



SHEPHERD'S CALL

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ST. THOMAS
THE APOSTLE

OUR LADY
OF CARMEL

ST. JAMES
THE APOSTLE

MEMORIAL MASS AT ST MARY'S BASILICA



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

LATE MOST REV. MALLAVARAPU PRAKASH
ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS OF VISHAKAPATNAM

BIRTH : 29 JANUARY, 1949

PRIESTLY ORDINATION : 11 OCTOBER, 1979

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION : 22 JULY, 1998

DEATH : 7 JUNE, 2026



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Archbishop's Message



Holy Mother Church, like St. Ann the Mother of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the time and again admonishes Her children to habitually accept the three means offered to them by the Holy Spirit, for the eschatological success of His baptismal mission as the Eternal Father's Spirit of Truth in their spiritual souls, for their sanctification as the adopted children of the Eternal Father in the mystical Body of Christ, and merit His promised salvation for us in His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. These three means, necessary for making true spiritual progress in the Holy Spirit, are spiritual reading, meditation and prayer. Holy Scripture holds primacy of place among the various texts available for spiritual reading. The reading of Holy Scripture, especially of the Book of Sirach, produces a twofold effect in us. Not only does it inform us of God's charity for us in Christ to redeem us from our sin-death condition and sanctify us, but it also instructs us to practice fasting and almsgiving as taught by our Lord to flee from the vanities of our sinful perishable world and love God with all our mind, heart, soul and strength.

The reading of Holy Scripture produces a reverential and salutary familiarity with God and leads us to guard it as the treasure of our personal lives in God's Holy Catholic Church. Intelligent Catholics should pursue

knowledge of God through diligent and religious study of the Holy Scripture in order to love God and neighbour in truth and love. Meditation consists in considering and personally realizing the truth of God's Word to nourish one's 'obedience of faith' to God. This leads a person to develop a pure and fruitful life of prayer and religious action. Then we may be confident that God will hear and answer our prayers because our prayers will be according to His truth. And so, spiritual reading, especially of the Holy Scripture, meditation and prayer are the necessary means whereby we may grow in the knowledge and love of God and of our neighbour and attain the salvation of God historically revealed to us by Him through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ and given by them to us through the mission of His Holy Spirit in our spiritual souls as the Spirit of God's only- begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

POPE'S INTENTION: JULY, 2026

For respect for human life:

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



CARDINAL'S INTENTION: JULY, 2026

Let us pray that the democratic rights and dignity of every citizen may be protected, and that all public processes may uphold justice, fairness, and transparency.



Solemnities and Feasts

July 03

ST. THOMAS APOSTLE OF INDIA (Solemnity)

The Catholic Church in India traces its origin to the preaching of St Thomas the Apostle, who, according to tradition, came to India in 52 A.D., nearly 2000 years ago, and who was martyred in Mylapore, where his tomb is venerated ever since.

The personality of this great figure, with his own characteristic traits, emerges in the Gospel of St John (Jn 11,16; 14,5; 20,24-29).

Together with the other Apostles, he formed an intimate community with Jesus of Nazareth and shared all the joys and trials that accompanied him as he moved around the countryside to preach his message of love and unity. Thomas was an impulsive type of man, zealous in reaching out to others, not afraid to ask questions and seek clarifications when required, who battled with his own resistance and doubts surrounding the extraordinary events of Christ's death and resurrection in Jerusalem. He is the one who, touching Jesus' wounds after the resurrection, had all his doubts disappear and his faith moved to a new level. He simply believed, exclaiming from the depths of his heart: "my Lord and my God". It finally came home to him the full import of what had happened: Jesus Christ had risen from the dead, thus overcoming suffering and death and offering new hope for all humanity. A new era had begun.

Thomas understood his own mission as that of sharing this experience, as in the words of Jesus, "go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good news to all creation", that is, to proclaim the message and reality of God's unconditional love to all peoples, regardless of creed or colour, nationality or race. Each of the Apostles set out on the mission assigned them by the Lord: "you will be my witnesses, not only in Jerusalem, but throughout Judea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1,8).

Source:<https://catholic.cafe>



July 22

ST. MARY MAGDALENE (Feast)

On July 22, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, one of the most prominent women mentioned in the New Testament.

Her name comes from the town of Magdala in Galilee, where she was born. Scripture introduces her as a woman "who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out" (Lk. 8:2).

Some scholars identify Mary Magdalene with the sinful



woman who anointed the feet of Christ with oil in the house of Simon the Pharisee (Lk. 7:36-50). Others associate her with Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus (Lk. 10:38-42, Jn. 11). Some believe the three figures to be one person, while others believe them to be three distinct individuals.

What the Scriptures make certain about Mary Magdalene is that she was a follower of Christ, who accompanied and ministered to him (Lk. 8:2-3). The Gospels record her as being one of the women present at Christ's crucifixion.

In addition, she was the first recorded witness of the Resurrection. The Gospels all describe Mary Magdalene going to the tomb on Easter morning. When she saw that the tomb was empty, she stood outside, weeping. Jesus appeared to her and asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" (Jn. 20:15)

She did not recognize him, however, and thought he was the gardener, until he said her name, "Mary!" (Jn. 20:16) Upon hearing this, Mary recognized him. She returned to the grieving disciples to announce to them the message of the Resurrection.

Source: www.catholicnewsagency.com

July 25

ST. JAMES, APOSTLE (Feast)

Among the Twelve Apostles were two named James: James, the son of Zebedee and James, the son of Alphaeus. The former is traditionally called James the Greater, and the latter is traditionally called James the Lesser, perhaps because the former was taller than the latter, or more likely because of the greater importance James the Greater played in the Gospel narrative.

James the Greater, whom we honor today, was the brother of John, the Gospel writer. Their mother is traditionally believed to be Salome, who is identified as the sister to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Hence, if Salome and Mary were siblings, then James and John were Jesus' cousins.

In John's Gospel (John 1:35-51), two of John the Baptist's disciples were with John when he saw Jesus walking by. The Baptist said of Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples then left the Baptist and followed Jesus. One of the disciples was Andrew, and the other is traditionally believed to be James the Greater. The Gospels of Matthew and Mark record James' calling a bit differently. "[Jesus] walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him" (Mark 1:19-20). James and John most likely came from a family of means. Their father, Zebedee, most likely employed other fishermen alongside his sons. Their mother, Salome, is said to have been one of the women who supported Jesus and the disciples out of her own means. And John was entrusted with the care of Jesus' mother, partly implying that he had the means to do so.

Source: <https://mycatholic.life/>



Archbishop's Engagements

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

JULY 2026

- 01-02. Mon – Tue : Rome
03. Fri 09.30 a.m. : Blessing and Inauguration of the New Bishop's House, Warangal
- 10.30 a.m. : Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Msgr. Duggimpudi Vijaya Paul, Bishop Elect of Warangal Diocese at Our Lady of Fatima Cathedral Campus Fatimanagar, NIT, Hanmakonda
05. Sun 08.30 a.m. : Ruby Jubilee Celebrations and Festive Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Seethaphalmandi
- 04.00 p.m. : Closing Eucharistic Celebration of the Eucharistic Congress at Divyodaya (St. Ann's of Luzern), Suchitra Junction
- 07-08. Tue- Wed : In Office
09. Thu 11.00 a.m. : Governing Body Meeting at St. Mary's Centenary Degree College, Secunderabad
10. Fri. : In Office
11. Sat 05.00 p.m. : Closing Celebrations of Golden Jubilee at Jeevan Jyothi, Begumpet
13. Mon : In Office
14. Tue : Clergy Recollection at Archbishop's House, Secunderabad

15. Wed : Mar Ivanios Day Celebrations, Trivandrum, Kerala
17. Fri : In Office
- 20-27. Mon-Sun : 12th- Plenary Assembly FABC, Jakarta, Indonesia
29. Wed 10.30 a.m. : Perpetual Profession of JMJ sisters, Provinciate, Somajiguda
31. Fri 06.00 p.m. : Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola at St. Patrick's High School, Secunderabad

TENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS: AUGUST 2026

01. Sat 05.30 p.m. : First Holy Communion at St. Alphonsa's Church, BHEL
02. Sun 09.00 a.m. : Festive Mass, Confirmations & First Holy Communion at St. Alphonsus Church, Banjara Hills
09. Sun 09.00 a.m. : Festive Mass at St. John Maria Vianney Church, Bhoiguda
15. Sat 09.30 a.m. : Festive Mass at St. Mary's Basilica, Secunderabad

30th June 2026
Archbishop's House

✠ Cardinal Poola Anthony
Archbishop of Hyderabad

Communications

1. MONTHLY RECOLLECTION:

Archdiocesan Clergy Monthly Recollection is arranged at Archbishop's House on **14th (Tuesday) July, 2026** from 09.30 am to 01.00 pm. All the Archdiocesan Priests and Religious & other Diocesan Pastoral clergy working in the Archdiocese are to participate in this recollection.

2. SUMMARY: INSTRUCTIONS ON BIRITUALISM AND RELATED NORMS

The Archdiocese of Hyderabad issues a directive based on recent communication from the Dicastery for Eastern Churches regarding:

- **Biritualism**
- **Transfers of ascription** to a *sui iuris* Church
- **Adaptation of liturgical rites**

Key Points:

- o **Biritual faculty is reserved to the Holy See** and cannot be assumed or granted without explicit approval.
- o **No priest—Latin or Oriental—has biritual faculty by default.** It must be formally granted by the Holy See.
- o In the context of Hyderabad, the relevant Eastern *sui iuris* Churches are the **Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Churches.**
- o **When inviting a priest** (especially from an Eastern Church) to celebrate Mass or preach a retreat in the Latin Rite, it must be verified that he has the **biritual faculty to do so.**
- o Latin priests must likewise be authorized before ministering in Eastern rites.
- o Updated canonical guidelines from the Dicastery will soon be made available.
- o All clergy and religious are required to **consult the Chancery** before initiating any actions related to biritualism, ascription transfers, or liturgical adaptations.

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

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

4. REMINDER:

All Parish Priests and Heads of the Institutions, who have not yet paid the special collections and Second Sunday Collections, are requested to pay as soon as possible. Please clear all dues till June, 2026. Please contact Procurator's office for details of your parish/institute dues.

5. SEMINARIAN FUND:

We have a fund For Seminarians and young priests. Please announce in all the Parishes and encourage the faithful to come forward to support the future priests. This year we have taken ten new Seminarians for the Archdiocese. They have been sent to St. Pius X inter Diocesan Seminary in Karunapuram and St. John's Seminary Nuzvid. Let us pray for them.

6. DEMISE OF HIS GRACE MOST REV. DR. PRAKASH MALLAVARAPU:

The Archdiocese of Hyderabad joins the Universal Church in prayerful remembrance of His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Prakash Mallavarapu, Archbishop Emeritus of Visakhapatnam, who entered eternal life on 7 June 2026, at the age of 77.

Born on 29 January 1949 in Jadi-Jamalpur, Nizamabad, Archbishop Prakash was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Hyderabad on 11 October 1979. For nearly nineteen years, he served the archdiocese with exemplary dedication in pastoral, educational, and administrative ministries before being called to the episcopate as Bishop of Cuddapah in 1998. He later served as Bishop of

Vijayawada and Metropolitan Archbishop of Visakhapatnam, where his visionary leadership, pastoral zeal, and commitment to evangelization left an enduring legacy.

At the national level, he rendered distinguished service as Secretary General of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) and as Chairman of the CCBI Commission for Clergy and Religious, contributing significantly to the life and mission of the Church in India.

Above all, Archbishop Prakash will be remembered as a humble and compassionate shepherd. His simplicity of life, inspiring preaching, fatherly concern, wise counsel, and unwavering love for the poor endeared him to priests, religious, and the faithful across the country.

Following his peaceful demise on 7 June 2026, his mortal remains were laid to rest at St. Peter's Cathedral, Gnanapuram, Visakhapatnam, on 11 June 2026. As a mark of gratitude and filial affection, the Archdiocese of Hyderabad celebrated a Memorial Mass on 16 June 2026 at St. Mary's Basilica, Secunderabad, thanking Almighty God for the gift of his faithful priesthood, dedicated episcopal ministry, and lifelong service to Christ and His Church.

The Archdiocese of Hyderabad gratefully remembers one of her distinguished sons and commends his noble soul to the infinite mercy of God.

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

7. SPECIAL INTENSIVE REVISION (SIR) OF ELECTORAL ROLLS

On 26 June 2026, the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, in collaboration with the concerned authorities, successfully conducted a Training Programme on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls at the Pastoral Centre, Hyderabad. The programme was attended by 70 representatives from various parishes and institutions, who were trained to guide the faithful in the voter verification and registration process.

The **Special Intensive Revision (SIR)** is an important exercise undertaken by the Election Commission to ensure that every eligible citizen is correctly enrolled in the electoral roll. As responsible citizens and as a Church committed to promoting the common good, we encourage every eligible person (18 years and above) to verify that his or her name appears in the voters' list and to complete all necessary corrections or registrations.

All Parish Priests, Religious Communities, and Institutions are requested to:

- **Establish a Voter Assistance Help Desk** in the parish or institution.
- **Create awareness** through Sunday announcements, parish meetings, youth groups, Small Christian Communities (SCCs), schools, colleges, and social media.
- **Assist all eligible parishioners** in verifying their voter details and ensuring that their names are included in the electoral roll.
- **Help new voters** register and facilitate corrections, transfers, or updates wherever required.
- **Mobilize volunteers**, especially those who attended the SIR training, to assist the elderly, migrant workers, persons with disabilities, and those who require digital support.
- **Complete this parish-wide awareness and verification campaign within the next 10 days**, ensuring that no eligible voter is left out.
- Participation in the electoral process is both a constitutional right and a civic responsibility. By helping our faithful to register and verify their names in the electoral roll, we contribute to strengthening democratic participation and ensuring that every eligible citizen can exercise the right to vote.
- We request your wholehearted cooperation in making this campaign a success in every parish, institution, and community of the archdiocese.

TRANSFERS & APPOINTMENTS

Parish Priests of Religious Parishes

Fr. J. Amburose ALCP/OSS - Parish Priest of Lourdhu Matha Church, Church Colony

Assistant Priests of Religious Parishes

Fr. M. Bala Nikhil ALCP/OSS - Assistant Parish Priest of Lourdhu Matha Church, Church Colony

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

With Regards and Prayers
✠ **Cardinal Poola Anthony**
Archbishop of Hyderabad

2ND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2026

Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount	Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount
1		Armoor		53		Lillipur	
2		Aliabad		54		Mahendra Hills	
3		Alirajpet		55		Madinaguda	
4	11-05-2026	Alwal	11750	56	22-05-2026	Mallapur	996
5		Ammuguda		57		Manikonda Mission	
6		Arogya Nagar (Mission)		58	11-05-2026	Mariapuram (Adibatla)	1000
7	25-05-2026	Arul Colony	18470	59		Medak	
8		Balaji Nagar		60		Medchal	
9		Band Lines		61		Medipally	
10		Bandlaguda Jagir		62		Mettuguda	
11	22-06-2026	Banjara Hills	10700	63		Miyapur	
12		Basuregadi		64		Moul-Ali	
13		Bayyaram		65		Mudfort	
14		Bazarghat		66		Muthangi	
15		BHEL - MIG		67		Nacharam	
16		Begumpet		68		Nandrakal	
17		Bodhan		69		Nedunoor	
18		Boduppall/Bolligudem		70	11-05-2026	Neela Camp	300
19		Bhoiguda		71		Nizamabad	
20	15-06-2026	Bolarum	7510	72		Nizampet	
21		Borabanda		73		Pargi	
22	18-05-2026	Bowenpally	10000	74		Patancheru	
23		Cherlapally		75	17-06-2026	Ramachandrapuram	8200
24		Chintalacheruvu		76		Ramanthapur	
25	12-05-2026	Church Colony	3000	77	27-05-2026	Ramnagar	13000
26	01-06-2026	Dammaiguda	10500	78		Sadasivpet	
27		Dharmaram		79	27-05-2026	Sainikpuri	3500
28		Dayanandnagar		80	12-05-2026	Sanathnagar	18000
29		Emjala		81		Sangareddy	
30		Gaddiannaram		82		Santhoshnagar	
31		Gagillapuram		83		Sappers Lines	
32		Gajwel		84	14-05-2026	Secunderabad	50000
33		Gandhinagar		85		Shabad	
34		Garrison (Trimulgherry)		86	11-06-2026	Shamshabad	2500
35		Ghatkesar		87		Shanthinagar	
36		Golconda		88		Shapurnagar	
37	20-05-2026	Godumakunda	800	89		Siddipet	
38	29-05-2026	Gunfoundry	14200	90		Seethaphalmandi	
39		Jadi Jamalpur		91	16-06-2026	Sultan Bazar	4000
40	11-05-2026	Jagadgirigutta	3500	92	19-05-2026	Suraram	3000
41		Jahanuma		93		Tandur	
42		Jeedimetla		94		Toopran	
43		Jeeva Jala		95	25-05-2026	Trimulgherry	35200
44		Jogipet		96		Uminthal	
45		Joipet		97		Vanasthalipuram	
46		Kalwakole		98		Venkatapuram	
47		Kamareddy		99		Vikarabad	
48		Khairatabad		100	11-05-2026	Yapral	6000
49		Kissan Nagar		101	14-05-2026	Yeddumylaram	500
50		Kukatpally		102		Yellareddy	
51		Lallaguda		103		Zaheerabad	
52	04-06-2026	L. B. Nagar	1783			Total	238409

SEMINARIANS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD

S.No	Name	Stage Of Formation
1.	Br. Fabian Sebastian	4 th Year Theology (Ramanthapur)
2.	Br. P. Kalyan	4 th Year Theology(Ramanthapur)
3.	Br. G. Akhil	4 th Year Theology (Ramanthapur)
4.	Br. Ivon Britto Patrick	3 rd Year Theology (Ramanthapur)
5.	Br. Ch. Calvin Kenneth	1 st Year Theology (Ramanthapur)
6.	Br. P. Mary Bala Claret	Regency at Valerian High School and Hostel, Yapral
7.	Br. M. Alphonse Christhu Raj	3 rd Year Philosophy (Karunapuram)
8.	Br. Mendies Rudolf Richard	3 rd Year Philosophy (Karunapuram)
9.	Br. T. Bala Pujith Thrishanth Kumar	3 rd Year Philosophy (Karunapuram)
10.	Br. Ch. Anush	2 nd Year Philosophy (Kondadaba)
11.	Br. K. Rohit Marreddy	2 nd Year Philosophy (Kondadaba)
12.	Br. G. Navaneeth	2 nd Year Philosophy (Kondadaba)
13.	Br. Dellacroix Calvin Joshua	2 nd Year Philosophy (Kondadaba)
14.	Br. U. Prem Kumar	2 nd Year Philosophy (Bangalore)
15.	Br. M. Dilip Adarsh Reddy	01 st Year Philosophy (Kondadaba)
16.	Br. A. Bala Johnson	Spiritual Orientation (Nuzvid)
17.	Br. G. Bhanu Prakash	Spiritual Orientation (Nuzvid)
18.	Br. Jack Calvin	Spiritual Orientation (Nuzvid)
19.	Br. Joshua	Spiritual Orientation (Nuzvid)
20.	Br. M. Stephen Paul	Spiritual Orientation (Nuzvid)
21.	Br. P. Abhishek	Spiritual Orientation (Nuzvid)
22.	Br. Y. Akhil	Spiritual Orientation (Nuzvid)
23.	Br. Prafool Minj	Spiritual Orientation (Nuzvid)
24.	Br. B. Akshay	2 nd Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)
25.	Br. M. Anthony Patrick	2 nd Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)
26.	Br. P. Joseph Akhil	2 nd Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)
27.	Br. B. Ajay Joseph	1 st Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)
28.	Br. G. Kevin Alex	1 st Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)

29.	Br. K. Noel Sathwik	1 st Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)
30.	Br. M. Rubin Crystal	1 st Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)
31.	Br. Sh. Varun Reddy	1 st Year Intermediate (Karunapuram)
32.	Br. G. Bala Sudeeth Reddy	Orientation (Karunapuram)
33.	Br. G. Ujwal Rohith	Orientation (Karunapuram)
34.	Br. N. Tejesh	Orientation (Karunapuram)
35.	Br. P. Anthony Leonard	Orientation (Karunapuram)
36.	Br. P. Ashish Anthony	Orientation (Karunapuram)
37.	Br. P. Likith Rohan	Orientation (Karunapuram)
38.	Br. P. Thambi Carmel Raju	Orientation (Karunapuram)
39.	Br. S. Vivian	Orientation(Karunapuram)
40.	Br. T. Bala Suprith	Orientation (Karunapuram)
41.	Br. T. Stennis Aaryan	Orientation (Karunapuram)

LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	PARISH/INDIVIDUAL	NO. OF MASSES
29-05-2026	GUNFOUNDRY	157
01-06-2026	DAMMAIGUDA	186
01-06-2026	KHARITHABAD	550
10-06-2026	GANDHINAGAR	800
12-06-2026	DIVINE LIGHT MINISTRY (Sec-bad)	30
15-06-2026	BOLARUM	70
16-06-2026	SULTAN BAZAR	100
24-06-2026	TRIMULGHERRY	500
25-06-2026	METTUGUDA	6000
25-06-2026	ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL (Sec-Bad)	83
	Total	8476

Pastoral News

1. ANNUAL FEAST 2026 ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, VENKATAPURAM

With hearts filled with gratitude to God and deep joy, we present the report of the Annual Feast of St. Anthony's Church, Venkatapuram, celebrated from 12th to 23rd June 2026.

Spiritual Preparation: The celebrations began with the Flag Hoisting Ceremony and the novena, organised by the Legion of Mary, Youth, Children, and all Zonal families. Each novena day saw large and prayerful participation from the faithful. The liturgies were vibrant, creative, and meaningful. They strengthened our community, and each novena felt like a mini feast in itself.

Volunteer Service : In the days leading to the feast, Parish Council members, youth, children, and volunteers served generously. Their dedication ensured smooth preparation and fostered a true spirit of communion.

Feast Day Celebration: The Feast Day was blessed with the presence of priests, religious sisters from various congregations, friends, family members, and parishioners. The Solemn Feast Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. V.K. Swamy and was spiritually uplifting for all.

Community Fellowship The Community Fellowship Meal served around 1,100 people. It became a beautiful expression of Christian love and unity, bringing together all sections of our parish family.

Procession and Public Witness The evening procession through the streets of Venkatapuram was devout and orderly. The faithful recited the Rosary and witnessed their faith peacefully. The youth, Parish Council, and volunteers managed traffic with great care, ensuring minimal inconvenience to the public.

Festive Conclusion The concluding Benediction, followed by fireworks and the Khairatabad Band, created a festive atmosphere that will remain etched in our memories.

Special Feature A unique aspect of this year's feast was its extension beyond Sunday. Holy Mass for deceased parishioners was offered on Monday, and the Lowering of the Flag took place on Tuesday, marking a prayerful conclusion to the celebrations.

We thank God for His countless blessings and all who contributed to making this feast a grace-filled experience.

- Fr M. Kennedy (Parish Priest) St. Anthony's Church, Venkatapuram

2. HOLY EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATED IN MEMORY OF MOST. REV. DR. MALLAVARAPU PRAKASH EMERITUS ARCHBISHOP OF VISHAKHAPATNAM AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH JADI JAMALPUR PARISH, ON 20TH JUNE 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.



3. ANNUAL FEAST OF SACRED HEART CHURCH, LALLAGUDA



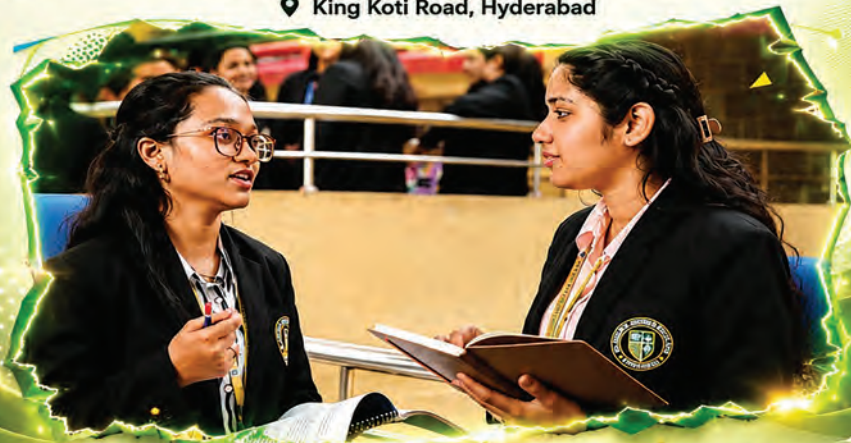


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Archdiocesan News

1. BLESSING OF RENOVATED PRESBYTERY AND PARISH OFFICE OF ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, VENKATAPURAM.



2. FAMILY OF FAITH ANNOUNCES SIXTH BATCH OF THE DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY

“Emmaus Programme for Discipleship”

We are pleased to inform you that the Family of Faith, a lay (Ministry/Apostolate) of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, in collaboration with St. John's Regional Seminary, is commencing the Sixth Batch of the Diploma in Theology, “Emmaus Programme for Discipleship.”

This is a two-year course commencing on Saturday, 25 July 2026. Classes will be held every Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's College of Pharmacy, St. Francis Street, Secunderabad, Telangana.

The Family of Faith is proud to support this initiative, which awards a Diploma in Theology upon successful completion and helps build a well-informed Catholic community in our Archdiocese. The Family of Faith will administer the program, open to laity and religious of all ages. Your support in encouraging parishioners to enrol will enrich your parish with trained resource persons in theology.

We request the Parish Priest to kindly make an announcement in the church and display the brochure on the notice board. The Sixth Batch of the Diploma in Theology will commence on 25 July 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at St. Mary's College of Pharmacy, St. Francis Street, Secunderabad, Telangana. For

further details and registration, please contact the Family of Faith Office at the HASSS Office.

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3. 6th WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY - 26 JULY 2026

The 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday, 26 July 2026, with the theme “I will never forget you” (Isaiah 49:15), chosen by the Holy Father, Pope Leo.

Celebrated close to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus, this year’s theme reflects God’s unwavering love and faithfulness. Even in the fragility of old age, the Lord never forgets His people. The Holy Father’s message offers hope and consolation to grandparents and the elderly, especially those who experience loneliness or feel forgotten. It also invites families and parish communities to cherish older persons as treasured witnesses of faith, wisdom, hope, and love.

The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life encourages every diocese to mark the occasion with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist alongside grandparents and the elderly, and by reaching out to those who are homebound or living in isolation. Pastoral resources for the celebration will be made available through the Dicastery and shared with dioceses.

Archdiocesan Celebration

The Archdiocesan Family Apostolate will celebrate the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at the Archdiocesan level on Tuesday, 28 July 2026. Parishes are requested to send representatives to participate in this celebration. Details regarding the venue, programme, and registration will be communicated separately.

Parish Celebrations

Parishes, institutions, and deaneries are encouraged to celebrate the World Day on Sunday, 26 July 2026, or on another suitable Sunday, during one of the parish Masses. The Archdiocesan Family Apostolate will provide the liturgical resources and other materials for the celebration.

Parishes are also requested to send a brief report along with photographs of their celebrations to the Family Apostolate, Archdiocese of Hyderabad.

- *Fr. David Francis (Director Family Apostolate)*

World Day of the Grandparents and Elderly – July 26, 2026

Readings: 1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12; Rom 8: 28-30; Mt 13: 44-52

Introduction

Today we celebrate the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, with the theme “I will never forget you” (Isa 49:15), chosen by the Holy Father, Pope Leo, on the Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, the parents of Our Blessed Mother and maternal grandparents of Jesus. The Church reminds us to cherish grandparents and the elderly as witnesses of hope, wisdom, faith, and love, never forgotten but valued as precious blessings within our families and communities. May our prayers in this Eucharist bring them good health, strength and peace.

Homily Notes

Today we celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, instituted by Pope Francis in 2021, with this year’s beautiful theme: “*I will never forget you*” (Isaiah 49:15). These words remind us that God never forgets His children, especially the elderly who are often vulnerable, lonely, or overlooked. The Church also reminds us never to forget them, because grandparents and elders are treasures of wisdom, prayer, faith, and hope.

In the first reading from First Book of Kings, King Solomon asks God not for riches or power, but for wisdom. True wisdom is knowing what really matters in life. Many of us have experienced this wisdom through grandparents or elderly people who guided us with gentle advice, patient correction, and silent sacrifice. Their wisdom was not learned only from books, but through years of joys and sorrows, failures and victories, prayer and perseverance.

Who can forget the blessing of a grandmother before exams, the rosary prayed by an elderly parent, or the encouraging words of a grandfather during difficult moments? These simple acts become treasures that shape our faith. Often, the elderly teach us that trust in God is not a passing emotion but a lifelong decision.

In the second reading from Epistle to the Romans, Saint Paul reminds us that “all things work together for good for those who love God.” God has a purpose for every life, including the lives of the elderly. Society may sometimes see old age as weakness or burden, but God sees dignity, experience, and mission. The elderly continue to evangelize through their patience, endurance, and prayer. Even when physically weak, they remain spiritually powerful.

Today's Gospel from Gospel of Matthew speaks about the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great price. Grandparents and elders are such treasures within our families and communities. Sadly, in today's fast-moving world, many elderly people feel forgotten. Some live alone. Some long simply for conversation, attention, or a visit. The Gospel challenges us to recognize their value before it is too late.

The Gospel also reminds us to focus on the true treasures of life—not merely money, success, or comfort, but faith, relationships, kindness, and eternal life. Very often, our grandparents understood this deeply. They taught us to pray before meals, to trust God during hardships, and to remain united as families.

(You may like to choose from the list of practical suggestions given below for worthy engagement with grandparents and the elderly)

Remember, the Fourth Commandment—honour your father and mother—is the only commandment with a promise attached to it.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with wisdom and gratitude. Through the intercession of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, may we cherish our grandparents and elderly, never forgetting them, just as God never forgets us.

These are a few suggestions offered to celebrate Grandparents and Elderly Day

1. Visit the Elderly and the Sick in their Homes – Personal presence in listening is healing and comforting and so also is the quality time you can spend with them.
2. Encourage them to share their skills or hobbies with younger family members.
3. Create opportunities for them to mentor or guide younger generations.
4. Take Communion to the elderly – Jesus in the Eucharist brings them Strength.
5. Listen to the Confession of the elderly in their homes – it brings them grace.
6. Pray with them and pray for them – a rosary, for the Blessed Mother is their companion.
7. Children and grandchildren - Phone, Chat, and Video call and show your affection – they need to feel cared and loved.
8. Help them in their daily routines – lending a helping hand can bring them a confidence and strength from within to be active.
9. Dedicate a Meme/ Reel/Video/ Song/Poster/etc – show them the new trend.
10. Take them for dinner – the fresh air outside the inner walls of the house brings in a lot of goodness.

11. Ask them for their advice and perspective - make them feel important in your lives.
12. Keep them informed about family events and involve them in planning
13. Involve them in family traditions, storytelling or history sharing.
14. Give them small tasks and responsibilities
15. Thank them for their role in the family – Show appreciation and be grateful.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: As we celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, let us confidently place our prayers before God, whose faithful love never abandons His children. Our response is: LORD, IN YOUR GREAT MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYER

1. For our Holy Father, Bishops, Clergy, Religious and the Lay Faithful, that they may cherish grandparents and elderly as treasures of wisdom and faith, we pray...
2. For political leaders and governments, that they may promote policies protecting the dignity, welfare, healthcare and support of elderly citizens, we pray...
3. For our parish community, that we may gratefully honour grandparents and elders, at home and in the community for their sacrifices, guidance, catechesis and witness of faith, we pray...
4. For the elderly, sick, suffering, isolated and dying persons, and caregivers serving them lovingly, that Christ may grant healing, comfort, strength, and peace, we pray...
5. For our elderly clergy and religious, that God may reward their faithful service with comfort, good health, strength and loving community support, we pray...
6. For the intentions we hold within our hearts, that God may fulfil our deepest needs according to His loving and perfect will, (pause for 7 seconds)... we pray...

CELEBRANT: Loving Father, hear the prayers we offer today for grandparents and the elderly. Grant us grateful hearts, compassionate spirit and the wisdom to value their enduring presence among us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

4. YOUTH SUMMER CAMP 2026 AT ST. JOHN MARIA VIANNEY CHURCH, BHOIGUDA

The Youth Summer Camp 2026 at St. John Maria Vianney Church was a vibrant, spiritually enriching experience that brought together the youth of

our parish in faith, fellowship, and joyful celebration. It was thoughtfully arranged by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Madanu Prathap and was guided by the inspiring theme, “**BE THE LIGHT**” (Mt 5:14), rooted in the words of Jesus. It served as a powerful call to young people to reflect Christ’s love, step out with purpose, and shine brightly in the world today.



The camp featured insightful presentations by distinguished resource persons, **Fr. Dominic OFM** and **Sr. Grace D’silva SPPG**, who guided the youth through engaging spiritual and practical teachings. A major highlight of the event was the interactive floor discussions. During these sessions, the youth actively participated in brainstorming and proposing effective resolutions for a better tomorrow in the Church, ensuring their voices contribute meaningfully to the parish’s future.



The spiritual atmosphere was further elevated by energetic praise and worship sessions, alongside highly interactive learning modules. Balancing spiritual depth with community building, the camp also included exciting fun activities and vibrant fellowship that strengthened bonds among the participants. Thanks to the vision of Fr. Kranthi

Kumar, Assistant Parish Priest and the in charge of the parish youth and the dedication of the Youth Leaders, the youth left renewed, connected, and fully equipped to be a beacon of light in their daily lives.

5. CHILDREN SUMMER CAMP 2026 AT ST. JOHN MARIA VIANNEY CHURCH, BHOIGUDA

The Children’s Summer Camp 2026 at St. John Maria Vianney Church was a resounding success, bringing together 160 children of various age groups starting from 1st Class to 10th Class for five days of spiritual renewal, learning, and wholesome recreation. Visionary guidance and careful arrangements by

our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Madanu Prathap, ensured the camp provided a safe, nurturing, and joyful space for the young minds of the parish to grow closer to Christ and each other.

Throughout the five days, the daily schedule beautifully balanced faith formation with creative expression and play. The core of the camp focused on deepening the children's foundational faith through structured catechism classes tailored to different age periods, improving their religious understanding. These lessons were complemented by high-energy praise and worship sessions, spiritual animations, and interactive group dynamics that made Christian values alive and relatable. To build confidence and teamwork, the children actively participated in various spiritual and cultural enactments, showcasing biblical stories and moral themes through creative skits and performances.

Balancing this spiritual depth with pure childhood joy, the daily sessions featured vibrant party games and friendly team competitions that kept energy levels high. The entire experience reached its joyful climax with an outdoor picnic, giving the children a memorable day of relaxation, bonding, and fellowship.

The incredible success of this extensive camp was made possible through the valuable expertise of our resource persons like Fr. Prince, Br. Sunny, Jesus Youth, Holy Family Youth, Ms. Natty, Ms. Evita, and Ms. Sanjana who guided the children with love and dedication. Immense gratitude is also extended to the parish youth volunteers, led efficiently by Fr. Kratnhi Kumar, Assistant Parish Priest, Mr. Savio and Mr. Reymond, whose relentless hard work and logistical support ensured the camp ran smoothly from start to finish. Ultimately, the Children's Summer Camp 2026 left a lasting impact on our parish community, sending 160 children home with renewed hearts, stronger friendships, and a deeper love for the Church.



6. VANABHOJANAM & GREEN MISSION: A CELEBRATION OF FAITH AND CREATION - ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, ALIRAJPET

"The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it." (Psalm 24:1)

Responding to the Church's call to care for our common home, St. Joseph's Church, Alirajpet, organized a meaningful Vanabhojanam and Tree Plantation Programme on 28 June 2026, bringing together faith, fellowship, and environmental stewardship in a spirit of gratitude to God the Creator.



The programme commenced with the Holy Eucharistic Celebration at 11:30 a.m., presided over by Rev. Fr. Babu Rajendra, MC. During the celebration, the faithful offered prayers of thanksgiving and sought God's blessings upon the parish and its mission of protecting creation, recognizing the earth as a precious gift entrusted to humanity.



The tree plantation initiative was blessed and inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Thonta Prabhudas, Gajwel Dean, who reminded the faithful that planting a tree is a lasting act of faith, hope, and love. He encouraged everyone to care not only for the saplings planted that day but also for the environment as responsible stewards of God's creation.

As part of the parish's Green Mission, 190 saplings were planted, comprising 130 sandalwood, 20 silver oak, and 40 fruit-bearing and other useful trees, promoting biodiversity and a healthier environment. Nearly 400 parishioners and villagers enthusiastically participated, demonstrating their shared commitment to creating a greener and more sustainable future.

The programme was graced by the presence of Rev. Fr. Thathireddy Anil Kumar, Parish Priest, parish committee members, village elders, Mr. Rachamala Elyasha, Village Sarpanch, Mr. Govindu Paul, Vice-Sarpanch, Sr. Deepa, Sr. Bency, their communities, and numerous parishioners, youth, women, and children. The Vanabhojanam fostered joyful fellowship as families shared meals together while celebrating their common responsibility to care for creation.

Inspired by the spirit of *Laudato Si'*, the parish reaffirmed its commitment to ecological responsibility rooted in the Gospel. The parish extends its heartfelt



gratitude to all benefactors, volunteers, sponsors, religious sisters, village authorities, and every participant whose generous support made this initiative a memorable success.

Reflecting on the significance of the day, the Parish Priest, remarked:

"Today, we planted 190 trees; tomorrow,

they will become a forest of hope. We planted not merely saplings, but values—faith, responsibility, gratitude, and love for creation."

- Rev. Fr. Thathireddy Anil Kumar (Parish Priest, St. Joseph's Church, Alirajpet)

7. SAMANVAYA 2026 STRENGTHENS PARENT-COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH'S DEGREE & PG COLLEGE, KING KOTI

St. Joseph's Degree & PG College, King Koti, organized Samanvaya 2026, its annual parent-college interface programme, bringing together nearly 1,000 parents, students, and faculty members to welcome the new academic year. The programme aimed at fostering a strong partnership between parents and the institution in the holistic formation of students.

The chief guest, Fr. Praveen Henry D'Souza, Alumnus of the 1st Batch 1997-2000, encouraged parents to guide their children with trust while allowing them the freedom to make responsible decisions. Msgr. Y. Balashowry, Vice Chairman of the Hyderabad Archdiocese Educational Society, Director & Correspondent emphasized that true education forms young people in discipline, integrity, competence, confidence, and character.

Principal Fr. Anthony Sagayaraja presented the institution's academic vision under the theme, "Sustainable Excellence through Inclusion, Innovation and Institutional Values." Vice Principal Fr. Pranith also highlighted the college's student support systems, academic expectations, and commitment to nurturing individuals through value-based education.

The event reflected the Archdiocese's continuing mission of providing holistic, faith-inspired education that empowers young people to excel academically while growing in values and responsibility.

- Fr. Ambati Pranith (Vice Principal St. Joseph's Degree & PG College)

8. PARENTS AND STUDENTS ORIENTATION PROGRAMS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27 BY ST. MARY'S CENTENARY JUNIOR COLLEGE

Having completed Admissions for all 5 groups briskly, St. Mary's Centenary Junior College has organized Parents Orientation program to educate them about Teenage temperament, Academics, Various activities conducted during the year by the College for the awareness of Parents.



Keynote Address was given by Msgr. Y. BalaShowry. He nailed it with precise message, HOW HOME AND COLLEGE has to narrow the gap to bring up bright Students, what is the role of Parents in collaboration with Lecturers to guide, mold and bring out the best in their Wards.



A panel of Lecturers deliberated College, Code, Conduct, rules and regulations along with upto the times Study patterns in our College.

New Students Orientation also was organized for College life, how to build up their career, organize proper Study methods and other activities. Both the programs were aimed at animation of

Staff, Parents and Students for greater Scope of Students.

With this new Academic years begins on the right note.

- Ms. Shanti Priya, JL English



Regional News

1. GNANA JYOTHI BIBLE EXAM - 2026

We are happy to announce once again about the 'Gnana Jyothi Bible Exam - 2026'. The programme has been conducted from the past 26 years and is very much appreciated by TCBC, Priests, Religious and Laity of the Telugu Catholic Church of both the States. This exam is inspiring and enabling many Catholics, Christians as well as non-Christians to know more about Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world and about Holy Scripture. Nearly 25,000 people have participated in this exam in the Year 2026 according to the statistics given by Diocesan Pastoral Center Directors across the Telugu States. All this happened with your support and encouragement. We appreciate the services you have rendered to the Church to know more about Jesus Christ. We request you to encourage more and more people to participate in this exam this year and to know more about the Bible.

According to the instructions given by His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, SMM, Bishop of Vijayawada and Chairman of Jyotirmai Society, the syllabus and date of exam is given below. There are 4 categories in the exam, same as previous years. Syllabus is selected according to the age group of the people that is suitable and easy to understand.

1st Category – 4th to 7th class students: Gospel according to St. John (21 Chapters).

2nd Category – 8th to 10th class students: Book of Ecclesiastes (8 Chapters), Book of Wisdom of Solomon. (19 Chapters) (Total 8 + 19 = 27 Chapters)

3rd Category – Inter and Degree Students: Book of Jeremia (52 Chapters), Book of Lamentations (5 Chapters), Book of Baruch (6 Chapters) (Total 52 + 5 + 6 = 63 Chapters)

4th Category – Employees, Teachers and Elders: Book of Deuteronomy (34 Chapters), Book of Joshua (24 Chapters) (Total 34 + 24 = 58 Chapters).

Prizes: Prize money of Rs. 3000/- is allotted for each category (Total Rs.12,000/- for each Diocese). In each category there will be 8 prizes. 1st prize Rs. 1000/-, 2nd prize Rs. 700/-, 3rd prize Rs. 500/-, 4th prize Rs. 300/-, 5th prize Rs. 200/- and three consolation prizes, each Rs. 100/-

Please note: The Exam will be both in English and Telugu Languages (objective type). The coupon cost is Rs. 15/- therefore, we request you to collect Rs. 15/- from each participant and contribute to Jyotirmai Society.

The date of exam will be on the First Sunday of November i.e. 01.11.2026.

- Fr. M. Anthony (Executive Secretary and Director - A.P. Jyotirmai Society)

2. ONE DAY SEMINAR ON ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Theme: Guardians of Creation

A one-day seminar on Environment, Climate Change & Ecological Spirituality was organized on 15th June 2026 at the Pastoral Centre, Secunderabad, with the theme "Guardians of Creation." The program began with registration and welcome tea, followed by a prayer service. The seminar was formally opened with a welcome address by His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad. His Eminence addressed the gathering and requested all the dioceses specially with a best effective practices which help us to protect our mother world. After that Most. Rev. Dr. Prakash Sagili delivered the inaugural address with a promising note and Thanked Fr. Mathias Reddy, Director of Hyderabad Archdiocese Social Service Society for the support and venue.



Most. Rev. Dr. Ivan Pereira, Chairman of Ecology, Environment and climate change, engaged with his remarkable experience about the climate and saving the mother environment with the Change that has to be started from our home.

The seminar continued with interactive questions, followed by group discussion with reporting. After lunch, Session II was conducted by Rev. Fr. Prashanth, secretary, Ecology, Environment and climate change along with interactive questions and a detailed workshop with the best practices that have been conducted from all the Diocese. Later, participants took part in another round of group discussion and reporting, followed by the sharing of best practices.

In the afternoon, participants worked on regional and diocesan action plan preparation and later presented the regional action plan. The program



concluded with concluding remarks, pledge, vote of thanks, and closing prayer. The seminar encouraged all participants to make practical environmental commitments, including planting and nurturing trees, reducing single-use plastics, promoting rainwater harvesting, waste segregation and composting, using renewable energy,

organizing annual environmental awareness programmes, forming Parish/Institutional Eco Committees, and promoting ecological spirituality in pastoral ministry.

The expected outcome was that every parish, convent, school, and institution would prepare and implement a simple Green Action Plan for the coming year.

-Fr. Killada Paul Bhushan (Executive Director of Ap Forum)

3. TELUGU LAWYERS AND RELIGIOUS FORUM HOLDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026 IN GUNTUR

Legal professionals, priests, and religious reaffirm commitment to justice, constitutional values, and strengthening diocesan legal ministry

The Telugu Lawyers and Religious Forum (TLRF) successfully conducted its Annual Conference 2026 on 26 June 2026 at Chiguru Don Bosco Navajeevan Bala Bhavan, Guntur, bringing together legal professionals, priests, and religious for a day of professional enrichment, reflection, and dialogue on contemporary legal, social, and pastoral issues.



The conference commenced at 9:30 a.m. with an inspiring inaugural address by Most Rev. Dr. Jaya Rao Polimera, Bishop of Eluru. In his keynote address, the Bishop underscored the vital role of legal professionals and faith-based communities in promoting justice, integrity, equality, and compassion in society. Emphasizing that the pursuit of justice is a shared moral and social

responsibility, he encouraged participants to work actively towards eliminating discrimination and safeguarding the dignity of every individual.

The first technical session was presented by Adv. Sr. Jessy Kurian, President of the Telugu Lawyers and Religious Forum, who delivered an insightful presentation on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). She examined the legal framework of the proposed legislation while exploring its broader constitutional, social, and

practical implications, particularly concerning marriage, family life, and the protection of constitutional values. Her presentation stimulated thoughtful reflection and meaningful discussion among the participants.

The second session was led by Adv. Fr. Raju Alex, who offered valuable legal insights and practical guidance to priests and religious members. Drawing upon his legal expertise, he addressed important legal responsibilities,

contemporary legal challenges, and preventive measures relevant to religious institutions. He also explained the qualities of a good advocate and a responsible client, stressing the importance of maintaining healthy professional relationships between the Bench and the Bar. His practical approach and clear explanations were highly appreciated by those present.

An interactive discussion session, facilitated by Adv. Sr. Jessy Kurian, focused on the TLRF Action Plan for 2026, strengthening diocesan legal cells, expanding membership, and enhancing the Forum's outreach. Participants actively shared their experiences, discussed key legal concerns affecting the Church and society, and explored practical strategies for strengthening legal awareness and collaboration across the dioceses. The exchange of ideas



significantly enriched the conference and reinforced the Forum's collective commitment to promoting justice and serving society with integrity.

The Annual Conference concluded with a renewed sense of purpose and dedication. Expressing gratitude to Bishop Jaya Rao Polimera for his guidance and blessings, the participants departed with renewed enthusiasm to continue serving the Church and society through the legal profession with compassion, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to justice, human dignity, and the common good.

- Sr. Jacintha, SJA- Secretary, Telugu Lawyers and Religious Forum (TLRF)

National News

1. POPE LEO XIV CONFERS THE PALLIUM ON TWO INDIAN METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOPS

On the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Leo XIV presided over the solemn Eucharistic celebration at St. Peter's Basilica, during which he conferred the Pallium upon the newly appointed Metropolitan Archbishops from around the world, including **Archbishop Elias Frank of Calcutta and Archbishop Antonysamy Savarimuthu of Madurai**.



The ancient rite of the blessing and imposition of the Pallium, a symbol of communion with the Successor of Peter and of the pastoral responsibility entrusted to metropolitan archbishops, formed a significant part of the liturgical celebration.



The conferral of the Pallium upon Archbishop Elias Frank of Calcutta and Archbishop Antonysamy Savarimuthu of Madurai marks an important milestone in their episcopal ministry, signifying their pastoral mission to shepherd their respective ecclesiastical provinces in close communion with the Holy See.

International News

1. MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS LEO XIV FOR THE SIXTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I will never forget you (Is 49:15)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord promises that he will never forget any of us. He assures us that he has engraved our faces on the palms of his hands (cf. Is 49:16) and that his love is greater than a mother's love for her child (cf. Is 49:15). The prophet gives us a glimpse of an intimate and intense dialogue in which God addresses, in familiar terms, each person individually and the people as a whole. Even today, we can read these words as referring to each of us, and everyone can hear that "I will never forget you" spoken directly to them.

These are words that fill us with comfort and hope. They are the answer to an agonizing feeling that troubles the heart: "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me" (Is 49:14). How often in Sacred Scripture, especially in the Psalms, does prayer spring from the despair of those who feel that their lives are of no interest to anyone and are being neglected! The painful feeling of being forgotten is, unfortunately, shared by many people, and among them are quite a few elderly people.

God's love, which forgets no one, offers itself as an act of justice and a response to the anonymity in which human life all too often ends up lost. The lives of many elderly people, in particular, seem to be covered by a veil that blurs the features of their faces and shrouds them in oblivion. This is what happens in homes where loneliness reigns and also in those care facilities where each person's uniqueness risks being reduced to a bed number or an illness.

The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly

members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them. Bring them, through this message and your presence, the closeness and affection of the Pope. Ensure that the words of the prophet, “But I will never forget you,” take the form of a tender and affectionate encounter. “In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness. The digital culture multiplies connections and offers new opportunities for interaction; yet, the human heart retains an irrevocable need for genuine closeness” (Encyclical Letter, *Magnifica Humanitas*, 239).

The Church understands the suffering of her elderly members; she knows full well that they are all too often viewed through the lens of stereotypes and considered a burden; she is aware that a profit-driven economy weakens family ties; she knows that many elderly people are left behind by children who are forced to migrate or, in some cases, to fight in wars. For each of these reasons, she joyfully proclaims the Lord’s promise: “But I will never forget you!”

It is a joy, at any age, but especially when we are no longer young, to discover, as John Paul I said, that we are the recipients “of undying love on the part of God. We know: he has always his eyes open on us, even when it seems to be dark. He is our father; even more he is our mother” (Angelus, 10 September 1978). Even if it does not come naturally to think this way, the truth is that even in old age we do not cease to be sons and daughters; therefore, the invitation to return to the arms of God — whose love is both paternal and maternal — remains worthwhile at any age.

For many, the discovery of God’s tenderness takes place over the course of their lives, sometimes even in its final stages. Indeed, unlike in the past, it is increasingly common to reach old age without having had a genuine experience of faith. In such cases, old age — beginning with the questions that arise with greater urgency during this season of life — can become the right time to begin or resume a spiritual life. On this new journey, one can recognize that God, as Saint Augustine says, “is a mother because he cherishes, because he nourishes, because he nurses, because he protects” (Commentary on Psalm 27, II, 18). It is an awareness that helps us not to feel ashamed of the fragility that emerges and also to understand that we are always in need of one another and in need

of attention and care. To God, who draws near to us and whom we learn to recognize in his tenderness, we can now turn with filial trust in prayer. It is never too late to begin turning to him. It can be a great gift for everyone.

Dear elderly men and women, Pope Francis spoke of you as a “new people” (Catechesis, 23 February 2022), since the number of older adults has never been so large in human history. It is, therefore, more important than ever to reflect with you, this “new people,” on what our vocation might be when fragility — the human person’s companion from birth — seems to take over. I would like to say to you: do not be afraid of fragility! It is precisely this weakness that holds within itself a new potential that also illuminates the other stages of life. Indeed, when “we acknowledge our fragility, our hearts become open to supporting one another and to invoking the One who can grant what no human power can ensure: the profound reconciliation of hearts and, with it, true peace” (Meeting with the Algerian community, Basilica of Our Lady of Africa, Algiers, 13 April 2026).

This is how we can live out our old age as Christians: “fragile” yet at the same time “called.” A man and a woman can, in fact, be born anew in old age (cf. Jn 3:4-6) and exclaim, with the prophet: “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength” (Is 30:15). This strength can become an invitation not to resort to the ways of arrogance and power to ensure human coexistence, but to the ways of reconciliation and true peace. In this time, so harshly marked by the violence of war and social unrest, many wonder what the world in which their grandchildren will grow up will be like. I urge you, dear friends, to join me in praying earnestly that peace may soon come to the whole world.

Dear elderly brothers and sisters, I thank you for supporting me every day with your prayers, especially when you recite the Holy Rosary. I return this gratitude from the bottom of my heart and leave you with this prayer: may the Lord always renew us in faith, hope and love — He who never forgets us!

2. EXTRAORDINARY CONSISTORY, ROME



Dates & Events to Remember

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| 03. St. Thomas, Ap of India (Sol) | 21. St. Lawrence Brindisi, Pt & Dr Op.M) |
| 04. St. Elizabeth of Portugal (Op.M) | 22. St. Mary Magdalene (F) |
| 06. St. Maria Goretti, Vrg & Mrt(M) | 23. St. Bridget of Sweeden, Rgs (Op.M) |
| 09. St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions, Mrtrs (Op.M) | 24. St. Sharbel Makhluf, Pt (Op.M) |
| 11. St. Benedict, Abbot (M) | 25. St. James, Ap (F) |
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