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CLOSING OF THE DIOCESAN PHASE OF THE SYNOD 2021-2023 IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD ON 05TH JUNE, '22



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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

24 July 2022***“In old age they will still bear fruit” (Psalm 92:15)***

Dear Friends,

“In old age they will still bear fruit” (Ps 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true “gospel” that we can proclaim to all on this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbour few expectations for the future. Many people are afraid of old age. They consider it a sort of disease with which any contact is best avoided. The elderly, they think, are none of their concern and should be set apart, perhaps in homes or places where they can be cared for, lest we have to deal with their problems. This is the

mindset of the “throw-away culture”, which leads us to think that we are somehow different from the poor and vulnerable in our midst, untouched by their frailties and separated from “them” and their troubles. The Scriptures see things differently. A long life – so the Bible teaches – is a blessing, and the elderly are not outcasts to be shunned but living signs of the goodness of God who bestows life in abundance. Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly! Old age is not a time of life easily understood even by those of us who are already experiencing it. Even though it eventually comes with the passage of time, no one prepares us for old age, and at times it seems to take us by surprise. The more developed societies expend large sums on this stage of life without really helping people to understand and appreciate it; they offer healthcare plans to the elderly but not plans for living this age to the full. [1] This makes it hard

to look to the future and discern what direction to take. On the one hand, we are tempted to ward off old age by hiding our wrinkles and pretending to be forever young, while on the other, we imagine that the only thing we can do is bide our time, thinking glumly that we cannot “still bring forth fruit”. Retirement and grown children make many of the things that used to occupy our time and energy no longer so pressing. The recognition that our strength is ebbing or the onset of sickness can undermine our certainties. The fast pace of the world – with which we struggle to keep up – seems to leave us no alternative but to implicitly accept the idea that we are useless. We can resonate with the heartfelt prayer of the Psalmist: “Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent” (71:9).

Yet that same psalm – which meditates on how the Lord has been present at every stage of our lives – urges us to persevere in hope. Along with old age and white hairs, God continues to give us the gift of life and to keep us from being overcome by evil. If we trust in him, we will find the strength to praise him still (cf. vv. 14-20). We will come to see that growing old is more than the natural decline of the body or the inevitable passage of time, but the gift of a long life. Aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing! For this reason, we ought to take care of ourselves and remain active in our later years. This is also true from a spiritual standpoint: we ought to cultivate our interior life through the assiduous reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. In addition to our relationship with God, we should also cultivate our relationships with others: first of all by showing affectionate concern for our families, our children and grandchildren, but also for the poor and those who suffer, by drawing near to them with practical assistance and our prayers. These things will help us not to feel like mere bystanders, sitting on our porches or looking out from our windows, as life goes on all around us. Instead, we should learn to discern everywhere the presence of the Lord. Like “green olive trees in the house of God” (cf. Ps 52:10), we can become a blessing for those who live next to us.

Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future. “The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for the concerns, thoughts and the affections that make us human should once again become the vocation of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations”. This would be our own contribution to the revolution of tenderness, a spiritual and non-violent revolution in which I encourage you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, to take an active role. Our world is passing through a time of trial and testing, beginning with the sudden, violent outbreak of the pandemic, and then by a war that is harming peace and development on a global scale. Nor is it a coincidence that war is returning to Europe at a time when the generation that experienced it in the last century is dying out. These great crises risk anaesthetizing us to the reality of other “epidemics” and other widespread forms of violence that menace the human family and our common home. All this points to the need for a profound change, a conversion, that disarms hearts and leads us to see others as our brothers or sisters.

We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren. We ourselves have grown in humanity by caring for others, and now we can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need. This attitude may be mistaken for weakness or resignation, yet it will be the meek, not the aggressive and the abusive, who will inherit the earth (cf. Mt 5:5).

One fruit that we are called to bring forth is protecting the world. “Our grandparents held us in their arms and carried us on their knees”; [5] now is the time for us to carry on our own knees – with practical assistance or with prayer alone – not only our own grandchildren but also the many frightened grandchildren whom we have not yet met and who may be fleeing from war or suffering its effects. Let us hold in our hearts – like Saint Joseph, who was a loving and attentive father – the little ones of Ukraine, of Afghanistan, of South Sudan...

Many of us have come to a sage and humble realization of what our world very much needs: the recognition that we are not saved alone, and that happiness is a bread we break together. Let us bear witness to this before those who wrongly think that they can find personal fulfilment and success in conflict. Everyone, even the weakest among us, can do this. The very fact that we allow ourselves to be cared for – often by people who come from other countries – is itself a way of saying that living together in peace is not only possible, but necessary. Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer. “Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer: let us develop a taste for finding our own words, let us once again take up those taught by the word of God”. [6] Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts. We can be “the enduring ‘chorus’ of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the field of life”. The World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord – in the words of the Bible – has “filled with days”.

Let us ask Our Lady, Mother of Tender Love, to make all of us artisans of the revolution of tenderness, so that together we can set the world free from the spectre of loneliness and the demon of war. To all of you, and to your loved ones, I send my blessing and the assurance of my closeness and affection. And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me!

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 3 May 2022,
Feast of the Apostles Philip and James
FRANCIS*



Archbishop's Message



Devotion to the precious Blood of the Son our Lord Jesus Christ, like devotion to His Sacred Heart, is intrinsic to true Catholic Faith, practice and devotion. Earlier, the month of July was dedicated to the contemplation and adoration of the precious blood of the Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Devotion to the precious Blood of God's only begotten Son, like devotion to His most Sacred Heart and Holy humanity, is necessary for the redemption, sanctification in the Holy Spirit and the salvation of the faithful in His one Catholic Church: 'Body of Christ, save me!' 'Blood of Christ, inebriate me!' and 'Water from the side of Christ, wash me!'

'The blood of Jesus' is the blood that flowed in the biological body of the holy humanity of God's incarnate Son. This human Blood of God's only begotten Son (like His Body) *became holy* to His Eternal Father not simply because of the hypostatic union of His human nature to His divine Sonship in the one divine nature of His Eternal Father. It became so, because He used it even to the extent of pouring it on the Cross, *solely to express His eternal charity for His Eternal Father* amidst the warp and woof of the sinful human race, to restore the long denied honour, adoration and glory to His Eternal Father, and ultimately to restore the human race itself to Him, clothed in the holiness and immortality of His divine Sonship forever: "If the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the Holy Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God (Heb.9:13-14)." In every holy sacrifice of the Mass, the Church offers wine mixed with a little water in the chalice to the Eternal Father in order that we may receive from Him as 'our spiritual drink,' the very Blood which His incarnate Son poured on the Cross as 'the Blood of the new and eternal covenant for the forgiveness of sins.' Wherefore, it is by sacramentally drinking the Son's holy Blood of the new covenant as our 'spiritual drink' that we 'drink of one Spirit (1 Cor.12:13)' as the 'living water' promised by Christ and become His one Body. As living members of His one Body, 'if we walk in the light as He himself is in the light we have fellowship with one another and the Blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin (1 Jn.1:7).' What thanks can we offer to God's only begotten Son for having poured out His human blood on the Cross from the pores of His mangled crucified body in order to make us definitive and everlasting partakers of the holiness and immortality of His divine Sonship through His Holy Spirit's *ongoing* covenantal mission as Paraclete and as the Spirit of Truth in the spiritual souls of His faithful flock on earth!

Solemnities and Feasts

JULY 03rd

ST. THOMAS, Apostle

July 3 is observed as St. Thomas Day world over. The New Testament reckons Thomas – who is also known as “Didymus” (meaning “twin” in Greek) – as one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ. Thomas the Apostle is also called “Doubting Thomas” as he expressed reservations about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and his existence. But his doubts melted away upon seeing marks of crucifixion on the Christ’s body whom he went on to embrace in submission saying, “My Lord and my God”.



Saint Thomas is known to have spread the gospel of Jesus to the East, as far as India. As per various scriptures, he founded the Christian community in the southeastern region and evangelised the Malabar Coast (now half of Kerala). It is said that Thomas the Apostle baptised three Kings who went on to become India’s first bishops.

Source: news18.com

JULY 25th

ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

James, the brother of John the Evangelist, was the first Apostle to be martyred. He was beheaded by order of Herod of Agrippa. The Gospels tell us that the two brothers left their father, Zebedee, and followed Jesus as soon as He called out to them.

James was one of the three Apostles who were particularly close to the Lord. He was there with the Lord and his brother, John, and Peter at the Transfiguration and in the Garden of Gethsemane.

He is known as James “the Greater” to distinguish him from the other Apostle by the same name. The title has little to do with his function or the people’s regard for him. Rather, it was a term indicating that he was the elder of the two.

He is the patron saint of Spain and of pilgrims. In northwestern Spain, he is venerated at Santiago de Compostela, a mediaeval pilgrimage site that is still very popular today.

Source: catholicnewsagency.com



JULY 26th

SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE

Saints Joachim (sometimes spelled “Joaquin,” pronounced “wal-keem”) and Anne, are the parents of the Virgin Mary. There are no mentions of them in the Bible or Gospels, what we know comes from Catholic legend and the Gospel of James, which is an unsanctioned, apocryphal writing from the second century AD. We do know from scholarship that the Gospel of James was not written by James, the Brother of Jesus, despite its claim to be so authored. Even the early Church fathers expressed skepticism about the Gospel of James in their writings. There are about 150 copies of the ancient manuscript which often have different titles, but tell the same story, that Mary was promised to Joachim and Anne by an angel, was consecrated to God, and she remained a virgin all her life.



Naturally, there is plenty of room for scholarly debate about these saints. We have no true primary sources that prove they even existed, but certainly we can agree that Mary had parents. Likewise, we can agree that Mary had good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God like none other except Jesus Christ Himself.

Joachim and Anne serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honored and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God.

Source: catholic.org

POPE’S INTENTION: JULY 2022

For the elderly: We pray for the elderly, who represents the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



Archbishop's Engagements

**N.B.: You are welcome to meet the Archbishop "In Office Days".
However because of last minute appointments, please call
the secretary before coming. Ph No. 7207940883.**

JULY 2022

01. Fri	(Morning)	:	In Office
02. Sat	11:15 am	:	Investiture Ceremony at Infant Jesus School, Jagathgirigutta
03-04. Sun- Mon		:	Thanksgiving Mass in honour of St. Devasahayam Pillai at Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu
05. Tue	11:30 am	:	Meeting with CRS Team
06. Wed	10:00 am	:	Meeting with Caritas & UNICEF Team at APSSF
07. Thu	(Morning)	:	In Office
08. Fri	09:00 am	:	Inauguration of Bankable Business Summit-2022, Programme of HASSS at St. Mary's B.Pharm College
09. Sat	10:00 am	:	Education Meeting with CRI
10. Sun	09:30 am	:	Annual Feast, Blessing and Inauguration of New Presbytery and Multipurpose Hall at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Seethaphalmandi
11. Mon	10:30 am	:	HASSS Governing Body Meeting
12. Tue	(Morning)	:	In Office
13. Wed	09:30 am	:	Archdiocesan Recollection
	03:00 pm	:	HAES G. B. Meeting
14. Thu	09:30 am	:	Investiture Ceremony at Mount Carmel School, Bowenpally
15. Fri	05:30 pm	:	Centenary Celebrations of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Phirangipuram, Guntur

16. Sat : Occupied
17. Sun 09:30 am : Feast, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmations at Mount Carmel Church, Bowenpally
- 18-22. Mon-Fri (Morning) : In Office
23. Sat : Conference at Sri Satya Sai University, Bangalore
24. Sun 10:30 am : Feast, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmations at St. Ann's Church, Nizamabad.
25. Mon 10:30 am : Feast of St. Anne (CSSA) at St. Ann's Degree College, Mehdipatnam
- 26- 28. Tue- Thu : CCBI-National Synodal Meeting at Paalana Bhavan, Bangalore
29. Fri 10:30 am : Final Profession of JMJ Sisters at JMJ College of Nursing, Sanathnagar
30. Sat : Occupied
31. Sun 10:15 am : Annual Feast, 1st Holy Communion & Confirmations at St. Alphonsa's Church, BHEL-MIG Colony
- 06:30 pm : Founder's Day Celebrations at St. Patricks HighSchool, Sec'bad

29th June, 2022

Archbishop's House

+ Poola Anthony

Archbishop of Hyderabad

RECEIPT OF LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS		
Date	Parish/Individual	No. of Masses
31/05/2022	Bolarum	75
02/06/2022	Trimulgherry	400
10/06/2022	Kalwakole	10
15/06/2022	Mettuguda	1500
16/06/2022	Khairatabad	500
23/06/2022	Secunderabad	405
23/06/2022	Secunderabad	460
26/06/2022	Divine Light Ministries	30

Communications

I. MONTHLY RECOLLECTION:

Archdiocesan Monthly Recollection, for the all the Clergy working in Hyderabad, is arranged at Archbishop's House, on 13th (Wednesday) July, 2022 from 09.30 am to 01.00 pm. Kindly take note of it and be here on time. All the Archdiocesan Priests and Pastoral clergy working in the Archdiocese are to participate in this recollection.

II. REMINDER:

All Parish Priests and Heads of the Institutions, who have not yet paid the special collections and Second Sunday Collections, are requested to pay as soon as possible. Please clear all dues till June, 2022. Please contact Procurator's office for details of your parish/institute dues.

III. SEMINARIANS' FUND:

We have a fund For Seminarians 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. This year we have taken six new Seminarians for the Archdiocese. They will be sent to St Pius X inter Diocesan Seminary in Karunapuram in Warangal Diocese. Let's pray for them.

IV. ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE OFFICE:

1. Kindly note that all offices at Archbishop's House will function Five days a week.(Monday to Friday). This comes into effect from 1st July, 2022.
2. All financial transitions to be done from 1st to 20th of every month.
3. Second Sunday collections to be sent before 20th of every month.
4. **Visiting hours:** Monday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm. (Kindly make an appointment with Secretary if you want to meet the Archbishop)

V. ADMISSIONS AND CONCESSIONS:

There are number of issues regarding admissions, concessions and other issues connected to schools and colleges. The respective Deans, parish priests, Religious in charge, and Education in charge of the Deanery are asked to do the needful.

VI. PARISH PRAYER GROUPS:

All the Parish Priests and Priests in charges of the Parishes are asked to form small prayer groups in every Parish in the Archdiocese. These groups will assist the parish priests to visit the sick, to pray for them, to help some families who need counseling, pray for various needs of the Parish, Archdiocese, the Pope and the universal Church. Encourage people to join these prayer groups and come together for prayer and adoration once a week at a convenient time in the parish church.

VII. DOCUMENTS OF LANDS/PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- All the Parish Priests, Correspondents, Principals, heads of the institutions, Priest in charges are asked to verify the original property documents and submit to the Chancellor.
- Make a list with details of property, land, rentals, leased, cultivation and hostel in the parish, sub-station, school, college and forward to the Chancellor.
- For further information and clarification regarding your Parish/institution file in the Archives, you may contact the Archbishop's Secretary.

VIII. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS:

RELIGIOUS APPOINTMENTS

1. **Rev. Fr. Nusi Rajashekhar Reddy CMF** : Parish Priest at St Joseph's Church, Medchal
2. **Rev. Fr. Jojappa Chinnabathini SAC** : Parish Priest at St Anthony's Church, Sappers Line
3. **Rev. Fr. A. Esthaky Selvaraj SJ** : Parish Priest at St Francis Xavier's Church, Alwal Parish
4. **Rev. Fr. Maramreddy Bala Dilip SDB** : Asst Parish Priest at St Theresa's Church, Sanathnagar Parish
5. **Rev. Fr. Bandha Suresh SDB** : Asst Parish Priest at St Francis Xavier's Church, Borabanda Parish
6. **Rev. Fr. Yerramaneni Balaswamy SDB** : Asst Parish Priest at Don Bosco Shrine, Bandlaguda Jagir Parish

Archdiocesan Seminarians' Fund.....Rs. 13,59,500/-

Pastoral News

1) 1st, Final Profession and Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Holy Spirit Sisters at Jeedimetla on 2nd June 2022



2) Final Professions of Montfort Brothers at St. Paul's High School, Hyderguda on 04th June 2022



3) Mass at Holy Spirit Centre, Moinabad on 5th June 2022



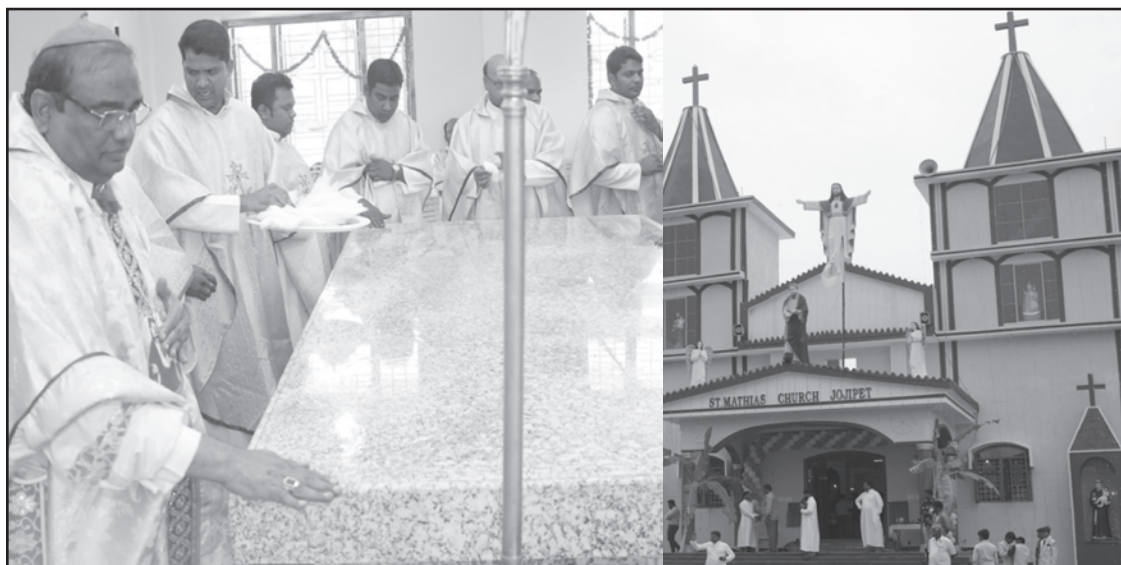
4) Synod Closing Mass at St. Mary's Basilica, Sec'bad on 5th June 2022



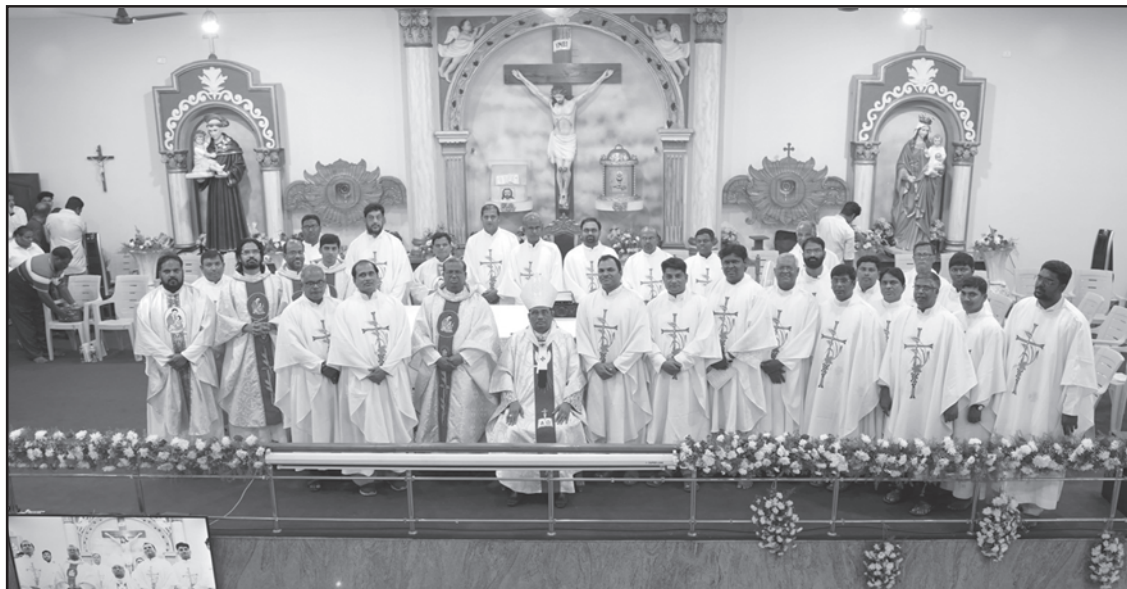
5) Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Discalced Carmelites Fathers at MCBT Grounds, Palavanha on 8th June 2022



6) Mass & Blessing of New Parish Church (St. Mathias' Church) at Jojipet, Nizambad Dist. On 9th June 2022



7) FESTIVE MASS AT ST. ANTHONY'S SHRINE, METTUGUDA 13TH JUNE 2022



8) SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, GANDINAGAR 13TH JUNE 2022



9) INAUGURAL EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AT VIJNANANILAYAM, JANAMPET, ELURU, ON 16TH JUNE 2022



10) FESTIVE MASS AT ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, VENKATAPURAM ON 19TH JUNE 2022



11) FESTIVE MASS AND BLESSING OF THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED CHAPEL OF ST. ANTHONY AT KHARKHANA (SUB-STATION OF MUDFORT) ON 28TH JUNE 2022



12) PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF DN. P. CHIRANJEEVI AT THEREDPALLY, NALGONDA ON 29TH JUNE 2022



HASSS

Lenten campaign Contribution for the month of May & June- 2022

S.No.	Name of the Parish & Institution	R.No.	Date	Amount
1	Holy Family Church (Tirimulgiri)	746	09.05.2022	44,280.00
2	St.Johns Church (Ramachandra Puram)	758	27.05.2022	20,000.00
3	St.Ann's Convent (Mehdipatnam)	762	27.05.2022	5,000.00
4	Rosa Mistica Church(L.B Nagar)	763	29.05.2022	59,569.00
5	St.Mother Teresa Church(Manikonda)	764	31.05.2022	11,500.00
6	Mr.Ashley John Coelho(Trimulgherry)	765	01.06.2022	10,000.00
7	JMJ Jyothinilayam(Bhavan Road)	766	03.05.2022	15,000.00
8	Auxilium Navajeevan Society(Boiguda)	767	06.06.2022	2,000.00
9	Infant Jesus Shrine(Emjala)	768	15.06.2022	30,500.00
10	Our lady of Mercy Church (Miyapur)	769	10.06.2022	5,000.00
11	St.Antony Church (Bazarghat)	771	23.05.2022	10,000.00
12	St.Mary's High School (Secunderabad)	772	21.06.2022	20,000.00
13	St Ignatious Church (Gagila Puram)	773	23.06.2022	4,960.00
14	St.Mary's Basilica Church (Secunderabad)	774	28.06.2022	45,600.00
TOTAL				283,409.00

Reminder: Dear Rev Fathers/Head of the Institutions/Religious Superiors we request you to forward whatever the collections made towards Lenten campaign from your parishes/ convents/institutions /communities. Kindly forward your contributions to "HASSS Lenten Campaign Account" at the earliest. We look forward your journey with HASSS in promoting this campaign. Thank you.

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Fr. Madanu Anthony
Executive Director, HASSS

SNEHAHASTHAM CONTRIBUTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH TO JUNE- 2022

S.No.	Name of the Parish & Institution	Date	Amount
2	Mrs. Jyothi (Jagathgiri Gutta)	22.03.2022	540.00
3	Vijayarani(Jagathgiri Gutta)	22.03.2022	540.00
4	Suram (SHG Members)	06.04.2022	4,700.00
5	Airport Colony(SHG Members)	06.04.2022	9,000.00
6	Ramanthpur Parishners	06.04.2022	5,600.00
7	Lillypur Parishners	06.04.2022	5,630.00
8	D'Cruz(Sultan Bazar)	11.04.2022	5,000.00
9	StBernard Church(Ammaguda)	24.04.2022	5,570.00
10	Infant Jesus Church(Mettuguda)	27.04.2022	1,310.00
11	Karenzer lever(Mettuguda)	27.04.2022	1,000.00
18	StBernard Church(Ammaguda)	12.05.2022	6,170.00
12	Sacred Heart Church(Lalaguda)	16.05.2022	4,970.00
13	Mr. Joseph Fernadaz (St.Mary's Church)	26.05.2022	10,000.00
14	Mr. Benzamin(Karunagiri Shrine)	27.05.2022	5,000.00
15	Karunagiri Shrine(Suraram)	27.05.2022	7,324.00
16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (Bowenpally)	06.06.2022	29,832.00
17	Mrs. Christina (Bowenpally)	13.06.2022	5,000.00
18	St Joseph Church (Bolaram)	20.06.2022	22,608.00
	TOTAL		129,794.00

Thank You: Dear Rev. Parish priests/Principals/Directors/Superiors, On behalf of the Hyderabad Archdiocese Social Service Society, I thank you for making efforts to mobilize the funds towards cancer prevention & Care campaign. God bless you for your generosity.

Fr. Madanu Anthony
Executive Director, HASSS

Archdiocesan News

1. CLOSING OF THE DIOCESAN PHASE OF THE SYNOD 2021-2023 IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD

The Diocesan phase of the Synod 2021-2023 was concluded by His Eminence, Cardinal Dr. Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad, at a special Liturgical celebration on Sunday, 5th June 2022 at St Mary's Basilica, Secunderabad. Before the concluding mass His Eminence Cardinal Dr. Poola Anthony met the Diocesan Synodal Team in an informal meeting over tea at St. Ann's High School SSC Hall.



The event began with a ceremonial procession led by the various representatives of Deanery Synodal Teams, both laity and the religious, followed by the deans, priests and His Eminence Dr Poola Anthony.

Fr. David Francis briefed the congregation on the significance of the Synod, and the call of Pope Francis to this Synod, to journey in the footsteps of the early Christians, with Mother Mary and the Apostles in the upper room, in the spirit of communion, participation and mission, in prayer and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In his homily, His Eminence Dr Poola Anthony said that the church has taken the call of Pope Francis seriously and every diocese is taking all steps to meet the expectations of the Holy Father.

In wishing everyone on the feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the church, His Eminence said that communion is being in one family, where we enjoy the different cultures, languages and traditions. We should get out of our tendency to judge based on outward appearances, or on differences like caste, language, rich or poor, etc. He reminded us of Jesus' eye resting on the poor widow who gave all she had to the temple mite. This should be our attitude as we break barriers, build bridges as the mystical Body of Christ to build up the one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

He stressed on the need for forming parish councils as per the authorized guidelines. We need to provide transparency on the funds and goods available, which do not belong to us but to the faithful and of which we are the custodians. He appealed to all to have the magnanimity to practice transparency in all matters.

He also said we should be reborn, leaving behind old habits, attitudes and ‘*we are supposed to imbibe the spirit of Jesus, the mentality, the attitude of Jesus, the love, joy, compassion and forgiveness of Jesus.*’ Jesus’ followers wanted to make him a king but instead He called His disciples and washed their feet and invites them to do the same. We should follow His example of service, as per the gifts and talents we have received from God, regardless of our own personal status. He invited everyone to contribute and collaborate fully in this Synod and to the Synod Team

After the Eucharist, there was a short ceremony which included a brief testimony of Synodal experiences at their deaneries by three members of the Synod Team followed by the reading of a brief summary of the Diocesan Synthesis. The Diocesan Report was then officially handed over to His Eminence Dr Poola Anthony.

In his brief concluding address His Eminence appreciated the efforts of everyone who had collaborated on this project. He invited all to take the synodal journey seriously so that we bear much fruit in our archdiocese, in the universal church and for the greater glory of God. Fr Dion Isaac, Convenor Diocesan Synod Team thanked everyone involved in the Synod activity for their work and the priests, sisters and other team members who made the evening a success. The programme ended with priests and representatives of various groups, felicitating His Eminence, Cardinal, Most Reverend, Dr Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad, on his elevation to Cardinal by His Holiness Pope Francis.

-Sylvester Isaac, Synodal team.

2. A GREAT COLLABORATION: COLLABORATION LED TO GOODNESS, TEAM BUILDING AND LIFE GIVING

It was on Saturday 25th June 2022, a great collaboration was witnessed between Hyderabad Archdiocese Social Service Society (HASSS) and Hyderabad Youth Commission. A Blood Donation Camp was organized for the noble cause of Thalassemia children. Those children are suffering, struggling from inherited blood disorder and all those who participated in the blood donation camp had taken part in this noble cause of reaching out to those children. Participants have expressed their desire, need and joy of giving their blood for a noble cause. Many were not even aware that there was something connected to blood disorder and such children are in need of our blood. All those who came forward are wonderful human beings. Yes, there were priests, nuns and there were students from colleges, working men and women from different age groups came forward in spite of their workload to sacrifice, to share their life with others in the form of donating blood.

The book of Leviticus mentions “*For the life of the flesh is in the blood....*” (Lev. 17:11). Our Archbishop Most Rev. Poola Anthony has emphasized in his message that blood is life and he has congratulated the donors and encouraged the youth to participate more in social causes. Jesus shed His blood on the Cross to save the



humanity. Through His blood Christ has redeemed us (Eph. 1:7). Every time we donate blood we are, indeed, taking part in the salvific action of Jesus on the Cross. Therefore, 'Donate blood - save lives.'

The collaborative act of HASSS and Youth Commission was appreciated and applauded. May this initiative be the

beginning of many such programs, events and experiences in our Archdiocese.

- Fr. P. Sunil, Youth Director, Archdiocese of Hyderabad

3. WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is an enrichment program for married couples which is held over a weekend (44 Hours) normally Friday late evening to Sunday evening. The weekend was held at Satyodyam, Tarnaka from June 17th to June 19th. 10 couples from different parishes parts of Hyderabad more importantly from different age groups and walks of life attended this program.

The format of the session was a presentation on a particular topic by a team comprising of a couple and a priest. At the end of each session questions would be given to the couples and each couple individually had to write the answer to the questions relating to their respective relationship, circumstances, feelings and problems, etc. It was imperative that the answers to the questions were only for the couples to share and not to be discussed or viewed by others.

After the initial welcome and introduction session by Fr. Richard, Donald & Maureen, the program unfolded with talks on communication of feelings, Encounter with self, Marriage in the Modern World, etc...spread over 44 hours.

In the session "Encounter with Self", the key takeaways were the effects of self-doubts, reducing the negative things and increasing the positive things in life and the anecdote from the movie "Man of La Mancha" was depicted as example of behaviour and the impact of it on relationship. In the topic of "Marriage in today's world" both the couple presenters gave insightful examples from their personal life and marriage. Key learning from this session was "Reduction of the single life style in marriage" and the fact that "to love is a decision"

The presenting priest gave a perspective of the Holy order in today's time and how he answered his call to priesthood. This was followed by a session on Listening -the key to communication, the focus in the session was on the topic of Listening with heart is love, Ways of empathetic listening, the way I listen to my spouse is the way i listen to God.

The next session namely “Areas of reaching out” made the couples identify the difficult or vulnerable areas in their marriage to reach out. The session on “God’s desire for Marriage” dealt with responsibility and intimacy in marriage which is God’s will and desire.

In the session on “Fears of Intimacy”, the key enablers for intimacy Trust and Risk were discussed in details. The final session of Saturday was on “Impact of Dialogue in our daily life”. The couples were asked to focus on something meaningful in their relationship due to dialogue.

On Sunday the first session of the final day was based on “Marriage as a Sacrament.” The emphasis of the session was on “Marriage not being a contract but a covenant”, “Happy marriage is a union between two good forgivers” and “Church is next to your spouse”. This was followed by a session on the topic “Keeping our relationship a priority,” the couple sharing was around “renewed commitment to dialogue”, to share & to love and forgive each other. The final session of the Marriage Encounter weekend program was on “Sharing the Dream” all the couples were encouraged to share concepts with other couples, spread the word and encourage other couples to participate.

The final day ended with Mass celebrated by Fr. David Francis, the couples remembered and renewed their wedding vows during the Mass. The 10 couples left the program with a better perspective about marriage and their spouse and had the vigour and promise to lead a meaningful Christian marriage.

- Roger Anthony and Steffi Anthony, St. John’s Parish, R.C’puram

4. DISCALCED CARMELITE FATHERS, ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PROVINCE, GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS (1971-2021) & ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

From his fullness we have received grace upon grace (John 1:16)

8th June, 2022 a memorable and treasured day in the history of Discalced Carmelite Fathers of St. Francis Xavier Province, Andhra-Telangana and a significant milestone for on this day we have celebrated the successful completion of 50 Glorious Years of the Mission.

As we mark the day it was a time of great joy and gratitude. Numerous are the blessings during these 50 years that God has bestowed upon the Province so it was fitting we recall and recount in the presence of his faithful witnessing to his treasures of love and providence. It was also an occasion to be grateful to the missionaries over the years who toiled for the expansion of the God’s kingdom.

His Eminence Cardinal Elect Most Rev. Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad solemnized the occasion and Most Rev Udumula Bala, Bishop of Warangal; Most Rev Paul Maipan, Bishop of Khammam;; Most Rev Jayarao Polimera, Bishop of Eluru; Rev Fr. Anthonappa Chowrappa, Administrator of Kurnool Diocese were also present for this glorious occasion and joined us to thank the Holy Trinity for his benevolent love.

It was also a jubilant moment as Fr. Bernadine M. Louis, one among the first 3 Missionaries and other former Missionaries from Manjimala Province, Kerala, were present for this celebration and to witness the growth of the Mission which had a very humble beginning but over the years has steadily amplified and spread to 10 out of 12 dioceses of Telugu States and rendering services in various walks of life; **Socio-Educational, Pastoral, Spiritual, Medical and Women Empowerment**. The result of it is the many institutions like schools, ITI and V-Guard Centre for the underprivileged children, youth, and women.

Along with them the jubilee was augmented by the presence of Discalced Carmelite Provincials of other Provinces, representatives, Religious Priests, Diocesan Priests, and other Religious sisters of various congregations.

Celebration is incomplete without the presence of the laity; we were delighted to see Thousands of Faithful gathered from many parishes, near and far, from Wyrā to Nellipaka have participated in our thanksgiving celebration to the Almighty for His manifold blessings.

It was the celebration time at MCBT Grounds, Palwancha which began at 9:00 am onwards with the arrival of all celebrants and faithful. The Newly appointed Cardinal designated Most Rev. Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad, was solemnly welcomed by 200 Mariadalam People. The ground was decorated with beautiful pandals, flowers; stage and altar depicting **Golden Jubilee – celebration of Life and Mission**.

The Golden Jubilee bells chimed as the celebrations began with the Vesting and as 120 Kolatam dancers from 7 of our Carmelite Parishes welcomed the celebrants to the altar of the Lord. After that Rev. Fr. Provincial welcomed the gathering, followed by a video presentation of the history of the Province. Thereafter Golden Jubilee Eucharistic Celebration was Solemnized thanking God for his continuous love and protection; expressing gratitude to priests, religious sisters, laity for their support and service. In this atmosphere of thanksgiving and joyfulness Bishop Paul Maipān, Local Ordinary in his sermon recalled the mission history and invited to continue hold fast to the Spiritual treasures of the Order in the Church and legacy of the Missionaries. He also said in his sermon that Priesthood is conferred by Christ, for Christ, and to be With Christ. And our true identity is that we are God's people.

The celebration was concluded by the final blessing of the Newly Ordained Priests, followed by felicitations to the Main celebrants, Missionaries and other guests of honor. To pull the curtains down to the celebrations everyone was served with delicious meals.

As we say thanks to all those who brought this celebration to fruition and realization, we remain ever grateful to Cardinal Elect, Bishops, Administrators, Provincials, Representative, Former Missionaries, and Religious Priests, Diocesan clergy, Religious Sisters and the laity for their cooperation and active participation.

- Rev. Fr. Jayaraju Bollikonda OCD, Provincial Superior

5.

**Family Apostolate - Archdiocese of
Hyderabad Celebrates**



2ND WORLD GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERS' DAY

"IN OLD AGE THEY WILL STILL BEAR FRUIT", PS 92:15

ON 24TH JULY 2022 STARTING 11:00 A.M.

**AT ST. ANN'S HIGH SCHOOL HALL (ICSE)
SECUNDERABAD**

**Program will have get-together, Eucharistic
celebration, Felicitations and Lunch. Please bring
your grand parents on this day.**

*For further details contact Fr. David Francis :
9490941460*

6. REPORT ON ANNUAL FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ON 19TH JUNE, 2022 AT ST.ANTHONY'S CHURCH VENKATAPURUM.

The Annual feast of St. Anthony of Padua was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Venkatapurum on 19th June 2022. On the conclusion of nine days novena, a thanks giving Holy Eucharistic celebration was organized at 10 30 a.m., and it was celebrated by Archbishop His Eminence Cardinal Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony.

At the outset of the Pontifical high Mass His Eminence Cardinal Most Rev.Dr.Poola Anthony was welcomed by *harathi*. This is the day Lord has made and we will rejoice, It is the coincidence that the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and Fathers day. On this day, our Joy was doubled because the Parish priest Rev.Fr. Mettu Arogyam was also celebrating his birthday. Our beloved Archbishop His Eminence Cardinal Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony in his homily emphasized on the virtues of St. Anthony that is practiced in his whole life . He also highlighted a miracle performed by St. Anthony relating to Blessed sacrament.

After the Holy Eucharist there was a grand felicitation to our Archbishop His Eminence Cardinal Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony, by the parish priest Rev. Fr. Mettu Arogyam, Assistant parish priest Rev. Fr. Isaac Richard Babu, Rev. Sr. Merlin and Congregation of Vincent Nilayam. His Eminence was also felicitated by various organization of Parish Community. Finally the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Mettu Arogyam cut the cake and celebrate his birthday along with His Eminence. The day's gaiety ended with fellowship meal at the community hall. In the evening beautifully decorated statue of St. Anthony was took around Venkatapurum as a procession by the devotees and Parishners. After the benediction the annual feast of St. Anthony was concluded by lowering the flag.

- Zonal Leaders, St. Anthony's Church, Venkatapurum

7. NOTICE

Vijay Marie College of Nursing, Begumpet, Hyderabad: Issuing of Applications for B.Sc Nursing – 4 years and M.Sc Nursing – 2 years courses for the year 2022-23 is commencing **16.06.2022 to 16.08.2022**. Candidates with Intermediate (BiPC) / 10+2), who have applied and appeared for Telangana State EAMCET / NEET for B.Sc Nursing course and candidates with B.Sc Nursing (with One year experience) for M.Sc Nursing course, can obtain the respective applications from the college office.

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8. 2ND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2022

Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount	Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount
1		Aliabad		49	27-05-2022	Lillipur	461
2		Alirajpet		50		Madinaguda	
3	22-06-2022	Ammuguda	2500	51		Mahendra Hills	
4		Armoor		52		Mallapur	
5		Arogya Nagar (Mission)		53		Manikonda Mission	
6	10-05-2022	Arul Colony	2410	54		Medchal	
7	17-05-2022	Balaji Nagar	1758	55	17-05-2022	Medipalle	1000
8		Balaiah Nagar		56	15-06-2022	Mettuguda	11000
9	25-05-2022	Band Lines	6000	57	22-06-2022	Miyapur	3000
10		Bandlaguda Jagir (Kismatpur)		58	14-06-2022	Moul - Ali	8900
11	11-05-2022	Banjara Hills	10000	59		Mudfort	
12		Basuregadi		60		Muthangi	
13		Bayyaram		61	14-05-2022	Nacharam	2900
14	20-05-2022	Bazar Ghat	1000	62		Nandrakal	
15	13-06-2022	Begumpet	13317	63		Narayankhed	
16	11-05-2022	BHEL - MIG	3810	64		Nedunoor	
17	24-05-2022	Bhoiguda	15000	65		Neela Camp	
18		Bodhan		66	09-05-2022	Nizamabad	1500
19		Boduppall		67		Pargi	
20	31-05-2022	Bolarum	12500	68		Patancheru	
21		Borabanda		69	18-05-2022	Ramachandrapuram	8500
22		Bowenpally		70	17-05-2022	Ramanthapur	3300
23		Cherlapally		71	21-06-2022	Ramnagar	16748
24		Chintalacheruvu		72		Sadasivpet	
25		Church Colony		73		Sainikpuri	
26	01-06-2022	Dayanandnagar	3250	74	23-05-2022	Sanathnagar	20000
27		Dharmaram		75		Sangareddy	
28	15-06-2022	Emjala	15000	76		Santhoshnagar	
29		Gaddiannaram		77	29-04-2022	Sappers Lines	1266
30	26-05-2022	Gagillapuram	2150	78	23-06-2022	Secunderabad	40056
31		Gajwel		79		Seethaphalmandi	
32		Gandhinagar		80		Shabad	
33	11-05-2022	Garrison (Trimulgherry)	1954	81		Shamshabad	
34		Ghatkesar		82		Shantinagar	
35		Golconda		83		Shapurnagar	
36	22-06-2022	Hyderabad, Gunfoundry	5200	84		Siddipet	
37		Jadi Jamalpur		85		Sultan Bazar	
38	11-05-2022	Jagadgirigutta	3500	86	13-06-2022	Suraram	3000
39		Jahanuma		87		Tandur	
40		Jogipet		88		Toopran	
41		Joipet		89	25-05-2022	Trimulgherry	20000
42		Kalwakole		90		Uminthal	
43		Kamareddy		91		Vanasthalipuram	
44	16-06-2022	Khairatabad	24000	92	10-05-2022	Venkatapuram	10335
45		Kissan Nagar		93		Vikarabad	
46		Kukatpally		94		Yapral	
47		L. B. Nagar		95		Yeddumylaram	
48		Lallaguda		96		Yellareddy	
				97	01-06-2022	Zaheerabad	727
						Total	2,76,042

International News

1.



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Prot. N. 2022/428

Vatican, 03 June 2022

Excellency,

on the occasion of the message for the second *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, the Holy Father wrote that it "is an occasion to say once again, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with those whom the Lord - as the Bible says - has 'satiated with days.' Let us celebrate it together! I invite you to announce this *Day* in your parishes and communities; to visit the elderly who are most alone at home or in the residences where they are guests. Let us make sure that no one lives this day in loneliness."

To respond to this invitation, it is our desire that the celebration of the *Day* be carried out, as far as possible, in each parish, diocesan or associative reality in the ways that best suit its own pastoral needs. For this reason, we have prepared some pastoral tools that, we hope, will be of help to those who are preparing to organize initiatives to celebrate it. These are the Holy Father's message, his catecheses on the theme of old age and the official prayer for the *Day*, along with some pastoral suggestions; you will find them attached to this letter and on our Dicastery's website <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/eventi/2022/ii-giornata-mondiale-dei-nonni-e-degli-anziani.html>.

They are adaptable tools, designed to enable those who wish to do so to plan adequately for the celebration of the *Day* and, for this reason, we invite you to forward this present letter and its attachments to all the bishops who are part of the Bishops' Conference or the Eastern Hierarchical Structure that you preside over.

Aware of the multiplicity and variety of initiatives that will be put in place, we would be grateful if they would be accompanied by the official logo of the *Day* and the hashtag #ElderlyandGrandparents.

In the hope that the celebration of the *Day* will be an opportunity to convey to our grandparents and elders the closeness of the Church, I send you cordial greetings in Christ.

Most Reverend Filipe Neri FERRAO
President
Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (C.C.B.I.).


Kevin Card. Farrell
Prefect

2.



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2022

SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

With the celebration of its second edition, the *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* enters the ordinariness of the pastoral practice of our ecclesial communities and is set to become a tradition.

Attention to grandparents and the elderly, in fact, cannot be something extraordinary since their presence is not exceptional but an established fact of our societies. The Holy Father invites us to become aware of their relevance in the life of our countries and communities and to do so in a way that is not episodic but structural. That is, it is not a matter of chasing after an emergency, but of laying the foundations for long-term pastoral work that will involve us for decades to come. After all, in some places in the world-especially in Europe and North America-they represent 20 percent or more of the population. Within our communities, therefore, a change of perspective is required, putting aside those arguments that make the elderly appear as distant and extraneous people to be taken care of and getting used to a pastoral focus marked by ordinariness and long-term planning.

In the perspective of a commitment destined to develop over long periods of time, the catecheses that the Holy Father is dedicating to old age are of particular relevance. They offer an articulate and innovative reflection on this age of life and can be both the basis for immediate pastoral work in preparation for this year's Day and for long-term planning.

The catecheses and the Holy Father's message for the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly are at the heart of this pastoral kit and contain a rich range of indications that can be used, if necessary, adapting them to one's own context.

Both the catechesis and the message can be found at this link <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/eventi/2022/ii-giornata-mondiale-d-ei-nonni-e-degli-anziani.html>

This year's Day comes at a particular time, unexpectedly marked by war. In the message, the Holy Father recognizes a link between the fading testimony of those who lived through World War II and the resurgence of conflict in Europe. This is the reason why he calls on grandparents and the elderly to be "creators of the revolution of tenderness" and to live especially intense prayer for peace, in Ukraine and beyond.

The mission that the Holy Father entrusts to the elderly at this particular juncture manifests how he believes that grandparents and the elderly have their own particular vocation that makes them a relevant part of God's holy faithful People. This is the real alternative to the culture of discarding: it is not about making a

gesture of charity or begging for a little better treatment, but about the affirmation of the centrality of the elderly in society and grandparents in the family.

Below we list some simple indications that, we hope, will be of help in organizing the next *Day*, but we are sure that each of you will be able to find with creativity the most appropriate way to celebrate it starting from your own pastoral context. Aware of the variety of initiatives that were taken on the occasion of the first edition and those that, we hope, will mark the second one as well, we have developed a logo that can be used freely and that will allow them to be identified with the *Day*. The logo represents an embrace, and a detailed explanation is attached.

In the hope that the second *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* will contribute to countering the culture of discarding and making grandparents and the elderly protagonists in the life of our communities, we send cordial greetings in the Lord.

P. Alexandre Awi Mello, I. Sch.

Secretary

Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life

Card. Kevin Farrell

Prefect

Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life

Pastoral directions

Visiting the lonely elderly

- The second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated in a situation in which in many countries the health emergency has ended, which will allow initiatives to be taken with greater freedom and to put personal encounter and embrace at the center of each one.
- In order for the message of closeness and consolation that the Day wants to express to reach everyone - even those who are most isolated - we ask people to make a visit to their grandparents and the lonely elderly in their community and to deliver the Holy Father's message to them.
- The visit, a tangible sign of the outgoing Church, is a way to reaffirm that the elderly, even the loneliest, are at the center of our communities.
- The visit shows the personal choice to get up and go quickly to others (cf. Lk. 1:39), just as Mary did to visit the elderly Elizabeth.
- The visit can be an opportunity to bring a gift, such as a flower, and to read the Day's prayer together.
- Visiting a lonely elderly person is one of the possibilities for obtaining the Plenary Indulgence granted on the occasion of the Day.
- The encounter between young and old, the friendship that can result, is one of the signs that "In old age they will still bear fruit"
- To spread the message of the day, pictures of the visits can be posted on social media with the hashtag **#ElderlyAndGrandparents**

The preparation of the day with the elderly

- The elderly are the main recipients of the Day's activities. The Holy Father's message is addressed to them.
- It is important to make sure that as many elderly people as possible participate in person in the Sunday liturgy celebrated on the occasion of the Day.
- Since the pandemic, in many contexts, the participation of the elderly in Sunday Mass has declined. Influencing this is the persistent fear of contagion, but also the habit, acquired during the various lock downs, of attending celebrations on television or online. The Day can be an opportunity to help the elderly regain the habit of attending Mass in presence.
- Elders from the parish or from one's own ecclesial reality can be invited for a time of reflection on the Pope's message for the Day, which can be distributed to all participants.
- Through visits to the elderly who are alone, the text of the message can also be delivered to those unable to attend the meetings.
- The Holy Father's prayer intentions accompanied by the special intentions of one's own community can be entrusted to all grandparents and elders reached on the occasion of the Day.

Preparing for the day with young people

- You can convene the youth of your community a few weeks before the Day to explain it and be sure that they reach as many elders as possible with their visits.
- Similarly, one can meet with the youth after the celebration to share the fruits of the meetings.
- Young people can organize social campaigns to spread the contents of the Day using the hashtag #ElderlyAndGrandparents

Plenary Indulgence

- The Apostolic Penitentiary promulgated a decree granting Plenary Indulgence on the occasion of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.
- For the elderly, it is possible to obtain the Indulgence by attending one of the Masses celebrated on the occasion of the Day.
- Considering that some elderly people are unable to attend Mass in person for health reasons, the Indulgence is extended to those who take part through television, radio or the web.
- The Indulgence is also granted to all those who, on the occasion of the Day, perform a 'work of mercy through visiting a lonely elderly person.

Liturgy Notes.

- Let one of the Masses on Sunday July 24, be dedicated to celebrating the Day with grandparents and the elderly of the parish or community.

- To encourage the presence of the elderly at the Mass, community members can be involved to arrange transportation for those who are unable to move on their own.
- During the celebration, young people from the parish or community can deliver the Holy Father's message to grandparents and the elderly.
- Liturgical celebrations of the Day on July 24 and the days immediately preceding and following can be planned within hospitals and residences for the elderly involving, where possible and in compliance with health regulations, members of the parish so that the masses are appropriately animated.
- The collection from the Day's Masses can be dedicated to support projects in favor of poor elderly people in one's community.

Suggestions for the prayers of the faithful

- For all of us elders, that we may become creators of the revolution of tenderness and that we may teach everyone to look at their brothers and sisters with the same gaze that we look at our dear grandchildren. Let us pray.
- For young people, that they may go with joy to meet the elderly and show them God's tenderness. For the world to be filled with the overflowing joy of a new embrace between the young and the old! Let us pray.
- For all of us grandfathers and grandmothers, that even in old age we may bear fruits of wisdom for our families and that we may learn to pass on the treasure of faith to our grandchildren and to the new generations. Let us pray.
- That all of us, grandparents and elders, will not be afraid to intercede for the salvation of the world, just as Abraham did, that peace will come everywhere and especially in Ukraine. Let us pray.
- For the Church, which everywhere today celebrates the World Day dedicated to them, to be more and more a welcoming home for grandparents and the elderly. For Pope Francis that the Lord will bless and protect his ministry. Let us pray.

Final Blessing

Blessing on a long life

God of mercy,

You have given your children the gift of long life, And they ask for your blessing.

Let them feel the tenderness and strength of your presence. As they look back to the past, let them rejoice in your mercy. As they look to the future,

May they persevere in hope that does not fade. To you be praise and glory for ever.



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Dates & Events to Remember

- 04. St. Elizabeth of Portugal (Op.M)
- 05. St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Pt (Op. M)
- 06. St. Maria Goretti, Vrg & Mrtr (Op. M)
- 09. St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Comps, Mrtrs (Op. M)
- 11. St. Benedict, Abbot (M)
- 13. St. Henry (Op. M)
- 14. St. Camillus De Lellis, Pt (Op. M)
- 15. St. Bonaventure, Bp & Dr (M)
- 16. Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Op. M)
- 20. St. Apollinaris, Bp & Mrtr (Op. M)
- 21. St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Pt & Dr (Op. M)
- 22. St. Mary Magdalene (M)



- 23. St. Bridget of Sweden, Rgs (Op. M)
- 25. St. James, Ap (F)
- 26. Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM (M)
- 28. St. Alphonsa Muttathupadathu, Vrg(M)
- 29. St. Martha (M)
- 30. St. Peter Chrysologus, Bp & Dr (Op.M)
- 31. Bible Sunday

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

- 02. Fr. Selva Kumar Aloysius
- 02. Fr. Tharigopala Victor Emmanuel
- 06. Fr. Anthony Sagayaraja
- 06. Fr. Swarna Balaprabhakar
- 10. Fr. Chinnabathini Jayaraj
- 11. Fr. Michael Thaigaraj



- 12. Fr. Bandaru Baltharaj
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- 23. Fr. Prince Xavier Seelam
- 25. Fr. Chinnabathini Charles

Necrology

- 14. Fr. Bandanadam Julian
- 16. Fr. Pancras Fernando
- 26. Fr. Joseph Chanayil
- 26. Fr. Walter Pinto
- 30. Fr. Bandanadam Marianna



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

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Archbishop Fernando Vérgez Alzaga (Spanish)
President of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State and
President of the Governatorate for Vatican City State



Archbishop Giorgio Marengo (Italian)
Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar,
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Archbishop Lazzaro You Heung-sik
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