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The Feast of Christ the King

“ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. ”

Philippians 2:10-11



Bp Jaya Rao giving Baptisms & Confirmations at Challapalli parish on Oct 9, 2013



Bp Jaya Rao along with the MF Silver Jubileerians on Oct. 10, 2013 at Nadipalli



Bp Jaya Rao praying to mother Mary & Blessing new presbytery at St. Eugene parish, Tallapudi on Oct 7, 2013.



A three day Konaseema Youth Retreat conducted at D. Gannavaram parish on Oct 9, 2013.



Our Pastor speaks

REFLECTION ON THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

"Christ is ALL, and in ALL." (Colossians 3:11)

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

Anyone who wants to believe needs a heart that is ready to listen (1 Kings 3:9). Let me call upon your attention for few minutes to ponder on the Feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of the liturgical year and which was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with encyclical letter *Quas Primas*.

The Kingship is not a title but it is a historic event. Through the Pascal Ministry he raised into the Glory of God. Christ is also called *Elshaddai*.

Christians accept the meaning of '*El Shaddai*' as being both The All-Mighty, All-Powerful and Only True God, and the One who has further, finally, and completely revealed Himself in the New Testament and in the Lord Jesus Christ to be All-in-All: "God Almighty - *El Shaddai*, the Father-Mother God - proved sufficient for everything. Lord Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also the head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to HAVE FIRST PLACE IN EVERYTHING. (Colossians 1:15 – 20)

Let me recall the scriptural basis the beautiful verses written about Christ. Jesus Christ is declared king at his birth: he descends from the royal line of David (Mt 1:1). He created the heavens, the earth, principalities, powers—everything in all creation. **Jesus Christ is declared king at his crucifixion (Jn 19:19-22). As king, Jesus Christ welcomes believers into his kingdom.** And to this day, He continually sustains it and every creature in it—including you and me.

Jesus is a mysterious king. This king differs from other kings in very many ways. He himself says "My Kingdom is not of this world" (Jn. 18:36). He is sharp contrast to rulers. Philippians 2:6-11 says: "Though he was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.”

The most sublime act in the history of Christ was His Death. He is the only person/king who came to die. He Himself told us that He came “to give His life redemption for many” (Mark 10:45)

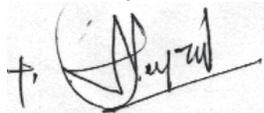
It is from this point view I would like to awake our minds and hearts with sublime rather simple reflection. Our Lord Jesus has given His Body and Blood to us precisely so that we may overflow with the same love for others that He has first given to us. It is for this reason that as **the King will judge us at the end of the world** on the ways in which we have generously and self-sacrificing offered ourselves for the life of others.

As Christians we should be loyal citizens of our countries, but loyal citizens of God’s kingdom first. God is powerful enough to provide His people with blessings. Not only is He powerful enough to do so; He wants to, but he also wants man to worship and obey Him.

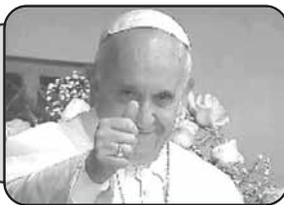
Let us take up the responsibility that is entrusted to you and to me and obey the Lord. Jesus Himself says that “Whoever want to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (Mt 16:24).

The Christian who “wants everything clear and safe... will find nothing”. – Pope Francis

God Bless you!



+ Jaya Rao Polimera, Bishop of Eluru



**LET US LISTEN
TO THE HOLY FATHER**



**FRANCIS TO NEWLY ORDAINED BISHOPS:
THE EPISCOPATE IS A SERVICE, NOT AN HONOR**

“Episcopate’ is the name of a service, not of an honor. “It corresponds more to the Bishop to serve than to dominate. A Bishop who does not pray is a halfway Bishop and if he does not pray to the Lord he will end up in worldliness.”

A Bishop must be that of a father and a brother to all those that God entrusts to him, and that they must pay special attention to their presbyters and deacons who “are your collaborators.”

- Pope Francis at St. Peter’s Basilica on Oct 24, 2013

“Jesus is not a spirit! Jesus is a person, He is a man, with flesh like ours, but in glory. Jesus has the wounds on His hands, His feet, on His side and when He prays, He shows the Father the price of justification, and prays for us”. Christ is like our brother, a man like one of us, who is the first who prays for us to God.

“He prays for me; He prays for all of us and prays courageously because he shows the Father the price of our justice: His wounds,”

- Pope Francis, October 28, 2013

SINCERE CONFESSION Allows One to Discover Depths of God’s Forgiveness

“Confessing our sins is not going to a psychiatrist, or to a torture chamber: it’s saying to the Lord, ‘Lord, I am a sinner,’ but saying it through the brother, because this says it concretely.

Sincere ability to feel shame for one’s sins can bring one to discover the depth of God’s mercy and forgiveness. The approach to confessing one’s sins should be that of little children, who “have that wisdom.”

“When a child comes to confess, he never says something general. ‘But father, I did this and I did that to my aunt, another time I said this word’ and they say the word. But they are concrete, eh? They have that simplicity of the truth. And we always have the tendency to hide the reality of our failings. ”



To feel shame in the moment of confessing one’s sins in the presence of God is a grace, he concluded. This “grace of shame” is the same grace exhibited by St. Peter. “We think of Peter when, after the miracle of Jesus on the lake, [he said] ‘Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinner.’ He is ashamed of his sins in the presence of the sanctity of Jesus,”

- Pope Francis, October 25, 2013

Faith, harmony, universality make church ‘catholic,’ says pope

VATICAN CITY, Oct. 9 : (CNS) — Professing that the church is “catholic” means accepting its teachings, accepting the gifts it offers to help one grow in holiness and accepting the fact that it is composed of different people with different gifts and opinions, Pope Francis said. “Let’s ask ourselves: Do we live in harmony in our communities? Or do we fight among ourselves?” the pope asked Oct. 9 as he focused his weekly general audience talk on the meaning of the creed’s profession that the church is “catholic.”

Each person has his or her own gifts, qualities and character, which “is one of the beauties of the church — **everyone brings what God has given him or her to enrich the others.**” “When we try to impose uniformity, we kill the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He asked people at the audience to pray that the Spirit would make all church members more “catholic.” While the word “catholic” literally means universal, it is not first of all a matter of geography, but of unity in faith, Pope Francis said.

Each diocese, each parish can say it is “catholic” because its members are united in the faith, the sacraments, the ministry of its priests, the leadership of its bishop and its unity with the pope, he said. Being Catholic means being part of a family, he said. No one

should or can go it alone; "in a family, each one of us is given what we need to grow, mature and live. We cannot grow alone, we cannot walk alone, in isolation, but we must move forward and grow in a community."

If people go to Mass like spectators at a ballgame or movie, or if they are too wrapped up in their own problems to accept help and offer their gifts to others, neither they nor the church will benefit. **"The church is catholic because it is universal, it is present in every part of the world and proclaims the Gospel to every man and every woman."**

MARRIAGE ISN'T EASY, BUT IT'S BEAUTIFUL, POPE SAYS

VATICAN CITY : The Catholic Church must help young people understand that marriage isn't always easy, "but it is so beautiful," Pope Francis said. "There are problems in marriage: different points of view, jealousies, arguments, but tell young couples to never let the day end without making peace. The sacrament of matrimony is renewed in this act of peace. This path is not easy, but it is so beautiful," the pope said.

For the Catholic Church, a family isn't simply a group of individuals, but it is a community where people learn to love one another, share with and make sacrifices for each other and "defend life, especially of those who are more fragile and weak." The family as a special community must "be recognized as such, especially today when so much emphasis is placed on the safeguarding of individual rights. "Spousal and familial love clearly reveal that the vocation of the human person is to love one other person forever and that the trials, sacrifices and crises in the life of the couple or the family are stages for growth in goodness, truth and beauty," he said.

"When I hear the confession of a young married man or woman, and they refer to their son or daughter, I ask, 'How many children do you have?' and they tell me. Maybe they're expecting another question after that, but I always ask, 'And tell me, do you play with your children? Do you waste time with your children?'" "The free gift of a parent's time is so important," he said.

PONTIFICAL MESSAGE TO HINDUS FOR THE FEAST OF DEEPAVALI

**Regardless of our ethnic, cultural, religious and ideological differences,
all of us belong to the one human family**

"Christians and Hindus: fostering human relationships through friendship and solidarity" Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue

"Relationships are fundamental to human existence. The deeper our human relationships, the more we are able to advance towards cooperation, peace-building, genuine solidarity and harmony. Human relationships are at the heart of human existence and its progress. **Regardless of our ethnic, cultural, religious and ideological differences, all of us belong to the one human family.**

"Finally, we wish to state our conviction that a culture of solidarity can only be achieved as 'the fruit of a concerted effort on the part of all, in service of the common good' (Pope Francis, Meeting with Brazil's Leaders of Society, Rio de Janeiro, 27 July 2013). Sustained by the teachings of our respective religions and aware of the importance of building genuine relationships, may we, **Hindus and Christians, work individually and collectively, with all religious traditions and people of good will, to foster and strengthen the human family through friendship and solidarity"**.

Vatican City, 28 October 2013

ENGAGEMENTS OF BISHOP

NOVEMBER 2013

1 st	Fri	10.00 am	St. Ambrose School day, Nidadavloe
2 nd	Sat	7.00 am	All Souls Day, Janampet & 4.00 pm Thangellamudi
3 rd	Sun	10.00 am	Youth meeting at Presentation Convent, Darbhagudem
4 th	Mon	I. 10.00 am	Chapel blessing, Kanuru
		II. 6.30 pm	Mass at St. Ann's Hospital, Vijayawada
5 th	Tue		Office
6 th	Wed	11.00 am	Chapel Blessing, Veeravasaram
7 th	Thu	& 8 th Fri	Office
9 th	Sat	I. 10.30 am	First Profession (Sr. Beena) at Clare's Study House, Prakashnagar
		II. 6.00 pm	Mass at Vimala Hrudaya Convent, Eluru
10 th	Sun	10.00 am	Confirmations at St. Ann's Parish, Manuru & Annual Retreat Begins with Night Prayers at Nirmalagiri
11 th	Mon – 15 th Fri		- Annual Retreat, Nirmalagiri
16 th	Sat		Office
17 th	Sun	10.30 am	Jubilee Mass (175 Years) of St. Augustine Sisters, Pedapadu
18 th	Mon	10.00 am	Marriage blessing, Warangal
19 th	Tue		- Occupied
20 th	Wed	2.30 pm	Divine Mercy Church Blessing at Jubileenagar
21 st	Thu	7.30 pm	Parish Retreat at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Darbhagudem
22 nd	Fri		office
23 rd	Sat	5.30 pm	School Day at Koyalagudem
24 th	Sun	I. 7.45 am	Mass at Cathedral, Eluru
		II. 3.30 pm	Youth program, SCJ Seminary, Vanguru
25 th	Mon	6.30 pm	Mass at Holy Family College (Founder's Day), Vanguru
26 th	Tue	5.30 pm	Mass at St. Anthony's Shrine, Guntur
27 th	Wed		office
28 th	Thu	11.00 am	Confirmations at Sacred Heart Parish, Kalipatnam
29 th	Fri		office
30 th	Sat	10.00 am	Mass at Godavari Mary Matha Shrine, Vegeswarapuram

December 2013

1 st	Sun	I. 8.30 am	Holy Communions & Confirmations at St. Theresa's Parish, Eluru
		II. 5.00 pm	Holy Communions & Confirmations at St. Joseph's Parish, Ploavaram
2 nd	Mon		Office
3 rd	Tue	I. 10.00 am	St. Xavier's Feast, Azzampudi, Vijayawada,
		II. 5.00 pm	Mass at Showriapuram Village, Vatluru
4 th	Wed		Office
5 th	Thu	9.30 am	Festive Mass & Confirmations at Nirmala Parish, Tanuku
6 th	Fri	10.30 am	Feast at St. Ambrose Parish & Confirmations, Nidadavole
7 th	Sat	I. 10.00 am	Platinum Jubilee (75 Years) of St. Theresa's High School, Eluru
		II. 3.00 pm	Mass at Jeelakarragudem, Tedlam
8 th	Sun	I. 10.00 am	Feast at Amalodbhavi Parish, Ashoknagar
		II. 5 pm	Feast & Confirmations at Immaculate Conception Parish, Amalapuram

9 th	Mon	11.00 am Chapel Blessing, Mogaluru
10 th	The	10.30 am Jubilee Mass of Rev. Fr. Maria Joji at Allipalli Matha Shrine
11 th	Wed	I. 10.00 am Tower Blessing at Fatima Church, Fathimapuram II. 4.30 pm Marriage at Cathedral, Eluru
12 th	Thu	10.00 am Mass at SMI Convent, Chintalapudi
16 th	Mon	Fatima B.ed College Silver Jubilee, Fatimanagar, Warangal
17 th	Tue	& 18 th Wed occupied
19 th	Thu	I. 11.30 am Address to Staff, Semi Christmas Celebration at Dental College II. 6.30 pm Mass at Mother Theresa Parish, Vangayagudem
20 th	Fri	6.00 pm Semi Christmas Celebrations at Amalodbhavi School, Ashoknagar
21 st	Sat	I. 9.30 am CRI Semi Christmas Celebration
22 nd	Sun	9.30 am Confirmations & Communions at St. Joseph's Parish, Irusumanda
23 rd	Mon	Office
24 th	Tue	Christmas Midnight Mass, Cathedral, Eluru
25 th	Wed	9.00 am Christmas Mass, St. Theresa's Parish, Eluru
26 th	Thu	Office
27 th	Fri	10.30 am Feast, Communions & Confirmations at Holy Family Parish Mulagalampdu
28 th	Sat	Occupied
29 th	Sun	5.30 pm Festive Mass at Polur of Kurnool Diocese
30 th	Mon	Office
31 st	Tue	Midnight Mass in Cathedral, Eluru

FAITH CAN PROVIDE a sense of our worth, a sense of hope in the face of despair, TREMENDOUS INNER STRENGTH to face struggles light and heavy.

Pope Benedict XVI – Porta Fidei, Apostolic Letter for the Indication of the Year of Faith:

At the diocesan level, Bishops are encouraged to:

1. To mark the opening and conclusion of the Year of Faith with special celebrations, issue a pastoral letter on the significance (and relevance) of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church,

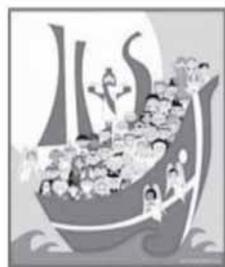
2....and organize catechetical study days throughout the year on the themes, documents, and resources... related to these two significant moments in the life of the Church.

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters & Faithful,

Greetings of love and peace to you from your Bishop Jaya Rao Polimera!

After having systematically conducted the Year of Faith input-sessions on Vicariate-level, I am happy to call upon your attention once again to join hands towards a meaningful conclusion of the year of faith in the diocesan level.

The Year of Faith has begun on October 11, 2012, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and ending on November 24th, 2013, the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King (Christ the King).



Hence, after having consulted with the Episcopal Vicars and consultants, the Diocese of Eluru, will be anticipating the conclusion of the Year of Faith on November 15, 2013 (Friday) on the final day of the Clergy Annual Retreat. Priests Retreat ends at 10.00 a.m. and followed by the talk on faith at 10.30 a.m. You are to be present by 10.00 a.m., at Nirmalagiri Shrine Church and join the Pastoral Clergy for a solemn Mass at 12.00 p.m. and an agape thereafter.

I hereby call upon the Parish Priests, Superiors of different convents/institutions that you are to send two or three representatives from your parish/institution/convent/Religious house, so that we can have a great number in concluding the Year of Faith.

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." (Hebrew 11:1)

Wishing you every success in your Pastoral Ministry,

Yours fraternally in the Lord,
+ Jaya Rao Polimera

THE DLSC (DIOCESE LAND SURVEY COMMITTEE)

Dear Rev Fathers/Sisters/Brothers

Sub: Official communication:

1. Safeguarding the Church properties.
2. Erection/visit of the Diocese Land Survey Committee (DLSC) for the verification of land documents/agreements of the parish and the institutions, Reg.-

I am happy to bring to your attention through this letter for two important reasons.

Need to be more vigilant regarding the illegal occupations and encroachments of persons other than Diocese/Government policies and making known the Guidelines and Safeguards to Protect and Develop Church Properties from APBC & APFC Systematizing the Diocese lands/ Chancellery office.

A. SAFEGUARDING THE CHURCH PROPERTIES:

After having participated my first APBC meeting from September 4-6, 2013, I feel that there is a need to be more **vigilant regarding the illegal occupations and encroachments of persons other than Diocese/Government** policies and making known the Guidelines and Safeguards to Protect and Develop Church Properties from APBC (Andhra Pradesh Bishop's Conference) & APFC (Andhra Pradesh Federation of Churches)

Reasons to be more vigilant

In 2007, the Government of Andhra Pradesh had brought out draft Bills for the protection of Church Properties on the recommendation of the House Committee of A.P. Legislative Assembly. The then Chief Minister Dr Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy dropped the Bills due to opposition from APBC.

Again in 2011, the Central and State Governments sought the views of Bishops and leaders of the Churches with a view to enact a Central legislation. The National Commission for Minorities (NCM)

and the A.P. State Minorities Commission (APSMC) had supported the stand of the Churches for not having a Government Board / Council for Christian properties. The Centre has given up the move. In 2012, wrote to the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA) and the Commissioner and Inspector General of Registration and Stamps asking them to issue order requiring NOC to sell or register Church properties. High Court of A.P. in the case WP: 22439 of 2012 in its Judgment dated 24-07-2012 on the basis of Article 21 giving right to the Minorities to administer their properties, suspended the Govt. appeal.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh issued a G.O. Rt. No. 3696 dated 17-08-2013 of General Administration (Cabinet) Department - Constituting Group of Ministers for **enacting a legislation on Christian Properties and Educational Institutes.**

- The APFC opposed the Government legislation on Church properties and submitted a letter to Hon. CM of AP on August 24, 2013.
- September 5, 2013 – APBC decided to safeguard the Church properties and follow the guidelines/suggestions given by APFC.
- High Court of Andhra Pradesh gave judgment on September 6, 2013 saying “No special rule to safeguard church properties”. (Failure of which would go against Articles 26-30 of our Constitution!) (Cf Sep 6, 2013 all district/state papers)

B. Erection/visit of the Diocese Land Survey Committee (DLSC) for the verification of land documents/agreements of the parish and the institutions.

I believe that you stand noticed of my column regarding this issue in our *Illuminare Omnes* – October 2013. I am writing very personally to you once again to seriously look into the issues.

I am happy to inform you that the diocese land survey committee has been constituted with

1. Rev. Fr. Gude Balthazar, 2. Rev. Fr. Chebathina Anthony, 3. Rev. Fr. Pachimala Bala, 4. Rev Fr. Gorrimumchi Moses, 5. Rev. Fr. Chako, MF, 6. Rev. Fr. Dirisina Aaron & 7. Rev. Fr. Joseph Kurram.

The committee will make a systematized study about the lands of the Diocese, purchased for the benefit of the diocese by our late Bishop John Mulagada in different places.

The principal responsibility of the committee is to help the diocese to:

Identify the lands of the diocese. Protect the properties of the diocese from anti-social elements and anti policies of the government regarding minority properties.

Secure original documents/Agreements of the properties of diocese. Proper maintenance of Archives at the diocese head quarters

All the Parish Priests/Generals (if applicable)/Provincials/major superiors/ are hereby by requested to kindly submit all the original documents/Agreements of lands (convents/schools/hospitals etc) to the DLSC committee. The diocese sincerely appreciates your co-operation in this regard.

“Do your little bit of good where you are; its those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” - Desmond Tutu

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ Jaya Rao Polimera

NEW DECREE ON BAPTISM

Just before abdicating, Benedict XVI (the Pope of Christian Unity) approved a decree to make a change to the Novus Ordo or Ordinary Form Rite of Baptism:

In the decree published in "Notitiae", 557-558, Jan.-Feb. 2013, 1-2, pagg. 54-56, "**communitaschristiana**" is changed to "**Ecclesia Dei**" in paragraphs 41, 79, 111, 136, and 170 of the second "**editiotypica,**" or **normative, in Latin, of the 1973 rite for the baptism of children.** Paragraph 41 concerns properly speaking the "Ordo Baptismi pro pluribus parvulis" (the rite of baptism for multiple children).

Paragraph 79 the "OrdoBaptismi pro unoparvulo" (the rite for one child). Paragraph 111 the "OrdoBaptismi pro magnonumeroparvulorum" (the rite for a large number of children).

Paragraph 136 the "OrdoBaptismiparvulorum absente sacerdote et diacono a catechistisadhibendus" (the rite celebrated by catechists in the absence of a priest or deacon).

Paragraph 170 the "OrdodeferendiadEcclesiamparvulumiambaptizatum" (the rite for bringing into the Church a child already baptized).

"BISHOP JOHN MULAGADA EDUCATIONAL FUND"

Established by Bishop Jaya Rao Polimera on July 25, 2013

(Bishop's idea is to use all his gifts and donations for the poor children Education)

The donations are deposited at Indian Overseas Bank, Xavier Nagar, Eluru branch, account No: 12028. **As on October 30, 2013 we have Rs. 4,87,321.00** in the bank. Every year the interest will be used for the educational needs of the most deserving poor boys and girls of diocese of Eluru.

Know that your small gifts can make lot of difference to the thousands of poor boys and girls.

All Souls Day: Reminder to all the Priests, Religious and the Faithful of Eluru Town Parishes: on November 2 (Saturday), the Holy Mass will be celebrated at 4.00 pm at Thangellamudi cemetery. Parking of four wheelers is arranged in M.C. Brothers compound, just opposite to the cemetery.

New Telephone Directory – 2014 is to be released during Annual Retreat

We are happy to inform you that our New Telephone Directory – 2013, is getting ready. Since could not get the proper details from the parishes and institutions in time, the releasing date is postponed to November 15, 2013. For more details please contact: Fr Rayappa Kolukuluri : 9866994130, E mail: frrayappaeluru@gmail.com

NOV. 1-ALL SAINTS DAY+HOLINESS IS OUR CALL+HEAVEN IS OUR HOME+NOV. 2-ALL SOULS DAY



Wishing You a Blessed All Saints Day

IN GRATITUDE LET US REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

Your attention please!

New Address:

Rev. Fr. Superior & Com
San Copertino Franciscan Ashram
Alliveedu, Prakashnagar
Vijayarai – 534 475, W.G. Dt.

Change of Address:

Rev. Fr. K. Vijay Angel,
RCM Church, AMABAJI PET
E.G. Dt. – 533 214

FR. REDAELLI PIME, SCHOLARSHIPS

Fr. Redaelli, PIME, Educational Society (Regd.) is offering Rs. 2,000/- as scholarship to two Catholic students of professional courses (MBA, MCA, MBBS, B.Tech etc., of your choice) your parish.

Two application forms are already posted to every parish priest.

The last date to submit the duly filled -in application forms (to Fr.M.Balaswamy, president, Fr. Redaelli Educational Society, RCM Church, Gollapudi- 521 225) is 31.12.2013. No application form will be issued or entertained after 31st Dec. 2013.

Disbursals will be on 16.02.2014 SUNDAY, at 4.00 p.m. at the Bishop's House. Please pray for the good health of 93 year- old Fr.Redaeli PIME, now in Sotto il Monte, Italy.

- Fr. M. Balaswamy, President

ANNUAL RETURNS

Annual Return forms are available at Bishop's House. Parish Priests are requested to collect the forms and send them to the Bishop's House at the earliest. Kindly follow the previous year record in order to be consistent for the present year. Your delay in sending the forms is creating great inconvenience to us. Kindly remember if you forget to send them completely, it affects the whole diocesan record. Kindly send them before January 31, 2014.

Mission Sunday: NOT JUST A CONTRIBUTION...



It is ... an opportune circumstance to reaffirm that "the missions ask not only for a contribution but for A SHARING IN THE WORK OF PREACHING and charity

Discover the joy of giving

(Mission Sunday Reminder)

All the Parish Priests and the heads of institutions are hereby requested to send their Mission Sunday contributions to the Bishop's House at the earliest. Thank you.

**"No one has ever
become poor by giving"**

+ Jaya Rao Polimera

Pray
and give generously


WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY

SYNOPSIS OF THE CHRONICLES OF BISHOPS DIARY IN OCTOBER 2013

1st Tuesday: 9.00 am to 10.50 am in office
11.00 am Adoration in Monastery, Eluru

2-3rd Wed & Thu: Visited Warangal diocese

4th Friday:

10.30 am attended Mass at St. Francis College, Janampet
4.30 am visited OFM Conventional House, Prakashnagar

5th Saturday: Office in morning hours

12.00 pm attended Christian Women Society meeting, Eluru

6th Sunday: Office

7th Monday: 7.30 am visited Nallazarla Parish

8.30 am visited Vellachintalagudem Parish & Convent

10.15 am visited Polavaram Parish

10.45 am Presbytery Blessing & Mass, Tallapudi Parish

2.00 pm visited Annadevarapeta Parish.

8th Tuesday: Till 10.15 am in office

10.30 am Mass for Legion of Mary, Cathedral

12.00 pm back to his office

9th Wednesday: 7.30 visited Rev. Fr. Matthew Kunnupuram, Ambajipet

8.30 am visited to Nirmala Convent & Jesuit Fathers, Amalapuaram

10.30 am Baptisms, Confirmations & Holy Communions, Challapli

4.00 pm Mass for the Youth, D. Gannavaram,

10th Thursday: Till 10.15 am in office

10.30 am attended meeting in APSSS center, Eluru,

11.15 am Mass in Rayudupalem of Vijayarai

5.30 pm Jubilee Mass of MF Priests, Nadipalli

11th Friday: 7.00 am Mass at Pastoral Center, Vijayawada

12.00 pm visited Fr. Chinnappa, Gunadala, Vijayawada

12th Saturday

7.30 am visited Don Bosco Priests, Ravulapalem

10.00 am visited Don Bosco Sisters, Eleswaram, Visakhapatnam Diocese

11.00 am blessed marriage of younger brother of Fr.

G. Anand, MF in Marriveedu of Visakhapatnam Diocese.

13th Sunday: 11.00 am Mass & Confirmations, Jalipudi

2.00 pm back to his office

14th Monday: Till 10.15 in office

10.30 am consultants' meeting in his Chamber for different committees

2.30 pm went to Nirmalagiri to visit Rev. Fr. Jesurajan

15th Tuesday

9.00 am to 3.00 pm – conducted young Priests meet (2010 to 2013 batches), & instructed them to work more for the Glory of God.

16th Wednesday

11.00 am – Attended Parish Feast Mass in Kadakarla Parish & inaugurated the Dialysis Center in Mother Vannini Hospital, Kadakarla.

3.00 pm visited St. Ambrose Boarding, Jyothi Colony Parish, St. John's Minor Seminary, MSFS Junior College, St. Joseph Hospital and SAP Sisters.

17th Thursday:

Visited His Lordship Innaih Addagatla at Bp's House, Srikakulam

18th Friday: Office

19th Saturday: Morning hours in office

6.30 pm blessed the statue of St. Brisson & celebrated Mass in OSFS Major Seminary, Rayudupalem

20th Sunday

7.45 am – Said Mass at Cathedral, where couple who completed 25 years of service were honored.

11.00 am Baptisms and Mass in Chataparru Village of Jalipudi Parish.

21st Monday: Morning hours in office

6.00 pm Mass in SGN Novitiate House

22nd Tuesday: Morning hours in office

4.30 pm inaugurated lecture Hall in St. Joseph Dental College and attended Convocation.

23rd Wednesday

10.30 am visited Rev. Fr. Kunnupuram at St. Mary's Church, Ambajipet.

12.00 pm visited Christ the King Parish, Komaragiri to see Bhavanipeta village

4.30 pm visited Infant Jesus Parish, Mummdivaram

5.30 pm visited St. Joseph's Parish, Irusumanda

24th Thursday: In office

6.00 pm Guanella Founder's day celebrated at Guanella Minor Seminary, Koppaka

25th Friday: In office

26th Saturday: In office

27th Sunday: Said Mass at Jalipudi

28th Monday: Visited Warangal

29th Tue: Said Mass at Mukeswaram

30th Wed: Said Mass at Vaddigudem

NEWS FROM ST. JOSEPH DENTAL COLLEGE, DUGGIRALA

7th CONVOCATION FOR THE U.G. CLASS OF 2008

4th CONVOCATION FOR THE P.G. CLASS OF 2010

Chief guest: Professor I.V. Rao, Honorable Vice Chancellor of Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Andhra Pradesh.

President: Most Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera, Bishop of Eluru, Chairman, SJDC Institutions

The 7th convocation for the under graduate Class of 2008 and the 4th convocation for the post graduate class of 2010 took place in the newly air-conditioned indoor Auditorium of the College on the 22nd of October, 2013. The campus moved with great joy and the heavy rains did not dampen the spirit as the Vice Chancellor of Dr NTRUHS and the Chairman of the College arrived at 4.30 pm. The new air conditioned Lecture Gallery was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor I.V. Rao and blessed by His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera, Chairman, St. Joseph Institutions. Addressing the staff in the new lecture gallery, the Vice-Chancellor called upon the staff to contribute original research to the dentistry and make use of the newly started dental magazine of the University.



The school band played by Amalodbhavi school students led the convocation procession when the Chief guest, president, principal-

Dr. N. Sleeva Raju, the guest of honour-Dr. KJ Ramesh, former Principal, SJDC Fr. Bala, secretary and correspondent, Dr. HP Srinath, Director, PG, Dr. Seshavataram, Dean-Medical studies, robed in the convocation robes marched towards the dais. They were followed by all the heads of the departments followed by the post graduates and then the graduates. Crackers were lit during the procession to make very colourful. The procession began after the statue of the founding father of the college, late bishop John Mulagada was garlanded by the chief guest and the President.

Dr. Nalini of Public Health dentistry and Dr. Satyanarayana of Prosthodontics welcomed the convocation procession and compared the entire programme with dignity and decorum. Prayer song was sung

by the students and Fr. Bala, delivered the welcome address. His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera, Chairman, presided over the convocation and in his presidential address. He appreciated the vision of the founding father and the hard work of Fr. Bala, the principal and the staff. He asked the staff and students to pursue research work and be compassionate to the patients. He then declared the 7th convocation open. The principal



opened the convocation proceedings by inviting the Vice-Chancellor to give the convocation address.

Ten post graduates and 100 under graduates received course completion certificates from the hands of the Vice-chancellor and medals of appreciation from the hands of the chairman. Gold medals were awarded to the toppers at PG level and UG level. The Gold Medal for the topper in PG – Oral Surgery was presented to Dr. Anil Kumar Reddy and the Gold Medal for the Topper in PG-Periodontics was presented to Dr. Satya Krishna. The chairman's gold medal for the topper in under graduate studies was presented to Dr. Pavan Sudhir, who secured highest marks in all the subjects put together. The much awaited Gold Medal for the best outgoing student instituted by Dr. K.J. Ramesh, former Principal. The hall thundered with applause when the name of Dr. Srivani was announced by Fr. Bala. Dr. Karthik memorial award instituted by the department of Prosthodontics for the topper in the subject of Prosthodontics was awarded to Dr. Pavan Sudhir. Subject wise toppers were awarded a certificate and a medal.

Dr. N. Sleeva Raju, principal, SJDC, addressed the gathering advising the young graduates about their future career. He then administered the dental oath to all the new graduates. The president then thanked the parents for reposing faith in this management. He then dissolved the convocation proceedings of 2013.

The Principal and the secretary and correspondent felicitated the Vice Chancellor and the Chairman. The chairman felicitated the Principal and the secretary as a token of appreciation.

The programme came to a close with the National Anthem at 8 pm.

New Presbytery blessed at St. Eugene parish, Tallapudi

On 7th October 2013, the Feast of our Lady of Rosary the entire Fernando Jette Oblate district of Andhra Pradesh and St. Eugene parish of Tallapudi celebrated its annual parish feast and blessing of



the new Oblate Residence. It was an occasion for the parishioners to cherish because the new bishop of Eluru diocese Most Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera made his first visit to our parish. The programme began with a grand welcome to the Bishop and our Provincial Rev. Fr. Francis Nallappan, OMI at 10.30 a.m. by garlanding the statute of our Lady of Graces at the entrance. The asbestos sheet shed where the Fathers were staying was replaced with a convenient concrete building with the blessing and opening of St. Louis Oblate

Residence here. This house is dedicated to the new Superior General of the Oblates Rev. Fr. Louis Lougen OMI, Rome on his first visit to India in last October 2012.

In his homily bishop said that even if the parish is small faith is important. He urged all to pray the Rosary and live a life pleasing to the Lord as our mother Mary lived.

In this holy occasion about eight children from our parish received First Holy Communion. Full participation was there from the vicariate and the Oblate Fathers from Chennai and A.P. and Many Religious from nearby communities. We express our gratitude to our beloved Bishop, Fr. Bosco,

Chancellor of the diocese and Fr. Bala, corresponded of St. Joseph's Dental College and other Fathers and Sisters especially SMA Sisters from Vegeswarapuram who by their hard work, presence and prayers made this event a grand one. A special thank goes to Rev. Fr. Francis Nallappan, OMI, our Provincial and his councillors who made this dream a reality with their financial support and encouragement and finding time to come and open this house for us.

- Fr. Varghese, OMI, Parish priest, Tallapudi

New Presbytery is blessed at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Gundugolanu

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Gundugolanu, is immensely happy to present this report to you while thanking the Lord for all the blessings she has been receiving in a short span of one year.



Gundugolanu was bifurcated from Bhimadole parish and was erected a parish on January 15, 2012 and I took charge on the same day. The foundation stone for constructing the new presbytery was laid by Rev. Fr. P. Bala in April 2012.

On September 29, 2013, His Lordship Most Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera inaugurated the presbytery and officiated the Holy Eucharist. He was received with a solemn procession from Gundugloanu Ambedkar Centre, a

center famous in our village. After entering the parish premises, His Lordship first garlanded the statue of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and immediately proceeded towards the parish Church knelt before the Blessed Sacrament and prayed for our parish. Later he blessed the newly constructed presbytery and appreciated the fast developments that are being executed from January 15, 2012. During the Mass he exhorted the people to keep up their faith and to cooperate in the development of the parish. He also asked the people to grow in charity to the poor who will lead them to the bosom of Abraham our Father in Faith.

After the Holy Mass His Lordship was felicitated by the elders of the all the sub stations. His Lordship also felicitated Mr. Das, a good practicing Catholic and the newly elected *Sarpanch* of Pothrunuru village of Denduluru parish. I along my parishioners thank His Lordship, Fr. Bala, Fr. George, parish Fr. L. David, Fr. Jeeva Ratnam, Fr. I. Yohan Mr. Ch. Aruna Kumari, *Sarpanch* of Gundugolanu, Mrs. B. Deva Varamma, former M.P.P of catechists from Bhimadole parish, elders of the substations.

- Fr. I. Michael, Parish priest

A significant event of Bishop's visit to Challapalli Parish

Nitya Sahayamatha Parish, T. Challapalli, new mission parish of Konaseema, was jubilant on October 9, 2013, as we had the opportunity of having the gracious presence of His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera for the first time to our parish. He was given a grand welcome in Konaseema style!

T. Challapalli was canonically erected as the 16th Parish in Konaseema vicariate parish on February 2, 2008, by His Lordship John Mulagada. It is a golden jubilee memorial of Rev. Fr. Mathew

Kunnumpuram, the pioneer of many parishes in Konaseema. Having four villages as substations, T. Challapalli lies in the taluka of Uppalaguptam. It is 20km away from Amalapuram, the nearest town. It is located on the coastal area bordering the Bay of Bengal.

'A sacrament can be effective only if one understands and accepts it in faith. Baptism is a grace, an undeserved gift of God, who accepts us unconditionally.' On this day His Lordship gave the Sacrament of Baptism to 16 members, 34 Confirmations and 30 First Communion. People say that T. Challapalli, being the catechumen area, dominated by the protestant denominations, Bishop's visit to the parish has a great impact on all the people as it marked as a strong witness to unity and diversity.



His Lordship said that "a person who turns to Christianity is not just changing a world view. He becomes a new man through personal conversion, but especially through the gift of Baptism. He is a living member of the Body of Christ." The simple words of Bishop inspired the community.

He was felicitated by the elders of all the substations, children and youth. This celebration helped the parishioners to renew their faith.

T. Challapalli, though a small parish it is strong in Catholic discipline. We are very much indebted to His Lordship for his visit. It is an expression of his love and concern for his sheep. I along with our parishioners express our gratitude to His Lordship for administrating Sacraments and officiating the Holy Eucharist.

- Fr. Dharma Raju Matta, Parish priest

DIOCESE OF ELURU PARTICIPATES IN THE 9TH YOUTH ICYM

A brief report

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, after having attended the 9th ICYM Convention, I, in the capacity of the diocesan youth director, happy to present a synopsis report about our participation.

At the very outset, I sincerely acknowledge and treasure the encouragement of His Lordship Jaya Rao, the youth Icon, a successful leader and the champion of the youth ministry, from where he was elevated as the Bishop of Eluru, with his wholehearted support a group of eight members could attend the IX ICYM convention.

The significance of the Youth to the world: Youth Need the Church, and the Church Needs Youth. Everyone will certainly say yes to this statement, because the future is theirs! There are 315 million young people aged 10–24 years in India, representing 30 percent of the country's population.

The 9th ICYM Convention

The IX ICYM National Youth Convention was conducted from 5 to 12 October 2013 Trinity College. I along with Sr. Prameela, mpf, Lucy Convent Janampet and a group of six members, (boys and girls), participated in the convention.

What is ICIYM? ICYM (Indian Catholic Youth Movement) (motto: To Lead, to Serve, to Shine) is a largest Premier Catholic Youth Movement. It is spread across 627 districts in India. The ICYM functions through 13 Regions & 165 Dioceses. The dreams and aspirations of thousands of youth, animators,



directors and bishops turned into a reality when CBCI (Catholic Bishops' Conference of India) had approved ICYM as a National Movement for the youth on 14th September, 1999.

Integral Development of Youth through Formation, Fellowship and Action being the main objectives of youth ministry, ICYM caters to varied needs of the holistic development of its young members.

The objectivity of attending this convention

Pope Benedict XVI says that "the youth of today are not as superficial as some think. They want to know what life is really all about. (cf Forward – You cat, page 8). The youth are left with many unanswered questions. Sometimes they are confused about the Catholic faith and its system. All they see is something quick or fast. They need quick money earning skills, fast food, short-term relation etc. they do not have time to think of prayer, family relation etc. - Fr. Kaki Charles, Youth Director

The Asian Youth day - 2014

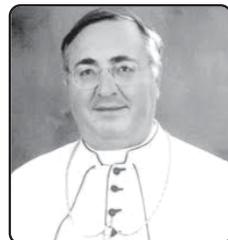
The Asian Youth day - 2014 and Asian Youth Ministers' Meeting 2014 to be held from 10 - 20 August 2014 in the Diocese of Daejeon, South Korea. From India only 100 youth are allowed to take part in it. Some animators who work in youth ministry can take part. Those who register first will be given preference. Diocesan bishop's letter is must those who attend the program. Further information we will give you at the earliest. Keep praying for the success of the AYD - 2014.

"Do not Fear – God is with You!"

Apostolic Nuncio at the Concluding Day Holy Eucharist of the IX National Youth Convention

12th October, Jalandhar, Punjab: His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Pennachio, the Apostolic Nuncio to India & Nepal celebrated the Concluding Day Holy Mass of the IX National Youth Convention on 12th October 2013 in Jalandhar, Punjab said " "I appreciate all of you for your faith witness. I am so happy to see so many youth from all over India. I want to advice you, dear young friends, do not close your heart – God wants to dwell in your heart. You are the instrument of God. Allow God to use you as His instrument for His cause. As Jesus told his Apostles, you too must go back and proclaim the Gospel." He also told the youth not to be afraid of witnessing to the Faith, because, "God is with you. Go, proclaim Him and serve Him. May Mother May always intercede for you." He also congratulated Fr. Franklin and all the members of the organizing committee of the Convention.

The Prayers of the Faithful was in all major languages of India and it was an example of the rich and multiple cultures that India has. Many faithful of the Diocese of Jalandhar also participated in the solemn Eucharistic Celebration.



Salvatore Pennachio

A three day Konaseema Youth Retreat conducted at D. Gannavaram Parish

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Lourdu Nagar (D.Gannavaram) is happy to present this report. The youth of Konaseema, who want to believe, who are seeking God, who love Christ and who want fellowship on their journey voluntarily have come together to attend a three day youth retreat from October 7th, 2013 to October 9, 2013.

INAUGURATION/FIRST DAY: The retreat was inaugurated at 10.00 am by Rev. Fr. Ch. Innaih, Episcopal Vicar, Konaseema vicariate. Rev. Fr. Jayaraj, cm, Assit. Parish Priest, Irusumanda, organized a beautiful choir. Smt. Jasinth Rani, resource person of the retreat, gave an inaugural talk on "the Bible and the young in the present world". There were 80 participants on the first day.

THE SECOND DAY of the retreat began at 10 a.m. with 120 participants. Smt. Jasinth rani animated the day, depicting the relevant topics for youth. Rev. Fr. Balthazar Katam, Parish Priest, Razole, officiated the Holy Eucharist, where he beautifully explained 'the parable of the Prodigals Son', in an inspiring style. Rev. Fr. B. Raju, Parish Priest, Kandalapalem, with parish choir delighted everyone with their singing.

THE THIRD DAY retreat began with the hymn to the Holy Spirit at 10.00 a.m. with a special talk by Smt. Jesintha Rani.



Indeed 200 participants were aspiring to see His Lordship Jaya Rao, who is titled as the icon of youth today, having vast experience and knowledge in youth ministry and who was elevated as Bishop of Eluru, was given a solemn welcome. He officiated the Holy Eucharist at 4.00 pm. Bishop in his homily exhorted the youth to be people of moral values with Catholic discipline and make all happy. He said that they are like atom bombs, which have the power to change

the world. At the end of the Mass T. Rajesh thanked the Bishop, Priests, preachers and the participants for their support and encouragement. Mr. Ramesh, youth secretary, D. Gannavaram parish, organized the felicitation ceremony. The first ever youth retreat was ended at 5.30 pm. - Bro. Bosco

New dialysis unit Inaugurated at Mother Vanneni Hospital, Kadakatla

It is a matter of great joy for Mother Vannini Hospital that his Lordship most Rev Jaya Rao Polimera blessed and inaugurated the new dialysis unit on 16.10.2013 at Kadakatla Tadepalligudem on the

occasion of blessed Mother Josephine Vannini Feast day. Dialysis is primarily used to provide an artificial replacement for lost kidney function (renal replacement therapy) due to renal failure.

Mother Vannini Hospital also provides Health Care facilities on following specialties under the Aarogyasri Scheme.

SURGICAL FACILITIES

- GENERAL SURGERY



- GYNAECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS SURGERY
- ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY AND PROCEDURES
- GENITO URINARY SURGERIES
- POLY TRAUMA

MEDICAL FACILITIES

- GENERAL MEDICINE,
- CRITICAL CARE (ICU WITH VENTILATORS)
- INFECTIOUS DISEASES
- NEPHROLOGY AND DIALYSIS UNIT

Primary heart and brain stroke Tele-medicine facility connected with Ramesh Hospitals, Vijayawada. All these facilities can be treated under Aarogyasri. - Sr. Karuna, Managing Director

Jaisal, Vijayarai conducts free medical Camps

JAISAL (Sts. John & Anthony Institute of Sustainable Advanced Livelihoods) on Oct 3, 2013, the birthday of Fr Anthony Zanotti, Founder and Chairman, JAISAL, conducted a free medical camp.



There were 156 patients who benefited from this camp. In this camp patients suffering from heart, lungs, kidney and general problems were treated. The teaching and non-teaching staff of JAISAL came forward to donate the blood. All the patients were given free medicines.

JAISAL (Sts. John & Anthony Institute of Sustainable Advanced Livelihoods) was jointly founded by His Lordship John

Mulagada and Rev. Fr. Anthony Zanotti, Italy, to educate the most deserving students, who are deprived of higher educations. Founded in 2000, JAISAL jointly works with SSC (Social Service Center) Eluru.

Monthly medical camps are conducted in collaboration with St. Joseph Dental College, Duggirala, Ashram Hospitals, Eluru & Fatima Hospital, Fatimapuram.

58 Couple thanking the Lord for 25 Years of blessings of Matrimony (Initiating a unique Apostolate in Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Dharbhagudem)

Sts. Peter & Paul parish, Dharbhagudem, is immensely happy to present this report via our news letter. To note the importance of celebration of the Year of the Faith in the parish level, we have initiated a unique Apostolate of reminding Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, the matrimonial promises, the moral values and responsibilities of the with 58 couples, who completed 25 years and above of their marital life.

St. Paul drew upon this to write one of the most often quoted descriptions of the proper behavior of spouses in the ideal sacramental marriage in his letter to the Ephesians (Ephesians 5:21-32). The

Canon Law regulates the celebration of marriage in canons 1055–1165 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law and canons 776-866 of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches.

The relevance of this unique celebration in the Year of Faith in our parish: The Church recognizes that from time to time its members need a gentle nudge to deepen their relationship with Jesus. In calling for a Year of Faith, Pope Benedict XVI wants Catholics to draw closer to Jesus through prayer, spiritual reading and study, and works of charity. In living out their everyday lives with faith, hope and love, Catholics offer a profound witness to the Gospel. In other words, they evangelize the world around them, starting with the family.

A Four day celebration: In this regard, we had a three days retreat for all the couples. The fourth day was animated by Mr. D. Abraham (Master), and his wife, informing them the significance, problems and responsibilities of a Catholic marriage. Our main concern of celebrating of their marriage jubilee is to help and to remind them of their matrimonial promises and thereby to educate them to be authentic exemplary Catholics to the other people in their villages. More than half of them were almost 15 years that they made their last Confession because there were not coming to the Church with this Jubilee all of them have renewed their faith. Surprisingly all of them began to come to the Church regularly. The couples were grateful to the Catholic Church.

The Jubilee was more meaningful with the presence of His Lordship Bp Jaya Rao Polimera. His Lordship exhorted the people to choose a time when the family is likely to be together and pray. He has given a beautiful sermon telling that marriage is natural institution; which was elevated by Christ Himself, in His participation in the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11), to be one of the seven sacraments” He exhorted them that a marriage between two Christians, has a supernatural element as well as a natural one. Bishop blessed them and felicitated all the 58 couples with a lot of patience.

I, along with our co-Priest, Rev. Fr. Thomas, the Sisters and Amalambica Ashram, sincerely thank His Lordship for his availability and enormous interest for our people.

- Fr. G. Amanraja, Parish Priest

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – 2013-2014

DIOCESE OF ELURU (Updated: Oct 29, 2013 only)

1. Carmel Convent, (Jeevandara)	Vijayarai	3,000.00
2. Sacred Heart Parish	Jangareddigudem	2,330.00
3. St. Joseph Home for the Aged	Naguladevpadu	1,000.00
4. Good News Sisters Generalate	Thangellamudi	3,000.00
5. Camillus Convent	Janampet	500.00
6. Nirmala Matha Parish	Srungavruksham	10,000.00
7. Shanti Bhavan (Convent)	Srungavruksham	5,000.00

National/International (news & communications)**New Date for CBCI Plenary Assembly: February 5-12, 2014**

The CBCI Plenary Assembly will therefore be held on February 5-12, 2014 and not from February 19-26, 2014 as announced earlier. The Standing Committee Meeting will be held on February 4 (evening). Let us pray for all the Bishop's of India, so that they may be inspired by the Holy Spirit to take right decisions at a right time.

True apostles pray and proclaim: HOLY FATHER

Pope Francis held his weekly General Audience on October 16, 2013 (Wednesday) in St Peter's Square. Pope Francis explained that praying is the first task of the Apostle, who is one sent to continue the mission of Christ in history. "The second," he went on to explain, is to proclaim the Gospel." Speaking especially of the bishops who are the Apostles' successors, the Holy Father went on to say, "All of us, if we would be apostles, must ask ourselves: 'Do I pray for the salvation of the world, and proclaim the Gospel?' This is the Apostolic Church. It is a constitutive bond we have with the Apostles." -<http://en.radiovaticana.va>

Cathedral marks 750th anniversary

The Diocese of Munster commemorated the 750th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone Xanten Cathedral with a solemn Mass on October 13. The church is located in a town of 20,000 in west-central Germany. Pope Francis named Cardinal Joachim Meisner of Cologne as his special envoy to the celebration. In his letter for the occasion, the Pontiff recalled the martyrs associated with the cathedral, from St. Victor and his Theban legion, who was slain in the fourth century, to Blessed Karl Leisner, a priest who died following his internment at the Dachau concentration camp. - <http://www.catholicculture.org>

Bishop of the Diocese of Allahabad H. E. Most Rev. Raphy Manjaly, till now Bishop of Varanasi

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Allahabad H. E. Most Rev. Raphy Manjaly, till now Bishop of Varanasi. This Ecclesiastical Provision was made public in Rome on Thursday, 17th October, 2013, at noon local time, corresponding to 15:30 hours, Indian Standard Time.

CATHOLICS, LUTHERANS COME CLOSER

Vatican City: Leaders from the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) had an audience with Pope Francis on October 21, 2013, as the two Churches prepare for the 500th anniversary of Reformation.

During the audience, the Lutheran delegation expressed gratitude for the partnership with the Catholic Church that makes it possible for Churches to strengthen their commitment to the poor and vulnerable, report agencies. "As people who have been encountered by Christ, we are called to accompany the poor and vulnerable. The message of reconciliation entrusted to us turns into the hope for our fragmented world and its yearning for peace with justice," LWF president Bishop Dr Munib A. Younan said while greeting the Pope. The Pontiff said he has "a sense of profound gratitude" to Christ for the many steps Lutherans and Catholics have taken in recent decades to improve their relations and commitment to spiritual ecumenism.

The Lutheran bishop expressed gratitude for the ecumenical milestones of the partnership with Catholics, including the recent publication of the report "From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration in 2017." By jointly approaching a shared history which includes elements of pain "the promise of healing appears on the horizon," Bishop Younan said of the publication that outlines the mutual responsibility by Lutherans and Catholics for a common approach to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. The June 2013 report by the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity marked the first time that both partners have worked together at the global level to tell the history of the Reformation as part of their commitment to deepen Christian unity. Baptism is the focus of ongoing dialogue by the commission, which will mark its 50th anniversary in 2017.

Cardinal Oswald Gracias calls on Smt. Sonia Gandhi

19 October, 2013

New Delhi (CBCI News): The President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI), Cardinal Oswald Gracias called on UPA Chairperson Mrs. Sonia Gandhi, October 16 and discussed with her certain issues of concern for the Catholic Church in India. Cardinal Oswald Gracias is one of the eight cardinals Pope Francis chose to advise him on reforming the governance of the Church. He was on an official visit to the CBCI Centre, Delhi.

The Cardinal said that the recently passed Food Security Bill is a major step by the UPA Government to care for the poor and the downtrodden and he appreciated the key role played by Mrs. Sonia Gandhi in getting this Bill passed by Parliament. Cardinal Gracias also discussed with Mrs. Gandhi the issues of Dalit Christians, certain clauses of the RTA Act and some sections of the proposed National Land Reform Policy. The Cardinal said that the Christian Community does not ask for any special favour, but only justice and equality and protection for minorities, guaranteed by the Constitution of our Country. Mrs. Sonia Gandhi assured Cardinal Oswald Gracias that these concerns will be seriously considered and duly addressed. She also appreciated the services of the Christian Community in many areas, especially in the fields of education and health care. Cardinal Oswald Gracias said that the Catholic Church will wholeheartedly support all efforts of the Government, aimed at the welfare of the poor and the downtrodden. The Church's primary concern is for the poor and the needy, he said.

Pope consecrates world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pope Francis entrusted the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to her maternal care before the image of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, October 13, asking Mary's help to "revive and grow faith." "Our Lady of Fatima, with renewed gratitude for your maternal presence, we join our voice to that of all the generations that have called you blessed," Pope Francis said at the close of the Mass in St Peter's Square.

Pope declares Blessed Angela of Foligno, a Saint

The Vatican announced that Blessed Angela of Foligno has been declared a saint by Pope Francis. The 13th century mystic writer was born in Umbria back in 1248. After experiencing a powerful religious conversion, she recorded her journey in a publication titled: Book of Visions and Instructions. The Congregation for the Causes of Saints made the official announcement on Friday, October 11, but Angela of Foligno was declared a saint by Pope Francis on October 9, 2013. The decrees of another seven Blesseds were also approved by Pope Francis.

Vatican prepares to welcome 150,000 people for next Pilgrimage of Families

Pope Francis has made it abundantly clear he is concerned about the family. The topic will be the focus of his pontificate's first Synod. But he will have the chance to address his concerns at the next Pilgrimage of Families to the Vatican, on October 26-27, 2013. Msgr Vincenzo Paglia, President, Pontifical Council for the Family, "I think that Pope Francis is highlighting the path we all need to take. And I think it is also a signal, in my point of view, for other institutions to place the family at the centre of their concerns."

Pope calls Synod on the Family, Evangelization

Pope Francis has called an Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the theme: 'The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization', the Vatican has announced.

The Synod, which will take place at the Vatican from October 5-19, 2014, is a means through which the Holy Father "wishes to continue the reflection and journey of the whole Church, with the participation of leaders of the Episcopate from every corner of the world," said Vatican spokesman Fr Federico Lombardi.

Dr. Felix Podimattam, Professor at Vijnananilayam, Janampet, to Figure in Limca Book of Records

New Delhi, (CBCI News): One of India's leading moral theologian and renowned author Capuchin Father Felix Podimattam has been chosen to be included in the 2014 edition of the Limca Book of



Records for authoring more than 135 books on Ethics and Morality. He holds a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Mysore, a Licentiate degree in Theology from Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome and a Doctoral degree in Moral Theology from the Alphonsian Academy, Rome. His doctoral thesis 'The Relativity of Natural Law' is acclaimed as exceptionally excellent. The thesis was guided by the eminent Moral Theologian, Bernard Haering, who influenced the renewal of Moral teachings of the Church during and after the Vatican II. Dr. Podimattam is resident professor at St. Francis Theological College, Kottayam and visiting professor at Vijnananilayam, Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Janampet. Born in 1934 at Muttom, near Thodupuzha in the Diocese of Palai, Kerala, Podimattam joined the Order of Friars Minor Capuchins and was ordained a priest at the age of 26. The new Limca Book of Records will be released in early 2014.

Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII's joint canonization



Pope John XXIII



Pope John Paul II

The Catholic world awaits an unprecedented joint ceremony, the first in Church history, at the Vatican in Rome on April 27, 2014, the first Sunday after Easter, when two popular 20th Century Pontiffs – the "Pilgrim" Pope John Paul II and "Good" Pope John XXIII – will be inscribed in the Book of Saints.

LEARN TO ADMIT YOUR MISTAKES

One reason Hitler lost World War II was that he did not fully understand the situation. Bearers of bad news were punished. Soon no one dared to tell him the truth. Not knowing the truth, he could not act appropriately.

Many of us are individually guilty of the same error. We do not like to admit to ourselves our mistakes, errors, shortcomings, or ever admit, we have been in the wrong. And because we will not see the truth, we cannot act appropriately.

Someone has said that it is a good exercise to daily admit one painful fact about ourselves to ourselves. Look for and seek out true information concerning yourself, your problems, other people, or situation, whether it is good news or bad news.

Adopt the motto – “It doesn’t matter who’s right, but what’s right.” Admit your mistakes and errors but don’t cry over them. Correct them and go forward. In dealing with other people try to see the situation from their point of view as well as your own.

ORDINATIONS OF RELIGIOUS PRIESTS

NOVEMBER

1. Rev. Fr. Santhosh Kumar MF	Vice-Rector	05-11-2011
2. Rev. Fr. Thomas Mannakulath (OSB)	Superior	10-11-1998
3. Rev. Fr. Koti Ravindranath SJ	Parish Priest	13-11-2004
4. Rev. Fr. Chandra Shekar OSFS	Superior/Novice Master	14-11-2007
5. Rev. Fr. Stephen CH. OSS	PP – Koyyalagudem	14-11-2009
6. Rev. Fr. Mathew Parinthricksal OFM Cap	Rector, Brindisi Bhavan	29-11-1968

BIRTHDAYS RELIGIOUS PRIESTS

NOVEMBER

1. Rev. Fr. Savarimuthu Charles, SDC,	Formation incharge	04-11-1977
2. Rev. Fr. Joseph Peter SDC,	PP, Vatluru	06-11-1979
3. Rev. Fr. Nirmla Kumar, OM, Assit.	PP, Thallapudi	06-11-1983
4. Rev. Fr. Philip Ettiyamparambil, C.M.,	Spiritual Director	07-11-1947
5. Rev. Fr. Arulappan Francis, HGN,	Superior General	10-11-1971
6. Rev. Fr. Sandana Samy, SJ ,	Superior, Jesuit House	13-11-1946
7. Rev. Fr. Karanam Dhaman Kuma, MSFS,	Superior, Tanuku	16-11-1963
8. Rev. Fr. Adari Amarnath, MSFS,	Procurator – Janampet	17-11-1984
9. Rev. Fr. Muchakarla Anand Prakash, MSFS,	Procurator SFS School	18-11-1961
10. Rev. Fr. George Thailammanal PIME,	Corresp, St. JVR Institutions	27-11-1942
11. Rev. Fr. John peter SDC	Assit. Director	27-11-1982
12. Rev. Dn. Marianand, SCJ,	Assist. Vempadu	30-11-1985

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

1. Rev. Fr. Kuram Joseph	05-11-1977	5. Rev. Fr. Rayappa Kolukuluri	24-11-1981
2. Rev. Fr. Vijay Angel Kadiyam	05-11-1980	RIP	
3. Rev. Fr. Yohan Injamala	21-11-1981	1. Rev. Fr. Premoli, PIME	November 22
4. Rev. Fr. Bala Pachimala	22-11-1962		

"God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume."

- Vance Havner



THE DIOCESE OF ELURU EXTENDS

A WARM WELCOME

to His Lordship Most Rev. **Udumula Bala**,
Bishop of Warangal, and to
Rev. Fr. Jerry Rosario, sj,
the Retreat preacher for the conclusion of
Year of Faith on Nov.15, 2013
at Nirmalagiri Shrine.



Have a good laugh!

MY MOM IS A GOOD COOK!

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ASKED, "NOW, JOHNNY, TELL ME, DO YOU SAY PRAYERS BEFORE EATING?" "NO SIR," HE REPLIED, "WE DON'T HAVE TO, MY MOM IS A GOOD COOK!"

A king offered half his kingdom or a 1000 kilos of gold or his daughter's hand in marriage if any brave man could cross a river full of poisonous snakes and crocodiles. No one volunteered but one young man jumped in to the river and crossed it without any difficulty.

The king asked:

"What do you want brave man, half of my kinddom?"

The man said: "No your majesty"

King: "Then the 1000 kilos of gold?"

Man: "No your majesty"

King: "Then my daughter's hand in marriage?"

Man: "No your majesty"

King: "Then what is it that you want?"

Man: "The head of the person who pushed me in to the river".

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Bp Jaya Rao giving Confirmations at Jalipudi parish on Oct. 27, 2013.



Young Priests with Bp Jaya Rao on a day of seminary conducted at Bps' House.



Bp Jaya Rao celebrating Mass at Kadakarla parish & blessing the dialysis unit.



Bp Jaya Rao Baptizing a child at Chataparu



Blessing new presbytery at Gundugolanu on Sep 29, 2013.



Bishop Jaya Rao along with Fr. Ratna Raj presenting a memento to the senior couple (52 years)
Mr. Jakkula Anthony & Mrs. Kamalamma of Cathedral Parish.



Initiating new apostolate of blessing the couples who completed
25 years of marital life of Cathedral parish



Bp Jaya Rao participating in the 7th Convocation for UG & 4th Convocation for P.G at St. Joseph Dental College.



Bp Jaya Rao while visiting Vaddigudem parish on Oct. 30, 2013