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Jesus sends the Holy Spirit in the form of fiery tongues on His Apostles and disciples. (Acts 2:2-4)

"The first community is the prelude to the birth of the Church; the Blessed Virgin's presence helps to sketch her definitive features, a fruit of the gift of Pentecost." Pope John Paul May 28 , 1997

HAPPY FEAST OF PENTECOST

May 15, 2016



Golden Jubilee celebrations at Vimala Convent, Tanuku, on April 4, 2016.



Six Candidates of Holy Family Brothers professed their temporary oblation at Holy Family Brothers House, Vanguru, on April 14, 2016.



Bishop Jaya Rao attending Divine Mercy Feast at Jubileenagar parish on April 3, 2016.



Bishop Jaya Rao along with Rev. Fr. Dr. Inje Paul, Rector, at the Diocesan Vocation camp conducted at St. John's Minor seminary on April 19, 2016.

WE ARE CALLED TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD

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Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Prayerful greetings and best wishes to you.

Indeed I am happy to recall to our memory as many put it that the Diocese of Eluru is a Diocese of Marian Shrines or towers, as we have a Marian shrine in a distance of 50 kms of every corner of our diocese.

As we are having continuous celebrations in all the major Marian shrines of our Diocese, I am pleased to write this short message for May - 2016, a month specially dedicated to Mother Mary, as many faithful join in their families and friends to pray the Rosary, while making pilgrimages to Marian shrines, and pray at their families in summer vacation.



Our preaching in Easter season is centered on post resurrection experience of Jesus, how the Resurrection best explains the transformation of Jesus' disciples from fearful peers to faithful followers. For the rest of their lives, despite ongoing and severe persecution, every one of the remaining 11 original disciples stayed faithful to the Gospel and boldly proclaimed Jesus' resurrection. Within the span of seven weeks, by Pentecost, we see a transformation in the disciples' courage.

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It was Pentecost experience where Mother Mary was together with her son's disciples after the death of her "Son" Jesus. Unlike those in the Upper Room who were waiting in fearful expectation, She, fully aware of the importance of her Son's promise to the disciples (cf. Jn 14:16), helped the community to be well disposed to the coming of the "Paraclete". What happened on Pentecost in A.D. 33 changed the apostles in a way they never could have expected. It also reveals an incredible change that can—and must—take place in our lives. They courageously faced beatings and death threats for preaching Christ (Acts 5:17-33).

Mother Mary had a deep influence on the early community. Our Blessed Mother prays for the gift of the Spirit for Herself and for the community. A deep transformation took place in them for the sake of spreading the Good News. Mother and disciples are granted new strength and a new apostolic energy for the Church's growth. Spirit leads Mary to exercise Her spiritual 'Motherhood' in an exceptional way. What is seen as weakness in the eyes of the world is construed as strength in God's eyes!

Like our Mother & the disciples, we are called to transform the world (Mt. 5:14, Jn. 8:12) but unfortunately we are getting transformed by the World. We need the true and lasting euphoria of the Gospel! We need to walk in the footsteps of Jesus to create a morally just and peaceful world / diocese for all people to live in their Catholic faith. We are called to be Disciples of Christ first and only then "APOSTLES". Problems arise when a number of Priests (and Religious) have become apostles without being Disciples of Christ. By inviting the Risen Christ ever more deeply into our lives, we can indeed be "the light of the world," radiating His transforming love upon us and His people.

I bring to your memory the second day talk of our retreat – 2015 preacher, Most Rev. Dr. George Anthonyamy, who said, "We are sent to be messengers". While elaborating he said: Prophet Mohammad says, 'I have found the Truth'. But Jesus says: 'I am the TRUTH'. Jesus is the Message and Messenger. We are his ambassadors.

How are we educating our mind to be His ambassadors? Educating the mind without morals creates a maniac in society. So, let us educate ourselves that we are disciples of Jesus, who is the 'Message' and the Messenger and who practiced what he preached. Prepare your 'self', prepare your ego. Because, human ego hates new experiences! Every act of victory over the 'self' is an experience of resurrection & experience of Pentecost.

Our devotion to Mary in this month of May must make us capable of being sensitive to accept the messages and identify the messengers of God. This ability will transform everyone to be a beacon of God's love.

God bless you!



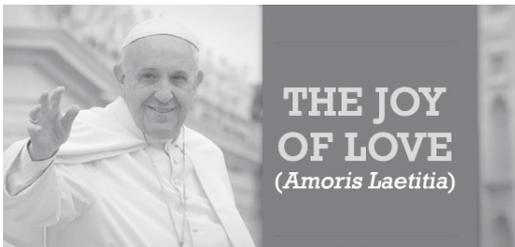
+ **Jaya Rao Polimera,**
Bishop of Eluru

LET US LISTEN TO THE HOLY FATHER



Amoris Laetitia: (The Joy of Love)

“Families are not a problem: they are first and foremost an opportunity”.



In his post-synodal exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, *Pope Francis has offered the Church a challenge to reflect more deeply on Christ's teaching on marriage. The Holy Father re-emphasizes the Church's firm teaching on family and the Sacrament of Matrimony,*

while challenging us to be understanding and compassionate toward those who struggle in the concrete exigencies of their lives to form stable and healthy families.

Pope Francis challenges the church: ***“At times we find it hard to make room for God's unconditional love in our pastoral activity.*** We put so many conditions on mercy that we empty it of its concrete meaning and real significance. That is the worst way of watering down the Gospel.” Thus, Pope Francis in his new apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. (Paragraph 311.)

Illuminare Omnes will give a synopsis of the Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love) in June 2016 issue.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY JUBILEE OF DIVINE MERCY

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS: Saint Peter's Square, Sunday, 3 April 2016

“Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book” (Jn 20:30). The Gospel is the book of God's mercy, to be read and reread, because everything that Jesus said and did is an expression of the Father's mercy. Not everything, however, was written down; the Gospel of mercy remains an open book, in which the signs of Christ's disciples – concrete acts of love and the best witness to mercy – continue to be written. We are all called to become living

writers of the Gospel, heralds of the Good News to all men and women of today. We do this by practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which are the hallmarks of the Christian life. By means of these simple yet powerful gestures, even when unseen, we can accompany the needy, bringing God's tenderness and consolation. Thus continues the great work of Jesus on Easter day, when he poured into the hearts of his fearful disciples the Father's mercy, bringing them the Holy Spirit who forgives sins and bestows joy. At the same time, the story we have just heard presents an evident contrast: there is the fear of the disciples, who gathered behind closed doors; and then there is the mission of Jesus, who sends them into the world to proclaim the message of forgiveness. This contrast may also be present in us, experienced as an interior struggle between a closed heart and the call of love to open doors closed by sin. It is a call that frees us to go out of ourselves. Christ, who for love entered through doors barred by sin, death and the powers of hell, wants to enter into each one of us to break open the locked doors of our hearts. Jesus, who by his resurrection has overcome the fear and dread which imprison us, wishes to throw open our closed doors and send us out. The path that the Risen Master shows us is a one way street, it goes in only one direction: this means that we must move beyond ourselves to witness to the healing power of love that has conquered us. We see before us a humanity that is often wounded and fearful, a humanity that bears the scars of pain and uncertainty. Before the anguished cry for mercy and peace, we hear Jesus' inspiring invitation: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" (Jn 20:21).

In God's mercy, all of our infirmities find healing. His mercy, in fact, does not keep a distance: it seeks to encounter all forms of poverty and to free this world of so many types of slavery. Mercy desires to reach the wounds of all, to heal them. Being apostles of mercy means touching and soothing the wounds that today afflict the bodies and souls of many of our brothers and sisters. Curing these wounds, we profess Jesus, we make him present and alive; we allow others, who touch his mercy with their own hands, to recognize him as "Lord and God" (Jn 20:28), as did the Apostle Thomas. This is the mission that he entrusts to us. So many people ask to be listened to and to be understood. The Gospel of mercy, to be proclaimed and written in our daily lives, seeks people with patient and open hearts, "good Samaritans" who understand compassion and silence before the mystery of each brother and sister. The Gospel of mercy requires generous and joyful servants, people who love freely without expecting anything in return.

"Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:21) is the greeting of Jesus to his disciples; this same peace awaits men and women of our own day. It is not a negotiated peace, it is not the absence of conflict: it is his peace, the peace that comes from the heart of the Risen Lord, the peace that has defeated sin, fear and death. It is a peace that does not divide but unites; it is a peace that does not abandon us but makes us feel listened to and loved; it is a peace that persists even in pain and enables hope to blossom. This peace, as on the day of Easter, is born ever anew by the forgiveness of God which calms our anxious hearts. To be bearers of his peace: this is the mission entrusted to the Church on Easter day. In Christ, we are born to be instruments of reconciliation, to bring the Father's forgiveness to everyone, to reveal his loving face through concrete gestures of mercy.

In the responsorial Psalm we heard these words: "His love endures forever" (Ps 117/118:2). Truly, God's mercy is forever; it never ends, it never runs out, it never gives up when faced with closed doors, and it never tires. In this forever we find strength in moments of trial and weakness because we are sure that God does not abandon us. He remains with us forever. Let us give thanks for so great a love, which we find impossible to grasp; it is immense! Let us pray for the grace to never grow tired of drawing from the well of the Father's mercy and bringing it to the world. Let us ask that we too may be merciful, to spread the power of the Gospel everywhere, and to write those pages of the Gospel which John the Apostle did not write.

APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY

DECREE: Indulgences attached to devotions in honour of Divine Mercy

“O God, your mercy knows no bounds and the treasure of your goodness is infinite...” (Prayer after the “Te Deum” Hymn) and “O God, you reveal your almighty power above all by showing mercy and forgiveness...” (Prayer for the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time), in these prayers Holy Mother Church humbly and faithfully sings of Divine Mercy. Indeed, God’s great patience with the human race in general and with each individual person shines out in a special way when sins and moral failures are forgiven by Almighty God Himself and the guilty are readmitted in a fatherlike way to his friendship, which they deservedly lost.

Duty of honouring Divine Mercy: The faithful with deep spiritual affection are drawn to commemorate the mysteries of divine pardon and to celebrate them devoutly. They clearly understand the supreme benefit, indeed the duty, that the People of God have to praise Divine Mercy with special prayers and, at the same time, they realize that by gratefully performing the works required and satisfying the necessary conditions, they can obtain spiritual benefits that derive from the Treasury of the Church. “The paschal mystery is the culmination of this revealing and effecting of mercy, which is able to justify man, to restore justice in the sense of that salvific order which God willed from the beginning in man, and through man, in the world” (Encyclical Letter *Dives in misericordia*, n. 7).

It is God’s Mercy that grants supernatural sorrow and resolution to amend

Indeed, Divine Mercy knows how to pardon even the most serious sins, and in doing so it moves the faithful to perceive a supernatural, not merely psychological, sorrow for their sins so that, ever with the help of divine grace, they may make a firm resolution not to sin any more. Such spiritual dispositions undeniably follow upon the forgiveness of mortal sin when the faithful fruitfully receive the sacrament of Penance or repent of their sin with an act of perfect charity and perfect contrition, with the resolution to receive the Sacrament of Penance as soon as they can. Indeed, Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us in the parable of the Prodigal Son that the sinner must confess his misery to God saying: “Father I have sinned against heaven and against you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son” (Lk 15,18-19), realizing that this is a work of God, “for [he] was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found” (Lk 15,32).

Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday: And so with provident pastoral sensitivity and in order to impress deeply on the souls of the faithful these precepts and teachings of the Christian faith, the Supreme Pontiff, John Paul II, moved by the consideration of the Father of Mercy, has willed that the Second Sunday of Easter be dedicated to recalling with special devotion these gifts of grace and gave this Sunday the name, “Divine Mercy Sunday” (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Decree *Misericors et miserator*, 5 May 2000).

Plenary Indulgence: To ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence, as will be explained below, so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Pardon of others who sin against us: Thus the faithful will more closely conform to the spirit of the Gospel, receiving in their hearts the renewal that the Second Vatican Council explained and introduced: "Mindful of the words of the Lord: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13,35), Christians can yearn for nothing more ardently than to serve the men of this age with an ever growing generosity and success....

Three conditions for the plenary indulgence: And so the Supreme Pontiff, motivated by an ardent desire to foster in Christians this devotion to Divine Mercy as much as possible in the hope of offering great spiritual fruit to the faithful, in the Audience granted on 13 June 2002, to those Responsible for the Apostolic Penitentiary, granted the following Indulgences:

a plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!);

In addition, sailors working on the vast expanse of the sea; the countless brothers and sisters, whom the disasters of war, political events, local violence and other such causes have been driven out of their homeland; the sick and those who nurse them, and all who for a just cause cannot leave their homes or who carry out an activity for the community which cannot be postponed, may obtain a plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday, if totally detesting any sin, as has been said before, and with the intention of fulfilling as soon as possible the three usual conditions, will recite the Our Father and the Creed before a devout image of Our Merciful Lord Jesus and, in addition, pray a devout invocation to the Merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you).

Duty of priests: inform parishioners, hear confessions, lead prayers: Priests who exercise pastoral ministry, especially parish priests, should inform the faithful in the most suitable way of the Church's salutary provision. They should promptly and generously be willing to hear their confessions. On Divine Mercy Sunday, after celebrating Mass or Vespers, or during devotions in honour of Divine Mercy, with the dignity that is in accord with the rite, they should lead the recitation of the prayers that have been given above.

Finally, since "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5,7), when they instruct their people, priests should gently encourage the faithful to practise works of charity or mercy as often as they can, following the example of, and in obeying the commandment of Jesus Christ, as is listed for the second general concession of indulgence in the "Enchiridion Indulgentiarum".

This Decree has perpetual force, any provision to the contrary notwithstanding.

MONTH OF MAY:

offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer

The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary. The first 15 days fall within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored). The remainder of the month (beginning the Monday



after Pentecost) is in Ordinary Time which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection.

Dedication of Month of May a brief history

- The dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century.
- In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered
- By 1700 it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.
- The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and
- A plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859.
- With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966.

Marian month & Popes recommendation

1. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy (Mediator Dei) characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy.
2. Paul VI wrote a short encyclical in 1965 using the Month of Mary devotion as a means of obtaining prayers for peace.
3. In May of 2002 Pope John Paul II said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favourite of popular devotion. Parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!"

Devotion to Mary: The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, as Pope Leo XIII reminded us, is the soul of the Church. The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, Advocate, and Comforter which Christ Himself sent to be our consolation in the sorrowful mysteries of life, our source of moderation in the joyful mysteries of life. So He was for the Blessed Mother; so also He is for the least of us; so also He is for the rest of the Church.

Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary, because she lived by faith as the Scriptures remind us....If, then, piety is the virtue which binds us to the sources of all life, to God, to our parents, to the Church, to Christ, certainly Christian piety binds us, in grateful love, to Mary — or our acceptance of Christ and of the mystery of our kinship with Him is imperfect, partial, and unfulfilled.

ENGAGEMENTS OF BISHOP, MAY - 2016

1 st	Sun	9.30 am	Sacred Heart Church, Pedapadu parish Annual feast
		5.00 pm	Mass at St. Mary's Church, Hyderabad
2 nd	Mon		Not Available
3 rd	Tue		Occupied
4 th	Wed	10.00 am	Chapel blessing at Chodimella of Janampeta parish
5 th	Thu	10.30 am	Silver Jubilee Mass of Sr. K. Mary Rani at Bhimavaram
6th	FRI	10.00 AM	COUNCIL MEETING
7 th	Sat	10.30 am	Chapel blessing at Ananthapalli of Nallazerla parish
8 th	Sun		Occupied
9 th	Mon		Meeting at Hyderabad
10 th	Tue	10.30 am	Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual help at Ch. Pothepalli of Rallakunta parish
11 th	Wed	10.30 am	Blessing of Marriage at Nirmalagiri
12 th	Thu		BISHOP'S OFFICE
13 th	Fri	9 – 12.30pm	1. Available in Bishop's office
		7.00 pm	2. Fatima Matha Feast at Fathimapuram
14 th	Sat	11.30 am	Mass at OCD Monastery Janampet
15 th	Sun	11.00 am	Inauguration & blessing of a new chapel at Yenugumahala of Ravulapalem Parish
17 th & 18 th	Wed		Not Available
19 th	Thu	10.00 am	Priestly ordination of Dn. Uyyuru Suresh Babu (of Delhi Archdiocese) at Venkatadrigudem of Allipalli
20 th	Fri & 21 st	Sat	Occupied
22 nd	Sun	10.30 am	Annual parish feast at Jalipudi parish
23 rd	Mon - 31 st	Tue	Bangalore

TENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS OF BISHOP, JUNE - 2016

3 rd	Fri	5.00 pm	Tadepalligudem (town parish) Annual Feast
4 th	Sat	10.30 am	Chapel blessing at Enikepalli of Bhuvanapalli parish
5 th	Sun	6.30 pm	Sacred Heart feast at Vempadu parish
6th	MON	9.00 AM	CLERGY RECOLLECTION at Bishop's House
7 th	Tue		Bishop's Office
8 th	Wed-9 th	Thu	Divyavani board Meeting at Hyderabad
10 th	Fri		Not Available
11 th	Sat		Occupied
12 th	Sun	6.30 pm	Academic year inaugural Mass at Vianney College, Janampet
13 th	Mon	9.00 am	Academic year inaugural Mass at Vijnananilayam College, Janampeta
14 th	Tue	10.30 am	Lourdhu Matha Chapel Blessing at Andaluru of Korukollu parish
18 th	Sat	10.00 am	Academic year inaugural Mass at Queen of the Apostles PIME Minor Seminary, Eluru
23 rd	Thu	10.00 am	Diaconate Ordinations at HGN Generalate, Thangellamudi

1. OUR NEXT MONTHLY RECOLLECTION WILL BE ON JUNE 6, 2016

The next monthly recollection for the Clergy of the Diocese of Eluru and the Religious Priests working in the parishes will be conducted on June 6, 2016 (Mon) at Bishop's House, Eluru. The recollection starts at 9.00 am. Please mark your diaries. All are expected to attend without fail.

2. A SPECIAL PRAYER CARD OF DIVINE MERCY

The message of the Divine Mercy is that God loves us – all of us, and, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus all will come to share His joy.

Divine Mercy reminds us that we are in need of a savior, and that God has reached out to us, not as a God of justice but a God of divine mercy. He's extending an invitation for us to come back to him. I am obliged to inform the parish Priests to encourage families to pray daily for God's mercy that brings hope to a hurting world.

A special prayer card is prepared and it is available with Rev. Fr. Premanandam, Secretary. You are requested to collect them from Bishops House as early as possible and introduce reciting the Divine Mercy prayer in your parishes.

May this year of Jubilee Year of Mercy be celebrated meaningfully in your parishes!

3. NEW DIRECTORY FOR THE DIOCESE OF ELURU

I am happy inform you that the diocese of Eluru is happy to bring-out a new directory. Rev. Fr Ku Arulappa, parish Priest, Narsapuram, is appointed convener of the new directory. The official Directory of the Diocese of Eluru was prepared in 1999.



The new directory will include features like the general information about the diocese, parish history, latest statistics, information about the parishes, men/women Religious updated maps of the vicariates and updated institutes and parishes. Let us not forget the beautiful words from the message of Pope Benedict XVI for the 45th world communications day, June 5, 2011: "...spreading information and knowledge is giving birth to a new way of learning and thinking, with

unprecedented opportunities for establishing relationships and building fellowship....the new communications technologies must be placed at the service of the integral good of the individual and of the whole of humanity. The new editorial team will be erected soon. Let us pray to Saint Francis de Sales, the patron of journalism, that this great task may come into fulfilment.

4. REGARDING ILLUMINARE OMNES:

In spite of all the updating of the postal addresses, there are still, who are not receiving it regularly. We did our best and tried different ways to solve this problem. Our humble request to all of you, if you do not get the News Letter by the first week, **kindly pick up an extra copy from Bishop's House or Subodanilayam.** There are always extra copies available with Rev. Bro. Angelo, SSP, & Brother regent. If you have internet facility, please give the email address to (frrayappaeluru@gmail.com) avail in electronic form.

5. FR. T. JOHN APPOINTED DIOCESAN INCHARGE FOR BHARATAMITRAM

Communication builds relationships. From the beginning till date we human beings are communicating with each other. So definitely communication is a transformation of the message from one to other. It is now possible to address thousands or lakhs of audience at a time through media.

Taking into consideration of the value of communication I am happy to inform you that Rev.Fr. Tadikamalla John, Parish Priest, Bhuvanapalli, is appointed incharge of Bharatamitram, the only official print media of Telugu states. He will be responsible for all the issues related to Bharatamitram.

All the Fathers, Brothers and Sisters are hereby informed to contact him. His contacting details: Cell: 9492123470, E – mail: tadikamalla.john@gmail.com

6. A NOTE OF THANKS TO THE RELIGIOUS BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Pope Francis once said that the “Religious give a radical witness and a prophetic witness. Without them we would be so much poorer in the diocese.”

As we understand that there will be transfers for most of the Religious Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, it gives me immense joy to sincerely thank all the Religious Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, who have been working in the Diocese of Eluru, for a couple of years. The diocese of Eluru respects and cherishes your service. I wish you all the best in your new responsibility.

May I request the concerned superior of the house to give an updated list to their new members to the chancery office, so that we could have an official record of our religious brothers and Sisters, so to give a better communication of the diocese.

“We bishops need to understand that consecrated persons are not functionaries but gifts that enrich dioceses. “The involvement of religious communities in dioceses is important. Dialogue between the bishop and religious must be rescued so that, due to a lack of understanding of their charisms, bishops do not view religious simply as useful instruments.” (Pope Francis, Jan. 3, 2014)

+ **Jaya Rao Polimera**

7. A SPECIAL NOTE FOR ALL THE DIRECTORS AND IN-CHARGES OF DIFFERENT COMMISSIONS IN THE DIOCESE:

This is to bring to your notice that all the Directors and In charges of different commissions are hereby requested to prepare a strategic yearly plan regarding the activities of your commission

respectively. In the meeting which was held on 18th April 2016 at Bishop's House, it was agreed upon to come together with a detailed report and plan of action for the next meeting. I truly appreciate your initiatives and hard work.

8. CRI, Eluru Unit General Body meeting to take place on July 6, 2016



Greetings of Peace of the Risen Lord from the LCRI Executive team ! We are happy to communicate that the next General Body Meeting of the CRI Members has been fixed for **WEDNESDAY 6th JULY 2016 (RAMZAN HOLIDAY)** Other details of the Venue, timings etc will be furnished later. Kindly make note of this date.

We also wish to communicate that the CRI of the Archdiocese of Vishakhapatnam is happy to announce and invite everyone to a two-day National Seminar cum Workshop titled "The name of God is Mercy- Pastoral

Approach" on 14th and 15th May 2016 at Vishakhapatnam. Contact Numbers for further details are: 9441779899 and 9441838484.

- Sr. Ernestine Fernandes, President LCRI

9. ADMISSIONS TO THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS & BOARDINGS

Admissions to the Catholic High Schools and Boardings are open for the Catholic students, who have completed their Elementary studies. The students will have to appear for an entrance test conducted by respective schools.

1. St Theresa's (TM & EM) High School:

Venue : St Theresa's High School, Eluru
Date : **June 9, (Thursday)**
Time : 10.00 am

Please Note:

1. The candidates should bring along with them: the 5th class record sheet, Baptism certificate, Progress card and Recommendation letter from the parish Priest.
2. No hostel admission except 6th class. (School admission for other classes is available.)
3. Right from the beginning the allotted boarding seats for 6th are only 20.
4. The admission will be given only to those who pass.

For more details, please contact: 9491138348

2. St. Xavier High School, Eluru:

Venue : St .Xavier's Boarding, Eluru
Date : June 05, 2016 (Sunday)
Time : 9.30 am

For more details, please contact: Rev. Fr. Thailamannal George: 9493305430, Rev. Fr. Kantha Rao: 7207482435

Please Note:

1. The candidates should bring along with them: the 5th class record sheet, Baptism certificate, Progress card and Recommendation letter from the parish Priest.
2. No admission to other classes.
3. Please send only Catholic boys with their names according to the school certificates and a letter from the parish Priest.

10. FR. REDAELLI, PIME, AWARDS for the MERIT students of SSC – 2015-16

Fr. Redaelli Educational Society is offering a cash award of Rs 1,000/- to THREE Catholic students of 10th Class (March 2015-2016 academic year) who scored highest marks in your parish. Hence I request the Parish Priests to instruct the students to submit a Xerox copy of the original Marks List / Grade attested (signature) by the Parish Priest along with Baptism Certificate and a self addressed postal envelop of the student / parent, complete with Door. No. & PIN Code and the student/parent's phone number.

All the papers should reach Fr. M. Balaswamy, President, Fr. Redaelli Educational Society (Ph. 0866 2413033) RCM Church, Gollapudi – 521 225, by 15th July 2016. The Awards will be disbursed on 21st August 2016, Sunday, at the Bishop's House, ELURU, at 4.00 p.m.

- Fr. M. Balaswamy, President

11. HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY - 2016

Universal: Respect for Women

That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

Evangelization: Holy Rosary

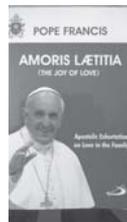
That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.

12. From Diocesan Communication Center, Subodanilayam

New arrivals of Pope Francis: Available (with reduced prices) at Subodanilayam, Eluru

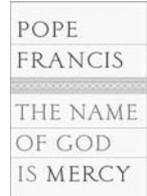
**AMORIS LAETITIA
(The Joy of Love)**

- Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the Family by Pope Francis.
- Price Rs 90.00



**THE NAME OF GOD IS
MERCY by Pope Francis**

- A conversation with Andrea Torielli
- Price: Rs 499.00



13. The Diocese thanks the Sisters of St. Ann’s of Providence for their service at Rallakunta

The Sisters of St. Ann’s of Providence, who are educationalists par excellence of our diocese since 1938, are very much identified for their disciplined Catholic education in our Diocese. At present they have four communities in Eluru and one community in Nidadavole.

They were extending their service at Allipalli and Rallakunta since two years. After having done their best for St. Xavier’s E.M. School, Rallakunta, the sisters are entrusting the administration of the school to the diocese again. Dear Sisters, thank you very much for your dedicated service.

13. St. Joseph Dental College initiates **NEW APOSTOLATE IN THE YEAR OF MERCY:** **TO EXTEND THEIR SERVICE TO THE POOR & NEEDY**

(Pledges to organize mega medical/dental awareness camps throughout the state)



As all of us know that the Jubilee Year of Mercy, which was inaugurated by Holy Father Pope Francis on December 8, 2016, will run until November 20, 2016, is a moment of true grace for all Christians and a re-awakening force to continue along the path of the new evangelization and pastoral conversion. Based on his call, **His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera, Chairman, SJDC (St. Joseph Dental College)** gave a call to all the St



Joseph Dental (includes all Institutions) College staff to extend their services to the poor and needy. The management and staff of dental college took an oath to serve the needy in the name of God.

Yes. Commemorating the "**YEAR OF MERCY**", St. Joseph Dental College Eluru, takes this opportunity to reach out, educate and raise oral health awareness among the public in general and the poor and the needy in particular. The institution will be conducting free mega camps in various places in Andhra Pradesh.

We are committed to every dental service the population may need from restorative to reconstructive, and periodontal dentistry.

- During the camps, we offer free dental care, which includes dental examinations, tooth cleaning, extractions (Tooth Removing), and restoration of cavities (Fillings).
- Senior citizens (60 years and above) will be provided free treatments like restoring the cavities (Cement Fillings) and root canal treatments (except crowns). All kinds of oral and Maxillo-facial surgeries will be given 50%.
- Free biopsies for suspected lesions and Ulcerations, swellings and exophytic growths.
- Free removable orthodontic appliances
- Myofunctional and Orthopedic appliances (Clips - Braces) and 25% reduction in treatment cost for fixed orthodontic appliances.
- Pediatric patients (Children) can avail free extractions (Tooth Removing), Restorations (Cement Fillings) at the camp site. 75% discount for every treatment for the child who is referred from the camp. General anesthesia cases will be absolutely free.
- Free removable and complete dentures, (Teeth Sets) if the patient is referred from the camp site.
- Any kind of digital x-rays can be availed at 50% and conventional at 25%.
- Check this column in future for the mega camp schedule.

- Fr. Nelli George, Secretary & Correspondent, SJDC

14. ADMISSION NOTICE ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE OF NURSING

DUGGIRALA

FOR ACADEMIC YEAR: 2016-2017

St. Joseph College of Nursing (Recognized by INC & A.P. Nursing Council and Affiliated to NTR University, Vijayawada), run by the V. D. M. Charitable Trust is happy to give this Admission Eligibility

Eligibility for B. Sc. (N) Course:

- The minimum age for admission shall be 17 years on 31st December of the year in which admission is sought.
- Minimum Education
 - A. 10 + 2 Pass @45% aggregate of marks in Science (Physics, Chemistry and Biology)
 - B. 10 + 2 Pass out from recognized board under AISSCE/CBSE/ICSE/SSCE/HSCE/NOIS/APOSS or other equivalent Board with Physics, Chemistry and Biology.
 - C. Intermediate Vocational with Bridge Course in Biological and Physical Sciences.
 - D. Those who belong to SC, St. and BC are eligible with 40% in the Science Group subjects as per orders of the Secretary Indian Nursing Council, New Delhi vide Letter No. F.No.1-2/2014-INC and vide the circular No. F.NO.1-6/2015- INC, dated 21-09-2015.
 - E. Students shall be medically fit.
 - F. Students shall be admitted once in a year (As per the G.O. Rt. No. 1095, Health Medical and Family Welfare (K1), Dated 02/09/2013

NB: Prospectus and Application forms are available at the College or can be downloaded from the website on payment of Rs. 300/- by cash or demand draft in favor of "St. Joseph College of Nursing " for B. Sc. (N) Course.

For more details contact: St. Joseph College of Nursing, Duggirala, Eluru, W. G. Dt.

Web: www.St.Josephcollegeofnursing.Org, Email: Sjconprincipal@gmail.com, Ph. No. 08812 – 297088, Cell: 9849323780

- Rev. Fr. Amrutaraj Kocherla, Correspondent, St. Joseph College of Nursing, Duggirala Eluru

15. Sisters of the adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament SABS Erect a New Province on April 4, 2016

April 4, 2016, would be an unforgettable day in the history of the Sisters of the adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (SABS). The Andhra Region of SABS, till now part of the Tellicherry Province, Kerala, has grown into a full fledged and independent province on April 4, 2016.

SABS have two communities in the Diocese of Eluru. They founded their first house in 1975 at Kovur and later at Yernagudem in 1989.

Most Rev. Dr. Thelegathoti Joseph Raja Rao, Bishop of Vijayawada has officiated at the Sacred Liturgy on the occasion of the official Declaration of the new born province, Jeevodaya, at Jeevodaya Provincial House, Enikepadu, Vijayawada. Rev. Mother Rosily Jose Ozhukayil SABS, the Vicar General read out the official Decree of Declaration. The Congregation has now 19 Provinces and 3 regions



Pope Francis, in imitation of Christ at the Last Supper, performed the ritual washing of the feet of a dozen people – eleven guests of the C.A.R.A. Centre and one woman who works at the Centre for Auxilium. Four of the guests taking part in the ritual were Nigerian Catholics, three others – all three women – were Coptic Christians from Eritrea, three others were Muslims from Syria, Pakistan and Mali, and one was an Indian Hindu.



Pope Francis on March 26 evening presided at the Easter Vigil in St Peter's Basilica, with the baptism of 12 catechumens from Italy, Albania, Cameroon, Korea, India and China.



Pope Francis presided over Mass in St Peter's Square on April for the Feast of Divine Mercy, and encouraged the faithful to be "apostles of mercy".



Pope Francis delivered the traditional Urbi et Orbi blessing from the balcony of Saint Peter's Basilica at noon after the Easter Holy Mass, 27 March 2016. St. Peter's Square was filled to overflowing on Easter Sunday morning, as thousands of pilgrims and tourists gathered under a brilliant Roman spring sky for Mass, followed by the traditional Benedictio urbi et orbi – the "Blessing of the City and the World".



Bishop Jaya Rao giving confirmations at St. Ambrose parish, Nidadavole, on April 17, 2016.



Bishop Jaya Rao blessing a new convent of Guvanellian Sisters at Eluru on April 8, 2016.



His Lordship M.D. Prakashm, Bishop of Nellore, celebrating feast day Mass at Sagaratara Velangani Shrine, Samaladevi, on April 26,

NIRMALAGIRI FEAST - APRIL 3,4,5 & 6, 2016, PHOTO GALLERY



with around 5000 members. At present the SABS has taken roots in 72 Latin dioceses and 24 Syro-Malabar dioceses spread across the globe.

The congregation of the sisters of the Blessed Sacrament has its origin from the deep Eucharistic experience of the venerable Bishop Thomas kurialacherry an ardent devotee of the Holy Eucharist.

The New Provincial Team

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| 1. Sr. Jane Mary Areeparambil | - Provincial Superior | 5.Sr. Margaret - 4th Councillor |
| 2.Sr.Anice Kallidukkil | - Vicar Provincial | 6.Sr.Preetha Kuttivelil -Finance Officer |
| 3.Sr. Mary Paul Pulakudiyil | - 2nd Councillor | 7. Sr.Annie Tharayil- Secretary |
| 4.Sr. Christy Panthalady | - 3rd Councillor | |
- Sr. Jane Mary Areeparambil, Jeevodaya Provincial House, Enikepadu

16. LENTEN CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER & DISEASE, Holy Thursday & Good Friday Collections - 2016

S.NO	Name of the Church	Name of the Parish	Lenten Campaign	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Grand Total
1.	St. Theresa's Church	RR Pet, Eluru	10,000	5,000	5,000	20,000
2.	St. Eugene Church	Buttayagudem	---	---	1,400	1,400
3.	Our Lady of Health Church	Bhimadole	---	3,617	4,766	8,383
4.	St. Vianney Church	Yernagudem	---	1050	2,000	3050
5.	Franciscan Brothers,	Assisi Bhavan	---	---	1,150	1,150
6.	Catholic Church	Srungavruksham	---	---	5,000	5,000
7.	Infant Jesus Church	Nallagerla	---	700	800	1500

We request the concerned parish Priest to submit their contributions to the diocese.

17. KALA DARSHINI SUMMER COURSE - 2016

Greetings from Kala Darshini! Kala Darshini organizes Summer Course 36th summer course in the month of May to train the clergy, religious, seminarians, catechists, teachers and students in liturgical



music, dance and other fine and folk arts. Kala Darshini Summer Course 2016 starts on 1st of May in the campus of Kala Darshini, Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada. The admission starts on 1st morning and the classes commence from 2nd morning. The training is offered primarily in Vocal music, Key board, Guitar, Tabla, Drawing, Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi. All those who prefer to learn an instrument like Guitar, Keyboard or Tabla are expected to bring their own instrument. The course fee is Rs 5000/-

(Tuition fee Rs 2000/- and hostel fee Rs 3000/-). The course concludes on 30th evening with the closing function. Limited seats are available for girls.

For more details contact: Rev. Fr. Koti Ravindra, sj, Director, Kala Darshini, Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada- 520008, Krishna Dt. A.P. Phone: 0866-2473250; Cell: 9000921092. Email: kotiravindra@yahoo.com, kotiravindra@gmail.com

18. Divine Word Centre, Muthangi, Hyderabad, conducts
INNER HEALING RETREAT FOR PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS

"I pray that according to the riches of His glory He may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through His Spirit". (Eph. 3:16)

Date : Monday 16 May, 6:00 PM to Saturday 21 May 9:00 AM
Preacher : Rev. Fr. Benny SVD and Team
Registration : On or before 10 May 2016
Registration Fee : Rs. 1200/- per head towards Food, Accommodation (twin sharing room), Water, Retreat Material, Resource Personnel and so on

Contact Nos. : 8331001777 / 9618544544, Email: dwcsmuthangi1992@gmail.com

MMTS TRAINS: 1. Take an MMTS train from Secunderabad or Hyderabad to Lingampally
2. Take a Bus from Lingampally to Patancheru. 3. Take an Auto from Patancheru to Divine Word Centre, Muthangi

BUS: From Hyderabad (Koti): 1. Take Bus nos. 217, 218, 218C, 218D, 222, 222A, 225, 225D to Patancheru. 2. Take an Auto from Patancheru to Divine Word Centre, Muthangi

This special retreat will help us to discover our own internal dynamisms, blocks and areas of inner wounds; to live in peace with oneself, others and with God.

A hearty welcome to the powerhouse of God!!

- Fr. C V Benny SVD, Director, DWC

19. Are you planning to attend the Canonization of Mother Teresa?

A 15 days of Tour offer from Bible Tours: 5 countries, Papal Blessing & Canonisation



Bible Tours offers a 15 day tour of Italy / Switzerland / France / Spain & Portugal with special papal blessing & canonization ceremony of mother Teresa all inclusive package & 10 days tour of - Italy / France with special Papal blessing and



canonization event of mother Teresa all inclusive package from x Delhi ,Bombay and Chennai back for the same. One can take it from Delhi or Chennai also and back for the MID OF AUGUST departure 2016.

Anyone who is interested can contact the Bible tours. Scan and send us your passport / complete the registration form which is the att file & send us the registration fee of Rs 75,000/-per person in favour of you can deposit a local cheque in any of to HDFC bank Branch in your city or do an NEFT transfer from your bank / branch: BIBLE TOURS, HDFC Bank , Ambattur ,Chennai, A/C No : 12902320000259, Neft Code : HDFC0001290

Contacting details: Bible Tours, Ambrosia, No. 18, Kasthuri Nagar, 2nd Street, Korattur, Chennai 600 080, Tamil Nadu, India. Phone Numbers: +91 44 26873969 / 70, +91 9940111464, +91 9940672989, +91 9940111461, +91 9444359225, Email: info@bibletrains.in

20. FTC CONDEMNS ASSAULT ON BISHOP G. PRASAD OF KADAPA

FEDERATION OF TELUGU CHURCHES (FTC):
(Apex Body of Bishops / Heads of Christian Denominations in A.P. & T.S.)
PRESS RELEASE: April 28, 2016

FTC (earlier known as Andhra Pradesh Federation of Churches - APFC), which is an apex body of Archbishops / Bishops and Church Heads of major Christian Denominations in the twin Telugu States of A.P. and T.S., strongly condemn the vicious assault of Most Rev. Dr. Gallela Prasad, Bishop of Cuddapah, and his car driver that took place on April 25, 2016, while he was on his way back from a religious function at Karunagiri in Kadapa district.

The ruthless manner in which they were blind-folded, forcefully confined and brutally attacked for several hours stretching through the night, is highly condemnable. It is unbelievable that such a violent atrocity is perpetrated on a Catholic Bishop.

FTC appealed to the Police and law enforcement authorities to investigate the case thoroughly and bring to book the culprits behind the heinous crime.

- Most Rev. Dr. Thumma Bala, Archbishop of Hyderabad & President

21. St. Antony's Industrial Institute Don Bosco ITI

Station Road, Kadapa, Ph. No. 08562 – 245009 / 244453

Dear Fathers / Brothers / Sisters, Applications for the Admissions to ITI for the year 2016 - 2018 batch will be issued from 15th of May, 2016 in the college office for the following trades.

Electrical	- 20 seats / 2yrs course
Fitter	- 20 seatss / 2yrs course
Machinists	- 20 seats / 2yrs course
Turners	- 20 seats / 2yrs course
Welders	- 20 seats / 1yr course

Qualification for the admission: 10th Std. Pass / Inter Pass

Fee Particulars: College Fee: as per government norms only. Hostel Fee: Rs. 20/- per day X 30 = 600/- per month, Books and Tools Fee for both the years Additional

Non-formal / Non-Govt. Certificate Courses:

Trades offered: 1. Welding 2. Carpentry 3. Water Servicing & Wheel Alignment

Qualification: SSC failed / school dropouts, Duration: 1 year. Age: below 18 years

Fee: Training and Hostel per month Rs. 1000/- only. Catholic students kindly produce the baptism certificate. Catholic students who are interested in joining the ITI, kindly approach the office directly with the Parish Priest letter.

Contact for information: 9490633542 / 9346441132

- Fr. Mariadas Marneni, sdb, Director

Synopsis of the Chronicles of Bishop's Diary in APRIL - 2016

1st Fri to 2nd Sat On mission work

3rd Sun 5.30 pm celebrated Festal Holy Mass at Jubilee Nagar

4th Mon 9.30 am celebrated Holy Mass for the First & Final profession of Little Sisters of Christ at Janampet, 5.30 pm celebrated Holy Mass for the Jubilee of Vimala convent at Tanuku

5th Tue 6.30 pm celebrated Diocesan shrine festal Mass at Nirmalagiri

6th Wed 6.30 pm celebrated Diocesan shrine festal Mass at Nirmalagiri

7th Thu 10.30 am Laid the foundation stone for village chapel at Ratnalagunta

8th Fri 10.00 am Blessed new Casa Santa Formation house of Guvanellian Sisters and celebrated the Holy Mass at Vidhyanagar, Eluru, 5.30 pm celebrated the holy Mass for the Silver Jubilee of Fr. Polimetla Joachim, Vijayawada diocese

9th Sat Bishop's Office

10th Sun Occupied

11th Mon 10.30 am conferred Priestly ordinations to HGN brothers at Nidadavole, 6.30 pm addressed Our Deacons

12th Tue 9.30 am conducted special talk to the Deacons of Eluru diocese

13th Wed 10.30 am celebrated the holy Mass for the Silver Jubilee of Fr. L. Felix at Kalipatnam

14th Thu 10.30 am celebrated the holy Mass for First Profession of Holy Family Brothers at Vanguru

15th Fri 10.30 am celebrated the holy Mass for the Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Rayappa at Warangal

16th Sat Not Available

17th Sun 9.30 am celebrated the holy Mass & administered the sacrament of Confirmation at Nidadavole parish

18th Mon 10.00 am conducted special Meeting for the in-charges & members of all the Commissions at Bishop's House

19th Tue 7.00 am celebrated Holy Mass for the Diocesan Vocation Camp at St. John's Minor Seminary, Pinakadimi, 5.00 pm participated for the Silver Jubilee Mass of Fr. Lamu Jaya Raju at Vijayawada

20th Wed Bishop's Office

21st Thu Bishop's Office

22nd Fri Bishop's Office

23rd Sat 11.00 am Blessed new Grotto of Our Lady of Grace and celebrated the Holy Mass at Devarapallivarigudem of Nyayampalli Parish.

24th Sun Occupied,

25th Mon 10.30 am Consecrated and Dedicated Our Lady of Velankanni parish Church & celebrated the Holy Mass at Vegavaram parish.

26th Tue 10.30 am conferred Priestly ordinations to MC Brothers at Sanigudem, 6.30 PM celebrated Holy Mass for the Sagarathara Velankanni Matha Feast at Samaladivi

27th Wed Bishop's Office

28th Thu 10.00 am Laid foundation stone for new chapel at West-Vipparru of Tadepalligudem town parish, 11.00 am Laid foundation stone for the new tower at Ravigunta, 7.00 pm celebrated Annual Parish Feast at Bhimavaram parish

29th Fri Bishop's Office

30th Sat 9.00 am – 12.30 pm Bishop's Office, 6.30 pm celebrated the Holy Mass for Godavari Mary Matha Feast at Vegeswarapuram parish

OBITUARY

1. REV. SR. PUSHPAM ARCKAL, LSC, (23/06/1940 – 08/04/2016) Passed away

Rev. Sr. Pushpam Arckal, LSC (Little Sisters of Christ), passed away on April 6, 2016, at 9.45 pm in Good Samaritan Cancer Hospital, Vangayagudem, Eluru. She was 76. His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera offered requiem Mass in Santhi Bhavan, LSC Novitiate, on April 7, 2016.

Sr. Pushpam was born as the first child to Mr. Mathew Arackal and Mrs. Mariamma Arackal at Arayankavu, Ernakulam, of Kottayam Diocese, Kerala, on June 23, 1940. She has three brothers and two sisters. She had her elementary and high school studies at her home town.

She made her first profession on December 1, 1979. She is expert in diagnosing and prescribing medicine for snake bites. Being a nurse by her profession, Sr. Pushpam rendered her service mainly in Adamilli. As the healing angle for the snake bites, she rendered her service for many years. She also worked among the tribal children in Srikakulam, in the home for the disabled (Hyderabad), in the Minor Seminary of Kurukuru at the request Fr. Jose Kaimlet, Founder, HGN, SGN & Mo.C.



She was diagnosed of having mouth cancer in February 2016 and received medical treatment in different hospitals like St. Ann's Hospital, Vijayawada, Manipal Hospital, Vijayawada, and Good Samaritan Hospital, Vangayagudem, where she breathed her last.

The last rites were performed on April 8, 2016, at 3.00 pm and was buried in Santhi Bhavan. LSC, was founded in 1984, she is the first professed Little Sister to die in 32 years. She was buried in LSC official cemetery at Santhi Bhavan in Mariapuram campus, Janampet.

2. SR. BERTILLA KAVALAMMKEL, MSI, PASSED AWAY (26-09-1938 – 23 – 04 2016)

Sr. Bertilla Kavalammkel, MSI, due to cardiac arrest, passed away on April 23, 2016, at Villa Balconi,



Vegavaram at 11.40 am. She was 78. The requiem Mass was celebrated by His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera on April 23, 2016. Her mortal were kept in Villa Balconi, Vegavaram, and funeral (Mass and burial) was held on April 24, 2016, at MSI official cemetery in Vegavaram.

Sr. Bertilla Kavalammkel was born to Mr. Chacko Joseph and Mrs. Theresiamma Joseph in a pious, traditional Christian family on 26th September 1938, at Anikad, in the diocese of Mananthavady in Kerala. She joined MSI Family on 8th January 1959 and made her first profession on 6th January 1962 at Bhimavaram. , taking the

name Sr. Bertilla . She had her training in Nava Nirmana Institute and exercised her missionary passion by caring for the poor through developmental activities, mainly in the field of healing ministry. She rendered her service in the communities of St. Mary's convent - Bhimavaram, Holy family hospital - Amalapuram ,Our Lady of Health Hospital - Bhimadole, St. Xavier's Hospital in Vinukonda, Vimala Convent - Kadapa, Nirmala Hospital Karungal and joined the community of Villa Balconi – Vegavaram in July 2014.

Sr. Bertilla had to endure health problems due to diabetics, hypertension much early in her life. In 2007, she had developed enlargement of the heart and under medication from KIMS (Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences). She tried to live with care the Golden rules: 'not to give offense, not to take offense and not to speak ill of others'. She lived a simple and sober life. Since two days she had little fever. Her last words were "Jesus,... Jesus and closed her eyes at 11.45 a.m. Perhaps she has seen her Lord and all His glory waiting to receive her to his bosom.

3. Mr. Jeevaratnam, Catechist of Bhuvanapalli parish, passes away during the prayer



The diocese regret to inform the sad demise of Mr. Ippili Jeevaratnam who is presently working as a catechist at Gopavaram of Bhuvanapalli parish, due to cardiac arrest, passed away during the prayer on April 27, 2016. He was 66. This year he is also celebrating 25 years of his service as a catechist. Gopavaram, a substation of Bhuvanapalli parish, always stands as a strict Catholic village as there is no other denomination till this date. In this regard I appreciate and treasure the service of Jeevarathnam master, who cooperated with the all the parish priests.

- Fr. John Tadikamalla, Parish Priest

4. MOST REV. ALPHONSUS F. D'SOUZA, BISHOP OF RAIGANJ, PASSED AWAY:

Most Rev. Alphonsus F. D'Souza, SJ, Bishop of Raiganj, passed away at Bishop's House, Raiganj, at 12.30 on 30th April, 2016, following a massive heart attack. He was 76. Bishop Alphonsus is the elder brother of Archbishop Albert D'Souza, Archbishop of Agra.

Let us pray that the Good Lord may grant them eternal repose and share in His Glory.

O Blessed Joseph, you gave your last breath in the loving embrace of Jesus and Mary. When the seal of death shall close my life, come with Jesus and Mary to aid me. Obtain for me this solace for that hour - to die with their holy arms around me. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I commend my soul, living and dying, into your sacred arms. Amen.

FOUNDATION STONE LAID

for constructing Holy Family chapel at Ratnalakunta of Vijayarai Parish

St. Anthony Parish, Vijayarai, is happy to inform you that foundation stone was laid by His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera on April 7, 2016. The guests of honour include Rev. Fr. Balaraju Minumula, AHF,



Rector, AHF Major Seminary, Prakash Nagar, Rev. Fr. Chandra Shekar, OSFS, Superior, Brison Nilayam and Mr. Kotari Rama Chandra Rao, YCP Leader, Kondalapaalem and the faithful. A formal welcome was given to His Lordship at 10.30 am.

The construction is under progress, with the pledge of completing the construction before August 18, 2016. The chapel, which is going to be dedicated to Holy

Family, is a sacerdotal silver jubilee gift of Rev. Fr. Johnsantan Fernandes, Founder, AHF. (Apostles of the Holy Family). Ratnalakunta is a Village in Pedavegi Mandal in West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh.

- Fr. Rayappa Kolukuluri, Parish Priest

Six Candidates of Holy Family Brothers professed their temporary oblation at Holy Family Brothers House, Vanguru

Six Candidates of Holy Family Brothers Congregation, professed their oblation commitment at Holy Family Brothers House, Vanguru, on April 14, 2016. The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Most Rev. Bishop Jaya Rao Polimera, whose presence highlighted the communion with the Local Church, where the rite of the First Religious Profession took place.

The candidates namely: Ashwin Pradhan, Jogi Babu, SukantNayak, Honest Raj, Rajesh Babu and Tamil Selvan, received the Religious habit, the Constitutions and the Crucifix of the Congregation and proclaim and signed the formula of the Profession. Bro. David Rasero, Brother Provincial, on behalf of Brother Superior General, admitted the new brothers in the Congregation. Some Priests, Religious, Brothers from other communities of India, family members and relatives of the new Brothers participated in these emotive celebration. After the Eucharist the feast continued with the fraternal agape for all those who attended.



Joy and thanksgiving are the fruits of the abundant grace received by God with the offering of six new Brothers who have consecrated their lives to Him and His people.

- Bro. Xavier, Holy Family Brothers, Vanguru

A detailed report about two MSI Communities, who completed 50 years

The MSI and their Mission in the diocese of Eluru

The MSI (Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate) are also known as PIME Sisters as their congregation was founded on 8th December 1936 by the Pontifical Institute of the Foreign Missions, Milan, Italy. MSI, being the earliest missionaries along with PIME Fathers, have an very affectionate relation with the Diocese of Eluru since 1954. They are recorded as the only congregation who are having many communities in Eluru. To promote evangelization in Tanuku region, a new community was erected by MSI family in 1966.

JANGAREDDIGUEM COMMUNITY

GOLDEN DAYS ARE AT ITS PEAK: "IT IS GOOD TO SING PRAISES TO THE LORD"

It was in 29/06/1966 a new baby of MSI was born in West Godavari Dt. at Jangareddigudem. This tiny seed dropped in by three sisters has now grown into a full pledged hospital with many attached institutions as it completes its **GOLDEN 50 YEARS** of its presence.

The day was dawn with its splendor on 19/03/2016 and the whole campus was in a merry mood of sisters and children. The Solemn Eucharistic Celebration began at 4-30 p.m. proceeded by a procession from the Hospital with sisters carrying



50 lighted lamps. The dancers welcomed the Clergy and the Faithful with their gentle movements. A serene atmosphere hovered over the whole campus which was the fruit of 50 days of Eucharistic Adoration. A great array of Priest and Religious added colour to the celebration. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jaya Rao Polimera was full of praise for Nirmala Sisters. In his homily he congratulated the MSIs particularly the sisters of Jangareddigudem for the selfless service rendered in the field of Evangelization, Hospital, School and Hostel. A sumptuous meal was served to all.

We are grateful to Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jaya Rao Polimera for making himself available in spite of his heavy schedule, all the Priest and Religious, our well wishers, Sisters came from other Provinces to encourage us. The presence of Sr. Amala Rani, our Provincial Superior and her Counselors was a strong support to us. Our Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Kasse Thomas was supporting us in our every need. We also acknowledge the many loving and generous hands helped us directly or in a hidden way to make this simple but meaningful celebration a grand success.

- Nirmala Sisters of Jangareddigudem

Vimala Convent, Tanuku, completes 50 years!

(Making a Difference with the Power of the Word)

Vimala Convent, Tanuku, founded by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate, celebrated Golden Jubilee of its erection on April 4, 2016. MSI.

The Holy Eucharist: Presiding over the Eucharistic Celebration with 20 other priests, the His Lordship eulogized the Congregation of the Nirmala Sisters for their concerted efforts to bring the

light of Christ to the masses through sacramental catechesis, family visits, spiritual counseling, technical education and other means. "You have made a difference here by your preaching and service. Your presence has brought hope and joy to a hopeless situation for fifty years as you



worked with God as His ambassadors to bring liberation to those who are in darkness said His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera, during the Holy Eucharist.

Erection of Tanuku parish: A joint venture of MSI Sisters & Fr Jacob Medayil

Tanuku was an outstation of Bhimavaram Parish until 1957. Fr Jacob Medayil, the then Parish Priest of Bhimavaram Parish was invited by a Tamil Catholic family and a

Kommareddy Ratnamma to Tanuku. Fr. Jacob with his zeal for souls visited often the families of Tanuku and instructed them to receive the Baptism. With some 75 Catholics, the Tanuku Parish was erected on August 15, 1962.

The Parish Church and the presbytery were built on December 8, 1963. Most Rev. Bishop Ambrose De Battista, PIME, the then Bishop of the erstwhile diocese of Vijayawada invited the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate to further the missionary work in the Parish.

Erection of Vimala Convent & Technical School

Vimala Convent was inaugurated in June 15, 1966 with a nursery school attached. The government gave them the recognition to run the elementary school in 1973.

Mother Clara Bellotti, MSI the founder of this mission had a singular vision for the task of the Sisters. She wanted to help the poor Catholic girls from these rural areas to have their employment opportunities and thus a tailoring centre was started in 1973. And in the following year a type writing section was added to it.

Many batches of students appeared for the government tailoring and typewriting exams and secured good jobs from then on.

Vimala technical School is transformed into Vimala Industrial training Centre

At present the Vimala technical School is transformed into Vimala Industrial training Centre (ITC) which trains students and empowers them to secure good jobs. The free hostel facilities offered in the campus is an added service to the cause.

Most importantly, the presence of the missionary sisters helped in the increase of church attendance. The sisters visited village by village with their medicines, counseling, technical education and other services and brought light where there was darkness and poverty.

MSI & MSFS making a great difference in Tanuku region

With the help of the MSFS Missionaries the work of evangelization is now vigorously carried out in the area and the Catholic presence has increased by thousands. A huge Church has been built

recently at Tanuku and over 50 surrounding villages now have new chapels and prayer huts and receive Catholic assistance and liturgical services regularly.

A catechetical centre has been opened in the campus for mission animation. Hundreds of lay catechists, religious formees and sisters have attended the courses in local language on Scripture, Church documents, Papal teachings and especially on the theological significance of this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Honoring the pioneers

The pioneers of Tanuku mission and all the sisters who worked in the Vimala Convent were honored at the occasion. An impressive number of the Lay MSI collaborators made their presence felt by their generous service and their collaboration at the function.

- Sr. Benigna Menezes, MSI

Triple celebrations at Kalipatnam Parish

It is a great joy for the people of Kalipatnam parish to have a triple celebration:

1. The Silver Jubilee of the parish of the erection of Holy Cross Parish, Kalipatnam
2. Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. L. Felix, parish Priest and
3. Inauguration of "The Extra-ordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy".

The celebrations started on the 13th April, 2016, with the blessing and inauguration of the CC road leading from the main gate towards the Church in commemoration of the above said triple celebrations



by our beloved Bishop Most Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera at 10. 30am. Then we had the Holy Mass officiated by our Bishop, along with our Jubilarians Fr. L. Felix, Fr. B. Yesupadam, Fr. I. Michael and many other Priests from our vicariate. People from all villages actively participated and praised and thanked God for the wonderful celebrations and prayed for the Jubilarians. As our custom, the dignitaries were honored with garlands, shawls and gifts after the holy mass. Then, lunch was served to all the people.

A short note of the Parish: The land was purchased by Fr. S. Maria Elias, the present parish priest of D. Gannavaram parish. Fr. N. Savio Stalin, the present parish priest of Kanthalapalem, constructed the parish house. The present Director of 'Prema Seva Ashram', Gowripatnam, Fr. P. Jesurajan, with the intention of making Kalipatnam as 'California', came as the first parish priest on 4th August, 1991 and constructed the parish church, first floor of the parish house and the school, to eradicate illiteracy and to promote literacy in and around Kalipatnam and gave a shape to the parish serving 4 years. The second parish priest Fr. S. John Peter, the present parish priest of Kadakatla parish, extended the school building and the church and served the parish for more than 16 years.

Congratulations to Fr. L. Felix, Jubilarian: Fr. Felix as the 3rd parish Priest on 26th July, 2010. He was born to late Mr. Athimalla Lourduwamy and late Mrs. Anthoniamma, devout parents in 'C. Nammiandal', diocese of Vellore. He joined Eluru diocese in the 1986 and was looking after various

constructions. After completing his seminary studies in St. John's Seminary, Hyderabad, he was ordained Priest on 25th March, 1991. He was sent to Jangareddigudem and served with Fr. John Simionella as assistant for about one year and continued at Penugonda for a few months. Then, he was made parish Priest of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Vegiwada. During his tenure there, he got permission for high school and constructed the high school and other elementary schools, hostel and bought land at Tadikalapudi and started "Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrim Center".

When he was there, he was appointed as the 'Executive Secretary' of Amruthavani to serve the church of Andhra Pradesh in the regional level. He finished diploma in communications in Rome, during this time.

After his coming here, he got recognition for the high school, bought 2 buses, constructed chapels and still is working hard for the multifaceted developments of the parish as well as the school. He is a simple and very easily approachable priest. We wish him many more years of service to the Church on the whole and to the Diocese in particular. Hearty congratulations dear Father.

- Fr. V. Kiran Kumar, Assistant Parish Priest

FOUR DEACONS ORDAINED FOR HGN

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring the good news to the poor. (Luke 4: 18)

April 11, 2016, would be a great day for St. John Paul II Province, HGN, (Heralds of Good News) as



four of our beloved deacons: Dn. Guthikonda Sleevaraj of Khamma Diocese, Dn. Dharelli Thomas of Khammam Diocese, Dn. Puli Ashok Kumar of Vijayawada Diocese, Dn. Garikamukkala Jacob Raju of Vijayawada Diocese, were ordained Priests by Most Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera, Bishop of Eluru, in the presence of Rev. Fr. M. Ignatius, Superior General, Rev. Fr. Charles Gorantla, Provincial Superior, many Priests, Sisters and faithful at our Provincialate, Nidadavole. The Priestly Ordinations have given much more

happiness and blessings of the Lord by adding these Brother Priests to the universal Church.

HGN (Fathers) family as on April 11, 2016

- Priests 450 (St. John Paul II Province Priests: 70)
- Seminarians (Minor & Major) 500. (St. John Paul Province brothers: 95)
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We, the HGN family along with new Priests, thank you all for your valuable prayers, support and presence which made the day a glorious one.

- Fr. Daniel Battu, Sec. St. John Paul II Province, Nidadavole

PRIESTLY & DIACONATE ORDINATIONS AT HOLY SPIRIT MAJOR SEMINARY SANIGUDEM

26th April 2016 was a remarkable and rejoicing day in the life of the Missionaries of Compassion & Holy Spirit Major Seminary, Sanigudem as five of our Deacons were ordained as Priests and four of



our Brothers were ordained as deacons. Our hearty congratulations to newly ordained Priests Rev. Fr. Ambrose, Rev. Fr. Devanad, Rev. Fr. Micheal, Rev. Fr. Varaprasad, and Rev. Fr. Samuel and deacons Dn. Paul, Dn. Chakochoan, Dn. Chatla Joseph and Dn. Kumar Babu.

At the outset Rev. Dr. Raju Mathew Panackal, Superior General of Missionaries of Compassion extended his Cordial welcome to the gathering. His Excellency Most Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera,

Bishop of Eluru, who presided over the Eucharistic Celebration in the presence of Most Rev. George Palliparambil, Bishop of Miao, a good number of Priests, Brothers, Sisters and the faithful. During Eucharistic celebration His Lordship Jaya Rao ordained our deacons into the Order of Priesthood and our Brothers into the Order of Diaconate.

During the homily Bishop George Palliparambil enlightened the congregation with his inspirational and edifying homily, highlighting the significant role of Priest today in the Church and also notifying the ineffectiveness of priestly ministry in different aspects of our life. His presence doubled the joy of the Priests and Deacons.

The occasion was blessed by the gracious spiritual presence of Rev. Dr. Jose Kaimlett, Founder, Missionaries of Compassion, Rev. Dr. Raju Mathew Panackal, Superior General, Missionaries of Compassion and several Priests and Nuns and religious working in and outside the diocese of Eluru and a big gathering of the parents, relatives and friends and faithful. The vote of thanks was proposed by Fr. Micheal Raj on behalf of newly ordained Priests and Deacons, and the programme was successfully concluded with a sumptuous meal. Thank you for your presences and prayers.

- Fr. Jojo, Rector

New Parish Church blessed at Velangani Matha Parish, Vegavaram

"My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit..." (Jn. 15: 8)

Blessing of the new parish church

Indeed April 25, 2016, would be a special day for the Vegavaram parishioners. The newly built Velangani Matha parish Church was dedicated and opened for worshipping by His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera, Bishop of Eluru in the presence of His Lordship Mathew Cherian Kuneel, PIME, Bishop Emeritus of Kurnool & Rev. Sr. Amala Rani, Provincial, MSI.

His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera gave an inspiring homily about the church and its ownership, telling that the real owner of the Church is God and Priests are only caretakers of His people. His Lordship

appreciated the parish Priest under whose efficient leadership the new parish church has come into the reality. He also admired Nirmala Sisters who gave a partial donation in the memory of Rev. Sr. Ida, MSI, on her birth centenary year – 2016.

ABOUT THE NEW CHURCH

1. Laying the foundation Stone: As the faithful grow in number, there was a need for constructing a new separate parish church. As the parish Priest is making efforts to buy a piece of land, Nirmala



Sisters came forward and donated an acre of land in their own premises. On 21st of November 2014, the foundation stone was blessed and laid by His Lordship Jaya Rao DD, Rev. Sr. Rosilla, Mother General, MSI, and the parish priest Rev. Fr Diwakar in the presence of Velangani parish campus: Franciscan Brothers, Nirmala Sisters, Good News Sisters and the parishioners.

2. It took two years to complete the church building. The style of architecture very appealing and a great witness as it is

built on the Eluru – Jangareddygudem GNT Road. The church has a magnificent front elevation with two towers and a meaningful sanctuary inside. It has the capacity to accommodate 500 people.

Velankanni Matha Parish, Vegavaram: its beginning, growth: Vegavaram was a substation of St. Joseph's Parish, Thangellamudi. Hence, the inception of Vegavaram was only with a Quasi-parish erected by the late Bishop John and appointed Rev. Fr V.C Abraham to cater the spiritual needs of MSI sisters and patients, who also constructed the present presbytery. Later Rev. Fr. Mathew Palakudy was appointed as Chaplin, who worked almost for 18 years. After his retirement Most Rev. Bishop Prakash Mallavarapu, the then Apostolic Administrator, appointed Rev Fr. Diwakar as a full pledged parish Priest, who is also executing his duties as Diocesan Jyotirmai Director from here.

Our Sincere thanks: With great joy and happiness we express our sincere gratitude to the triune God and Mother Mary for gifting us a new Church. Fr Diwakar has thanked the donors and prayed for them. A special note of thanks to Rev. Sr. Sorcely, MSI, Superior, Vegavaram, and all the Brothers, Fathers and Sisters of our parish. Our parishioners felicitated His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera, Rev Sr. Amala Rani, Provincial, MSI, Rev. Sr. Lorenza, MSI, Rev. Sr. Sorcely, Superior.

The participants include Brothers, 40 Priests, and around 2,500 faithful of Vegavaram parish. All of them were served delicious meal. Our sincere thanks for all those who extend their help on that day.

- Mr. Kota Mathew, Catechist

One of the most sincere forms of respect is, actually listening to what another has to say.

- Bryant McGill

76 RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT KOVVURU PARISH

In the history of Kovvuru parish March 13, 2016, is an unforgettable day. After a long time a dream has been fulfilled on that day, where nearly 76 faithful have received the Sacrament of confirmation



from His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera. Amidst 500 faithful, a rapturous welcome with traditional village style was extended to His Lordship. We marched towards the parish Church in a procession from the Sisters Convent. We arranged such a way that evens the faithful from the substations have also come to receive the confirmations. His Lordship also expressed his joy and appreciated all the parishioners their cooperation and the hard work they put into this successful programme at

Kovvuru. After the celebration of the Holy Mass we have honored His Lordship Jaya Rao with a shalve and garlands along with the Elders of the substations and we thanked our Bishop for his presence and wonderful homily.

- Fr. Dominic, Parish Priest

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM NIRMALAGIRI SHRINE

(Nirmalagiri Shrine enters 37th year)

This is to thank each and every person who worked for the grand success of the Diocesan Feast at Nirmalagiri. Nirmalagiri Shrine celebrated its 37th anniversary from April 3-6, 2016. The feast was successful, because a number of subcommittees have been set up to organize the different programmes of the feast.

We thank the Almighty for having given His blessings through Mediatorship of our Blessed Mother on all the people who participated in the Nirmalagiri Festival. We thank His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera & Bishop Raja Rao, Rev. Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and Seminarians for their valuable



services rendered during the Feast. We extend our sincere thanks to police department, SP of Eluru, DSP and CI of Kovvuru Division and also private security, electrical department, Medical department, RTC, Press and Electronic Media, Revenue department, Pachayat, voluntary group, Domestic staff, Nirmalagiri Convents, Schools and colleges and all the cultural groups and Drama artists, etc., they all have rendered excellent services during the festivity days. Once again I thank everyone who extended their time and energy for the grand success of the Diocesan Feast.

- Fr. Rayappa Koppula, Shrine Director

VOCATION CAMP IN THE VOCATION WEEK

A two day diocesan vocation camp was conducted at St. John's Minor Seminary, Pinakadimi, on April 18-19, 2016. For the first time that the camp was conducted at the Minor Seminary premises, which



has won applause of those who participated. Around 18 candidates from all over the diocese took part in this vocation camp. Rev. Dr. Fr. Inje Paul, Rector, welcomed the candidates and made them feel at home. He said that the vocation is a gift of God. So, one has to discover one's own vocation in faith and love."

This year three of our Diocesan Clergy has visited and shared their pastoral experiences on faith formation, emotional growth, development of talents and love for spirituality,

along with three staff members of the SJMS. His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera has infused the young minds with enthusiasm. He explained the four stages of human life: infant, adulthood, youth and old age. During these four stages, one listens to God's call and encounters God through prayer and practice of doing hard work. For the first time nearly 20 Religious men from different Religious congregations also took part in the Camp and addressed the candidates. All of them have taken active part in the camp. All through the camp the participants were energetic and enthusiastic. Br. Bala Yesu collaborated with his creative activities through some party games and prayer meetings. A million of thanks to all the parish Priests, for encouraging the boys to attend this camp. I thank Fr. K. Rayappa (Jr) for his constant communication help.

- Fr. Dr. Inje Paul, Rector, St. John's Minor Seminary, Pinakadimi

Youth camp conducted at Divine Mercy parish, Jubilee Nagar

Diocesan Youth Commission, with the help and support of Rev. Fr. Bala, Parish Priest, Divine Mercy Parish, Jubileenagar, conducting a day camp for the youth of Jubilee Nagar on April 14, 2016, where eighty four youth were present from different villages of Jubilee Nagar. The program started at 9:30 am. Rev. Fr. Bala welcomed the youth and introduced the diocesan youth team to the youth.

Speaking to the youth about an hour, Fr. Bala exhorted the youth saying, that the youth is giving more importance to the technical communication like cell phone, face book etc, but not to the parental and family relations. Consequently the youth are confused not able



to decide and loosing the capacity to prioritise the best in life. At 11 am Fr Bala celebrated the Holy Eucharist. He also explained the structure of the Holy Mass in the Catholic Church.

Rev. Fr. Kaki Charles, youth director, spoke more about the word of God. He explained St. John 1.1-4 and said don't be ashamed to carry the Bible, the word of God is giving us more grace and strength. Rev. Fr. Bala thanked the youth and the meeting came to an end.

- Fr. K. Charles, Youth Director

Sagarathara Velankanni Matha Annual Feast celebrated at Samaladivi

The Annual feast of Sagarathara Velankanni Matha was solemnly celebrated on 23, 24, 25 & 26 April 2016 at Samaladivi. On the last day 26th April, the faithful were happy and privileged to have two



Bishops for the celebration of the Feast. His Lordship M.D. Prakasam, Bishop of Nellore, has celebrated the Festal Mass. In his preaching he delivered an inspiring and heart touching sermon on the theme Mary as the Morning Star and model to the mother Church, for which a good number of the Priests, Sisters and the faithful attended. His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera has blessed the Matrimony of new couple: Chiranjeevi and Sunitha during the celebration. It is an unforgettable event for the parishioners.

After the celebration of the Feast Rev. Fr. Joseph Arjuan, Director, has thanked His Lordship M.D. Prakasam, for having offered the Holy Mass for the pilgrims and taking the struggle to come from all the way. As a token of gratitude he honored him with a shalve and garland. He also thanked and honored our Bishop Jaya Rao Polimera for his availability and presence on the feast day which gave them encouragement and support.

Towards the end His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera appreciated Rev. Fr. Joseph Arjuna, the Director and the assistant Priests, Rev. Fr. R. Ashok Kumar and Rev. Fr. H. Yesuratnam for their cooperation and collaboration for the success of the feast. His Lordship addressed the faithful that they must make this shrine in the future like Our Lady of Velankanni at Velangani. Delicious meal was served for all the people who came for the feast from different parishes and places all through the feast days.

- Fr. Joseph Arjun, Shrine Director, Samaladevi

NEWS BYTES

Church officials meet Prime Minister, request to invite Pope

Prime Minister Modi was also requested to personally lead India's official delegation for the canonization of Mother Teresa. Catholic Church officials in India met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 25, 2016, requesting him to invite Pope Francis to India and also to personally lead a delegation for the canonization of Mother Teresa in the Vatican in September. Cardinal Baselios Cleemis, president of the Indian bishops' conference met with Modi in New Delhi. He was accompanied by Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, the conference's secretary-general, and Father Joseph Chinnayyan, deputy secretary-general.

The prime minister "appreciated the sentiments of the bishops and assured that he would favorably consider the proposal. The church delegation also thanked Modi for the government's continued efforts to rescue Salesian Father Tom Uzunnalil, who was abducted in Yemen early March.

Jesus Youth (India's Catholic youth movement) gets Vatican approval

The Vatican has recognized Jesus Youth, a Catholic youth movement, which began in 1980 in Kerala. It is the second such organization in the Catholic Church in Asia. The Pontifical Council for the Laity awarded the decree of recognition on April 20, 2016. The new status gives the organization the

official status of a global church organization, allowing it to continue to function with autonomy as a lay movement. Approval as a private organization also recognizes the fact that it was started by individual Catholics and not by a cleric.

Couples for Christ, which is based in the Philippines, was the other lay movement. The Vatican approved it as a private international association of lay faithful in 2000. Jesus Youth is now active in 25 countries around the world, with a presence in five continents. The movement also does not have any registered membership but volunteers assist to hold prayer meetings and retreats and other such spiritually oriented programs for young people. Jesus Youth first received approval as a church organization from the Indian Catholic bishops' conference in 2008. Faith and character formation of young Catholics is the aim of the movement.

Pope Francis creates Rayagada a new diocese in Odisha

Pope Francis on April 11, 2016, erected a Rayagada a new diocese in Odisha, and appointed former Vincentian novice master Father Aplinar Senapati as its first bishop. Rayagada was carved out Berhampur diocese in western Odisha. It is the 171s Catholic diocese in India and sixth in Odisha, under Cuttack-Bhubaneswar archdiocese. Odisha witnessed the worst anti-Christian violence in modern Indian history in 2008. The Church continues to face problems in the state.

At the time of appointment, the bishop-elect was the parish priest at Derapather, Nuagaon, Assam. Fr Senapati was born on October 28, 1960 at Dantolungi, near Surada in Ganjam district, a parish under Berhampur diocese. He was ordained a priest on November 28, 1990 at Surada. He completed his MA in Economics and Philosophy from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. He also has a diploma in psychology and religious formation from the National Vocation Service Centre in Pune.

More tribal people choosing Christianity in India

A growing trend in India shows tribal people embracing either Christianity or Islam over Hinduism, said the latest government statistics. Government figures released in mid-April said the number of Christian tribal people has increased from 6.3 million in 2001 to 10.03 million in 2011, recording a 63 percent growth. The number of tribal people who profess Islam has grown 51 percent from 1.2 million to 1.8 million during the period when the national census was last conducted. While the number of tribal people following the Hindu faith is much larger, their percentage growth has been comparatively less at 39 percent. The 60 million Hindu tribal people in 2001 grew to 84 million in 2011.

- Source: UCAN

TO PONDER

I have realised how useless I am with cheap thoughts

Once a gentleman in Greece met Socrates and said, "Do you know this. I have heard a terrible news about your brother-in-law." Socrates interrupted him mid-way and said, "Wait, before you say this, I shall put you three questions. Will you answer them?"

"Three questions!" said the gentlemen controlling his curiosity.

"Yes, three questions. I call this Triple Filter Test. First, is the news going to be conveyed by you a fact?"

"Fact or fiction, who knows? I am trying to tell you what somebody has told me", replied the gentleman faltering in tongue.

"That means you are aware that the news may not be a fact. Now, the second question; are you going to say something good about my brother-in-law", said Socrates calmly.

"No" replied the gentleman. "Very good! So, what you are going to say is not a fact, nor a good piece of news. Now, the third question, is the news going to benefit me or you?"

"No, no, nothing like that," replied the gentleman exasperated.

"Right! What you are going to say is not a fact, not a good one and not even beneficial or useful to either of us. By conveying such news, do you know how cheap you will become? Moreover, your valuable time and mine would have been wasted had I permitted you to convey it. What do you say?" said Socrates with his mature philosophical look.

"Excuse me, Sir, I have realised how useless I am with cheap thoughts and I haven't behaved consistent with my status. Never again shall I discuss such useless matters with persons of your stature" said the gentleman and slipped away.

Episcopal Ordination

Most Rev. John Mulagada May 05

13. Rev. Fr. Naviti Maria Joji Kumar	14-05-1969
14. Rev. Fr. Tadikamalla John	16-05-1982
15. Rev. Fr. Jesu Rajan	17-05-1954
16. Rev. Fr. P.J. Xavier	31-05-1956
17. Rev. Fr. Yechu Yesuratnam	31-05-1988

BIRTHDAYS

1. Rev. Fr. A. Sarveswara Rao	01-05-1977
2. Rev. Fr. Bosco Rajendra	02-05-1952
3. Rev. Fr. K. Arulappa	02-05-1954
4. Rev. Fr. Savarimuthu David Raj	02-05-1968
5. Rev. Fr. Produturi Xavier	02-05-1972
6. Rev. Fr. Savariyar Jeya Prakash	03-05-1961
7. Rev. Fr. S. John Kennedy	03-05-1964
8. Rev. Fr. M. Anand Andrew	04-05-1979
9. Rev. Fr. Job Kottor	06-05-1934
10. Rev. Fr. Kuchipudi Gnananamdam	10-05-1964
11. Rev. Fr. Babu George	11-05-1963
12. Rev. Fr. Maddala Vijaya Kumar	14-05-1989

ORDINATIONS

1. Rev. Fr. Bosco Rajendra	05-05-1986
2. Rev. Fr. Swaminathan Maria Elias	05-05-1986
3. Rev. Fr. Gudipudi David	05-05-1989
4. Rev. Fr. Nanda Savio Stalin	08-05-1987
5. Rev. Fr. Dirisana Aaron	08-05-1984
6. Rev. Fr. Maradpudi Joseph Arjuna	08-05-1984

RIP

1. Rev. Msgr. Thomas Edassary	02-05-1990
2. Rev. Fr. Nicola Frascogna, (PIME)	20-05-1981

Think of it.... !

"Life is like having a cup of coffee...
You sit by the window, lift the cup, take a careless sip...
... and find no sugar!

Too lazy to go for the sugar, you somehow manage with that sugarless cup.
On finishing, you find undissolved sugar crystals, settled at the bottom!
That is life!

Reflection: We don't make any effort to value what is around or within us.
So look around... Maybe, the sweetness you are looking is much closer than you think!"

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Bishop Jaya Rao felicitating Rev. Fr. L. Felix, jubilerian at Kalipatnam parish on April 13, 2016.



Bishop Jaya Rao blessing the new parish church at Vegavaram parish on April 25, 2016.



Bishop Jaya Rao laying foundation stone for village chapel at Ratnalakunta of Vijayarai parish on April 7, 2016.



Bishop Jaya Rao along with the 1st & final professed Sisters of Little Sisters of Christ at Janampet on April 4, 2016

Beginning of the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee Year of
His Lordship Jaya Rao Polimera at Monastery, Eluru, on April 5, 2016

