



Let the Faith Enlighten Us



All of us need to reawaken our faith. In his Gospel, Matthew refers us to an incident where Jesus reproaches the apostles for their lack of faith. Without mincing words, Jesus calls them: “men of little faith” (cf. Mt 8, 26). One day the apostles were crossing the Sea of Galilee on a rather fragile boat. Jesus was with them, which had actually guaranteed all safety. But instead, at the breaking of an unexpected storm they were greatly alarmed and taken by fear and shouted and cried for help, but strangely Jesus was described as sleeping. He got up and reproached the wind and the sea: and there was a great calm. Turning to the disciples he said: “Why were you so afraid, men of little faith!” Struck by wonder and amazement, that the two elements of wind and water obeyed him like two gentle lambs, they asked each other: Who could this be, even the Sea and the wind obey him?” (Mt 8, 27).

Later the apostles understood who He was and laid down their lives for him shouting aloud their faith in Jesus.

Do we have such faith that resists the temptations of storms? What would Jesus tell us about our weak and fragile faith?

John Paul I who had a brief pontificate, as short as a smile, in his Wednesday General audience of 13 September, 1978 said:

Here in Rome there was a poet, Trilussa, who also tried to speak of faith. In a certain poem of his, he said:

“That little old blind woman, whom I met /
the evening I lost my way in the middle of
the wood, /
said to me: —If you don’t know the way /
I’ll accompany you, for I know it /
If you have the strength to follow me /
from time to time I’ll call to you, right to the
bottom there, where there is a cypress, /
right to the top there, where there is a cross.
I answered: that may be ... but I find it
strange /
that I can be guided by someone sightless ... /
The blind woman, then, took my hand /
and sighed: Come on. —It was faith.”

As a poem, it is delightful; as theology, defective. It is defective because when it is a question of faith, the great stage manager is God. Because Jesus said: “No one comes to me unless my Father draws him”. St Paul did not have faith, in fact he was persecuting the faithful. God waits for him on the way to Damascus: “Paul”, he says to him, “don’t take it into your head to rear up, to kick, like a restive horse. I am that Jesus whom you are persecuting. I need you. You must change!” Paul surrendered; he changed, leading a completely different life. Some years afterwards, he will write to the Philippians: “that time, on the way to Damascus, God seized me; since then I have done nothing but run after him, to see if I, too, am able to seize him, imitating him, loving him more and more.”

Faith is the only light we have to test the meaning of life in the midst of darkness of suffering and the night of evil that surrounds us and lives in us. Faith guarantees that taken by hand by Christ, we can leave our evil ways; faith also guarantees that the victorious in history will be the humble, the meek, the merciful, the pure of heart and the peace-makers.

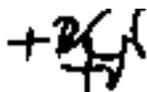
In spite of all this we still are not able to understand the beauty and the preciousness of our faith in Lord Jesus. So as to understand this aspect, it is better we listen to the experiences of those people who knew what it means to live a life without faith and experienced that bitterness of missing faith.

A woman from Ukraine spoke to Cardinal Comastri during his time as a parish priest in Porto Santo Stefano. She said she was brought up in the country of total Atheism. In school they were brainwashed and had no more questions to ask about God or religion. She was made to believe that life was matter of chance and had no meaning whatsoever beyond. She thought she was a kind of a transformed monkey by an error of transmission of DNA. As she made her escape to Italy, she found there, faith and Jesus illuminating this faith and giving a meaning to it. But she said that in Italy though there is faith, people do not appreciate it nor realize how precious this is for lives. "May be because" she said "you did not suffer to arrive at it".

Our annual Feast of Gunadalamatha is being organized with new spirit and enthusiasm. May be, it is time that we too have to take up the basic question of "faith". Let our prayer be that all the pilgrims that come here may have an increase of their faith. In Lourdes shrine, France, the new miracles that take place are the miracles of faith and many go back home

with a firm decision to practice their faith. Faith is manifested by what God does in Jesus. Matthew gives the story of Jesus working in the lives of the others. "When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy[a] are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor (Mt 11, 2-5).

The good news is that God's power is active in the healings of Jesus. Experiencing the power of God, the people are supposed to "repent", that is, turn back to God, away from their self-centredness and the temptations of Satan as Jesus did in the desert. Turning back to God would mean surrendering oneself to God so that the same power of God may be active in oneself. To believe in the Gospel means then to surrender to God, to commit oneself to God, to let God be active in one's life. This experiential aspect is particularly helpful to assist each other in our faith journey. Once we have experienced God then we can talk about God – not only what God does, but also what God is – of course. But then we do not have to take it 'on faith', because we are talking about our experience and what we can infer from it. If we do not have this experience then no amount of 'faith' can substitute for it (M. Amaldoss, S.J.). As Clergy and religious let's keep this fact in mind and help our brothers and sisters around to feel that God's power is active in their lives and live in that grace.



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Bishop of Vijayawada

Bishop's Engagements February 2017

01	February, Wednesday	: Leaving for Bhopal for CCBI Meeting
08	February, Wednesday	: Returning from Bhopal
09	February, Thursday	: Meeting with a group from Germany accompanied by Fr. Anil
10	February, Friday	: 6.00 p.m. Feast day Mass, Gunadala Shrine.
11	February, Saturday	: 7.00 a.m. Feast day Mass, Gunadala Shrine
12	February, Sunday	: 6.30 a.m. Mass, St. Paul's Cathedral.
13 – 17	February	: Junior Clergy Retreat, Nambur.
18	February, Saturday	: Chapel Blessing, Dintimeraka, Koduru Parish, 10.00 a.m. Nirmala Niketan, Monthly Recollection (6.00 p.m.)
19	February, Sunday	: 7.00 a.m. Mass Nirmala Niketan (Recollection) 6.00 p.m. Mass in Gollagudem, Kankipadu Parish.
20	February, Monday	: 5.30 p.m. Book Release, Gunadala
21 - 23	February	: UCPI (23 Feb Wednesday Siluvagiri Feast day (Mass delegated to a Monsignor)
24	February Friday	: Jubilee Mass, Fr. U. Balashowri Reddy, Hyderabad (Mass at Agiripalli at 6.30 p.m. delegated to Monsignor)
26	February, Sunday	: 8.00 a.m. Mass at Avanigadda parish
28	February, Tuesday	: Mass at Siluvagattu 5.30 p.m. (Mass to be delegated to a Monsignor)
01	March, Wednesday	: ASH WEDNESDAY

DATES TO BE MARKED DURING LENT:

As most of our parish priests will plan very early the Lenten schedule for the parishes, we would like to inform the clergy of the diocese to take note of the following days during Lent on which some programmes are planned for clergy.

02	March, Thursday	: Monthly Recollection for the pastoral clergy, 9.am.
19	March, Sunday	: Priestly Ordinations, 5.00 p.m.
23	March, Thursday	: Day of Formation for the pastoral clergy, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
10	April, Monday	: Monthly Recollections, 9 a.m. & Chrism Mass, 5.30 p.m.

Appointment of new Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed H. E. Most Rev. Giambattista DIQUATTRO, till now Apostolic Nuncio in Bolivia, as the new Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal.

This ecclesiastical provision was made public in Rome on Saturday, 21st January, 2017, at noon local time, corresponding to 16:30 hours, Indian Standard Time.

The Most Reverend Giambattista Diquattro was born in Bologna (Italy) on March 18, 1954. He was ordained a priest in Ragusa on August 24, 1981. He received his Master's Degree in civil law from the University of Catania, his Doctorate in Canon Law (JCD) from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, and his Master's Degree in dogmatic theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He joined the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See on May 1, 1985, serving continuous missions in the Pontifical Representations in the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Chad, the United Nations (in New York), and later in the Secretariat of State of His Holiness – Section for Relations with States, and in the Apostolic Nunciature in Italy.

On April 2, 2005, Saint John Paul II appointed him Titular Archbishop of Giromonte and Apostolic Nuncio to Panama. His Episcopal Ordination took place on June 4, 2005, in the cathedral of Ragusa, and he began his mission in Panama on July 12, 2005.

On November 21, 2008, he was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Bolivia.

He is fluent in French, Spanish and English. We thank God for the gift of Most Reverend Diquattro to the Church in India and assure him our collaboration and prayers.





*The Diocese of Vijayawada
wishes His Excellency
Most Rev. Giambattista Diquattro
Hearty Congratulations*

Pope's Message

Pope Francis' message for 2017 World Day of Sick

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On 11 February next, the Twenty-fifth World Day of the Sick will be celebrated throughout the Church and in a special way at Lourdes. The theme of this year's celebration is "Amazement at what God has accomplished: 'The Almighty has done great things for me....'" (Lk 1:49). Instituted by my predecessor Saint John Paul II in 1992, and first celebrated at Lourdes on 11 February 1993, this Day is an opportunity to reflect in particular on the needs of the sick and, more generally, of all those who suffer. It is also an occasion for those who generously assist the sick, beginning with family members, health workers and volunteers, to give thanks for their God-given vocation of accompanying our infirm brothers and sisters. This celebration likewise gives the Church renewed spiritual energy for carrying out

ever more fully that fundamental part of her mission which includes serving the poor, the infirm, the suffering, the outcast and the marginalized (cf. JOHN PAUL II, *Motu Proprio Dolentium Hominum*, 11 February 1985, 1). Surely, the moments of prayer, the Eucharistic liturgies and the celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick, the sharing with the sick and the bioethical and theological-pastoral workshops to be held in Lourdes in those days will make new and significant contributions to that service.

Even now, I am spiritually present at the grotto of Massabielle, before the statue of the Immaculate Virgin, in whom the Almighty has done great things for the redemption of mankind. I express my closeness to all of you, our suffering brothers and sisters, and to your families, as well as my appreciation for all those in different roles of service and in healthcare institutions throughout the world who



work with professionalism, responsibility and dedication for your care, treatment and daily well-being. I encourage all of you, the sick, the suffering, physicians, nurses, family members and volunteers, to see in Mary, Health of the Infirm, the sure sign of God's love for every human being and a model of surrender to his will. May you always find in faith, nourished by the Word and by the Sacraments, the strength needed to love God, even in the experience of illness.

Like Saint Bernadette, we stand beneath the watchful gaze of Mary. The humble maiden of Lourdes tells us that the Virgin, whom she called "the Lovely Lady", looked at her as one person looks at another. Those simple words describe the fullness of a relationship. Bernadette, poor, illiterate and ill, felt that Mary was looking at her as a person. The Lovely Lady spoke to her with great respect and without condescension. This reminds us that every person is, and always remains, a human being, and is to be treated as such. The sick and the those who are disabled, even severely, have their own inalienable dignity and mission in life. They never become simply objects. If at times they appear merely passive, in reality that is never the case.

After her visit to the Grotto, thanks to her prayer, Bernadette turned her frailty into support for others. Thanks to her love, she was able to enrich her neighbours and, above all, to offer her life for the salvation of humanity. The fact that the Lovely Lady asked her to pray for sinners reminds us that the infirm and the suffering desire not only to be healed, but also to live a truly Christian life, even to the point of offering

it as authentic missionary disciples of Christ. Mary gave Bernadette the vocation of serving the sick and called her to become a Sister of Charity, a mission that she carried out in so exemplary a way as to become a model for every healthcare worker. Let us ask Mary Immaculate for the grace always to relate to the sick as persons who certainly need assistance, at times even for the simplest of things, but who have a gift of their own to share with others.

The gaze of Mary, Comfort of the Afflicted, brightens the face of the Church in her daily commitment to the suffering and those in need. The precious fruits of this solicitude for the world of suffering and sickness are a reason for gratitude to the Lord Jesus, who out of obedience to the will of the Father became one of us, even enduring death on the cross for the redemption of humanity. The solidarity shown by Christ, the Son of God born of Mary, is the expression of God's merciful omnipotence, which is made manifest in our life – above all when that life is frail, pain-filled, humbled, marginalized and suffering – and fills it with the power of hope that can sustain us and enable us to get up again.

This great wealth of humanity and faith must not be dissipated. Instead, it should inspire us to speak openly of our human weaknesses and to address the challenges of present-day healthcare and technology. On this World Day of the Sick, may we find new incentive to work for the growth of a culture of respect for life, health and the environment. May this Day also inspire renewed efforts to defend the integrity

and dignity of persons, not least through a correct approach to bioethical issues, the protection of the vulnerable and the protection of the environment.

On this Twenty-fifth World Day of the Sick, I once more offer my prayerful support and encouragement to physicians, nurses, volunteers and all those consecrated men and women committed to serving the sick and those in need. I also embrace the ecclesial and civil institutions working to this end, and the families who take loving care of their sick. I pray that all may be ever joyous signs of the presence of God's love and imitate the luminous testimony of so many friends of God, including Saint John of God and Saint Camillus de' Lellis, the patrons of hospitals and healthcare workers, and Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, missionary of God's love.

Dear brothers and sisters – the sick, healthcare workers and volunteers – I ask you to join me in praying to Mary. May

her maternal intercession sustain and accompany our faith, and obtain for us from Christ her Son hope along our journey of healing and of health, a sense of fraternity and responsibility, a commitment to integral human development and the joy of feeling gratitude whenever God amazes us by his fidelity and his mercy.

Mary, our Mother, in Christ you welcome each of us as a son or daughter. Sustain the trusting expectation of our hearts, succour us in our infirmities and sufferings, and guide us to Christ, your Son and our brother. Help us to entrust ourselves to the Father who accomplishes great things.

With the assurance of a constant remembrance in my prayers, I cordially impart to all of you my Apostolic Blessing.

8 December 2016, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception



INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR FEBRUARY 2017

Welcome the needy That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.



POPE'S QUOTES :

"Life does not come to any of us wrapped up like a gift." Pope Francis
Trusting in God means letting go off what we want, Pope Francis

Communications

First Anniversary of the Episcopal Consecration of Our Bishop:

There will be a Solemn Thanksgiving Mass on 2 February, 2017, the first anniversary of the Episcopal Consecration of Our Bishop, at 10.30 a.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, Vijayawada. All are requested to come and participate in this thanksgiving celebration. The priests, the religious and the laity of the diocese of Vijayawada wish our dear bishop hearty congratulations on the first anniversary of his episcopal consecration. We assure him our prayers!

A Day with the Auditors, 25 Feb:

All the diocesan and religious pastoral clergy are invited to a day with the Auditors to be held on 25th February, 2017, Saturday, 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. With the new financial scenario after the demonetization and introduction of cashless transactions, the Auditors would like to address the clergy of the diocese on proper management of the accounts and the many changes that need to be adopted into the auditing. The participation at this meeting is obligatory for all diocesan clergy and the religious pastoral clergy.

Monthly Recollection for the Month of March, 2017:

Monthly Recollection for the clergy will be held on the 2nd March 2017 at the Bishop's House. It will start at 9.30 a.m. and end with lunch. All the pastoral clergy are invited to attend without fail.

Annual Retreat for the Young Clergy:

As published earlier, the annual retreat for the Junior Clergy (below 10 years of

Priesthood) will be held from 13th to 17th February 2017 at Pastoral Centre, Nambur of Guntur Diocese. It will start at 9.00 a.m. on 13th February and conclude at 1.00 p.m. on 17th February. Fr. Jerry Rosario, S.J., will guide the Retreat. All the diocesan clergy and the religious priests working in the parishes who have not yet completed 10 years of their priestly life are expected to attend this Retreat without fail. Express permission of the bishop is required for exemption from attending this Retreat.

Priestly Ordinations:

The ordination of the Deacons of our Diocese will take place on 19 March, 2017, Sunday, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Vijayawada at 5.00 p.m. We request your prayers for the candidates as they prepare themselves for this graceful event.

Annual Returns:

As already communicated to you in the last three issues of the News Letter, all the Parish Priests and Heads of the Institutions are hereby requested to submit the duly filled in Annual Returns-2016 Forms to the curia, Bishop's House by 28 February 2017. As we need the data to prepare the report to be sent to Rome, your co-operation in this regard is needed.

Mission Sunday Contributions:

Parish Priests and heads of the institutions in the diocese, who have not yet sent their contributions are hereby requested to send the same to bishop's house as soon as possible, the latest by 15th February, 2017. This will enable us to forward the same collection to the Secretary of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Bangalore.

Diocesan Finance Council

The bishop and his college of consultors in their meeting on 19th December, 2016, have formed the Diocesan Finance Council to monitor and manage the finances of the diocese. The Diocesan Finance Council, while helping the diocesan procure's office in the preparation and presentation of the annual budget for the diocese in every financial year, will also monitor the proper financial management of different units of the diocese from time to time and review their financial reports. They will also assist the diocese in the development of the needed financial policies and guidelines. The members of the Council are appointed for a term of three years with effect from 1 February, 2017. The members appointed are:

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| 1. The Procurator (Fr. Valle Vijaya Joji Babu) | : Ex-officio Coordinator |
| 2. The Vicar General (Fr. Mesapam Gabriel) | : Ex-officio Member |
| 3. The Vicar General (Fr. Muvvala Prasad) | : Ex-officio Member |
| 4. Fr. Sebastian Kottoor | : Member |
| 5. Fr. Guzzula Michael | : Member |
| 6. Fr. Thota Sunil Raju | : Member |
| 7. Mr. Kurapati Ajay Kumar (Gunadala Parish) | : Member |
| 8. Sr. Leninta (Sisters of St. Ann, Luzern) | : Member |

ORDO - 2017:

Thanks to the hard work of Fr. John Raju, the Ordo-2017, specially designed and planned to suit the needs of our diocese, is now available. Those who have not yet collected them may kindly collect their copies from Rev. Fr. Kama Christu Raju, the Secretary. We regret for the delay.

(Provincial Superior), Sr. Jainamma Joseph (Vicar), Sr. Mercy Abraham, Sr. Krupa Komaravalli, Sr. Mariammal Chinnappan, (Councilors), Sr. Gracy Joseph - Procurator, Sr. Rani Joseph - Secretary

New Provincial Team-(OSL):

Sisters belonging to the Congregation of the sisters of St. Aloysius elected their new Provincial and her team members for the next four years to guide the Indian Province. The new Provincial Superior and councilors elected are: Sr. Teresa, M.A.,



REORGANIZATION OF PARISHES: With effect from 1 February, 2017, the parish of Teresanagar stands suppressed and the following reorganization of the surrounding parishes is effected.

Nuzvid-Town: The villages of Teresanagar and Ramannagudem (of Teresanagar parish) and two communities of Pothireddipalli village (of Nehrupeta parish) are attached to Nuzvid-Town parish. The villages of Jangamgudem (old) and Jangamgudem (new), Metlameedha and Marrikunta are detached from the parish of Nuzvid-Town.

Nehrupeta: The two communities of Pothireddipalli are detached from Nehrupeta parish.

Thukkuluru: The villages of Jangamgudem (old) and Jangamgudem (new), Metlameedha and Marrikunta (of Nuzvid-Town parish) are attached to Thukkuluru parish.

NEW EDITOR OF GNANA JYOTHI: Fr. Damala Vijaya Kumar, the Director of Pastoral Centre, has been appointed as the new editor of Gnana Jyothi Telugu monthly which is circulated among the Catechists of the diocese, with effect from 1st February, 2017. We thank Fr. Bontha Lourdu Francis, the outgoing editor who has rendered his valuable services in the job and reached the magazine always in time to our Catechists. We wish the new editor many blessings of God!

BIBLES AVAILABLE AGAIN: The diocese has received another stock of the Bibles recently. So, the Parish Priests are invited to purchase the Bibles from the Bishop's House until the stock lasts.

LECTIONARIES AVAILABLE AT CATHOLIC CENTRE: The first volume (covering 1-9 Ordinary Weeks) of new Lectionary is readily available at Catholic Centre, Vijayawada for a price of Rs.800/- each. The other volumes will be made available in due course of time.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DIOCESE IN JANUARY, 2017			
MASSES			
02/01/2017	St. Paul's Cathedral@Rs.100	80 Masses	Rs.8,000/-
03/01/2017	Kesarapalli Parish@Rs.70	120 Masses	Rs.8,400/-
09/01/2017	Gunadalamatha Shrine@Rs.100	871 Masses	Rs.87,100/-
09/01/2017	St. Peter's Cathedral @Rs.100	100 Masses	Rs.10,000/-
	Total	1,171 Masses	Rs.1,13,500/-
FAMILY CARDS			
09/01/2017	St. Peter's Cathedral		Rs.6,000/-
13/01/2017	Gunadalamatha Shrine		Rs.6,000/-
20/01/2017	St. Paul's Cathedral		Rs.3,000/-
CATECHISTS' FUND			
09/01/2017	Fr. Batthula John Yethi Raju (Birmingham, UK)		Rs.1,05,745/-
MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION TO DIOCESE			
20/01/2017	St. Paul's Cathedral (January, 2017)		Rs.15,000/-

A New set of Catechism and Moral Science Books for our Telugu Region from TCBC Catechetical Commission

Dear Fathers, Sisters & Brothers,

Greeting in the name of Jesus from the Office of the Chairman of the TCBC Catechetical Commission!

I am indeed happy to inform you that the long awaited and most intended common single syllabus text books for the Catechism and Moral Science (1st – 10th standards) are on the progress of seeing the day light this coming academic year June 2017.

- The Catechism books are a series called – FAITH: SOURCE OF LIFE (1st – 10th Class) in both Languages English and Telugu.
- The Moral Science Text books are called – MY VALUES (1st – 10th Class) in both languages English and Telugu.

This project has been approved and made mandatory (to be followed by every school) by The TCBC Catechetical Commission. The copyright and the production of the Books for the next 7 years are given to the St.Paul's Publications, Mumbai. The Diocesan Catechetical Secretaries would bear the responsibility of distribution of the books. The schools in the diocese will procure the Books from their Diocesan Catechetical Secretary and not directly from ST. PAUL'S. Primarily these books are meant for use in the schools but they are also recommended for use in the Parishes. The details of the Books would be made known to the Diocesan Catechetical Secretaries at the Regional Catechetical Commission Meeting on 1st February, 2017 at Pastoral Centre, Guntur.

Therefore I would strongly recommend that everyone follows the same in all our Catholic Schools with effect from 2017 academic year. We would like to have a uniform text being followed in our schools by which we have also a uniform faith formation. We are happy that these text books focus more on the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) rather than its interpretation in social teaching – besides being very informative.

I thank ST.PAUL'S, Mumbai, for their kindness in preparing and printing these books on behalf of the Telugu Catholic Church. Kindly make sure the texts are used in our schools for the enhancement of the catechism for our children as well as the Youth. The Publishers have promised us for revision of the books after having gone feedback from the teachers and students in near future.

Finally I appeal for your kind cooperation with the Regional catechetical commission and with your Diocesan Catechetical Secretary so as to impart catechism in a better and organized manner in our Telugu region.

NOTE: The Commission strongly appeals to you not to encourage any other series for the catechism or moral science other than our books.

With Blessings

Rev. Fr. Prasad Akula
The Secretary for TCBC
Catechetical Commission

Most Rev. Dr. Gallela Prasad
The Chairman for TCBC
Catechetical Commission

దివ్యవాణి టీవి ఆధ్వర్యంలో నటన మరియు యాంకరింగ్ లో శిక్షణ

వయసుతో నిమిత్తం లేకుండా నటనయందు ఆసక్తి కలిగి టీవిలో మరియు సినిమాలలో నటీనటులుగా మీ కెరీర్ మలచుకోవాలనుకునే వారికి మరో సువర్ణావకాశం.

చక్కని ముఖవర్చస్సు... వినసాంపైన కంఠస్వరం... స్పష్టమైన ఉచ్చారణ... పొరబాట్లు, తడబాట్లు లేకుండా చక్కగా మాట్లాడగల నేర్పు... సమాకాలీన అంశాలపై అవగాహన ఉండి, వార్తా ప్రయోక్తగా ఎదిగేందుకు 25 ఏళ్ళ లోపు వయసున్నవారు అర్హులు.

మీ నైపుణ్యాలను, వ్యక్తిత్వ వికాసాన్ని పెంపొందించుకోడానికి దివ్యవాణి టీవి మార్చి 2, 5- 2017 లో నాలుగురోజుల పాటు అనుభవజ్ఞులైన ప్రముఖ సినీ, టీవి రంగాల నుండి అధ్యాపకులచే శిక్షణ, సినీ టీవి రంగ నటీనటులతో పరిచయం, దివ్యవాణి టీవి కేంద్రం, రామాంతపూర్, హైదరాబాద్ లో ఉచితంగా నిర్వహిస్తున్న శిక్షణాతరగతులలో పాల్గొనండి. అద్భుత ప్రతిభను చూపినవారికి దివ్యవాణి టీవిలో ప్రాధాన్యత ఉంటుంది. శిక్షణ పొందిన వారికి సర్టిఫికేట్లు ఇవ్వబడును.

అవకాశం కేవలం 40 మందికి మాత్రమే / ఉచిత వసతికోసం ముందుగా సంప్రదించండి.

మీ కార్డుసైజు ఫోటోతో పాటు బయోడేటా పంపించడానికి **ఆఖరుతేది: 25-02-2017**

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గమనిక: ఎంపిక కేవలం ప్రతిభపై ఆధారపడి ఉంటుంది. విజ్ఞప్తులు స్వీకరించబడవు.

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News from the Parishes

Death Anniversary of Bro. Joseph Thamby, Pedavutapally (January 13-15th, 2017):

The death anniversary of Bro. Joseph Thamby, the servant of God, was celebrated grandly 13-15 January. Rev. Fr. Mallavalli Balaswamy, the parish priest and Vicar Forane of Gannavaram vicariate inaugurated the celebration hoisting the flag and the start of the novena Masses on the 4th January, Sunday. For nine days we had novena Masses celebrated by different priests. Our Provincial Minister, Rev. Fr. Chinnu Polisetty celebrated the Eucharist on 13 January morning. On the 14th morning, Rev. Fr. Mesapam Gabriel, the Vicar General and the parish priest of Rajarajeswaripeta celebrated the Holy Eucharist for the pilgrims. That evening, Most Rev. Chinnabathini Bhagaiah, the Bishop of Guntur, celebrated the Solemn Eucharist and blessed the faithful.

On the 15th morning, Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, S.M.M., the Bishop of Vijayawada celebrated the festive solemn Mass. His Excellency had given new insights into the life of Bro. Joseph Thamby and gave his blessings to all the pilgrims and devotees and asked them to keep the blessings throughout the year. In the evening, the Rector of the Shrine, Rev. Fr. Inna Reddy Vatti, celebrated the thanksgiving mass along with the community members.

We remember and thank all those who helped during the festival days, especially His Excellency, the priests, the religious, sisters and brothers of the diocese.

Fr. Inna Reddy Vatti, Rector and Parish Priest, Pedavutapally

Blessing and Inauguration of the Statue of Jesus at Adbhutha Siluvagattu Shrine, Nuzvid:

In the year 1932, the PIME Missionaries erected a Wooden Cross on Gurrupugattu, a small hill in Nuzvid. The Wooden Cross was replaced by a permanent cross by Rev. Fr. John Leoncini PIME, in the year 1967. Slowly, the name of the hill from Gurrupugattu was changed to Siluvagattu. Many people, from surrounding villages, started to visit the cross and developed devotion towards the Cross. In 2012, a small grotto was constructed with Sacred Heart statue. As devotion towards Cross was increasing, people started to celebrate three day feast in honour of the Cross from 2014. With the strong support from the diocese and with the financial help from generous people, the shrine is developing day by day.

Rev. Fr. John Yethi Raju Batthula, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, sponsored the 12 feet Sacred Heart Statue, on the occasion of his Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee. The Statue was blessed on 15 January,



2017 by Rev. Fr. John Y Bathula, in the presence of many priests, religious and committee members. A large number of faithful participated in the Holy Eucharist. The committee members, whole heartedly thanked Rev. Fr. John Y Bathula, for his financial support for the development of Adbhutha Siluvagattu Shrine.

Fr. Panthagani Lazar, Parish Priest, Nehrupeta

Patron's Feast at St. Paul's Cathedral, Vijayawada:

The feast of the Conversion of St. Paul was celebrated on 26 January, 2017. His Excellency, Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, S.M.M., the Bishop of Vijayawada, celebrated the Solemn Mass on that special



day at 6.00 p.m. His Excellency spoke during his homily on the missionary zeal and works of St. Paul. Many priests and religious along with the laity of the city parishes participated in this great feast. Fr. Papi Reddy, the parish priest thanked the Bishop, the priests and religious.

Fr. Basani Papi Reddy, Parish Priest, St Paul's Cathedral

News from the Religious

Final Profession of the Sisters of St. Aloysius, Gunadala :

"Christ has made me His own."

(Phil 3:12)

28th December 2016 was a jubilant and memorable day for us, "The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Aloysius," as on this day two of our sisters namely Sr. Rose Mary Thomas and Sr. Santhi M made their Perpetual Profession. His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Thelagathotti Joseph Raja Rao, the Bishop of Vijayawada, presided over the Holy Eucharistic celebration and Rev. Mother Jancy V.M, the Superior General of the Congregation, received the vows of the sisters. In his homily, Most Rev. Joseph Raja Rao spoke about the consecrated life and its witnessing value. Consecrated life is the gift of the Holy Spirit and it is meant for the service of others. He said that the reasons for the existence of consecrated life

is to spread the gospel and to contemplate Christ, commit oneself to Him and to serve His people by becoming somebody who heals, someone who takes care of others and somebody who gives a helping hand to all etc. The presence and prayers of a good number of priests, religious and family members added joy to the day. And at the end of the Eucharistic celebration, the professed sisters thanked everyone for their prayers, presence and wishes.

Sr. Rani Joseph OSL, Secretary



Jubilee Celebration of the SD Sisters at Kankipadu on 5th January 2017:

We the sisters of SD Convent Kankipadu (Arogyamatha convent), belonging to the Congregation of the Sisters of the Destitute, thank God the Almighty, on the occasion of the Jubilee of the Religious profession of our sisters, Sr. Merlin SD (Golden Jubilee) and Sr. Jasmine SD (silver jubilee). It was really a great blessing for us that we were privileged to have the concelebrated thanksgiving Holy Eucharistic celebration by His Excellency Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao S.M.M, the Bishop of Vijayawada and 20 priests of the diocese. Many Religious sisters and laity also participated in this celebration. Our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Nakka David Raju and Assistant parish priest Rev. Fr. B. Thomas extended their wholehearted support for the success of the program. The message given with paternal love by His Excellency in his homily on the importance of nurturing Love, fortitude, perseverance and self-control was really inspiring. The cultural programs presented by St. Mary's students and other children of the parish made the occasion more lively.

As a part of Jubilee celebration, on 9th January evening, we had a gathering of the HIV-affected brethren on ART in the neighboring areas. We are proud to say that from October 5th 2009, (on our Founder Father Servant of God, Fr. Varghese Payyappally's death anniversary day), we have started providing the nutritious food kit containing rice, dhal, oil, jiggery, ground nut and ragi powder to 25 HIV-affected families on ART which increased gradually up to 56 patients. It is a great support for them. During these 7 years, many of them died and now we have 30 families in this group. It was our great joy to have the jubilee celebration conclusion with our suffering



brethren. Our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Nakka David Raju took effort to spend that evening with us to give them good message, to pray for them and to have the dinner together with them. At the end, the nutritious food kit and blankets were given to them and all went home joyfully. We are grateful to all our benefactors and well-wishers who support us to go ahead with this small program.

- Arogyamatha Convent, Kankipadu

Platinum and Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Religious Commitment of Catechist Sisters of St. Ann at Prasadampadu:

There is no better way to give thanks to God, than celebrating the Eucharist. The enthusiastic staff and young students beautifully decorated themselves and welcomed along with tiny tots with rhythmic beat of Band Master and Co. began Jubilee bells by welcoming the Most Rev. Bishop Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, Priests, Mother General, Rev Superior. Sr. Rose Linda V, Sr. Japamala Vatti Assistant General, Rev. Sr. Jain Mary G., Councilor, both Guntur and Hyderabad Provincial Superiors, Rev. Sr. Sundari K and Rev Sr. Nirmala U., and all the councilors, Brothers and the Platinum Jubilarians; Sr. U. Carla, Sr. G.Elizabeth and Golden Jubilarians; Sr. G. Mary Clemensa, Sr.Y.Mary Paulina, Sr. G.Tresalina, Sr.Y. Robertina and all our beloved Sisters, well wishers, family

members of Jubilarians and all the invitees proceeded to the school stage in procession for the Holy Eucharistic Celebrations with welcome dance by our students.

The Solemn Eucharistic celebration was officiated by, His Excellency, Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, SMM, the



Bishop of Vijayawada, joined by 48 Priests, about 100 Sisters, 1200 well wishers, relative, friends and parishioners. The message of Bishop on “the faithfulness to God and true service to the humanity” was very relevant to the times and it was appreciated by all the people who came here to grace this occasion.

In the presence of the assembly, the Jubilarians renewed their Religious Vows and Sr. G.Tresalina expressed her gratitude in the form of Vote of thanks to Bishop, Priests, Provincials, Sisters, and the guests. Soon after the Eucharistic Celebration, there was felicitation ceremony to the Bishop and the Jubilarians

-Sr.Arogya Mary P., Secretary

Founder's feast and First Profession of the Teaching Sisters of St. Dorothy, Daughters of the Sacred Heart at (S.H. Bhavan, K. Tadepalli)

14th January 2017 was a blissful day for us. On the feast day of St. John Antony Farina, the father and founder of our Congregation, one of our novices, Lourdu Mary Patibandla,

joyfully pronounced the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience according to the Constitution of our Institute.



She made her first commitment to the Lord in the presence of priests, religious, seminarians, members of the family and her friends. A good number of parishioners witnessed the ceremony with joy and participated in the various prayer moments devotedly. On this auspicious day we were blessed by the presence of Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, Bishop of Vijayawada, the Prior General, Rev. Fr. Michael Kelley of the Silvesterine Benedictine Congregation, the provincial, Rev. Fr. James Myleckal, Navajeevan priory.

The Holy Eucharist began at 10.30 am and His Excellency, presided over the liturgical celebrations along with the other priests. In his homily, His Lordship enlightened us on the need to become more and more committed in one's religious vocation especially in this modern world. He reiterated that the role of a religious is to transform oneself into a leaven which will influence the Church and the society positively. After the Holy Communion the newly professed thanked all those who were present for the ceremony.

Soon after the Mass the provincial superior and the superior of the community felicitated the bishop, the newly professed,

and the Silver Jubilarians of the Benedictine priory. The celebrations concluded with a solemn fellowship meal.

*- Sr. Teena Chulliattu F.SS.CC.,
S.H. Bhavan, K. Tadepalli*

Jubilee Celebrations at Navajeevan Priory, K. Thadepally:

16th January 2017 was a red letter day in the annals of the history of St. Benedict's Monastery, K. Tadepally, as on this day was celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Fr. James Mylackal, present Prior, Fr. Josey Parambukattil, previous Prior, of the Navajeevan Priory as well as the Golden Jubilee of the Religious Profession of Fr. Dunstan Kurumbel, member of the same Priory, who presently works in Lubbock Diocese, Texas. His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Raja Rao, Bishop of Vijayawada was the chief celebrant at the Holy Mass. As the custom is in our Diocese, after incensing the altar and the cross, he ceded the presidency to the Jubilarians.

The jubilee spirit was heightened by the presence of dignitaries like Fr. Michael Kelly, our Abbot General, Fr. Anselm Fonseka, co-Visitor from Sri Lanka, the Conventual Priors of Makkiyad and Jeevan Jyothi Priors, together with the Provincials, Superiors, Representatives of Religious communities, and the confreres from various communities besides the family members and friends of the Jubilarians.



A beautiful homily was preached by Fr. Vincent Korandiarkunnel, OSB, himself a Silver Jubilarian and previous Prior of Makkiyad Priory, who joined his batch mates in the celebrations. After the communion, the Bishop gave the Jubilee message in which he reminded the Jubilarians and the celebrating community of the great need today in the Church of contemplative prayer and silence. He requested as well the monastic community of Benedict Ashram to witness to the authentic monastic values while he expressed his wish that more such communities are established in the Diocese. After the message the Bishop gave the concluding blessing and then posed for a group photo of the Jubilarians, concelebrants and family members.

The celebrations continued after the Holy Mass with the felicitation programmes conducted by the St. Benedict's School staff and students under the supervision of Fr. Jayaraj, Principal.

- Parish Priest, Jakkampudi

Ordination of Fr. Praveen Kumar OFM Cap., Kanuru :

It was the day of honour and blessing for the parishioners of Kanuru to witness the ordination ceremony of Father Praveen Kumar for the Franciscan Capuchin Order. His Excellency, Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, S.M.M., the Bishop of



Vijayawada, ordained him on 17th January, 2017 in Carmel Matha Church at Kanuru as Fr. Praveen Kumar hails from this parish. In this ceremony, many priests and religious sisters had taken part and prayed for God's Blessings on the new priest. Fr. Praveen Kumar thanked His Excellency, the parish priest, the priests, the religious and parishioners for making the occasion most meaningful to his life.

-Fr. Benedict OCD, Parish Priest, Kanuru.

Bicentennial Jubilee Celebrations of the Foundation of OMI (1816-2016) at Musunuru:

"We must strive first of all to lead people to act like human beings, and then like Christians, and finally, we must help them to become saints."- St. Eugene. The congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate was founded by St. Eugene in 1816 in France during the French Revolution. Its motto is to preach good news to the poor and the most abandoned. It is spread in 80 countries all over the world working in rural areas.

These missionaries made their way to Vijayawada in 1983 during the Episcopate of late Bishop Joseph Thumma. They are now working in three parishes in

Vijayawada diocese, namely, Musunuru, Ramannakkapeta and Paidurupadu. The culmination of the Bicentennial Jubilee



Celebrations took place at Musunuru on 27 January, 2017. His Excellency Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao SMM, the Bishop of Vijayawada, presided over the solemn celebrations. Fr. S. Chinnappan, the Provincial Superior, his councilors, Fr. Varghese, the District Superior of Andhra, the missionary oblates of Andhra and Telangana states, the Vicariate priests and religious made the celebration grand. Faithful came in good numbers from parishes in which the Oblate fathers are working. A fantastic screen play show was presented on the mission and vision of the Congregation.

Fr. Sahayaraj OMI, Parish Priest, Musunuru

News from the Centres/Commissions

Meeting for the Formation of the laity at Catholic Centre:

The meeting for the laity was conducted on the 9th of January, 2017 at Catholic Centre, Labbipeta. It was to form and train the laity to understand their proper place in the church so as to carry out their responsibilities as the laity. Nearly 120 lay leaders from different parishes of the diocese participated in this meeting. The meeting began at 10.00 a.m. The director

of the laity commission welcomed the guests and the gathering.



His Excellency, Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao S.M.M., Bishop of Vijayawada, Rev. Fr. Mesapam Gabriel, Vicar General and Rev. Fr. Junjunuri John Raju, parish priest of Jaggayyapeta, were the resource persons for the day. Fr. Gabriel spoke on the responsibilities of the laity in the light of the documents of the Second Vatican Council. Fr. John Raju enlightened the gathering by explaining the role of laity. His Excellency said that the Church needs the laity and he was happy to see so many participants. He reiterated the necessity of the formation of the laity for good leadership and right understanding of their role. Fr. John Raju was felicitated for his services as the director of the laity for a long time until last November. The director thanked the Bishop, Fr. Gabriel, Fr. John Raju and the general secretaries Mr. Maddala Anthony and Mr. Vepuri Yesupadam and the participants.

Fr. I.M. Swaminadham, Director, Commission for the Laity

Seminar on 'The Joy of Love' (Amoris Laetitia), DCF, GUNADALA, Vijayawada :

On 23rd January 2017, the Diocesan Commission for the Family (DCF) and Samvrudhhi Counselling and Psychological Services (SCAPS) had together organized a one-day seminar. The

purpose of the seminar was to familiarize our people with the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis – 'The Joy of Love' (Amoris Laetitia). The participation of 60 married couples from over 25 parishes of the diocese of Vijayawada was a promising occasion that revealed the interest of the laity in building the church through transforming families.

The seminar was facilitated by Mr. Dr. Domathoti Abraham & Mrs. Jayalakshmi and Mr. Sundarao & Mrs. Sundari. They displayed a great spirit of fulfillment and joy as they addressed the couples. Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, S.M.M., the Bishop of Vijayawada, acknowledged the role of families in building both the local and the universal church and urged the families to be grounded in the example of the Holy Family. His Lordship insisted that we be guided by the Apostolic Exhortation 'The Joy of Love' in building our families and building our Mother Church at large. His Lordship awarded the couples with a certificate of participation at the end of the seminar.

The Director of SCAPS & DCF appreciated all the participants for their spirited presence and also expressed sincere gratitude to all the parish priests who took special interest in encouraging couples to be part of the seminar.

Fr. Mariadas Kamatham, Director, SCAPS & DCF

Week of prayer for Christian Unity, JANUARY 18-25, 2017:

The 2017 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, with the great initiative of His Holiness Pope Francis, on the



occasion of the 500th anniversary year of the beginnings of the Reformation was: "Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us" (2 Corinthians 5:14-20). It reflects upon two accents: reflection upon the main concerns of the churches marked by Martin Luther's Reformation and secondly recognizing the pain of the subsequent deep divisions which afflicted the unity of the Church. In selecting this theme, it is viewed as an opportunity to take steps toward reconciliation. The Diocese of Vijayawada, under the headship of Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao SMM, Director of Regional Commission of Dialogue and Ecumenism, had organized prayer services in different Churches of principal denominations of Christianity in Vijayawada with the active involvement of different dignitaries and representatives.



The inaugural service was conducted in Gunadalamatha Parish Church on 18 January, 2017. Most Rev. Joseph Raja Rao S.M.M., Bishop of Vijayawada and Director of Regional Commission for Dialogue and Ecumenism, solemnized the event with his presence. Rev. Fr. Eleti William Jaya Raja, the Rector and Parish priest of Gunadalamatha Shrine and the representatives from Lutheran Church, Rev. Vijaya Rao, from CSI, Rev.

Karunanidhi, and from Baptist Church, Rev. Mangalapati Joseph were the chief participants.



On the 21st January, the prayer service was organized by Rev. Vijaya Rao at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bavajipet in the presence of our Bishop Joseph Raja Rao, and Bishop Govada Daivaseervadam of CSI. On 22nd the ecumenical prayer was conducted at St. Paul's Centenary Church, One Town, organized by Rev. George and attended by both the bishops. Indian Pentecostal Church representative Rev. Noel Samuel was also present along with other representatives. On the 24th January, the prayers were held at the Baptist Church, Singhnagar organized by Rev. Mangalapati Joseph and attended by Bishop Daivaseervadam of CSI. The week of prayer for Christian Unity was concluded solemnly on 25 January at St. Paul's Cathedral, Patamata. The CSI bishop, few Catholic priests and religious, Maranatha Viswasa Samajam president, Rev. Viswa Prasad and Rev. Devraj representing the evangelical Church and other ecclesiastical heads were present for the ecumenical prayer.

-Fr. Muvvala Prasad, Vicar General & Director of the Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism & Interreligious

DEEPANIVAS HOME FOR STREET CHILDREN :



Deepanivas children were taken to visit Avutpally for a spiritual visit cum picnic. Fr. Pasala Thomas, the Director of SSC and Fr. Anil in-charge at Deepanivas accompanied the children. Deepanivas was established 17 years ago with the aim of sheltering and educating street children who are found lost at Railway station and Bus-stand. Most Rev. T. Joseph Raja Rao, our Bishop, has taken keen interest in the improvement of the institution. Fr. Pasala Thomas is taking all necessary steps to make sure the children of Deepanivas are cared well. As part of it, once in a fortnight all the children are taken to different places of importance in the city. Children are engaged whole day with different activities like games and cultural activities and they were all provided with lunch and snacks.

A SEMINAR ON PROFESSIONAL EFFECTIVENESS :

On 9th January, one day seminar cum workshop was organized at Social Service Center for the Staff of SSC. About 30 staff had attended the program. All the field staff form women groups and APSS staff were also part of it. Fr. Kamatham Mariadas helped the staff to get in touch with psychological aspects of each individual



by conducting individual assessment and group discussions. The seminar was very well appreciated by all the staff and motivated all of them to be more effective in their job. Thanks to Fr. Thomas Pasala for giving all the staff a day for reflection and rejuvenation.

MS. BRUNETT from Germany with women self-help groups at TAMIRSI:

Ms. Brunette from Germany visited the diocese of Vijayawada for a couple of days. As part of her visit, she was taken to one of the work areas of SSC, namely Tamirsi. Fr. Thomas Pasala along with Fr. Velankanni Raja accompanied her to Tamirsi, a village in Polukonda Parish. At Tamirsi, SSC had formed 23 women Self Help groups and there are 250 members getting benefit from SSC's interventions. From time to time, SSC staff conducts motivation camps and meetings to the villagers and develop family development plans and give a loan of Rs 10-15 thousand to each family for their income generation activities. SSC cannot do financial transactions directly so we have registered SIX cooperative societies' village women as executive members and SSC staff monitors them. At Tamirsi, SURAKSHA is the society working for the women and to them Ms Brunette from Germany is introduced.

Fr. Thomas, Fr. Velankanni Raja, office Staff Sr. Usha and Mrs. T Vani, G. Rahelu, T. Krishna Kumari and 178 women from 23



groups and 32 school children participated in the meeting. Ms. Brunette from Germany was given a traditional welcome with kunkuma, harathi and flowers. She lighted lamp along with fathers and staff to mark her visit in the village. She was very happy and appreciated the work SSC is doing especially the income-generation activities of women and she took some time to listen to the success stories of these women. She felt happy for the women who were running petty businesses and rearing domestic animals for their livelihood. With the loans they received from SSC, many women invested in petty shops, slipper business, sari selling and embroidery work, sheep and goat rearing and selling milk. Ms Brunette was taken up by a dance performed by school children and village culture.

Fr. Pasala Thomas, Director, Social Service Centre

The Celebration of Holy Childhood Day at Gunadala:

The Holy Childhood day was celebrated on 30th January 2017 at ITI campus, Gunadala Matha Auditorium. Prior to this, all the Holy Childhood animators of



the diocese taught the children about "Bala Punithulu" the life histories of 14 saints.

As we are concluding the academic year first we have conducted Quiz program in different vicariate levels for juniors (4th & 5th class) and seniors (6th & 7th class). 36 groups representing 36 schools participated in this Quiz. All those who stood first in the vicariate level, they participated in the final quiz competition conducted on 30th January 2017.

Rev. Fr. J. John Raju, Regional Director of the Holy Childhood was the resource person. He spoke on the origin of Holy Childhood and explained to children how they can engage themselves in charitable work to travel towards holiness. There were 483 children and 79 animators present for the programme. In the afternoon His Excellency Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao SMM, the bishop of Vijayawada arrived to the joy of the children and the



organizers. His Excellency instructed the children about their future and how they should follow Christ with the help of the exemplary lives of the saints. He gave away the prizes to the winners and blessed the children.

The Diocesan Director thanked His Excellency for his kind support. He was grateful to Fr. J. John Raju, the Regional Director of Holy Childhood for his availability, Rev. Fr. K. Anil Francis, Youth

Director of Vijayawada Diocese for helping out in the campus and looking after the needs of the children and guests, Rev. Fr. K. Mariyadas, Director of Counselling centre for his timely availability and advices, Rev. Sr. Susila the coordinator of Holy Childhood Society, and to all the animators for their hardwork.

Fr. I. M. Swaminadham, Director of Holy Childhood Association, Vijayawada Diocese.

News from the Schools



Fine Arts and Annual Awards Day of Nirmala High School, Patamata :

The 54th Annual Day of Nirmala High School was celebrated as Fine Arts and Annual Awards Day on the 28th January. The invited dignitaries who made the day reach magnificence are His Excellency Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao SMM, the Bishop of Vijayawada, Rev. Sr. Amala Rani Swamikkannu, MSI, Provincial Superior, Rev Sr. Helen Rose Mary, Correspondent & Superior, Mr. K Praveen IPS, DCP of Vijayawada and parents' representatives. His Excellency Bishop Raja in his inspiring speech exhorted every educated person to be grateful for three great gifts in one's own

life: parents, teachers and the birth. Sr. Amala Rani spoke on the importance of education in the life of every person. Mr. K Praveen, DCP, in his message, was particularly instructing the parents to smoothen the progress of their children by acting according to their aptitudes. It was the day of the children who performed skillfully various programmes in different



categories of fine arts like classical, karate, yoga, folkore, drama etc. Prizes and trophies were awarded to the students who excelled in various fields like fine arts, sports, studies and other extra-curricular activities.

Sr. Gibi Anthony, Headmistress, Nirmala High School, Patamata

Special Feature: An Interview with Fr. M. M. Mathai & Fr. P. John Prasad

A Journey to Inner Self

50 long years of priestly life is a rare blessing gifted to a few. This year we have two such priests Rev. Fr. Mangilate Mathew Mathai and Rev. Fr. Panengaden John Prasad. They are quietly savouring their Jubilee year with gratitude to God. Here below are two short interviews with these golden Jubilarians. Both of them were hesitant to voice out. However, they made sure to speak with gratitude for the sake of the glory of God.

INTERVIEW OF FR. MATHAI

“I haven’t done anything extraordinary and I have no distinguished area of expertise but whatever was entrusted to me I handled and cared with utter responsibility in accordance to my aptitude.” This was the reaction when Rev. Fr. Mangilate Mathew Mathai was approached to share his heart on the great occasion of the 50th Year of his Sacerdotal Ordination. He is a man with a joyful and ever vibrant heart in spite of physical ailment which is ever under his command. He is a very practical man with the heart for the poor and the needy.

Fr. Mathai was born on the 14th February 1939 in the village called Kudakkachire, Palai diocese, Kerala. He has six brothers and he is the third in the family. His parents are Mani Pandaraparampil and Eali Pandaraparampil. He had his upper primary education in Kudakkachire itself. After that he joined Sacred Heart Salesian

House, Tirupattur at the age of 13. He studied Philosophy and Theology in Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamalle after joining the Vijayawada Mission in 1959. He was ordained on the 19th December, 1967 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Poonamalle.

Dear Fr. Mathai, 50 years of fruitful priestly life and still going on. All through your life as a priest you lived a fearless life and extraordinarily active in your parish ministry. On this great occasion of your life we would like you to share some of your thoughts.

1. The Call of God: Who inspired you and who instilled in you this inspiration to work in the mission of Vijayawada?

As a child I was regular to the Church and the reason was that, there were many priests, lots of religious and more so, two bishops from my parish. They made the initial impact on my mind. One more thing that motivated me gradually is



my involvement in the mission league called SODALITY, which is common in every parish in Kerala. I was assisting the parish priest in his tiny parish works. That strengthened my desire and at the age of 13, after finishing my 7th Class, I joined the Sacred Heart Salesian House, Tirupattur.

2. Tell me about the ministry in Vijayawada

After my ordination in 1967, the 19th December at Poonamalle by the Bishop of Madras, Most Rev. Arlappa, I was sent to assist Fr. Leoncini PIME in St. Ambrose Minor Seminary. Till 1971, I was the assistant parish priest in Jangareddigudem, Tiruvuru and Gudivada. I was appointed as the parish priest of Mudinepalli in 1971 for six years. And then from there I went to Korukollu (1978-1982), and then to Vuyyuru (1982-1990). later to Challapalli (1990-1993) and Uppaluru (1993-1997). From there, I retired and got confined to Vianney Home, Gunadala due to ill-health and I am heading towards the silver jubilee of my stay here. Though I am away from active ministry, I assisted in many city parishes and convents.



3. Which ministry and parish left a mark on you or the other way around? Your love for the ongoing formation of the children and the youth is remarkable. What was your motivating factor?

Here I have to confess that the inspiring factor here is the dynamics which I learnt from the Salesian training as a teenager. I was in the Oratory when I was studying in Poonamalle. As young seminarians, we were going to village for ministry and were interacting with the children and the youth. That experience made me always focus my ministry on the youth and the children because they are the force and future of the Church. I enjoyed working in all the parishes and I have no particular attachment. I just loved visiting the villages, giving sacraments and motivating the faithful towards the formation of their faith and then building up the community. Once the healthy community is built, the community itself will look after their needs. As part of the plan, I began the parish boardings and conducted parish-level camps for the children.

4. What is your stance and plan of pastoral action right now in this present time?

Just stick on to the basic plan of the proclamation of the Good News irrespective of religion. Build the communities with common social values and blend the Christian message. Find some innovative methods in the execution and that will help the community to rise and stand by itself. Of course for this, a lot of hard work is required.

5. Your valuable suggestions to your young brethren.

The young clergy of the diocese is fully loaded with enthusiasm and zeal. Invest that power and zeal to the maximum for the pastoral work. Each one can execute it in a unique way for the good of the diocese.

INTERVIEW OF FR. JOHN PRASAD



“Be satisfied with what is available in Justice”. This is the motto of Fr. John Prasad Panengaden all through his priestly life and lived it in word and indeed. In fact, he is known for his simplicity.

Fr. John Prasad Panengaden was born on the 24th April, 1938 in Kerala, at Puranattukara parish. His parents are Francis and Rosa. Being second in the family, he has one brother and five younger sisters. He did his primary schooling in St. Joseph's Malayam medium School, Ambakad, High School Studies in Sri Rama Krishna Gurukula Vidhya Mandhiram, Purnattukara. He joined the CMI congregation after 10th Class. He did his college studies in Christ College, Irinjalakuda. He was ordained on 17 May,

1967 for Carmelites of Mary Immaculate Congregation (CMI) at Dharmarao College, Bangalore for Syro-Malabar, Chanda Diocese.

50 years of fruitful priestly life and still with undiminished zeal for pastor work, all through your life you lived a simple and quite life. On this great occasion of your life we would like you to share some of your thoughts

1. The Call of God: who inspired you and who instilled in you this inspiration to priesthood?

I had a strange inspiration. When I was studying 8th standard, the statue of St. Vincent de Paul, sharing the bread with the poor, attracted my attention. That inspired me to become a priest and wanted to share the bread both physical and spiritual to the poor. So, I joined the CMI and became priest.

2. The ministry in Vijayawada. Which ministry and parish left a mark on you or the other way around? You are also known as the man for the people? What is your pastoral strategy in today's context?

Soon after ordination, I was sent to Adilabad Cathedral Church to serve as an assistant parish priest in 1968. But within a month, I came to Avutapally to learn Telugu for six months under the guidance of late Fr. Calderaro PIME. After returning to Adilabad, I was appointed as Secretary and treasurer of Adilabad Multi-purpose Social Service Centre for six years. In 1974, I started new mission centre in Echoda and rendered my service for 13 years. I also

served the Chanda diocese as consultor for five years. I went to Vijayanagaram parish, Adilabad in 1987. In 1990, I left CMI and joined the diocese of Vijayawada. Late Bishop Joseph Thumma incardinated me into this diocese. I worked as the parish priest in Korukollu, Vennannapudi, Nawabupeta, Khambhampadu and finally Theresanagar from where I retired from active ministry in November, 2016.

3. Your love for Parish pastoral work and mingling with the people is quite noticeable. What made you increase that zeal?

The simple formula, which I strongly believed all through my life, for an effective fruitful ministry is simplicity both inward and outward. A live witness

is the successful approach for me to serve the Lord and the people. That will give inner satisfaction and happiness.

Besides, I could mingle with the people easily as I treated them without any partiality. Equal treatment enabled me to approach them with much ease.

4. Your valuable suggestions to your young brethren.

The people are looking for the witnessing spiritual persons. They have models and ideals in social and other secular fields. But they need spiritual personalities to conduct their spiritual life in today's context. The spiritual mindedness will have its impact on the people. That credibility can be gained only through genuine witnessing life.

National / International News

Pope Francis sends good wishes to US President Donald Trump

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis has sent his good wishes to United States President Donald Trump, who was inaugurated in a ceremony at the US Capitol Building on Friday.

“At a time when our human family is beset by grave humanitarian crises demanding far-sighted and united political responses, I pray that your decisions will be guided by the rich spiritual and ethical values that have shaped the history of the American people and your nation's commitment to the advancement of human dignity and freedom worldwide,” – the Message reads



– “Under your leadership, may America's stature continue to be measured above all by its concern for the poor, the outcast and those in need who, like Lazarus, stand before our door.”

Pope approves new Auxiliary Bishop of Changanacherry Archdiocese

2017-01-14 Vatican Radio: Pope Francis on Friday approved the election of a new Auxiliary Bishop to the southern India's Archeparchy or Archdiocese of



Changanacherry belonging to the Syro-Malabar rite Catholic Church. The Synod of Bishops of the Syro-Malabar Church elected Fr. Thomas Tharayil as the Auxiliary of Changanacherry, in Kerala state. In the eastern-rite Catholic Churches the synods have the autonomy of electing their bishops, to which the Pope gives his assent.



Vatican News

Cardinal O'Malley Is Appointed Member of Congregation For the Doctrine of the Faith :

Pope Francis appointed Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. as a member of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The Cardinal, Archbishop of Boston, is already President of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, in addition to being one of the nine members of the College of Cardinals.



World Youth Day Panama will take place January 22-27, 2019

Vatican City, Jan 20, 2017 / 08:28 am (CAN/EWTN News).- On Friday Archbishop José Domingo Ulloa Mendieta of Panama officially announced the dates of the next World Youth Day, which is set to take place in January, rather than July as is usual, due to the weather.

He made the announcement during a Jan. 20 news conference in the country's capital, Panama City, during which he also reiterated the gratitude of the Panamanian Church to Pope Francis for choosing Panama to host WYD in 2019.

According to a communiqué from the archdiocese, the bishop explained that the decision to choose Jan. 22-27 for the dates of the gathering, rather than holding it in July as is traditionally done, was done for reasons primarily linked to the climate and weather.

Last weekend, the Pontiff also appointed new members of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. They are Cardinals Baltazar Enrique Porras Cardozo, Archbishop of Merida, Venezuela, Sergio da Rocha, Archbishop of Brasilia, Brazil and Carlos Aguiar Retes, Archbishop of Tlalnepantla, Mexico.

Conversion is a prerequisite to ecumenism, Pope Francis says:

Vatican City, Jan 19, 2017 / 03:42 am (CNA/EWTN News).- For Pope Francis, personal conversion is pretty much the key to the Church's success in all of her activities, from Church governance to pastoral work, from Curial reform to evangelization and dialogue.

He reiterated this point in a Jan. 19 speech to an ecumenical delegation from Finland, telling them that "true ecumenism is based on a shared conversion to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Redeemer."

"If we draw close to him, we draw close also to one another," he said, and pointed to his trip to Sweden last fall for a joint-commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Francis noted that at one of the ecumenical events held during his visit both Catholics and Lutherans recognized that Martin Luther's original intention "was to renew the Church, not divide her."



Pope: Luther's intention was to renew the Church, not divide her :

2017-01-19 Vatican Radio(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis on Thursday said that "the intention of Martin Luther five hundred years ago was to renew the Church, not divide her".

Speaking to members of an Ecumenical Delegation from Finland who are in the Vatican to take part in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Pope recalled his



visit to Sweden last October and said that the "gathering there gave us the courage and strength, in our Lord Jesus Christ, to look ahead to the ecumenical journey that we are called to walk together."

The Pope ended his speech with off-the-cuff remarks thanking the bishop leading the delegation for having brought his grandchildren to the audience and pointing out that "we need the simplicity of children: they will show us the path that leads to Jesus Christ."

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18 to 25 January focussing on a theme selected on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation: "Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us"

HISTORY OF GUNADALA MATHA SHRINE

GUNADALA MARY MATHA – THE BEGINNINGS

IN 1923 Msgr. Pezzoni, a PIME Italian Missionary, a man who was held in high esteem by the local residents of the town, obtained a site of 25 acres of barren and bushy land at the foot of a hill of Gunadala -which was then outside the town -from the Government, where he opened an orphanage and school for boys. The Gunadala site was partly donated and partly bought. Msgr. Pezzoni moved to Gunadala on 15 June 1923 with 30 orphans of the Mission School at Bezwada (One-Town). This was the humble beginning of the many institutions at Gunadala.

Fr. P. Arlati, the first Manager of Gunadala Institutions, from the very outset of his taking charge engaged 50 workers to clear the jungle: it took few months to complete the work. The official date of opening the orphanage was 15th June 1924. He started the Industrial school too in the same year.

THE SHRINE – ORIGIN & DEVELOPMENT

In 1925, Fr Arlati PIME, then Rector of St. Joseph's Orphanage at Gunadala, cut a small pathway to the hill top and placed a small statue of Our Lady in the cut niche. This was the starting point of the local devotion to Our Lady on the Gunadala Mary Matha hill. Very soon a winding pathway to the grotto was slowly and painstakingly cut on the hill. It was since then, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes become an annual feast for the inmates of the institutions and the local Catholics, with a procession to the top of the hill and Mass at the grotto.

In 1933, to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary and to celebrate the Decennium of the foundation of the Gunadala institutions an 18 feet high iron cross was erected on the summit of the hill. The Grotto at half way up on to the cross beautifully symbolized the truth: To JESUS THROUGH MARY.

By 1937 it had become a Diocesan festival. In that year, Fr. Arlati placed a new statue in the Grotto i.e. in the middle of the hill and the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Good Health began and the annual celebration was shifted to 8th September. An altar in front of niche was also built so that Masses could be celebrated on different occasions.

The widening of the winding pathway and deepening of the Grotto and levelling of the ground in front of the Grotto was done as it was so necessary. Though it was a herculean task, the great Fathers like Msgr. A. Bianchi, the Vicar General, Rev. Br. Bertoli and Rev. Br. Crippa finished it with great patience and hard work. In 1947, after Msgr. Bianchi left for Italy, Br. Bertoli took up the job and continued the work. As the rains in the month of September caused so much inconvenience to the pilgrims, the feast was shifted back again to February 11 as the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Pictures of the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary were set up along the pathway leading to the Grotto. These pictures were in kalin paint ware and were gifted from Bus-to Arsozin of Italy. In 1951 a beautiful Arch was erected above the grotto and a staircase leading up to the Statue to enable the pilgrims to pray, touch the feet of Our Lady and place their offerings. This new Arch facilitated to install a new statue of Our Lady

presented by Msgr. Battista, then the Vicar General of the PIME, and later the Bishop of Vijayawada. This beautiful statue of white cement weighed 300kgs and with great difficulty it was shipped to Madras and then to Vijayawada. The statue was taken in a solemn procession through the town and was carried up and installed in the grotto by the pilgrims.

When His Lordship Bishop Joseph Thuma, the third Bishop of Vijayawada took charge of the Diocese, he further extended more facilities to the pilgrims like sheds to rest, electricity and water supply on the top of the hill. A stage was built in the Bishop Grassi grounds for the celebration of Mass and cultural Programmes. More roads up the hill then paved to help the pilgrims reach the grotto and Cross easily. A series of 14 stations called "Way of the Cross" had been installed from grotto to the Cross-at the hill-top. Several rest houses for pilgrims were also built for the convenience of the pilgrims.

POPULAR RITUALS OF THE FEAST

The festival also acquired certain ritual practices. Most notable among them are the offering of hair by pilgrims. Theologians see offering of hair as the sacrifice of beauty and blessing. It is estimated over 100,000 pilgrims of all religions offer hair during the three-day festival. The hill is believed to possess miraculous powers because of Mother Mary's powers of breaking the curse of barrenness and so they tie UTTI to the trees closer to the Grotto. Coconuts and flowers are offered to Mary Matha. Our Lady of Lourdes has been declared as the Health of the sick and Mother of Good health. This is mainly due to the numerous miraculous of healings that took place at Lourdes in France. True to the name, Gu-

nadala Lourdu Matha has become synonymous for the healing graces. She showers to the devotees in the tradition of Our Lady of Fathima, Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Velankanni. Our Lady of Gunadala never forsakes those who pray to her with real faith and hope. Thousands of people visit Gunadala Matha throughout the year as they firmly believe in her merciful heart and are convinced of her blessings. Devotees come not only from all corners of the state but from the neighboring Tamil Nadu and Karnataka visit the shrine during the festival in February, every year. The festival organizing committee is looking into all the arrangements for the pilgrims. Concelebrated high masses are arranged on all the three days of the festival.

Keeping in mind the rush of the pilgrims and foreseeing the heavy traffic a beautiful road was laid from the entrance of Eluru road to Gunadala Matha Shrine. As an invitation to the pilgrims a big Arch was built at the entrance and a huge tower. The other areas like renovations, cement flooring and fixing of the railings are very well taken care off. The major areas of drinking water, sanitation, electricity and medication are being monitored attentively. An ambulance and a fire Engine too are at the service.

As 9th, 10th and 11th are the most important days of the festival a beautiful temporary cloth pundel is arranged for the convenience of the pilgrims in the Bishop Grassi grounds for the celebrations of Prayers, Mass, worship and other cultural activities. The main Church is always open throughout the day for the devotees and pilgrims. Special prayers and blessings are conducted during these three days in the main Church. Aaradhana Mandiram is another place for adoration. More than 100 people are fed every day through 'Nitya Anndhanam'.



“అనుగ్రహ పరిపూర్ణురాలా! నీకు శుభము. ఏలినవారు నీతో ఉన్నారు”
లూకా 1:28

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విజయవాడ పేరము



శ్రీయమైన విశ్వాసులారా, మరియుమాత ముద్దుబడ్డలారా!

ప్రభువు పలికిన పలుకులు నెరవేరునని విశ్వసించి, పవిత్రుడైన దేవుణ్ణి తన గర్భమున మోసి ఆయన్ని ఈ లోకానికి అందించిన దేవుని దివ్య మందసము పరిశుద్ధ కన్యమరియమ్మ. చాల చోట్ల దర్శనమిస్తూ, గుణదలకొండపై కొలువై అశేష జనావళిని క్రీస్తుచెంతకు చేరుస్తూ, భక్తుల కోర్కెలను తీర్చుతున్న తల్లి గుణదలమాత. ఆ చల్లని తల్లి వేడుదల ద్వారా దైవ దర్శనభాగ్యం పొంది దేవుని కృపావరములు, ఆయురారోగ్య మహాభాగ్యములు, దండిగా మెండుగా పొంది తరించాలని ఆశిస్తూ ఆహ్వానిస్తున్నాము.

కార్యక్రమములు

నవదిన జపములు : 2017 జనవరి 31 నుండి ఫిబ్రవరి 8 వరకు
పతాకావిష్కరణ : జనవరి 31 సాయంత్రం గం|| 5.30 ని||లకు
మహాఘన||తెలగతోటి జోసఫ్ రాజారావు, SMM
విజయవాడ పీఠాధిపతులు
నవదిన ప్రార్థనలలో ప్రతిరోజూ సా|| గం|| 6.00 లకు పుణ్యక్షేత్ర దేవాలయము నుండి గుహ వరకు జపమాల ధ్యానం, క్రొవ్వొత్తులతో దివ్యసత్ప్రసాద ప్రదక్షణ తదుపరి దివ్యబలిపూజ జరుగును.

09-02-2017 గురువారము

- ఉ||గం|| 7.00లకు : సమష్టి దివ్యబలిపూజ
- గోల్డెన్ జూబిలేరియన్స్ : రెవ.ఫాదర్స్ యమ్. మాత్యూ, పి. జాన్ ప్రసాద్
- సిల్వర్ జూబిలేరియన్స్ : రెవ.ఫాదర్స్ జి. విజయకుమార్, యమ్.జోసఫ్, పి.దేవ దత్తం, పి. బాలస్వామి, యు. బాలశౌరి రెడ్డి
పాటలు : గుణదల విచారణ గాయక బృందం.
- ఉ||గం|| 10.00లకు : “కోలాటం” ఉయ్యూరు విచారణ
నిర్వహణ : ఛా. నీలారి మరియుదాసు
- ఉ||గం|| 11.00లకు : ఆధ్యాత్మిక సాంస్కృతిక కార్యక్రమములు- ప్రేరణ యూత్ సెంటర్ వారిచే
- ఉ||గం|| 11.30ని||లకు : దివ్యబలిపూజ పుణ్యక్షేత్ర దేవాలయము నందు
రెవ.ఫా. గంజి జోజెఫ్, MSFS, సింగ్ నగర్ విచారణ
- మ||గం|| 3.00 లకు : “గుణదలమాత తేరు ఊరేగింపు” గుణదల వీధులలో
- సా||గం|| 6.00 లకు : సమష్టి దివ్యబలిపూజ
రెవ.ఫా. రాయరాల విజయకుమార్ PIME, రీజనల్ సుపీరియర్
పాటలు : కొత్తపల్లి విచారణ; నిర్వహణ : రెవ.ఫా. నిమ్మగడ్డ రమేష్
- రా||గం|| 8.00 లకు : “సాంస్కృతిక కార్యక్రమాలు”
విజయమేరి స్కూల్ అంధ బాల బాలికలచే, కార్మెల్ నగర్
- రా||గం|| 9.00 లకు : “భక్తిగీతాలు” గుణదల విచారణ
- రా||గం|| 10.00 లకు : “బైండ్ ఫాల్ట్ ఆర్ట్” రెడాన్ S.K. గారిచే, విజయవాడ
- రా||గం|| 10.30 ||లకు : “పాలు పరివర్తన” ఏకపాత్రాభినయం
శ్రీ తంటేపూడి డేవిడ్ అశోక్ కుమార్ గారిచే
- రా||గం|| 11.00 ||లకు : “జ్ఞాన సుందరి” బుర్రకథ- శ్రీ దుగ్గిరాల చిన్నప్ప గారిచే
- రా||గం|| 12.00 ||లకు : “యేసు-బరబ్బా” నాటకం- శ్రీ ఏలియ బృందం వారిచే
- రా||గం|| 1.30 ని||లకు : “పవిత్రమాత” నాటకం-శ్రీ శౌరి మాష్టారి బృందం, అజ్ఞంపూడి వారిచే

10-02-2017 శుక్రవారము

- ఉ||గం|| 7.00 లకు : **సమష్టి దివ్యబలిపూజ**
మహా|| ఘన|| జయరావు పాలిమెర, ఏలూరు పీఠాధిపతులు
మహా|| ఘన|| తెలగతోటి జోసెఫ్ రాజారావు, SMM
 విజయవాడ పీఠాధిపతులు
 పాటలు : కొండపావులూరు విచారణ
 నిర్వహణ : **రెవ.ఫా. పోలిమెట్ల థామస్**
- ఉ||గం|| 10.00 లకు : **“కోలాటం”** పునీత పాలు గురువిద్యాలయం, నూజివీడు
 నిర్వహణ: **ఫా. జి. లిల్, S.D.B**
- ఉ||గం|| 11.30 ని||లకు : **దివ్యబలిపూజ** పుణ్యక్షేత్ర దేవాలయము నందు
రెవ.ఫా. కొల్లి ప్రాన్సిస్, OFM Cap. అవుటపల్లి విచారణ
- సా||గం|| 3.00 లకు : **దివ్యబలిపూజ** పుణ్యక్షేత్ర దేవాలయము నందు
 : **రెవ.ఫా. టి. జోజెడ్డి,** పల్లోటిన్, నిడమానూరు
- సా||గం|| 6.00 లకు : **సమష్టి దివ్యబలిపూజ**
మహా|| ఘన|| తెలగతోటి జోసెఫ్ రాజారావు, SMM
 విజయవాడ పీఠాధిపతులు
 పాటలు : గుడివాడ, గుడ్మాన్ పేట విచారణలు
 నిర్వహణ : **రెవ.ఫా. గంటా ప్రవీణ్, రెవ.ఫా. బి. యోహాను**

◆ **పూజ అనంతరం పవిత్ర బాల్యసభ బాలలకు బహుమతి ప్రదానం**

- రా||గం|| 8.30 ని||లకు : **“శాంత ఆర్ట్”** శ్రీ యం. సురేష్ గారిచే, పామర్రు
- రా||గం|| 9.00 ||లకు : **“దేవుని కరుణ”** సృత్య రూపకం, కళాదర్శిని వారిచే
 నిర్వహణ : **రెవ.ఫా. రవీంద్రనాథ్ S.J.**
- రా||గం|| 10.30 ని||లకు : **“యేసుక్రమ”** నాటకం, శ్రీ గోలె సురేంద్ర, కైకలూరు వారిచే
- రా||గం|| 12.00 ||లకు : **“భక్తి గీతాలు”** శ్రీ పోలిమెట్ల బెంజిమిన్ గారిచే
- రా||గం|| 1.30 ని||లకు : **“ధనవంతుడు -లాజరు”** నాటకం- శ్రీ గుమ్మడి జీవన్ కుమార్, బృందం

11-02-2017 శనివారము

- ఉ||గం|| 7.00 లకు : **సమష్టి దివ్యబలిపూజ**
మహా|| ఘన|| చిన్నాబత్తిన భాగ్యయ్య, గుంటూరు పీఠాధిపతులు
మహా|| ఘన|| తెలగతోటి జోసెఫ్ రాజారావు, SMM
 విజయవాడ పీఠాధిపతులు
 పాటలు : విజయవాడ మేత్రాసన గాయకబృందం- నిర్వహణ : **శ్రీ మదిలి బెర్నార్డ్**
- ◆ **పూజ అనంతరం సత్యోపదేశ పరీక్షలలో గెలుపొందిన వారికి బహుమతులు ఇవ్వబడును.**
- ఉ||గం|| 10.00 లకు : **“కోలాటం”** వెల్లటూరు విచారణ
 నిర్వహణ : **రెవ.ఫా. గుంటూరు డాన్ బోస్కా**

- ఉ||గం|| 11.30 ని||లకు : **దివ్యబలిపూజ** పుణ్యక్షేత్ర దేవాలయము నందు
రెవ.ఫా. బెనెడిక్ట్ OCD, కానూరు విచారణ
- సా||గం|| 3.00 లకు : **దివ్యబలిపూజ** పుణ్యక్షేత్ర దేవాలయము నందు
రెవ.ఫా. శౌరయ్య OSB, జక్కంపూడి విచారణ
- సా||గం|| 4.00 లకు : **“దివ్యసత్యసాధ ఆరాధన”** - స్వస్థత ప్రార్థనలు
రెవ.ఫా. దూసి రవిశేఖర్, రెక్కర్, ఆంధ్ర లయోలా కళాశాల
 పాటలు: సెయింట్ ఆలోషియస్ సిస్టర్స్
- రా||గం|| 6.00 లకు : **“భక్తిగీతాలు”** శ్రీ మావులూరి జయరాజు, గన్నవరం
 నిర్వహణ : శ్రీ పసల రత్నం
- రా||గం|| 7.30 ని||లకు : **“వృత్తుంజయుడు”** బుర్రకథ-ఉపదేశులచే, పాస్టరల్ సెంటర్
 నిర్వహణ : **రెవ.ఫా. దామాల విజయకుమార్**
- రా||గం|| 8.30 ని||లకు : **“భక్తిగీతాలు”** శ్రీ నిమ్మగడ్డ యేసుపాదం
 పేజ్జోనిపేట జె.యమ్.జె నాట్యమండలి వారిచే
- రా||గం|| 9.30 ని||లకు : **“దావీదు విజయం”** నాటకం, ఉప్పులూరు- మానికొండ
 మేరుగు సుందరరావు, బ్రదర్ జోసెఫ్ తంబి నాట్యమండలి వారిచే
- రా||గం|| 11.00 లకు : **“యోసేపు విజయం”** నాటకం, శ్రీ వి.మరియన్న బృందం, వెల్లటూరు

9,10,11తేదీలలో గమనికలు

- ఉ||గం|| 10.00ల నుండి 11.30ని||ల వరకు మరియు మ|| గం|| 1.00 నుండి 3.00 వరకు పుణ్యక్షేత్ర దేవాలయములో దివ్యసత్యసాధ ఆరాధన - స్వస్థత ప్రార్థనలు ప్రేయర్ టీమ్స్ వారిచే జరుగును.
 నిర్వహణ : **రెవ.ఫా. బంటుమిల్లి యోహాను, రెవ.ఫా.పాము సుధాకర్**
- సెయింట్ జోసెఫ్ బోర్డింగ్ ఆడిటోరియంనందు జీసస్ యూత్ వారిచే నిత్య ఆరాధన జరుగును.
- బిషప్ గ్రాసి హైస్కూల్ రెండవ అంతస్తులో ప్రేరణయూత్ సెంటర్ వారిచే బైబిల్ ఎగ్జిబిషన్ నిర్వహించబడును.

యాత్రికులకు సూచనలు

- ❖ పండుగ దినములలో పూజలు జరిగే సమయంలో పాపసంకీర్తనము చేయగలరు.
- ❖ పూజలు పెట్టించుకొనదలచినవారు విచారణ గుడి వద్ద నమోదు చేయించుకోగలరు.
- ❖ తలనీలాలు అర్పించడానికి కొండమీద ప్రత్యేకస్థలం కలదు.
- ❖ పిల్లలు తప్పిపోయిన యెడల సంప్రదించవలసిన నంబర్లు : 1098 & 0866-2570900
- ❖ భక్తులు, భక్తిశ్రద్ధలతో పండుగలో పాల్గొనగలరు.

మహా. ఘన. తెలగతోటి జోసెఫ్ రాజారావు SMM
 విజయవాడ పీఠాధిపతులు
మోన్సిన్యోర్ యం. గాబ్రియేలు **మోన్సిన్యోర్ యం. ప్రసాద్**
రెవ. ఫా. విలియం జయరాజు యేలేటి
 పుణ్యక్షేత్ర రెక్కర్ మరియు విచారణ గురువు,
రెవ.ఫా. జి. ప్రతాప్, రెవ.ఫా. డి. సతీష్, సహాయక గురువులు

గుణదలమాత మహోత్సవ కార్య నిర్వాహకులు, గుణదల, విజయవాడ -4
 సెయింట్ జోసెఫ్స్ ప్రెస్ - 9949397190

Days to Remember

ORDINATION DAY: HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS

- 2nd Fr. Vadakel George and Fr. Vijaya Rao, OCD
- 16th Fr. Parambukatil Joseph OSB
- 24th Fr. Udumula Balashowry
- 26th Fr. Raja Reddy MSFS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY

- 1st Fr. Darsi Don Bosco
- 5th Frs. Eleti William Jaya Raju, Pamiti John Stephen
- 7th Fr. Saliketi Emmanuel
- 8th Fr. Gonthupolugu Kiran Babu
- 10th Fr. Akurathi Lourdu Bernard Kumar
- 11th Frs. Bontha Lourdhu Francis, Fr. M. Philomin Raju
- 13th Fr. K. Abraham Thomas,
- 15th Fr. Daram Satish
- 14th Fr. Mangilate Mathew
- 16th Fr. Godavarthi Maria Raju,
- 28th Fr. Jyothi Ruben (Ramesh)



OBITUARY: MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

- 13th Archbishop Samineni Arulappa, Hyderabad (2005)
- 14th Fr. Romulo Campus PIME (1985)
- 19th Fr. Purathecirayil Francis Sales (2005)
- 25th Fr. P. F. Andrade 1953

