



SHEPHERD'S CALL

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

— ONE GOD IN THREE DIVINE PERSONS —



"GRACE TO YOU AND PEACE
FROM GOD OUR FATHER
AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
AND THE LOVE OF GOD
AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

PENTECOST

— THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDS —

"THEY WERE ALL FILLED
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
AND BEGAN TO SPEAK
IN OTHER TONGUES
AS THE SPIRIT ENABLED
THEM."

ACTS 2:4



THE ASCENSION

— OF THE LORD —

"AS HE BLESSED THEM
HE PARTED FROM THEM
AND WAS TAKEN UP
TO HEAVEN."

LUKE 24:51



— THREE MYSTERIES. ONE FAITH. —

— WE WORSHIP • WE BELIEVE • WE ARE SENT —



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



SEMINARIANS' BENEFACTORS GET – TOGETHER



EASTER VIGIL AT ST. MARY'S BASILICA SECUNDERABAD



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Archbishop's Message



The month of May has been dedicated by Divine Providence to the salutary and joyful celebration in the Holy Spirit of the glories of the Blessed Virgin Mary in God's one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, by its Hierarchy and faithful. This month-long celebration ends with the feast of our Lady's visitation to St. Elizabeth on the 31st May.

On the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Elizabeth (the second joyful mystery) we recollect and proclaim the truth and ongoing fulfilment of the prophecy the Blessed Virgin Mary uttered concerning herself to St. Elizabeth: *'Behold, all generations will call me blessed!'* Is not this prophecy fulfilled every time we speak the 'Hail Mary' to the Immaculate Heart of Mary saying "Blessed are you among women"? The Blessed Virgin Mary, our Lady and our Blessed Mother, also gave the reason why all the generations of the people of the new covenant will call Her Blessed: *'For He who is mighty has done great things in me!'* What are the mighty works God did in Her for us and for salvation? It was His work of creating Her as the Immaculate Conception through the singular and indefectible establishment of His Holy Spirit in Her spiritual soul at the very moment He brought Her into existence, as 'the Spirit

of Truth Who will lead Her into all the Truth and ensure Her indefectible obedience of faith to God the Father, Her perpetual consecration to God as His perpetual Virgin, Her motherhood of His Eternal Son in the mystery of His incarnation for our salvation in a state of perfect and perpetual virginity, Her sevenfold sorrows to become the Virgin Mother of the Church through Her glorious assumption in spirit, soul and body to join Her divine Son in the glory of His divine Sonship as our Lord Jesus Christ as the glorious Queen in God's kingdom as our Mother of Mercy! So, on the feast day of the Visitation of our Blessed Mother to St. Elizabeth on the 31st May, the Holy Spirit invites us to enter into and stay put in the world of our Lady's own singular personal life with the Blessed Trinity for our own salvation and for the greater glory of the Blessed Trinity in our present post-baptismal pilgrimage of faith to the judgement seat of Christ.

POPE'S INTENTION: MAY, 2026

That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



CARDINAL'S INTENTION: MAY 2026

Let us pray that all children may have equal access to education, free from every form of discrimination. May society recognize education as a fundamental right, not a privilege or favour, and may leaders, both secular and religious, work responsibly to ensure it is made available to all.



Solemnities and Feasts

MAY 1st

St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph the Worker is honoured on May 1st, a feast instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to highlight the dignity of human labour and to present Saint Joseph as a model for all workers.



A humble carpenter from Nazareth, St. Joseph provided for the Holy Family through honest and dedicated work. His life reflects faithfulness, responsibility, and quiet service. Though he spoke no recorded words in Scripture, his actions reveal deep

trust in God and commitment to his family.

This feast reminds us that work is not merely a means of livelihood but a participation in God's creative plan. St. Joseph inspires all people especially workers to carry out their duties with integrity, patience, and a spirit of service, recognizing the value and dignity in every form of labour.

MAY 13th

Our Lady of Fatima



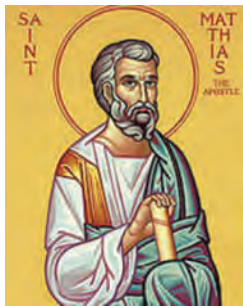
The feast of Our Lady of Fatima recalls the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in Portugal in 1917. At a time marked by war and suffering, Mary's message was simple yet urgent: prayer, repentance, and conversion.

Her call to pray the Rosary daily continues to echo in our times, inviting us to place our trust in God's mercy. Fatima reminds us that the struggles of the world violence, injustice, and sin can be transformed through sincere prayer and a return to God. Mary appears not as one distant from human suffering, but

as a loving mother who intercedes for her children and leads them closer to Christ.

MAY 14th

St. Matthias, Apostle



Matthias, whose name means “gift of God”, was the disciple chosen to replace Judas as one of the twelve Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles state that he was also one of the 72 disciples that the Lord Jesus sent out to preach the good news. Matthias was with the Lord since His Baptism, and was “a witness to Christ’s Resurrection,” according to St. Peter in Acts. He remained with Jesus until His Ascension. According to various traditions, Matthias preached in Cappadocia, Jerusalem, the shores of the Caspian Sea (in modern day Turkey) and Ethiopia. He is said to have met his death by crucifixion in Colchis or by stoning in Jerusalem.

There is evidence cited in some of the early Church fathers that there was a Gospel according to Matthias in circulation, but it has since been lost, and was declared apocryphal by Pope Gelasius. He is invoked for assistance against alcoholism, and for support by recovered alcoholics. *Source: catholicnewsagency.com*

MAY 17th

The Ascension of the Lord



The reality of Christ’s Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles’ Creed, that “He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.” The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is the denial of Christ’s Resurrection.

Christ’s bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam’s fall.

The Feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena or nine days of prayer. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later.

Today, Catholics recall that first novena by praying the Novena to the Holy Ghost between Ascension and Pentecost, asking for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Holy Spirit. *Source: learnreligions.com*

MAY 24th

Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost is often celebrated as the “**birthday of the Church.**” On this day, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, transforming them from fearful followers into courageous witnesses of the Gospel.

The coming of the Spirit fulfilled Christ’s promise and marked the beginning of the Church’s universal mission. The diversity of languages heard at Pentecost symbolizes the unity of all peoples in Christ. The Holy Spirit continues

to guide, strengthen, and renew the Church.

For us, Pentecost is a reminder that we too have received the Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation. We are called to live by the Spirit’s gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord—and to bear the fruits of love, joy, peace, and kindness in our daily lives.

MAY 25th

Our Lady, Mother of the Church

This is celebrated immediately after Pentecost; this memorial honours Mary as **Mother of the Church.** At the foot of the Cross, Jesus entrusted His mother to the beloved disciple, and through him, to all of us. Mary’s motherhood extends to the entire Christian community.

She is present at the birth of the Church at Pentecost, praying with the Apostles and awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit. As Mother, she continues to nurture, guide, and intercede for the Church. This feast invites us to deepen our devotion to Mary, not as an end in itself, but as a path that leads us more closely to her Son. In times of uncertainty, Mary remains a source of comfort and hope.

MAY 31st

The Most Holy Trinity

The month concludes with the profound mystery of the **Most Holy Trinity**—one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the central mystery of our faith, a mystery not meant to be fully understood, but to be lived and experienced.

The Trinity is a communion of perfect love. The Father creates, the Son redeems, and the Holy Spirit sanctifies. This divine relationship becomes the model for our own lives. We are called to live in unity, love, and self-giving, reflecting the very life of God.

The feast of the Trinity reminds us that we are drawn into this divine communion. Through grace, we share in the life of God, and our relationships are meant to mirror that same love and unity.



Archbishop's Engagements

N.B.: "In office days", Please call the Secretary before coming. Ph No : 72079 40883

MAY 2026

01-06.	Fri-Wed	:	CCBI Executive Committee Meetings at St. John's, Bangalore
07-08.	Thu-Sat	:	CBCI Standing Committee Meetings at St. John's, Bangalore
10. Sun	09.30 a.m.	:	First Holy Communion and Confirmation at St. Joseph's Church, Moula Ali
11. Mon		:	In office
13. Wed	10.00 a.m.	:	Inauguration of New Church- Our Lady of Fatima, Badvel, Kadapa
15. Fri		:	In office
18-28.		:	Occupied
30-31	Sat-Sun	:	Diocese of Sivagangai

TENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS: JUNE 2026

01. Mon	09.00 a.m.	:	Inaugural Holy Mass at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore
03. Wed	10.30 a.m.	:	Marian Fathers MIC Congregation – Diaconate Ordinations at Maria Rani Church, Pedda Thupra
06. Sat		:	Inauguration of Jnana Deepa Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Pune
13. Sat		:	Festive Mass, St. Anthony's Shrine, Mettuguda
19. Fri	03.00 p.m.	:	HAES Governing Body Meeting
	04.15 p.m.	:	HAES General Body Meeting
22-30.	Mon-Tue	:	Extra Ordinary Consistory, Rome

30th April 2026

Archbishop's House

+ Cardinal Poola Anthony

Archbishop of Hyderabad

Communications

1. RECOLLECTION IN MAY:

All the Clergy are asked to make Personal Recollection in the month of May, 2026.

2. 'A BIG THANK-YOU' TO THE PRIESTS ON TRANSFER:

We express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all the priests who are being transferred from their parishes and institutions. We deeply appreciate their dedicated ministry and the valuable services they have rendered in their respective places. Their contributions will be gratefully remembered. We thank them wholeheartedly and wish them every success in their new assignments. May the Risen Lord bless them abundantly, and may our Blessed Mother watch over them with her loving care and protection.

3. HEARTY CONGRATS AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRIESTS:

We congratulate our newly ordained priests: Rev. Fr. Madanu Manoj Kumar, Rev. Fr. Kasu Akhil, and Rev. Fr. Aduri Fathima Dwijesh. We extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to them into our Presbyterium.

We wish them all the very best in their priestly ministry, every success in their mission, and God's abundant blessings. May the Risen Lord fill them with zeal, wisdom, and compassion as they begin their sacred ministry. May they be faithful stewards of God's people, inspiring many through their witness of life and service. May our Blessed Mother accompany them always with her loving care and protection, and may their priesthood bear rich and lasting fruits for the Church.

4. TRANSFERS & APPOINTMENTS.

Archdiocese of Hyderabad

General Transfers - 19th April, 2026

Transfers come into Effect On or before 13th May, 2026 unless specified

No.	Name	Appointment
1.	Fr. Mallavarapu Sundar Rao	Parish Priest St. Mother Teresa Church, Bachupally New Parish together with present assignment as Dean of Bowenpally Deanery
2.	Fr. Mettu Arogyam	Parish Priest St. Bernard's Church, Ammuguda Parish together with present assignment as Dean of Trimulgherry Deanery
3.	Fr. Mirapakayala Melchizedek Kennedy	Parish Priest St. Anthony's Church, Venkatapuram Parish
4.	Fr. Kommareddy Lourdu Marreddy	Parish Priest Immaculate Conception Church, Kukatpally Parish
5.	Fr. Victor Emmanuel Tharigopala	Parish Priest Holy Trinity Chapel, Tulasi Gardens, Yapral.
6.	Fr. Chinnabathini Charles	Associate at St. Anthony's Shrine, Mettuguda Parish
7.	Fr. Madanu Joseph (Jr.)	Parish Priest St. Michael's Church, Golkonda Parish
8.	Fr. Madanu Ignatius Maria Shekar	Abroad Ministry
9.	Fr. Pasala Maria Raju	Head Master Fr. Roch Memorial High School, Khairatabad

No.	Name	Appointment
10.	Fr. Yelugu Jude Raj	Associate Infant Jesus Shrine, Emjala Parish
11.	Fr. Gali Matyas Reddy	Director of HASSS
12.	Fr. Madanu Anthony (Jr.)	Chancellor & Procurator
13.	Fr. Yeruva Marreddy	Parish Priest Maria Rosa Mystica Church, L.B. Nagar Parish
14.	Fr. MH. Wilson Davis	Asst. Notary to the Marriage Tribunal
15.	Fr. Vaddamalla Vinod Kumar	Dean of Nizamabad Deanery together with present assignment
16.	Fr. Prince Xavier Seelam	Associate St. Joseph's Cathedral, Gunfoundry Parish
17.	Fr. Thathireddy Pranay Kumar	Parish Priest Our Lady of Lourdes Church & In charge Head Master St. Joseph's High School, Dharmaram
18.	Fr. Pentareddy Akhil Manohar	Parish Priest St. Ann's Church, Nizamabad.
19.	Fr. Aduri Fathima Dwijesh	Asst. Parish Priest Our Lady of Health Shrine & Help at Vianny Home Khairatabad.
20.	Fr. Kasu Akhil	Asst. Parish Priest St. Mother Teresa Church, Bachupally New Parish
21.	Fr. Madanu Manoj Kumar	Asst. Parish Priest St. Mary's Basilica, Secunderabad

Assistant priests from Religious and other Dioceses

No.	Name	Appointment
22.	Fr. Bommu Mathai (Eluru)	Asst. PP St. Anthony's Shrine, Mettuguda
23.	Fr. Anthony Muthu MSC	Asst. PP Shrine of Our Lady of Good Health, Khairathabad
24.	Fr. K. Anand MoC	Asst. PP Immaculate Conception Church, kukatpally
25.	Fr. Ch. Joseph Thambi MoC	Asst. PP Sacred Heart Church, Lallaguda
26.	Fr. David Vijay MoC	Asst. PP Holy Trinity Church, Bagumpet
27.	Fr. Arun Kumar Gabbeta SCJ	Asst. PP Our Lady of Lourdes Church & Asst at St. Joseph's High School, Dharmaram
28.	Fr. Kiran Moses	Asst. PP St. Alphonsus Church, Banjara Hills

We thank Rev. Fr. Madanu Joseph (Jr.) for his services as Dean of Nizamabad.

We wish you all the best and God's Blessings in your new assignments. May the Risen Lord give you wisdom and knowledge to be effective ministers of the Gospel.

With Regards and Prayers
+ Cardinal Poola Anthony
 Archbishop of Hyderabad



Decree of Erection of a New Parish: St. Mother Teresa Parish, Bachupally

Whereas the faithful residing in and around Bachupally have experienced significant spiritual and pastoral growth;

Whereas the vast territorial extent and increasing Catholic population of Immaculate Conception Church, Kukatpally have made it pastorally necessary to provide more effective spiritual care;

Whereas, after due consultation with the College of Consultors;

I, Cardinal Poola Anthony, the Archbishop of Hyderabad, by virtue of the authority vested in me in accordance with the Code of Canon Law (cf. can. 515 §2), hereby decree as follows:

1. Erection of the New Parish

The community of the faithful residing in the territory of Bachupally is hereby erected as a new parish, to be known as St. Mother Teresa Parish, Bachupally with effect from 13th May, 2026.

2. Deanery Affiliation

The newly erected St. Mother Teresa Parish, Bachupally shall form part of the Bowenpally Deanery and participate in all its pastoral structures and activities.

3. Bifurcation of Territory

The new parish is formed by bifurcating a defined portion from Immaculate Conception Church, Kukatpally. The exact territorial boundaries shall be determined upon the recommendations of the Bowenpally Deanery and approved by the Archbishop, and duly recorded thereafter.

4. Appointment of the First Parish Priest

Rev. Fr. Mallavarapu Sundar is hereby appointed as the First Parish Priest of St. Mother Teresa Church, Bachupally Parish. He shall assume pastoral responsibility in accordance with the norms of Canon Law.

5. Common Cemetery

The existing cemetery of Immaculate Conception Church, Kukatpally shall serve as a common cemetery for both Kukatpally and Bachupally parishes. The administration and maintenance of the cemetery shall remain under Kukatpally Parish.

Given at the Archbishop's House, Secunderabad, on the 19th day of April, 2026.


 ✠ Cardinal Poola Anthony
 Archbishop of Hyderabad



(By the Authority of the Archbishop)


 Rev. Fr. Victor Emmanuel T
 Chancellor

8. 2ND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount	Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount
1		Armoor		54	05-03-2026	Mahendra Hills	2730
2	12-03-2026	Aliabad	1300	55	26-03-2026	Madinaguda	2500
3	14-03-2026	Alirajpet	600	56	10-03-2026	Mallapur	998
4	09-03-2026	Alwal	13950	57		Manikonda Mission	
5		Ammuguda	2500	58	06-04-2026	Mariapuram (Adibatla)	1000
6	16-03-2026	Arogya Nagar (Mission)	200	59		Medak	
7		Arul Colony		60		Medchal	
8	21-03-2026	Balaji Nagar	1000	61		Medipally	
9		Band Lines		62	13-03-2026	Mettuguda	21430
10	17-03-2026	Bandlaguda Jagir	42750	63		Miyapur	
11	23-03-2026	Banjara Hills	12500	64	30-03-2026	Moul-Ali	4210
12		Basuregadi		65	24-03-2026	Mudfort	5700
13	08-04-2026	Bayyaram	420	66		Muthangi	
14	05-03-2026	Bazarghat	1500	67		Nacharam	
15	23-02-2026	BHEL - MIG	7000	68		Nandrakal	
16	17-03-2026	Begumpet	5624	69	16-04-2026	Nedunoor	300
17		Bodhan		70	19-03-2026	Neela Camp	300
18		Boduppal/Bolligudem		71	16-03-2026	Nizamabad	2500
19	09-02-2026	Bhoiguda	10000	72		Nizampet	
20	30-01-2026	Bolarum	8720	73	25-03-2026	Pargi	650
21		Borabanda		74	13-03-2026	Patancheru	720
22	12-02-2026	Bowenpally	10000	75	10-03-2026	Ramachandrapuram	7500
23		Cherlapally		76	09-03-2026	Ramanthapur	3200
24	17-04-2026	Chintalacheruvu	500	77		Ramnagar	
25	09-03-2026	Church Colony	3000	78		Sadasivpet	
26	09-03-2026	Dammaiguda	12900	79		Sainikpuri	
27		Dharmaram		80	10-03-2026	Sanathnagar	20000
28		Dayanandnagar		81		Sangareddy	
29		Emjala		82	21-04-2026	Santhoshnagar	2000
30		Gaddiannaram		83		Sappers Lines	
31		Gagillapuram		84	19-03-2026	Secunderabad	50000
32	22-04-2026	Gajwel	500	85		Shabad	
33	23-03-2026	Gandhinagar	7000	86	17-03-2026	Shamshabad	2500
34	25-03-2026	Garrison (Trimulgherry)	890	87	09-03-2026	Shanthinagar	2631
35	09-03-2026	Ghatkesar	800	88	11-03-2026	Shapurnagar	3530
36	14-03-2026	Golconda	12076	89		Siddipet	
37	16-03-2026	Godumakunda	800	90	13-04-2026	Seethaphalmandi	2500
38	16-03-2026	Gunfoundry	14000	91	09-03-2026	Sultan Bazar	4000
39	23-03-2026	Jadi Jamalpur	250	92	10-03-2026	Suraram	3000
40	10-03-2026	Jagadgirigutta	3500	93		Tandur	
41		Jahanuma		94		Toopran	
42		Jeedimetla		95	17-03-2026	Trimulgherry	22000
43		Jeeva Jala		96		Uminthal	
44		Jogipet		97		Vanasthalipuram	
45		Jojipet		98	26-03-2026	Venkatapuram	4000
46		Kalwakole		99		Vikarabad	
47		Kamareddy		100	09-03-2026	Yapral	6000
48	24-03-2026	Khairatabad	10000	101	13-03-2026	Yeddumylaram	900
49		Kissan Nagar		102		Yellareddy	
50		Kukatpally		103	21-03-2026	Zaheerabad	800
51	10-03-2026	Lallaguda	15000			Total	377829
52	19-03-2026	L. B. Nagar	950				
53		Lillipur					

Pastoral News

1. SEMINARIANS' BENEFACTORS GET-TOGETHER

The Seminarians' Benefactors Get-Together was held on 10 April 2026 at Archbishop's House in a spirit of gratitude and fellowship, bringing together benefactors, clergy, and seminarians of the Archdiocese. The programme began with a prayerful atmosphere created by the Orientation Brothers through a meaningful prayer song, followed by Scripture reading and a short reflection that set a spiritual tone for the gathering.

An insightful presentation on the *Formation Journey* by Br. Fabian Sebastian helped the benefactors understand the stages and depth of priestly formation. This was followed by a video presentation, "*A Day in the Seminary*," prepared by Br. Ivon Britto, offering a glimpse into the daily life, prayer, studies, and community living of the seminarians.

Fr. Victor Emmanuel then presented a detailed report, highlighting the formation activities, achievements, and ongoing needs of the seminary. The cultural segment added joy to the gathering, with a lively dance by the seminarians, and a melodious song by them.

A touching sharing by one of the benefactors expressed appreciation for the formation of future priests and reaffirmed their continued support. The gathering was enriched by the Cardinal's message, who conveyed his gratitude and encouraged both seminarians and benefactors to continue their journey of faith and generosity. The get-together served as a beautiful occasion of thanksgiving, strengthening the bond between the seminarians and their benefactors.

- Br Ivon Britto, 2nd Year Theology

2. PERPETUAL PROFESSION OF SISTERS OF ST. ANN'S OF PROVIDENCE AT ST. MARY'S BASILICA, SECUNDERABAD



3. PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF DN. DAVID VARGHESE SVD AT MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH, BOWENPALLY



4. PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF FRIAR DN. ANDREW THOMAS OFM, AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH, RAMNAGAR



RECEIPT OF LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Parish/Individual	No. of Masses
31-03-2026	DAMMAIGUDA	52
07-04-2026	GUNFOUNDRY	410
18-04-2026	GANDHINAGAR	300
20-04-2026	KHARITHABAD	5000
21-04-2026	EMJALA(Rev. Fr. L Menezes)	5
21-04-2026	SECUNDERABAD	1000
21-04-2026	SANTHOSHINAGAR	170
21-04-2026	TRIMULGHERRY	550
22-04-2026	GOLCONDA	288
22-04-2026	GAJWEL	50
28-04-2026	GAGILLAPURAM	310
28-04-2026	AMMUGUDA	150
29-04-2026	METTUGUDA	6000
Total		13975

Archdiocesan News

1. SUMMER CAMP AT JAGATHGIRIGUTTA PARISH – A DAY OF FAITH, FUN, AND FORMATION

The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Jagathgirigutta Parish, joyfully organized a vibrant and spiritually enriching Summer Camp for all the children and youth of the parish on 26th April 2026 at the parish premises.

The camp was wonderfully animated by Fr. Jerome, the Youth Director of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, along with his enthusiastic team. Their dynamic



presence brought life, energy, and deep spiritual insight to the entire program.

The day began at 9:00 AM with lively action songs, creating an atmosphere of joy and unity among the participants. Soon after, the children and youth were

thoughtfully divided into age-based groups, allowing for more meaningful and engaging sessions. Each group was guided through Bible-based teachings, where stories from Scripture were brought alive in a simple and relatable manner.

One of the highlights of the camp was the Bible skits, performed creatively by the participants. These skits not only entertained but also conveyed powerful spiritual messages, helping the young minds to understand and internalize the Word of God.

As the day progressed, the camp led everyone into a profound moment of Eucharistic Adoration. It was a deeply prayerful experience where all the

participants were drawn into a close encounter with the Lord, fostering silence, reflection, and devotion.

The day culminated with the celebration of the Holy Mass, uniting everyone in thanksgiving and grace. The entire program concluded at 4:30 PM, leaving behind hearts filled with joy, faith, and renewed spiritual enthusiasm.

At the end of the camp, Fr. John, the Parish Priest, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Jerome and his team for their dedicated efforts in making the camp lively, meaningful, and spiritually fruitful. He also sincerely appreciated all the children and youth for their active participation and eagerness to grow in faith.

The Summer Camp truly became a memorable day nurturing young hearts, strengthening faith, and building a joyful parish community.

- Fr. M. John (Parish Priest, Jagathgirigutta Parish)

2. TRAINING IN FAMILY COUNSELLING – PART 2 – STARTING JUNE 2026

The Family Apostolate, Archdiocese of Hyderabad is conducting a Training in Marriage and Family Counselling (MFC) for Couples, Religious, Priests, and Laity.

Course Details: This course will equip you with professional skills to counsel couples and families. You would acquire skills to:

- Pre-Marital Guidance & Counselling
- Couple Counselling & Guidance during Couple Conflicts
- Family Counselling & Therapy
- Role Play simulations & Genogram
- Cognitive Behavioural Family Therapy (CBFT) & Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT)
- Be healed and spread the healing across your society through practical sessions

Requirement: Must have completed a basic Counselling certificate course

At the end of the course certificate will be provided by Peyton Institute for Families in Bangalore and approved by the CCBI.

Course dates: Beginning from **20 June 2026** will continue for 14 consecutive Saturdays from 9: 30 a.m. to 5 :00 p.m. **All days are mandatory for obtaining the certificate.**

Venue:Jeevan Jyothi Retreat Centre, Chikoti Gardens, Begumpet, Secunderabad

Registration Fee; Rs. 500/- and Course fees Rs. 6,000/- per person. First come first serve basis as only 25 participants will be registered.

For registrations (Online) and queries Contact Persons: Fr. David Francis – 9490941460; John Roger Anthony/Jessy - 9515110473– Secretary Couple, Family Apostolate: **OR email us: ahydmpc@gmail.com**

*- Fr David Francis, Director,
Family Apostolate, Archdiocese of Hyderabad*

3. JOURNEYING WITH FAMILIES IV – HYDERABAD FAMILY APOSTOLATE SEMINAR CUM CONSULTATION



Date: April 25, 2026

Venue:Satyodayam Retreat Centre, Tarnaka, Archdiocese of Hyderabad

The Family Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad conducted *Journeying with Families IV*, centered on the theme “12 Ways to Walk with Families following *Amoris Laetitia*.” The program brought together clergy and lay participants to reflect on practical ways of accompanying families in today’s changing social and cultural context.

The event featured Rev. Fr. Arul Raj Gali, Executive Secretary of the Family Commission (CCBI), as the main resource person, with Rev. Fr. Anthiah as guest of honour. A key highlight was the testimony of Mr. Roshan and Mrs. Chrisanna from St. Anthony's Church, who shared their lived experience as a young couple balancing marriage, parenting, and professional life. Drawing from their different family backgrounds, they emphasized communication, mutual adjustment, and sustaining love beyond the early stages of marriage.

The main speaker, Fr. Arul Raj Gali, emphasized the importance of active listening and synodal engagement, drawing from his experiences in Rome with Pope Francis. He highlighted the Church's call—reaffirmed by Pope Leo XIV—to accompany families with compassion, especially amid modern cultural challenges, crises, and changing family dynamics. The focus was on promoting conjugal love, supporting struggling families, and helping young people appreciate the vocation of marriage.

Participants were introduced to a practical pastoral model summarized as *Contact – Connect – Collaborate*, inspired by the vision "Loving Families in a Living Church" (LFLC). Through group discussions using the method of spiritual conversation, attendees proposed actionable ideas for strengthening family life at parish and diocesan levels. Suggestions included deeper study of *Amoris Laetitia*, formation of parish family cells, youth engagement, support for struggling families, marriage preparation initiatives, outreach programs like Marriage Encounter and Retroville, and greater inclusion of the elderly.

Fr. David Francis noted that many of these ideas are already underway or planned within the Archdiocese. He stressed that journeying with families is essential for strengthening both parish communities and the "domestic church" and encouraged the participants to go back to their families and parishes with the "joy of love" in order to become the salt of their families and communities just as Pope Leo XIV invites presidents of Bishops' Conferences in Rome in October 2026 "to proceed, in mutual listening, to a synodal discernment on the steps to be taken in order to proclaim the Gospel to families today, in light of *Amoris Laetitia* and taking into account what is currently being done in the local Churches."

The program concluded with a strong call to action: to actively accompany

families with compassion, listening, and pastoral care, fostering a vibrant and faith-filled family life across the Archdiocese of Hyderabad.

- Roger & Jessy - Secretary Couple, *Family Apostolate*

4. ALTAR SERVERS' MEET – ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD

The Altar Servers' Meet of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad was held on 25 April 2026 at St. Mary's High School, Secunderabad. The gathering brought together altar servers from various parishes for a day of prayer, formation, and fellowship.

The programme began with arrival and registration, followed by the inaugural session. The session included a hymn to the Holy Spirit, Scripture reading, and a short prayer.

The participants engaged in action songs, creating a lively and joyful atmosphere. The first session, on the theme "*Identity of an Altar Server*," focused on understanding the role of altar servers as those who serve Jesus in the Eucharist. The session highlighted essential qualities such as reverence, discipline, punctuality, and prayerfulness, followed by an interactive question-and-answer segment.

The second session centered on "*Spiritual Growth*." The importance of Eucharistic devotion, building a personal relationship with Jesus, and maintaining a consistent prayer life were emphasized.

After a short break, the participants reconvened for more action songs and a practical session. This session provided hands-on training in vesting, proper postures, and the handling of liturgical items, helping the servers to perform their duties with greater confidence and reverence.

The cultural programmes showcased the talents of the participants and added a festive spirit to the event. The meet concluded with a closing session, after which lunch was served.

Overall, the Altar Servers' Meet was a meaningful and enriching experience, fostering spiritual growth, unity, and a deeper understanding of service at the altar among the participants.

- Fr Christopher Joseph Michael

5. JOURNEY OF FAITH: RCIA AT FAMILY OF FAITH WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS INTO THE CHURCH

In the heart of our Archdiocese of Hyderabad, the Family of Faith is actively nurturing adult seekers drawn to the beauty and truth of the Catholic Church through its RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course. Parishes across



the city are referring candidates desiring to explore Catholicism deeply and embrace full communion. This structured program ensures thorough preparation, guiding participants from enquiry to the transformative Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

The journey begins with an initial consultation to discern each person's spiritual readiness. From there, candidates embark on approximately 40 classes, blending Scripture, Church teachings, prayer, and community life. Delivered online by qualified and trained catechists, these sessions offer flexibility for busy adults while upholding the Church's high standards for formation.

The results of this ministry reveal themselves in recent celebrations. Over the past few weeks, several candidates have received the Sacraments in various parishes of the twin cities:

Candidates	Date of Baptism	Parish
Sujoita M & Ravi K	19 April 2026	Immaculate Conception Church, Kukatpally
Rahul & Shyam John	4 April 2026	St Anthony's Shrine, Mettuguda
Pearlson Daniel	16 February 2026	Don Bosco's Parish, Bandlaguda
Sandeep	13 February 2026	St Francis Xavier's Parish, Ammuguda
S Paul	30 January 2026	St Anthony's Shrine, Mettuguda

We are grateful to Fr Sundar, Fr Aloysious, Fr V Rayappa and Fr G Balaswamy for their support and entrusting their candidates to the Family of Faith RCIA Programme.

Looking ahead, a couple of young men are set for Baptism in the coming weeks, at St Alphonsus' Church, Banjara Hills (Fr V K Swamy) and St Anthony's Shrine, Mettuguda, marking fresh beginnings in their walk with Christ.



Approved by the Archdiocese, the Family of Faith's RCIA stands as a vital resource for proper sacramental preparation. We warmly urge parishes to refer interested adults, ensuring they receive the formation they deserve. Contact Family of Faith today to start this life-changing process! For details, reach out to Fr Raju Alex (93910 23522) or Sylvester Isaac (97010 56299).

6. WE CONGRATULATE AND WELCOME OUR NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS.

1. Bio data of Rev. Fr. Aduri Fathima Dwijesh

Name: Fr. Aduri Fathima Dwijesh

DOB: 14th August, 1998.

Parish: St. Xavier Church, Alwal.

Parents name: Late Aduri Kaspa Reddy and Late Sundaramma.

Siblings: 1 elder brother, 2 elder sisters.

Motto: "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Phil. 4:13.

School: Montfort brother's School, Mattampally. (2004-2015)

Intermediate: Loyola Junior College, 2015-2017.

Minor Seminary: Orientation course at St. Pius X Minor Seminary, Karunapuram. (2017-2018)

Spiritual Orientation: St. Paul's Regional Seminary, Nuzvid. 2018-2019.

Graduation: Acharya Nagarajuna University. 2019-2022.

Philosophical Studies: St. John's Regional Seminary, Kondadaba. 2019-2021.



Regency: At Immaculate Conception Church, Kukatpally. 2021-2022.

Theological Studies: St. John's Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur. 2022-2025.

Diaconate Ordination: 28 October 2025 at St. John's Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad by His Excellency Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, Bishop of Vijayawada.

Diaconate Ministry: Diaconate ministry at Archdiocese Retired priests house and Pastoral ministry at Our Lady of good health Shrine, Khairathabad. From 28-12-2025 to 05-04-2026.

Priestly Ordination: 09 April 2026 at St. Mary's Basilica by His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad.

2. Bio data of Rev. Fr. Madanu Manoj Kumar

Name: Fr. Madanu Manoj Kumar

DOB: 26th December, 1999

Parish: Our Lady of Fatima Church (Karunagiri Shrine), Suraram

Parents name: Madanu Anthony and Swarna Latha

Elder brother: Madanu Naveen Kumar

Motto: "I will make you as a light for the nations" (Is 49:6)

School: St. Anthony- Fathima High School, Suraram (2004-2015)

Minor Seminary: St. Pius X Minor Seminary, Karunapuram (2015-2016)

Intermediate: Vidyaniketan Junior College, Karunapuram (2016-2018)

Spiritual Orientation: St. Paul's Regional Seminary, Nuzividu (2018-2019)

Graduation: Osmania University, Tarnaka, Hyderabad (2019-2022)

Philosophical Studies: St. John's Regional Seminary, Kondadaba. 2019-2021.

Regency: Archbhisop's House, Secunderabad (2021-2022)

Theological Studies: St. John's Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur. 2022-2025.

Diaconate Ordination: 28 October 2025 at St. John's Regional Seminary,



Ramanthapur, Hyderabad by His Excellency Most. Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, Bishop of Vijayawada

Diaconate Ministry: Our Lady of Immaculate conception Church, Kukatpally.

Priestly Ordination: 09 April 2026 at St. Mary's Basilica by His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad

3. Bio data of Rev. Fr. Kasu Akhil

Name: Fr. Kasu Akhil

DOB: 12, April 1999

Parish: St. Thomas Church, Lillipur

Parents name: Kasu Arogyam and Kasu Manjula

Younger brother: Kasu Abhishek

Motto: "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." (Phil 4:13)

School: St. Agnes English Medium School, Jadcherla (2004-2015)

Minor Seminary: St. Pius the X Minor Seminary (2015-2016)

Intermediate: Vidyaniketan Junior College (2016-2018)

Spiritual Orientation: St. Paul's Regional Seminary, Nuzvid (2018-2019)

Graduation: Osmania University, Tarnaka, Hyderabad (2019-2022)

Philosophical Studies: St. John's Regional Seminary, Kondadaba (2019-2021)

Regency: Retired Bishop's House, under Late Archbishop Thumma Bala, St. Mary's School Campus, Secunderabad (2021-2022)

Theological Studies: St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad (2022-2025)

Diaconate Ordination: 28 October 2025 at St. John's Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad by His Excellency Most. Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, Bishop of Vijayawada

Diaconate Ministry: Holy Family Church, Trimulgherry, Secunderabad

Priestly Ordination: 09 April 2026 at St. Mary's Basilica by His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad



7. INTERMEDIATE RESULTS OF ST MARY'S JR COLLEGE

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Bi.P.C. - 1st Year
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State 6th Rank
Chris Jason
Bi.P.C. - 1st Year
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State 8th Rank
M. Anusree
MPC - 1st Year
462/470 (98%)

State 8th Rank
Swapna Sarita
Bi.P.C. - 1st Year
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488/500 (98%)

State 10th Rank
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C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

St. Mary's Centenary Junior College once again excelled in IPE 2026 results, State 2nd rank with 99.3% marks and 3rd rank with 99% and nearly 44% of Students got 75% plus percentage of Marks.

- Fr. P. Gnanareddy (Principal)

8. HAES INSTITUTIONS - SSC / CBSE RESULTS 2025-2026



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Dear Rev. Fathers,

Greetings from Hyderabad Archdiocese Educational Society.

On behalf of His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony and the office bearers of HAES, we would like to congratulate and appreciate all the Principals, Staff, Students and Parents for achieving good results in the SSC / CBSE Examinations 2025-26.

HAES INSTITUTIONS – SSC / CBSE RESULTS 2025-26

S. No	Name of the Institution	Board	Total No of students appeared	Total No of students passed	Pass percentage (%)
1	St. Joseph's High School, Dharmaram	SSC	17	17	100
2	St. Ignatius High School, Gagillapur	SSC	65	65	100
3	St. Paul's High School, Nadargul	SSC	63	63	100
4	Infant Jesus International School, Shamshabad	CBSE	196	196	100
5	St. Mark's Jubilee School, Tandur	CBSE	23	23	100
6	Sacred Heart High School, Lalaguda	SSC	101	100	99
7	St. Philomena High School, Bhoiguda	SSC	93	92	99
8	St. Mary's High School, Secunderabad	SSC	192	188	98
9	Mount Carmel High School, New Bowenpally	SSC	71	69	97
10	St. Alphonsus High School, Banjara Hills	SSC	127	122	96
11	St. Mark's High School, Tandur	SSC	100	95	95
12	Fr. Roch Memorial High School, Khairatabad	SSC	91	86	95
13	St. Joseph's High School, Trimulgherry	SSC	96	90	94
14	Valerian Grammar High School, Bolarum	SSC	87	81	93
15	Fatima Matha School, Balaji Nagar	SSC	14	13	93

We shall strive to achieve better results for 2026-27. **All the very best for 2026-27.**


Msgr. Y. Bala Show Reddy
 Vice Chairman


Rev. Fr. G. Anthony
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International News

1. POPE RECOGNIZES MARTYRDOM OF 49 SPANIARDS DURING CIVIL WAR

Pope Leo XIV authorizes the promulgation of decrees recognizing the martyrdom, offering of life, and heroic virtues of several Servants of God, advancing their causes for canonization.

During an audience on Monday with Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, Pope Leo XIV authorized the promulgation of several decrees concerning martyrdom, the offering of life, and the recognition of heroic virtues of several men and women.

Among the decrees is the recognition of the martyrdom of the Servants of God Stanislao Ortega García (born Lorenzo) and 48 companions, members of the Institute of the Brothers of Christian Instruction of Saint Gabriel, together with diocesan priest Emanuel Berenguer Clusella. They were killed between July and November 1936 in various locations in Catalonia, Spain, during the same period of religious persecution, in hatred of the faith.

The Holy Father also recognized the offering of life of the Servant of God Pietro Emanuele Salado Alba, a lay member of the association “Hogar de Nazaret.” Born in 1968 in Chiclana de la Frontera, Spain, he died in 2012 in Playa de Tonsupa, Ecuador.

In addition, the Pope approved decrees recognizing the heroic virtues of three Servants of God. Maria Eletta of Jesus (born Caterina Tramazzoli), a Discalced Carmelite, was born in Terni, Italy, in 1605 and died in Prague in 1663.

Maria Teresa of the Most Holy Trinity (born Teresa Ysseldijk), a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Carmelites of the Divine Heart of Jesus, was born in Apeldoorn, the Netherlands, in 1897 and died in St. Louis, United States, in 1926.

Maria Raffaella De Giovanna, founder of the Congregation of the Tertiary Minim Sisters of Saint Francis of Paola, was born in Genoa, Italy, in 1870, where she died in 1933.

The promulgation of these decrees marks a step forward in the respective causes for canonization.

2. SEOUL NAMES PATRON SAINTS FOR WYD 2027, HIGHLIGHTING FAITH AMID STRUGGLE AND WITNESS

Organizers of the World Youth Day 2027 name five patron saints whose lives reflect persecution, migration, and social struggle, presenting them as guides for young people preparing for the global gathering.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for WYD Seoul 2027 announced the selection of five patron saints, saying they were chosen in light of the event's themes of truth, love, and peace.

The list includes **Pope St. John Paul II, founder of World Youth Day; St. Andrew Kim Taegon and companions, martyrs of the early Korean Church; St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, known for her work with migrants; St. Josephine Bakhita, whose life reflected faith amid suffering; and St. Carlo Acutis, associated with evangelization in the digital age.**

Together, the figures span continents and generations, with lives shaped by war, displacement, slavery, and the challenges of modern culture—experiences organizers say resonate with the realities many young people face today.

The selection process began in late 2024 and included a nationwide survey of young people, youth ministers, and pastoral workers, followed by deliberation by the LOC. A group of young volunteers later spent two months studying the saints' lives and spirituality, preparing prayers and symbolic representations through reflection and discussion. Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life, said the patron saints play a central role in shaping the spiritual preparation for the event.

"The patron saints play a fundamental role in the preparation for every World Youth Day. They invite young people, formators, and pastors to reflect on the gift of God's call, on our baptismal, priestly, religious, and marital vocations, encouraging us to respond to it with generosity and courage in following Christ, who has conquered the world, as the theme of the upcoming WYD reminds us," he said.

"May the witness of these Patron Saints," Cardinal Farrell added, "inspire young people around the world, especially in contexts marked by difficulties and persecution, to see that holiness is not a distant ideal, to fix their gaze on Christ and to respond generously to His call."

Peter Soon-taick Chung, president of the organizing committee, said the saints offer concrete examples for young people.

“These Patron Saints span continents and generations, and each of them offers a concrete path for living the faith amid the realities young people face today,” he said. “I hope that young people will discover in these saints examples for their own lives and, through the journey of preparing for World Youth Day, form a deep spiritual bond with them.”

Organizers said they will continue introducing the saints through official platforms and develop programs to deepen engagement ahead of the 2027 gathering.

An interactive feature titled “Meet Your Patron Saint!” has also been launched, inviting users to answer questions and discover which of the five saints most closely matches them.

3. THE APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF POPE LEO XIV TO ALGERIA, CAMEROON, ANGOLA AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

Today I would like to talk about the Apostolic Journey I made from 13 to 23 April, visiting four African countries: Algeria, Cameroon, Angola and Equatorial Guinea.

Since the very beginning of my Pontificate, I have thought about a journey in Africa. I thank the Lord for granting me the opportunity to undertake it, as Shepherd, to meet and encourage the people of God; and also to experience it as a message of peace at a moment in history marked by conflicts and serious and frequent violations of international law. And I express my heartfelt thanks to the Bishops and Civil Authorities who welcomed me, and to all those who helped organize the visit.

Providence would have it that the first stop should be the very country where the sites of Saint Augustine are found, namely Algeria. Thus, I found myself, on the one hand, revisiting the roots of my spiritual identity and, on the other, crossing and strengthening bridges that are very important for the world and the Church today: the bridge with the very fruitful age of the Fathers of the Church; the bridge with the Islamic world; and the bridge with the African continent.

In Algeria I received a welcome that was not only respectful but warm, and we were able to experience first-hand and show the world that it is possible to live together as brothers and sisters, even of different religions, when we

recognize ourselves as children of the same merciful Father. Furthermore, it was a timely opportunity to learn from the example of Saint Augustine: through his life experience, his writings and his spirituality, he is a teacher in the search for God and for truth. A testimony that is more important than ever today for Christians and for every person.

In the next three countries I visited, the population is instead predominantly Christian, and I therefore found myself immersed in an atmosphere of celebration of the faith and warm welcome, enhanced also by the characteristic traits of the African people. Like my Predecessors, I too experienced something of what happened to Jesus with the crowds in Galilee: He saw them thirsting and hungry for justice, and proclaimed to them: “Blessed are the poor, blessed are the meek, blessed are the peacemakers”, and, recognizing their faith, said, “You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world” (cf. Mt 5:1-16).

The visit to Cameroon allowed me to reinforce the call to work together for reconciliation and peace, for that country too is, unfortunately, marked by tensions and violence. I am glad to have travelled to Bamenda, in the Anglophone region, where I encouraged people to work together for peace. Cameroon is known as “Africa in miniature”, because of the variety and richness of its natural environment and its resources, but we can also interpret this expression to mean that the great needs of the entire continent are found in Cameroon: the need for a fair distribution of wealth; the need to provide space for the young, overcoming endemic corruption, that of promoting integral and sustainable development, countering the various forms of neo-colonialism with far-sighted international cooperation. I thank the Church in Cameroon and all the Cameroonian people, who welcomed me with such love, and I pray that the spirit of unity which was evident during my visit may be kept alive and guide future choices and actions.

The third leg of the trip was in Angola, a large country south of the equator, with a centuries-long Christian tradition, linked to Portuguese colonization. Like many African countries, after achieving independence, Angola went through a troubled period, which in its case was marked by a long and bloody civil war. In the crucible of this history, God has guided and purified the Church, increasingly converting her in the service of the Gospel, human promotion, reconciliation and peace. A free Church for a free people! In the Marian Sanctuary of *MamãMuxima* — which means “Mother of the Heart” — I felt the beating heart of the Angolan people. And in the various meetings I rejoiced to

see so many men and women religious of every age, a prophecy of the Kingdom of heaven in the midst of their people; I saw catechists who dedicate themselves fully to the good of the community; I saw the faces of elderly people weathered by toil and suffering yet radiant with the joy of the Gospel; I saw women and men dancing to the rhythm of songs of praise to the Risen Lord, the foundation of a hope that withstands the disappointments caused by ideologies and the empty promises of the powerful.

This hope demands concrete commitment, and the Church has the responsibility, with the witness and courageous proclamation of the Word of God, to recognize the rights of all and to promote their actual respect. With the Angolan civil authorities, but also with those of other countries, I was able to assure them of the Catholic Church's willingness to continue making this contribution, particularly in the fields of healthcare and education.

The last country I visited was Equatorial Guinea, 170 years after its first evangelization. With the wisdom of tradition and the light of Christ, the Guinean people have weathered the vicissitudes of their history and, in recent days, in the presence of the Pope, have renewed with great enthusiasm their determination to walk together towards a future of hope.

I cannot forget what happened in the prison in Bata, in Equatorial Guinea: the prisoners sang at the top of their voices a song of thanksgiving to God and to the Pope, asking him to pray "for their sins and their freedom". I had never seen anything like it. And then they prayed the "Our Father" with me in the pouring rain. A genuine sign of the Kingdom of God! And still in the rain, the great meeting with the young people began in the stadium in Bata. A celebration of Christian joy, with moving testimonies from young people who have found in the Gospel the path to free and responsible growth. This celebration culminated in the Eucharistic celebration the following day,, which fittingly concluded the visit to Equatorial Guinea, as well as to the entire Apostolic Journey.

Dear brothers and sisters, the Pope's visit is, for the African peoples, a chance to make their voices heard, to express the joy of being God's people and the hope for a better future, of dignity for each and every one. I am happy to have given them this opportunity, and at the same time I thank the Lord for what they have given me, an immeasurable treasure for my heart and my ministry.

- *LEO XIV, Dicastery for Communication - Libreria Editrice Vaticana*

Dates & Events to Remember

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| 01. St. Joseph the worker (Op. M) | 20. St. Bernadine of Siena, Pt (Op. M) |
| 02. St. Athansius, Bp & Dr (M) | 21. St. Christopher Magallanes, Pt & Comps, Mrtrs(Op. M) |
| 12. St. Nereus, St. Achilleus & St. Pancras, Mrtrs(Op. M) | 22. St. Rita of Cascia, Religious (Op.M) |
| 13. Our Lady of Fatima (Op. M) | 24. Pentecost Sunday (Sol.) |
| 14. St. Matthias, Ap (F) | 25. Our Lady, Mother of the Church, (M) |
| 17. The Ascension of the Lord (Sol.) | 26. St. Philip Neri, Pt (M) |
| 18. St. John I, Pope &Mrtr (Op. M) | 27. St. Augustine of Canterbury (Op. M) |
| | 31. The Most Holy Trinity (Sol.) |

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

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| 01. Fr. Gunda Balakiran | 20. Fr. Kandula Charles |
| 04. Fr. Thathireddy Pranay | 21. Fr. Joseph Murickan |
| 14. Fr. Madanu Joseph (Jr.) | 21. Fr. PentareddyGnanareddy |
| 14. Fr. Ambati Pranith | 29. Fr. Gopu Sunder Reddy |
| 16. Fr. Yeruva Marreddy | 30. Fr. Susai Antony (Tony) |
| 16. Fr. Golamari Vinay Kumar | 31. Fr. Madanu Isaac |



Happy Ordination day Dear Fathers

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| 01. Fr. Bandanadam Dennis Bhaskar | 11. Fr. C.M. Micheal D' Souza |
| 03. Fr. Pasala Joseph Kumar | 11. Fr. Madanu Arogya Swamy |
| 03. Fr. Pidikirala Prabhudas | 11. Fr. Pamisetty Praveen Kumar |
| 03. Fr. Vaddamalla Vinod Kumar | 11. Fr. Polisetty Anthony Vinay Kumar |
| 06. Fr. Chinnabathini Benjamin | 11. Fr. Thonta Prabhu Das |
| 06. Fr. Anthony Sagayaraja | 17. Fr. Gunda Balakiran |
| 06. Fr. Tharigopala Victor Emmanuel | 19. Fr. Narisetty Anthony Paul Raj |
| 06. Fr. Therukunnel M. Mathew | 23. Fr. Pasala Sleeva Raju |
| 07. Fr. Joseph Murickan | 23. Fr. Thatireddy Anil Kumar |
| 11. Fr. Bandanadam Prem Kumar | 31. Fr. Susai Anthony (Tony) |

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09. Fr. ThirumalareddyPapaiah

11. Fr. Aloysius Benny

12. Fr. Maramreddy Anthony Reddy

14. Bandanadam Showry Prabhakar

18. Fr. Mulaguri Dhanraj

21. Fr. Udumala Anthaiah

22. Fr. Golamari Innareddy

23. Most Rev. Alfonso Beretta, PIME

27. Fr. Yeruva Bali

30. Archbishop Thumma Bala

31. Fr. Henry D' Souza

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

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