness in view of a future harvest. What is this “opportune time” for us? Lent is certainly such an opportune time, but so is our entire existence, of which Lent is in some way an image.¹ All too often in our lives, greed, pride and the desire to possess, accumulate and consume have the upper hand, as we see from the story of the foolish man in the Gospel parable, who thought his life was safe and secure because of the abundant grain and goods he had stored in his barns (cf. Lk 12:16-21). Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life’s truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in

sowing and sharing goodness.

The first to sow is God himself, who with great generosity “continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 54). During Lent we are called to respond to God’s gift by accepting his word, which is “living and active” (*Heb* 4:12). Regular listening to the word of God makes us open and docile to his working (cf. *Jas* 1:21) and bears fruit in our lives. This brings us great joy, yet even more, it summons us to become God’s co-workers (cf. *1 Cor* 3:9). By making good use of the present time (cf. *Eph* 5:16), we too can sow seeds of goodness. This call to sow goodness should not be seen as a burden but a grace, whereby the Creator wishes us to be actively united with his own bountiful goodness.

What about the harvest? Do we not sow seeds in order to reap a harvest? Of course! Saint Paul points to the close relationship between sowing and reaping when he says: “Anyone who sows sparsely will reap sparsely as well, and anyone who sows generously will reap generously as well” (*2 Cor* 9:6). But what kind of harvest are we talking about? A first fruit of the goodness we sow appears in ourselves and our daily lives, even in our little acts of kindness. In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no “generous effort” will ever be lost (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 279). Just as we recognize a tree by its fruits (cf. *Mt* 7:16, 20), so a life full of good deeds radiates light (cf. *Mt* 5:14-16) and carries the fragrance of Christ to the world (cf. *2 Cor* 2:15). Serving God in freedom from sin brings forth fruits of sanctification for the salvation of all (cf. *Rom* 6:22).

In truth, we see only a small portion of the fruits of what we sow, since, according to the Gospel proverb, “one sows, while another reaps” (*Jn* 4:37). When we sow for the benefit of others, we share in God’s own benevolent love: “it is truly noble to place our hope in the hidden power of the seeds of goodness we sow, and thus to initiate processes whose fruits will be reaped by others” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 196). Sowing goodness for the benefit of others frees us from narrow self-interest, infuses our actions with gratuitousness, and makes us part of the magnificent horizon of God’s benevolent plan.

The word of God broadens and elevates our vision: it tells us that the real harvest is eschatological, the harvest of the last, undying day. The mature fruit of our lives and actions is “fruit for eternal life” (*Jn* 4:36), our “treasure in heaven” (*Lk* 12:33; 18:22). Jesus himself uses the image of the seed that dies in the ground in order to bear fruit as a symbol of the mystery of his death and resurrection (cf. *Jn* 12:24); while Saint Paul uses the same image to speak of the resurrection of our bodies: “What is sown is perishable, but what is raised is imperishable; what is sown is contemptible but what is raised is glorious; what is sown is weak, but what is raised is powerful; what is sown is a natural body, and what is raised is a spiritual body” (*1 Cor* 15:42-44). The hope of resurrection is the great light that the risen Christ

brings to the world, for “if our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are of all people the most pitiable. In fact, however, Christ has been raised from the dead, as the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep” (1 Cor 15:19-20). Those who are intimately united to him in love “by dying a death like his” (Rom 6:5) will also be united to his resurrection for eternal life (cf. Jn 5:29). “Then the upright will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father” (Mt 13:43).

2. “LET US NOT GROW TIRED OF DOING GOOD”

Christ’s resurrection enlivens earthly hopes with the “great hope” of eternal life, planting the seed of salvation in our present time (cf. BENEDICT XVI, *Spe Salvi*, 3; 7). Bitter disappointment at shattered dreams, deep concern for the challenges ahead and discouragement at the poverty of our resources, can make us tempted to seek refuge in self-centredness and indifference to the suffering of others. Indeed, even our best resources have their limitations: “Youths grow tired and weary, the young stumble and fall” (Is 40:30). Yet God “gives strength to the weary, he strengthens the powerless... Those who hope in the Lord will regain their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; though they run they will not grow weary, though they walk they will never tire» (Is 40:29, 31). The Lenten season calls us to place our faith and hope in the Lord (cf. 1 Pet 1:21), since only if we fix our gaze on the risen Christ (cf. Heb 12:2) will we be able to respond to the Apostle’s appeal, “Let us never grow tired of doing good” (Gal 6:9).

Let us not grow tired of praying. Jesus taught us to “pray always without becoming weary” (Lk 18:1). We need to pray because we need God. Thinking that we need nothing other than ourselves is a dangerous illusion. If the pandemic has heightened the awareness of our own personal and social fragility, may this Lent allow us to experience the consolation provided by faith in God, without whom we cannot stand firm (cf. Is 7:9). No one attains salvation alone, since we are all in the same boat, amid the storms of history;² and certainly no one reaches salvation without God, for only the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ triumphs over the dark waters of death. Faith does not spare us life’s burdens and tribulations, but it does allow us to face them in union with God in Christ, with the great hope that does not disappoint, whose pledge is the love that God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:1-5).

Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives. May the corporal fasting to which Lent calls us fortify our spirit for the battle against sin. *Let us not grow tired of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation*, knowing that God never tires of forgiving.³ *Let us not grow tired of fighting against concupiscence*, that weakness which induces to selfishness and all evil, and finds in the course of history a variety of ways to lure men and women into sin (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 166). One of these is addiction to the digital media, which impoverishes human

relationships. Lent is a propitious time to resist these temptations and to cultivate instead a more integral form of human communication (ibid., 43) made up of “authentic encounters” (ibid., 50), face-to-face and in person.

Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbours. During this Lent, may we practise almsgiving by giving joyfully (cf. 2 Cor 9:7). God who “supplies seed to the sower and bread for food” (2 Cor 9:10) enables each of us not only to have food to eat, but also to be generous in doing good to others. While it is true that we have our entire life to sow goodness, let us take special advantage of this Lenten season to care for those close to us and to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lie wounded along the path of life (cf. Lk 10:25-37). Lent is a favourable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in need; to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely. Let us put into practice our call to do good to all, and take time to love the poor and needy, those abandoned and rejected, those discriminated against and marginalized (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 193).

3. “IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP, WE SHALL REAP OUR HARVEST IN DUE TIME”

Each year during Lent we are reminded that “goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day” (ibid., 11). Let us ask God to give us the patient perseverance of the farmer (cf. Jas 5:7), and to persevere in doing good, one step at a time. If we fall, let us stretch out our hand to the Father, who always lifts us up. If we are lost, if we are misled by the enticements of the evil one, let us not hesitate to return to God, who “is generous in forgiving” (Is 55:7). In this season of conversion, sustained by God’s grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity. Let us believe firmly that “if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time” and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised (cf. Heb 10:36), for our salvation and the salvation of others (cf. 1 Tim 4:16). By cultivating fraternal love towards everyone, we are united to Christ, who gave his life for our sake (cf. 2 Cor 5:14-15), and we are granted a foretaste of the joy of the kingdom of heaven, when God will be “all in all” (1 Cor 15:28).

May the Virgin Mary, who bore the Saviour in her womb and “pondered all these things in her heart” (Lk 2:19), obtain for us the gift of patience. May she accompany us with her maternal presence, so that this season of conversion may bring forth fruits of eternal salvation.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 11 November, 2021,
Memorial of Saint Martin, Bishop.*



Archbishop's Message



This year, the forty-day period of Lent begins on the 2nd March and extends to Palm Sunday on the 10th April. Once again the Church will solemnly issue to all her faithful ones her customary call to repentance and amendment and salutary penance for all our past sins in order to fervently renew our baptismal promises to God at the Easter vigil. Thereby, through our Easter holy communion we shall receive an increase of covenantal faith, hope and charity in the Holy Spirit for the Eternal Father and earnestly pursue our pilgrimage of faith to Him through a holy and well provided life and death and be judged worthy by Him to join His eternal Son forever in the glory of His divine Sonship in the company of all His Saints. However, the worldly culture in which we are inevitably and tragically rooted through our occupations and social relationships in our modern secular minded society places us in grave danger of profiting little of God's outpouring of His divine graces for the echatalogical success of our pilgrimage of obedience to inherit the promised eternal life from Him.

Happily, the Son our Lord Jesus Christ offers to rescue us from this pernicious mind set by revealing the full truth and destiny of every human person if we would meet Him at the tomb of Lazarus (Jn.11:38-44;12:9). Lazarus had died and had been buried in the tomb several days earlier. And Jesus asked Martha to take away the stone lying against the cave of the tomb in which Lazarus' dead body was undergoing corruption: 'Lord, already there is a stench'. At Jesus' insistence the tomb was opened. For the secular mind (and indeed as many young people spontaneously tend to think) Lazarus is nothing beyond that dead and putrefying body lying in that tomb. But Jesus showed the people around him that the Lazarus who had lived, talked and worked with them until the death of his body was entirely *other than* his dead body. He did so by loudly *calling* Lazarus to come out of that tomb. What does one's act of calling another person imply? It implies (a) that the person who calls knows the person whom he is calling, (b) that the person who calls is certain that the person he calls is *alive* and *can hear and respond* to his call, namely that the person whom he calls will be affected and be provoked into action by his call, (c) and finally, that the outcome of his call to the other person

will be a new encounter that issues into a new, enlightening and deeply satisfying communion of life and happiness between the two persons. Jesus' call to Lazarus was a call not to a Lazarus in our visible world but to the same Lazarus somewhere *outside* and far away from his dead body. Jesus 'cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" And 'the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth (Jn.11:43-44)', and when the great crowd who had come for the Passover heard that Jesus was in Martha's house they went there 'not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus whom he had raised from the dead (Jn.12:9)'. The call of the Eternal Son of God *through his human nature* to Lazarus in the world of dead and departed human persons brought Lazarus *instantaneously* to meet Him face to face and *resulted in the most amazing encounter and communion of renewed togetherness* for Lazarus with Jesus the incarnate Son of God who had brought him from the world of the dead to Himself through His call, his two dear sisters and the entire community to which he had belonged!

Lent is the time of divine grace during which God is reminding both the preacher and all those to whom he is sent to preach, to focus his or her attention to that unpredictable singular moment of his or her present life when he or she will be *instantaneously disconnected* from this material visible world and find himself or herself as a true, full and intact human person *in that same world of dead and departed persons* where Lazarus was before Jesus called him to Himself. And *from there*, he or she will be called by this very same Son of God Jesus Christ *to meet Him face to face* not in this visible world but *at His judgement seat* at the very right hand of God His Eternal Father to meet him face to face 'to receive good or evil' according to what he or she had done in this present life with his or her human body until the moment of his or her disconnection and departure from his or her human body as an intact human person 'created in the image and likeness of God' to the world of the dead and departed human persons. For, it is appointed for every man to die once and then the judgement. As St. Paul admonishes us, we shall all have to appear before the judgement seat of Christ to receive good or evil according to what we have done in our bodies (2 Cor.5:10). Our task during this Lenten season is to learn seriously how to prepare ourselves for this *most certain future moment our present life* and be found worthy of receiving a welcome from the Son of God at His judgement seat into the everlasting joys of the eternal life promised by Him through His holy gospel to us here and now, taking to heart His holy admonition for our present life: "woe to you who laugh, for you shall mourn."

Solemnities and Feasts

1. SAINT JOSEPH HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March 19th

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts.

When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” someone, it means that God, the all-holy or “righteous” one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God’s own holiness, and hence it is really “right” for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not. By saying Joseph was “just,” the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage. The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage. *Source: franciscanmedia.org*



2. THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

March 25th

The feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us. *Source: franciscanmedia.org*



Archbishop's Engagements

MARCH 2022

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| 01. | Tue | 07:30 a.m. : | Laying of foundation stone for the New Presbytery at Mariapuram Village (Substation of Nandrakal Parish) |
| 02. | Wed | 06:00 a.m. : | Ash Wednesday: Mass at St. Mary's Basilica, Sec'bad |
| 03-04. | Thu-Fri | (Morning) : | In Office |
| 05. | Sat | 10:00 a.m. : | Investiture Ceremony at St. Ignatius High School, Gagillapuram |
| 06. | Sun | 10:30 a.m. : | Confirmations at Our Lady of Compassion Church, Medipally |
| 07. | Mon | (Morning) : | In Office |
| 08. | Tue | 11.00 a.m. : | Inauguration of Beautician Course at HASSS Building |
| 09-11. | Wed-Fri | (Mornings) : | In Office |
| 12. | Sat | : | Occupied |
| 13. | Sun | 11:30 a.m. : | Feast, 1 st Holy Communions & Confirmations at St. Patrick's Church, Garrison |
| 14-15. | Mon-Tue | : | Meeting with Caritas India |
| 16. | Wed | (Morning) : | In Office |
| 17. | Thu | 10:00 a.m. : | Mass: Chapter of Election of Poor Clare Colettines at St. Colette's Monastery, Shamshabad |
| 18. | Fri | 09:00 a.m. : | Bharatamitram Writers Meeting at Satyodayam, Tarnaka |
| 19. | Sat | 10:30 a.m. : | Annual Feast, 1 st Holy Communions & Confirmations at St. Joseph's Church, Alirajpet |

05.00 p.m. : Annual Day of St. Mary's High School,
Sec'bad.

21-23.Mon-Wed(Morning) : In Office

24. Thu (Morning) : In Office

06:30 p.m. : Mass: Nava JeevanaBala Vikas,
Habsiguda

25. Fri (Morning) : In Office

26. Sat (Morning) : Occupied

06:30 p.m. : Mass, Blessing and Inauguration of the
Newly Constructed Calvary and
Adoration Chapel at St. Theresa's
Church, Sanathnagar

28-31.Mon-Thu : TCBC Meetings at St. John's Regional
Seminary, Ramanthapur

27th February, 2022
Archbishop's House

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Archbishop of Hyderabad

N.B.: Please call Secretary for appointments,
Ph No. 7207940883 (Even in Office days)

RECEIPT OF LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS		
Date	Parish/Individual	No. of Masses
20.01.2022	BANDLINES	100
25.01.2022	TRIMULGHERRY	200
01.02.2022	BEGUMPET	600
02.02.2022	METTUGUDA	1000
09.02.2022	DAMMAIGUDA	2500
16.02.2022	EMJALA	200
17.02.2022	BANDLINES	100
18.02.2022	KHAIRATABAD	401
19.02.2022	GUNFOUNDRY	300
28.02.2022	DHARMARAM	73
TOTAL		5474

Communications

I. ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD - NEW SENATE MEMBERS ELECTED AND NOMINATED ON 9TH FEBRUARY 2022, FOR 5 YEARS

Elected & Ex-Officio

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| 1. Msgr. Yeruva Balashowry V. G.
(Ex - Officio) | 10. Fr. Gopu Sunder Reddy |
| 2. Fr. Tharigopala Victor Emmanuel
Chancellor & Procurator
(Elected & Ex-Officio) | 11. Fr. Pentareddy Gnanareddy |
| 3. Fr. Mallavarapu Sundar Rao,
Episcopal Vicar - Pastoral
(Ex- Officio) | 12. Fr. Vincent Arokiadas |
| 4. Fr. Guvvala Anthony,
Episcopal Vicar - Educational
(Ex- Officio) | 13. Fr. Allam Arogya Reddy |
| 5. Fr. A. E. Raju Alex | 14. Fr. Madanu Joseph (Sr.) |
| 6. Fr. Gade Showreddy | 15. Fr. Govidu Arogaswamy |
| 7. Fr. Mettu Johannes | 16. Fr. Bandanadam Anand |
| 8. Fr. Michael Selvaraj | 17. Fr. Dodda Sundar |
| 9. Fr. Mettu Arogyam | 18. Fr. Thumma Udaya Bhaskar |
| | 19. Fr. Thumma Fathima Reddy |
| | 20. Fr. Madanu Arogya Swamy |
| | 21. Fr. Polisetty Anthony Vinay Kumar |
| | 22. Fr. Madanu Anthony (Jr.) |
| | 23. Fr. Pasala Jose Paul |

Nominated

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| 24. Fr. T. M. Mathew | 33. Fr. Ambati Pranith |
| 25. Fr. Dion Isaac | 34. Fr. Christu Raju SHS |
| 26. Fr. Madanu Prathap | 35. Fr. Boban Kollapalli MC |
| 27. Fr. Kurapati Jaya Prathap | 36. Fr. K. A. Stanislaus SJ |
| 28. Fr. Golamari Vinay Kumar | 37. Fr. Santiago Thomas SDB |
| 29. Fr. Bandanadam Prem Kumar | 38. Fr. I. Santhuraj SVD |
| 30. Fr. Thonta Prabhu Das | 39. Fr. P. Jojappa ALCP/OSS |
| 31. Fr. Pidikirala Prabhudas | 40. Fr. Manchanapally Sleevaraj MHM |
| 32. Fr. Madanu Ajith Kumar | |

NEW COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD FOR THE PERIOD OF 5 YEARS ONLY WITH EFFECT FROM 14TH FEBRUARY, 2022.

1. Msgr. Yeruva Balashowry V. G. (Ex - Officio)
2. Rev. Fr. Tharigopala Victor Emmanuel, Chancellor & Procurator (Ex -Officio)
3. Rev. Fr. Mallavarapu Sundar Rao, Episcopal Vicar - Pastoral (Ex- Officio)
4. Rev. Fr. Guvvala Anthony, Episcopal Vicar - Educational (Ex- Officio)
5. Rev. Fr. Michael Selvaraj
6. Rev. Fr. Mettu Arogyam
7. Rev. Fr. Dion Isaac
8. Rev. Fr. Golamari Vinay Kumar
9. Rev. Fr. Polisetty Anthony Vinay Kumar
10. Rev. Fr. Madanu Anthony (Jr.)
11. Rev. Fr. Pidikirala Prabhudas

I congratulate all the Ex-Officio, Elected and Nominated Senate Members and New College of Consultors of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad and I seek your committed and valuable services and cooperation and collaboration for the efficient, effective and fruitful functioning of the College of Consultors in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad for the wellbeing of the Faithful.

I thank all the outgoing Senate members and Consultors for your valuable contribution during your term of office. God bless you all.

II. DEANERY LEVEL MONTHLY RECOLLECTIONS:

All the Deans are here-by requested to conduct the Recollection at Deanery level in the month of March, 2022. All the clergy including the Religious priests, especially, working in the Parishes, are requested to attend the “Deanery Level Recollection” and if anyone is unable to attend the recollection, please inform the respective Deans. All the Deans are here-by requested to note down the minutes of the meeting with the list of the participants and send a copy of the same to Archbishop’s House, Sec’bad.

III. SEASON OF LENT:

1. **ASH WEDNESDAY:** This year, Ash Wednesday falls on 2nd March, 2022, on which the holy Lenten period begins. All the Parish Priests are requested to make sure that the way of the cross is conducted in all our Parish Churches/ Chapels on every Wednesdays and Fridays during the Lenten season. All the

Heads of the Institutions are requested to make sure that our Catholic children/ youth participate in the “Way of the Cross” service in Parish Churches/ Chapels on Wednesdays and Fridays. It is the great responsibility of all of us to promote solid and strong Catholic Faith Formation to all our Catholic children/ adults in our Parishes and in our Institutions, which is to be lived, celebrated and shared with others.

2. LAW OF ABSTINENCE (KEEPING AWAY FROM MEAT): The Catholics who have completed 14 years of age are to observe the law of abstinence on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of the year.

3. LAW OF FASTING: The law of fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, by all those who have completed 18 years of age and have not yet begun the 60th year of their age.

IV. CHRISM MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 5 pm- ON 7th April, 2022 AT ST. MARY’S BASILICA, SEC’BAD:

All the Clergy in the Archdiocese are called upon to come and participate in Chrism Mass, which will be celebrated on 7th April, 2022 at St. Mary’s Basilica, Sec’bad at 5 pm. The Priests, Religious and the Faithful are invited to participate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. All Parish Priests are requested to announce the same in the parishes and encourage them to attend the Chrism Mass.

V. SEMINARIAN FUND:

We have created a fund For Seminarian and young priests. We have sent the Brochures and forms to all the parishes. Please announce in the churches and encourage the faithful to come forward to support the future priests.

VI. WE WELCOME DEACONS:

We have two Deacons this year. Deacon Gunda Bala Kiran and Deacon Thathireddy Anil Kumar. They have completed their seminary studies and came back to the Archdiocese. Now they will be serving in the parishes and prepare themselves for their Priestly Ordination. Let’s welcome them and wish them all the best and God’s Blessings.

VII. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS:

1. Deacon Gunda Bala Kiran - St. Mary’s Basilica, Secunderabad.
2. Deacon Thathireddy Anil Kumar - Our Lady of Health Church, Khairatabad.

VIII. SUSPENSION NOTICE:

The Notice is received from Rev. Fr. Maria Joji RAI mf, Provincial Superior, dated, 17th February, 2022

1. This is to communicate to all the Priests, Religious and the faithful that the Suspension of Rev. Fr. Prabhakar Vangala mf has been extended till 16-12-2022. Here-by you are informed and instructed that Rev. Fr. Prabhakar Vangala mf is not allowed to Celebrate, Con-Celebrate or exercise any kind of priestly ministry in public.
2. This is to communicate to all the Priests, Religious and the faithful that the Suspension of Rev. Fr. Joseph Madanu mf has been extended till 16-12-2022. Here-by you are informed and instructed that Rev. Fr. Joseph Madanu mf is not allowed to Celebrate, Con-Celebrate or exercise any kind of priestly ministry in public.

IX. NO FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AT ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE, SEC'BAD FROM 25TH MARCH TO 1ST APRIL, 2022:

As the financial year 2021-2022 will end on 31st March 2022, there will be no financial transactions in our Archbishop's House, Sec'bad from 25th March to 1st April, 2022. All Fathers, Sisters and Brothers are requested to take note of it and arrange your financial matters with the Procurator accordingly.

X. AUDIT 2021-2022:

Audit programme for the parishes for the financial year 2021-2022 (**01-04-2021 to 31-03-2022**) will be held from 19th April to 23rd April from **10.00 A.M TO 5.00 P.M.** at Archbishop's House, Secunderabad. Kindly keep the following ready for physical Audit Programme.

A Note from Auditor's office

All Parishes are asked to get the following documents/books of accounts/statements before coming for audit as given here below.

Receipts & Payments Account for the period from 1st April, 2021 to 31st March, 2022 for as many sets of accounts are being maintained. Cash book, Ledger and other books like Daily Collection Register, Salary Register, along with supporting documents like Receipts books, Documentary evidence for payments duly signed by the person in charge/authorized, and sanction letter. The Annexure to be prepared and submitted for the audit will be sent to individual parish/In charge priest. Bank Statements for all the Bank Accounts maintained by Parishes for the period of the as mentioned above, Fixed Deposits receipts original and copies held as on 31-03-2022. Certificate from the Bank for Closing Bank & Fixed Deposits Balance as on 31st March, 2022

S.NO	NAME OF DEANERY	DATE OF AUDIT
1	HYDERABAD DEANERY BOWENPALLY DEANERY	19-04-2022
2	SECUNDERABAD DEANERY EMJALA DEANERY GAGILAPURAM DEANERY	20-04-2022
3	TRIMULGHERRY DEANERY GAJWEL DEANERY SANGAREDDY DEANERY	21-04-2022
4	NIZAMABAD DEANERY SHAMSHABAD DEANERY VIKARABAD DEANERY	22-04-2022
5	RAMANATHAPUR DEANERY PASTORAL CENTRE YOUTH OFFICE	23-04-2022

XI. DISPENSATION: Kindly check if you have furnished all the required documents when you apply for dispensation. And together with the originals, please send a set of photocopy of all the documents.

XII. ARCHDIOCESAN COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & SOCIETIES - March, 2022

In-charge of Seminarians: The Archbishop

01. Archdiocesan Directors for Bible Commission:

- Fr. Govindu Arogyaswamy (Telugu Department)
- Fr. Selvakumar Aloysius (English Department)

02. Director of Pastoral Centre (by Office): Fr. Dion Isaac

- Director of Pastoral Centre
- Archdiocesan Director - Catechetical Commission
- Archdiocesan Director - Commission for Laity
- Archdiocesan Jyothirmal Coordinator
- Archdiocesan Director - Commission for Catechists
- Archdiocesan Director – Commission for Small Christian Communities

03. Director of Youth Centre (by Office): Fr. Richard John

- Archdiocesan Director - Commission for Youth
- Archdiocesan Director - Catholic Nurses Guild
- Archdiocesan Director - Marriage Encounter

- 04. Executive Director of HASSS (by Office):** Fr. Madanu Anthony
- a. Director of Social Service Centre - HASSS
 - b. Archdiocesan Director - Commission for Justice & Peace:
 - c. Archdiocesan Director - Commission for Labour
 - d. Archdiocesan Director - Commission for Human Development
 - e. Archdiocesan Director - Commission for Ecology
 - f. Archdiocesan Director – Commission for Migrants
- 05. Archdiocesan Director - Family Commission (by office):** Fr. David Francis
- a. Archdiocesan Director Family Apostolate
 - b. Archdiocesan Director for Marriage preparation course
- 06. Archdiocesan Director - Ecumenism & Dialogue :** Fr. A. E. Raju Alex
- 07. Archdiocesan Director - Commission for SC/ST/BC:** Fr. Thonta Prabhudas.
- 08. Archdiocesan Director - Commission for Vocations:**
Fr. Polisetti Anthony Vinay Kumar
- 09. Archdiocesan CRI Coordinator and Religious In charge:**
Fr. Vedamuthu Kulandai Swamy
- 10. Spiritual Director - Catholic Charismatic Movement:**
Fr. Pidikirala Prabhudas
- 11. Legion of Mary (Hyderabad Commissary):**
Fr. Marneni Arogyam (Archdiocesan Spiritual Director)
- a. Fr. Gnana Reddy (Secunderabad & Hyderabad Zonal Priest In-charge)
 - b. Fr. CH. Jayaraj (Gagillapur Zonal Priest In-charge)
 - c. Fr. Y. Jude Raj (Gajwel Zonal Priest In-charge)
 - d. Fr. Pasala Jose Paul (Nizamabad Zonal Priest In-charge)
- 12. Archdiocesan Director - Pontifical Mission Societies:** Procurator (by Office)
- 13. Archdiocesan Director - Prison Ministry India:** Fr. Mettu Johannes
- 14. Archdiocesan Director Office of Legal Issues:** Fr. A. E. Raju Alex
- 15. Archdiocesan Director - Family of Faith Foundation :** Fr. A. E. Raju Alex
- 16. Archdiocesan Divyavani TV Coordinator:** Fr. Akkanti Innareddy
- 17. Archdiocesan Unit Catholic Council of India:** Fr. A. E. Raju Alex
- a. Mr. Ashley Coelho (Member)
 - b. Mrs. Lelani Reynolds (Member)

18. Archdiocesan Liturgy Committee 6 Members: Fr. Kurapati Pratap (Convener)

- a. Fr. Amal Francis
- b. Fr. Bandanadham Prem Kumar
- c. Fr. Madanu Anthony (Jr.)
- d. Fr. Ajith Kumar
- e. Fr. Susai Vincent Raj

19. Archdiocesan Christian Workers' Movement: Fr. Thatiredy Jayaraj

20. Archdiocesan Commission Evangelization and Proclamation :

Fr. Govindu Arogyaswamy (Convener)

- a. Fr. Golamari Vinay kumar (Member)
- b. Fr. Wilson Davis (Member)

21. Archdiocesan Commission for Canon Law and Legislative Texts:

Fr. Mallavarapu Sundar

22. Archdiocesan Director for Social Communications: Fr. Akkanti Innareddy

23. Archdiocesan Director -Commission Health Care: Fr. Showry Prabhakar

24. Archdiocesan Commission for Theology & Doctrine:

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25. Vincent De Paul Society: Fr. Bandanadam Prem Kumar

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- a. Vicar General (by Office)
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- d. Fr. Mettu Arogyam
- e. Fr. Polisetty Anthony Vinay Kumar

27. Conference of Diocesan Priests (CDP): Fr. Bandanadam Anand (Convener)

- a. Gollapudi Praveen (Member)
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- c. Fr. CH John Paul (Member)

28. Archdiocesan Education Fund Committee:

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- b. Procurator (By Office) Convener
- c. HAES- Secretary (By Office)
- d. Director of Pastoral Centre (By Office)
- e. HASSS Director (By Office)
- f. Project Assistant (By Office)

29. Project Assistant and PIME Project coordinator:

Fr. Polisetty Anthony Vinay Kumar

30. Archdiocesan CRI Unit: Fr. Bellamkonda Sudhakar SDB, President (By Office)

- a. Vice President : Sr. Babdhavi JMJ
- b. Secretary: Sr. Prabha M SCCG
- c. Treasurer: Sr. Manikyam CSA

31. Archdiocesan commission for women:

(By Office) CRI Vice President/Secretary

32. Archdiocese of Hyderabad Society:

- a. Chairman: Most Rev. Poola Anthony
- b. Vice Chairman Msgr. Yeruva Balashowry
- c. Secretary and Treasurer: Fr. Victor Emmanuel Tharigopala

33. Hyderabad Archdiocese Educational Society (HAES):

- a. Chairman and General Manager: Archbishop Most Rev. Poola Anthony
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- c. Secretary: Fr. Guvvala Anthony
- d. Treasurer: Fr. Pasala Innaiah

34. Hyderabad Archdiocese Social Service Society (HASSS):

- a. Chairman: Archbishop Most Rev. Poola Anthony
- b. Vice-Chairman: Fr. Madanu Chinnaiah
- c. Executive Director Fr. Madanu Anthony (Jr)

35. Seminarian/Young Priest Fund Committee:

- a. Msgr. Yeruva Balashowry
- b. Procurator (By Office) Convener
- c. Project Assistant (By Office)

I would like to congratulate the newly appointed Directors and in-charges and office bearers. I thank all the outgoing members for your valuable services. God bless you all.

All the new Directors and in charges of Commissions, Committees and Societies are asked to coordinate with Regional and National commissions and committees. The New Directors and commission in-charges, please take charge from the outgoing Directors and in-charges on or before 15th March 2022. Wish you all the best

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2. LENTEN CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER AND DISEASE 2022HEALTHY PLANET HEALTHY LIFE

Dear Rev. Fathers / Superiors / Sisters / BrothersGreetings from Hyderabad Archdiocese Social Service Society!We have just received the Lenten Campaign Against Hunger and Disease 2022 posters and the write up sent by Caritas India. Every effort is being made to reach out to various parishes and institution in Archdiocese. I am confident that you would receive just before the Lenten season begins.In the event of not reaching you, I request you to kindly collect the posters, campaign leaflets and envelopes from Archbishop's House. As always I eagerly look forward for your cooperation in promoting this year's Lenten Campaign.Rev.Fr. Madanu AnthonyExecutive Director – HASSS

3. GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BODHAN ON 22ND FEBRUARY, 2022

"Great and marvelous are your works, O Lord God, the Almighty." (Rev 15:3)

'Ding-dong, ding-dong, bells, Jubilee bells, St. Peter's Church, Bodhan Jubilee bells' started to chime announcing the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

When the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Prabhu Das and the committee fixed the date for that great event, the Parishners prepared itself spiritually with special prayers seeking the protection and guidance of St. Peter, the Patron saint of our Parish Church. Eucharistic adoration and Novena Prayers we have offered every day as the intimacy with Jesus as the Eucharist is the central aspect of our life. Various committees that were formed for the smooth conduct of various programmes and volunteers with their dedication and discipline saw to it that all the programmes were well organized. The compeers of different stage programmes executed their task with professional touch.

As we rejoice to-day, we recall and remember the sacrifices and struggles endured by St. Peter the true missionary and great visionary of Christ. 22nd February, 2022, was the day ear-marked for the thanksgiving Eucharistic Celebrations as the year of Grace of our Parish Church. At 10.30 am, Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad and Most Rev. Dr. Mallavarapu Prakash, Archbishop of Vishakapatnam, Priests, Religious sisters, parishners moved towards the altar, while the melodious entrance hymn was being sung.

His grace in his homily has highlighted about Jubilee which is looking back and looking forward. According to the spirit of Jubilee seen in the book of Leviticus (25:8-28) it is an occasion of remembrance of the past events; And the blessings to all the family; of rejoicing for the graces received; of reception of the freedom of the children of God, of recognition of God's mercy towards his people and of re-

dedication looking forward for making 'the Kingdom of God at hand' (Mk.1:16). This is the heart of the Jesus way of life.

The brief history of the Parish was read in detail by Mr. Joannes. The Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Prabhu Das and committee members felicitated all the former priests who extended their services in the Parish Church. Sr. Monica the Present superior of the Vijaya Mary community and the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Prabhu Das felicitated our Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony and Most Rev. Dr. Mallavarapu Prakash.

During the programme, all those who had contributed in various ways for the success of the Golden Jubilee of the parish church were felicitated. The committee members felicitated the Catechist sisters of St. Ann who served and worked in the Parish as Headmistress and Superiors. Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony described the last 50 years as a vibrant, productive and fruitful years for the church and expressed his deep satisfaction over the unprecedented growth of Parish establishment and contributed much of its success to people.

The Parish council members and parishners appreciated and felicitated the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. T. Prabhu Das who has been developing the Parish for the past 5 years and took lot of effort to bring the hearts of the faithful towards God with the spirit of his simplicity humility, hard work and prayers. Then vote of thanks was presented by Mr. Dhana Raj.

The Day was colorful and devotional. With the blessings of God the Golden jubilee event went on well. After the programme the fellowship meal was shared with all the participants.

"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." (Psalm 126)

- Sr. Linda Gerald CSA, Vijaya Mary High School, Bodhan

4. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION AT ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, VENKATAPURAM ON 20TH FEBRUARY, 2022

It was a special day for the Parish Community of St. Anthony's Church, Venkatapuram. On 20th of February our beloved Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony administered the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion to 34 children and 1 adult. On this day our joy was doubled because His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony celebrated his 30th Priestly Ordination Anniversary with St. Anthony Parish community.

His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony was welcomed by the Parish Priest with a garland and by the children with a bouquet and welcome dance. The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist was well organized by the First Holy Communicants right from welcoming the gathering till the vote of thanks. It was joy filled day because our

beloved Archbishop Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony celebrated the Holy Eucharist and administered the Sacraments. In his homily, Archbishop emphasized on love, forgiveness and effectiveness of the Sacraments with a stress on the importance of the Holy Eucharist and Gifts of the Holy Spirit



After the Holy Eucharist there was a grand felicitation to our Archbishop on the occasion of his 30th Priestly Ordination Anniversary. The various representatives from our Parish, parishes and Convents from Trimulgherry deanery felicitated our Beloved Archbishop. The Parish Priest Rev. Fr. M. Arogyam thanked the Archbishop for his valuable presence. Finally the families and Holy Communicants took a group photo with our beloved Archbishop. The day's gaiety ended with fellowship meal.

- Catechism Teachers, St. Anthony's Church, Venkatanuram

5. WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2022 WAS CELEBRATED on 19TH FEBRUARY 2022 AT ST. MARY'S PHARMACY COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

The Family Apostolate together with Worldwide Marriage Encounter organized **WORLD MARRIAGE DAY** for married couples of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad on Saturday 19th February 2022 at St. Mary's Pharmacy College Auditorium, Secunderabad. During this second World Marriage Day celebrations two silver jubilee priests – Fr. M. Prathap & Fr. M. Kennedy were also felicitated. The liturgy and the program that followed were organized by couples.

World Marriage Day (WMD) honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in daily married life.

History: The idea of celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1981, when couples encouraged the mayor, the governor, and the Bishop to proclaim St. Valentine's Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day". The event was so successful, the idea was presented to and adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter's National Leadership. In 1983, the name was changed to "World Marriage Day," designated to

be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day (WMD). Alongside, Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates World Priests Day on the third Sunday in October each year as the two sacraments of Holy Order and Matrimony are considered ‘twin sacraments’.

This year we focused on the theme **“beingcalled to the Joy of Love”**. This phrase taken from John 15:12. In which Jesus speaks to us in a simple but challenging way of how our Heavenly Father wishes us to live, and come to believe in the love that God has for us. On the basis of this experience, the Church’s pastoral care for families especially during these Covid times enables families to unleash the power of the Sacraments of Marriage and of the Holy Order; to be both, domestic churches and a leaven of evangelization in society—that called by God to live in unity, we may journey together in good times and bad, in sickness and health, giving glory to God through our genuine love for each another.

The program began with Holy Mass by our Archbishop Most Rev. Poola Anthony at 5:15 p.m. During the homily His Grace thanked the participants for travelling from various parishes and making it possible to celebrate the event in a grand manner. He also noted that in present times the stability and sanctity of marriage are being threatened by new ideologies. When the “good times” leave and the “bad times” come many young couples are giving up on marriage because a lifelong commitment seems impossible. Married couples must realize today that the love of Christ can restore to spouses and families the joy of journeying together. During mass all the couples renewed their marriage vows led by Our Archbishop.

The mass was followed by a felicitation program that was anchored by Justin and Sophia and Cassius and Clementine. There were interesting games for all participants, a welcome and introduction by Sudhakar and Rani followed by felicitation of His Grace Most Rev. Poola Anthony. There were two short input sessions by Leander and Valery (Junior Couple) and Donald and Maureen & Fr. David. It was followed by felicitation of Jubilee priests and Jubilee couples. There were 22 Silver jubilee couples and six Golden jubilee couples that participated. After the Archbishop’s address to the participants, Sr. Mini Paul spoke about LASA (Lay Associates of St. Ann) an initiative by the Sisters of St. Ann to strengthen families and family life. The program ended with vote of thanks by Raju and Bernadette and a group photograph.

-Fr. David Francis – Family Apostolate

6. ANNUAL FEAST OF INFANT JESUS SHRINE WAS CELEBRATED AT EMJALA ON 13TH FEBRUARY 2022



7. LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE NEW PRESBYTERY AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, CHERLAPALLY ON 20TH FEBRUARY, 2022



8. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION AT ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, GANDHINAGARON 06TH FEBRUARY, 2022



9. YOUTH COMMISSION OF ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD ORGANIZED UNIFEST 2022 ON 26TH FEBRUARY, 2022

UNIFEST is an annual event conducted for the youth from local churches of the Catholic Archdiocese of Hyderabad. Generally, a series of cultural competitions, the UNIFEST of 2022, in its 26th year, scrapped all competition to create a day that promoted unity amongst Catholic youth from across the twin cities. Over 400 (covid protocols followed) youth gathered at the Holy Trinity Church in Begumpet to participate in the event organised by the Archdiocese's Youth Commission lead by Fr. Richard John.

The Archbishop of Hyderabad, His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony, inaugurated the day-long fest by hoisting the flag and declaring UNIFEST 2022 open. The archbishop explained that the UNIFEST was a sign of unity that worked towards building a society with God at its centre, by encouraging youth to bring out their God given talents for their own growth as well as the growth of the diocese. The archbishop echoed Pope Francis belief that the youth are the future of the Church and the hope of the nation, and assured the youth of Hyderabad that he is always with them to lead and guide them.

Various other priests and religious, including Fr. Raju Alex, Parish Priest of Holy Trinity Church, and his assistant Fr. Suresh Yekonkar.

While various events including group singing, comedy shows, Bible enactments and group dance took place, along with a tambola session, a live Gospel band and a sumptuous fellowship meal, the highlight of this year's UNIFEST was a panel discussion on the Synod of Synodality currently taken place in the Catholic Church across the world. The Synod encourages participation of individuals



and communities from all ends of the Church and beyond so as to listen to each other and work towards change and growth. Delegations from various parishes discussed topics revolving around participation in the Church, relationships with the clergy, what changes they would like to bring about in the Church, and



what they feel about their local churches and communities amongst other things. This was followed by an activity where youth from various churches were mixed up into focus groups to discuss more topics pertaining to the Synod such as the Church's work in reaching out to the poor and

the inclusion of the underprivileged and those who have drifted away from the Church within its spaces.

The entire event was observed by a three-member panel that included Percival Holt, (former president Indian Catholic Youth Movement and manager of Bethania CCBI Youth Centre), Sr. Francina (pastoral minister who worked in youth animation in Italy) and Vivek Joseph (independent researcher and social worker working with Montfort Social Institute, Uppal) who shared their views and left the audience with a few questions to practically reflect on and encouraged them to speak out with courage.

The day ended with a inspiring message from Smt. Aruna Bahuguna, retired IPS, who felicitated the participating parishes and lowered the flag bringing the whole event to an end.

-Archdiocesan Youth Commission Office

3. SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2021 TO JANUARY 2022

PARISH	Nov. 21 (Rs.)	Dec. 21	Jan. 2022
ARMOOR			
ALIRAJPET			
ARUL COLONY	7265	9103	
BALAIHA NAGAR			
BANDLINES 6000	6000	6000	
BANDLAGUDA	3000	4300	6250
BANJARA HILLS			
BAYYARAM			
BAZAR GHAT			
BEGUMPET			
BOLARAM 8000	8000	8000	
BODHAN			
BODUPPAL			
BORABANDA	6166	3628	
BHOIGUDA			
BHEL 3345	3480		
BOWENPALLY	5000	5000	5000
CHERLAPALLY	1500	1500	1500
CHINTHALA CHERUVU			
CHURCH COLONY			
DAYANANDNAGAR	5700	3450	
DHARMARAM			
EMJALA 31700	20000	20000	
GADDIANNARAM			
GAJWEL			
GAGILLAPURAM			
GARRISON 1704	1943		
GHATKESAR			
GOLCONDA 6806			
JADI JAMALPUR			
JAGADGIRIGUTTA	2000	2000	3000
JAHANUMA 1000			
JOJIPET			
KALWAKOLE			
KAMAREDDY	519		
KHIRATABAD	19889	21950	18149
KISSANNAGAR			
KUKATPALLY	20000	20000	
LALLAGUDA			
LILLIPUR	650	611	470
MALLAPUR			

PARISH	Nov. 21 (Rs.)	Dec. 21	Jan. 2022
MAHENDRA HILLS	2000	2000	
MEDIPALLY			
MADINAGUDA		3000	3000
METTUGUDA	10540	11960	10810
MOULA ALI	7026	6100	
MIYAPUR	3000		
MUDFORT	5300	4720	3670
NACHARAM			
NANDRAKAL			
SANGAREDDY			
NEDANOOR			
NIZAMABAD			
PATANCHERU			
RAMACHANDRAPURAM	8500	7500	8500
RAMANTHAPUR	3100	3000	3200
RAMNAGAR			
SHABAD			
SAPPERSLINES	1200	1200	
SANATHNAGAR	22420	23600	16490
SAINIKPURI			
SHANTINAGAR			
SHAMSHABAD	343		
SANTHOSH NAGAR			
SECUNDERABAD	52438	50493	
SITHAPHALMANDI			
SHAPURNAGAR			
SIDDIPET			
SULTAN BAZAR	3530		
SURARAM	2000	2000	2000
GANDHI NAGAR			
TANDUR	300	300	300
TRIMULGHERRY	23285	26530	
VANASTHALIPURAM			
VENKATAPURAM	9373	10496	9630
ZAHEERABAD		667	255
YAPRAL			
YEDDUMAILARAM	630	660	
YELLAREDDY	591	853	
GUNFOUNDARY			
TOTAL	2,82,820	2,69,044	1,26,224

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25th February 2022

To All Members of the CCBI

Your Eminence/Grace/Excellency/Dear Monsignor,

The military operation launched by Russia on the neighbouring Republic of Ukraine, aiming at a full-scale invasion of that country, has sent shock waves throughout the globe and is threatening world peace. As followers of the Prince of Peace, we cannot remain indifferent to this grave situation; we need indeed to arm ourselves with the spiritual 'weapons' of prayer and sacrifice.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis himself has given a universal call to make the forthcoming Ash Wednesday (the 2nd of March) a day of fasting and prayer, particularly for peace in Ukraine and Russia. In solidarity with the Pope, I too urge you, my Brothers in the Episcopate, to lead your Local Churches — your Clergy, Religious and the Lay Faithful — to spend this day in prayer and fasting, for the end of the violence which is afflicting the Ukrainian and the Russian people.

Although we look forward to coming Wednesday as a special day of prayer, we need to begin and keep praying with intensity even now, as the conflict continues to rage with every passing day, not showing any signs of abatement. Let us therefore raise in prayer to the Almighty the highly volatile situation in Eastern Europe and in some other parts of the globe and earnestly pray for world peace.

As we enter the Lenten Season, let us remind ourselves that only Christ can deliver us from the clutches of the Evil One, whose chief strategy is to sow disunity and discord among peoples and individuals. May our prayer and sacrifice help combat and vanquish the forces which seek to divide the human family and instead promote conflict and warfare.

General Secretariat of the Conference of the Catholic Bishops of India, Bangalore, 25th February, 2022.



Yours fraternally in JESUS,

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2. A JOINT CALL FOR PRAYER

Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI), National Council of Churches of India (NCCI) and Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI)

Moved by the pain and suffering of the people of Ukraine caused by war, we join world leaders and the leadership of our respective global and regional communions in calling for an unconditional ceasefire.

We uphold the citizens and inhabitants of Ukraine especially elderly, sick, people with disability, women and children who are the most often among the greatest targets of violence and war. We believe that we have a responsibility to pray for the transformation of leaders who take up arms in anger or revenge. May God's protection and providence be upon Ukraine and Russia by which the entire region shall experience peace for ever.

Responding to the present situation in Ukraine, Pope Francis said, "My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine." World Council of Churches appealed to the churches around the world to "...pray for a change of hearts and minds, for de-escalation, and for dialogue instead of threats." The World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) called for an immediate end to the attacks on Ukraine and requested the churches to pray for restoration of peace. Harkening to this clarion call we, CBCI, NCCI and EFI, the ecumenical fellowships in India together in solidarity with all people of goodwill are encouraged to observe Wednesday, the 2nd March 2022 as a day of prayer and fasting (in many traditions it is Ash Wednesday). The attached intercessory prayers are recommended to be prayed weekly during the season of Lent on any suitable day.

The God revealed to us in Scripture is a God who has suffered at the hands of an empire, and so let us together pray for the accompaniment and intervention of God within our situations. We make this Lent even more special by keeping this intention in mind for peace and harmony in the world, in Ukraine and in our own nation.

Archbishop Felix Machado
Secretary General, CBCI

Rev Asir Ebenezer
General Secretary, NCCI

Rev Vijayesh Lal
General Secretary, EFI

3. PROPOSED LITANY FOR ALL CHRISTIANS WHO MAY RECITE THIS EVERY WEEK DURING LENT ON ANY SUITABLE DAY.

Leader: At a time when peace and harmony are the most sought after gifts by the whole humanity, let us, as one community of Christians bring our prayers before the Lord, who is the Prince of Peace.

Response: Lord shower us with your peace and love

1. For our Church leaders, that inspired by the Gospels and the Holy Spirit they may strive to accompany flock in their distress and pain by uniting them centred on the Lord.

Response: Lord shower us with your peace and love.

2. For solidarity in our global human family, that we may work together to protect those who are most vulnerable and most in need.

Response: Lord shower us with your peace and love

3. For our leaders in public office, that they continue to work for good governance, and keep the needs of the poor and marginalized always before them.

Response: Lord shower us with your peace and love.

4. For peace and harmony in Ukraine, in Russia and in the entire Baltic region that the Lord may show our world leaders the futility of war which is not the solution, but rather war brings more suffering, poverty and unemployment especially to the most vulnerable.

Response: Lord shower us with your peace and love

5. For a greater openness among world leaders, to see life beyond the boundaries of race, religion, and nation to affirm common humanity that upholds the coexistence of all.

Response: Lord shower us with your peace and love

6. For all people who are working to build peace in their communities: that they may inspire others by their example and be strengthened to carry on, even in the hardest times.

Response: Lord shower us with your peace and love

7. For the strength on our part to teach our children how to resolve differences non-violently and respectfully, and the courage to model it in our own behavior.

Response: Lord shower us with your peace and love

8. For our faith community, that we may celebrate and welcome the diverse faces of Christ in our worship, our ministries, and our leadership. **Response: *Lord shower us with your peace and love***
9. For all people who have been affected by violence as they rebuild their lives: that they may find peace in their hearts to move forward with hope. **Response: *Lord shower us with your peace and love***

Concluding prayer:

Good and gracious God, who loves and delights in all people, we stand in awe before you, knowing that the spark of life within each person is the spark of your divine life.

May our hearts and minds be open to celebrate similarities and differences among our sisters and brother (people). Send your healing and reconciling Spirit in order to bind the wounds created by war, pain, death and suffering, and to promote understanding, justice, and love. We place our hopes for peace and harmony in our committed action and in your living presence in our neighbors. May all peoples live in peace! Amen.

International News

1. APPEAL TO THE CONSCIENCE OF POLITICAL LEADERS MAKE EVERY EFFORT FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Francis made in Ukraine at the end of the Angelus on Sur day, 13 February. Earlier, he had reflected on the the day's Gospel passage of Luke on the Beatitudes. The following is a translation the Holy Father's words which he shared i Italian with the faithful gathered in Saint Peter's Square.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, *Buongiorno!*

At the centre of the Gospel of today's Liturgy are the Beatitudes (cf Lk 6:20-23). It is interesting to note that despite being surrounded by a great crowd, Jesus, proclaims them by addressing "his disciples" (v. 20) He speaks to the disciples. Indeed, the Beatitudes define the identity of the disciple of Jesus. They



may sound strange, almost incomprehensible to those who are not disciples whereas, if we ask ourselves what a disciple of Jesus is like, the answer is precisely the Beatitudes. Let us take a look at the first one which is the basis for all the other ones: *"Blessed are you poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God"* (v. 20).

Blessed are you poor. Jesus says two things of his people: that they are blessed and that they are poor; indeed, that they are blessed because they are poor.

In what sense? In the sense that Jesus' disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so These are gifts of life. They are content to share even the goods they possess, because they live according to the logic of God. And what is the logic of God? Gratuitousness. The disciple has learned to live in gratuitousness. This poverty is also an attitude towards the meaning of life, because Jesus' disciples do not think they possess it, that they already know everything, but rather they know they must learn every day. And this is poverty: the awareness of having to



learn every day. Because they have this attitude, Jesus' disciples are humble, open people, far from prejudice and inflexibility.

There was a good example in last Sunday's Gospel reading: Simon Peter, an expert fisherman, accepts Jesus' invitation to cast his nets at an unusual time, and then, filled with wonder at the miraculous catch, he leaves the boat and all

his goods to follow the Lord. Peter shows himself to be docile by leaving everything, and in this way, he becomes a disciple. Instead, those who are too attached to their own ideas and their own securities, find it difficult to truly follow Jesus. They follow him a little, only in those things in which “I agree with him and he agrees with me”, but then, as far as the rest is concerned, it goes no further. And this is not a disciple. And so, they fall into sadness. They become sad because things don’t add up, because reality escapes their thinking patterns and they find they are dissatisfied. Disciples, on the other hand, know how to question themselves, how to humbly seek God every day, and this allows them to delve into reality, grasping its richness and complexity.

We might then ask ourselves: do I – each one of us have the disciple’s readiness? Or do I behave with the rigidity of one who believes him or herself to be right, who feels decent, who feels they have already arrived? Do I allow myself to be “inwardly unhinged” by the paradox of the Beatitudes, or do I stay within the confines of my own ideas? And then, with the logic of the Beatitudes, setting aside the hardships and difficulties, do I feel the joy of following Jesus? This is the decisive trait of the disciple: the joy of the heart. Let us not forget the joy of the heart. This is the touchstone for knowing if a person is a disciple: does he or she have joy in their heart? Do I have joy in my heart? This is the point. May Our Lady, the first disciple of the Lord, help us live as open and joyful disciples.

- *L'Osservatore Romano*

2. HOLY FATHER: ALLIANCE BETWEEN GENERATIONS MUST BE FOUND AGAIN

Starting a new series of reflections on the meaning and value of old age, Pope Francis in his General audience this week stresses the need for an inter-generational alliance, drawing inspiration from scriptures. Pope Francis begins this week’s General Audience with the dynamics of today’s demographics, where truly “new people”, the elderly, have never been so numerous in human history. Often seen as ‘a burden’, they risk being discarded even more frequently, as has been seen in the first phase of the pandemic. Already the weakest and the most neglected, they paid the highest price. “We did not look at them much when

they were alive, we did not even see them die”, he laments. In this regard, the Pope draws attention to the charter of rights of the elderly and the duties of the community, saying it is a secular document drafted by governments, not the Church. “It is good to know that the elderly have rights. It will be good to read it”

Unity of all stages of life - “Together with migration”, the Pope says, “old age is one of the most urgent issues facing the human family at this time.” More than being simply a question of quantitative change, it implies that the unity of the various stages of life is at stake. Hence the importance of understanding and appreciating human life in its entirety, and the need for friendship and cooperation between the different stages of life, or whether separation and being discarded prevail. The Holy Father points out that in today’s society, the proportion of children, young people, adults, and the elderly living together has changed. “Longevity has become mass and, in large parts of the world, childhood is distributed in small doses” in what is described as the ‘demographic winter’. This imbalance has many consequences. Today’s dominant culture has as its sole model a self-made individual who always remains young. “The exaltation of youth as the only age-worthy of embodying the human ideal, coupled with contempt for old age as frailty, decay, and disability, has been the dominant image of the twentieth-century totalitarianism”, which must not be forgotten.

Sense of life and community - The 85-year-old pontiff points out that the fact that people are living longer has a structural impact on the history of individuals, families, and societies. But we need to ask whether life’s spiritual quality and the sense of the community are consistent with this. Do the elderly need to apologize for living longer, or should they be honoured for contributing to everyone’s meaning of life? Unfortunately, the Pope notes that in the so-called ‘developed’ cultures, the meaning of life has little bearing. This is because old age is regarded as having no special content to offer nor is there any meaning of its own to live. Besides, people are not encouraged to seek out the elderly and there is a lack of education for the community to recognize them.

Restoring the lost alliance- “Youth is beautiful but eternal youth is a very dangerous illusion”, the Pope warns. We need to remember that “being old is just as important - and beautiful - as being young”. “The alliance between generations, which restores all ages of life to the human level, is our lost gift” In this culture of waste and culture of productivity, “it must be found again”, he exhorts.

Scriptures on generational alliance - Regarding this generational alliance, Pope Francis says the Word of God has much to say. Drawing attention to the prophecy of Joel, who says, “Your elders shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions”, the Pope says that “when the elderly resist the Spirit, burying their dreams in the past, the young can no longer see the things that must be done to open up the future”. But when they communicate their dreams, the young see clearly what they have to do. Without the dreams of the elderly, the young people will struggle to carry their present and bear their future. “If grandparents retreat into their melancholy, young people will look even more to their smartphones”, and life will soon die. In this sense, the disenchantment of young people is perhaps the most serious repercussion of the pandemic.

Referring to the prophet Joel, the Holy Father stresses that the elder people are not just known for their wisdom of life they have lived, but both they and the young people need to engage in conversation and interact with each other. And this bridge is the transmission of wisdom to humanity. According to Joel, the elderly can give dreams that the young can carry forward. Using the analogy of a tree, the Pope says that the elderly with their history are the roots and the young are the flowers and fruits. If they lack this ‘sap’ from the roots, they will never be able to flourish. All that is beautiful in society is related to the roots of the elderly, who are no waste matter.

-Robin Gomes (*Vatican News via CNUA*)

Dates & Events to Remember

02. Ash Wednesday (Holy Season of Lent begins)

07. Sts. Perpetua & felicity, Mrtrs (M)

08. St John of God, Rgs (Op.M)

09. St. Frances of Rome, Rgs (Op.M)

17. St. Patrick, Bp (Op.M)

18. St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bp & Dr (Op. M)



19. St. Joseph, Husband of Mary (S)

23. St. Turibius of Monrovejo, Bp (Op. M)

25. The Annunciation of the Lord (S)

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

01. Fr. Chinnabathini Gnanaprakash

07. Fr. Viji Joseph

11. Fr. Madanu Francis Showry

12. Fr. Dodda Bala

14. Fr. Madanu Lourdu Vijay Kumar

16. Fr. Bandanadam Prashanth

17. Fr. Thomas Andrew Raj



17. Fr. Yeruva Bala

18. Fr. Therukunnel M. Mathew

18. Fr. Kata Joseph

23. Fr. Thirumalareddy Showreddy

23. Fr. Wilson Davis

24. Msgr. Yeruva Balashowreddy

Necrology



01. Fr. Vatti Albin Reddy

05. Fr. Bandanadam Marianna (Sr.)

25. Fr. Ignatius Elenthott

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

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