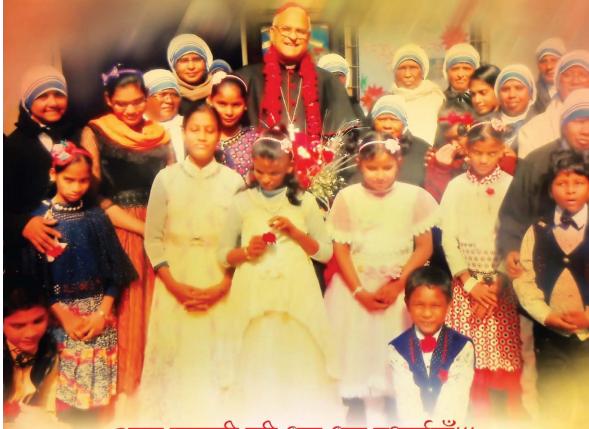


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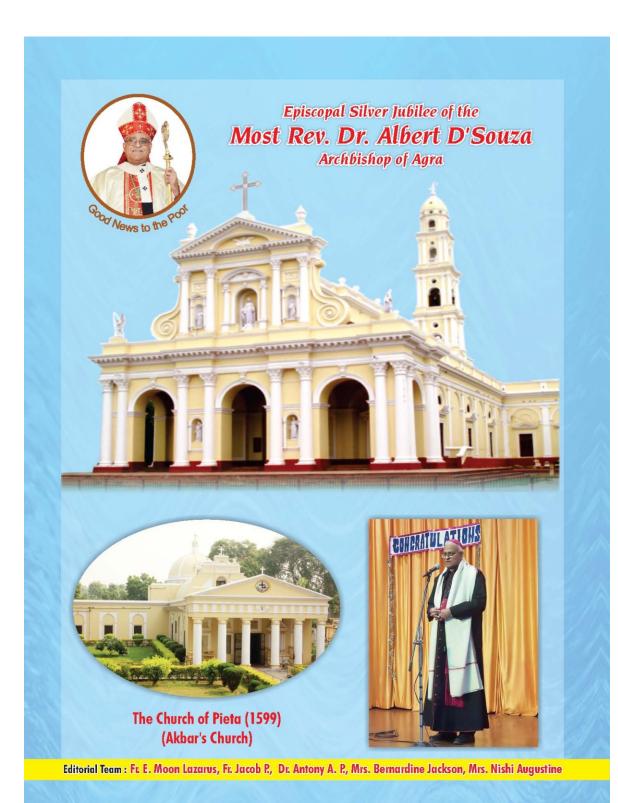
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Hearty Congratulation

Your Grace on your Episcopal Silver Jubilee



२जत जयन्ती की शत् शत् बधाईयाँ!!!





प्रिय मित्रो,

नववर्ष की शुभकामनाओं के साथ अग्रेडियंस का यह नया अंक आपके हाथों में है। नया वर्ष – नया अंक! हमारी प्रार्थना है कि वर्ष 2018 आपके जीवन में सुख समृद्धि लाए। आपकी सभी भली मनोकामनाएं पूर्ण हों। ईश्वर आपको और आपके प्रियजनों को सही सलामत रखे। सबका कल्याण हो।

संपादकीय लिखे जाने के समय तक बेथलेहेम की गऊशाला से फरिश्ते उड़ गए हैं, गड़िरए और तीनों ज्ञानी महात्मा अपने-अपने नगरों को वापिस चले गए हैं। यहाँ तक कि पिवत्र परिवार भी वहाँ से अपना आशियाना लेकर अन्यत्र चला गया है। वहाँ केवल खाली गऊशाला रह गई है, और आज बहुत से नकली गौसेवक गौसेवा के नाम पर मारकाट कर रहे हैं।

नवजात शिशु येसु भी बड़े हो गए हैं। उन्होंने दो सप्ताह पूर्व यर्दन नदी में योहन के हाथ बपितस्मा संस्कार प्राप्त कर लिया और वे खुलकर अपनी सेवकाई क्षेत्र में पदार्पण कर चुके हैं।

हालांकि अभी भी हमारे बहुत से मसीही घरों और संस्थानों पर सितारे लटके हैं, सजावटें नहीं निकाली गयी हैं और केक पकवान चल रहे हैं...। कुछ का मानना है कि क्रिसमस का त्योहार वर्ष में एक बार ही तो आता है, तो फिर काहे की जल्दबाजी... अभी तो पड़े हैं बरसो..।

इस माह रिववार 28 तारीख का दिन हमारे आगरा महाधर्मप्रांत के लिए एक विशेष दिन है और स्वर्णिम अक्षरों में लिखा जाना वाला दिन है। उस दिन महाधर्मप्रांत के दसवें महाधर्माध्यक्ष 73 वर्षीय अति श्रद्धेय डॉ. आल्बर्ट डिसूज़ा अपने धर्माध्यक्षीय अभिषेक की रजत जयंती मना रहे हैं। यह हम सबके लिए ईश्वर को धन्यवाद देने का दिन है। हालांकि इन 25 वर्षों में से 12/13 वर्ष आपने लखनऊ धर्मप्रांत की कलीसिया की सेवा में व्यतीत किए। शेष समय आपने आगरा महाधर्मप्रांत की दिलो–जान से सेवा की है। आपके सेवा काल में सर्वाधिक मिशन स्टेशन, स्कूल, दिव्यांगों व दीन-हीन छात्र- छात्राओं के लिए विशिष्ट विद्यालय व हॉस्टल खोले गए। नए गिरजाघरों का निर्माण हुआ। आपके कार्यकाल में सर्वाधिक पुरोहित अभिषेक सम्पन्न हुए। विभिन्न धर्मसंघियों ने यहाँ अपनी संस्थाएं/स्कूल शुरु किए, वहीं सर्वाधिक ए.सी. गाड़ियां खरीदी गयीं। स्थानीय लोकधर्मियों की हालत में भी कुछ सुधार हुआ। आपके राष्ट्रीय एवं प्रादेशिक स्तर पर दिए गए अभूतपूर्व योगदान को कभी भुलाया नहीं जा सकता। आपके द्वारा बेसहारों के लिए शुरु की गयी पेंशन योजना एक सराहनीय कदम है। ईश्वर आपको आशीष दे!

जुिबली (जयंती) एक विशेष समय है ईश्वर को धन्यवाद देने का और साथ ही मुड़कर पीछे देखने का कि हम क्या साथ लाए और क्या छोड़ आए। जमीनी हकीकत से रुबरू होने का। यदि कहीं कुछ छूट गया है तो उसे पूर्ण करने के लिए पुन: प्रयास करने का। हमारी प्रार्थना है स्वामी जी कि आप एक योगी की भांति सदैव सुखी, स्वस्थ एवं क्रियाशील रहें। ईश्वर ने आपमें जो कार्य आरम्भ किया है उसे वांछित समय पर पूर्णता तक पहुंचा दे।

हमारे महाधर्मप्रांत में वर्ष 2018 युवाओं के वर्ष के रूप में मनाया जायेगा। हमारे लिए यह बहुत गर्व की बात है कि फादर डॉमिनिक जॉर्ज (अमित) को हाल ही में प्रादेशिक युवा निदेशक मनोनीत किया गया है। टीम अग्रेडियन्स की ओर से हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं।

10-11 जनवरों को नवीनता, नई दिल्ली में आयोजित यू.सी.पी.आई. के राष्ट्रीय अधिवेशन में सेंट मेरीज़ चर्च, आगरा के श्री डेनिस सिल्वेरा को युवा नेता के रूप में नई बड़ी जिम्मेदारियां दी गईं हैं। 30 जनवरी को सद्भावना सिमिति द्वारा सेंट पीटर्स कॉलेज, आगरा में सर्वधर्म प्रार्थना एवं विचार गोष्ठी में आप सबका हार्दिक स्वागत है।

पुन: नववर्ष की शुभकामनाओं के साथ, खीस्त में आपका.

फादर यूजिन मून लाज्रस

(कृते, अग्रेडियन्स सम्पादकीय मण्डल)

JANUARY - 2018 1 AGRADIANCE



Shepherd's Voice



''Inter-Religious Dialogue-Promotion of Culture of Peace''

Holy Father Pope Francis has announced the general intention for the month of January, "Religious Minorities in Asia-that Christians and other religious minorities in Asian countries may be able to practice their faith in full freedom". This prayer intention is relevant and urgent. Religious minorities are harassed, threatened, and at times, persecuted in different parts of the world; in Asian countries and in our own country too, the religious minorities in some circumstances are forced to leave their homes and to migrate and seek refuge in alien places. His Holiness has also issued a message for World Peace Day with the title "Migrants and Refugees: Men and Women in Search of Peace". While religious persecution is one reason for migration, discrimination, war, violence, natural calamities, unemployment, poverty, trade and business, education and tourism are other reasons of migration. But, certain groups who migrate end up becoming refugees. Hence, our prayer intentions would include along with religious minorities, the itinerants, migrants and refugees world over, in our country and in particular, in the Archdiocese of Agra. Internal migration in our country is ever on the increase. Likewise, harassment, threats and persecution of religious minorities in our

society are reported daily.

The attitude of the Church and of Christians, besides prayer, the exercise of prudence, patience and active forms of dialogue of life, need to be engaged in raising the right consciousness of constitutional values and principles of democracy our sovereign republic nation professes and pledges under the Tricolour. It is urgent that we utilize the channels of our service-centres, the parishes, communities and institutions, to spell out clearly equality, fraternity and unity among the citizens, upholding national integrity and the rich heritage of the mosaic of cultures, religions, castes, classes and languages of people, who not merely co-exist but richly contribute towards nation-building. Our prayer for religious minorities and for the safeguarding of equal rights of all has to be inclusive of the followers of majority religion and thus to work for peace and harmony and for establishment of good will among all. There is a need to build bridges of understanding and of mutual respect.

Our prayer for the change of attitude of those religious bigots who encourage ideology of extremist fundamentalism, pseudosecularism and social bias, breeding divisive trends based on caste, creed, class and religion that create narrow boundaries of discrimination. These only generate a sense of insecurity, majority-minority complex, competition and animosity. Exaggerated majoritarianism does leave the marks of wounds of separation and victimhood among the so-called minorities. Prayer for religious minorities ought to be inclusive of brethren of majority groups who hold greater privilege of electoral prospects and consequently assume a dominant role in every sphere of life and activity, governance and policy making.

The well-tested and effective means we have at our disposal in order to face the challenges and to avoid any form of conflict is inter-religious dialogue, that can bring people together to share the basic truths and richness of each religion. These can open the minds to equality, fraternity and humanitarian values of peace and fellowship. Promotion of common good, mutual good-will, and access to equal opportunities to all to enable everyone to live with harmony, dignity, honour and esteem, with common faith in God Almighty. This will set a culture of brotherhood, conservation of environment and preservation of the earth's resources on globally accepted norms that usher in a feeling of the earth as the "common home" of all. This initiates the culture of peace!

While we celebrate **Republic Day** on January 26th, may our prayer for the Nation prompt us to pray for our immediate neighbours among whom we live. May all citizens rise up to accept one another in

communion, fellowship and peace, so that none is forced to seek peace elsewhere. May each one find peace where one is!

The Church promotes unity of Christians and exhorts us to pray together as believers in Christ, observing a **Week of Unity of Christians** from January 18th to 25th. All Christians as one body may believe in harmony, fellowship and fraternity and reach out to the next neighbor with forgiveness, love and service, promoting good will among all. The main reflection in the week is set as: "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power" (Ex.15:6).

We observe World Peace Day on January 30th, Martyrs' Day in our country. The Symposium on "Dialogue-Path to Peace" is organized by the Agra Inter-Religious Dialogue Unit (Sadbhawana). God the Creator Father is the source of good-will and well-being, love, joy, peace and communion. "All things came into being through Him....What has come into being in Him was life, and life was light of all people.....The true light which enlightens every one" (Jn 1:4-5). The Word that became human in Jesus, enlightens all. His Good News of Salvation is for all, although majority may not recognize Him. We do have the urgency to announce the Good News. However, in no way can we impose on others our belief and practice. We rejoice over the fact of salvation in Christ and live our faith with fervor and determination. Engaged in dialogue of life and by our good example, we communicate to the rest of the people that Jesus reaches out to all, irrespective of caste, class, creed or religion. God in Jesus is the God of all. His truth, wisdom and beauty are shared by all, by way of love, peace and joy - sat, chit, anand!

May all enjoy the freedom of God's people and learn to share universal brotherhood as one human family. May the year 2018 be a time of nurturing and cherishing the well-being of all.

May God bless you.

★ Albert D'Souza

(Archbishop of Agra)

ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS (JANUARY - 2018)

- 1 Visit of Fr. Ronald Tellis, Rector, St.Joseph's Seminary, Allahabad with guests
- 2 Holy Mass, Congregation Feast, Satya Seva Catechist Sisters
- 4 Meeting the Theology students (Pastoral Month Group)
- 5 Holy Mass, Fatima Sisters' Founder's Feast, To Delhi
- 6 Departure to Hyderabad
- Installation of Bishop of Shamshabad, Hyderabad
- 8 Arrival in Agra Holy Mass, Holy Family Convent, Shamshabad Road, Agra
- 10 Ecumenical Gathering
- 11 Visit to Kanpur
- 12 Arrival in Agra
- 13 Visit to Aligarh
- 14 Holy Mass, St. Fidelis Church, Aligarh

- 18 St. Francis School programme followed by Holy Mass, St. Francis Convent
- 20 Visit of Sr. Rose Celine BS, Mother General of Bethany Sisters
- Welcome to Pilgrim Group led by Bp. Joseph ArshadConference on RCDA and its Historical Importance from North India
- 23 Conference on Lahore Diocese and its Historical Importance
- 25 Arrival of Msgr. Matthew D'Souza
- 26 Holy Mass, Cathedral, Common Republic Day Function, Cathedral, Agra
- 27 Foundation Stone, MSA Sisters, Tedi Bagia, Agra
- 28 Holy Mass, Archbishop Albert's Episcopal Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass
- 30 Gandhi Jayanti, Martyrs' Day, SYMPOSIUM, Dialogue Way to Peace
- 31 Priests' Annual Picnic

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

- 3 B.D. FR. GREGORY THARAYIL
- 19 B.D. FR. JOHN ROSHAN PEREIRA
- 24 B.D. FR. PETER PARKHE
- 30 B.D. FR. JIPSON PALATTY

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION JANUARY - 2018

Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

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My dear people,

Grace, Peace and Joy of Christ!

I appreciate and compliment the Fathers who organized the common Christmas Exhibition at the Cathedral. Congratulations to those who organized similar exhibitions elsewhere! Faith proclamation is the immediate fruit of our faith-practice.

We usher in the year 2018 with greater hope and enthusiasm as apostles of mercy and consolation through the various ministries and apostolates. We strive to support one another in our common endeavours and in divine blessings on our apostolic services.

Welcoming the two new priests to the specific ministries, I am pleased to announce the following appointments as decided in the last meeting of the body of Consultors. These assignments come into effect latest by January 20, 2018.

| S.No | Name | From | То |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Rev. Fr. Mariyan Lobo | Assistant Jaith | Assistant -Firozabad |
| 2. | Rev. Fr. Anthony Maria Jude | New Priest | Assistant-Bastar |
| 3. | Rev. Fr. Louis Xess | New Priest | Assistant -Jaith |
| S.No I. 2. 3. | Name Bro. Andrew Sachit Kerketta Bro. Ramesh Mathew Bro. Anil Henry Monteiro | Regents To Jaith Anupnagar Savio Navjeeva | n Bal Bhavan, Aligarh |

Brother Aseem Beck continues at Savio Navjeevan Bal Bhavan, Aligarh

I appreciate the Fathers for the due support provided to the students of Theology during their month-long pastoral outreach in the Archdiocese.

Unity Octave to be observed from January 17-25,2018, is of pastoral importance. It is expected that due Ecumenical programme may be undertaken in every parish and mission. Besides, the apostolate of inter-religious dialogue ought to be central to our ministry in order to be pro-actively and amicably responding to the difficulties posed by fundamentalist trends. A special prayer for the country is to be made in all our Churches for the intentions of

safeguarding our Constitution and preservation of as the values of our secular democracy.

On January 28th the **Episcopal Silver Jubilee** is scheduled to be observed. January 30th observed as **Martyrs' Day** offers us the opportunity to pray for world peace. I invite you all to join the Symposium held at St. Peter's College on "Dialogue-Way to Peace". This is the tenth year that we hold such Symposia in favour of Inter-Religious harmony.

I propose the year 2018 to be observed as the "**Year of Youth**". A relevant prayer will be made available for our use. Youth faith-formation and promotion of youth to civic services and for religious vocations shall be the thrust.

Our annual Clergy Picnic is scheduled to be held on January 31st. The details will be conveyed to you in due time. The next Priests' recollection shall be on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

Cyclone Okhi had a devastating effect in the South Indian Coastal belt especially Trivandrum. The Archbishop of Trivandrum has extensive plans to rehabilitate the victims and affected households. I invite contributions from Parishes and institutions. The amounts shall be sent to the Archbishop of Trivandrum as our support. The contributions should reach the Curia latest by January 30th, 2018.

With renewed good wishes for a Happy New Year and with my blessings. God bless you.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Albert D'Souza (Archbisohp of Agra)

नव वर्ष और हमारा संकल्प



31 दिसम्बर को हमें रात 12 बजे का बहुत ही बेसब्री से इंतजार रहता है, कि कब 12 बजें और हम नव वर्ष मनाएं। जैसे ही घड़ी की दोनों सुईयां

12 बजाती हैं हम अपने मित्रों, शुभचिंतकों, प्रियजनों को नववर्ष की बधाइयां देने लगते हैं। क्या ऐसा करने से हम नव वर्ष में प्रवेश करते हैं?

प्रिय मित्रों, बन्धुओं एवं सभी शुभिचंतकों आपको मेरी ओर से नव वर्ष की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं। अभी कुछ ही दिनों पहले हमने नव वर्ष 2018 में प्रवेश किया है। बीते वर्ष में हमने प्रभु येसु व माँ मिरयम की कृपा से बहुत सी आशीषें एवं कृपाएं पायी हैं। उन सबके लिए हम उनको कृतज्ञतापूर्वक धन्यवाद दें। हर वर्ष की तरह इस वर्ष भी हमने बहुत से वायदे और प्रण किये होंगे, प्रभु ईश्वर उन्हें निभाने व पूरा करने में हमारी मदद करें, हम उन्हें पूरा कर सकें।

नव वर्ष हम सभी के लिए एक विशेष कृपा व वरदान बनकर हमारे जीवन को, हमारी दिनचर्या को एक नया जीवन जीने के लिए, एक अच्छा व्यक्ति बनने के लिए विशेष वरदान साबित हो, ताकि हमने बीते वर्ष में जिन लोगों से अपने दिलों में द्वेष, घृणा, नफरत, आदि की है उन्हें भुलाकर उन लोगों को माफ कर सकें। उन्हें भी क्षमा करें जिनके प्रति हमारे दिलों में बैर है।

गलातियों के अध्याय 5:2 में लिखा है कि ''मनुष्य जो बोता है, वही लुनता है।'' हम मिथ्याभिमानी न बनें, एक दूसरे को ना छोड़ें और ईर्ष्या न करें। जैसे गेहूँ का दाना मिट्टी में मरकर नया जीवन पाता है और सौ गुना फल लाता है, उसी प्रकार हमें गेहूँ के दाने के समान बनकर अपना पुराना स्वभाव त्यागना है। गेहूँ के दाने ने मरकर सौ गुना फल दिया। दूसरों को जीने का एक नया संदेश दिया। हम भी अपना पुराना स्वभाव त्यागकर, नया जीवन जीने के लिए और दूसरों को नववर्ष की शुभकामनाएं देने से पहले अपने अन्त:करण को शुद्ध कर नया जीवन धारण करें। इस नये वर्ष के लिए आपने क्या नया संकल्प लिया है? क्या छोड़ने या त्यागने का फैसला किया है? ईश्वर इसमें हमारी मदद करेंगे।

सिरिल एन्थोनी, कथीडुल पैरिश, आगरा

Mary, Mother of God



Who is Mary? Mary is the mother of God, the mother of Jesus Christ, the savior of the world. Mary is a willing servant of God. She trusts God and obeys His will. She is our mother

too. (Jn. 19:27) she is a real mother. She was a hard working woman, reserved in talk, accustomed to seek God's will. She never offended any one, loved every one and was helpful, sensitive, selfless, and outreaching.

The angel said to Mary in Lk 1:28 that she was highly favored by God. Mary the mother of Jesus mentioned throughout the gospel. Although the life held great honor, her calling would demand great suffering as well. Just as there is pain in child birth and motherhood, there would be much pain in the privilege of being mother of God. Mary treasured in her heart Lk 2:9 all the wonderful things God had done to her in the birth of her Son Jesus. She teaches that true virtue consists in doing things in silence without much glamour. She may not have considered the full extent of her future suffering. She may not have imagined the pain of watching her beloved child bearing the weight of sin and die a terrible death on the cross. However, God looked upon the quality of her trust and obedience. Father knew she would willingly serve God.

In one of the most important calls ever given to a human being that is to Mary. Mary is respected by God the Father more than any other person. She is especially chosen by God to be the mother of His Son. "All generations will call me blessed" Luke 1:48. This prophesy of Mary fulfilled through the devotion to the Mother of God. Even with God's favour she would suffer much though she

would one day be highly honored as the Mother of God, she would first know disgrace as an unwed mother. Her beloved Son would be rejected and cruelly murdered. Mary's submission to God's plan would cost her dearly. Yet she was willing to be God's Mother. God knew that Mary was the woman of trust and obedience. She was the only human being to be with Jesus throughout His entire life from womb to the tomb. She gave birth to Him as her baby and watched Him die as her savior. From all eternity God has destined her not only to be the mother of Jesus, but also to be closely related to Him in the creation and redemption of the world. Mary has an important role to play in God's plan; she is closely associated with Jesus. She collaborated with him in his work of redemption and in the establishment of the kingdom. Even now she continues to collaborate with her divine son for the coming of the kingdom in the heart of men and women. Miracles are still happening now through Mother Mary's intervention.

A great treasure in any house is a good mother. But Mary does for us more than what the best of mothers can do. Mary as a sensitive mother asked her son Jesus to provide the wedding party with new wine, by simply exposing to Him the embarrassing situation. They have no wine in Jn2;3 what a beautiful Prayer, although Jesus expressed His unpreparedness to perform the miracle. But Mary said to the servant, "Do whatever he tells you". Here Mary teaches us how to pray in our need. There must be realistic petition, confidence in the divine mercy and unconditional submission to God's will. Her divine son cannot refuse her anything that she asks him on her behalf.

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Epiphany - A Feast Worthy of Devout Celebration



Down memory lane, as kids-with the commencement of Advent, our parents would encourage us to do a whole lot of activities - right from confessions, Scripture

reading, practicing Christmas carols, decoration of Christmas tree & Star, Christmas cake preparations and so on. Typically as kids, we were more focussed on new clothes, carol singing, gorging on Christmas cake, meeting friends and relatives etc. Somehow despite best efforts of parents and elders, we were not able to comprehend or appreciate the real meaning of Advent, Christmas or Epiphany. For us these were just 'occasions' to make merry and have fun. Surely, this was the case with many of us as kids! As we grew up, as active faithful, realisation came about the meaning, significance and repercussions of these 'occasions'. The point is: if one listens to Beethoven's 9th Symphony as casual listener, it could be a pleasing experience but if one understands the nuances of western classical music, it literally is music to the ear! Likewise, without understanding, feasting & merry making remains just that; but with understanding it becomes meaningful and the resultant joy is boundless because it concerns our LORD AND SAVIOUR!

Epiphany is celebrated on 12th day after Christmas. For obvious reasons, the feast of Epiphany has been overshadowed by Christmas. But is it so or for that matter, is Christmas or Easter more significant than Epiphany? The answer is a resounding NO because nothing which pertains to Christ is lesser in significance than the other. Each has its own significance and

in line with God's eternal plan of salvation for the humankind. Unless we realize the significance of Epiphany, we see only one side of the mystery of God becoming human. After contemplating and coming to terms with the fact that God has become a human, we turn to look at this mystery from the opposite angle and realize that this seemingly helpless Child is, in fact, the omnipotent God, the King and Ruler of the universe. The feast of Christ's divinity completes the feast of His humanity. It fulfils all our Advent longing for the King.

Thus feast of Epiphany is a logical successor to Christmas as humankind realises that God is revealed not just to the Jews but to the entire world, that Jesus is uniquely related to God, that Jesus came to accomplish a remarkable work of salvation. Epiphany is a time for reflection of some events in the life of Christ when His divinity shines through His humanity: the adoration of the three wise men; the baptism of Christ in river Jordan; and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. At Epiphany believers look forward to the majestic coming of Christ when His manifestation as God will be complete. Scripture reading during Sunday masses in the Epiphany season continue to show the divine power of our Lord in some of His most striking miracles. Secondly, Epiphany is the extension of Christ's Kingship to the whole world. The revelation of Christ to the three kings (Magi) at Bethlehem is a symbol of His revelation to the whole world. Epiphany presents calling of not merely a chosen few, but all peoples to Christ. Thirdly, linked with both these themes of divine manifestation and world kingship are that of Christ as the light of the world. During Advent, the world was in darkness. At Christmas the Light shone forth, but dimly, seen only by a few around the crib: Mary and Joseph and the shepherds. But at Epiphany the Light bursts forth to all nations and the prophecy is fulfilled: "The Gentiles shall walk in Thy light, and kings in the brightness of Thy rising" (Isaiah 60:3). What significance they have for us amidst present global political turmoil, economic imbalances, and sociological breakdown! Epiphany lifts our eyes from the parochial family/community celebrations and demands that Christians should include in our vision - others. It demands that, like the three wise-men, believer should have the courage to follow the light of the star that has been seen, however hazardous the journey; that the light of our faith, like that of the wise men, should be so strong that we are able to see and recognize our Lord no matter in whatever unexpected way He may present Himself to us; and that having recognized Him, we should bow down and adore Him, offering Him our total loyalty. The question is: as fallible humans are we up to the task? Clearly the answer is no. Then who will enable us do all this? Yes, the Holy Spirit, the Counsellor with His power will enable us achieve these, provided we have a hungry and a willing heart! Wishing all a blessed Feast of Epiphany and **Happy New Year 2018!**

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विश्व एड्स दिवस समारोह का आयोजन



4 दिसम्बर, 2017 को आगरा कैथोलिक डायोसिस समाज सेवा संस्था द्वारा चलाई जा रही सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य विकास परियोजना द्वारा सेन्ट मेरीज स्कूल, अचलपुर में विश्व एड्स दिवस का आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में श्री धनंजय जैसवाल (जिला पंचायत अधिकारी. एटा) रहे। 307 महिलाओं व किशोरियों ने समारोह में भाग लिया व 55 महिलाओं एवं किशोरियों द्वारा स्वास्थ्य जागरूकता नाटक, नृत्य के माध्यम से महिलाओं को जागरूक किया।

क्रिसमस कार्यक्रम का आयोजन

17 दिसम्बर, 2017 को ऑफिस प्रागंण में क्रिसमस कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। इसमें कुल 20 लोगों ने भाग लिया।

कार्यक्रम की शुरूआत फादर शिबू एवं सिस्टर्स द्वारा प्रार्थना एवं केक काटकर की गई। कार्यक्रम को सुन्दर बनाने के लिए नृत्य एंव खेलों का आयोजन किया गया। खेलों में प्रथम, द्वितीय व तृतीय आने वाले प्रतिभागियों को उपहार दिये गये। सभी कार्यक्रर्ताओं द्वारा एक दूसरे को क्रिसमस एवं नये साल की बधाई एवं उपहार भेंट किये गये। अंत में संस्था निदेशक फादर शिबू ने क्रिसमस एवं नये साल का सन्देश दिया। इसके साथ ही कार्यक्रम का अंत हो गया।

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Saint of the Month - St. Fabian

Feast Day January 20



Eusebius of Caesarea, a historian of the early Christianity, born just a few years after St Fabian's death, tells us how Fabian came to Rome after Pope Anteros died in 236. A layperson, and not a very important one, he

may have come for the same reason many still come to Rome today during a papal election: concern for the future of the faith, curiosity about the new pope, a desire to grieve for the pope who had passed. Seeing all the important people gathered to make this momentous decision must have been overwhelming. Which one would be the new pope? Someone known for power? Someone known for courage?

Suddenly during the discussion, a dove descended from the ceiling. But it didn't settle on "someone known" for anything at all. The dove, according to Eusebius, "settled on [Fabian's] head as clear imitation of the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove upon the Savior." There must have been something of the Holy Spirit working because everyone suddenly proclaimed Fabian as "worthy" to be pope and this stranger was elected.

To us the dove signifies peace, and this dove was prophetic. Starting close to Fabian's election, the suffering and persecuted Church began a time of peace. The emperor, Philip, was friendly to Christians and not only was the persecution stopped but Christians experienced acceptance.



In this era of peace, Fabian was able to build up the structure of the Church of Rome, appointing seven deacons and helping to collect the acts of the martyrs.

But, in a timeless story, the people who had always been in power were not happy to see the newcomers growing and thriving. There were many incidents of pagans attacking Christians and when Philip died so died the time of peace. The new emperor, Decius, ordered all Christians to deny Christ by offering incense to idols or through some other pagan ritual.

In the few years of peace, the Church had grown soft. Many didn't have the courage to stand up to martyrdom. But Fabian, singled out by symbol of peace, stood as a courageous example for everyone in his flock. He died a martyr in 250 and is buried in the Cemetery of Calixtus that he helped rebuild and beautify. A stone slab with his name can still be found there.

In His Footsteps: Pray for all places where the Church suffers persecution and for all who face death, danger, or isolation for their faith. But pray especially for all who live where the Church is accepted and thrives in peace that this peace will not make their faith flabby and weak.

Prayer: Pope Saint Fabian, it's so easy to believe that peace means a life without conflict or suffering. Help us to see that the only true peace is the peace Christ brings. Never let us as a Church or as individual Christians choose to deny our beliefs simply to avoid an unpleasant situation. Amen

Fr. Vineesh Joseph, Archdiocese of Agra

Liturgy for the Ecumenism Sunday

January 21, 2018 (Or any convenient day for you)

Introduction: Every Sunday we gather around this altar to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. It is a joyful moment in our Christian life. However, the joy of this Eucharistic community is not full. Many Christians are not able to participate in this Eucharistic banquet because of our divisions. Each time we come together as one family to celebrate the Eucharist, we need to feel the sadness of the broken community and nostalgically crave for our separated brethren to join us to break the One Bread together. Today is the Ecumenism Sunday - a day dedicated exclusively to pray for unity among Christians.

We are in "The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity." This joint prayer movement is in its 50th year. The Roman Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches began this 'prayer week' in 1968. The result of these prayers was powerfully manifested in the joint commemoration of the 500th year of Martin Luther's attempt to reform the Church which unfortunately gave rise to Protestantism. Therefore, trusting in the power of prayer, let us earnestly implore God for the gift of unity so that our Eucharistic table is complete.

Introduction to the Readings: Today being the 3rd Sunday in the Ordinary Time, the readings proper of the day are retained.

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Initially reluctant Jonah repented and accepted God's mission. He preached to the Ninevites with zeal and enthusiasm that touched their hearts and they repented and saved themselves from the wrath of God. Jonah's personal conversion preceded the conversion of the Ninevites. The reluctance of the churches to unite

shedding their 'holier than thou' stand should first be overcome if the mission to preach God's Word has to be effective. Jonah's life calls the Churches for repentance and conversion.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 7:29-31

The kingdom of God that broke into the world in Christ will come in its fullness when he returns. St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians speaks of this return of Christ to be imminent. His exhortation is relevant even today. We are to live with the Lord's return in mind. Catholics should look for the signs of time and feel the urgency to unite with other Christians to preach the Gospel and prepare the hearts of people to receive the Lord who is at our doorsteps.

Gospel: Mk 1:14-20

John the Baptist's preaching for repentance and conversion had a sense of urgency. At his imprisonment Jesus took over the mission to announce the kingdom of God with even more urgency. He did not want to go alone. He chose the Apostles to collaborate with Him. Collaboration between the Churches for announcing the Good News is imperative.

Points for Homily: We are in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and today is Ecumenism Sunday. We are called to pray for Christian Unity. Prayers are very powerful instruments in achieving the unity among Christians which seems to be elusive. The tradition of praying for Christian unity through "The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" was introduced 50 years ago. The Roman Catholic Church along with the World Council of Churches began this joint effort in 1968. Since then, fraternal collaboration has replaced the

mistrust and hatred that kept churches from each other for 450 years. Thanks to prayers and dialogues. Therefore, it is important that we continue this tradition of praying for unity as individuals, in our families and in our Parish positioning ourselves beside Jesus to fulfil His wish "That they all may be one" (Jn 17:21).

The first reading from Jonah is challenging. At first Jonah was reluctant to accept the mission to go over to Nineveh and preach to them. Reasons might have been manifold. Could be that he had no self-confidence, or he felt he was incompetent, or he felt it would be futile. He even might have felt a threat to his life from the hard hearted Ninevites. Whatever the reason might be, he was convinced that he was unequal to the task assigned to him. This has lessons for us. For different reasons we are reluctant to leave our comfort zone and discharge our baptismal responsibility of preaching the Gospel in 'one voice.' Conversion on personal level, community level and Church level will help us overcome our reluctance to accept other churches as part of the same Body of Christ as we are. Rest of the mission is God's work.

In the Second reading there is a great urgency in St. Paul's preaching to Christians to be ready for the imminent return of Christ. Part of our preparedness is to diligently carry out Christ's commission, i.e. to preach the Good News to all nations. The task is enormous and the time at our disposal is very short. It is pettiness at this stage to harp on our ecclesial differences at the cost of our divine commission. (This urgency could be compared to imminent natural disasters like tsunami, earthquake, fire, shipwreck, plane crash etc. In such situations no one is bothered about his personal prestige, power, wealth and belongings. Saving lives takes over all other

concerns). The Vatican II exhorts "all the Catholic faithful to recognize the signs of the times and to take an active and intelligent part in the work of ecumenism" (UR4).

On account of the urgency to preach the Good News and the shortness of time Jesus sought for collaborators. He chose the Apostles to be his companions for the mission. They were from different backgrounds and had different views and had their own priorities. Yet, when it came to the mission of preaching the Gospel, they all did it in one voice. It is a call for all Churches to realize that the mission is one and the same, that is to preach the Good News together in one voice. To do this effectively all have to overcome the differences, big or small, for this divine mission.

The Vatican II exhorts, "Catholics, in their ecumenical work, must assuredly be concerned for their separated brethren, praying for them, keeping them informed about the Church, making the first approaches toward them. But their primary duty is to make a careful and honest appraisal of whatever needs to be done or renewed in the Catholic household itself, in order that its life may bear witness more clearly and faithfully to the teachings and institutions which have come to it from Christ through the Apostles." {(JRA)

Prayer for the Faithful

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, gathered around this Eucharistic Table on this Ecumenism Sunday let us praise and thank God for the craving for unity that He has instilled in all the Churches. He has led us a long way from mistrust and hatred to acceptance, appreciation and collaboration. Let us pray that He may speed up the completion of the miracle of unity that He has begun in the Church.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis who as the great shepherd is tirelessly seeking collaboration of the heads of different churches, convincing them of the urgency for the Unity among the Churches. May God bless him and sustain him in his efforts by bestowing His graces in abundance. Let us pray to the Lord:

We pray for our diocese and our Bishop .., and all the priests and religious that following the footsteps of the Holy Father they too in all devotion and dedication take up the ministry of unity among Christians with evangelical urgency. Let us pray to the Lord:

We pray for our Motherland that there be peace and unity in the nation, and also for our leaders that the Gospel values of love, brotherhood, equality and impartiality may inspire and lead them while discharging their responsibilities. Let us pray to the Lord:

We pray for our persecuted brethren all over the world, especially in our own land for the faith they profess and the service they render heeding the Gospel call. May God grant them the graces to persevere in their witnessing to the Gospel. Let us pray to the Lord:

We pray for all those who dedicate their lives for bringing unity among Christians for the spread of the Gospel. May God grant them the strength to face all the challenges and be undeterred in their commitment to unity. Let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Loving Father, graciously receive these petitions your children have placed before you for the sake of Your Kingdom on earth. Bless your Church with the gift of unity and bless all those who pray and strive for it. Through Christ Our Lord.

People: Amen.

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आत्मा परमात्मा का अंश है

कुछ दिनों से मैं आत्मा और परमात्मा, स्वर्ग और पृथ्वी पर बहुत गहन चिंतन कर रहा था। ये भी सोच रहा था कि क्रिसमस आया, और आकर चला गया। नया साल भी आया अब कुछ दिनों के बाद चालीसा काल भी शुरु होने वाला है। मैं संत योहन रचित सुसमाचार पढ़ रहा था तभी मुझे सारे सवालों का उत्तर मिला और मेरे प्रथम प्यार येसु की आत्मा और मेरी आत्मा को नजदीकी से महसूस किया।

अब तक मैंने आत्मा और परमात्मा, स्वर्ग और पृथ्वी पर जो चिंतन किया और जो संत योहन के सुसमाचार से पाया, उस भावना को आपके साथ बाँटने जा रहा हूँ। संसार के प्रांरभ में कुछ भी नहीं था। बस एकमात्र ईश्वर का आत्मा था। उस आत्मा के शब्द मात्र द्वारा संसार और जो कुछ भी उसमें है, की सृष्टि हुई। यहाँ तक कि मानव को भी उसने अपने स्वरूप में बनाया और प्राण वायु द्वारा उसमें एक साफ और सुंदर आत्मा को प्रदान किया। इसलिए वह आत्मा संसार से पहले विद्यमान है और उसने सब चीजों की सृष्टि की यहाँ तक कि मानव और उसकी आत्मा की भी। इसलिए वह आत्मा परमात्मा कहलाती है। जिसका अर्थ है सबसे ऊँचा, सबसे महान और सारी सृष्टि का अविनाशी पिता। परम का अर्थ होता है 'सबसे बढ़कर'। सभी आत्माओं का पिता परमात्मा है और उससे निकला एक छोटा सा अंश आत्मा कहलाता है।

जिस प्रकार एक माता अपने गर्भ में बच्चे को धारण करती है और अपने शरीर की सारी शक्ति और ऊर्जा से उसका पालन पोषण करती है और हर प्रकार से उसकी देखभाल करती है। जब बच्चा अपनी माँ के गर्भ में रहता है तो वह सुरक्षित महसूस करता है, और उसे किसी प्रकार की कोई कमी नहीं होती, लेकिन जब बच्चा दुनिया में आता है तो वह जोर जोर से रोता है। लेकिन लोग उसके जन्म लेने पर आनन्द मनाते हैं। कहने का मतलब है कि दुनिया में जब बच्चा जन्म लेता है और हमारे मरण तक लोग हमारे रोने पर आनन्द मनाता है।

ब्रदर मितेश मार्टिन, सेंट लॉरेन्स सेमीनेरी, आगरा

Republic Day Musings

On January 26th we will be celebrating the 69th Republic Day. A republic is a country where the power is held by people through their elected representatives. Thus, the people are ultimate authority. India is a sovereign, socialist, secular and democratic republic with a parliamentary system of government. The Republic is governed in terms of the constitution of India which was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 26th November 1949 and came into force on 26 January 1950. The Constitution secures to all citizens social, economic and political justice; liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; equality of status and of opportunity and fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and unity and integrity of the Nation. Indian Constitution is considered to be one of the best in the world. What is frightening me is the outright violation of the rights enshrined in our Constitution.

In a country like India with diversified culture, religions and beliefs the unity and integrity of the Nation can only be preserved with fraternity and brotherhood. As a regular reader of newspapers, other periodicals and keen observer of what is happening in our country, I can say that, of late, a series of happening that jeopardize the very idea of India have been taking place. Today a person is judged by what he wears, eats, watches, reads and thinks rather than his intrinsic values and educational assets.

There is ample evidence over the last few years that things were in a state of ferment. Concerns are being voiced by members of public, civil society groups, academic experts and think tanks about the flagrant violations of the fundamental rights of the people, which are not aberrations but part of the hidden agenda being

implemented.

Attacks on Dalits, Christian educational institutions and places of worship, people holding different opinions and lynching of citizens having different food habits, have become the order of the day. Elected leaders are making objectionable and incendiary speeches with impunity to gain political mileage. Premier educational institutions of the country are not spared either. Fringe elements try to impose their monolithic idea in those institutions. Dissenting voices have been stifled and people with divergent opinions are eliminated or branded as anti-national and unpatriotic.

The unprecedented turmoil in the judiciary is a development that has exposed the rift in the top echelons. The accusations made by the four sitting judges are as good as saying that Benches can be fixed or bought. People who are behind all these problems do not like to debate or discuss anything and nationalism is used as an excuse to murder individuality, multiplicity and pluralism. Dislodging dissent by annihilation is undemocratic.

No freedom can exist without dissent. A dissenting voice is essential for the advancement and progress of society. A dissenter should be free to express his views vigorously without any fear. Strengthening of democracy can be attained by dissenting voices.

It is high time that right thinking citizens to come together and preserve and protect the heterogeneous and composite culture and the democratic fabric of Indian society. Only then we can have a strong India "Where the mind is held without fear and where world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls."

Dr. Antony A.P.

Take a step to understand signs from Our Lord and follow it

We are very soon going to celebrate Epiphany, a feast which remembers the three Wise men who visited Jesus. Epiphany comes from the Greek word that means "appearance" or "manifestation." The feast day marks the "manifestation" of Jesus to the world.

According to the Gospel of Matthew, the Magi or the Kings found baby Jesus by following a star across the desert to Bethlehem. The three wise men - named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar - followed the star of Bethlehem to meet the baby Jesus. According to Matthew 2:11, the Magi offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts were symbolic of the importance of Jesus' birth, the gold representing his royal standing; frankincense his divine birth; and myrrh his mortality.

Well, it is something to ponder over as to why give this much importance to this event which is almost similar to people visiting a new born child in our families and giving the child gifts. The answer lies in the fact that these three wise men were inquisitive about this special star that they saw. First of all they kept their eyes open to see a star which was different from others. They then reasoned to themselves what this symbolizes and then set to follow the star blindly leaving everything behind and without thinking of their status as kings. These men came from east and definitely it would have taken them days to reach Bethlehem. They pursued the path shown by the star's movement relentlessly with full hope that they would certainly reach the place where the King of Kings is born. Not once they thought of retracing their steps back and finally after twelve days, all of these efforts gave them the awesome reward of seeing the child Jesus. When they reached their destination, they paid full respect to the baby boy. They did not fall into traps which Herod was laying for them. All of these steps which the three Kings took in itself is something which is almost impossible for all of us in this present world and hence an importance is attached to this event.

In our daily life, when we tread the path away from our Lord, He tries to signal us like a dad to a child. He gives us small hurdles in our lives so that through these roadblocks, we may return to our Saviour. Several of us receive similar signs in the form of vision, dreams, sickness, or in the form of some loss. But majority of us ignore it. Few who understand these signs, might decide to start our journey back to our Heavenly Father by figuring out where we currently are in our spiritual growth, but the worldly temptations, our past life, thoughts like being aloof from the world might deter us from taking any step forward. Amongst those who dare to leave all these worldly cares and tensions, few might further turn hopeless on the way. Our impatience and thoughts like what might people think might stop us in moving ahead.

So to conclude, let us too in this new year resolve to keep our spiritual eyes open in first understanding the signs in our daily lives by growing in our spiritual being and feeding our soul with God's word and then to follow the sign undoubtedly and faithfully in prayer to reach the much awaited reward which our merciful Father has set for all those who follow the path set by Him.

Jinu Victor, St. Mary's Church, Noida

The Report of the Pastoral Month of the Seminarins of the Archdiocese of Agra 2017-2018

We, the Agra Seminarians, reached the Archdiocese on December 121, 2017. The following day we had a meeting with the Archbishop along with Fr. Joby, Rector and Rev. Fr. Joe Thykkattil, Vicar General. The Archbishop welcomed us and explained the thrust of Christmas exposure. Our stay was in the Pastoral Centre, under the care of Rev. Fr. John D'Cunha and Rev. Sr. Ursuline.

Objectives of Christmas Exposure:

- Inter-Religious and Ecumenical Dialogue in our Ministries
- Praxis of our Theological studies through our Ministries

Activities of our Christmas Exposure:

- Prison Ministry,
- Social Exposure
- Family Visits
- Helping out in the Parishes
- Christmas Message to the inmates of the Missionaries of Charity and the residents of the Lepers' Colony, Agra.

Eight of us set out on the mission from December 14th to 20th, 2017, along with the Archbishop, Fr. Joby and other Fathers. We became the bearers of the Christmas message for the needy in different jails, the Leprosy Colony, different villages and nomadic tribes in Mehtab Bagh. We conveyed the message through our programs. From December 20th to 25th, 2017, we were sent to different parishes for Christmas ministry, namely, Cathedral Parish, Fatehabad, Bulandhshahar and Ajay Nagar. Added to this, we participated in the Christmas celebrations in the Schools and we got the chance to give the message to the teachers and children.

But, unfortunately, en December 21st, 2017, we were shocked to know about the sad and untimely death of the mother of our beloved brother Lloyd Lobo. On December 22nd, Bro. Ajay was admitted in the hospital and he could not join us for the further programmes. On December 26th, we had a special Thanksgiving Adoration led by our beloved Archbishop in the Church of Pieta (Akbar's Church). Thereafter, we joined the Archdiocesan Christmas Gettogether in St. Peter's College. From December 27th, we were helping out in the Parish and the Savio Navjeevan Balbhavan in Aligarh.

As a whole, we are happy and we feel that we are welcomed and loved by all the Fathers in the Archdiocese. Rev. Fr. Joe Thykkattil, Rev. Fr. Joby and Rev. Sr. Ursuline showed special concern by providing us a good stay and food, and enquiring from us, now and then, about the things that could be improved. On our part, we also tried our level best to render our services and make our Pastoral Ministry an enriching and uplifting one.

In a special manner, we owe a great debt of gratitude to Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza, who took personal interest to make sure of our comfortable stay in the Archdiocese. We also deeply value his love, guidance and prayerful support. We are also grateful to Rev. Fr. Joe Thykkattil and Rev. Fr. Joby. We also thank Rev. Fr. George Paul, Rev. Fr. Tony D'Almeida and all the other Fathers who in some or the other way, helped us in our pastoral ministry. We remain grateful to our authorities at St. Joseph's Regional Seminary, Allahabad, for giving us this chance.

Agra Seminarians at St. Joseph's Allahabad

Abp. Albert D'Souza Episcopal Silver Jubilee Memorial Old Age Pension Scheme (Santvana)

Introduction: Abp. Albert Episcopal Silver Jubilee Memorial Old Age Pension Scheme (Santvana), a dream of the Archbishop, is being introduced in the Archdiocese of Agra on the occasion of the episcopal silver jubilee of His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza, President of ACDSSS, with the intention of providing dignified life to the aged faithful within the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese. In the first phase, 25 eligible beneficiaries will be introduced into this scheme. They will be selected by the Deans and the Diocesan level sanctioning committee.

Eligibility and Scope: - The eligibility criteria of the scheme is as under:-

- I. The age of the beneficiary (male or female) should be 65 years or above.
- II. He/she must belong to any Parish of Roman Catholic Diocese of Agra.
- III. He/she must be a practising Catholic, regular to the church activity, belonging to any association etc. if not bedbound.
- IV. He/she must be deprived, in the sense of having little or no regular source of subsistence / financial supports from other family members or other sources.
- V. The contribution of pension under the scheme is Rs. 300/-per month per beneficiary in respect of beneficiaries in the age group of 65-79 years. However, it would be enhanced to 500/- per month per beneficiary aged 80 years and above w.e.f. 28th January 2018.

Procedure:

a. The eligible persons are required to apply on an application form devised for the purpose and available in ACDSSS office.

- b. The Baptism certificate is required.
- c. If no Aadhaar card, the age certificate is required to be obtained from the concerned Medical Officer duly attested by the concerned Block Medical Officer.
- d. The applicant must have a bank account in CANARA Bank.
- e. The applications are furnished to the concerned parish office where these are thoroughly scrutinized/verified and the list of bonafide cases is recommended to the Diocesan office. The final sanction is accorded by Diocesan Level Sanctioning Committee.
- f. This is a yearly renewal project and reassessment will be made at every project completion year.

Mode of Payment: -

The payment is disbursed to the beneficiaries through payee's bank account on monthly/ Quarterly basis after properly checking their identity cards issued to them for receipt of the pension under *Santvana*.

सद्भावना, आगरा इकाई

राष्ट्रिपता महात्मा गाँधी जी की पुण्य तिथि पर विश्व शान्ति हेतु आयोजित

सर्वधर्म प्रार्थना सभा एवं विचार गोष्ठी

में आपका हार्दिक स्वागत करती है। विषय: ''न्याय एवं शांति द्वारा मानव विकास'' दिन एवं दिनांक: मंगलवार, 30 जनवरी 2018 समय: सायं 4 बजे से 6 बजे तक स्थान: सेंट पीटर्स कॉलेज कल्चरल हॉल वज़ीरपुरा रोड, आगरा



फातिमा हॉस्पीटल द्वारा विश्व एड्स दिवस मनाया गया

आगरा। फातिमा हॉस्पीटल, साइ[®]का तकिया, आगरा शहर की 6 मलिन बस्तियों में चल रहे, प्रोग्राम एच डी. पी.सी. के अन्तर्गत फातिमा हॉस्पीटल की सोशल वर्क प्रोजेक्ट इंचार्ज सिस्टर डेज़ी फ्रांसिस के नेतृत्व में आगरा शहर के कार्यक्षेत्र धनौली में शुक्रवार 1 दिसम्बर 2017 को श्रीमती सरोज देवी इण्टर कॉलेज, जगनेर रोड, आगरा में फातिमा हॉस्पीटल द्वारा विश्व एड्स दिवस मनाया गया। कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत फातिमा अस्पताल की प्रशासिका सिस्टर ग्रेसी फ्रांसिस, प्रोग्राम इंचार्ज सिस्टर डेज़ी फ्रांसिस, स्त्रोतकर्ता मोली जोस और कोर्डिनेटर अजय कुमार, सुपरवाइजर संजय कुमार द्वारा की गई। स्त्रोतकर्ता मोली जोस ने इण्टर कॉलेज के विद्यार्थियों को एड्स के बारे में महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी दी। कार्यक्रम के अन्त में एक लिखित एड्स प्रतियोगिता ली गई, जिसमें विजेताओं को पुरस्कार भी दिया गया। इस कार्यक्रम में कॉलेज के प्रबन्धक व प्रधानाचार्य की उपस्थित रहीं। कार्यक्रम में फातिमा अस्पताल के सोशल वर्क स्टाफ का विशेष योगदान रहा।

टी.बी. और एच.आई.वी./एड्स पर नुक्कड़ नाटक द्वारा जागरुकता कार्यक्रम

आगरा। फातिमा हॉस्पीटल, साईं का तिकया, आगरा शहर की 6 मिलन बस्तियों में चले रहे प्रोग्राम एच.डी.पी. सी. के अन्तर्गत फातिमा हॉस्पीटल की सोशल वर्क प्रोजेक्ट इंचार्ज सिस्टर डेज़ी फ्रांसिस के नेतृत्व में आगरा शहर के कार्यक्षेत्रों में दिनांक 4 दिसम्बर से 14 दिसम्बर 2017 तक लोगों को टी.बी. और एच.आई.वी./एड्स जैसी भयंकर बीमारी पर जागरुक करने के लिए 10 नुक्कड़ नाटकों का आयोजन किया गया। इन नुक्कड़ नाटकों के माध्यम से लगभग 1925 लोगों को टी.बी. और एच. आई.वी./एड्स की बीमारी के लक्षण, बचाव और इलाज के बारे में जानकारी दी। साथ ही यह संदेश भी दिया गया कि एड्स की जानकारी ही इसका बचाव है।

सेंट अल्फोंसा विशिष्ट विद्यालय में वार्षिकोत्सव सम्पन्न



21 दिसम्बर 2017 को सेंट अल्फोंसा में वार्षिक उत्सव व क्रिसमस मनाया गया। कार्यक्रम का आरंभ विद्यार्थियों द्वारा एक सुन्दर प्रार्थना गीत से किया गया। बच्चों ने रंगारंग कार्यक्रम की प्रस्तुति दी जिसे देखकर अभिभावकगण भावुक हो गये।

विद्यालय की इंचार्ज सिस्टर शरली ने विद्यालय में साल भर में हुई गतिविधियों का विवरण देते हुए पावर पाइंट पर उनको प्रस्तुत किया।

विद्यालय के अध्यापकों द्वारा माननीय धर्माध्यक्ष डॉ. आल्बर्ट डिस्जा व फादर भास्कर जेसुराज को उनकी

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रजत जयंती के शुभ अवसर पर गीत गाकर शुभकामना दी गयीं। धर्माध्यक्ष ने इस अवसर पर संदेश दिया। विद्यालय के वार्षिक कैलेण्डर का प्रथम बार उद्घाटन इंचार्ज सिस्टर शरली, सिस्टर सूसन, फादर जिप्सन व अध्यापिका रजनी व अभिभावक संजय अग्रवाल द्वारा किया गया।

सांस्कृतिक प्रतियोगिता में विजेयी प्रतिभागियों को विद्यालय की उपकारक श्रीमती सोनिया पंकज ने पुरस्कार प्रदान किया। कार्यक्रम के अंत में बच्चों ने क्रिसमस की एक झांकी प्रस्तुत की।

कार्यक्रम का संचालन अध्यापिका मीनू यादव ने किया व सिस्टर सुसन ने सबको धन्यवाद दिया।

राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ के प्रति स्थानीय ईसाइयों द्वारा आभार व्यक्त

आगरा 22 दिसम्बर। पिछले कुछ दिनों से हमारे कुछ भाइयों द्वारा ईसाई समाज से अपने प्रमुख त्योहार को न मनाने अथवा अपनी रिस्क पर मनाने की बात कहने वालों के बयानों से किनारा करने वाले संघ (राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ) के अति श्रद्धेय जगदीश विशष्ट (ब्रज प्रांत) के प्रति आगरा क्षेत्र का समस्त ईसाई समाज कृतज्ञ है। संघ ने सदैव भारत के संविधान में रहकर अपनी बात कही है और अब समय आने पर इस बात की पुष्टि भी की है, कि वह असमाजिक तत्वों से दूर रहकर भारतीय ईसाई समाज की भावनाओं के प्रति पूर्ण सचेत एवं समर्पित है।

भारतीय ईसाइयों को निश्चय ही इस बात से आत्मिक शांति मिली है जब राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ ने कहा है, कि वह हर तरह की असमाजिक ताकतों से ईसाइयों की रक्षा करेगा। उन पर किसी भी प्रकार का आक्रमण आदि नहीं होने देगा। वास्तव में भारतवर्ष ईसाई समाज सेवा क्षेत्र, चिकित्सा व शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में निरन्तर अपनी सेवाएं दे रहा है। इसे भी भारत के संविधान में पूर्ण निष्ठा है और आस्था है। सर्वधर्म सद्भाव व सम्मान में पूर्ण विश्वास है। हम भी अन्य भारतवासियों के समान पूर्ण भारतीय हैं, बेशक हमारा धर्म, पूजा पाठ के तरीके भिन्न हैं।

-फादर मून लाजरस (प्रवक्ता-ईसाई समाज)

Christmas Celebrations in St. Peter's College, Agra

St. Peter's College, Agra, had fantastic decorations, not only with tree lights, mistletoe wreaths and other ornaments, but with a theme as well. The theme this year was "The Biblical Values and the Indian Constitution". The objectives of the Indian Constitution were brought out beautifully through the illustration of the parables. The ideals of Justice, Fraternity, Equality, Love and Service, Poverty, Secularism and Liberty were depicted through the stories of the woman caught in adultery, the Good Samaritan, the Tax Collector, and the Pharisees, the poor Widow's offering, the woman at the well and the Risen Christ, respectively. The pavilions were headed by a six foot Christmas Tee-the Evergreen Tree symbolizing 'Life Over Death', and a huge Crib.

The ten day long effort culminated with the inauguration of the exhibition on the 23rd December 2017. Most Rev. Albert D'Souza the Archbishop of Agra inaugurated the Crib for public darshan. Lakhs of people visited the exhibition. It was a true sign in itself for the hard work put in and the finesse given by the staff members. It was a sure sign of our evangelization.

Kudos to the brainchild, Rev. Fr. Paul Thannickal and the Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Praveen D'Costa, under whose guidance and leadership worked Dr. Manish Magan and Mr. Glen Scaife with their teams. May the Babe of Bethlehem bless us all.

संत थॉमस स्कूल में नन्हे बच्चों ने मनाया प्रभु येसु का जन्मोत्सव



आगरा 22 दिसम्बर। सेंट थॉमस स्कूल, शास्त्रीपुरम में प्रभु येसु के जन्मदिन को बड़ी धूमधाम से मनाया गया। कार्यक्रम का आयोजन प्रधानाचार्य फादर अरुण लसरादो द्वारा किया गया। कार्यक्रम का प्रारम्भ कैरोल सिंगिंग प्रतियोगिता के साथ हुआ जिसमें छात्रों ने खूब जोश के साथ भाग लिया। क्रिसमस नाट्य के साथ ही कई अन्य नृत्य प्रस्तुतियां हुई। सांता क्लाज के आगमन से सभी बच्चे बहुत प्रफुल्लित हुए व उन्होंने सांता के साथ नृत्य करते हुए पूर्ण आनन्द प्राप्त किया। विद्यालय के मैनेजर फादर जोसफ राड्रिग्ज ने छात्रों को प्रभु येसु के जन्म दिवस के विषय में बताते हुए सम्बोधित किया।

सेंट जॉन पॉल्स स्कूल, फतेहाबाद में पहली बार क्रिसमस प्रदर्शनी लगाई गई



सेन्ट जॉन पॉल्स स्कूल, फतेहाबाद में क्रिसमस के पावन पर्व पर प्रभु ईसा मसीह के जन्मोत्सव की एक प्रदर्शनी लगाई गई, जिसमें प्रभु येसु के जन्म की घटनाओं को विभिन्न झांकियों द्वारा प्रदर्शित किया गया। प्रदर्शनी का उद्घाटन इंसपेक्टर ज्ञानेन्द्र सिंह द्वारा किया गया। मसीह विद्यापीठ, एत्मादपुर से आये विद्यार्थियों ने अपने कुशल गायन, नृत्य एवं अभिनय द्वारा प्रभु ईसा मसीह के विषय में रोचक एवं विभिन्न जानकारियों से ओत प्रोत प्रस्तुतियां दीं। प्रदर्शनी में लगी झांकियों का अवलोकन करने के लिये दूर दराज से अनेक गणमान्य लोग उपस्थित रहे। विद्यालय के प्रबंधक फादर सेबास्टियन पंथलाडी एवं विद्यालय के प्रधानाचार्य फादर डॉमिनिक जॉर्ज ने सभी को क्रिसमस एवं नव वर्ष की बधाई दी। प्रदर्शनी की झांकियां सजाने में फादर टोनी, फादर एम. ए. जॉनसन, ब्रदर जस्टिन एवं श्री मैक्स का विशेष योगदान रहा।

संत थॉमस पल्ली में मनाया गया क्रिसमस



आगरा 25 दिसम्बर। सेन्ट थॉमस पल्ली में क्रिसमस का पर्व बड़े ही धूमधाम व हर्षोल्लास के साथ मनाया गया। क्रिसमस रात्रि का मिस्सा फादर जोसफ रॉड्रिंग्स व अरुन लसरादो द्वारा बड़े भिक्तभाव के साथ चढ़ाया गया। मिस्सा के बाद सभी के लिए क्रिसमस केक व काफी का प्रबन्ध था। सभी पल्लीवासियों ने मिलकर नृत्य किया तथा एक दूसरे को बधाइयां दीं।

वर्ष के अंतिम दिन 'क्रिसमस ट्री' का आयोजन सेन्ट थॉमस स्कूल के प्रांगण में किया गया। इसमें विभिन्न प्रकार के खेलकूदों व प्रतियोगिताओं का आयोजन किया गया। सभी ने जमकर क्रिसमस ट्री प्रोग्राम का लुत्फ उठाया। सभी छोटे बड़ों ने बढ़चढ़कर भाग लिया। फादर अरुण लसरादो ने खेल प्रतियोगिताओं की बागडोर संभाली। सभी को बहुत आनन्द आया। प्रतियोगिता में विजयी लोगों को सेन्टा द्वारा पुरस्कार प्रदान किये गये। इसके बाद सभी ने केक व कॉफी का आनन्द लिया। तत्पश्चात धन्यवाद की आराधना की गयी तथा पवित्र मिस्सा बलिदान चढ़ाया गया। मिस्सा के बाद खाने का भी समुचित प्रबन्ध था। सभी ने नववर्ष की बधाइयां एक दूसरे को दीं तथा ईश्वर का धन्यवाद किया। इस प्रकार प्रोग्राम का समापन हुआ।

सरफीना शौ, सेन्ट थॉमस पैरिश, सिकन्दरा, आगरा

Episcopal Silver Jubilee Celebration at Missionaries of Charity, Agra



The Missionaries of Charity Sisters from Aligarh and Agra communities gathered at the Missionaries of Charity Convent, Agra, to celebrate the Episcopal Silver Jubilee of Most Rev. Albert D'Souza on December 28th, 2017. Holy Mass was offered in thanksgiving for 25 years being a fruitful branch in the vine. In his homily, the Archbishop told us to be child-like. Children were also present for the occasion. They sang wholeheartedly, beautifying the Holy Mass and expressed their love for their dear Pappa. Children from Shishu Bhavan did a Welcome Dance which delighted everyone who was present and Nirmal Hriday inmates performed a

skit which gave a message to be a Good Samaritan. The Archbishop's loving presence was very precious moments to each of us as it brought to all of us. May God bless him always.

In Loving Memory of Late Mr. Michael Silvera 'Christmas Tree' Organised

The Christian Samaj Seva Society, organized the 'Christmas Tree' celebration for the poor, underprivileged children and families on December 28th, 2017. The Chief Guest, Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza inaugurated the programme by cutting the ribbon. He blessed the Crib and photograph of (Late) Mr. Michael Silvera. He also delivered the Christmas message ad blessed the Society members. Rev. Fr. Tony D'Almeida did the Bible reading. Carols were sung by the choir.



Fr. Eugene Moon Lazarus threw light on the Christian Samaj Seva Society. He said that for the past thirty years, the Christian Samaj Seva Society has been working for the upliftment of the poor and needy people. Rev. Percy Solomon said the opening prayer. Mementoes were presented to our Chief Guest, Most Rev. Albert D'Souza, the Guest of Honour, Dr. Pankaj Mahenderu, (Vice President, Cantonment Board, Agra), and the Special Guest, Mr. Sharad Chauhan, for appreciation of their good will,

cooperation and social work. Blankets and shawls were distributed to the old and handicapped people. Various games like Lemon race, Cycle race and many more games were organized for the children and prizes were given. Tug-of-War and Musical Chairs were organized for the elders. Snacks along with Christmas gifts were distributed to the children. At the end of the programme, poories, mixed vegetables and coffee were given to all present. There were about four hundred people.

Mr. Dennis Silvera proposed the Vote of Thanks. He thanked God and all the dignitaries. Special thanks to Fr. Eugene Moon Lazarus, Fr. Stephen, Fr. Mathew Kanjirathinkal, Fr. Rajan Dass, Fr. Shibu Kuriakose, Fr. Francis D'Souza, Mrs. Vatsala Prabhakar, Bunty Grover, Pastor Percy Solomon, Subhash Chand,

Dr. Amit Nelson Singh, and all the members of the Society along with Alwin Silvera, Dominic Nadar, John Paul, Augustine Benedict, William Silvera and Aubrey Nadar.

Dennis Silvera (President) Christian Samaj Seva Society, Agra

सेंट पैट्रिक्स चर्च में क्रिसमस ट्री धूमधाम से मनाया गया

आगरा 31 दिसम्बर। वर्ष का अंतिम दिन, अंतिम रिववार सेंट पैट्रिक्स चर्च, आगरा के लिए खुशियों की सौगात लेकर आया। शाम चार बजे से सभी पल्लीवासियों के लिए क्रिसमस ट्री का आयोजन किया गया था, जिसमें मुख्य रूप से पल्ली के सभी बच्चों के लिए विविध खेलकूदों का आयोजन किया गया। हर खेल या स्पर्धा के माध्यम से एक संदेश देने का प्रयास किया गया। युवाओं के लिए भी अलग से कुछ स्पर्धाएं रखी गईं थीं। प्रतियोगिताओं के अंत में सभी विजेताओं को पल्ली पुरोहित फादर जॉन फरेरा ने पुरस्कार वितरित किए।

उन्होंने अपने संदेश में कहा, कि ''मसीही जीवन सबसे महत्वपूर्ण जीवन है। यह जीवन सम्पूर्ण विश्व को एकता और मानवता का महत्वपूर्ण संदेश देता है।'' 'चरनी सजाओ प्रतियोगिता' में प्रथम स्थान श्री बनार्ड लाज़रस तथा दूसरा स्थान श्री अनिल क्रिसपिन को मिला। दोनों को पुरस्कार देकर सम्मानित किया गया।

तत्पश्चात सभी पल्लीवासियों ने जलपान ग्रहण किया। उसके बाद सभी पल्लीवासी वर्ष 2017 में प्राप्त सभी वरदानों और आशिषों के लिए धन्यवाद देने तथा आगामी नूतन वर्ष 2018 को ईश्वर को समर्पित करने हेतु गिरजाघर में गए। सभी ने पिवत्र घड़ी एवं धन्यवाद की पिवत्र मिस्सा में भाग लिया। इस अवसर पर अपने प्रवचन में फादर डेनिस डिसूज़ा ने समझाया कि ''केवल प्रभु येसु के बताए मार्ग पर चलते हुए हम मुक्ति प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।'' तत्पश्चात तीनों पुरोहितों ने सभी पल्लीवासियों को वर्ष 2018 की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं दीं।

लारेन्स मसीह, सेंट पैट्रिक्स चर्च, आगरा छावनी

आगरा क्लर्जी फैलोशिप का वार्षिक क्रिसमस मिलन सम्पन्न

आगरा 10 जनवरी। आगरा क्लर्जी फैलोशिप द्वारा शहर के सभी फादर्स और पास्टर्स के परिवारीजनों का क्रिसमस पर्व के अवसर पर वार्षिक मिलन स्थानीय डासोसिसन दफ्तर, निकट सेंट पॉल्स चर्च, सिविल लाइन्स, आगरा पर आयोजित किया गया। मिलन में करीब 35 लोगों ने भाग लिया। मिलन के प्रथम भाग में श्रद्धेय बिशप पी.पी. हाबिल ने प्रारम्भिक प्रार्थना की। रेव्ह. जे एण्ड्रयू ने पिवत्र बाईबिल से पाठ पढ़ा तथा पादरी राजीव चन्द ने पाठ का अर्थ समझाया। रेव्ह. बाला सुन्दर ने विश्वासियों के निवेदन-प्रार्थनाएं पढ़ीं। तत्पश्चात् कुछ क्रिसमस कैरोल्स गाए गए।

तत्पश्चात फैलोशिप के सचिव फादर मून लाजरस ने सभी सदस्यों/ परिवारिजनों का स्वागत किया। गत वर्ष 2017 की रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत की गई। सचिव ने बताया कि गत वर्ष में सदस्य केवल दो ही बार अधिकारिक रूप से मिल सके। क्रिसमस मिलन के लिए 4 जनवरी 2017 और बाद में 17-24 जनवरी को कलीसियाई एकता के प्रार्थना अठवारे के दौरान। सचिव के आग्रह पर सभी सदस्यों ने पूर्ण सहमित से दु:खभोग काल एवं आगमन काल से पहले एक दिवसीय आध्यात्मिक साधना के लिए मिलने की आवश्यकता पर बल दिया। सचिव ने सभी पुरोहित इंचार्जों से अपने चर्च के सदस्यों की संख्या एवं इतिहास की जानकारी जल्द से जल्द एकत्र करने की बात कही।

मिलन के दूसरे भाग में फादर जोबी, फादर अमित जार्ज, फादर शिबु, फादर राजन ने दृष्टान्त पर आधारित स्किट, क्रिसमस क्विज़ एवं तंबोला खेल आयोजिए किए, जिसका सभी ने आनन्द उठाया।

Christmas & New Year Milan held in Cathedral Parish

Agra, 7 Jan. The Cathedral Parish celebrates the Christmas & New Year Milan on the first Sunday of the New Year. The solemn Mass was offered by Rev. Fr. Bhaskar Jesuraj, Chancellor of the Archdiocese. Rev. Fr. Joe Thykkattil (Parish Priest and V.G.) preached a touching homily.

The New Year Milan was inaugurated, by a prayer and cutting of ribbon by Rev. Fr. Bhaskar Jesuraj, the Silver Jubilarian. He also blessed the Milan grounds. Our Heavenly Father is more interested in His children's' programs than we ourselves. He gave us a very fine day with sunshine and warmth after a cold wave of seven days.

Community games, Musical Chair, Bombing the City and Tug-o-War kept up the joy of the atmosphere. Group Dance even by littlest of the little ones gave a lot of amusement.

Stalls with Chicken Biriyani, Bread Omlet,

Parantha, Egg Curry, Idly Sambhar Chatney, Pakoda, Green Chatney, Bhelpuri, Hot Dogs, Dal Vada, etc were sufficient for the community. Some good Samaritans silently provided edibles to not so well of brethren and children.

The Milan was closed at 4 p.m. with a thanksgiving prayer by the Parish Priest. He thanked all, specially Mr. Goldy Frank Morris, the leader of the organizing committee, Mr. Alex Wilson, Mr Boswel Francis, Mr Tomy T C, Dr. A. P. Antony and all those who worked for the success of the Milan. He thanked Frs. Bhaskar Jesuraj, Fr Praveen D'Costa, Mr Sanjay Robert, Mr Bablu and Mr. Sonu.

Special thanks to Mr. Guddu Anthony, Mrs Renu Basil, Mrs Leena Charles, Mrs Laly & Co, Mrs & Mr Babu, Ms Kirti, Sr Gracy FS & Community, Mr Danny, Mr Neville Milton, Ms Sapna Evangelist and others for organizing the stalls. **joethy, agra**

सेंट पेट्रिक्स हॉस्टल, आगरा की छात्राओं द्वारा तीर्थयात्रा

आगरा 14 जनवरी। सिस्टर क्लोडीन के नेतृत्व में संत पैट्रिक्स छात्रावास आगरा की कैण्डीडेट्स व छात्राओं ने हड्डी कंपकंपा देने वाली ठण्ड में अपने छात्रावास से सेंट एन्थोनी जूनियर कॉलेज, आगरा छावनी तक की करीब 5.5 किलोमीटर की पदयात्रा की।

गतवर्ष में ईश्वर से प्राप्त सभी वरदानों के लिए धन्यवादे देने व वर्तमान वर्ष में माता मरियम की मध्यस्थता पाने के लिए यह पदयात्रा कथीड़ल महागिरजाघर में सम्पन्न रविवार को हिन्दी मिस्सा के बाद शुरु हुई। छात्राएं महात्मा गांधी मार्ग पर माला विनती बोलते हुए मिशनरीज ऑफ चैरिटी काण्वेंट पहुंचीं। तत्पश्चात दोपहर के भोजन के लिए सेंट एन्थोनी गर्यो। भोजन के बाद सभी छात्राएं वापस लौट आर्यो। ग्रेसी वेल्स

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निष्कलंक माता का पर्व हर्षोल्लास के साथ मनाया गया



10 दिसम्बर (जैत) मथुरा। यह दिन हमारे लिए अत्यन्त ही हर्षोल्लास भरा था। हमारी जैत पल्ली में निष्कलंक माता का पर्व बड़ी धूमधाम से मनाया गया। पल्ली पुरोहित फादर जेकब साजी के नेतृत्व में तीन दिवसीय मिस्सा बलिदान.

आराधना, नोवेना एवं पाप स्वीकार का आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें फादर लुईस, फादर जूड, फादर प्रेयस द्वारा पाप स्वीकार, ईशवचन आदि से पर्व को मनाने के लिए आध्यात्मिक रूप से तैयार किया। माँ मिरयम की मध्यस्थता द्वारा रोगियों को चंगाई मिलती है और अद्भुत चमत्कारों से माँ मिरयम अपनी उपस्थित का हम सभी को अनुभव कराती रहती है।

दोपहर में बड़े भिक्त भाव से पुराने गिरजाघर से जुलूस की शुरुआत की गयी। माँ मिरयम की डोली के साथ आदर भाव से सभी ख्रीस्तीय, विश्वासीगण माला विनती बोलते हुए सभी मुकामों पर गये। सभी पल्लीवासियों ने बड़ी संख्या में जुलूस में बढ़ चढ़कर भाग लिया। जुलूस के बाद पिवत्र मिस्सा बिलदान का आरम्भ प्रार्थना नृत्य द्वारा किया गया। स्वामी जी ने हमारे लिए मिस्सा बिलदान चढ़ाया और अपने आशीर्वचनों से हमारा मार्गदर्शन किया। मिस्सा बिलदान में विभिन्न पिल्लयों से आये हुए पुरोहितगण, धर्मबहनें और विश्वासजीजनों ने पर्व की शोभा बढ़ायी। पर्व के शुभ अवसर पर हमारी पल्ली के दस बच्चों ने ख्रीस्तीय विश्वास की मोहर (दृढ़ीकरण) ग्रहण की तथा दस बच्चों ने प्रथम बार प्रभु येसु को ग्रहण किया। इन सभी दीक्षार्थियों को फादर मेरियन द्वारा संस्कार की शिक्षा दी गयी। मिस्सा के पश्चात फादर साजी द्वारा धन्यवाद के शब्दों से कार्यक्रम का समापन किया गया और सभी के लिए प्रीतिभोज का आयोजन किया गया।

Christmas Celebration at Distt. Jail, Leprosarium and Assisi Convent School, Etah



On 19th Dec. the students of Assisi Convent School, Etah, presented a memorable programe on Christmas in Distt. Jail Etah. Rev. Sr. Annie Flossy, the Manager of the School felicitated all the inmates with her kind words. Rev. Fr. M.A. Johnson exhorted everyone by his enthusiastic words. He shared his views about the positive and the negative energy a man possesses and suggested the ways and means to overcome negative energy. He also emphazised to have strong faith in God. Junior Assisians presented a beautiful skit with the story of the birth of Lord Jesus. They attracted the audience towards them through their wonderful performance. Santa also appeared in his unique and amazing attire with the bag full of gifts and greeted everyone. All seemed excited to see Santa amidst them. Students had collected pants, shirts and woollen clothes for the inmates of the jail. We offered sweets to all the prisoners. Nearly 9 hundred prisoners enjoyed the programe. Sr. Mary and Sr. Fincy had taken permission for the program from Shri P. P. Singh, the Jail Superintendent and Shri Kuldeep Bhadoria, the Jailor, well in advance. Sr. Albert Maria, the Head Mistress, Mrs. Babita, Ms. Arohi, Mrs. Yogita and Mrs. Jaya helped the children to perform the program.

As a Christmas gift Assisi Convent, Etah donated 3 sewing machines to the female inmates of Etah jail.



On 21st Dec. Junior Assisians celebrated Christmas in the school. It was presided by Smt. Pratima Kishore (wife of D.M.) the guest of honour. Rev. Sr. Clarelit, was also present for the program. The celebration began invoking the name of the Almighty. The children presented an amazing skit on the birth of Lord Jesus Christ. Rev. Sr. Clarelit gave an inspirational message and asked the students to inherit the qualities of the Lord Jesus to make the world better for everyone. Mrs. Pratima Kishore in her message told the children that the life of Jesus Christ presents to the world indomitable spirit of love, compassion and brotherhood. She made the

children understand that our society is lacking these values today. The people are becoming more and more selfish. Violence, terrorism and aggression have become the culture of the day. Quoting the Holy Bible she exhorted the children, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven".

Santa in his amazing style, distributed the sweets and created an air of true happiness and love in the school premises. The program culminated with the lucky draw by Santa. Sr. Albert Maria, Annie Flossy, Sr. Peter and all the other sisters of the convent blessed the program with their gracious presence.

On 22nd December we celebrated Christmas with great pomp and show in a traditional way. The programme began with a devotional prayer dance and Christmas Carols by Assisi Choir, followed by a beautiful skit highlighting the birth of the Infant Jesus. Santa Claus distributed the gifts to the children and others by lucky draw. The programme concluded with the inspirational Christmas message by the honorable Principal Sr. Clarelit. She evoked the need of love and faith in our lives and to spread the message of peace throughout the world. Sweets were also distributed to the children to mark the Joy of Christmas. A sumptuous dinner was arranged by the school management for the staff of both wings. The management presented gifts to the staff.

Rev. Sr. Clarelit, Sr. Annie Flossy, Sr. Albert Maria and Sr. Pushpa Jees went to Soron to share the joy of Christmas with our brotheren suffering from leprosy. As we entered the compound all came to us and greeted us "Jai Yesu". Some of them brought chairs for us. They comfortably sat in front of us to listen to us. We sang bhajans and carols for them and prayed with them. Sr. Annie

Flossy did the Holy Bible Reading and explained to them about the Love and Mercy of God. The story of the 'Prodigal Son' from the Bible helped them to repent on their short comings and failures. We wished them A Merry Christmas and gifted all the 29 inmates with new dresses, warm clothes, Christmas cake and other food articles donated by our students.

अजयनगर व गोहनपुर में बालक येसु का जन्मदिवस मनाया गया



25 दिसम्बर 2017 को अवर लेडी फातिमा चर्च अजयनगर व सेंट जोसफ चर्च गोहनपुर में बालक येसु का जन्मदिवस धूमधाम से मनाया गया। मध्यरात्रि का मिस्सा बलिदान विशेष रूप से पल्ली पुरोहित फादर सिरिल मोरस व उप पल्ली पुरोहित फादर अरुल द्वारा चढ़ाया गया। इसका मुख्य संदेश था कि अगर हम ईश्वर को पहचानेंगे तो वह हमारे साथ रहेगा। इसलिए हम सभी उसे अपने दिल में जन्म दें जिससे वह हमेशा हमारे साथ रहे।

मिस्सा बलिदान में विशेष अतिथि के रूप में डॉटर्स ऑफ द क्रास संस्था की प्रोविन्शियल सिस्टर वलेरी व अन्य सिस्टर्स के साथ ही ब्रदर विनिवर्सल व ब्रदर जेमिल्टन भी उपस्थित रहे। पल्लीवासी भी बड़ी संख्या में मौजूद रहे। सभी ने बाल येसु के जन्म का संदेश एक दूसरे को बधाई देकर व नाच गाने के साथ किया। 25 दिसम्बर की सुबह मिस्सा बलिदान के बाद दोनों पल्ली के बच्चों के लिए विशेष कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया जिसमें खेलकूद व गीत-संगीत प्रतियोगिता सम्मिलित थे। बच्चों ने बड़े जोश व आनंद से भाग लिया।

पल्ली पुरोहित फादर सिरिल मोरस द्वारा बच्चों के लिए विशेष तोहफे और खानपान का प्रबन्ध भी किया गया। बच्चों की खुशी देखते ही बन रही थी। इस पूरे आयोजन को सफल बनाने के लिए बालक येसु का बारम्बार धन्यवाद।

अंकिता प्रसाद, फातिमा चर्च, अजयनगर

Exhibition Organized at St. John's School, Firozabad



Christmas was celebrated with a lot of vigor and enthusiasm by the Parish community at St. John's Church, Firozabad. The Christmas exhibition in the premises attracted may parents, students and media in the city. Four different themes of the Holy Bible were depicted in four different SCC Communities through an exhibition. The Nativity Mass was offered by Fr. Prakash D'Souza and Fr. Rogimon Thomas. The Parish Priest in his homily encouraged all to understand the deeper meaning of Christmas through love and service.

Fr. Prakash D'Souza

Christmas Time at St. Mary's Church, Noida



On 24th December, Christmas Eve, St Mary's Church Noida was shining bright to welcome Baby Jesus. The Stars from different zones for Star-making competition were put up. A

string of brilliant Christmas Cards made by the catechism students were placed along with the stars. The Church crib and altar were a sight to behold. The carols began at 11:00 p.m. followed by the Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Prakash Rodrigues as the main celebrant and by Fr. Joseph Dabre, Fr. Joson IMS and Fr. Santeesh Antony. It was followed by scrumptious Christmas cake and hot coffee.

On 25th December, the Church celebrated the Christmas morning Masses. As evening approached, the Church was filled with both Catholics and non-Catholics. The evening was beautifully hosted by Miss Jasmine Jose and Miss Sukanya John. The event began with the lighting of the lamp followed by a grooving carol remix by Mr. Dillon Henderson. A charming carol singing performance by Miss Dify Doyil accompanied by Mr. Joel Joji on keyboard. The parishioners, under the guidance of Mr. Joy John presented the play- 'Tum Meri Ho', bringing to focus the real meaning of Christmas. We shared the Christmas message with all those who were present.

The Crib competition had 14 entries. The panel of judges went around every house to find a beautiful crib prepared for our Baby Jesus.

On the 28th of December, St Mary's Church, Noida celebrated the Holy Innocents' Day. All catechism students attended this Mass and prayed for all the children in this world.

On 31st of December, there was be a Thanksgiving Mass at 9:30 pm where we said goodbye to the year 2017 and thanked God for all the good things and blessings which we received. On the 1st of January 2018, the Holy Mass was celebrated to welcome the year 2018 and for the intentions of Mary, Mother of God.

Sheema Thomas St. Mary's Church, Noida

अलीगढ़ में जुबिली अभिनन्दन समारोह



अलीगढ़ 14 जनवरी। सेंट फिदेलिस चर्च, अलीगढ़ में आर्चिबिशप डॉ. आल्बर्ट डिसूजा के धर्माध्यक्ष बनने तथा श्रद्धेय फादर भास्कर जेसुराज के पुरोहित बनने की रजत जयंती के उपलक्ष्य में एक संयुक्त अभिनन्दन

समारोह आयोजित किया गया। समारोही पवित्र मिस्सा में दोनों जुबिलीधारकों के अतिरिक्त पल्ली पुरोहित ग्रेगरी तराइल, सावियो बाल भवन के निर्देशक फादर जोस अक्करा, सेंट फिदेलिस स्कूल के प्रधानाचार्य फादर सनी कोट्टूर, फादर स्टेनी रॉड्रिंग्ज, फादर जोसफ पसाला ने भाग लिया।

अपने प्रवचन में धर्माध्यक्ष ने ख्रीस्तीय घरों में बुलाहट संस्कार तथा पिवत्र बुलाहट पर प्रकाश डाला। इस अवसर पर युवाओं ने एक स्वलिखित गीत प्रस्तत किया जिसके बोल इस प्रकार हैं- 'मैंने सुनी तेरी पुकार, खनक उठे मेरे दिल के तार। फसलों वाले मैदानों से, भटकते जाते बेचारों से, मैंने सुनी वो प्यारी पुकार।'

पिवत्र मिस्सा के बाद उनके सम्मान में स्कूल प्रेक्षागृह में एक अभिनन्दन समारोह आयोजित किया गया। समारोह के बाद सभी पल्लीवासियों को मध्यान्ह भोजन कराया गया।

> संजीव डैनियल बारला संत फिदेलिस चर्च, अलीगढ

मथुरा में सात चर्च लीडर गिरफ्तार 15 दिन हिरासत के बाद रिहा

मथुरा: 19 दिसम्बर 2017। अतिरिक्त सत्र न्यायाध्या श्री अमनपाल की कोर्ट द्वारा सात स्थानीय ख्रीस्तीयों को जमानत दे दी गई जो किसी विशेष समुदाय की धार्मिक भावनाओं को कथित तौर पर चोट पहुचाएं जाने के आरोप में 15 दिन पूर्व गिरफ्तार हुए थे। परिवार के सदस्यों और स्थानीय समुदाय के सदस्यों के बीच इस बात से व्यापक रूप से आनंद का प्रसार हुआ।

यह घटना 4 दिसम्बर 2017 को गाँव इरोली, सुरीर, मथुरा की है। जब एक स्थानीय निवासी ने अपने बीमार प्रियजन के लिए प्रार्थना करने के लिए ख्रीस्तीय विश्वासियों को आमंत्रित किया। आर एस एस और बजरंग दल के स्थानीय सदस्य जबरन घर में घुस आए और शांतिपूर्वक एकत्रित हुए सभी लोगों पर हिंसक हमला कर दिया। लालसिंह नामक व्यक्ति की अगुवाई में 25 लोगों की भीड़ ने प्रार्थना के लिए एकत्रित हुए पुरुषों और महिलाओं, दोनों पर गंभीर रूप से प्रहार किया। भीड़ ने वहां उपस्थित लोगों के साथ ही घर को जला देने की धमकी भी दी।

पुलिस ने भीड़ को शांत करने के प्रयास में स्थानीय चर्च के सात ख्रीस्तीयों के खिलाफ प्राथमिकी दर्ज कर उन्हें गिरफ्तार कर लिया और न्यायिक हिरासत में भेज दिया।

न्यायिक आदेश पर संतोष व्यक्त करते हुए क्रिश्चियन लीगल एसोसिएशन के अध्यक्ष एडवोकेट प्रमोद सिंह ने कहा- ''मथुरा बार एसोसियेशन के विभिन्न सदस्यों को दी गई स्वतंत्रता पर मैं आश्चर्यचिकत था जो बिना किसी कारण के जमानत याचिका का विरोध कर रहे थे। मुझे खुशी है कि माननीय न्यायाधीश ने कुछ राजनैतिक विचारों द्वारा किसी के अपने विश्वास को व्यक्त करने के मौलिक अधिकार पर राजनैतिक विचाराधाराओं द्वारा लगाए गए बेकार और झूठे आरोपों को खारिज कर दिया है।"

एडवोकेट प्रमोद के साथ अदालत के कमरे में यूनाइटेड क्रिश्चयन (यू.सी.एफ.) फोरम के अध्यक्ष डॉ. माइकल विलियम्स थे। उन्होंने आदेश की सराहना करते हुए कहा- ''हमने मथुरा के एस एस पी को उन सभी को सुरक्षा देने का अनुरोध किया है जिन्हें आज जमानत दी गई है। मेरी प्रार्थना है कि क्रिसमस के इस महीने में सभी समुदायों के बीच शांति और सामंजस्य हो। यह आदेश प्रत्येक नागरिक की संवैधानिक स्वतंत्रता को समझने और सम्मान करने के लिए देशबंधुओं में होना चाहिए। राजनैतिक लाभ के लिए किसी भी समुदाय के सदस्यों के खिलाफ झूठा आरोप स्वीकार्य नहीं है।''

परिवार के सदस्यों, रिश्तेदारों और पिवत्र नगरी के सदस्यों के लिए जमानत का समाचार मिलना ऐसा ही था जैसे कि मथुरा में क्रिसमस एक सप्ताह पहले ही आ गया है। साभार: दिल्ली धर्मप्रांत की वाणी, जनवरी 2018

दिल्ली विधानसभा ने क्रिसमस और नया साल मनाया

दिल्ली विधानसभा लॉन्ज में क्रिसमस और नए साल के उपलक्ष्य में एक शानदार समारोह शनिवार 23 दिसम्बर को दिल्ली सरकार ने मनाया। दिल्ली में पहली बार दिल्ली विधानसभा के अध्यक्ष श्री राम निवास गोयल द्वारा आयोजित समारोह में श्री अरविंद केजरीवाल (दिल्ली के मुख्यमंत्री) मुख्यातिथि ने लोगों को प्रभु यीशु की शिक्षाओं से सीखना और घृणा को दूर करने और सभी को माफ करने तथा प्रेम फैलाने की आवश्यकता पर जोर दिया। श्री केजरीवाल ने घोषणा की कि क्रिसमस और अन्य सभी त्योहार हर साल मनाए जाएंगे। मार थॉमस चर्च, करोल बाग के कैरल्स और सेंट अल्फोंस चर्च, बसंत कुंज के आदिवासियों ने प्रदर्शन किया।

समारोह में सम्मानित अतिथि थे न्यायमूर्ति श्रीमान कुरियन जोसफ, आर्चिबशप अनिल जे.टी. कुट्टो (दिल्ली के आर्चिबशप), कुरियाकोस भरानीकुलंगरा (फरीदाबाद के आर्चिबशप), जेकब बरनाबास (गुड़गांव के बिशप) और सुबोध सी मोंडल (एमसीआई के बिशप) सभी ने अपने संबोधन में दिल्ली के मुख्यमंत्री को सभी धर्मों के त्योहारों के आयोजन का नेतृत्व करने के लिए धन्यवाद दिया और लोगों को हमारे देश के धर्मिनरपेक्ष ढांचे को बनाए रखने और लोगों के बीच प्रेम, शांति और करूणा फैलाने का आग्रह किया। प्रतिभागियों में फादर सुसै सेबास्टियन, दिल्ली के विकार जनरल, विधायक, सिस्टर्स, ईसाई समुदाय के लोग और सैंकड़ों लोग शामिल थे। उत्सव का समापन रात्रिभोज के साथ हआ।

साभार: दिल्ली धर्मप्रांत की वाणी, जनवरी 2018

UCPI National Leaders' Consultation Organized

New Delhi: January 10-11, 2018

A two day National Consultation was organized by UCPI (united Christian Prayer for India) at Navinta Retreat House, New Delhi. More than sixty participants from various parts of the country attended it.

Rev. Fr. Moon Lazarus, Director Ecumenism. Mr. Dennis Silvera (Youth Leader) and Dr. Raju Thomas (St. John's College, Agra) and State Coordinator, participated in the same and represented the Agra Christians. Most Rev. Dr. Anil Couto, the Archbishop of Delhi, gave the Keynote Address.

Most Rev. Vincent M. Concessao, Chief Patron of UCPI, was also present for the programme. Some of the Catholic Bishops of Indore, Jamshedpur, Dumka, Pune Dioceses also participated in the Consultation.

During the State meeting, it was decided that

Agra-Jhansi Pastors-Priests will meet in Jhansi very soon. Mr. Dennis Silvera was presented with the placard of U.P. State.

This Consultation was organized to select the leaders to participate in the forthcoming National meeting in April in Hyderabad.

Dennis Silvera St. Mary's Church, Agra Cantt

तीन दिवसीय 'ट्रेनिंग ऑफ ट्रेनर्स' लखनऊ में सम्पन्न

लखनऊ 14 जनवरी। इण्डियन क्रिश्चियन यूथ मूवमेन्ट उत्तर प्रदेश द्वारा 12-14 जनवरी 2018 तक राज्य की राजधानी लखनऊ में 'ट्रेनिंग ऑफ ट्रेनर्स' प्रशिक्षकों का शिक्षण कार्यक्रम सम्पन्न हुआ, जिसमें उत्तर प्रदेश, राजस्थान और उत्तराखण्ड के विभिन्न 11 धर्मक्षेत्रों से युवक-युवितयों ने भाग लिया। आगरा महाधर्मप्रांत से युवा निर्देशक फादर डामिनिक जॉर्ज, सिस्टर देविदता के साथ चार युवितयों ने भाग लिया।

प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम का संचालन पूर्व राष्ट्रीय युवा निदेशक फादर फ्रेंकिलन डिसूजा ने लिया। कार्यक्रम में उन्होंने युवाओं को समाज में तीन प्रकार के लोगों के बारे में बताया। पहले 70% वे लोग हैं, जो स्वयं को सर्वाधिक महत्व देते हैं और चाहते हैं कि सब उनकी बात सुनें और मानें। दूसरे 25% वे होते हैं जो सिर्फ सोचते रह जाते हैं। किसी कारणवश आगे नहीं बढ़ पाते हैं और तीसरे 5% ऐसे होते हैं, जो ऐसा मानते हैं, कि वे दिया हुआ काम क्यों नहीं कर सकते। ये काम उन्हीं का है और उन्हीं को करना है।

कार्यक्रम के अंत में पदाधिकारियों व युवा प्रतिनिधि ायों के चुनाव सम्पन्न हुए। आगरा के फादर डामिनिक जॉर्ज और सिस्टर दर्शना को सर्वसम्मित से क्रमश: रीजनल युवा निदेशक तथा रीजनल युवा महिला अनुप्राणदात्री चुन लिया गया। दोनों को हार्दिक बधाई व शुभकामनाएं।

कु. आयुषी फ्रेंक, आगरा

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Wazirpura Road, Agra - 282 003 (U.P.)

Phone: 0562-2524806 Sunday Masses: 7.00 (Eng.)

& 8.30 a.m. (Hindi)

Daily Evening Mass: 5.00 p.m. (Hindi)

☐ Church of Pieta

(Emperor Akbar's Church)

(Near St. Peter's College), Wazirpura Road,

Agra - 282 003 (U.P.) Phone: 0562-2524806

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& 5.00 p.m. (Eng.)

Saturday Evening Mass: 5.00 p.m. (Eng.)

First Friday Mass: 5.00 p.m. (Eng.)

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118, Prithvi Raj Road, Agra - 282 001 U.P.

Phone: 0562-2225266 Sunday Mass: 9.00 a.m.

Saturday Evening Mass: 5.00 p.m.

First Friday Mass: 5.00 p.m.

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(Near Canara Bank)

Kaulakha, Devri Road, Agra

Mobile: 8755984402

Sunday Mass: 9.00 a.m. (Hindi)

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Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza Archbishop of Agra

Sunday, 28 January 2018

| Vesting | 2.30 p.m. |
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| Concelebrated Pontifical Mass | |
| Felicitations | 5.15 p.m. |
| Fellowship Meal | _ |

R.S.V.P.

Fr. Joe T., Fr. Bhaskar J., Fr. Tony A.

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Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power. (Ex. 15:6) हे प्रभु, तेरा दाहिना हाथ शक्तिशाली है (निर्गमन 15:6)

कलीसियाई एकता का प्रायंना अठवारा : 17-24 जनवरो 2018

to make it an auspicious occasion of lively sharing and fellowship among our Christian brothers and sisters. Unity in Christ is a matter of celebration in togetherness as well as a thing of continuous personal experience." We request you "The Church Unity Octave is a perennial process of updating oneself, of being a better Christian in relation to one another...

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| DAY & DATE | TIME | VENUE | PREACHER |
| Wednesday 17th | 5.00 p.m. | ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Sadar Bazar | Rev. Fr. John D'Cunha |
| Thursday 18 th | 5.00 p.m. | HAVELOCK METHODIST CHURCH, Agra Cantt | Rev. Anil B. Lal |
| Friday 19 th | 5:00 p.m. | BAPTIST CHURCH, Pratappura, Agra | Rev. Rajeev Chand |
| Saturday 20 th | $5.00\mathrm{p.m}$ | gra | Rev. Horris Lall |
| Sunday 21st | | ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Hospital Road, Agra | Rev. Fr. Varghese Kunnath |
| | 5.00 p.m. | Inter Church Devotional Solo Singing | |
| | | - Only two entries from a Church. | |
| | | - Musical Instruments are allowed. | |
| | | - Maximum duration of the song is four minutes. | |
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| Monday 22 ^m | | CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH, M.G. Road | Rev. Fr. Bhaskar Jesuraj |
| | 5.00 p.m. | Inter-Church Bible Quiz | |
| | | - Topic: Gospel according to St. John | |
| | | - Participants: A team of two from each Church. | |
| Tuesday 23rd | | ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Civil Lines, Agra | Very Rev. Sylvester Massey |
| | 5.00 p.m. | Inter Church Devotional Group Singing | |
| | | - A group should have minimum five members. | |
| | | - Only one entry from a Church. | |
| | | - Musical instruments are allowed. | |
| | | - Maximum duration of the group song is five minutes. | |
| Wednesday 24th | | CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Near St. Peter's College) Rt. | Rt. Rev. Bishop P.P. Habil |
| , | 5:00 p.m. | Prayer followed by | , |
| | | (Prize Distribution and Fellowship) | |
| * Inter-Church 'Con | petitions' are | * Inter-Church 'Competitions' are meant for promoting love and brotherhood. * Please reach the names of the participants and the Church to the Secretary latest by Wednesday, | to the Secretary latest by Wednesday, |

 18^{th} Jan. $2018 \star \text{Your}$ whole-hearted participation makes the programme a success. Please assemble in large numb Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza Rt. Rev. P.P. Habil D.S. Methodist Church, Agra Very Rev. Sylvester Massey अधिक से अधिक संख्या में पधारकर ख़ीस्तीय एकता की साक्षी दें Rev. Fr. Moon (Secretary, C.F.A.)

Archbishop of Agra

Bishop of Agra Diocese C.N.I.

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| तत श्यातिश्वत १व आस्कर ४ १ राजओ ३:4-13 मारकुस 6:30-34 | मलाकी 3:1-4; इंबा 2:14-18 लूकस 2:22-40 | मंदिर में प्रभु का समर्पण | 1 राजाओं 2:1-4, 10-12 मारकृस 6:7-13 | संत हेनरी मोसें | | | | | | | | | |
| त्ता स्थारामास्यम् 1 | 1 राजाओ 11:29-32, 12:19 मारकुस 7:31-37 | संत मिगुएल फायबर्स | 1 राजाओं 11:4-13 मारकुस 7:24-30 | संत जेरोम एमिलियन व जोसेफीना बखिता | र्य 1 राजाओ 10:1-10 मारकुस 7:14-23 | सन्त जूलियाना फाल्कोनियरी | 6 1 राजाओ 8:22-23, 27-30 मारकुस 7:1-13 | संत पौलुस मिकि और साथी | 1 राजाओं 8:1-7, 9-13 मारकुस 6:53-56 | संत अगाथा | 4 योब 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 कुर्तिखयो 9:16-19 22-23; मारकुस 1:29-39 | सामान्य रविवार-5 | फरवरी महीने |
| तथक तमाथ के तात तस्थायक 1 7 इसा 58:9-14 लुकस 5:27-32 | इस 58:1-9 मत्ती 9:14-15 | संत ऑनसिमुस एवं दानिएल | ी 50:15-20 विधि 30:15-20 लूकस 9:22-25 | संत फॉस्टिन एवं जोविटा | 14 बोएल 2:12-18; 2 कुरुन्थियो 5:20, 6:2; मत्ती 6:1-6, 16-18 | राख बुधवार | ो अ याकूब 1:12-18 मारकुस 8:14-21 | संत कैथरिन दे रिक्की | 12 याकूब 1:1-11 मारकुस 8:11-13 | संत दामियानो | ने ने लेबी 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 सुरुखियो 10:31-11:1; मारकुस 1:40-45 | पवित्र बालकपन पर्व | फरवरी महीने का दैनिक पंचांग |
| सत् । त्यंशास्त्रुत्त 24 विधि 26:16-19 मत्ती 5:43-48 | ्रेबेकिस्ल 18:21-28 मनी 5:20-26 | संत पोलिकार्प | 22 १ पेशुस 5:1-4 मत्ती 16:13-19 | प्रेरित संत पेत्रुस का धर्मासन | 2 1 योनाह ३:1-10 लूकस 11:29-32 | संत पेत्रुस डेमियन | 20 इसा 55:10-11 मत्ती 6:7-15 | संत यूखेरियुस | 19 लेबी 19:1-2,11-18 मत्ती 25:31-46 | संत कॉनराड | 18 इयति १:8-15; १ पेनुस ३:१8-22 मास्कृत १:१2-15 | चालीसे का पहला रविवार | |
| | | | | | 28 थे: 18:18-20 मनी 20:17-28 | संत हिलारियुस | 27 इसा 1:10, 16-20 मत्ती 23:1-12 | संत गाब्रिएल | 26 दानिएल 9:4-10 लूकस 6:36-38 | संत मेखटिल्डे | 25 डयित 22:1-2, 9-13, रोमियो 8:31-34; मारबुस 9:2-10 | चालीसे का दूसरा रविवार | |

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Congratulations



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Dennis Silvera (New UCPI Leader)

RIP



Mrs. S. Thomas (97) (Mother of Ms Pancy Thomas) Passed away on 12 Jan 2018



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