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BISHOP'S MESSAGE**LET US PREACH JESUS THE ONLY SAVIOUR**

Jesus commanded his disciples to bear witness to Him. “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1,8). This invitation is applicable to us as well today. If we have experienced Jesus, we have to bear witness to Him and if we have heard His Good News, we have to announce it to the ends of the earth. “For we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4,20). Here, I would like to highlight five things of why to preach Jesus and His Gospel.

1. Jesus commanded us to preach

Every believer knows the chief mission of the Church is to make disciples who will follow Christ in obedience. Jesus commands us, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matt. 28,18-20). The Great Commission is centered on Christ. Disciples of Christ are to be made. They are to be taught to observe all that Jesus commanded. And the presence of Jesus will be with us as we do.

Disciples will be produced when we teach people to observe all that Jesus promised, warned, taught, and commanded. As the apostles were commanded and they did, we are commanded by our Lord to preach Him and his gospel to all. His command is an enduring one and therefore the mission of the church never changes since the day Christ commanded.

2. *Apostles preached Jesus and nothing else*

The New Testament presents before us many instances where Peter, Paul, and the other apostles preached Christ powerfully and constantly. In fact, the book of Acts records that every sermon they preached was always centered on Jesus. Jesus was the shining light in their message, whether it was Peter's sermon at Pentecost, Stephen's sermon to the Sanhedrin, or the numerous sermons preached by Paul. The heart of apostolic preaching is Jesus Christ. We need to follow the example of the apostles and preach Christ in all circumstances. The reason why we may not have the results as it was with the apostles when they preached is that we do not model our preaching after them.

3. *Is it not exciting to preach Christ?*

What could be more exciting than preaching Christ? What Christ had accomplished for His people is the greatest thing in history of humankind. When a President visits a city, the arrival itself is a newsworthy event. No one needs to command news reporters to tell the story, for the story itself requires to be told. If this is sure for the arrival of a President, how much more it would be for the arrival of Jesus, the King of Kings. Yes! It is sure that we need to preach Christ because it has to be told.

4. It Is Life-Giving to preach Christ

God saves people through the hearing and preaching of the Gospel (Rom. 10:14-17; Eph. 1:13). The message of Jesus Christ gives people spiritual life, reconciles them to God, and guarantees a new eternal destination. Because of the life-giving nature of preaching Christ, we have to preach Christ. Woe unto us if we don't preach Christ (1 Cor. 9:16).

5. Preach Christ because it is Exclusive

The need to preach Christ is also seen in the exclusive nature of the message. We need to preach Christ because; "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). There is no other message or source available to us which saves people from their sins. There are not many ways to God, and if there were, preaching Christ would be one among them and not exclusive. It would just be one path among many. But the Bible teaches that Christ is the only path and the only way to God the Father (John 14:6).

Let us preach Jesus Christ, the only saviour of the world.
May God help us to preach His Gospel to the whole world.

Yours devotedly in Our Lord,

Bp. Prince Antony Panengadan
Bishop of Adilabad

DIOCESAN NEWS

Blessing of Transit House at Shornur

On 31 October 2020, Bp. Prince Antony blessed the transit house at Shornur and consecrated the new chapel. The new transit house was named as “Grace Inn”. Priests, Nuns and Religious of nearby area participated in the ceremony.

New Presbytery Blessing, Repallewada

New presbytery for Repallewada mission station was blessed by Bp. Prince Antony on 10 November 2020. Fr. Jose Manickathan CMI, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Adilabad unveiled the stone. The presence of nearby fathers, brothers and sisters added much joy to the day.

Jeevaswaram Online Bible Convention, Nirmal

The diocesan evangelization team under the leadership of Bp. Prince Antony Panengadan conducted Jeevaswaram online Bible convention at Nirmal from 13-15 November, 2020. Hundreds of faithful attended the live streaming of the convention in the Jeevaswaram YouTube channel. Many participated in the online service since the situation permitted only a few people to gather in the church.

Together we work.... together we celebrate

A *common Christmas celebration* was organized *on 11 December at CPC Mancherial* for the priests and sisters working in the Diocese *to share the Christmas joy together.*

Solemn Holy Mass by Bp. Prince Antony, Cutting of Christmas cake, giving of gifts to priests and sisters and extending greetings to all who celebrate their birthday in the month of December etc. made the day delightful.

Blessing of the New Minor Seminary Chapel

Guruvidyanilayam minor seminary at Repallewada, the heart of the diocese, witnessed a graceful day on 28 December 2020 as the new chapel was blessed by Bp. Prince Antony. Bp. Joseph Kunnath blessed the seminary. Dappa (altar stone) was also consecrated on the same day. Many fathers, brothers and sisters from all around the diocese attended the ceremony.

Jeevaswaram online Bible Convention, Bellampally

From 29-31 January 2021, Jeevaswaram online Bible convention was held at Bellampally. Limited number of faithful gathered at the Sacred Heart Church, Bellampally due to restrictions. Jeevaswaram YouTube channel telecasted the live streaming of the convention and hundreds of people participated the convention from their home.

Presbytery Blessing, Anukoda

The blessing of the newly constructed presbytery building at Anukoda was held on 22nd February 2021 by Bp. Prince Antony Panengadan. Fathers and sisters from the surrounding areas as well as the faithful of Anukoda mission station attended the programme.

Jeevaswaram Online Bible Convention, Koutala

Jeevaswaram online Bible convention was held at Koutala from 5-7 March 2021. As usual, Jeevaswaram YouTube channel could bring the services to the faithful online amidst the restrictions that continued. Hundreds of people attended the service from home. Thanks to the evangelization team and the Jeevaswaram YouTube channel.

Kothagudem Village Chapel Consecration

10 March 2021 was a red-letter day for the faithful of Kothagudem village, Utnoor. Bp. Prince Antony consecrated the chapel at Kothagudem, the substation of Utnoor parish. Priests, nuns and the faithful devotedly participated in the consecration ceremony.

Celebrations

19 March 2021 is an unforgettable day for the diocese of Adilabad. The day witnessed the celebrations of the feast day of Bp. Joseph Kunnath whose heavenly patron is St. Joseph, the birthday of Bp. Prince Antony and Inauguration of Year of St. Joseph. Priests, Sisters and faithful participated in the programme.

Common Way of the Cross at Bokkalagutta

A great number of people participated in the Diocesan level way of the Cross conducted on 19 March 2021 at Bokkalagutta. There were Fathers, Sisters and people from almost all the mission stations in the diocese. An inspiring message was given by

Bp. Prince Antony. Blessing with the Cross and kissing the Holy Cross marked the end of the penitential ceremony.

Jeevaswaram Bible conventions outside the diocese

The diocesan evangelization team led by Bp. Prince Antony conducted Jeevaswaram Bible conventions outside the diocese. from 22-24 March 2021. Peddavutapally, Vijayawada witnessed first ever Jeevaswaram Bible convention with large crowd following. Another convention was conducted at St. Theresa Church Sanatnagar, Hyderabad from 26-28 March 2021.

Priestly Ordination of Dn. Jai Kumar

Dn. Jai Kumar was ordained on 07 April 2021 at Holy Trinity church, Indervelly. Priests, nuns, brothers and the faithful attended the ordination ceremony. Dear new priest let your presence make everything novel and joyful. All the best, congratulations and prayers to you dear Fr. Jai Kumar.

May the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely(1Thes.5:23)

Most of the priests and religious joined on the ***Day of Sanctification ceremonies held on 31st March 2021 at CPC Mancherial***, as part of preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery in the Holy week. On this day Bp. Prince Antony consecrated the Holy Myron.

NEWS FROM PARISHES/MISSION STATIONS

HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL, ADILABAD

1. Parish Feast

The Feast of Holy Family Cathedral church was conducted on 7 February, 2021 with Triduum from 5-8 February. Blessing and hoisting of festal flag was conducted by Rev. Fr. Jose Manickathan CMI (Vicar General) along with the celebration of Holy Qurbana at 5.30pm on 5 February 2021. Fr. Daniel (Diocesan Youth Director) celebrated Holy Qurbana on 6 February 2021. On the Day of Feast (7/2/2021), Fr. Baiju Nedumparambil (Priest-in-charge, Sirpur) celebrated the Solemn Holy Qurbana. It was followed by agape. On 8 February, Fr. Binoy Kanayinkal Celebrated Holy Mass in special remembrance for the departed souls from the Parish and conducted Blessings of the Vehicles of the Parishioners.

In order to solemnize the Feast of the Church, we have conducted Bible Quiz, Speech Competitions and Solo song Competitions. Congratulations to the Winners.

2. Lenten Season

A. On 15/2/2021, with the celebration of Ash Monday Holy Eucharist, we have started Lenten season.

B. Lenten Retreat from 12-14 March, 2021 was preached by Fr. Santhosh CMF. More than 400 people attended the retreat.

C. Lenten confession was organized on 30 March, 2021 and almost all made confession

D. Holy Week Celebrations

a. Holy Eucharistic Celebration and distribution of palm leaves was on Palm Sunday (28/3/2021).

b. Bp. Prince Antony Panengadan, Bishop of Adilabad Celebrated Holy Eucharist on Maundy Thursday and the Eucharistic Adoration was led by Fr. Binoy Kanayinkal.

c. Good Friday was commemorated in befitting manner.

d. Easter Vigil started with the Holy Eucharistic Celebration on 4 April by Fr. Binoy Kanayinkal and Fr. Ebin Kuzhimullil CST at 2.30am. It was followed by Eucharistic Celebration at 6.30am, 8.00am, 10.30am and 6.30pm at Chinthagudam.

3. Laying of the Foundation Stone for the St. James Church, Khanapur

The laying of the Foundation Stone for the Proposed St. James' Church, Khanapur was done by Bp. Joseph Kunnath CMI on 24th February 2021.

4. Seven Catechumens received baptism during the Holy Week and thereafter Catholic Marriage.

5. 16 children received First Holy Communion on 11 April. Bp. Prince Antony Panengadan presided over the Holy Eucharist.



KUBEER MISSION

14 November 2020

Our dear Bishop Prince Antony paid a visit to Kubeer. A meeting was arranged to this effect to meet our C.S.I. Community of Kubeer. Our Bishop gave a very informative talk on catholic faith and cleared all the doubts raised by the members. Bishop thanked them for their support and cooperation. The meeting ended with an 'Agape' meal.

15-11-2020

Thirty Catechumens from Kubeer, Sonari and Siripally Thanda were taken to Nirmal Parish. Faith instruction was given by our Bishop Prince Antony, Rev. Fr. Jomy organized the programme. Rev. Fr. Sijo and Sr. Jyothi MSI conducted the Praise and Worship.

During the month of November, sisters visited the villages at Siripally Thanda, Dodarna Thanda and Bonthred at Bhainsa, Sonari and families of Kubeer. Regular Catechetical instruction was given to a family consisting of 16 members at Sonari Village.

10-12-2020

Sisters of Kubeer Mission for a missionary Pilgrimage to Adilabad, Ichoda, Neradigunda, Thamsi and Utnoor. At night they stayed at Utnoor.

11-12-2020

We travelled to Mancherial to attend the Recollection, Adoration and Mass followed by Pre-Christmas programme.

We continued our missionary pilgrimage to Bellampally, retreat centre at Rebbena and also the minor seminary. It was an enriching Mission experience for the sisters.

During the Christmas season, sisters distributed blankets to the poor. The benefited villages were Siripally Thanda No.1, Thanda No.2, Dodarna Thanda No.5, Sonari and Kubeer S.C.Wada.

25-12-2020

It was most memorable day. We had a gathering of seventy believers from Kubeer, Siripally Thanda 2 and Lokeshwaram to participate in the Birthday celebration of Jesus. Rev. Fr. Jomy seized this opportune gathering to evangelize the people explaining to them right from the Birth of Jesus to his Resurrection. Srs. Jyothi, Prema, Tharangini and Mary Paul helped Fr.Jomy. Food was arranged for the people.

In the month of January, a follow up programme was organized by way of visit, instructions and healing prayer. We were able to reach out along with Fathers to Lokeshwaram, Dharmura, Siripally, Belgam, Sonari and Kubeer village.

On 11th February, the sisters occupied the newly constructed rented house at Kubeer S.C. Wada. The first mass was celebrated in the house on 14 February.

On 15 February Ash Monday service was conducted in the sisters' house. Sisters from Bhaimsa, two catholic families of Bhaimsa, one catholic family of Kubeer along with the sisters of St. Ann and Rev. Fr. Jinsen the main celebrant constituted the Christian community of Kubeer.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, RAMPUR

1. Lenten Season

The whole parish was actively involved in the Lenten spiritual exercises like attending daily Holy Mass and way of the cross. We have started our Lenten season, spending hours before the Holy Eucharistic Lord. We could really begin our Lenten campaign in a good spiritual ambience.

On Ash Monday, 18 of our parishioners took DHEEKSHA. But we didn't insist upon a dress code for DHEEKSHA, rather we decided to take part daily in the Holy Mass in the Morning and Way of the Cross in the evening. Therefore, people flocked to the church daily for the Holy Mass and way of the cross everyday during lent. This ascetic practice and incessant before Eucharistic lord made an impact on the rest of the people and other Lenten programmes in the parish.

2. Lenten Telugu Spiritual Reflection

Sacred Heart Sisters (SH) of our parish and Bro. Jubin our Regent, took a spontaneous initiative to give daily Lenten Telugu spiritual reflection basing on daily gospel passage through parish whatsapp group. It was very useful for our people during Lent, and all appreciated for this creativity and hard work.

3. Bible Copy Writing

Diocese of Adilabad Jeevaswaram Spiritual Magazine committee had conducted diocesan level bible copy writing competition as a spiritual activity during this Lent. The portion given for the copy writing was book of Jeremiah. 15 members from our parish participated in this spiritual activity.

4. Lenten Retreat

Department of Evangelization under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Kurian conducted two days (26-27 February 2021) of Lenten Retreat in our parish . Fr. Sijo Ponthokan, Sr. Swapna SDV preached the Word of God. Sr. Joythi MSI conducted the Night Vigil prayers. It was spiritually enriching for all those who participated.

5. Family Renewal Programme

Family Renewal programme was conducted in our parish as part of Lenten activity by Srs. Namitha MSI, Prashanthi MSI, Sravani MSI, of Nirmala Sisters from Hyderabad from 19-21 March. During the day time, sisters visited every family conducted prayers and family counseling. And in the evenings, sisters conducted special renewal programmes separately for Sunday School Children, Youth, and Mathrusangam. This family renewal programme was a blessing and helped a lot for our parish and families to renew family values and the faith in Jesus Christ.

6. First Holy Communion

Three children received the first Holy Communion on 21 March, 2021 on the concluding day of family renewal programme. The celebration began at 9:30am with grand reception to Bishop and guest with band set of Sacred Heart Convent School students. The Solemn Holy Mass was celebrated by Bishop Prince Antony, Bishop of Adilabad. Celebrations concluded with common meal.

7. Fortieth Friday Commemoration

We had a wonderful experience in the fortieth Friday of our Lenten days. We could join with Holy Family Cathedral Church, Adilabad to climb Chinthagudem Cross Hill reciting the way of the Cross. People could well meditate and experience with our crucified lord by taking part in the way of the Cross under the scorching Sunlight.

8. Holy Week

We had a spirit filled Holy Week observances starting with the Palm Sunday services. Maundy Thursday service was in the evening. The celebration was well carried out with the washing of the feet of the twelve disciples and the breaking of the Pascal bread and serving the Pascal milk etc. We had an hour of adoration after the Holy Mass from 9:30 pm to 10:30 pm led by Bro. Ashwin and Youth of the parish.

We also prayerfully celebrated the Good Friday and remembered the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We meditatively read the passion narrative from 9:30 am. Afterwards we conducted the way of the Cross inside the Church following COVID - 19 guidelines.

Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday

On Holy Saturday, we had services at 6:30am with the blessing of Water and Fire and renewal of the Baptismal Vows. Same day 18 of our DHEEKSHA people concluded their DHEEKSHA with special prayers.

Easter Sunday celebrations began at 2:30am. The entire parish took part faithfully and prayerfully in all the Easter Services. After the Easter Holy Mass, Easter egg was distributed to everyone as the sign of the new life. All of us exchanged with each other the peace and joy of Easter.

9. New Baptism

One of our Youth member Elmala Satish received the Baptism and Confirmation on Holy Saturday. As Holy Father Pope Francis has announced this year as year of St. Joseph, Elmala Satish received St. Joseph as his heavenly patron.

10. Lenten Savings and Contribution

Every family in our parish joined in contributing something from their Lenten fasting. The contributed amount was handed over to Bishop Prince Antony Panengadan on 21 March, 2021 for the use of KARUNYANIDHI Social activity. And also, we made a special collection and contribution of 27, 620/- rupees for Ephatha Diocesan Retreat Centre.

11. Essay Writing Competition

As Holy Father Pope Francis announced to celebrate this year as the year of St. Joseph, we had conducted an essay writing competition on “YOSEPU NEETHIMANTHUDU”. 12 members participated in this essay writing competition in which Aggimalla Manjula scored first, Dharshanala Neha, Endur Srilatha secured Second, and Thurati Kishore secured third. The awards were handed over to the winners by Bishop Prince Antony Panengadan on 21 March, 2021.

12. Fr. Jolly Memorial Cricket Tournament Runners Up

St. Mary's Youth, Rampur participated in Rev. Fr. Jolly Memorial Cricket Tournament and Stood Runners Up in the diocesan level and received trophy and cash prize of Rs. 4001.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH, BOATH

Farewell to Fr. Jobin

The Boath catholic community gave Rev. Fr. Jobin a touching farewell on 05 April, 2021. On 06 April, the staff of



St. Thomas gathered together to Thank Fr. Jobin for his concern and love for them. He served the school as a Teacher when he was regent. From 2017 onwards, he rendered his service as the assistant priest in charge of Boath mission centre, vice principal and correspondent of St. Thomas school.

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, MARTHIDI

1. Parish day and First Holy Communion

On 14 February 2021, Parish day was celebrated in our Parish wherein Bishop Prince Antony, Bishop of Adilabad presided over the Holy Eucharistic celebration. Catholics from 8 villages gathered for the parish day. In his valuable message, he told that parish is like a family where we experience togetherness in one God. With great joy and enthusiasm, we remembered all the pioneer Fathers and Sisters who sacrificed their time and energy for the development of our Parish. It was a day of great joy and happiness as 20 people received first Holy Communion. These candidates were formed and prepared for



by sisters and catechists. After the Eucharistic celebration, there were some cultural programmes and Prize distribution. Parish Day celebration concluded with 'Agape'.

2. Way of the Cross in the villages

As part of evangelization, we conducted Way of the Cross at 8 villages under Marthidi parish. It was a great moment for us to share the real message of Lent to the people. This was a wonderful experience for the people of these villages. Way of the Cross in villages started on 22 March and concluded on 31 March. It was a

meaningful witness to non-Christians to experience the passion of Christ for the humanity. During the way of the cross, people of other faith also participated. There was



cooperation and participation of the people of these villages to conduct Way of the Cross in fruitful manner.

3. Annual Retreat

We had organized annual retreat from 27-28 March, 2021. Retreat was led by Fr. Chinnanna CMF belonging to the province of Bangalore. It was a time of God's blessings and grace. Many of the parishioners experienced God's Love and Mercy. There was Holy Adoration, in which many received healing both of mind and body. It made possible to the faithful to be thoughtful on the Suffering, Crucifixion, Death and the Resurrection



of our Lord Jesus Christ. It enabled many to deepen their faith and to make a fruitful confession in order to prepare themselves for the Easter.

4. Catechism Day

We conducted Catechism day for our children on 30 January 2021. Dn. Jai Kumar from Adilabad Diocese led the sessions. In his talk, he highlighted about the catholic faith, the relationship between children and parents, and the right use of media and so on. Nearly 75 children from Class 4 to Intermediate students participated were present for catechism day. Marthidi catholic youth conducted some games for children. The day concluded with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.



SUMA CHURCH, BHEEMARAM

After the lock down, we started full-fledged church activities- daily mass, house visiting and prayers. Last year church feast was not celebrated solemnly because of Covid-19. We helped the poor and needy. We visited and sick. we celebrated Easter solemnly in three villages.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KAZIPALLY

We Kazipally and Kothoor faithful celebrated Holy week in a solemn manner. Faithful participated in the all the spiritual activities. Period of Lent brought spiritual renewal to all.



SACRED HEART CHURCH, BELLAMAPALLY

We began Lent with Deeksha on Ash Monday. 7 members along with the parish priest took Deeksha. Later one person joined for 30 days, one more person for 21 days and few members for 11 days. There were good member of men and women who followed Deeksha residing at home, but the official members stayed in the Church.

Lenten Programmes

- Daily family prayer meetings with Eucharistic Adoration.
- On 21 March 2021, one day Retreat for was conducted by Rev. Fr. Sneha Raj SDB and Rev. Sr. Jyothi MSI.
- On 17 March 2021, we had family blessing in houses with Eucharistic Lord followed by prayer meeting conducted by Sr. Jyothi MSI, Sr. Prashanthi MSI and Deeksha Swamulu.
- International Women's day was celebrated on 08 March in a very grand manner. We started with Holy Eucharist followed by common gathering, input session by DAHPS Director and Staff. We had some Cultural Programmes and meals. Around 60-70 participants were present. The venue was at CMI Provincial house, Bellampally.
- After Easter day celebrations, Swamulu along with the parish priest Fr. P.L. Joseph and Fr. Joseph Dunsten went to Gunadala to conclude Deeksha.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, GOLLAPALLY

Christmas Celebration

Christmas carols were organized in each catholic house and in some non-Catholic houses of Gollapally, Mailaram and Jogapur villages. Every house prepared crib. There was a public meeting in the centre of the Gollapally village on 23rd December. Our catholic children performed Christmas programmes for one hour. Sr. Benjamin CMC and Mr. Santhosh gave the message about Christmas. Many people came and watched the programme. During Christmas season Eucharistic miracles were shown through projector by Fr. Antony Vazhiyil.

- Every day we were conducting ward prayers in each house.

Lenten Season

- During Lenten season, we organized way of the cross in each and every family. All the ward members participated in it.

- We had house blessings from 18-27 March 2020.

- On 40th Friday of the Lent, we organized way of the cross from Gollapally to Mailaram by Padhayatra. Most of the families participated in it. Fr. Mathew Puthiyadath gave a short message before starting the way of the cross. We concluded the way of the cross in LAR Convent Mailaram. It was a great success.

Palm Sunday

- Palm Sunday program was celebrated in the church without any procession.

- On 29 March, all the parishioners did confession. Fr. Mathew Puthiyadath and Fr. Joseph Pariyath helped us.

Maundy Thursday

On Maundy Thursday, Fr. Antony Vazhayil washed the feet of the twelve young parishioners. After the Holy mass, Paschal bread was cut by Fr. Antony and was shared with parishioners.

Good Friday

On Good Friday, we had passion reading followed by the way of the cross around the church. We displayed the Passion of the Christ movie in Telugu for parishioners.

Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday, we had Holy Mass along with the blessing of new fire and water. Many parishioners took part in it.

Easter day celebrations

We had adoration from 10:30pm to 11:30pm before the Holy Mass. At 11:30pm, we had Easter Vigil Mass and procession around the church. All the parishioners participated and it was a great success. We distributed Easter Eggs to everyone.



CARMEL CHURCH MANDAMARRI

Feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel

We celebrated our Church feast on 16 July 2020. In connection with this feast we had 9 days novena prayers and solemn rosary during Holy Mass and Rosary. We specially offered few families and prayed for them. On the day of feast Rev. Fr. P.L. Joseph, Fr. Amal Raj SJ, Fr. Prathap SJ, Fr. Rex SJ and Fr. Shinto celebrated solemn Mass. On this blissful day, we all received abundance of blessings of Mother Mary.

Rosary Devotions

As October month was dedicated to Mother Mary, we expressed our love and devotion to Mother Mary through Rosary devotion. All the parishioners gathered in the church for Rosary. On 31 October, the concluding day, we had solemn Rosary procession in the Carmel campus with lighted candle and with the statue of Mother Mary.

Christmas Celebration

Christmas celebration started in Mandamari parish with carol singing in the houses from 18 December 2021. We conducted crib making competition. We visited all the houses in our parish and shared the joy and peace of Christmas with them. A beautiful crib was made in the church by the tireless efforts of our parish priest Fr. Shinto and few parishioners. Everyone appreciated the creativity and artistic talent of Fr. Shinto.

We started our Christmas celebrations with Solemn Mass at 11:30pm. After the Mass, cake and tea were served to all. All greeted each other the peace and joy of Christmas.

Year end & New Year

On 31st December, we conducted adoration at 11.00pm as thanksgiving for all the blessings we received throughout the year 2020. We welcomed the New Year with Holy Mass. After the Mass, promise cards were distributed to all.

Foundation Stone

Opening new visitors to impart higher education to the students in the villages and distant places, Bishop Prince Antony, Bishop Emeritus Mar Joseph Kunnath, fathers and sisters from neighbouring houses, our staff and students witnessed the laying of foundation stone for the Degree collage in Carmel campus. The dream of our beloved Bishop is going to become a reality.

Eucharistic Procession

Eucharistic procession was conducted in Carmel Campus by Fr. Xavier Rex SJ and Fr. Shinto on 07 March 2021. Eucharistic procession began from the convent chapel and went around the construction site and the entire campus. As this year is especially dedicated to St. Joseph, we carried the statue of St. Joseph during the procession. Fathers, sisters, hostel children and staff members participated with devotion.

Lenten Retreat

One day retreat was conducted by Fr. Kurian and his team to prepare ourselves worthy to celebrate Easter. Fr. Kurian, Fr. Jinsen and Fr. Prasad inspired us with their message and prepared for confession. So it was a time to repent over our sins and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Maundy Thursday

The day on which Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist, Fr. Rex Xavier SJ gave an inspiring homily during the Holy Mass. The Holy Mass is followed by Paschal Meal, one hour adoration and Eucharistic procession. All of us participated in it with lighted candles.

Good Friday

On this day, we had passion narration and solemn way of the cross in the school campus. Each family volunteered to carry the cross to each station. All participated with a spirit of sacrifice, penance and devotion.

Grotto blessing

A new grotto of the statue of Jesus in the Carmel Academy Campus was blessed and inaugurated by our Beloved Bishop Prince Antony on 3 April 2021. This grotto is named as 'Shalom' because this is an abode of peace. All those who step into the campus will experience the peace and consolation of our Lord. Fathers, sisters and staff members assembled for the blessing. Bishop presented rosaries to all.

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH VIJAYANAGARAM

September

Month of September was a blessing for the people of Vijayanagaram Mission Station as they were able to fulfill their dream. They renovated the old Mother Mary's grotto. Bp. Prince Antony Panengadan blessed the renovated grotto for the faithful and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. In his message, he mentioned that this Mother Mary's Grotto should be a prayer house for this village and he further exhorted the faithful to recite Holy Rosary every day.

October

We conducted a rosary every day of this month. In a special way, we were able to conduct the rosary in and around the villages during last ten days. We also carried the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary around the villages in a procession. In addition to that on the last day, we conducted solemn rosary in the Vijayanagaram village and Fr. Praveen gave a message about the devotion to Mother Mary and the service concluded with Prasadham.

November

November 2nd was a day for commemoration of the faithful departed and therefore, we celebrated the Holy Eucharist for all the departed souls and conducted a prayer service in the cemetery in the evening. All attended the prayer service.

December

Throughout the season of advent, we went to villages for Christmas Carol and all were happy with the presence of Infant Jesus.

On the Christmas night, all faithful came to the church for the Holy Mass and Fr. Manoj cut the Christmas cake for the faithful.

February

It was a graceful month for the Vijayanagaram faithful as they witnessed two Priestly Ordinations. Fr. Yekonkar Suresh ALCP/OSS was ordained by Bp. Prince Antony Panengadan on 02-02-2021 and Fr. Premsagar Ganagarapu OFM.Cap celebrated his first Holy Mass on 09-02-2021

March

During the Lent season, we were able to conduct village evangelization programs throughout Vijayanagaram, Nagapally, Saitapuram and Ranavally from March 15-18. The diocesan evangelization team led by Fr. Kurian, Fr. Sijo, the sisters and Kiran had helped to renew the faithful in their Christen life. On the last day, Fr. Manoj Karathuruthil gave thanks to the evangelization team for their service.

ST. ANTONY'S CHURCH, SIRPUR

1. New Priest in Charge

Fr. Baiju John completed his service for Syro Malabar migrants at Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and took charge as Priest-in-charge of St. Antony's Church and Principal of Eden Garden High School, Sirpur Town.

2. CELEBRATIONS

a. Feast of Queen of Holy Rosary

Ten days of October were set apart for the rosary devotion in the parish. All the families of the mission station were specially offered during the 10 days Holy Mass and Rosary and on the 10th day there was grand celebration of feast of Queen of Holy Rosary. Fr. Manoj Karathuruthil was the main celebrant. The inspiring homily about the importance of Rosary and veneration of Holy Mother enlightened the faithful. The festal celebration concluded with a high tea. The following 10 days of feast, in the same month, the faithful of the parish gathered in the Google Meet platform to recite the Holy Rosary.

b. Mission Sunday

The faithful were instructed that by birth in the church each catholic is missionary and it is the duty of every catholic to support the mission. After the celebration, things were auctioned for raising the fund for missionary activities. A total contribution of was entrusted to the curia.

c. Christmas

Christmas 2020 was celebrated with festivity. Advent retreat, Carols to each family and villages, competitions etc. were part of the celebration. Many of our faithful participated in the daily Eucharist. Youth came forward to decorate the church and prepare the crib. Each family had a Christmas family friend. They were instructed to pray for the friend family. On Christmas day, families exchanged Christmas gifts. Youth had put up a marvelous cultural program in the campus.

The parishioners from Sirpur went to Keshavapatnam on 20 December 2020 to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. A good gathering of the villagers welcomed the Carol singing, Christmas message, praise and worship of the day.

The staff of Eden Garden School gathered for a Christmas celebration on 23 December 2020. Carol Singing, Veneration of Infant Lord and Cake cutting etc. were part of the celebration. The management presented Christmas gift to all the staff.

d. Easter

In preparation to the feast of Resurrection, the Great Lent was observed meaningfully in the parish. A few attended daily Holy Mass. Many gathered for Holy Mass and Way of the Cross on Fridays. Lenten retreat and sacrament of reconciliation was arranged during the Lent. Even though the Palm Sunday procession was arranged, we had to limit to the church campus because of Covid-19 protocol.

The whole parish gathered for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. Fr. Tony K Tom officiated the Easter ceremony and encouraged the faithful to live according to the spirit of Easter.

e. Teachers' Day

The teachers of Eden Garden for the first time during the lock down gathered in the school campus on 05 September 2020 to celebrate their day. It was a joyous day of coming together for them. Competitions and cultural programs added color to the day.

f. Republic Day

All the staff and X class students came forward on 26 January 2021 to celebrate Republic Day. The messages of the day inspired the gathering to be good citizens of our republic nation.

g. International Women's Day

On March 7th Sunday, in special way the women of the parish were offered during the Holy Mass. It was a memorable day for the School to celebrate the International Women's Day. The management invited the female staff and the mothers of X class students to be part of the celebration. The students performed a beautiful and instant cultural program on the day. The X class students felicitated and invoked the blessing of all the women who gathered in the campus. Program ended with a high tea.

h. Year of St. Joseph

The representatives of the parish participated in the diocesan level inauguration of Year of St. Joseph at CPC on 19 March 2021. The parish level inauguration of Year of St. Joseph was arranged on 21 March 2021. An input session on 'Patris Corde' was done by the Pries-in-Charge.

3. RETREATS

a. Advent retreat

Fr. Jinsen Mulavarickal led one day retreat on Sunday 20 December 2020. Holy Mass, Preaching the Word of God, Eucharistic adoration, Healing and anointing prayer and Confessions were part of the day. The faithful prayerfully fasted and participated in this one day program. At the end of the day, we all together broke the fast.

b. Lenten Retreat

A one day fast and prayer was arranged for the parishioners on Sunday 14 March 2021. Fr. Saphin Kanithara animated the sessions based on Pope Francis' Lenten reflections. Dn. Jai Kumar led the adoration. Confessions, Healing and anointing prayer motivated the faithful spiritually. The day's program concluded by breaking the fast.

4. PILGRIMAGES

Pilgrimages during lent helped to increase the faith and spiritual life of our faithful.

a. Bokkalagutta:

A few of our faithful joined in the common Way of the Cross to Bokkalagutta.

b. Rakshanagiri, Koutala:

The whole congregation of our mission joined the Rakshanagiri Jathra at Koutala on Good Friday. After completing the Good Friday services in the church, we all together started to Koutala. The Jathara with almost 600 people was a rejuvenating experience for our small community. Thanks to Fr. Saphin for arranging conveyance. We broke the fast of the day at Infant Jesus Church, Koutala.

5. PIOUS ASSOCIATION GATHERINGS:

a. Youth Association:

A one day youth gathering was arranged for the youth of the parish on 07 February 2021. Fr. Daniel, DYD of the diocese animated the day. Sixteen of our youth gathered on their day. Holy Mass was specially offered for youth. In the sessions, DYD enlightened the importance of catholic youth. Discussions on future plans and election of youth council were conducted on the day.

b. Mathru Jyothi:

Fr. Prasad, the director of Mathru Jyothi, led one day program for the women of the parish on 28 February 2021. Most of the women joined for the Holy Mass offered for them.

Fr. Prasad inspired women to be more pious like Mother Mary. He has asked the women to coordinate the cleaning of church and campus and the Mathru Jyothi members enthusiastically began their duty.

6. COMPETITIONS:

a. Grotto Challenge:

Grotto challenge was a competition conducted during the month of Rosary devotion. The families enthusiastically participated in the competition of making the grotto for Mother Mary in their homes. The judges evaluated the grottos and the best were awarded with prizes.

b. Family Challenge:

Family challenge was another competition of the month. The families were asked to sing and record a song to Mother Mary at the Grotto they prepared in the home. The video clips of singing Mother Mary's hymn at home is send to judges for evaluation. Prizes were awarded to the best songs.

c. Crib:

Many families participated in the crib competition conducted during Christmas season. The cribs were prepared marvelously at their homes. The best cribs were awarded and all those who participated were awarded consolation prizes too.

d. Carol singing:

The parish was divided in to 3 categories and carol singing competition was conducted in the Church.

e. Bible Copy writing:

Bible copy writing competition was conducted during Advent and Lent.

7. A Handful of Rice:

Faithful of parish were inspired to keep aside a handful of rice every day during Lent for the Annadanam at Bishop's House. Thus the people contributed the rice on Holy Week and the same was send to Bishop's House.

8. Adieu:

Sr. Arpitha SH who served the Sirpur Mission is transferred to Kerala. Thank you dear Sister for your service.

INFANT JESUS CHURCH, KOUTALA

07 March 2021 was a great day of prayer and penance for the faithful of Infant Jesus Catholic Church, Koutala. The ceremony began with the Eucharistic adoration followed by the breaking of the word and confession by Fr. Kurian. Fr. Kurian also presided over the Eucharistic celebration and the day ended with a fellowship meal.

Koutala mission station had really a grace filled Good Friday commemoration on Rakshanagiri Gutta. More than five hundred faithful from Sirpur, Koutala, Yapalgudam and Anukoda participated in the way of the cross conducted at Rakshanagiri

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Gutta, Koutala. Fr. Tony gave a meaningful and heart touching message on the mountain. Fr. Praveen Durgam did the opening prayer while Fr. Baiju and Fr. Jijo led spirit filled praise and worship and anointing service. We also shared fraternal love with a fellowship meal. We thank God for allowing this mass participation amidst unfavorable situation.



ST. CHAVARA CHURCH, NIRMAL

We had a meaningful celebration of Easter as 4 adults received baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. All prayed and wished them



ST. SEBASTIAN'S CHURCH, GOLETTI

One day retreat was conducted on 21.3.2021. Fr. Kurian and Fr. Jinsen preached the Word of God. 86 people participated in the retreat. Day began with adoration and continued with the preaching the Word of God. There was healing sessions and confessions. Retreat concluded with Eucharistic celebration.



ST.MARY'S CHURCH, RAMAKRISHNAPUR

Gracefilled observance of Lent

This year the faithful of St.Mary's Church, Ramakrishnapur observed the lent with more devotion and dedication. 18 of our faithful took Deeksha on Ash Monday, the first day of the Lent and they were regular for Holy Mass, fasting, abstinence and other spiritual activities.

Annual Lenten retreat

One day lenten retreat was conducted on 20.03.2021. Bishop Prince Antony Panengadan gave the retreat talk. It was a graceful spiritual banquet for the faithful of St. Mary's Church at Ramakrishnapur.

Requiem Holy Mass

On 27.02.2021, being the second death anniversary of Fr. Jebin, requiem Holy Mass was offered at RKP Church. The main celebrant was his Excellency Bishop Joseph Kunnath CMI and it was concelebrated by Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Manikathan CMI the V.G of the diocese and Fr Vinod Kavalanal, priest in charge. Many priests, religious and faithful participated in the Holy Mass and prayed for the departed soul of Fr Jebin.

Inauguration of year of St.Joseph

Year of St. Joseph was inaugurated on 21.03.2021 and all houses of the RKP community was specially dedicated to St. Joseph during the house blessing.

Distribution of Grocery Kits

During the Covid-19 pandemic situation, The DAHPS Organization distributed grocery kits to the 51 children in distress for the period of Oct 2020 to Mar 2021 as part of CHILDLINE Programme. Many poor children were suffered with malnutrition during the lockdown period. With the cooperation of police department, we have provided readymade food packets to migrant people and shelterless people. 131 migrant people were provided with food packets and 159 children families were provided grocery kits in the previous period from April to Sep 2020. The DAHPS has supported the needy people with food, food materials and cloth worth of 1.5 lakh rupees nearly through the CHILDLINE programme.

Wall writings

To create awareness in public, the CHILDLINE Team promoted wall writings on child help line number (1098) and child related issues in gramapanchayaths with the support of Grama Sarpanches. In this six months period 15 wall paintings have done by respected sarpanches in 15 gramapanchayaths. The sarpanches have taken the responsibility to execute the wall writing activities.

2. UJWALA – II

1. Laudato Si Year (May 2020 to May 2021)

Fr. Jijo Antony Vettathu director of DAHPS distributed fruit



trees on (02-10-2020) the occasion of Caritas India foundation day, Mahathma Gandhi jayanthi *and* “*Laudato Si Year*” to the farmers of Ujwala – II at Manikyapur GP

On 09-10-2020, AP &Telangana Forum Director Rev. KiranKanapala, Caritas India AP and Telangana State officer Mrs. Usha and South India Financial Officer visited Manikyapur village as part of field visit.



1.THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF UJWALA – II

Caritas India supported Ujwala – II which was started from 1st January 2019 and closed on 31st Mar. 2021. The trainings on various Govt. schemes, awareness of agriculture related Govt. schemes and sensitization on agriculture related schemes were

the biggest achievements of for the beneficiaries of Ujwala – II target villages in Thiryanimandal in the district of Komurambhoom (Asifabad). The farmers have benefited with Rs.



23,51,000.00 worth of agriculture implements by DRDA. 85 farmers approached to DRDA by the knowledge of Ujwala II trainings.

S. No	Name of Agriculture Implement	Quantity	
1	Cultivator	02	
2	Tarpaulin sheets	18	
3	Oil engines	08	
4	3 HP motor pump sets	06	
5	Honda sprayers big	06	
6	Honda sprayers small	03	
7	Battery sprayers	04	
8	Sprinklers	12	
9	Farm ponds	26	
	TOTAL	85	23,51,000/-

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

26 farmers of Manikapur GP, they sanctioned farm ponds in their lands to control run off of rain water, this helps for soil erosion and increases the ground water level. The DRDA department completed 26 farm ponds @ Rs.50,000/- for the below given farmers. These were happened by the intervention of Ujwala



II.DAHPS has distributed rainbow rooster chicks (5 birds to each family) to Ujwala II 100 families of Manikyapur and Ginnedhari families.

1. CHAI – LF, CBR programme

Diocese of Adilabad Society has sanctioned MIVA transport to support and reach to the differently abled children with the

collaboration CHAI – LF in the year of 2019 - 2020. Diocese of Adilabad Human Promotion Society (DAHPS) is a unit of Diocese of Adilabad Society. It is an official wing to implement social service in the Diocese of Adilabad.



Distribution of dry ration kits, sanitizers and masks to differently abled poor children at Dandepalli

During the COVID – 19 pandemic the organization has selected 50 poor families of CWDs from Dandepallimandal to distribute dry ration kits, masks and sanitizers. Along with the director of DAHPS and



staff of CBR used MIVA transport and visited ten villages and the distribution was done successfully. The families were very poor and due to lock down they lost their lively hoods.

So DAHPS is very grateful to MIVA for supporting with four wheeler vehicle to organization. With help of vehicle the organization is reaching to unreached areas as soon as possible.

The organization has created awareness to CWDs and their parents on the occasion of “Gandhi Jayanthi” at St. Mother Theresa School, Luxettipet. With the help of CBR staff identified 50 poor



families of CWDs from 14 villages, prepared and distributed dry ration kits along with masks and sanitizers during COVID – 19 pandemic situations (dry ration kits, wheat flour and sanitizers). Along with the director of DAHPS and staff of CBR used MIVA transport for creation of awareness and distribution process successfully. The families were very poor. The MIVA transport made the work easy to reach the unreached. Thank you very much MIVA for the great support to our diocese.

The Director created awareness to the children and their parents about Covid-19 and precaution methods at Gudirevu village, Dandepalli mandal. And provided masks and health kits to the children participated.



Digital reach Physiotherapy

As part of digital reach physiotherapy Mrs. Rajeshwary, CBR facilitator created awareness and therapy to Chunchu Laxmi Sahithi (MR, CP child) with physic ball at Venkatrao pet village, Luxettipetmandal



1. SNEHA HASTHAM

Project Name	:	SNEHA HASTHAM
Project Duration	:	18 Months
Project Start Date	:	November, 2019
Project End Date	:	May, 2021

BACKGROUND NOTE AND CONTEXT ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

Snehahastham is a cancer campaign program for supporting the cancer patients and eradicate this great adversary from the society. We are implementing this project in four districts of our diocese namely **Adilabad, Mancherial, Kumrambheem Asifabad and Nirmal**. Our main intention is to **make a cancer free society**. Through this program we aim at making a study of the main reasons causing for cancer in these areas. After the study we are planning to enrich the people to become aware of this great sickness and its causes and effects. And we really want to help them to come out of this great adversary by changing their lifestyle and daily routine causing for cancer. We strongly believe that *Snehahastham* can bring lot of changes in the target areas.

There are many cancer cases reported in these district and they are not financially sound to go for the further treatment as the majority belong to the schedule caste and tribe. Through *Snehahastam* program we are trying to make aware the people about the need of supporting the patients financially and caring for them with their service as a volunteer. Through awareness

program we can establish linkage with government department so that the people will be able to tap the schemes which have been given by the government for the cancer patients.

It aims at instructing the society about the need of caring for their health. It will be done through the personal contact. Our fathers and sisters and volunteers who work in the villages can do it effectively. Through their regular visit to the villages they can find out the genuine cases that are in real need and thus execute the program to the deserving. Through the awareness we can enlighten the ignorant people about the disease and help them to be away from or to overcome it and make the society gradually a cancer free one.

OUR ACTIVITIES:

Sneha Hastham Logo Launch:

Sneha Hastham program logo officially launched in our Adilabad Diocese on 12th Dec, 2020 in Chavara Pastoral Centre, Mancherial.

His Excellency Most Rev. Dr Prince Antony, Bishop of Adilabad, Joseph Kunnath (CMI), Bishop Emeritus, Fr. Jijo Vettathu, Director DAHPS and Mr J. Naveen, Coordinator Sneha Hastham Project were present for the launching of SNEH



HASTHAM logo. DAHPS Director Fr. JijoVettathu announced about the aims and objectives of the program.

Awareness Program at Rally Village:

With the collaboration of Childline 1098 Mancherial district,



SnehaHastham conducted an awareness program in Rally village, Mancherial. Sneha Hastham Coordinator Mr. Jadi Naveen explained the role of health in life. Awareness created on girls and women health issues under Girls Safety theme. More than 60 girls

attended in this meeting along with their parents.

Awareness Program in Nennel:

An Awareness program was arranged in Nennelmandal with the coordination of Childline 1098. Ramagundam Circle She Team head Ms. Manasa (SI, Madaram) attended as program chief guest. Fr. JijoVettathu, Director of DAHPS addressed the gathering and noted with the importance of health.



Meeting With SHGs in Tiryani, KomuramBheem:

Fr. JijoVettathu, Director of DAHPS and Mr. Jadi Naveen, Coordinator of SnehaHastham program visited Manikyapur



village, in Tiryani mandal in the month of November. SHG groups from village were attended the meeting to discuss to maintain good health conditions in every season. Fr. JijoVettathu has

explained the importance of Kitchen Gardening to keep fresh vegetables to keep healthy conditions.

Promotion of Kitchen Gardening, Goleti:

As per the guidelines given in the SnehaHastham program, it is very much important to promote Kitchen Garden to cultivate vegetables for our daily use in and around kitchen premises.

Mr. Jadi Naveen, Coordinator of Sneha Hastham program visited Jadi Babu's house in Goleti village to promote Kitchen Gardening. Mr. Babu said that he is very much interested in doing farming around his house.



One Day Volunteer's Training Program:

Voluntary Mobilisation is one of the main pillars of SNEHA HASTHAM program. To encourage youth and educators DAHPS



has conducted one day training program for Volunteers in Chavara Pastoral Centre, Mancherial.

43 members attended the training session from different villages in Mancherial. Mr. Naveen gave presentation about Voluntarism and registered all the members as DAHPS volunteers.

Awareness Meeting at Peddampet:

In Peddampet village, Hazipur mandal SNEHA HASTHAM team conducted an awareness meeting to the school students and teachers on Health and Hygiene.

Fr. Jijo Vettathu, Director of DAHPS pointed out lot of health issues which are main reasons in decreasing human



immunity and how to safe guard health matters. And also he invited students to become volunteers in SNEHA HASTHAM CAMPAIGN.

Voluntary Mobilisation Meet:

DAHPS conducted Voluntary Mobilisation meet with DAHPS staff to motivate them to join as volunteers in SNEHA HASTHAM program so that volunteers can increase to create awareness in the different communities on Cancer and collecting data related to the Cancer patients to identify and support.



Awareness Program at ZPHS, Thapalpur:

Thapalpur is the backward village in Mancherial District so SNEHA HASTHAM team visited ZPHS to create awareness on



health and gave some important guidelines to maintain good health and exercise some good habits. Mr. Tirupati, Principal of the school thanked DAHPS to conducting meeting in such a school to educate the students.

Promoting Laudato SI (Root Fertigation):

Under LAUDATO SI promotion Mr. Jadi Naveen, Coordinator, SnehaHastham program visited Batwanpally village and trained few volunteers on ROOT FERTIGATION. Laudato SI is a program to promote soil and plantation methods to save soil quality and plant life time.

Medical Camp at Tekumetla:

DAHPS has arranged medical camp in Tekumetla village in Collaboration with SEVA SADAN Capuchin Social Service Centre to give awareness on health issues and identify Cancer patients.

Rev Fr Prashanth OFM Cap., Fr Aneesh Puthenpura OFM Cap., Dr Soujanya, Primary Health Center Rebbana, Fr Jijo Antony, Director DAHPS, and Mr Devdas were present for the input session



and awareness. Special thanks to Fathers of SEVA SADAN.

SNEHA HASTHAM program dedicated to promote good health and eradicated cancer from two Telugu states it is exclusively conducting medical camps in different targeted area to educate on health and happiness. Dr. Soujanya checked all the patients and prescribed them related medicines. She also gave some guidelines to the patients to maintain normal and happy life.

1. KARUNYANIDHI

Kanunyanidhi is a small fund raised from the people for the people. This programme is organized by the social service wing of Diocese of Adilabad namely Diocese of Adilabad Human Promotion Society. 90% of this fund is set aside for the Catholics of this Diocese. 10% of Karunyanidhi fund is being spent for the

non-Catholics and non- Christians. We have spent Rs. **22, 82, 650/-** (Twenty two lakh eighty two thousand six hundred and fifty rupees) to 224 people with emergency till 31st Mar 2021. During COVID 19 and Lock Down period we could support many for the medical emergency.

Fund Raising for Karunyanidhi

During this season of Covid 19 and Lock down we could not do certain activities to raise fund for the karunyanidhi but we have arranged various other programmes for raising fund for Karunyanidhi activities such as Plantain sale, Christmas Cake & star sale and a collection during Lenten season (Thapasukala Chirukanuka). And we could raise around Rs 350,000/- from

plantain and Christmas season's sale. We remember with gratitude Very Rev. FrJ oshy Pazhukathara CMI, Provincial Mary Matha Province and the provincial team for donating the



Plantaing garden for Karunyanidhi Charity Purpose. We also remember with gratitude His Excellency Mar Prince Panengadan, Fr. Joseph Thachaparambath CMI, Fr. Prasad Cholakadavil and Fr. Jijo Vettathu for their initiatives and hard work for this effort.

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DETAILS OF BENEFICIARIES OF KARUNYANIDHI

S.N	Place/ Centre	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount Disbursed up to Dec 19	Amount disbursed from Jan 20 - Mar 21	Total Amount Disbursed
1	NIRMAL	3	22,000	25,000	47,000
2	REPALLIWADA	6	53,000	12,000	65,000
3	YAPALGUDA	3	17,500	5,000	22,500
4	KAGAZNAGAR	18	1,10,000	76,000	1,86,000
5	MARTHIDI	8	88,000	26,000	1,14,000
6	VENKATAPUR	10	74,500	47,000	1,06,500
7	THAMSI	3	24,000		24,000
8	ADILABAD	40	3,54,650	43,000	3,97,650
9	ECHODA	8	87,500	8,000	95,500
10	BHEEMARAM	13	84,000	5,000	89,000
11	UTNOOR	7	31,000	40,000	71,000
12	NENNAL	2	12,000		12,000
13	BELILAMPELLI	16	1,01,500	23,000	1,24,500
14	GOLLAPELLI	5	15,000	60,000	75,000
15	INDRAVELLI	5	50,000		50,000
16	MANCHERIAL	15	96,500	90,000	1,86,500
17	GOLETI	4	40,000		40,000
18	RALLAMETPELLI	10	72,000	40,000	1,12,000
19	BATVANPELLI	4	24,000	20,000	44,000
20	MANDAMARRI	5	47,000		47,000
21	LUXETIPET	3	46,000		46,000
22	NEREDIGONDA	2	6,000	10,000	16,000
23	DANDEPELLI	2	17,000		17,000
24	GAMPALAPELLI	2	8,000		8,000
25	SALIGAON	2	15,000		15,000
26	KADEM	1	10,000		10,000
27	RAMAKRISHNAPUR	1	10,000		10,000
28	KONAMPET	1	10,000		10,000
29	KOUTALA	4	10,000	35,000	45,000
30	PENCHIKALPET	4	18,000	18,000	36,000
31	ASIFABAD	1	10,000		10,000
32	KAZIPALLI	4		36,000	36,000
33	ANUKODA	2		30,000	30,000
34	SIRPUR	1		10,000	10,000
	OTHERS	8	54,500	5,000	59,500
	TOTAL	224	16,18,650	6,64,000	22,82,650

Fr Jijo Antony Vettathu
Director, DAHPS

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH MINISTRY

The diocesan youth director conducted Parish level youth meeting in the various parishes in the diocese. Meeting all the youth in the parish, conducting Adoration and giving orientation talk was part of these visits. Awareness seminars, group discussion, helping the youth to suggest their contribution and suggestions for the department youth ministry and offering all the youth in the mass on Sunday celebrations was part of the programme. Conducting parish level youth elections- President, vice president, secretary, treasurer, boy and girl representative was done. The parish meet consists of 2 days programme usually Saturday and Sunday. These parish conventions concluded with family meal thereafter.

20-09-2020: Youth meeting in St. Mary's Church, Rampur.

02-10-2020: Youth meeting in Sacred Heart Church, Bellampally

03-10-2020: Youth meeting in Kazipally.

09-10-2020: Youth meeting in Christ the King Church, Marthidi.

23-10-2020: Youth meeting in Kothur Mission Station.

08-11-2020: Youth meeting in Fathima Church, Kagazanagar.

15-11-2020: Youth meeting in St. Paul Church, Utnoor.

27-11-2020: Youth meeting in Holy Family Church, Adilabad.

10-01-2021: Youth meeting in sacred Heart Church, Mancherial.

14-02-2021: Youth meeting in St. Antony Church, Sirpur.

The diocesan level carol singing competition of the youth department held on 12-12-2020 at CPC.

- I Prize: Christ the King Church, Marthidi
II Prize: Holy Family church, Adilabad
III Prize: St. Paul's Church, Utnoor
Sacred Heart Church, Jenda Venkatapur

Rev Fr. Jolly Memorial Cricket Tournament was conducted in zonal level and at Diocesan Level.

28-01-2021:

Adilabad zone tournament was conducted in St. Paul School ground, Utnoor. The chief guest of the programme was Rev. Fr. Bala SJ, the youth Director of Andhra Jesuit Province. Zonal level winner was St. Mary's Church, Rampur.

04-02-2021:

Mancherial zone cricket Tournament was conducted in GVN ground at Repalliwada. The chief guest of the programme was Rev. Fr. U. Joseph, the priest-in-charge of Goleti. The zonal level winner was Bellampally.

11-02-2021:

Khagaznagar zone Cricket Tournament was conducted in St. Joseph's School ground, Vijayanagaram. The Chief guest of the programme was Rev. Fr. Saphin, Koutala. The zonal level winner was Khagaznagar.

- The final round of JMCT was conducted at GVN ground, Repalliwada. The Chief Guest was Bishop Prince Antony. He encouraged all the youth by playing in a friendly match with the fathers' team. He had given a beautiful message to all the players and gave away the cash prizes and trophy to the winners.

- Overall champion - **Fathima Church, Khagaznagar.**

- 1st Runners up - **St. Mary's Church, Rampur.**

- 2nd Runners up - **Sacred Heart Church, Bellampally.**

The Department of Youth Ministry extends sincere thanks to Bishop, all the fathers, brothers, empires and all the players.

UP-COMING PROGRAMMES OF DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH

AN INVITATION TO A DIVINE CALL

Diocesan of Youth Director is going to meet all the 10th class children and Intermediate children to motivate youth, encourage, inspire to join the Adilabad Diocesan minor seminary to work for the people in the Diocese of Adilabad.

LOC FOR 10 CLASS STUDENTS & INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS

We are going to conduct LOC programme from 1-3, 2021. The venue and time will be intimated later.

“ALTAR BOYS AND GIRLS GATHERING”

In Diocese level we are planning to have big gathering for altar boys. The dates will be informed later.

EPHATHA NEWS

“Your life has purpose , Your story is important, Your dreams count, Your voice matters, You were born to make an impact”

As the Ephatha retreat centre is getting ready to be blessed, the above quote matters a lot in the history of the diocese of Adilabad. Bishop Prince Antony Panengadan will bless the retreat centre on 23 May 2021 on the feast of Pentecost. This is going to be a mile stone in the history of the diocese of Adilabad. One after another, evangelization dreams of the diocese are being fulfilled.

Evangelization mission

“But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak not to please mortals but to please God who tests our hearts” (1 Thes 2,4).

Evangelization team was fully and totally occupied during the Lenten season moving from village to village and from mission center to parishes. Pondering the words of Psalmist,



“I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.” (Psalm 34,4) The evangelization team prayerfully committed themselves and moved to many of the centers to preach the Word of God with the team and equipments. Priests- in-charge, sisters and people were eager and enthusiastic to welcome the team, to arrange platform to preach the Word of God in different centers. We thankfully remember all of them.

Jeevaswaram Bible convention

Jeevaswaram Bible Convention was conducted at Sirpur-Kagaznagar, Fatima church from 5-7 March 2021. This was the 19th Jeevaswaram organized by the evangelization Department since 2015. Out of 19 Conventions, four Conventions were telecasted online. Bishop preached on three important aspects during the convention.

1. Temptations and means to overcome temptations
2. Uniqueness of Jesus Christ
3. Jesus’ salvific death on the cross

Jeevaswaram at Peddavutapally

Eleven members of evangelization team had joined their hands with Bishop Prince Antony to lead Jeevaswaram Bible Convention at Bro. Joseph Thambi Shrine, Peddavutapally, Vijayawada from 22-24 March 2021.

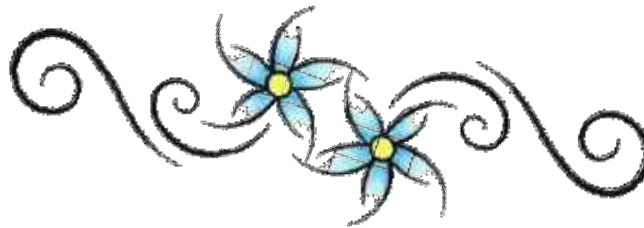


The convention was a miraculous event where above 3000 people gathered. Bishop Prince Antony preached on the importance of Word of God, temptation and grace, and on receiving Holy Spirit and becoming witness to gospel.

Jeevaswaram at St. Theresa church Hyderabad

Evangelization team travelled to Hyderabad for Jeevaswaram Bible Convention at St. Theresa church Sanath Nagar, Hyderabad from 26-28 March 2021. Bishop preached on new life through word of God and Holy Spirit, uniqueness of Jesus and on Eucharist. About 1000 people attended the convention in the church and thousands upon thousands viewed through Catholic Hub and Jeevaswaram YouTube channel.

Mr. Marreddy, the director of Catholic hub, organized the convention at Hyderabad. Thanks be to God for choosing us to be an instrument in his hands. Sincere and prayerful thanks to one and all.



GURUVIDYANILAYAM MINOR SEMINARY

Rosary devotion:

Special devotion to our Mother Mary in the seminary started on 01 October 2020 and concluded on 10 October in a fitting manner. Brothers conducted 10 days of rosary in different ways and on the concluding day Fr. Shinto inspired us through his thoughts on Holy Mother.

We celebrated the feast of St. John Pall II on 22 October 2020 in a simple way as it was the Feast of Fr. Rector. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Rinoj and we prayed and wished him on that day.

Rev. Fr. Francis Elavuthinkal from shamshabad diocese visited our seminary.

The first semester examinations for the brothers was conducted from 16-30 November 2020 .

As we entered the season of Advent, our brothers started their immediate preparation through making the star to welcome the baby Jesus. Fr. Ebin CST blessed the star and prayed for all of us on 01 December 2020.

The great feast of Christmas was celebrated in the seminary in a fitting manner. Our brothers made a beautiful crib and star as a physical sign of welcoming infant Jesus. Christmas mass was celebrated by Fr. Rinoj, the Rector and the Homily was given by Fr. Jijo Vettathu, Director, DAHPS.

Our brothers joined with department of evangelization to perform Christmas program at loha village on 13 December 2020. It was a nice experience for us to visit Loha village and witness their interest and enthusiasm towards faith in Jesus.

A day of prayer and Monthly recollection was organized on 16 December 2020 in preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It was guided by Fr. Vinod and he helped our brothers to prepare themselves spiritually for the meaningful celebration of Christmas.

December 18th was the Ordination day of Fr. Mathew MST, our spiritual father. It was celebrated in a fitting manner in the seminary. We started our day with the Holy mass and evening brothers staged few programs and we concluded it with delicious meal.

A Day of Blessing:

28 December 2020 was a memorable day in the history of Guruvidyanilayam seminary. The most awaited day for the inmates of Seminary and the Diocese at large. The day witnessed the consecration of the new chapel and blessing of grotto and few guest rooms for seminary. Bp. Prince Antony was the main celebrant and the presence of Bp. Joseph Kunnath CMI and Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and faithful added blessing to that day. A delicious lunch was provided for all the guests. A word of gratitude and appreciation for all the generous hearts for making this day really wonderful.

New Year:

As usual, we had one hour of Adoration prior to the Holy Mass at mid night, thanking God for all the graces he had showered upon us during last one year and we also burned KOLAM as a symbolic act.

Mission Exposure:

These were the days of exposure to the brothers as we went for two days of mission tour to Adilabad and Mancherial zones. We were fortunate to visit a good number of parishes/mission stations and institutions in Adilabad and Mancherial Zones. Thanks to all who took pain and effort to receive us.

Annual Retreat:

Soon after physical relaxation, it was the time for spiritual enrichment for the brothers. The annual retreat was conducted from 4-8 January 2021 by Sr. Divya SJB. It was very much useful for the brothers as she guided them these four days. There were also counseling sessions for the brothers.

On 24-1-2021, Fathers and brothers participated in the Parish Feast celebration of Goletti mission, the feast of St. Sebastian.

Republic Day:

Expressing our love and respect for Mother India we celebrated republic day with due respect. Rev. Fr. U. Joseph was the chief guest of the day. Brothers arranged March Past and few programs to add colour to the day.

Priestly Ordination:

Fathers and brothers participated in the ordination ceremony of Dn. Suresh Yekonkar ALCP/OSS at St. Ann's Church, Vijayanagaram.

Fr. Jolly Memorial Cricket:

It was the time of expressing passion for cricket and enthusiasm of catholic youth of Adilabad diocese. The department of youth ministry conducted, as part of Fr Jolly memorial cricket tournament, mancherial zonal cricket matches in Seminary ground from 4-5 February 2021. There were good number of teams and players and supporters on those days. The final match was also conducted in the seminary ground on 09 March 2021 and later there was a friendly match between Fathers and winners.

Bp. Raphael Thattil of Shamshabad Diocese along with our Bishop and few Fathers from Shamshabad visited our seminary on 24 February 2021.

Farewell:

It was the time to recollect and remember the great works by Bro Tinsé CST, our regent, for last one year. Today we gave farewell to our dear brother on 09 March 2021 as he was leaving seminary for his further formation. Our brothers arranged few programs and thanked him for all that he had been to the seminary. We pray and wish him all the best.

Monthly recollection in the month of February was preached by Fr. Tom, Parish Priest of Utnoor on 24 February 2021.



May		
Name	Birthday	Place
Fr. Manu Mathew	May 1	Bheemaram
Sr. Ancia SD	May 1	Adilabad
Sr. Bala Mary ASMI	May 3	Saligaon
Sr. Mercitta FCC	May 3	Ramakrishnapur
Fr. Antony George Vazhayil	May 5	Nennel
Sr. Maria Rani FCC	May 5	Anukoda
Sr. Mary Mathew CMC	May 5	Devapur
Sr. Sophy Jose CMC	May 6	Mandamarri
Fr. Jaison MCBS	May 7	Jannaram
Fr. Daniel Nichakola	May 7	PTC, Adilabad
Fr. Jose Manickathan CMI	May 7	Mancherial
Fr. Akhil Thazhathel OFM. Conv.	May 8	Naspur
Sr. Therese CMC	May 9	Mandamarri
Sr. Jis Maria SABS	May 10	Echoda
Sr. Mercitta CMC	May 11	Rallamettupally
Sr. Beena Maria MSMI	May 11	Asifabad
Sr. Lucia FCC	May 13	Vijayanagaram
Fr. Antony Alphonse OFM. Cap	May 13	Chennur

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Sr. Berna Francis ASMI	May 14	Saligaon
Sr. Lilly Therese CMC	May 15	Mancherial
Sr. Pastor CSC	May 16	Utnoor
Sr. Rosy Jacob SH	May 17	Sirpur
Sr. Selma FCC	May 20	Vijayanagaram
Sr. Tresa FCC	May 20	Vijayanagaram
Sr. Susmitha CSC	May 20	Indrevelly
Sr. Jainy SSS	May 21	Penchikalpet
Sr. Annice CSS	May 22	Chennur
Sr. Keerthana CMC	May 25	Rallametupally
Sr. Ancy SSS	May 25	Penchikalpet
Fr. Baiju John	May 27	Sirpur
Sr. Arpitha SH	May 28	Sirpur
Sr. Daisy FSSE	May 29	Kadem
Sr. Kusumam MSJ	May 29	Mancherial
Fr. Joseph Thachaparambath CMI	May 30	Mancherial
Sr. Renciline MLF	May 31	Shade
June		
Name	Birthday	Place
Fr. Rex Xavier SJ	June 1	Mandamarri
Sr. Maria FCC	June 2	Anukoda
Sr. Agnet CMC	June 5	Batwanpally
Sr. Teslit SABS	June 5	Echoda

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Sr. Linta MLF	June 5	Shade
Bro. Savio Arackal CST	June 6	Repallewada
Fr. Michael Ukken CMI	June 9	Anudhavana, MncI
Fr. Jayaraju Bandari HGN	June 9	Chandrapally
Bro. Rajashekar (Montfort)	June 10	Luxettipet
Sr. Rency SDV	June 11	Repallewada
Sr. Annie SSS	June 11	Penchikalpet
Bro. Pramodith Kumar	June 11	GVN
Fr. Tijo Thomas	June 13	Bhainsa
Sr. Swapna SDV	June 13	Repallewada
Fr. Jinsen Mulavarickal	June 17	Bhainsa
Fr. Biju Mathew Muiyapallil	June 18	Canada
Sr. Christy CMC	June 18	Kaghaznagar
Sr. Jonsy CMC	June 20	Batwanpally
Fr. Manoj Thanniyil CMF	June 21	Kagaznagar
Fr. Simon Tharakan CMI	June 22	Shade
Fr. Emmanuel MST	June 22	Echoda
Fr. Rijo Puthuva CMI	June 25	Bellampally
Fr. James CMI	June 25	Asifabad
Sr. Keerthana CMC	June 29	Mandamarri

July

Name	Birthday	Place
Fr. Joshy Jose	July 3	Kadam
Fr. Justin Koonamparayil OFM. Conv.	July 3	Naspur
Sr. Digna CMC	July 6	Mancherial
Sr. Alby SH	July 6	Ramnagar
Sr. Angel Mary FCC	July 11	Vijayanagaram
Fr. U. Joseph	July 14	Goletti
Fr. Prashanth OFM. Cap	July 14	Tekumatla
Sr. Annie John CSC	July 16	Utnoor
Sr. Beena OSF	July 17	Kaghaznagar
Sr. Lima Jose CMC	July 17	Bheemaram
Sr. Alsa CSS	July 19	Tekumatla
Sr. Sancta Rose CMC	July 22	Bheemaram
Sr. Venusta CSC	July 22	Indrevelly
Sr. Lucia CSS	July 25	Chennur
Sr. Lilly Pushpa HSS	July 26	Hasnapur
Sr. Philomine CSC	July 31	Indrevelly