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Bulletin, Eparchy of Chanda



Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica on 24 Dec. 2024 to begin the Jubilee Year 2025

Bishop Ephrem blessed the Jubilee Door and Inaugurated the diocesan level celebrations of the Jubilee Year and the Year of Sanctity of Life in Cathedral, BPQ during midnight Holy Qurbana (24 Dec. 2024).

On the occasion he also opened a Bible and Year of Life Exhibition in the Cathedral campus

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Hearty Congratulations...

**BISHOP JOHN RODRIGUES
COADJUTOR ARCHBISHOP OF BOMBAY**



**BISHOP THOMAS D'SOUZA
BISHOP OF VASAI**

CARDINAL GEORGE JACOB KOOVAKAD

NEWLY ORDAINED PRIEST



**FR. VIBINTO CHIRAYATH CMI
(30 Dec. 2024)**

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Diaconate of Bro. Algin Thomas
(12/09/2024)



Blessing Ceremony of the Auditorium,
St. Thomas School, Jiwati
(30/09/2024)



Chanda Family Day (12/10/2024)



Blessing of newly constructed convent
building of Holy Spirit Sisters at Ghot
(19.10.24)



Youth Convention at
Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamni
(27.10.24)



Annual Retreat of Priests,
Diocese of Chanda
(05/11/2024)



Bp. Joseph Kunnath CMI being greeted by
Bp. Ephrem and our Fathers on the occasion
of his silver jubilee of the Episcopal Ordination
at Ephatha Retreat Centre, Rebbena,
Adilabad diocese (09.11.2024)



Bp. Prince Antony Panengadan, the newly
installed bishop of Shamshabad
diocese was greeted by our Fathers in the
name of Chanda Parivar (10/11/2024)



New provincial team of St. John the
Baptist and Mary queen, Wardha
(14/11/2024)



Funeral service of Somayya Guruji
at his home - Marneli (05.12.24)



New provincial team of Carmelodaya
Province, Wardha (08/12/2024)



Christmas Gathering and Monthly
recollection, BPQ (21/12/2024)

The

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Thy Kingdom Come (Mt. 6:10)

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I. SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my beloved People,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

“For it is a jubilee and is to be holy for you; eat only what is taken directly from the fields. In this Year of Jubilee everyone is to return to their own property. If you sell land to any of your own people or buy land from them, do not take advantage of each other” (Lev. 25:12-14).

2025 Jubilee Year wishes to everyone. It is a time of renewal in life. The theme of the Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope - invites us to a greater dedication to Christ in our mission. “We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision” said Pope Francis in February 2022 letter of announcing the Jubilee 2025. In our diocese, the Jubilee Year also coincide with *the Year of Sanctity of Life*. The Church teaches us that all human life is sacred and that everyone has a right to life which shall be protected and valued at every stage. Every human life is unique and unrepeatable, valuable in and of itself, constitutes an inestimable worth (Cf. Ps. 139:14, Jer. 1:5, Is. 49:16). We shall inculcate this value of life in us and others by various activities in the diocese in this year. The talks on Synodality is still on move in the Church. The Synodality is a way of life that involves the participation of all members in the Church's mission. We shall build a Synodal Church from grass-root level. The Church seeks to discern what the Holy Spirit is asking of the Church at any given time. The Church can inspire trust and allow hope to flourish. We are missionaries of that hope in the world today. So rightly Pope Francis chose the theme for the Jubilee Year – “Pilgrims of Hope.” We shall resolve to be the “Pilgrims of Hope” in this *Jubilee Year*, in this *Year of Sanctity of Life* and in this era of *Synodality*.

God bless everyone



Yours devotedly in Christ

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

II. PASTORAL LETTER

YEAR OF LIFE - 2025

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear people,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly”
(John 10:10).**

This pastoral letter is in preparation for the observance of the Year of life 2025 in our diocese. We all know as per our Pastoral Plan the next year is going to be the 'Year of Life'. Coincidentally the Year 2025 is announced by Pope Francis as the Jubilee Year. I already have written a pastoral letter on the history and the importance of the Jubilee Year (Ref. *Chanda Samachar* XLVII, 5 &6, Sept-Dec, 2024, Pp. 2-4). We shall celebrate these two observances meaningfully with various activities. Here I share with you some reflections on the value and the source of life for our favorable considerations.

The basic concept about life is that God is the source of life and we are only stewards (Jer. 2:7, Dt. 11:12 & Rom. 11:36). God is the owner and source of life, and we have to respect it, sustain it and serve it. For this reason, any act such as abortion, murder, suicide, euthanasia etc. are against life and are considered sin. The Fifth Commandment – you shall not kill, is as an act against life and God, for God is the source of life.

Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches on sanctity of life as follows: “Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being” (CCC, 2258). So, every human life in whatever condition deserve respect. Everyone is bound to protect human life and each has the right to defend one's own life.

With regard to abortion the Church teaches us that it is the question of helplessness of a human person, who is ever denied his right to defend one's own life. "The inalienable rights of the person must be recognized and respected by civil society and the political authority. These human rights depend neither on single individual nor on parents; nor do they represent a concession made by society and the State; they belong to human nature and are inherent in the person by virtue of the creative act from which the person took his origin. Among such fundamental rights one should mention in this regard every human being's right to life and physical integrity from the moment of conception until death" (CCC, 2273).

The Fifth Commandment – "You shall not kill" (Ex 23:7, Mt 5:21) categorically prohibits any termination of human life in whatever way. It is one of the basic propositions of Holy Bible. Unequally in the created order, it is human life which is specially protected in the Bible. The fundamental prohibition on killing, and the basis for it, is set out in Genesis 9:6 "Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human, shall that person's blood be shed; for in his own image God made humankind" (Gen. 1:27). Life and physical health are precious gifts entrusted to us by God. We must take reasonable care of them, taking into account the needs of others and the common good. Every human life from the moment of conception until death is saved because the human person has been willed for its own sake in the image and likeness of the living and Holy God (CCC, 2319).

The Church's teaching on sanctity of life is that human life is saved from the moment of conception until natural death. The Church believes that everyone has the right to life that shall be protected and valued at every stage. Human beings are created by God in God's image (Gen. 1:27). Pope St. John Paul II has the following to say to state the incomparable worth of human person: "Man is called to fullness of life which far exceeds the dominions of his earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God" (*Evangelium Vitae*, 2). Recalling the 25

years of *Evangelium Vitae* Pope Francis said in his message at General Audience (25 March 2020): "Respect, defend, love and serve life, every life, every human life! It is only on this path that you will find justice, development, freedom, peace and happiness". Pope Paul VI in *Humanae Vitae* (25 July 1968) teaches that "God is the source of life", for he said; "transmission of human life is a most serious role in which married people collaborate freely and responsibly with God the creator" (# 9). In the encyclical he affirmed the teachings of the Church regarding married love, responsible parenthood, and the rejection of artificial contraception.

Life is God's gift and it is given gratuitously. God commanded not to take away life but also not to hinder or obstruct the way flow of life. God wishes that we respect all forms of life – human, animal and vegetation. Injury, obstruction of life, and taking away of any form of life, goes against God's commandment – you shall not kill. In the Year of life that we observe in 2025 we shall develop an orientation for 'prolife' and resolve to respect and protect life. God bless everyone.



Yours devotedly in Christ

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

NB: Kindly read the translation of this pastoral letter in local languages on any Sundays in January 2025.

III. CIRCULAR - I

Prot. No. 258/2024

22/10/2024

Use of “MY FAMILY PRAYER”

To,
All Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and people,
Diocese of Chanda

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, and my dear people,

**Thy Kingdom Come!
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

“My Family Prayer” book was prepared in the Jubilee year (2022) as part of our Catechetical and Faith Renewal program in the diocese in tune with the Pastoral Plan 2019-2033. It is now ready in three languages: English, Marathi and Hindi. The English version was released in the Jubilee year itself. The Marathi and Hindi versions were released on Chanda Family Day on 12 October 2024. It should reach every family in the diocese depending upon their preference in language. Copies are available in CLC. Kindly contact Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil for required copies.

'My Family Prayer' (माझी कौटुंबिक प्रार्थना & मेरे परिवार की प्रार्थना) is a prayer book for daily 'family rosary' in families. It is a small booklet and very user friendly. It contains holy rosary along with special daily devotions for seven days a week. Please instruct people how to use the prayer book for daily rosary. It is briefly explained in the beginning of the prayer book itself in respective languages. After the recitation of holy rosary they shall avail the special prayers for each day from Sunday to Saturday. A reading of a short bible passage on daily basis is highly exhorted. There are also other prayers that people can use at home for their spiritual nourishment and communion. *Pesaha* meal blessing,

prayer at childbirth, prayer for birthday celebration, prayer during harvest season, prayer for domestic animals, prayer at death bed, prayer for the sick, prayer before starting of house construction, A family prayer at ordination etc are some of them. The other additions in the prayer book are litany to the Holy Eucharist, litany of humility, litany of all saints, consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Act of consecration to Mary Immaculate, prayer for peace etc. A few hymns to Blessed Virgin Mary in different languages are also given at the end. May I request everyone to explain to the people how to use the prayer book and encourage them to use it for family prayer daily. Please make sure that it reaches every family in the parishes. It may be good that people start using it from 1 January 2025 in the holy year. As you know, this prayer book is meant to develop a culture of 'family prayer' in every family. May this be an opportunity to start the practice/continue the practice of daily family prayer with more earnestness and enthusiasm. May I request everyone to do the needful to accomplish the purpose it intended. Thank you very much for your co-operation.



Yours devotedly in Christ

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda



Grotto Pilgrimage

Tera Prem Church, Warur

DATE : 11 February 2025

Holy Qurbana : 03.30 pm

(Detailed Schedule will be given later)



CIRCULAR - II

Prot. No. 267/2024

25/10/2024

To,
All Fathers, Brothers, Sisters,
Diocese of Chanda

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters,

**Thy Kingdom Come!
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

The few things enumerated below need our attention as required. May I request everyone of you to keep these in our minds as we meet with people individually or in groups in our parishes and institutions. They are important to keep our fold together and for our peoples' well-being in the society. It shall help them for their family welfare, happy community living and social harmony. I consider that it is very important to do the needful.

- 1) Try to do more home mission, family visits, village Qurbana, seminars, retreats etc so as to help our people to grow in Christian faith and catholic culture. The conduct of Jeevotsav Retreat will serve this purpose. We shall sincerely co-operate with Jeevotsav in the diocese.
- 2) Give our children in the boardings/parishes a proper character and faith formation. Give orientation to them for a realistic target in life. We shall take interest in regular formative interactions with our boarders. It is always safe for boys, even little kids to have separate accommodation from girls, particularly for night stay.
- 3) Develop a system in parishes to keep up family morality and harmony in families. It is learned from home mission connected with Jeevotsav Retreat that we need to help our

families for marriage rectifications. Kindly bring them to the notice of the concerned.

- 4) Do what is needful to bring our people back to faith and to Church. We all know that some have gone away from our fold. We shall 'Reach' to them before we 'Preach' from the pulpit.
- 5) Start new strategies in evangelization and new contacts wherever possible for it is our primary mission. Avail social media in the best way possible.
- 6) Life-witness is of utmost importance in our mission. We shall do our best to do it well.
- 7) Sunday preaching plays key role in our missionary endeavors. Deliver prepared homilies - contextual as well as touching the people's life.
- 8) Be available to the people not only for sacraments but also for other necessities of life as required. Respond effectively to the various needs of the people so as to uplift them for their social welfare. Avail every opportunity for the same from our social service centers.
- 9) Visit the sick and the elderly in parishes periodically and regularly, and console them and render them assistance as required.
- 10) Create awareness about the sanctity of life among our people. We shall very clearly communicate the teachings of the Church on 'life' as gratuitous gift of God. Proper Catechism on Abortion, Euthanasia, Suicide, Murder etc. is the need of the hour. We shall focus on these in the Year of Life 2025.
- 11) Make our liturgical celebrations active and participative so as to evolve God-experience and community feeling to witness Christian faith.
- 12) In the Church the Religious and the people who wish to have daily Holy Qurbana is to be respected. It is for this

reason Vatican Council II highly encouraged celebration of holy Qurbana daily by every Priest. Kindly do alternative arrangements on occasions when we are absent from parishes for any necessity. As required it may be good to inform a responsible person in the parish (Sisters/Catechists) about our leave of absence so as to meet with any urgency in the missions.

- 13) Each one may apply proper discretion in taking leave of absence from the parish/diocese.
- 14) Be free from any type of addiction that causes or endangers our vocation, mission and ministry.
- 15) Adequate attention is required with regard to our 'closeness' with people of different sex and minors. Be aware of the Safe Environment Policy of the Church/diocese in work places.
- 16) Our prayer life makes us genuine missionaries. The Divine Praises (*Yama Prarthanakal*), holy *Qurbana*, Confession, Recollection, Retreat, Personal prayer, Bible reading, Spiritual reading, Spiritual direction, Daily meditation, Holy hour etc. add charm to our spiritual life. We shall not show sluggish attitude in these spiritual exercises.
- 17) It is very important to develop a culture of using social media which is not befitting to our status as men and women of prayer. Refrain from the use of cell phone during celebration of sacraments particularly in the confessional.
- 18) Mutual consultation and visits among missionaries are good to develop communion among us and to improve our ministry better and witnessing. Beware of stereotypes that could result in avoidance of others.
- 19) Conduct general assembly of the parish annually and parish council meetings as required so as to consult with

them the different aspects of parish life. It will improve people's participation in parish activities still better. Winning the confidence of the parishioners is important to develop 'we' feeling among them. We shall not forget that we live in an era of Synodality.

- 20) Teach our people the modern techniques of farming and animal husbandry, and guide them to obtain facilities for the same within their reach. It is good to create an awareness among our people with regard to the importance of natural farming and the need of protecting the nature by preserving the sanctity of the environment.
- 21) Make our people aware of the opportunities for government jobs, self-employment, loan facilities etc.
- 22) Give our youth and children the orientation for professional courses, like ITI, ITC, Polytechnic etc. Montfort ITI, BPQ, is providing opportunities for various courses and grant scholarships to deserving students.
- 23) Help our youth in the best way possible to get married to partners of our faith. It is highly encouraged to arrange meetings of marriageable youth in parish/Zone/diocese levels (*Vadhu-Vara Melava*).
- 24) Keep simplicity in life-style, food habits, conveyance etc as required. Try to do justice to the land attached to our institution with its optimum use by cultivation and otherwise. Keep our campus clean, green and nature-friendly.
- 25) Encourage our people to involve in politics to participate in political fray, to enroll names in votes' list and to act with objective political morality.

Yours devotedly in Christ



Ephrem Nari culam
 † Ephrem Nari culam
 Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

IV. BISHOP'S DIARY

SEPTEMBER – 2024

1. Offered Holy Qurbana at Mary's Church, Chazhoor in Trichur archdiocese.
5. Offered Holy Qurbana for concluding day of Bible convention at Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamini
6. Sr. Josephine AMI, the General superior visited bishop at Bishop's Home, BPQ
7. Attended missionary conference at Cathedral parish, BPQ
8. Presided over the Holy Qurbana for the feast of nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary at Cathedral, BPQ
12. Conferred the Holy Order of Diaconate to Bro. Algin Palluvathukal at SVG, New Daheli
14. Attended CRI general body meeting at CMI Provincial House, Bamni
18. Sr. Jose FDSHJ, the Superior General visited bishop at Bishop's Home, BPQ
- 19-22 Pastoral visit was done at Gomini parish
26. Attended festal celebrations of St. Vincent de Paul and Fr. Raphael at Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamini
27. Attended online Synod meeting of the Syro-Malabar Bishops'
28. Chaired the Strategic Planning Committee meeting of zonal conveners and department heads of the diocese of Chanda at BPQ for the year planning and evaluation
29. Offred Office of the Dead for late Philomena George Kurusunkal at Cathedral, BPQ
30. Blessed the newly constructed school hall of St. Thomas School, Jiwati

OCTOBER - 2024

1. Inaugurated the commencement of silver jubilee celebration of Kalabhavan at Kalabhavan chapel and offered holy Qurbana with children
5. Blessed a marriage at St. George's Forane Church Edappally in Ernakulam-Angamaly archdiocese.
7. Offered Holy Qurbana at Assisi Church, Vadakara in Thamarassery diocese. Presided over festal Holy Qurbana at Mahi Church in Kozhikode diocese in connection with patroness' feast St. Teresa of Avila
- 8-9. Visited Vellore diocese and Poonamalle seminary.
12. Offered holy Qurbana for Chanda Family Day and presided over felicitation meeting.
13. Offered feast Holy Qurbana at Dhanora mission in Sindhassur village. In the afternoon blessed a marriage at Chandrapur parish
14. Blessed the newly constructed convent of Holy Spirit sisters at Ghot
20. Presided over Eucharistic procession in connection with Jeevotsav retreat at Lakkadakot
21. Offred Holy Qurbana at Charity Sisters convent, Sasti
22. Offred Holy Qurbana at CMI Aspirants' house, Bamni
25. Attend Rosary conclusion prayer session at SVG, New Daheli
26. Attended school golden jubilee celebrations at Brahmapuri
27. Inaugurated youth convention at Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamini. In the afternoon participated in the golden jubilee celebration of Fr. KA Paul in Chandrapur parish
29. Offred Holy Qurbana at SD convent Bikawala in the diocese of Bijnor.

NOVEMBER - 2025

- 01 Presided over All Souls' Day and cemetery blessing at St. George's Forane Church Basilica, Angamally in the archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamally
- 02 Offered Holy Qurbana for Navathy celebration at Mevada parish in Pala diocese. In the afternoon offered Office of the Dead at the tomb of Fr. George Puthenpurackal at Mevalloor parish cemetery in the archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamally.
- 03-08 Attended priests' retreat at pastoral centre, BPQ
- 6 The superior general of Chimmur Sisters Sr. Ermana Luciano met with bishop at Bishop's Home, BPQ
- 9 Attended silver jubilee celebration of Adilabad diocese and Episcopal ordination of silver jubilee of Bp. Joseph Kunnath CMI at Ephatha, Rebbena
- 11 Ordained to holy priesthood Dn. Anto Parekadan OFM Cap. at Capuchin Ashram Church, Elinjipra in Irinjalakuda diocese
- 15 Joined the annual diocesan priests' outing to Nagpur
- 17 Sr. Krupa Maria DM, the provincial superior met with bishop at Bishop's Home, Bpq. In the afternoon bishop offered Holy Qurbana and officiated funeral ceremony of Sr. Esther SD at Wardha provincial house.
- 18 Visited Kalameshwar and Waddhavana mission of CMI fathers
- 19 Participated Nagpur Metropolitan Bishop's Council at Nagpur archbishop's house
- 20 Voted at BPQ for Maharashtra assembly election
- 23 visited mission stations in *pahad* area. Blessed the newly constructed teachers' quarters at Jiwthi. Participated sacerdotal silver jubilee celebration of Fr. Shyju Madapallikkunnel at Gughus
- 25-28 Visited Jagdalpur diocese

- 25 Offered Holy Qurbana at SD Convent, Chincholi
- 29 Offered Holy Qurbana at Jarawandi. Visited Ettapalli, kipreli, Ashti and Gojoli Mission
- 30 Offered holy Qurbana at Dilasagram. Visited Claretian Ashram, Wardha

DECEMBER - 2024

- 01 Offered Holy Qurbana at Claritian Ashram. Visited Nagpur Seminary
- 02 Met with Nagpur archbishop at Nagpur. Offered Holy Qurbana at DM Convent, nagpur
- 05 bishop officiated the funeral service of somaya Guruji at marnely village
- 08 Offered Festal Holy Qurbana for the feast of the Immaculate heart of Mary at Durgapur
- 09 Chaired Presbyteral Council meeting at BPQ
- 13-15 Attended WRBC at Mumbai and the catholic council meeting
- 15 Attended Episcopal Ordination Rt. Rev. Thomas Francis D'Souza the new bishop of at St. Augustine's school ground, Vasai.
- 16-19 Visited Vincentian mission of Ahemed Nagar
- 20- Bishop was chief guest for school anniversary of Montfort School, Bamni.
- 21 Attended advent recollection and Christmas gathering of priests and men & women religious at BPQ.
- 22 Chaired the Christmas gathering of civil and public officers and other eminent persons for BPQ
- 24 At midnight Holy Qurbana Bishop inaugurated the Holy Jubilee celebrations and the Year of Sanctity of Life in the diocesan level at Cathedral BPQ. He offered Christmas midnight Holy Qurbana and blessed the Holy Door at Cathedral, BPQ.

- 26 Bishop addressed the students of vocation camp for the diocese of Chanda at Malayattoor presbyteral hall.
- 28 Blessed a new Home in Edappilly. Attended felicitation meeting of sacerdotal silver jubilee celebration of Fr. Shyju Madapallikunnel at Meenkannam parish. In the evening he offered Holy Qurbana for the Navathy celebration of Chauka parish in Irinjalakuda diocese
- 29 Bishop officiated a betrothal at Little Flower Church, Elamkulam in Ernakulam-Angamally archdiocese
- 30 Attended the sacerdotal golden jubilee celebration of his brother Fr. Antony Nariculam at Sanjopuram parish in the archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamally



MURON QURBANA



Let us be united in the Holy priesthood of Christ. Let the celebration of Holy Muron Qurbana fortify our priestly *Koinonia* and deepen our commitment to Christ, Church, Diocese, Congregation and to the people.

Date : Tuesday, 15 April 2025

Venue : St. Thomas Cathedral, BPQ

Schedule

09.00 AM	Adoration & Confession
10.00 AM	Talk
11.15 AM	Holy Qurbana
01.00 PM	Lunch, Departure.

V. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

JANUARY 2025

- 01 Betrothal in Parane Basilica in the Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamally
- 02 Blessing, Nedungad in the Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamally
- Meeting, Angamally
- 6-11 Synod of Bishops, Kakkanad
- 18 Meeting, Kalamassery
- 19 Marriage, Irinjalakuda
- 22 Feast Holy Qurbana, Mapranam, Irinjalakuda
- 29 Monthly Recollection, BPQ
- 30 School Day, Wardha
- 31 Altar blessing, Jeevanvikas, Sevagram

FEBRUARY

- 01 PPT Meeting
- 3-4 PPT Meeting
- 5-7 Ujjain
- 08 Minor Orders, Bhopal
- 09 Diaconate, Bhopal
- 11 Grotto Pilgrimage, Warur
- 12-13 Nagpur Metropolitan Council meeting, Amaravati
- 12-15 PPT Meeting
- 17-18 PPT Meeting
- 19 SJB Jubilee, Wardha, Zonal Level Monthly Recollection
- 23 Solemn Holy Communion, Allapally
- 25-27 Conference of Syro-Malabar Missionary Bishops, Mancherial in Adilabad diocese
- 28 PPT Meeting

MARCH

- 02 Jeevotsav, Jiwati
- 3-5 40 Hours Adoration, Cathedral BPQ
- 04 Recollection for Priests and Men & Women Religious, BPQ
- 3-8 Deacons' Pastoral Orientation Program
- 10-11 Quinquennial Meeting of Priests, BPQ
- 12-15 PPT Meeting
- 20-23 Pastoral Visit, Bhamragarh
- 23 Jeevotsav, Gomini
- 28 Bp. Januarius' Death Anniversary, BPQ
- 28-29 PPT Meeting
- 30 Jeevotsav, Balapur

APRIL

- 06 Jeevotsav, Wardha
- 10 Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults Seminar, BPQ
- 13 Palm Sunday
- 15 Muron Holy Qurbana, BPQ
- 17 Maundy Thursday
- 18 Good Friday
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 21-30 Diocesan Formation Program of Major Seminarians

MAY

- 1-2 Diocesan Formation Program of Major Seminarians
- 03 Minor Orders, BPQ
- 07 Ordination, Kerala
- 08-June 30 Canada & USA

**DECREE ON THE GRANTING OF THE
INDULGENCE
DURING THE ORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR 2025
CALLED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS**

“Now the time has come for a new Jubilee, when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God” ([Spes non confundit, 6](#)). [In the Bull announcing the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, at a moment in history in which "heedless of the horrors of the past, humanity is confronting yet another ordeal, as many peoples are prey to brutality and violence" \(Spes non confundit, 8\), the Holy Father calls on all Christians to become pilgrims of hope. This is a virtue which must be sourced above all in the grace of God and in the fullness of His mercy. It is to be rediscovered in the signs of the times, which, encompassing "the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope" \(Spes non confundit, 7\).](#)

Previously, in the Bull announcing the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2015, Pope Francis underlined how the Indulgence acquired "an even more important meaning" in that context ([Misericordiae vultus, 22](#)), since God's mercy becomes the "indulgence on the part of the Father who, through the Bride of Christ, his Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him or her from every residue left by the consequences of sin" (*ibid.*). [Similarly, now the Holy Father declares that the gift of the Indulgence "is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. Not by chance, for the ancients, the terms 'mercy' and 'indulgence' were interchangeable, as expressions of the fullness of God's forgiveness, which knows no bounds" \(Spes non confundit, 23\). The Indulgence, therefore, is a Jubilee grace.](#)

And so, also during the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, by will of the Supreme Pontiff, this 'Court of Mercy', which is responsible for all that concerns the granting and use of indulgences, wishing to encourage the souls of the faithful and nourish the pious desire to obtain the Indulgence seen as a gift of grace specific to each Holy Year, establishes the

following indications, so that the faithful may take advantage of the "norms for obtaining and rendering spiritually fruitful the practice of the Jubilee indulgence" ([Spes non confundit, 23](#)).

During the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, all others Indulgences previously granted remain in force. All the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin (cf. *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, IV ed., norm. 20, § 1), who are moved by a spirit of charity and who, during the Holy Year, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory in the following ways:

I.- Pilgrimages

The faithful, *pilgrims of hope*, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage:

to any sacred Jubilee site: by devoutly participating in Holy Mass (where the liturgical norms allow for it, the Mass of the Jubilee might fruitfully be chosen, or one of the Votive Masses: for Reconciliation, for the Remission of Sins, for the Promotion of Charity or to Foster Harmony); a ritual Mass for the conferral of the sacraments of Christian Initiation or the Anointing of the Sick; or any of the following: a celebration of the Word of God; the Liturgy of the Hours (office of readings, lauds, vespers); the Via Crucis; the Marian Rosary; the recitation of the Akathist hymn; a penitential celebration, which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents, as established in the Rite of Penance (form II);

in Rome: by visiting at least one of the four Major Papal Basilicas: St. Peter's in the Vatican, the Archbasilica of the Holy Saviour (St John Lateran's), Saint Mary Major's, and St. Paul's Outside the Walls;

in the Holy Land: by visiting at least one of the three basilicas: the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem, or the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth;

in other ecclesiastical areas: by visiting the Cathedral or other church or sacred place designated by the local Ordinary. Bishops will take into account the needs of the faithful as well as the opportunity to reinforce the concept of pilgrimage with all its symbolic significance, so as to manifest the great need for conversion and reconciliation;

II.- Pious visits to sacred places

Likewise, the faithful can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit any Jubilee site and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God, so that in this Holy Year everyone "will come to know the closeness of Mary, the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children" ([Spes non confundit, 24](#)).

During the Jubilee Year, in addition to the aforementioned places of pilgrimage, the following sacred places may also be visited under the same conditions:

in Rome: the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, the Basilica of St Lawrence at the Verano, the Basilica of St Sebastian, (the traditional visit to "the seven Churches of Rome", so close to the heart of St Philip Neri is also highly recommended), the Sanctuary of Divine Love (the 'Divino Amore'), the Church of the Holy Spirit *in Sassia*, the Church of St Paul at the *Tre Fontane*, (the site of the Martyrdom of the Apostle), the Roman Catacombs; the churches of the Jubilee Pathways dedicated respectively to the *Iter Europaeum* and to the *Female Patrons of Europe and Doctors of the Church* (the Basilica of Santa Maria sopra Minerva, and the churches of St Brigid at Campo de' Fiori, Santa Maria della Vittoria, Trinità dei Monti, the Basilica of Saint Cecilia in Trastevere, and the Basilica of Sant'Augustine in Campo Marzio);

in other places in the world: the two Minor Papal Basilicas in Assisi – those of St Francis and Our Lady of the Angels; the Pontifical Basilicas of Our Lady of Loreto, Our Lady of Pompeii, and St Anthony in Padua; any minor basilica, cathedral church, co-cathedral church, Marian sanctuary, any distinguished collegiate church or sanctuary designated

by the diocesan bishop or Eparchy for the benefit of the faithful, and national or international sanctuaries, "sacred places of welcome and privileged spaces for the rebirth of hope" ([Spes non confundit, 24](#)), as [indicated by Episcopal Conferences](#).

The faithful who are truly repentant of sin but who cannot participate in the various solemn celebrations, pilgrimages and pious visits for serious reasons (especially cloistered nuns and monks, but also the elderly, the sick, prisoners, and those who, through their work in hospitals or other care facilities, provide continuous service to the sick), can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence, under the same conditions if, united in spirit with the faithful taking part in person, (especially when the words of the Supreme Pontiff or the diocesan Bishop are transmitted through the various means of communication), they recite the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any approved form, and other prayers in conformity with the objectives of the Holy Year, in their homes or wherever they are confined (e.g. in the chapel of the monastery, hospital, nursing home, prison...) offering up their sufferings or the hardships of their lives;

III.-Works of mercy and penance

In addition, the faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, with a devout spirit, they participate in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place, according to the mind of the Holy Father.

Despite the rule that only one plenary indulgence can be obtained per day (cf. *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, IV ed., norm. 18, § 1), the faithful who have carried out an act of charity on behalf of the souls in Purgatory, if they receive Holy Communion a second time that day, can obtain the plenary indulgence twice on the same day, applicable only to the deceased (this must take place within a Eucharistic celebration; see can. 917 and the Pontifical Commission for the authentic interpretation of the CIC, *Responsa ad dubia*, 1, 11 July 1984). Through this double act, a praiseworthy exercise of supernatural charity is carried out, through that bond by which the faithful still journeying on this earth are united in

the mystical Body of Christ, with those who have already completed their journey, by virtue of the fact that "the Jubilee indulgence, thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy" ([Spes non confundit, 22](#)).

In a special way "during the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind" ([Spes non confundit, 10](#)). [Therefore, the Indulgence is also linked to certain works of mercy and penance, which bear witness to the conversion undertaken. The faithful, following the example and mandate of Christ, are encouraged to carry out works of charity or mercy more frequently, especially in the service of those brothers and sisters who are burdened by various needs. More especially, they should rediscover these "corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead" \(Misericordiae vultus, 15\) and rediscover also "the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead" \(ibid.\).](#)

In this way, the faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they visit, for an appropriate amount of time, their brothers and sisters who are in need or in difficulty (the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly people, disabled people...), in a sense making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them (cf. Mt 25, 34-36) according to the usual spiritual, sacramental and prayer conditions. The faithful can repeat these visits throughout the Holy Year, even daily, acquiring a plenary indulgence each time.

The Jubilee Plenary Indulgence can also be obtained through initiatives that put into practice, in a concrete and generous way, the spirit of penance which is, in a sense, the soul of the Jubilee. In particular the penitential nature of Friday can be rediscovered through abstaining, in a spirit of penance, at least for one day of the week from futile distractions (real but also virtual distractions, for example, the use of the media and/or social networks), from superfluous consumption (for example by fasting

or practising abstinence according to the general norms of the Church and the indications of the Bishops), as well as by donating a proportionate sum of money to the poor; by supporting works of a religious or social nature, especially in support of the defence and protection of life in all its phases, but also by supporting the quality of life of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely elderly people, or migrants from various countries “who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families” ([Spes non confundit, 13](#)); [it can also be obtained by dedicating a reasonable portion of one's free time to voluntary activities that are of service to the community or to other similar forms of personal commitment.](#)

All diocesan bishops and eparchs and those who are equivalent to them in law, on the most appropriate day of this jubilee period, on the occasion of the main celebration in the cathedral and in the individual jubilee churches, may impart the *Papal Blessing* with the attached plenary indulgence, obtainable by all the faithful who receive this *Blessing* under the usual conditions.

In order to facilitate access to the sacrament of Penance and the obtaining of divine forgiveness through the 'Power of the Keys', local Ordinaries are invited to grant to the Canons and Priests, who in the Cathedrals and Churches specially designated for the Holy Year, hear the confessions of the faithful, the faculties limited to the internal forum for the faithful of the Eastern Churches covered by can. 728, § 2 of the CCEO, and in the case of a possible reservation, those for can. 727, excluding, clearly, those cases listed in can. 728, § 1; while for the faithful of the Latin Church, the faculties referred to in can. 508, § 1 of the CIC.

In this regard, this Penitentiary urges all priests to offer generous availability and self-dedication to allow the greatest possible opportunity for the faithful to benefit from the means of salvation, by adopting and publishing time slots for confessions, in agreement with parish priests or rectors of neighbouring churches, by making time to be available in the confessional, planning penitential celebrations on a fixed and frequent basis, and also making the widest possible use of retired priests who do not have other defined pastoral roles. Depending on the possibilities,

priests should remember, in accordance with the [Motu proprio Misericordia Dei, the pastoral opportunity that also exists in hearing Confessions during the celebration of Holy Mass.](#)

To facilitate the task of confessors, the Apostolic Penitentiary, by mandate of the Holy Father, grants to priests who accompany or join Jubilee pilgrimages outside their own Diocese the right to make use of the same faculties which they have been granted in their own Diocese by the legitimate authority. Special faculties will be conferred by this Apostolic Penitentiary to the penitentiaries of the Papal Basilicas in Rome, and to Canon Penitentiaries or Diocesan Penitentiaries established in individual ecclesiastical circumscriptions.

Confessors, after having lovingly instructed the faithful on the gravity of the sins to which a reservation or censure is attached, should determine, with pastoral charity, appropriate sacramental penances, so as to lead penitents, as far as possible to stable repentance and, depending on the nature of the case, invite them to repair any scandal and damages.

Finally, the Penitentiary warmly invites Bishops, as bearers of the triple *munus* of teaching, guiding, and sanctifying, to explain clearly the provisions and principles proposed here for the sanctification of the faithful, taking account of local circumstances, cultures and traditions. A catechesis appropriate to the socio-cultural characteristics of each people will propose the Gospel and the entirety of the Christian message effectively, rooting more deeply in people's hearts the desire for this unique gift, obtained through the mediation of the Church.


This Decree is valid for the entire Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary.

Given in Rome, from the Offices of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on 13 May 2024, Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima.


Angelo Cardinal De Donatis
Major Penitentiary


+ Krzysztof Nykiel
Regent

VI. CURIA MATTERS				
TRANSFERS / APPOINTMENTS Eparchy of Chanda (January 2024)				
No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.E.F
	Fr. Jinesh Kattamkotttil CMI	Priest-in-Charge, Wadsa		15/10/2024
	Fr. Jose Augustine Pallivathuckal CMI		Priest-in-Charge, Wadsa	15/10/2024
	Fr. Thomas Punchayil	Parish Priest, Allapalli	Priest in Residence, Priests' Home, Bamni	28/10/2024
	Fr. Shine Manjaly		Parish Priest, Allapalli (Temporary & Additional)	28/10/2024



† Bp. Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda





Fr. Shibu Monipalli
Chancellor

2025 DIOCESAN YEAR PLAN	
Jubilee Year & The Year of Sanctity of Life	
Diocese of Chanda	
<u>JANUARY</u>	
01	- Inauguration of the Year of Sanctity of Life
03	- St. Chavara Kuriakose, First Friday
06	- Feast of Denha
06-11	- Pray for Syro-Malabar Synod of Bishops
14	- St. Devasahayam Pillai
	- Logoz Quiz, Diocesan Level, BPQ
18-25	- Church Unity Octave
20	- St. Sebastian
21-26	- Jeevotsav Retreat, Ettapalli
26	- Republic Day, Sts. Timothy & Titus
27	- Feast of Evangelists
28	- St. Thomas Aquinas
29	- Major Archiepiscopal Status to Syro-Malabar Church, Monthly Recollection for Priests and Men Religious, BPQ (General Presbyterium), PPT Meeting
30	- World Day of Peace, PPT Meeting
31	- St. John Bosco, PPT Meeting
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	
01	- PPT Meeting
02	- Presentation of our Lord
03-07	- PPT Meeting
07	- First Friday
08	- CSA Meeting
10	- PPT Meeting
11	- Grotto Pilgrimage, Warur (World Day of the Sick)
12-15	- PPT Meeting
17 & 18	- PPT Meeting
19	- Zonal Monthly Recollection for Priests and Men & Women Religious, BPQ (6.00 PM)
	- Catechism Teachers' Day Celebration, BPQ
20-22	- PPT Meeting

- 25 - Blessed Rani Maria
- 25 – Mar 2 - Jeevotsav Retreat, Jiwati
- 28 - PPT Meeting

MARCH

- Lenten Campaign
- 03 - Ash Day Service
- 04-09 - Jeevotsav Retreat, Kopreli
- 03-05 - 40 Hours Adoration
- 04 - Monthly Recollection for Priests and Men & Women religious (BPQ)
- 03-08 - Deacons Pastoral Orientation Program
- 08 - International Womens' Day
- 10-11 - Quinquennial Meet of priests
- 14 - Holiday of Holi
- 15 - PPT Meeting
- 18-23 - Jeevotsav Retreat, Gomini
- 19 - Feast of St. Joseph
- 20-23 - Pastoral Visit, Bhamaragarh
- 23 - Patron's Day of Bp Vijayanand Nedumpuram CMI
- 25 - Feast of Annunciation
- 27 - Finance Council
- 25-30 - Jeevotsav Retreat, Balapur
- 28 - Bp. Januarius' (29th) Death Anniversary
- 28-29 - PPT Meeting
- 31 - Ramdan Holiday

APRIL

- Vocation Camp
- Music Course (April-May)
- Career Guidance
- Retreat for Catechism Students
- English Language Course
- 01-06 - Jeevotsav Retreat, Wardha
- 04 - First Friday
- 04-06 - Marriage Preparation Course
- 10 - Mahavir Jayati Holiday, Seminar on “Protection of Minors & Vulnerable Adults: Cyber & Pastoral Implication” (for

- Priests, Brothers and Sisters)
- 13 - Palm Sunday
- 14 - Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti Holiday
- 15 - Muron Qurbana (Common Recollection for Priests, Men & Women Religious, BPQ)
- 17 - Maundy Thursday
- 18 - Good Friday, Calvarigiri Pilgrimage (Lakkadakot)
- 19 - Holy Saturday
- 20 - Easter Sunday
- 21-30 - Major Seminarians' Diocesan Formation Programme (MSDFP)
- 25 - St. Mark
- 27 - Divine Mercy Sunday, Vocation Sunday

MAY

- *Pratibha Sangam*
- *Enchristo* Youth Convention
- 01 - International Labour Day, St. Joseph, the patron of workers
- 01-2 - Major Seminarians' Diocesan Formation Programme (MSDFP)
- 02 - First Friday
- 03 - Minor Orders (BPQ)
- 06 - St. Dominic Savio, Ordination Kerala
- 07 - Ordination Kerala
- 11 - International Mothers' day
- 12 - Bhudha Poornima Holiday
- 14 - St. Mathias, Fourth death anniversary of Fr. Lawrence Burle
- 18 - Parish Level Prayer Day for Priests, Men & Women Religious and People (One day recollection in the parishes)
- 31 - Visitation of Bl. Virgin. Mary

JUNE

- Hindi & Marathi Language Courses
- 01 - Feast of Ascension
- 06 - First Friday

- 07 - Bakrid Holiday, Monthly Recollection for the diocesan priests and men religious (ONLINE)
- 08 - Feast of Pentecost – St. Mariam Thresia, Hindi language course begins (until July 05)
- 09 - St. Ephrem, Patron's Day of Bp. Ephrem Nariculam
- 10 - St. Bernard
- 13 - Feast of St. Antony
- 15 - Holy Trinity, International Fathers' Day
- 22 - Feast of Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*)
- 24 - Birth of St. John the Baptist
- 26 - Catechism Teachers' Seminar
- 27 - Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 28 - Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 29 - Sts. Peter and Paul

JULY

- 03 - St. Thomas, the Apostle of India and the patron of our diocese, Inauguration of Catechism Classes
- 04 - First Friday
- 05 - Hindi language course ends
- 06 - Muharam Holiday - *Sabhadhinam* Collection
- 07-08 - Western Regional Bishops' Council, BPQ
- 14 - Feast of Seventy Disciples
- Monthly Recollection for Diocesan Priests
- 16 - Feast of Mount Carmel
- 25 - St. James the Apostle
- 26 - Sts. Joachim and Anne
- 27 - Day of elders and grandd parents
- 28 - St. Alphonsa
- 29 - St. Martha
- 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

AUGUST

- 01 - St. Alphonse Ligouri
Fifteen days fast in preparation for the feast of Assumption of our Lady begins + First Friday

- 03 - Monthly Recollection for Diocesan priests (BPQ) – Diocesan Presbyterium
- 04 - Vianney Day (SVG)
- 09 - Raksha Bandhan holiday
- 10 - Priests' Sunday
- 11 - St. Clare
- 14 - Fourth death anniversary of Fr. Kozhikotheckal Joseph
- 15 - Feast of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, Independence Day & Chanda Establishment Day (1962)
- 16 - Janmashtami holiday, Diocesan Pastoral Council
- 17 - Chanda Establishment Day Sunday Collection
- 18-29 - Pray for Synod of Syro-Malabar Bishops
- 21 - St. Pius X, World Senior Citizens Day
- 24 - St. Bartholomew
- 27 - Ganesh Chaturthi holiday, St. Monica
- Couples' Meet
- 28 - St. Augustine
- 29 - St. Euphrasia

SEPTEMBER

- 01 - Eight days fast in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary begins,
- 05 - Id holiday, Feast of St. Theresa of Calcutta, Onam, First Friday
- Zonal Level Competitions
- 08 - Feast of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 13 - CRI General Body Meeting, Wardha
- 14 - Exaltation of the Cross
- 14-19 - Priests' Annual Retreat
- 21 - St. Mathew the apostle
- 24 - Birthday of Bp. Vijayanand Nedumpuram CMI
- 24-28 - Pastoral Visit, Warur
- 27 - St. Vincent de Paul, Jubilee Celebration of the Diocesan Priests.
- 29 - Feast of Archangels - Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Patron's Day of Major Archbishop Mar Raphael Thattil

- Final Round Bible Quiz
- 30 - St. Jerome, Year plan committee (Zonal conveners + Department heads)
- 30-Oct 5 - Jeevotsav Retreat, Wasa

OCTOBER

- Month for Rosary devotion
- Youth Convention
- 01 - St. Theresa of Child Jesus
- 02 - Gandhi Jayanthi & Dussehra holiday and Feast of Guardian Angels, Nagpur Metropolitan council, Holy Year 2025 Jubilee gathering at Nagpur.
- 03 - First Friday, Day of Fasting in preparation for Chanda Family Day (Oct 11)
- 04 - St. Francis of Assisi, Patron's Day of Pope Francis, First Friday
Holy Hour in preparation for Chanda Family Day
- 07 - Feast of Holy Rosary
- 11 - Chanda Parivar Divas (Chanda Family Day)
- 15 - St. Theresa of Avila
- 16 - Blessed Kunjachan
- 16-19 - Pastoral Visit, Marakbody
- 19-22 - Chanda Jeevotsav Bible Convention, BPQ.
- 20 - Diwali
- 22 - St. John Paul II
- 24 - 11th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary of Bp. Ephrem
- 26 - Mission Sunday
- 28 - Sts. Simon & Jude

NOVEMBER

- Catechism Students Zonal Level Competition
- CRI Zonal level gathering
- 01 - All Saints Day
- 02 - All Souls' Day
- 03 - St. Zacharias & Elizabeth, Guru Nanak Jayanti Holiday, Marathi language course begins (until November 29)
- 07 - First Friday

- 16 - World Communication Day
- 23 - Christ the King
- 29 - Missionary Conference, BPQ (For Priests and Men and Women Religious) and Marathi language course ends
- 30 - St. Andrew, the Apostle, Season of Annunciation (Advent) begins

DECEMBER

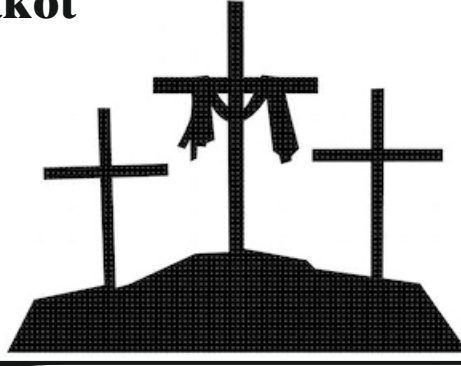
- Advent collection for Seminary Fund
- Marriage Preparation Course
- 01 - Advent abstinence begins
- 03-07 - Jeevotsav Retreat, Warur
- 04-07 - Pastoral Visit, Lakkadakot
- 03 - St. Francis Xavier, The World day for the Physically Challenged
- 05 - First Friday
- 07 - St. Ambrose
- 08 - Feast of Immaculate Conception of Mary, Presbyteral Council (10 AM), Consultators' Meeting (3.00 PM)
- 09-14 - Jeevotsav Retreat, Kalmana
- 10 - Birthday of Bp. Ephrem Nariculam
- 12-14 - Western Regional Bishops, Council
- 13 - The Second Death anniversary of Fr. Antony Munjanat
- 14 - St. John of the Cross
- 16 - Sixth Death Anniversary of Fr. Jomy Chakkalatharayil
- 20 - Advent Recollection for Priests and Men & Women religious (BPQ) & Christmas Gathering
- 21 - Seminary Fund Collection
- 25 - Christmas
- 26-31 - Sisters' Retreat at Divine Vachan Ashram, Bamini
- 26 - St. Stephen
- 27 - St. John the Apostle
- 28 - Feast of Holy Innocents
- 29 - Divine Motherhood of Mary
- 31 - Feast of Holy Family, Year ending

- NB:**
- Feb. 19 Zonal level missionary conference & Recollection
 - Apr. 10 Seminar for Priests and Sisters on “Protection of Minors & Vulnerable Adults: Cyber & Pastoral Implication”
 - May 18 Parish Day Recollection may be done with a Spiritual talk and adoration after Sunday Holy Qurbana
 - June 07 Monthly Recollection is for priests & men Religious (online)
 - June 08 - July 05 Hindi Language course
 - Sep. 14-19 Priests' Annual Retreat, preacher: Fr. Jilson Kakkattupillil VC
 - Oct. 03 Fasting in preparation for Chanda Family Day (Oct. 11)
 - Oct. 04 Holy Hour in preparation for Chanda Family Day (Oct 11)
 - Oct. 11 Chanda Family Day
 - Nov. 2-29 Marathi language course
 - Nov. 29 Missionary Conference (for priests and men & women religious)
 - Dec. 20 Recollection and Christmas gathering (priests and men & women religious)



**Calvarigiri Pilgrimage
Lakkadakot**

Good Friday
18 April 2025



SPiritual ORientation FOR MISSIONARIES Monthly Recollection Schedule - 2025 • (Diocese of Chanda)								
Month	Date	Time	Occasion	Participants	Venue	Special Event	Organizer	
January	Jan. 29	05.45 PM	Recollection	Priests and Men Religious	BPQ	General Presbyterium	Proto-Syncellus	
February	Feb. 19	06.00 PM	Recollection	Priests and Men & Women Religious	Zonal centre	Zonal missionary conference	Zonal Vicar	
March	Mar. 03	05.45 PM	40 Hours of Adoration (Mar 3 to 5)	Priests and Men & Women Religious	BPQ	Preparation for Great Lent	Cathedral Vicar	
April	Apr. 15	10.00 AM	Holy Muron Qurbana	Priests and Men & Women Religious	BPQ	Preparation for Holy Week	Cathedral Vicar	
May	May 18	Prayer Day for Priests, Men & Women Religious and People (Parish Level) (If this day is inconvenient, please fix the date according to the convenience in the parish)					Parish Day/Gathering	Respective Priest-in-Charge
June	Jun. 07	06.45 PM	Recollection	Priests and Men Religious	Online		Bishop's Secretary	
July	Jul. 14	05.45 PM	Recollection	Diocesan Priests	BPQ	Spiritual Orientation	CLC Director	
August	Aug. 03	05.45 PM	Recollection	Diocesan Priests	BPQ	Vianney Day & Diocesan	CLC Director & SVG Rector	

September	Sep 14-19	09.00 PM (14 th to By noon (19 th)	Priests' Annual Retreat	Priests and Men Religious Preacher: Fr. Jilson Kakkattupillil, VC	BPQ	Presbyterium Priests Renewal + Spiritual Orientation	Bishop
October	Oct. 11	10.00AM	Chanda Family Day	All Missionaries and Lay Delegates from Parishes	BPQ	A Gathering in Diocesan Level	Proto- Syncellus
November	Nov. 29	10.00 AM	Missionary Conference	Priests and Men & Women Religious	BPQ	Diocesan level gathering for missionaries	Cathedral Vicar
December	Dec. 20	09.30 AM	Recollection	Priests and Men & Women Religious	BPQ	Christmas Gathering	Bishop's Home Administrator



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JUBILEE YEAR & YEAR OF SANCTITY OF LIFE

**(Special Events)
BISHOP'S LETTER**

To,
Everyone in the diocese of Chanda

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear Faithful,
Thy Kingdom Come!
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In the first place I wish you all a fruitful season of Annunciation. As per our Pastoral Plan 2019-2033, the year 2025 is to be observed as *the Year of Sanctity of Life*, coincidentally the year is also declared in the Holy Mother Church as the Jubilee Year - Holy Year. I request everyone in the diocese to celebrate these observances in a befitting manner. Various committees are formed to commemorate these observances in the diocese meaningfully and befittingly. Fr. Benny Mulackal, Proto-Synellus shall be the convenor and coordinator for the celebrations in the diocese in various levels. *Herewith I do declare special indulgences to everyone who fulfills ecclesial requirements in accordance with the teachings of the Church* (CCEO, 727, 728, CIC, 508 and CCC, 1471). Fr. Shubu Monipally, Chancellor shall give you the required details about the Plenary Indulgences, inauguration of the Jubilee Year, arrangements for Pilgrimage, Jubilee Celebrations in various levels etc. Please do the needful to use the best of these celebrations for revival in faith and spiritual renewal.

With good wishes and prayers



Yours devotedly in Christ
† Ephrem Nariculam
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Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

- Eccl: i) Letter of Chancellor about the inauguration of the Jubilee Year
- ii) Events & Activities in the Jubilee Year
- iii) Plenary Indulgences
- iv) The Jubilee Year celebration in the Church
- v) Homily Schedule and reflections for the Jubilee year
- vi) Prolife Sunday 2025

**INAUGURATION OF
THE YEAR OF SANCTITY OF LIFE
&
JUBILEE YEAR 2025
(Diocese of Chanda)**

Diocesan level inauguration of *the Year of Sanctity of Life* and the *Jubilee Year 2025* is scheduled at midnight Christmas Qurbana in the Cathedral, BPQ at the hands of Bp. Ephrem Nariculam. Bishop will bless and Open the specially designed Holy Year Door in the Cathedral and will release the Jubilee poster on the occasion. *The Year of Sanctity of Life* in the diocesan level will be inaugurated by lighting the lamp. In every parish, mission and institution these may be done in a befitting manner by releasing the Jubilee poster, lighting the lamp etc. on 1 January 2025 or on the Sunday that follows.

Bishop has announced plenary indulgence to everyone who enters through the Jubilee Year Door in the Cathedral after having fulfilled the ecclesial requirements for indulgence such as repentance over one's sins, reception of Holy Sacraments of Penance & Holy Communion and praying for the intention of the Holy Father by reciting 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and 1 Glory be Everyone is reminded to avail the opportunity to receive plenary indulgences. (Kindly see the details about the same in the sheet attached herewith).

In the Jubilee Year there will be facility for pilgrimage to the Cathedral, BPQ on the first Fridays as per the scheduled given here below:

- 5.00 PM Confession**
- 5.30 PM Adoration & Holy Rosary**
- 6.30 PM Solemn Entry through Holy door followed by Holy Qurbana**
- 7.45 PM Agape**
- 8.00 PM Departure**

Priests and Religious are requested to arrange from parishes/missions/institutions pilgrimages to Cathedral parish, BPQ. The dates of pilgrimages are: January (03), Feb (07), March (07), April (04), May (02), June (06), July (04), August (01), Sept (05), Oct (03), Nov (07), Dec (05). Kindly inform Fr. Benny Mulackal (Ph.: 8265061647, Email: bennymula@gmail.com) about pilgrimage from respective parishes/missions/institutions with number of pilgrims in each month at least three days in advance of the day of pilgrimage. All are welcome for pilgrimage on other days as well. Please give information about it in advance as indicated.

As we all know the Jubilee Year - Holy Year, is celebrated in the Church for the renewal in faith and revival in our commitment to Christ and the Church. It is an occasion of repentance and rectifying our relationship in the families/communities, parishes and the society. It is an occasion for re-juvenation of our Christian commitment. It is an opportunity to begin a new life, as St. Paul reminds us "put away the old self and put on the new self in Christ Jesus" (Eph 4:22-24 & Rom. 6:6-11).

The Strategic Planning Committee of zonal convenors and the heads of the diocesan departments met on 30th September 2024 formed various committees to arrange and monitor the events and activities of the Jubilee Year and the Year of Sanctity of Life.

The Organizing Committee :

Fr. Benny Mulackal (convenor), Fr. Dinesh Mate, Fr. Binu Muthalakuzhy, Fr. Vivek Puthenpurackal, and Fr. Tony Villiadath.

The Jubilee Exhibition Committee:

Fr. Jobin Ovelil (convener), Fr. Francis Minj, Fr. Bernard Kujur, Fr. Tiji Karakunnel, and Fr. Vishal Janagam.

The Street Play Committee :

Fr. Jobin Ovelil (convenor), Mr. Bhaskar Thakur and Mr. Joseph Domala.

The Exhibition will be held in November-December 2025, at Pastoral Centre, BPQ. Fr. Dinesh Mate will arrange a meeting of school principals to seek the co-operation of the schools in the diocese for the exhibition and the other events of the year. The Street Play committee members will co-ordinate Street Plays against social evils. Various competitions like skits, painting, drawing, singing etc. will be conducted in the diocesan level, the zonal level, the parish level and in the institutions. Diocesan level competitions will be organized by the Director, CLC in other levels it shall be organized by respective Zonal Vicars, Parish Priests, Priests-in-Charge, and institution heads. The publication of *Chanda Jyothy* will be resumed this year in incorporating also marriage bureau. A Bible convention will be held for the people in the Jubilee Year. The Priests and the Religious will be encouraged to attend various Jubilee Year programs and seminars and ongoing formation seminars in regional and national institutes. Everyone's co-operation and good will is solicited.

By order



Fr. Shibu Monipally
Chancellor
Diocese of Chanda

05/12/2024
Ballarpur

30TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Bp. Januarius`30th death anniversary falls on Friday 28 March 2025. Please observe the day in every parish and institutions in the diocese. There will be Holy Qurbana and Office of the Dead at Cathedral, Ballarpur at 6.00 AM.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
For THE YEAR OF SANCTITY OF LIFE
& THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025
(Diocese of Chanda)

Diocesan Level

- (1) Jubilee Door in the Cathedral, BPQ
- (2) First Friday Jubilee Pilgrimage to Cathedral, BPQ
- (3) Jubilee Year Exhibition in the Bishop's Home Campus
- (4) Jubilee Year Seminar on Sanctity of Life
- (5) Jubilee Year Quiz
- (6) Street Play against Social evils
- (7) Pastoral Letters on Jubilee theme/ the Year of Sanctity of Life
- (8) Prolife Seminar for Priests and Religious (Missionary Conference)
- (9) Prolife Videos by AVD
- (10) Prolife painting competition by CLC
- (11) Prolife Rally in BPQ
- (12) Special care and assistance to pregnant women and lactating mothers etc.
- (13) Jubilee Pilgrimage
- (14) Chanda Jeevotsav Bible Convention (Oct. 19-22)
- (15) Metropolitan Level Jubilee gathering at Nagpur (Oct. 2)

Parish Level/ Zonal Level/ Institutions

- (1) Pilgrimage to Cathedral from parishes
- (2) Monthly Homily on Jubilee Theme and the Year of Sanctity of Life
- (3) Prolife Seminar in parishes/ hospitals/ schools
- (4) March for life by schools & hospitals (10 March)
- (5) Awareness programs in schools against Social Evils
- (6) Prolife charts, posters, rally, bill-boards in schools, hospitals and other institutions
- (7) Blood donation camp will be arranged connected with our hospitals in the diocese with the co-operation of Govt. health centres etc.

PLENARY INDULGENCE

In the Catholic Church, a Plenary Indulgence is a special type of indulgence that removes all temporal punishment for sins that have already been forgiven. It can be used to cleanse the soul, draw closer to God, and deepen faith. To obtain a plenary indulgence, a Catholic must: Be in a state of grace, sincerely repent and detest their sins, Go to confession and receive Holy Communion, Pray for the intention of Pope and Fulfill all requirements of the indulgence. Some examples of acts that can earn a Plenary Indulgence include: Visiting a holy place or pilgrim centre/shrine, receiving a Papal Blessing, reciting certain prayers, spending time in a spiritual retreat, completing an evangelizing mission, reading scripture for at least 30 minutes, adoring the Blessed Sacrament for at least 30 minutes, participating in a Eucharistic procession and adoring the Cross at the Good Friday Liturgy. A person can only receive one plenary indulgence per day, unless it is at the hour of death.

The history of plenary indulgences in the Catholic Church can be traced back to the early Christian community's practices of penance. Early Christian communities required the faithful to serve out the punishment for their sins through public actions and procedures. Around 1000-1100 A.D., the Church began to intervene to alleviate or annul the punishment for the faithful. In 1095, Pope Urban II declared at the Council of Clermont that anyone who participated in the Crusades and repented of their sins would receive a plenary indulgence. Later, the Church began to grant indulgences to those who could not participate in the Crusades but contributed money. A plenary indulgence, or "full" indulgence, cancels all existing obligations. A "partial" indulgence only remits a portion of the obligation.

OBSERVANCE OF JUBILEE YEAR IN THE CHURCH

As we go back to the history of observance of Jubilee Year in the Church we learn that it was in the year 1300, Pope Boniface VIII called the first Jubilee, also known as a "Holy Year", since it is a time in which God's holiness transforms us. The frequency of Holy Year has changed over time: at first, they were celebrated every 100 years, later 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between Jubilee to every 50 years, and in 1470 Pope Paul II made it every 25 years. There have been "extraordinary" Holy Years: for example, in 1933 Pope Pius XI chose to commemorate the 1900th anniversary of the redemption and in 2015 Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of Mercy as an extraordinary Jubilee. The way in which years are marked has also changed through the cultures: originally the Holy Year was consisted of a pilgrimage to the Roman Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul, later other signs were added, such as the Holy Door, by participating in the Holy Year one is granted a plenary indulgence etc.

The biblical reference to jubilee is connected to Leviticus 25:8-13, wherein we see that a jubilee year was marked every 50 years, since this would be an "extra" year, one which would happen every seven weeks of seven years, i.e. 49 years. Indeed it was considered as an occasion for repentance, and to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another and with all creation. It is counted as a time of new and fresh beginning for betterment of a new horizon of relationship and endeavors ahead.

Pope Francis announced that the 2025 Jubilee Year begins on December 24, 2024 (Christmas Eve) and concludes on feast of Epiphany, January 6, 2026. Bringing God's salvation to everyone was for Jesus the greatest joy, his mission, the meaning of his existence. And in every word and deed with which we join with him in the beautiful adventure of giving love, light, and joy multiply not only around us but also within us. Jubilee Year is a time and again another golden opportunity to reinvigorate our mission to the world (Mt. 28:19-20). (For details confer: Pastoral Letter I on Jubilee Year 2025, *Chanda Samachar*, Vol. XLVII No 5&6, (Sept-Dec2024), Pp.02-03).

The Year of Sanctity of Life & the Jubilee Year 2025
Homily Schedule

Diocese of Chanda

As we observe *the Year of Sanctity of Life & the Jubilee Year 2025*, we shall deliver the following homilies once a month in the Parishes and Institutions. The reflections in the table given below are only a general idea of the theme for every month. More reflections are welcome by each one's initiatives.

	Theme	Reference	Reflections
January	Pilgrims of Hope	Jer. 29:11 Rom. 8:24-25 Rom. 15:13 Heb. 11:1 1Pet. 1:3	We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. A Christian is called to go forward in hope, trusting that the Lord is ready to work miracles in their lives. Hope is a theological virtue that strengthens us to live in love, faith and in other virtues.
February	Jubilee is the occasion of renewal and revival of our faith	Lev. 25:11-12 Ps. 47:5 Lk. 4:16-22	Jubilee is a time of celebration and renewal. It invites us to reset economy, culture, environment, relationship and community. It seeks to ensure that people live in ways that reflect good relationships with God, with each other and with creation. Faith instills in us power to lead a virtuous life.
March	The Year of Sanctity of Life	Ps. 139:13-16 Is. 43:7 Jer. 1:5Dt.	The Sanctity of life consists in the fact that God is the source of life. The bodily human life is an intrinsic good and that it is always impermissible to take away one's life through any means or any occasion/situation. The Bible affirms that all human life is sacred and has value, regardless of person's age, appearance, skin, colour or other factors. The observance the Year of Sanctity of Life shall guide us to respect and protect life.

April	Life is God's own gift	10:14-17 Rom. 14:8 1Cor. 6:19	Life is a gift that has been given to you. It is in your hands to make the best out of it dare to believe that you can. Through the ups and down, you will find a lesson to learn that will make you better person. Every child is a born with a message that God is not disgusted of the humans.
May	Termination of life is sin	Ex. 20:13 Lev. 24:17-18 Prov. 6:16-17	The fifth Commandment is "You shall not kill". Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative actions of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end.
June	Parenthood: Participation in God's creative Act	Gen. 2:24 Eph. 5:25:29 1 Pet. 3:7 Mt. 19:4-6	Theology of parenthood is a Christian belief system that views parenthood as a privilege and mission to fulfill God's creation. According to Genesis 1 and 2 God created humans to be fruitful and multiply and to come together in a monogamous heterosexual union. Responsible parenthood shall be cherished by everyone.
July	Grandparents and Elders are gift to the community	Is. 46:4-5 Prov. 17:6 Tit 2:1-5	Grandparents are often mentors and friends to their grandchildren, and Grandparents' Day is to acknowledge their role in the family. It is a day to come together and appreciate elders, creating memories and reinforcing family connections. (Last Sunday of July is observed as Grandparents Day).
August	Protection of life is everyone's responsibility	Ex. 22:2 Prov.4:23 Ps. 46:1 2 Thess. 3:3	To protect one's life is not only a divine responsibility but also constitutional responsibility. Right to live is a fundamental principle in our Constitution. Each one should take responsibility for one's own life. Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else.
September		Gen. 1:1 Gen. 1:26-27 Gen. 9:8-10 Ps. 19	Every living being (human, animal and vegetation) has right to enjoy healthy environment. Every life is precocious - irrespective whether it is human, animal or vegetation. It is beyond doubt that the human life is crown of creation. God

September	All life is precious - Human, Vegetative & Animal	Ps. 139:13-16 Col. 1:16 Mt. 6:26 Jn. 10:10	created the world for subsistence of each one and everything in the world. Environment is not one's property to destroy; it is everyone's responsibility to protect. International environment day falls on 26 September every year. The day emphasizes how important it is to create a safe and healthy environment by teaching important concerns including waste management, pollution control, clean air, water and good sanitation.
October	Mother Mary is a channel of divine life for the redemption of the world	Mt. 2:13-23 Mt. 18:1-5 Mk. 9:36-37 Lk. 18:16	This month we have rosary devotion. Mother Mary is par excellence in bringing up the Child Jesus in early years. She loved life and became the channel of divine life by her acquaintance with her Son Jesus. Every Christian is called to nourish divine and human life in accordance with God's will. We shall not forget that we are not owners of life but only stewards. Mary as biological mother and Joseph as foster father protected Child Jesus from all dangerous and paved the way to fulfill the salvific history. It invites us the need of protecting our children from harassment, dangers and aberration from evil ways.
November	By death the life transforms	Rom. 6:8-11 1 Cor. 15:21 Jn. 11:25-26	Unless the grain of wheat falls and decays it does not give new life. Death is not the end of life but beginning of new life. The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A person who lives fully is prepared to die at any time. Jesus won over death by his resurrection. Death is the golden key that opens the palace of eternity.
December	Jesus brought divine life to the world	Mt. 3:13-17 Mk. 10:45 Jn. 3:1-21 Jn. 14:1-6	Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He brought life to the world. He made us sharers of divine life. By birth of Jesus, he made us to be born again in baptism. As members of the Church we are called to be the inheritance of the divine life, members of the kingdom of God and he saved us from the damnation of death eternal. The son of man came not to be served but to serve others and to give life as ransom for many.

PROLIFE SUNDAY 2025

(Diocese of Chanda)

In the *Year of Sanctity of Life* we have decided to observe the **28 September 2025** as Prolife Sunday in the diocese. I request everyone to observe the day befittingly with various activities so as to create an awareness of the Sanctity of Life. Auction, food fest, lucky draw, special Sunday collection etc. may be conducted in parishes and institutions. The amount received from such events and the donations from institutions and individuals may be availed to help out pregnant women and lactating mothers in the diocese. The amount collected shall be submitted to DFO not later than 30 October 2025. It shall be disbursed to the deserving women in December 2025. The LSSS will coordinate the Prolife Sunday programs in the diocese. May I request everyone's kind cooperation and support.

Yours devotedly in Christ



[Handwritten Signature]

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda



DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

Dear Fathers, you are requested to hand over the following collections to DFO latest by 31 January 2025:

1. Sabha Dinam
2. Chanda Foundation day
3. Mission Sunday
4. Seminary Fund

Your are requested to make the following collections:

1. Preshitavaram (14 January)
2. Lenten Campaign
3. Good Friday Collection for Holy Land (29 March)

Prot. No. 229/2024

23/09/2024

To,
Priests and Religious in the diocese
Diocese of Chanda

Sub: Travelling Allowance for Priests offering Holy Qurbana in the Religious Houses.

Ref: Statutes of the Eparchy of Chanda # 285

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

**Thy Kingdom Come!
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

The following will be the Travelling Allowance for priests offering Holy Qurbana in the Religious Houses.

- i. They shall be paid a flat rate of Rs. 12/- per every Kilometer (to and fro) they drive for the purpose of offering Holy Qurbana in the institution.
- ii. For those who use public conveyance, please pay them discreetly.
- iii. This does not apply to those places where the institution is in close vicinity and in walking distance or in the same campus.
- iv. The Travelling Allowance does not include Qurbana intention. It shall be given separately.
- v. Everyone is reminded to re-imburse the required amount to the Parish/institution account, if they use the common vehicle or fuel expenses is paid from the general account of the parish or institution.
- vi. Whenever the vehicle is used for personal purposes it is our understanding in the diocese that the concerned is expected to meet the fuel expense personally.

- vii. One is entitled to take reasonable fuel expenses from common account if private/personal/another's vehicle is used for any common purpose of the parish/institution.
Thanking everyone for all missionary endeavors.

Yours devotedly in Christ

† Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

NB: This revision will be in effect from 1 October 2024.



21/11/2024

INFORMATION

Everyone is reminded that only New Version of Hindi *Qurbana Taksa* will be in use in the diocese from 1 December 2024 onwards. [Cf. Bishop's Circular 04/24, 29/07/2024]
By order

Fr. Shibu Monipally
Chancellor
Diocese of Chanda

OBITUARY

Mr. Somayya Durgam (78) (Catechist, Karunanilayam Repanpalli & Father of Sr. Sneha CMC, Mount Carmel, Chandrapur) is called to eternal rest on 05 Dec. 2024. The funeral was Marnelly village. He was a guiding light and a source of strength for so many. His dedication and faith have touched countless lives. May God grant him eternal rest.



JEEVOTSAV RETREAT

Life in Abundance (Jn 10:10)

The Jeevotsav Retreat is a spiritual initiative inspired by the promise of Jesus to give life in abundance (Jn 10:10). This retreat is organized in every parish and mission station with the aim of leading the faithful to experience the fullness of divine life. Since its inception in October 2023, the Lord has blessed the Jeevotsav team and the faithful with His abundant love and grace.

To date, we have conducted twelve retreats along with Home Mission, witnessing remarkable spiritual growth and transformation. The dedicated participation and presence of our reverend fathers from Chanda Diocese have been a source of immense blessings.

Reverend Sisters from various Congregations, including MSMI, DM, CMC, SD, SABS, ASMI, and SC, have generously contributed their selfless service. Their service for the smooth running of jeevotsav retreat in Home Mission, counseling, and preaching during the retreats have been instrumental in the success of Jeevotsav. Additionally, a large number of sisters and faithful dedicate themselves to intercessory prayers, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the success of the Retreat.

Mr. Nagendra Thaksande and Mr. Raju P. J. play a vital role by offering their time and talents in preaching and praying for the success of Jeevotsav.

Fr. Gregory Puthenpurackal, the Assistant Director of the Jeevotsav Retreat for the music ministry, and Fr. Tigi for the

digital media mission are of great seines. Financial assistance to provide food for the retreatants is generously contributed by the Evangelization Ministry of the CMI Mar Thoma Province, Chanda.

The paternal guidance, support, and blessings of our beloved Bishop Ephrem Nariculam are a source of strength for the Jeevotsav team in their ministry of proclaiming the Word of God in conduct of the Retreat. The kind cooperation of all fathers, sisters, catechists and others are gratefully remembered.



Jeevotsav 2025

Sr.No.	Parish/Mission Station	Date	
1	Ettapalli	January	21-26
2	Jiwati	February	25 - March 2
3	Kopreli	March	04-09
4	Gomini	March	18-23
5	Balapur	March	25-30
6	Wardha	April	01-06
7	Wasa	September	30 - October - 05
8	Warur	December	03-07
9	Kalmana	December	09-14

Fr. Binu Thomas
 Director, Jeevotsav Retreat
 Diocese of Chanda

VII. NEWS FROM THE MISSION STATIONS

SEVA SADAN CHURCH, ALLAPALLI

The parish feast was solemnly celebrated on 20 October 2024, with Fr. Mathew Nirappel, Forane Vicar of Wirur, as the main celebrant. Fathers, Sisters, and the faithful from the Allapalli zone actively and devoutly participated in the celebration.

Starting from 1 November 2024, we began observing the First Friday Adoration and Holy Qurbana in the parish. Parishioners have expressed great joy and are participating actively and devoutly in these services.

On 2 November All Souls' Day was solemnly celebrated. The Holy Qurbana was offered in the parish, followed by the Office of the Dead in the cemetery.

Mission Sunday was observed on 17 November, the same day we inaugurated the New Hindi Taksa in the parish. Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil was the main celebrant for the Mission Sunday celebration.

A Parish Council meeting was convened on 1 December to discuss plans for Christmas and New Year programs.

In preparation for Christmas, a one-day retreat was held on 15 December, led by Fr. Vishal Janagam. Nearly 220 faithful attended the retreat.

Carol singing was organized across all families on 20, 21, and 22 December. The Christmas Mass was celebrated on 24 December at 11:15 PM, preceded by adoration. Fr. Meljo Parapuram CMI was the main celebrant on Christmas Day.

BRAHMAPURI

1. Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee Celebration of Rev. Fr. Emmanuel

The Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Emmanuel was a

momentous occasion for the parish, a time to rejoice and give thanks to God for His abundant mercy and grace. This milestone marked **50 years** of devoted service to the Church, and the parish community came together to celebrate this remarkable achievement.

The day began with a **Con-celebrated Thanksgiving Holy Mass**, where the faithful gathered to offer prayers of gratitude for Fr. Emmanuel's dedicated priestly vocation. The Mass was a solemn and joyful celebration, filled with reflections on his years of service and the spiritual impact he has had on the community.

Following the Mass, a **cultural evening** was held, featuring performances that celebrated Fr. Emmanuel's legacy and the vibrant spirit of the parish. The celebration concluded with an **agape** where everyone shared in fellowship and joy, honouring the priesthood and the community's shared faith.

It was a day of immense gratitude and celebration, highlighting Fr. Emmanuel's 50 years of faithful service and the continued blessings of his priestly ministry.

2. Obituary: Mrs. Josna Kujur

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of **Mrs. Josna Kujur**, a beloved member of our parish, who left for her heavenly abode on **3rd September**. Her funeral services were conducted with reverence on **4th September**.

Mrs. Josna Kujur dedicated 21 years of her life as a staff nurse at **Christanand Hospital**, where her commitment to caring for others touched countless lives. Her unwavering compassion and selfless service will always be remembered.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to her family members during this time of grief. May God grant them strength and solace, and may her soul rest in eternal peace.

3. Celebration of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On **8th September**, the parish joyfully celebrated the **Solemnity of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** with devotion and reverence. The occasion was marked by a **solemn liturgy**, which was celebrated meaningfully, bringing together the faithful in prayer and thanksgiving.

The congregation reflected on the life and virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose birth signifies hope and grace for all. The celebration served as a reminder of Mary's pivotal role in salvation history and her maternal care for the Church.

It was a spiritually enriching experience for all, fostering unity and deepening devotion to the Blessed Mother.

4. Catechism Children's Success at Zonal Level Competitions

On **16th September**, the catechism children of our parish showcased their talents by participating in various zonal-level competitions organized at **Mul** for the **Brahmapuri Forane**.

The children performed exceptionally well, winning accolades in events such as the **Bible Quiz**, **Group Dance**, and more. Their hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication were evident in their outstanding performances, bringing pride and joy to the parish community.

We congratulate all the participants and winners for their achievements and thank the teachers and parents for their support and encouragement. May God continue to bless them as they grow in faith and talent.

5. Rosary Month Celebration in the Parish

The month of October, dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**, was prayerfully celebrated in our parish, fostering spiritual growth and unity among parishioners. Families were grouped into two, and from **1st October to 25th October**, a **solemn Rosary** was

conducted in one house of each group daily. After the Rosary, a **small sermon** was preached, offering reflections on the Word of God.

From **28th October onwards**, all parishioners gathered at the church grotto for the Rosary, creating a communal atmosphere of devotion. The celebrations culminated on **31st October** with the much-anticipated **Grotto-making competition**, organized by various Pious Associations of the parish. These creative and faith-filled displays added a vibrant touch to the month's conclusion.

The day concluded with a **Solemn Eucharistic Celebration** followed by a **Rosary procession**, uniting everyone in prayer and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was a spiritually enriching experience for the entire parish community.

6. Gandhi Jayanti Celebration at the School

On **2nd October**, the school commemorated **Gandhi Jayanti** with reverence and patriotism. The day began with a **solemn prayer service**, invoking peace and harmony, values that Mahatma Gandhi stood for throughout his life.

Students and staff came together to **pay homage to the Father of the Nation**, reflecting on his teachings of non-violence, truth, and simplicity. The celebration served as a reminder of Gandhi's invaluable contribution to India's freedom and his enduring legacy that continues to inspire generations.

7. Chanda Family Day and Dussehra Celebrations

On **Chanda Family Day**, **Christ Bhavan Church** celebrated remarkable achievements, earning several accolades for excellence. The church secured **five awards** for outstanding performance in the **Logos Bible Quiz**, organized by the Catechism Department of the Diocese, showcasing the parish's dedication to scriptural knowledge and faith formation.

Adding to the joy, the **first and second SSC Catholic toppers** of

2024 were students from **Christanand School**, making the parish community proud of their academic excellence.

On the same day, in conjunction with the **Dussehra celebrations**, a **special blessing of vehicles** was conducted for all parishioners. The event included prayers for safe travels and protection, making it a spiritually enriching and memorable occasion for everyone.

8. Golden Jubilee Celebration of Christanand School and Junior College

The **Golden Jubilee** of Christanand School and Junior College was celebrated with great enthusiasm and grandeur over two memorable days.

Day 1: Cultural Extravaganza (26th October 2024)

The celebrations began with a vibrant **Cultural Extravaganza**, showcasing the rich talent and creativity of the students. The highlight of the day was the **felicitation ceremony**, where former Managers, Principals, and retired teachers were honored for their invaluable contributions to the institution's legacy. Their dedication and service were warmly acknowledged, creating a heartfelt moment of gratitude.

Day 2: Grand Alumni Meet (27th October 2024)

The second day was dedicated to the **first-ever Grand Alumni Meet**, bringing together alumni from batches **1982 to 2000**. The 15-hour event was meticulously planned, offering a variety of activities and opportunities for reconnecting with former classmates and teachers. It was a day filled with nostalgia, laughter, and joy as alumni relived their cherished memories.

The program concluded on a high note, leaving everyone with a renewed sense of belonging and a heartfelt promise to return for future reunions. It was truly a milestone celebration, creating lasting memories for the **Christanand School family** and marking 50 glorious years of excellence and togetherness.

9. Mission Sunday Celebration

On **20th October**, the parish celebrated **Mission Sunday** with great enthusiasm and devotion. The day began with a **meaningful Eucharistic celebration**, emphasizing the importance of missionary work and our collective responsibility to support it.

Following the Mass, an **auction** was organized to raise funds for mission activities. Parishioners generously brought a variety of items for the auction, ranging from produce to handmade goods. The event saw active participation from both young and old, creating a lively and spirited atmosphere.

The collective effort and generosity of the community highlighted the parish's commitment to supporting mission work, making it a truly inspiring and successful celebration.

10. All Souls' Day Commemoration

On **2nd November**, the parish solemnly commemorated **All Souls' Day**, a time to remember and pray for the faithful departed. The day began with a **Holy Mass**, offered for the repose of the souls of the departed loved ones.

After the Mass, the congregation proceeded to the **cemetery** for the **Office of the Dead** and the **blessing of the tombs**. The ceremony was marked by heartfelt prayers and moments of reflection, as parishioners honored the memories of their departed family members and friends.

The commemoration served as a reminder of the hope and promise of eternal life, fostering a spirit of faith, remembrance, and community.

11. Diocesan Level Bible Quiz Achievement

On **23rd November**, two of our talented catechism students, **Alphonsa Ramghirkar** and **Sophia Sam**, participated in the **Diocesan Level Bible Quiz** and achieved a remarkable **third position**. Their hard work, dedication, and knowledge of the Scriptures were truly commendable.

This achievement not only brought pride to the students but also to the entire parish community. We congratulate Alphonsa and Sophia for their success and thank their catechism teachers for their guidance and support. May their passion for learning and faith continue to inspire others

12. Feast of Christ the King Celebration

The **Feast of Christ the King** was joyfully celebrated on **1st December**, with a series of spiritually enriching events leading up to the grand occasion.

The preparations for the feast began on the evening of **28th November**, with a solemn **flag hoisting ceremony** led by **Rev. Fr. C.C. George CMI**, marking the start of the church feast. This was followed by the **inauguration of the retreat**, which provided the faithful with an opportunity for deep reflection and renewal of faith.

The retreat was preached by **Rev. Fr. Jeevan K. D**, who guided the congregation in spiritual reflection. On **30th November**, before the grand procession, **Rev. Fr. Peter K. I** delivered an inspiring sermon, reminding everyone of the significance of Christ the King in their lives.

On the feast day, **Rev. Fr. Jibin**, **Rev. Fr. James**, and **Rev. Fr. Ajay**, the newly ordained priests of the year, were the main celebrants of the **Holy Mass**, marking a special moment for the parish community. The entire celebration was filled with reverence, joy, and gratitude, as the faithful united to honour Christ the King.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, DURGAPUR

A fancy dress competition was organized on 8th September at which students were asked to dress up as the saints venerated in the Catholic Church and Lo, we had a long array of saints at our little church! The enthusiasm and excitement of the participants were beyond all limits. A grand dinner was also arranged on this

occasion for all.

On 6th October, 22 children received First Holy Communion and were Confirmed .Fr. Linesh and Fr. Rajat were the celebrants at the Holy Mass on the occasion. The DM sisters contributed by preparing the children spiritually and a grand feast was also arranged by the parents. A holy rosary week was celebrated from 22nd October to the 31th October and everybody participated with great devotion.

On 10th November, an auction was arranged in the church on the occasion of mission Sunday and everyone contributed to the auction. Reverend sisters raised some funds by selling Iddli-Chutney !

And on 29th November St. Mary's Church festival commenced with the flag hosting by Fr. Joseph Thachaparambath CMI.

On 7th December Bhajan and Devotional song competitions were arranged and many different Churches participated in the same.

Bishop Euphrem Narikulam, Fr. Linesh and Fr. Paul Valiyaparampil graced the occasion as the Celebrants at the Holy Mass. A procession was taken out and people expressed their faith and solidarity by participating in the same.

The staff of St. Mary's School and BJM Carmel Academy also expressed their faith through their Presence

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, MARAKBODY

September 8: The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady was celebrated.

During the month of October, a solemn rosary prayer was held in each house. On October 20, there was a solemn rosary procession and a Mass at Marakbody village.

November 3: A solemn Requiem Holy Mass and special prayers for the deceased were held at Slatola village.

November 16: Another Requiem Holy Mass, prayers for the deceased, and an Agape meal were organized at Marakbody.

In November, Sports and Arts Day was celebrated at St. Joseph National School.

From December 20 to 24, Christmas carols were sung in various

villages, including Suimara, Reyipura, Karkachora, Tatri, Slatola, Chithekanar, Bendi Kanar, Nenguda, Marakbody, and Dongargaon.

On December 24, Christmas was celebrated in the evening at Dongargaon. Fr. Deepak Tirki was the main celebrant, and a solemn dinner followed the Christmas Mass.

KARUNANILAYAM, REPENPALLI

Somayya Durgam (78) one of the pioneer catechist of Karuna nilayam station Repanpalli expired on 5th December 2024. He has served the church more than thirty years. Deep in catholic faith. May the Lord grant him eternal bliss.

Bishop Ephrem Nariculam officiated the Funeral rite at his residence. May Fathers, Sisters and faithful were present to pay homage to him

ST. ANTONY CHURCH, WARDHA

- St. Antony Parish, Wardha celebrated the feast of nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8th, 2024. Rev. Fr. Binu celebrated the Holy Eucharist.
- 16 catechism students of the parish participated in the zonal level catechism students' competitions on 16th September. Catechism children received first prize in the zonal wise competition.
- Rev Fr. Ajay Varkey celebrated his feast day of St. Matthew the Apostle on 21st of September.
- Rev. Fr. Robinson celebrated his birthday on 19th October. All the priests and religious of the parish were invited for the birthday celebration in the evening.
- Mission Sunday was conducted in Sewagram substation church on 13th October and in the parish church on 22nd October. *Mathruvedi* and youth members of the parish arranged tea stall in order to raise fund to support mission Sunday.

- Sisters of SJB congregation commemorated the death anniversary of Fr. John Mary Haw, the founder of SJP congregation on 27th of October at parish church.
- The feast of Our Lady of rosary celebrated in the parish on 31st October. Rev. Fr. Ajay Varkey celebrated Holy Eucharist along with the Rev. Fr. Robinson and Rev. Fr. Sijo CMF.
- Jeremy and Chris, two of the catechism students participated in the Diocesan Bible quiz competition and secured first place. They were given gifts on the following Sunday in the parish.
- Rev.Fr. Subin celebrated his birthday on 25th November. Birthday celebration was conducted in the school.
- Bishop Mar. Ephrem Nariculam officiated the Funeral services of Rev. Sr Esther SD on 13th November. He visited and blessed the newly build House of Mr. Plancius Ekka on the same day.
- Sisters of CMC congregation celebrated the 10th anniversary of sainthood of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara and St. Euphresia Eluvathingal on 24th November in the parish Church.
- Bishop MarEphrem Nariculam visited the parish Church along with his brother Rev. Fr. Antony Nariculam on 30th December.

TERAPREM PILGRIM CHUCH, WARUR

1. On September 16, 2024, the children from our parish showcased their talents at the Zonal Level Competition held in Jiwati. With their hard work and dedication, they secured various prizes, including several first and second places, and were crowned the overall winners.

2. On Sunday, September 22, 2024, the students who excelled at the Zonal Level Competition were honored during a special ceremony at the parish. The Parish Priest commended their outstanding achievements.

3. Some of our parish youth had the privilege of participating in the Diocesan Youth Convention held at Balharsha, Bamini. The

event was took place on 27 October to 29th October.

4. On October 20, 2024, Mission Sunday was joyfully celebrated in the parish. The faithful came together to pray for missionaries and support their work, reflecting on the call to share the Gospel with others.

5. On October 24, 2024, the parish concluded Rosary Month with Holy Mass and a Rosary procession. Rev. Fr. Jibin Perumakunnel, Asst. Priest-in-Charge of Nandhgaon, was the main celebrant.

6. All Souls' Day was solemnly celebrated in the parish with Holy Mass and the Office of the Dead on November 2. The faithful gathered to pray for the departed souls, seeking eternal rest and peace for them.

7. The parish joyfully celebrated the birthday of our beloved Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Dinesh Mate, on November 17.

8. A one-day retreat was held in the parish on November 17, conducted by Rev. Fr. Jeevan. The retreat offered spiritual guidance and reflection, providing the parish community with an opportunity for renewal and deepening their faith.

9. The parish celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Shyju Madapallikunnel, our former Parish Priest, on December 15. The event marked 25 years of his priestly service, with prayers and heartfelt gratitude from the parish community for his dedication and contributions.

10. The three-day Carol Singing to the villages began on December 16, 2024. This annual tradition brought the spirit of Christmas to the nearby communities, with carolers spreading joy and blessings through songs and prayers.

11. On December 25th, the parish joyfully celebrated Christmas with Holy Mass and festive activities. The community came together to commemorate the birth of Jesus, sharing in the joy and blessings of the season.

VIII. DEPARTMENTS NEWS

CLC

Three days of youth convention was organized by the department of youth at Divine Vachan Ashram from 27 October to 29 October. 194 youth from different parishes participated in it. Fr. Raju and his team from Hyderabad animated the convention.

The final round Bible Quiz for catechism students was organized by the department of Catechism on 26 November 2024 at Bishop's Home Campus Ballarpur. Winner from the zonal level Bible Quiz competition participated in it.

The Parish level Logos Quiz was organized by CLC on 23rd December 2024. The diocesan level Logos Quiz will be conducted on 14 January at Bishop's Home campus.



Pastoral Visits 2025

Sr.No.	Parish/Mission Station	Date
1	Bhamaragarh	March 20-23
2	Warur	September 24-28
3	Marakbody	October 16-19
4	Lakkadakot	December 04-07



Hearty Congratulations..



Congratulations to Mr. Arush Chauhan of Dilasagram School, Ballarpur. He has acquired 1st place in long jump & 1st place in 400m race (under - 14 boys, State Level) held at Pune. Hats off to you



IX. NEWS FROM FORMATION HOUSES

CLARETIAN ASHRAM, WARDHA

Animation Visit

From September 19 to 22, Claretian Ashram was privileged to host the animation visit of Rev. Fr. Thomas Paingottu, CMF, the Prefect of Formation of the St. Thomas Province. This visit served as an opportunity to review the effectiveness of the formation program and evaluate the progress of candidates in their respective stages of formation. During his time at the Ashram, Fr. Thomas met with students individually and in groups, as well as with all the formators one-on-one. He concluded the visit with a final evaluation meeting, emphasizing the importance of personal accompaniment in the formative process. The community deeply appreciated this enriching visit, which offered valuable insights and strengthened their sense of direction.

Ethnic Day Celebrations

On September 21, 2024, Claretian Ashram celebrated its Community Cultural Integration Day, also known as Ethnic Day, with great enthusiasm. The day began with a solemn Hindi Holy Qurbana presided over by Rev. Fr. Thomas Paingottu, CMF, the Prefect of Formation of the St. Thomas Province. In his homily, he emphasized that a loving community thrives by bearing with one another's weaknesses, encouraging mutual support, and working together harmoniously. Following the Eucharistic celebration, the students, divided into seven cultural groups, prepared and shared the dishes of the day. A highlight of the celebration was the communal agape and cultural fiesta at noon, shared with the working staff, fostering a sense of unity and inclusion. The event reinforced the message that every culture is valued and has a place within the congregation, breaking down unconscious biases and promoting belonging. The day concluded with engaging cultural games in the evening, adding joy and camaraderie to the celebration.

The final results of the first Regular batch of B.A Degree students of Claretian Ashram

The outstanding results of the first batch of B.A. degree students (2021–2024) from Indhraprastha New Arts, Science, and Commerce College, Wardha, brought immense joy to the academic community. Among the 18 students, 15 secured distinction and 3 achieved first class, reflecting their exceptional performance. This collective triumph highlights the synergy between dedicated learners and their committed mentors. Special thanks are extended to all the fathers, with heartfelt acknowledgment of the dedicated contributions of Prof. Anand Chahande of New Arts College and Prof. Sebastian K, our cherished friend..

Value Education Program

On October 5, the Claretian Ashram Social Apostolate Forum (CASA) conducted a half-day value education program for the 10th-grade students of Agrabami School, Pipri, Wardha, under the theme “*Own Your Life: The Power of Change.*” The sessions were led by Fr. Sijo Cherukaryil, CMF, along with five brothers from the Ashram's value education team. A total of 215 students participated, engaging actively in the program, which included motivational talks, action songs, and group games. The students were divided into five groups to enhance interaction and participation, making the event both enriching and enjoyable.

Feast of St. Antony Mary Claret

On October 24th, we the Claretian community joyfully celebrated the feast of our founder, St. Antony Mary Claret, with spiritual fervor and communal unity. The day began with a solemn festal Mass, presided over by Rev. Fr. George Kollampararampil and concelebrated by all the priests of the community, honoring the missionary zeal and sanctity of our beloved founder. The liturgy was a profound reflection of St. Claret's enduring legacy, inspiring all present to live out his charism. In the evening, a special prayer service at 7:00 pm provided an opportunity for collective reflection and prayer. The celebrations concluded with

a solemn agape, which was attended by the invited members of the Wardha religious fraternity, fostering fellowship and joyful camaraderie. The feast day was a beautiful blend of devotion and fraternity, leaving all participants spiritually enriched and inspired by the life of St. Claret.

Mission Exposure Program

On October 26, 23 second- and third-year students embarked on a transformative Mission Exposure Program to Dhanora in Chhattisgarh and the Telangana mission, accompanied by Rev. Fr. George Kollampampil and Rev. Fr. Joseph Koonath. The program, spanning until November 3, offered the students a firsthand experience of missionary life and activities, immersing them in the challenges and joys of mission work. Through active participation in pastoral engagements, interaction with local communities, and witnessing the zeal of missionaries in the field, the students gained valuable insights that enriched their understanding of mission dynamics. This exposure served as a significant milestone in their formative journey, instilling a deeper sense of commitment and enthusiasm for their future vocation.

North and Central Regional Assembly

On December 7th, the North and Central Regional Assembly of the St. Thomas Province of Claretians took place at Claretian Ashram, beginning with Eucharistic adoration at 9:00 am and concluding at 4:30 pm. The gathering was attended by 21 priests from six communities. The program commenced with an input session by Rev. Fr. Siby Najavallikunnel, CMF, the Provincial Superior of the St. Thomas Province, followed by sharing sessions from the prefectures and members of each community. The assembly provided an opportunity to evaluate the life and mission of the region, fostering renewed enthusiasm and commitment among the participants.

Enter into the Postulancy

On November 16, 2024, during the solemn Eucharistic celebration at 6:30 pm, 15 third-year students officially entered

the postulancy stage of their formation by submitting their written application forms to the superior, Rev. Fr. Sijo Cheruakaryil, CMF. This stage marks an intense period of dedication, as the students deepen their understanding of the congregation while journeying through the Christian, Claretian, and human dimensions of the formative process.

NEWS FROM DARSANA INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY, WARDHA

Custodi della sapienza

DIP, Wardha Family paid tribute to the Gurus of the Institute in connection with the Teachers' Day which we celebrated on September 5th. Lectures may pass by, but the very impact left within us by our teachers remains indelible. They can never be faded away. The students under the leadership of Students' Council, there was a program in which Rev. Dr. Gregory Malayil CMI, Professor from DVK, Bengaluru presented a paper on AI. The teachers present were honored and felicitated duly by the in an exuberant display of gratitude and respect of the students.

Onavesham 2k24

Onam, one of the significant celebrations of Keralites was repeated very solemnly in Darsana Campus. Sep 14th, Saturday was such a memorable day for us. Our Domestic Staff, their families and Malayali Teaching Staff of Sant Chavara School were invited to partake in the Sumptuous Sadya and the presence of Maveli and Vamanan added more colour to the event. To further enhance the joy, the Onam Committee organized some traditional Onakkalikal (Onam games) in the evening. The Onam celebrations concluded on September 15th with great joy. Fr. Libin CMI, offered a Eucharistic Celebration in Malayalam at the Chavara Auditorium. Following the Holy Mass, there was a cultural program titled Onavesham and the Traditional Vadamvali (Tug of War). On 29th Sepetember, we presented a group song and a dance in the Annual Onam Celebrations of Kerala Samajam, Wardha Zone.

Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of fr. Wilson

Darsana Family celebrated the joyous jubilee of Rev. Fr. Wilson Vettumanickal CMI, Principal of Sant Chavara School with great fervour and warmth. The program was commenced with a soulful prayer song, a captivating presentation showcasing the vibrant and remarkable journey and milestones in Fr. Wilson's life, a Felicitation by Fr. Rector, a felicitation song, a lively Dance and the ceremonial honoring. Rev. Fr. Jino CMI, the Former Administrator of Darsana was also felicitated as he completed the Silver Jubilee of his First Religious Profession. The neighboring communities, staff of Sant Chavara School and some of the Relatives of Fr. Wilson from faraway places were present for the event. We concluded the whole program with an Agape.

Wishes to Fr. Rector

The Darsana Family celebrated the feast day and birthday of our beloved Rector, Dr. Francis Aykaraparampil CMI, on the 4th and 15th of October, respectively. We extended our heartfelt blessings, invoking the patronage of St. Francis of Assisi upon him. The cultural programs organized for these special occasions were delightful and filled with joy, creating cherished memories for everyone.

Matrudham feast

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Travelogue through eclogues

Darsana family engaged in a travel to the Eclogues of St. Chavara and its historical background with the help of the profound works of Fr. Francis Vallapura CMI on 23rd October. The session was filled with the sharing of his studies over it and it

was followed by a discussion filled with some relevant questions from the part of our fathers and brothers. It was an informative session for the Darsanites to bring forward a special spirit towards the founder.

Pallevasam

The senior Darsanites took part in a village Exposure program, Pallevasam, from October 24th to November 2nd. Their mission journey spanned villages in the Diocese of Adilabad, including Nennel, Gollapalli, and Ralamettupalli, along with Fr. Prabhakar, Fr. George CMI and Fr. Tony respectively, where their service and missionary outreach were warmly received. Special gratitude to Fr. Pious CMI, the Provincial of Hyderabad province and Fr. Shibu CMI who co-ordinated the VEP program.

Mission Sunday

Darsana celebrated a vibrant and joyful Mission Sunday on the 10th of November. The auction, featuring numerous offerings from our neighboring communities, stood out as a remarkable expression of unity and enthusiasm. The games and food counters were appreciable, adding to the lively atmosphere. This occasion not only brought us together in joy but also served as a poignant reminder of our shared mission to be steadfast missionaries for the Kingdom of God.

Canonical visitation

The Canonical Visitation by the General Team at Darsana took place on the 17th and 18th of this month. Representing the Prior General, Fr. Josey Thamarassery CMI, the Vicar General, graced the occasion, accompanied by Fr. Babu Mattathil CMI, the General Auditor, whose presence further elevated the joy of the community. The visitation featured various sessions, fostering meaningful interactions.

Utsaah-24

Darsana celebrated its Annual Sports Day, Utsaah-24, on November 23 with remarkable organization by the captains. The day was a vibrant showcase of sportsmanship and community spirit. The Darsana Stadium came alive with various sports

events, highlighting the enthusiastic vigor of the brothers. The program began with a spirited March Past by each team. The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Fr. George Kollamparampil CMF. In his inspiring address, he received the flags from the respective teams, symbolizing the official commencement of the festivities.

Koodappirappu sangamam

The Darsana Family commenced its Community Day celebrations on November 23 with a High Solemn Mass in the Darsana Chapel, concelebrated by all the fathers in the community. We felicitated Fr. Rector in a very special way, as it's also known to be the Rector's Day. The festivities continued the next day with 'Koodappirappu Sangamam', a heartfelt gathering symbolizing the unity and communion of our family. The event began with a prayer service at 6:30 PM, followed by a series of entertaining programs, speeches, and an agape meal. This informal celebration warmly welcomed our domestic staff members and their families, creating a beautiful occasion of togetherness and shared joy.

Defence of theses

On the 29th of this month, 17 second-year D.Ph students proudly presented their much-anticipated theses. The event began with a prayer session. Each student was allotted 15 minutes to present and defend their thesis, showcasing their hard work and dedication. The panel of professors commended their sincere efforts.

Renewal of vows

Darsana family had our Annual Retreat from in the first week of December. Fr. Vipin Valiyanirappil OFM.cap was the preacher and we got rejuvenated and prepared duly for the renewal of vows on 8th December. We, the children of Mother Mary, celebrated the feast of her Immaculate Conception in a very solemn way. Fathers renewed their vows first and commenced the Holy Mass

and it was followed by the Ceremony of the Renewal of the vows of the brothers. We had solemn rosary in the evening to express our devotion to the Immaculate Mother.

SANT VIANNEY GURUKUL, DAHELI

- ❖ The diaconate of Deacon Algin was held in the seminary on 12th September.
- ❖ Onam celebrations took place at the seminary, featuring a delicious sadhyaa.
- ❖ During the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, ten days of Solemn Rosary from 14th Oct to 24th Oct, culminated in a grand conclusion blessed by the presence of Bishop Ephrem Nariculam, with parishioners also in attendance.
- ❖ The brothers actively participated in Chandha Pariwar Day on 12th Oct, and they were responsible for the stage decorations.
- ❖ An annual retreat, a time of great spiritual awakening, was organized for the brothers, which was guided by Father Benson.
- ❖ The first semester exams were conducted to assess the academic progress of the brothers. From 4th Nov to 10th Nov
- ❖ By the grace of God, the seminary enjoyed a bountiful harvest this year.
- ❖ Fourth-year students were sent to the Bishop's house for a week of exposure with the Bishop. From 14th Nov to 22nd Nov.
- ❖ Renovation works on the seminary commenced as it enters its silver jubilee year.
- ❖ The sacerdotal silver jubilee of Rev.Fr. Shyju and the birthday celebrations of the bishop were held in the seminary. On 9th of December



X. NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS HOUSES

CMC - CARMALODAYA PROVINCE, WARDHA

- **Province Day & Silver Jubilee Celebration**

30th Province day and Silver Jubilee of Sr. Deepa was solemnly celebrated on 7th September, 2024. Rev. Fr. Robinson – our Forane Vicar was the main celebrant of the day. After the Solemn Eucharistic celebration, Rev. Fr. Francis Aykaraparambil CMI – Rector Dardana blessed the newly renovated garden and blessed the statues of Sts. Chavara and Euphrasia.

- **Annual Retreats**

Aiming at the renewal and revival of sisters two Annual Retreats were conducted in the month of October and November by Rev. Fr. Joy Chencheril MCBS and Rev. Fr. Sonu Kulathur VC.

- **Brazil Mission**

Our Sisters – Sr. Ann Mary, Sr. Yajna, Sr. Pavana and Sr. Pavithra set out their journey to Brazil on 12th November 2024 and have successfully completed the formalities required to initiate our mission in Brazil at Almerim Parish. They embark a new chapter on 11th December 2024 as they assume their roles at Mount Carmel Convent Almerim. Hearty Congratulations and Prayerful wishes!!...

- **Steering Hands of Carmelodaya**

8th December 2024 was the remarkable day in the history of Carmelodaya as Sr. Philo was elected as the 11th Provincial Superior of Carmelodaya Province. Hearty Congratulations and prayerful wishes to Mother Philo and the team in all their innovative endeavors.

AGRAGAMI PROVINCIAL HOUSE MHASALA

Presentation at Leuven University:

- Dr. Sr. Sally SJB was honoured with the opportunity to present a paper on the mental health of religious in India at Leuven University, Belgium on 23rd September. Her work was highly appreciated by professors, theologians, and students.

75th Death Anniversary of Fr. John Maria Haw

- 75th death Anniversary of our Founder Fr. John Maria Haw was celebrated solemnly in the centres of the Province in the months of October and November.
- Entry into Golden & Silver Jubilee Year
- The first Indian trained batch of SJB (Sr.Jyoti, Sr Archana, Sr.Vandana, Sr.Flowery and Sr.Latika) stepped into the Golden Jubilee of their first Profession.
- Batch 2000 (Srs. Kalpana, Rani John, Sima and Jessy) entered into the Silver Jubilee of their first Profession
- 8th Province Chapter

The 8th Province Chapter of the Sisters of St. John the Baptist and Mary the Queen was held at Mhasala from November 12th to 19th, 2024. The event was attended by 20 elected delegates, 8 Ex-officio members, and 2 invitees.

The Chapter days were filled with divine grace and a profound sense of the Holy Spirit's active intervention. Notably, the active participation of the Superior General, Sr. Arpita Mathew, was both inspiring and exemplary. She played a central role in guiding the Chapter's discussions and decisions.

Fr. Biju CSsR served as the Chapter moderator, providing insightful leadership throughout the event. His thought-provoking ideas and professional moderation significantly contributed to the Chapter's success.

The election of the new Province team took place on Wednesday, November 13th. The newly elected team members are:

1. **Sr. Tessy Kulamattam** – Provincial Superior
2. **Sr. Pavana Puliurumbil** – Vice Provincial, Formation
3. **Sr. Sally Aikkulam** – Health
4. **Sr. Seema Valliyamthadathil** – Socio-Pastoral
5. **Sr. Jessy Cheruplavil** – Education

Report of CRI General Body Meeting

The annual CRI General Body Meeting of Chanda unit was held on 14th September 2024 at CMI Mar Thoma provincialate , Bamni , Balharshah. The meeting began at 9.45 am, with a prayer led by Sr. Mariet SABS followed by lighting of the lamp. Bro. Devasiya Thottupuram, superior of Montfort ITI, welcomed everyone. His excellency Bishop Mar. Ephrem Narikulam in his opening message congratulated all the religious especially women religious for their silent hardwork behind the curtain. He shared his dreams about the diocese by 2028-30 and also explained about the policies of diocese on various matters.. Bishopji requested everyone to give suggestions for the betterment of the Diocese.

Fr. Thomas Thekkekkara VC in his orientation talk , spoke about the importance of prayer life and the power of the Holy Spirit.After the tea break all the members gathered in different groups in zonal wise and discussed the questions which were given to each group. It was followed by report presentation and common discussion moderated by Fr.Thomas VC. Fr. Tomy Chirapurath CMI, the general secretary,presented the report of 2023- 24 and he moderated the business hour in which Fr. Manu Parayanickal CMF presented the financial statement. Then the

gathering proceeded to elect the new governing body. The newly elected governing body members are:-President - Bro. Prem Kumar, Montfort school, Balharsha

Vice President - Sr. Sr.Phonsy Jose FCC

Alphonsa Bhavan, Sawangi,

Secretary - Sr. Anuroopa S.D, Chincholi ,

Joint Secretary - Fr. Sharon OFM Cap, Karanja,

Treasurer - Fr. Manu CMF, Dhanora. His excellency felicitated the new governing body members and wished them God's blessings. During the meeting Fr. Paul CMI was felicitated as he was appointed as the Episcopal vicar for religious of chandha. Silver Jubilarian Sr. Deepa CMC also was felicitated. CRI greatfully remembered the services rendered by Fr Suresh Madappat CMF the Episcopal vicar . Sr. Stephy MSMI gave vote of thanks. After having the delicious lunch the meeting came to an end by 2.30 pm.

Sr. Anuroopa S.D, Secretary.



Special Events 2025

Sr.No.	Month	Dates	Program
1	March	3-8	Deacons' Pastoral Orientation Program
2	March	10-11	Quinquennial Meet
		27	Finance Council
3	August	16	Diocesan Pastoral Council
4	September	14-19	Priests' Annual Retreat
5	October	11	Chanda Family Day
6	November	29	Missionary Conference
7	December	08	Consultators' Meeting & Presbyteral Council

XI. CHANDA HEAVENLY BRETHREN

SEPTEMBER

- 1. Sr. Hilaria Kochuparambil SD 01-09-2014
- 2. Sr. Deepthi SJB 09-09-2009 Vettukad
- 3. Bro. Jose Vetticattil SG 18-09-2005 Hyderabad
- 4. Fr. Dan Thottakara CMI 20-09-1997 Kalamassery
- 5. Fr. Eugene Thopmas CMI 22-09-2002 Bellampally
- 6. Sr. Mercy SSS 23-09-2006 Mallussery
- 7. Sr. Justina Francis ASMI 26-09-2000 Cherthala
- 8. Sr. Stephy Maria DM 30-09-1994 Ballarpur
- 9. Fr. Suresh V.C. 30-09-2012 Janampet

OCTOBER

- 1. Fr. Thomas Manickam CMI 24-10-2010 Kurianad
- 2. Sr. Catherine Francis ASMI 11-10-1988 Cherthala

NOVEMBER

- 1. Fr. Felician Vadakumcherry CMI 09-11-1998 Bellampally
- 2. Sr. Borgia ASMI 11-11-1989 Allapally
- 3. Sr. Serine CHF 11-11-2014 Palakkad
- 4. Sr. Emil Mary Valummel SD 12-11-2018 Wardha
- 5. Sr. Rosy Puthuparampil FDSHJ 19-11-2021 Punnavelly
- 6. Fr. Jose Parayaruthottam CMI 20-11-1988 Ballarpur
- 7. Fr. Mathew Poovakulam CMI 23-11-1978 Ballarpur
- 8. Sr. (Dr.) Gabriel ASMI 26-11-2013 Rampur
- 9. Br. Chacko Urumbil CMI 28-11-2013 Koodathai

DECEMBER

- 1. Fr. George Joseph Vettukallapuram CMI 01-12-2008 Bellampally
- 2. Sr. Bonitus CMC 02-12-2000 Wardha
- 3. Sr. Neena Varghese CHF 04-12-2005 Palakkad
- 4. Fr. Chrisostom Thomas 06-12-2015 Pala
- 5. Sr. Pulcheria Eluvathingal CMC 06-12-2021 Choondal
- 6. Sr. Rose Mary ASMI 10-12-1989 Cherthala
- 7. Fr. Jomy Chakkalatharayil 16-12-2018 Chembalam
- 8. Sr. Lysa Rose FCC 17-12-2003 Kadukutty
- 9. Bro. Thomas Chakkunnumpuram CMI 25-12-1973 Ballarpur
- 10. Bro. Chacko Pinakkatt CMI 29-12-1977 Ballarpur



**TRIBUTE TO
Sr. Esther Panachikkal SD**



Born: 30.09.1942
First Profession: 06.01.1964
Demise: 15.11.2024

“For me to live is Christ and to die is gain” (Phil 1:21).

This was the spirit of our beloved Sr. Esther, to whom we bade an eternal farewell today.

Sr. Esther was born on 30 September 1942 at Njarakkal in Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese, Kerala, as the loving daughter of Mr. Kunjuvareed and Mrs. Kochumariam of the Panachikkal family.

She made her first profession on 6 January 1964 and her perpetual profession in 1969 and early assignments were in Kerala and her missionary zeal led her to Wirur in 1972, marking the beginning of her remarkable mission life. After six years, she returned to the Mother House in Chunangmvely to pursue a Home Science course at Kalamassery. In 1982, she resumed her mission in Chanda Diocese at Lakkadakote and served tirelessly in the Chanda and Adilabad Dioceses in places like Adilabad, Nirmal, Wirur, Lakkadakote, and Wardha. The only exception to this was her service from 2010 to 2014 in Parkal, Diocese of Warangal, and Lakkawaram, Diocese of Eluru.

Sr. Esther's mission was to spread the Gospel and serve the poor and suffering. For over 50 years, Sr. Esther journeyed from village

to village, often on foot or in bullock carts, bringing the Good News and performing acts of compassion. Most of her days were spent in door-to-door evangelization, meeting both the spiritual and material needs of the people.

Sr. Esther faced challenges with unwavering courage. One notable incident occurred in Lakkadakote when she tactfully dealt with Naxalites who came to attack her. She not only offered them tea but also led them to the church, encouraging them to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Her thirst for knowledge was remarkable. She frequently participated in exams and literary competitions at the Congregation and diocesan levels, often earning prizes. By staying updated through newspapers and TV news, she raised awareness about social issues and included the suffering in her prayers. Her heart overflowed with love and compassion for those in need.

Even when ill-health limited her physical activities, Sr. Esther's heart continued to beat for the poor. In 2023, as her health deteriorated, she was moved to Ashadham Hospital, Wirur, for better medical care. Despite her pain, she never complained.

When her condition worsened on November 8, 2024, Rev. Fr. Joseph Thachaparampath CMI, the Provincial Superior of Marthoma Province, Chanda, administered the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

On November 15, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., her soul peacefully departed this world to be with her Lord. The mortal remains of Sr. Esther was taken to Sevagram after the *Office of the Dead*, led by Rev. Fr. Thomas VC, Director of Divine Vachan Ashram, Ballarshah. On Sunday, November 17, 2024, the body was brought to the Provincial House in Wardha at 6:40 a.m.

Rev. Fr. Robinson, parish priest of St. Antony's Forane Church, Wardha, along with her brother, Rev. Fr. Paul Panachickal SDB, conducted the first part of the funeral rites. The second part of the funeral rites was officiated by Rev. Fr. Joseph Thachaparampath CMI, Provincial Superior of Marthoma Province, Chanda.

The funeral service began at 3:00 p.m and the Holy Qurbana was officiated by Rt. Rev. Bishop Ephrem Nariculam, Bishop of Chanda. Concelebrating the Holy Qurbana were her brother Rev. Fr. Paul Panachickal SDB, Rev.Fr.Robinson Synchalleus of Dioceses of Chanda, Rev. Fr. Pius Pathiyarathukunnel, Provincial of CMI Marymatha vice Province, Hyderabad, Rev. Fr. Joseph Thachaparampath CMI, and 23 other priests from Adilabad and Chanda.

The farewell address given by Rev. Fr. Mathew Nirapel, parish priest of Santhivivas Church, Wirur, was a heartfelt and befitting tribute to Sr.Esther. Sr.Gracelet the Provincial Superior thanked all who were present and associated with her funeral ceremony.

Dearest Sr. Esther. We are ever grateful to you for your exemplary, selfless and committed services you rendered for the voiceless ones of Jesus. May the gracious Lord soon give you heavenly glory. May your memory be a source of inspiration for generations to come! Eternal farewell dearest Sr. Esther!



PPT Meetings 2025

Sr.No.	Month	Date
1	January	29, 30
2	February	1-3, 14-15, 17-18, 20-22, 28
3	March	12-15, 28-29

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Live your life as though your every act were to become a universal law.

– Immanuel Kant



XII. ON GOING FORMATION

ADDRESS	COURSE	DATE
NBCLC, Bangalore Email: nbclcindia@gmail.com Phone: 9482402369	Pastoral Animation and Facilitation skills for Priests and Religious	Jan 27-Feb. 01
	Secretarial Course for Secretaries to the Bishops and Provincials	Feb10-17
	Course for young Priests and Sisters	May 01-14
	Sabbatical Year Course for Priests and Religious	Jul 01-Nov 30
	Religious Leadership Course for Religious Superiors and Formators	Jul 08-15
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	Pastoral Management Course for Religious Superiors and Animators	Aug 22-29
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SUMEDHA CENTRE Don Bosco School Campus, Chandigarh, Punjab Email: sumedhacentre@gmail.com Ph: 7468083014	Sumedha Sadhana - A Psychospiritual Wellbeing Journey for middle aged Priests and Religious	1) Feb 09-May 03
		2) May 11-Aug 02
		3) Sept 25-Dec
Ishwani Kendra, poona Email: ishwaniprograms@gmail.com Ph: 8080450891	Personal Growth and Renewal for Mission	17Jan 12-Mar 08

DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 15- Animal Welfare Fortnight begins
- 26- Republic Day
- 29- World Leprosy Day
- 30- Peace Day & Martyr's Day

FEBRUARY

- 04- World Cancer Day
- 11- Day of the Sick
- 20- World Day of Social Justice
- 21- Mother Language Day

MARCH

- 03- World Hearing Day & World Wildlife Day
- 08- UN Day for women's Day
- 14- World Day of Action on Dams and Rivers
- 15- World Consumer Day
- 21- World Forestry Day & World Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 22- World Water Day
- 23- World Meteorological Day
- 24- Tuberculosis Day
- 27- World Theatre Day
- 31- International Transgender Day of Visibility

APRIL

- 04- Anti Child Prostitution Day & National School Librarian Day
- 07- World Health Day
- 14- Ambedkar Jayanthi
- 18- World Heritage Day
- 22- World Earth Day
- 23- World Book & Copyright Day
- 24- World Day for Laboratory Animals & Panchayat Day

MAY

- 01- World Labour Day
- 03- World Press Freedom Day
- 05- World Day of the Midlife & Gautam Buddha Jayanthi
- 14- Mothers' Day
- 15- World Family Day
- 17- World Telecommunication Day
- 21- World Day of Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development & Anti-Terrorism Day
- 22- World Day for Biological Diversity
- 24- Commonwealth Day
- 25- Week of Solidarity With the People of Non-self-Governing Territories
- 31- World No Tobacco Day

JUNE

- 1st Sun Natonal Cancer Survior Day
- 04- UN Day of Innocent Victims of Aggression
- 05- World Environment Day
- 08- World Oceans Day
- 12- World Day Against Child Labour
- 15- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- 17- Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
- 20- World Refugee Day
- 21- World Yoga Day
- 23- World Widow's Day
- 26- World Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking & World Day in Support of Torture

Victims

JULY

- 1st-7th- Van Mahotsav Week
- 01- International Co-operative Day
- 11- World Population Day

AUGUST

- 1st-7th-World Breastfeeding Week
- 06- Hiroshima Day
- 09- Day of Indigenous Peoples
- 12- International Youth Day
- 15- Indian Independence Day
- 23- World Day for Remembrance of Slave Trade & its Abolition

SEPTEMBER

- 1st-7th- National Nutrition Week
- 05- Teachers' Day
- 08- World Literacy Day
- 15- World Day of Democracy
- 16- World Ozoen Day
- 21- World Peace Day
- 27- World Tourism Day & 3rd Sat Coastal Clean-up Day

OCTOBER

- 01- World Vegetarian Day, World Day of Older Persons & 1st Mon World Habitat Day
- 02- Gandhi Jayanthi, Anti Untouchability Day, World Farm Animal Welfare Day
- 04- World Animal Welfare Day
- 10- Mental Health Day
- 11- International Day of Girl Child
- 13- Natural Disaster Reduction Day
- 15- Rural Women's Day
- 16- World Food Day
- 17- World Day of the Eradication of Poverty

- 18- International Menopause Day
- 24- United Nations Day
- 30- World Thrift Day

NOVEMBER

- 09- National Legal Service Day
- 14- National Children's Day World Diabetes Day
- 15- National Press Day & Day of Tolerance
- 19 Nov-18 Dec. & World National Environmental Awareness Month
- 19- World Toilet Day
- 20- UN Children's Rights Day
- 21- World Fisheries Day, Television Day
- 25- World Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- 26- National Law Day

DECEMBER

- 01- World AIDS Day
- 02- World Day for Elimination of Slavery & National Pollution Prevention Day
- 03- World Day for the Differently Abled & Bhopal Day
- 04- Wildlife Conservation Day
- 05- UN World Volunteer's Day for Economic & Social Dev.
- 08- SAARC Day of the Girl Child
- 10- Human Rights Day
- 14- Energy Conservation Day
- 18- International Migrants Day
- 24- National Consumer Rights Day
- 25- Christmas



2025 Jubilee Prayer

Chanda Diocese

Heavenly Father, in Your Son, our brother Jesus Christ, rekindle within us the faith You have given and the flame of love ignited in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Renew in us the blessed hope of the coming of Your Kingdom.

Transform us by Your grace into tireless sowers of the seeds of the Gospel. Let all forces of evil be defeated, and may Your glory shine forever. In the hopeful anticipation of a new heaven and a new earth, may these seeds transform humanity and the entire universe.

As pilgrims of hope, may this Jubilee awaken in us a thirst for heavenly treasures and lead to the spread of the Savior's joy and peace throughout the world. May glory and praise be to You, our ever-blessed God, now and forever. Amen.



जुबिली वर्ष 2025 के लिए प्रार्थना

चांदा धर्मप्रांत

हे स्वर्गीय पिता, अपने पुत्र और हमारे ईसा मसीह में, हमारे अंदर उस विश्वास को फिर से प्रज्वलित करें जो आपने हमें दिया है, और उस प्रेम की ज्वाला को प्रज्वलित करें जो पवित्र आत्मा के द्वारा हमारे हृदयों में जली है। अपने राज्य के आगमन की धन्य आशा को हमारे अंदर नवीनीकृत करें।

हमें अपनी कृपा से रूपांतरित करें ताकि हम सुसमाचार के बीज बोने वाले अटूट श्रमिक बन सकें। सभी बुरी शक्तियों का नाश हो, और आपकी महिमा सदा के लिए चमके। नए स्वर्ग और नई पृथ्वी की आशा में, ये बीज मानवता और पूरे संसार को बदल दें।

आशा के तीर्थयात्रियों के रूप में, यह जुबली हमारे अंदर स्वर्गीय खजानों की प्यास जगा दे और उद्धारकर्ता की खुशी और शांति को पूरे संसार में फैलाए।

हे धन्य परमेश्वर, आपकी महिमा और स्तुति सदा-सर्वदा होती रहे,

आमेन।





जुबिली वर्ष २०२५ साठी प्रार्थना

चांदा धर्मप्रांत

हे स्वर्गातील पित्या तुझा पुत्र येशू ख्रिस्त आमचा बंधू याच्या ठायी तू आम्हांला जी श्रद्धा दिली आहेस आणि पवित्र आल्याने आमच्या हृदयांत जी प्रेम भावाची ज्योत प्रज्वलित केलेली आहे त्याद्वारे आमच्यामध्ये तुझ्या स्वर्गराज्याच्या आगमनाची आनंददायी आशा पुन्हा जागृत होवो.

तुझी कृपा शुभवर्तमानाच्या विजाची सतत मशागत करणाऱ्यांमध्ये आमचे रूपांतर करो.

शुभवर्तमानाची ही वीजे मानवतेचा तसेच नवे आकाश व नवी पृथ्वी ह्यांची खात्रीपूर्वक वाट पाहणाऱ्या सृष्टीचा अंतर्गत कायापालट करोत.

दुष्ट शक्तीच्या पराभवाने तुझे वैभव अनंतकाळ प्रकाशित होवो येत्या जुबिली वर्षाची कृपा आम्हांमध्ये आशेचा किरण आणि स्वर्गराज्यातील वैभवाबद्दल तळमळ पुन्हा जागृत करणेब त्याच कृपेद्वारे आपल्या तारणाऱ्याचा आनंद व शांती सर्व जगात पसरो.

हे नित्यजीवी धन्य परमेश्वरा सन्मान व गौरव सदा सर्वकाळ तुझाच आहे तुझाच आहे.

आमेन.



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS ENTRUSTED TO THE WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK FOR THE YEAR 2025

JANUARY

FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

FEBRUARY

FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

MARCH

FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS.

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

APRIL

FOR THE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.