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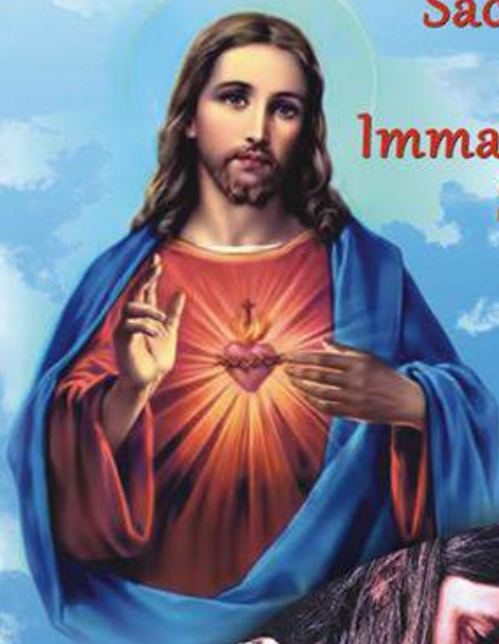
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**Sacred Heart
&
Immaculate Heart
Special**



St. Thomas, Pray for us...

Archdiocese at a glance...

Summer Camps held at different places...



Summer Camp at Cathedral Parish, Agra



St. Patrick's Church, Agra



St. Michael's, Anup Nagar



Nishkalanka Mata Church, Jaith, Mathura



St. John Paul School, Fatehabad



M. C. Shishu Bhawan, Agra



St. Fidelis, Aligarh

Let's we forget...



Akash John David (Cathedral)
Passed away 26-04-18



Mother Alexius FCC (Etah)
Passed away 25-06-18



Mother Linda De Zen (Lucknow)
Passed away 26-06-18



Editorial

प्रिय मित्रो, गर्मी की छुट्टियों के बाद हमारे सभी स्कूल/कॉलेज अब खुल चुके हैं, हालाँकि गर्मी/तपिश में अभी भी कोई कमी नहीं आई है। आगरा के आसपास कई स्थानों पर जमकर बारिश हो चुकी है या हो रही है, लेकिन मेघराज अभी भी आगरा से रूठे-रूठे हैं। मौसम विभाग भी कोई निश्चित तिथि की घोषणा करने में असमर्थ है, हमेशा दो दिन, तीन की बात बताई जाती है। कुछ दिन पहले कोई मंत्री जी सूखाग्रस्त क्षेत्रों में कृत्रिम वर्षा कराने की बात भी कर रहे थे। देश के कई दूरदराज क्षेत्रों में बाढ़ की विभीषिका ने भयंकर तबाही मचाई हुई है। इसीलिए किसी शायर ने शायद ठीक ही कहा है, “कभी गर्मी, कभी सर्दी, ये सब कुदरत के नज़ारे हैं। मरते वो भी हैं, जो दरिया के किनारे हैं।”

अग्रेडियन्स का यह जून-जुलाई अंक प्रभु येशु के पवित्रतम हृदय और माता मरियम के निष्कलंक हृदय विशेषांक है। दोनों हृदयों के सम्बन्ध में, उनके प्रति आदर सम्मान व भक्ति के बारे में हमें सेंट मेरीज़ पल्ली, नोएडा से काफी सामग्री मिली है, जिसे हम इस अंक में प्रकाशित करने का प्रयास कर रहे हैं।

इस बार गर्मी की छुट्टियों में हमारी बहुत सारी पल्लियों में स्थानीय बच्चों के लिए ग्रीष्मकालीन शिविर आयोजित किए गए। अग्रेडियन्स सभी पल्ली पुरोहितों, आयोजकों, शिक्षक-शिक्षिकाओं, माता-पिता व छात्र-छात्राओं को बधाई देती है, जिन्होंने भयंकर गर्मी और तपा देने वाली उमस की परवाह न करते हुए भी इन शिविरों में भाग लिया। बहुत सी पल्लियों/मिशन स्टेशनों में इस प्रकार के शिविर आयोजित किए गए और जहाँ कुछ नहीं किया गया, आशा है कि आगामी वर्षों में वहाँ भी इसी प्रकार के शिविर आयोजित किए जाएंगे, ताकि स्थानीय बच्चों को आत्मिक और सांस्कृतिक लाभ मिले। बशर्ते उन दिनों हम पल्ली पुरोहित/प्रधानाचार्यगण देशी-विदेशी यात्राओं पर न जाएं।

इस वर्ष सामान्य तौर पर हमारे सभी स्कूलों के बोर्ड के वार्षिक परिणाम बहुत अच्छे रहे। सभी सम्बन्धित प्रधानाचार्यों, शिक्षकों व छात्र-छात्राओं के साथ कोचिंग/ट्यूशन संचालकों

को बहुत-बहुत बधाई! वे ही असली मेहनत करते/करवाते हैं। कोई-कोई बच्चे तो परीक्षा की तैयारियों के लिए एक दिन में तीन-तीन जगह ट्यूशन पढ़ने जाते हैं... ऐसे में फिर उन बेचारों के पास चर्च जाने या किसी भी धार्मिक कार्यक्रमों में भाग लेने का समय ही कहाँ बचता है! दिसम्बर/ जनवरी महीने से ही हमारे बोर्ड के विद्यार्थी सिर्फ चर्च को बाय-बाय कर देते हैं।

बंधुओं संचार माध्यम के कड़े नियम लागू हो गये हैं इसलिए अनावश्यक व राजनीति/सरकार के किसी भी विभाग से सम्बन्धित किसी भी प्रकार के वॉट्स एप एवं फेसबुक मैसेज आदि पोस्ट न करें।

मसीही जनकल्याण समिति, आगरा आगामी 20 जुलाई को आगरा के सभी मसीही छात्र-छात्राओं का अभिनन्दन करने जा रही है। समिति के सभी पदाधिकारियों को हमारा साधुवाद।

महाधर्मप्रांत में पुरोहितों के तबादले व नियुक्तियाँ 1 जुलाई से प्रभावी हो गई हैं। सम्पादकीय लिखे जाने तक अधिकांश लोगों ने नई जगह पर अपनी कमान संभाल ली है। सभी को बधाई व शुभकामनाएं। महाधर्माचार्य जी अपनी अत्यधिक व्यस्तताओं एवं बीमारी के बावजूद भी अधिकांश जगहों पर पदभार ग्रहण कराने स्वयं जा रहे हैं। अग्रेडियन्स परिवार उनके पूर्ण स्वास्थ्य की कामना करता है।

सेंट लॉरेन्स गुरुकुल, आगरा में शैक्षिक सत्र का शुभारम्भ 14 जुलाई को है। इस वर्ष गुरुकुल में 17 प्रथम वर्ष तथा 6 छात्र द्वितीय वर्ष में हैं। 4 छात्र इण्टरमीडिएट की पढ़ाई करने के लिए सेंट फिदेलिस स्कूल, अलीगढ़ भेजे गए हैं। 3 अन्य छात्र आध्यात्मिक पढ़ाई के लिए मसीह विद्यापीठ, एत्मादपुर गये हैं। हमारे धर्मप्रांत के लिए यह अत्यंत हर्ष की बात है कि आगामी 12 अगस्त को हमारे तीन अंतिम वर्षीय छात्रों का सेंट जोसफ सेमीनेरी, इलाहाबाद में उपयाजकीय अभिषेक है। आप तीनों को बधाई व प्रभु की भरपूर आशीष मिले। हमारी कामना है कि प्रभु की सेवा के लिए जो जज़्बा आप तीनों में अभी है वह आगे भी यूँ ही बना रहे।

ख्रीस्त में आपका,

फादर यूजिन मून लाज़रस

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Shepherd's Voice

"Earthly Life-Heavenly Goal"



"Aim at Heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you get neither", said C.S. Lewis. "Seek first the Kingdom of God and all things shall be given unto you" (Lk. 12:31). Merely earthly pursuit is likely to turn to despair!

In fact, Christian faith upholds that we are made for heaven and for eternity. St. Augustine exclaimed, "We are made for you O Lord and we shall not rest until we rest in you".

All who believe in God also believe in after-life that is eternity. Vision of eternity is central to our HOPE. Hope of final salvation and eternity is the reason for right conduct, moral and ethical behavior, religious belief and observance. The quality of life on earth ensures the right reward in eternity, not without the prelude of the same, by way of well-being, tranquility, peace and love. Honest joy is the foretaste of what we all await as we meet the Creator who loves us eternally. Along the immortality of the soul, we believe in the immortality of the whole human person. For all of us are put on the path of salvation by the saving act of God's love as seen in the life of Christ. Hence every Christian approaches life of the temporal order on earth, with a clear vision of the supernatural and beatific vision of God. Hence, eternity is the final goal of life.

The question that can harass us in a

practical way is the question of ordering our life of temporal order. The moral, ethical, cultural, religious, social and political aspects do form one's engagement in life. Religious observance and ethical and moral bearings do include socio-cultural and political values and ideologies. There may be value-based distinctions; hence total separation may not be possible. Socio-political ordering does have ethical and moral consequences. Therefore, religious freedom to practice and propagate one's faith is the fundamental right of all, however, without disturbing the social order. Morality and religion function together in form of social harmony and national integration based on due awe, reverence and respect to all religions, cultures, ethnic groups, languages and regional priorities. Our society is built on this visible reality. Our Constitution and democratic, secular fabric manifestatively safeguard and protect unity, equality, fraternity, justice and peace.

The recent developments in our society that spell undue priority to one particular ideology of narrowed down notions of nationalism do pose a threat to the very foundation of constitutional guarantee and secular democratic structure of our nation and society. Uncalled for polarization of ideologies will only initiate competition, rivalry, animosity and violence.

Therefore we need to resort to religious secularism and national integration as the models on which our society is knit together.

As true believers in God, the followers of Christ, we are closely guided by the Holy Spirit. We need not be panic stricken or threatened. Challenges and threats, sufferings and defeat, are the way of Christians. Our firm faith spells out final victory which consists in "conquering joy". In the Cross is our salvation!

As a matter of fact, Christians wherever they are in minority, are in some way or the other subjected to oppression and persecution. It is not just because they are Christians in particular; for oppression of the weaker sections of the economically poor, underprivileged and deprived is likely to be seen often. Discrimination of them is due to the modern climate of majoritarianism, privileged classes, powerful, and elites and due to the VIP culture that is prevalent. For the rule of the powerful mighty over the powerless of lowly status is in common place.

The symptoms appearing in a rampant way about the oppression of the dalits, tribals, economically poor and deprived does take its toll on minority Christians in our country. But the call to the Church to be prophetic does empower us to be united in faith, profession and witnessing. In the final analysis, our Christian faith prompts us to be heroic in virtue of witnessing and to stand for the truth by subscribing to ecumenical unity with extended attitude of reaching out to the society through our services, in an inclusive attitude of forming an inclusive human society. We need to be more competent than competitive,

more known for excellence rather than for mere performance, more witnessing by being than merely by doing. Our weakness of witnessing provides strength to those who are hostile. Above all, the witness of life by prayer and selfless service surpasses all.

Mahatma Gandhi said "prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening".

As Christians, we stand our ground as praying persons, personally and as communities with a penitential spirit in imitation of Christ. Our final redemption is made possible through forgiveness of our wrongs and the wrong-doings of others. By way of our Christian witnessing we influence and inspire others for promotion of justice, peace and integration of our society of mutual fellowship, fraternity and unity. May it be our wish to see all humans as members of one large family under the common fatherhood of God.

We commend ourselves to acts of prayer, penance and reconciliation for the wrongs that occur within the Church and for those immoral and corrupt practices in the society. We pray for a just and peaceful society and for a Government that will safeguard in entirety our sacred Constitution and will promote the secular democratic structure of our dear Indian nation. May free and fair elections, when due, ensure an upright, just and God-fearing Government.

God bless.



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(Archbishop of Agra)

महाधर्माध्यक्ष का संदेश (हिन्दी अनुवाद)

“सांसारिक जीवन - स्वर्गिक लक्ष्य”

“स्वर्ग की ओर लक्ष्य लगाइए (साधिए) और आपको सांसारिक लक्ष्य मिल जाएगा। आप सांसारिकता की ओर निशाना लगाएंगे तो कुछ भी प्राप्त नहीं होगा।”, सी.एस. लुईस कहते हैं। “स्वर्ग के राज्य की खोज में लगे रहो। ये सब चीजें तुम्हें यों ही मिल जाएंगी।” (लूकस 12:31) केवल सांसारिक लक्ष्य लगाने से आपको निराशा ही मिलेगी।

वास्तव में हमारा ख्रीस्तीय विश्वास हमें सुझाता है कि हमारी सृष्टि स्वर्ग और अनन्तः के लिए हुई है। संत अगस्टिन कहते हैं, “हे प्रभु, हम आपके लिए ही सृजित किए गए हैं और हमारा हृदय (अन्तरतम) तब तक विश्राम नहीं पाएगा, जब तक यह आपमें विश्राम न पाए।

जितने भी लोग ईश्वर में विश्वास करते हैं, वे इस जीवन के बाद के जीवन अर्थात् अनन्तः में भी विश्वास करते हैं। अनन्त का दृश्य (दर्शन) हमारी आशा का केन्द्र है। अंतिम मुक्ति (या मोक्ष) और अनन्त जीवन की आशा में ही व्यक्ति सदाचरण, नैतिक व नीतिपरक व्यवहार, धार्मिक विश्वास एवं उसके अनुसार आचरण करता है। इस पृथ्वी पर व्यतीत किए गए हमारे जीवन की गुणवत्ता हमारे लिए अनन्त जीवन रूपी परिणाम सुनिश्चित करती है। इसी कारण मनुष्य शांतिप्रिय एवं प्रेममय जीवन जीता है। निष्कपट आनन्द के कारण ही हम अनन्त जीवन में मिलने वाले अपने सृष्टिकर्ता से भेंट की प्रतीक्षा करते हैं। आत्मा की अमरता के साथ साथ हम सम्पूर्ण आनन्द की अमरता में भी विश्वास करते हैं। हम सभी मुक्ति के मार्ग पर हैं, जहाँ ख्रीस्त के जीवन में हम ईश्वरीय प्रेम को मुक्तिदायी कार्य के रूप में देखते हैं। अतः प्रत्येक ख्रीस्तीय विश्वासी इस धरती पर रहते समय एक ऐसा जीवन जीता है, जहाँ उसे पराभौतिक जीवन का स्पष्ट एवं ईश्वर के आनन्दप्रद दर्शन निरन्तर उसके सामने रहते हैं। अतः अनन्त की प्राप्ति ही हमारे इस जीवन का अंतिम लक्ष्य है।

कभी-कभी यह विचार हमें दुविधा में डाल सकता है कि हम किस प्रकार प्रायोगिक रूप में अपने इस सांसारिक जीवन को सुधार सकते हैं अथवा व्यवस्थित कर सकते हैं। नैतिक, नीतिपरक, सांस्कृतिक, धार्मिक, सामाजिक एवं राजनीतिक दृष्टिकोण से हमारा जीवन व्यस्त रहता है। धार्मिक आचरण एवं नैतिक/नीतिपरक आचरण के अन्तर्गत सामाजिक, सांस्कृतिक एवं राजनैतिक मूल्य एवं विचारधाराएं भी आते हैं। इनमें मूल्यों की दृष्टि कहीं-कहीं अन्तर हो सकता है, अतः सम्पूर्ण अलगाव संभव नहीं है। सामाजिक, राजनैतिक व्यवस्था के नीतिपरक एवं नैतिक परिणाम होते हैं। अतः अपने धार्मिक विश्वास का पालन करना, उसके अनुसार आचरण करना व्यक्ति का मौलिक अधिकार है, हालांकि वह समाज में विद्यमान सामाजिक व्यवस्था में विघ्न न डालें। नैतिकता और धार्मिक आचरण मिलकर समाज में भाईचारे और राष्ट्रीय एकता को बढ़ावा देते हैं, जहाँ सब धर्मों, संस्कृतियों, नीतिपरक समुदायों, भाषाओं एवं धार्मिक प्राथमिकताओं के प्रति संपूर्ण आदर एवं श्रद्धा भक्ति परिलक्षित होती है। हमारे समाज की संरचना इसी दृश्यमान वास्तविकता पर निर्मित है। हमारा संविधान और लोकतांत्रिक एवं सेक्युलर (धर्मनिरपेक्ष) ताना बाना हमारी आपसी एकता, समानता, भाईचारे, न्याय और शांति की रक्षा करते हैं।

हमारे समाज में हाल में घटित कुछ घटनाओं ने स्पष्ट कर दिया है कि किसी विचाराधारा विशेष को अनुचित प्राथमिकता देकर राष्ट्रीयता का जो स्वरूप दिया गया है, उससे संवैधानिक गारण्टी एवं सेक्युलर लोकतंत्र के सामने खतरा पैदा हो गया है। इससे समाज में प्रतिद्वन्द्विता, बदले की भावना, विद्वेष एवं हिंसा को ही बढ़ावा मिलेगा। अतः हमें धर्म निरपेक्ष एवं राष्ट्रीय एकीकरण को आदर्श (लक्ष्य) मानकर उनकी शरण लेनी है, जिनपर हमारा समाज एक साथ गुँथा (बुना) हुआ है।

ईश्वर में विश्वास करने वालों और प्रभु येशु ख्रीस्त के

अनुयायी होने के फलस्वरूप हम निरन्तर निकटता से पवित्रात्मा से प्रेरित व संचालित किए जाते हैं। हमें तनिक भी आतंकित होने या भयभीत होने की जरूरत नहीं है। चुनौतियाँ और धमकियाँ, दुःख और पराजय तो ख्रीस्तीयों (मसीहियों) के जीवन में आते ही रहते हैं। हमारा विश्वास हमें अंतिम मुक्ति की ओर अग्रसर करता है। प्रभु के पवित्र क्रूस में ही हमारी मुक्ति है।

महात्मा गाँधी जी ने कहा था, कि “प्रार्थना भोर की चाबी और संध्या का बोल्ट है।”

ख्रीस्तीय होने के नाते हम प्रार्थना करने लोग बनें, चाहें हम अकेले हों या समुदाय में हमें ख्रीस्त का अनुसरण करते हुए हम पापमोचक आत्मा में प्रार्थना करें। हमारी अंतिम मुक्ति अपनी गलतियों के लिए क्षमा मांगने एवं अपने प्रति की गई सभी गलतियों को क्षमा करने में निहित है। हम अपने ख्रीस्तीय साक्षी द्वारा दूसरों को भी न्याय, शांति तथा समाज में भाईचारे आपसी सहभागिता एवं एकता के लिए

प्रभावित एवं प्रेरित करते हैं। हम कामना करते हैं कि सभी मानव एक परिवार के रूप में मिलजुल कर रहें और ईश्वर को अपना पिता कह कर पुकारें।

हम कलीसिया में घटने वाली गलतियों के लिए तथा समाज में व्याप्त अनैतिक एवं भ्रष्ट व्यवस्थाओं/नीतियों को दूर करने हेतु प्रार्थना, प्रायश्चित एवं मेलमिलाप (संस्कार) की सहारा लें। हम एक न्यायी और शान्तिमय समाज के लिए तथा सरकार के लिए ईश्वर से प्रार्थना करें, कि वह पवित्र संविधान के पूर्ण रूप से रक्षा करे तथा हमारे प्रिय भारतवर्ष के सेक्युलर एवं लोकतांत्रिक संरचना को बढ़ावा दे सके। हम कामना करते हैं कि जब कभी भी हमारे यहाँ निकट भविष्य में चुनाव हों, वे स्वतंत्र एवं निष्पक्ष हों जिससे एक ईमानदार, न्यायी एवं ईश्वर में भय रखने वाली सरकार मिले। ईश्वर आपको आशीष दे।

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ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS (JULY, 2018)

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| 1 | Holy Mass -Induction of the new Parish Priest, Cathedral, Agra | 9 | Holy Mass. Schola Brevis, Masih Vidyapeeth, Etmadpur |
| | Holy Mass, Induction of the new Parish Priest, St. John 's Church, Firozabad | | GBM, KNEUS, New Executive Director to take charge |
| 2 | Inauguration of the Academic Session of the new St. Francis School, Sadabad | 12 | Holy Mass, Blessing of the Convent, UMI. Jaupura, Shastripuram |
| 3 | Inauguration of the new School, Chakarnagar, Etawah | 14 | Schola Brevis, St. Lawrence Minor Seminary, Agra |
| | Feast of St. Thomas, Shastripuram, Sikandra, Agra | 15 | Inauguration of the new Parish - St. George, Syro-Malabar, Greater Noida |
| 4 | Orientation to Formation Staff, Masih Vidyapeeth, Etmadpur | 16 | Visit to Ajaynagar-Gaunpur |
| 5 | - Do - | 19 | Priests' Monthly Spiritual Recollection |
| 6 | - Do - | 21 | Holy Mass, Inauguration and blessing of the new Convent, MSST Sisters, Greater Noida |
| 8 | Holy Mass, St. Gonzalo Garcia Church, Bulandshahar-Induction of the new Parish Priest | 22 | Meeting with Sr. Tara, FSM, General Councilor |
| | Holy Mass, Our Lady of Rosary Church, Bastar, -Induction the new Parish Priest | 23 | Welcome to the Bishop of Quilon-Most Rev. Stanley Roman |

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My dear people,
Grace, peace and joy of Christ!

Considering the current pastoral and apostolic needs, the following transfers/appointments are agreed upon at the last Consultors' Meeting held on May 16th, 2018:

S. No.	Name	From	To
1.	Rev. Fr. Ignatius Miranda	Parish Priest, St. Gonzalo Garcia Church, Bulandshahar	Parish Priest, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Agra
2.	Rev. Fr. Joe Thykkattil	Parish Priest, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Agra	Parish Priest, St. Peter's Church, Bharatpur
3.	Rev. Fr. Rogimon Thomas	Parish Priest/Principal, St. John's Church/School, Firozabad	Principal, Jesus & Mary Convent School, G. Noida
4.	Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kollithanam	Principal, Jesus and Mary Convent School, G. Noida	Executive Director KNEUS, G. Noida
5.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Rodrigues	Parish Priest, St. Thomas Church, Shastripuram, Agra	In charge- Sadabad Mission, St. Francis School, Sadabad
6.	Rev. Fr. Shaji Joseph	Executive Director, KNEUS, G. Noida	Parish Priest, Principal, St. John's Church / School, Firozabad
7.	Rev. Fr. Suresh K. D'Souza	Parish Priest/Principal, Our Lady of Rosary Church/School, Bastar	Principal, St. Fidelis School, Kheda Khush Khabar, Aligarh
8.	Rev. Fr. Thomas Sunil Mathew	Principal, St. Fidelis School, Kheda Khush Khabar, Aligarh	Archdiocesan Financial Administrator, Cathedral House, Agra
9.	Rev. Fr. Johnson M.A.	Professor/Formator, Masih Vidyapeeth, Etmadpur	Higher Studies, Dindigul
10.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Pindikinayil	Assistant, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Agra	Parish Priest/Principal, Our Lady of Rosary Church/School, Bastar
11.	Rev. Fr. Praveen D'Costa	Assistant, St. Peter's College, Agra	Parish Priest, St. Gonzalo Garcia Church, Bulandshahar

12.	Rev. Fr. Tony D'Almeida	Curia Secretary, Cathedral House, Agra	Assistant, St. Francis Church/School, Hathras
13.	Rev. Fr. Santeesh Antony	Assistant St. Mary's Church, Noida	Assistant, Holy Family Church/Christ the King Inter College, Tundla
14.	Rev. Fr. Rajan Dass	Vice Rector/Professor, St. Lawrence Minor Seminary, Agra	Assistant, St. Patrick's Church/St. Clare's Sr. Sec. School, Agra
15.	Rev. Fr. Arul Kumar Lazar	Assistant, Fatima Church & School, Ajaynagar	Formator/Professor, Masih Vidyapeeth, Etmadpur
16.	Rev. Fr. Alok Toppo	Studies	Curia Secretary, Cathedral House, Agra
17.	Rev. Fr. Lawrence V. Raja	Assistant, St. Peter' Church, Bharatpur	Assistant, St. Peter's College, Agra
18.	Rev. Fr. Vineesh Joseph	Assistant, Holy Family Church/Christ the King Inter College, Tundla	Assistant, St. Mary's Church, Noida
19.	Rev. Fr. Charles Toppo	Assistant, St. Theresa's Church/School, Kosikalan	Assistant, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Agra
20.	Rev. Fr. Xavier G.	Assistant, St Patrick's Church, Agra Cantt	Assistant, Fatima Church and School, Ajaynagar
21.	Rev. Fr. Preyas Anthony	Assistant, St. Francis Church & School, Hathras	Formator/ Professor, St. Lawrence Minor Seminary, Agra

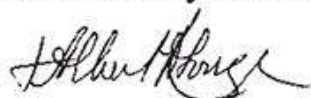
The following are the assignments to the Regents:

1. Brother Vincent Anthonyswamy S - Anupnagar
2. Brother Ashwin Dony - Jaith
3. Brother Jose Paul- Sadbhawana, Aligarh
4. Brother Samma Joseph- Bastar
5. Brother Ashish - Savio Balbhawan, Aligarh
6. Brother Gaurav - Savio Balbhawan, Aligarh

The above changes shall come into effect from July 1, 2018.

Rev. Fr. Arun Lasrado shall be the Parish Priest of St. Thomas Church, Shastripuram.

Yours devotedly in Christ,



✠ Albert D'Souza
(Archbishop of Agra)



“प्रभु येशु के वचन: सुधरने की प्रेरणा देते हैं”

“मैं समझता हूँ कि हम में जो महिमा प्रकट होने को है उसकी तुलना में इस समय का दुःख नगण्य है।” (रोमियो 8:18)

प्रत्येक व्यक्ति अपने अधिकारों के लिए दिन रात संघर्षरत है, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप लोग अपनी सम्पत्ति तथा पारिवारिक झगड़ों के कारण अदालत में जा पहुँचे हैं। कुछ समाज से बिछुड़कर सलाखों के पीछे हैं। समाज उनकी मानसिक पीड़ा को नहीं समझता न ही उनके विषय में सोचता है। मेरा ध्येय संपूर्ण समाज को उन्हीं की जिन्दगी से अवगत कराना है। वे लोग हीन भावना के शिकार हैं। उनका मानसिक व शारीरिक उत्पीड़न न सिर्फ समाज के लोगों द्वारा बल्कि जेल के लोगों द्वारा भी किया जाता है। मैं लोगों को बुराई से अच्छाई की ओर ले जाने को प्रयासरत रहती हूँ।

सर्वप्रथम प्रभु येशु ने मुझे सन् 1998 से 2001 तक टिहरी (उत्तरांचल) जिला कारागार में ऐसे लोगों की सेवा करने का अवसर प्रदान किया। उन लोगों के बीच जाने पर मुझे कैदियों की मानसिकता का विशेष अनुभव प्राप्त हुआ। वहाँ 100 पुरुष व 10 महिलाएं थीं। वे संगीन अपराधी नहीं थे, परन्तु अधिकतर अशिक्षित थे व पारिवारिक विघटन के शिकार थे। उनसे मुझे जेल के जीवन के विषय में सोचने का अवसर मिला।

तत्पश्चात प्रभु येशु ने मुझे एटा के जिला कारागार में कैदियों की सेवा करने का अवसर प्रदान किया। इसलिए एटा आकर भी मैं इसी मिशन में लग गई क्योंकि लोग कैदियों की वास्तविकता से अनभिज्ञ रहते हैं। टी.वी. चैनल व समाचार पत्रों को पढ़कर उनके जीवन का आकलन कर लेना उचित नहीं। मेरा व्यक्तिगत अनुभव, जो मुझे एटा में कैदियों से मिलकर प्राप्त हुआ, वह बहुत भिन्न था। मैं यह सोचने पर विवश हो गयी कि क्या आज समाज के सभी अपराधी जेल की सलाखों के पीछे हैं?



अथवा अन्य अपने अपराध छिपाकर समाज में सुखमय जीवन बिता रहे हैं। मेरे अनुभवों के अनुसार भिन्न-भिन्न परिस्थितियों में पले बड़े होने के कारण उन्हें सही शिक्षा नहीं मिल पाई तथा उनके जीवन में आध्यात्मिक शिक्षा का तो अभाव ही रहा है जबकि वे भी ईश्वर की संतान हैं, ईश्वर की बनाई रचना हैं। मैंने उन कैदियों के बीच जाकर उन्हें प्यार के साथ प्रभु येशु की अच्छी-अच्छी बातें बताईं। मुझे आशा थी कि उनके जीवन में इससे परिवर्तन आयेगा। मैंने उन्हें उन घृणित कार्यों से अवगत कराया जो ईश्वर को नापसंद हैं जैसे- नशा, शराब, व्यभिचार, धूम्रपान, गुटखा, जुआ आदि। मैं उन लोगों को जो भी बताती वे बहुत ध्यानपूर्वक सुनते थे। मैंने अनुभव किया कुछ लोग अपने जीवन से निराश हैं। वे स्वयं को कोसते हैं।

मैंने उनको पवित्र बाईबिल से अय्यूब की कहानी सुनायी कि किस प्रकार उनकी परीक्षा शैतान द्वारा हुई। शैतान ने अय्यूब की समस्त धन सम्पत्ति नष्ट कर दी, पत्नी के अतिरिक्त सभी पारिवारिक सदस्यों का विनाश कर दिया। निर्धन कर दिया तथा उसे शारीरिक रोग दे दिया। उसका पूरा शरीर फोड़ों से भर गया परन्तु अय्यूब

ने प्रभु से शिकायत तक नहीं की जबकि उनकी पत्नी का धैर्य टूट गया। अय्यूब ने न ही ईश्वर को कोसा, न ही शिकायत की, बल्कि वह निरन्तर ईश्वर का धन्यवाद देता रहा। उसकी ईश-निष्ठा दृढ़ रही। ईश्वर ने अय्यूब को विपत्ति में उसकी परीक्षा लेने को नहीं डाला बल्कि वह संकेत करता है कि मनुष्य को ईश्वरीय कार्यों के औचित्य-अनौचित्य के विश्लेषण का कोई अधिकार नहीं। मनुष्य पर जो भी संकट आए वह उसे ईश्वर की इच्छा समझकर स्वीकार करें। ईश्वर की वाणी सुनकर अय्यूब अपनी अल्पज्ञता को स्वीकार करता है व अपनी भूल के लिए प्रभु से क्षमा माँगता है। उसी प्रकार हम भी अपने जीवन में गलतियाँ कर बैठते हैं। यदि हम भी अपने पापों व गलतियों के लिए पश्चाताप करें व ईश्वर से क्षमा माँगे तो निश्चय ही वह हमारे पापों को क्षमा करता है।

ऐसा ही एजेकिएल की पुस्तक के 18वें अध्याय में लिखा है- “तुम लोग कहते हो कि प्रभु का व्यवहार न्याय संगत नहीं है।” ईश्वर का कहना है कि मैं हर एक का उसके कर्मों के अनुसार न्याय करूँगा। तुम अपने सारे पापों को त्यागकर मेरे पास लौट आओ। कहीं ऐसा न हो कि तुम्हारे अपराधों के कारण तुम्हारा विनाश हो जाए।

जेल के सभी कैदी प्रभु के सुन्दर संदेशों को बहुत ध्यान से सुनते हैं व अच्छी संगति करते हैं। प्रत्येक रविवार हम लोग उनके साथ दो घंटे प्रार्थना करते व उत्साह के साथ ईश-भजन गाते हैं। हम युवा कैदियों को भी अच्छी सलाह देते हैं। वे सभी हमारा अनुसरण करते हैं। हम उन्हें नैतिक व आध्यात्मिक शिक्षा के साथ आर्थिक सहायता भी देते हैं। समय समय पर उन्हें खाने की वस्तुएं, वस्त्र व आर्थिक सहायता पहुँचाने का पूरा प्रयास करते हैं। पहले उनकी संख्या 1400 थी। अब लगभग 900 रह गयी है। हमने 4 कैदियों की इस साल आर्थिक सहायता की तथा रिहा करवाया। रिहा होकर वे हमारे कान्वेंट में आते हैं हमसे मिलते हैं, और प्रभु का धन्यवाद देते हुए खुशी महसूस करते हैं तथा हमें भी धन्यवाद देते

हैं। आसपास के क्षेत्र के रिहा कैदी रविवार को चर्च की प्रार्थना में भी सम्मिलित होते हैं।

जिला कारागार एटा में सिर्फ गरीब या मध्यम वर्ग के ही लोग नहीं बल्कि सभी वर्ग के लोग सलाखों के पीछे हैं क्योंकि कभी-कभी धन का आधिक्य भी अपराध का कारण बनता है। धनी व्यक्ति भी धन के वैभव में खोकर ईश्वर को भूल जाता है। बाईबिल बताती है कि एक मनुष्य दो मालिकों की सेवा नहीं कर सकता। जो व्यक्ति ईश्वर से अधिक धन को प्यार करते हैं वह ईश्वर की संतान नहीं हो सकते। एक कुलीन मनुष्य ने ईसा से पूछा, “भले गुरु अनन्त जीवन प्राप्त करने के लिए क्या करना चाहिए।” ईसा ने कहा व्यभिचार मत करो, हत्या मत करो, चोरी मत करो, झूठी गवाही मत दो, अपने माता पिता का आदर करो।” अपना सब कुछ बेचकर गरीबों में बाँट दो और स्वर्ग में तुम्हारे लिए पूँजी रखी रहेगी। तब आकर मेरा अनुसरण करो।” यह सुनकर वह उदास हो गया क्योंकि वह बहुत धनी था। ईसा ने यह देखकर कहा “धनियों के लिए ईश्वर के राज्य में प्रवेश करना कितना कठिन है।” सुई के नाके से ऊँट का निकलना अधिक सहज है।” (लूकस 18:18-25)

अतः ईश्वर के पीछे चलने के लिए हमें संसार से धन से अधिक प्रेम नहीं करना चाहिए। सांसारिक सुख विलास को त्यागकर ईश्वर के पीछे चलना चाहिए। अंत में मैं ईश्वर को धन्यवाद देती हूँ कि उसने मुझे एक सुधार गृह (कारागार) में कार्य करने का अवसर दिया तथा मैं उस अनुभव को शब्दों में व्यक्त कर सकी। हम संसार में रहते हुए बहुत सी बातों का अनुभव करते हैं परन्तु प्रत्यक्ष रूप से समस्याओं का निराकरण नहीं कर पाते हैं। मुझे ईश्वर की विशेष कृपा रही जो मैं उन लोगों के बीच जाकर, उन्हें प्रभु के वचन सुना सकी जिससे उन लोगों में भी ईश्वर की वह शांति जो मनुष्य की समझ से परे है, उनके बीच में हो।

सिस्टर मेरी एफ.सी.सी., असीसी कॉन्वेंट, एटा

Being Joyful like Mary Part-2



Luke 1:28-30 ---
And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she

was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

Angel Gabriel called Mary "Highly favoured". What does it mean to be "highly favoured"? When we are blessed and highly favoured, it means we have chosen to be obedient to God's Will and Commandments and to love Him. When we ask a person "How are you today"? If his response is, "I am blessed and highly favoured", we know that this person is truly experiencing God's blessings in his life.

To a virgin named Mary, this is what it meant to be blessed and highly favored. Angel Gabriel told Mary that God had decided to bless her. The words did not point out any special virtue of Mary. God chose Mary, blessed her and she humbly accepted His call to be the "Mother of Jesus". God's blessings and favor are for those who are willing to be obedient to His Word and keep His commandments.

Luke 1: 31 - 33 - "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

When the Archangel Gabriel visited Mary and declared unto her that she was called to be the Mother of God, her response was : "How shall this happen, since I know not man?" Mary is not yet married and the Angel is talking about her conceiving a child! How do you think Mary is going to convince her parents about this? What will she tell her neighbours, relatives and friends when the pregnancy is evident and visible? How is she going to keep her cool amidst all the false accusations that are bound to be thrown at her?

Mother Mary knows that saying 'yes' will change her whole future. However she is willing to go through hardships so that God's plan and purpose is fulfilled. Are we willing to be falsely accused for the Gospel, or do we get annoyed and irritated?

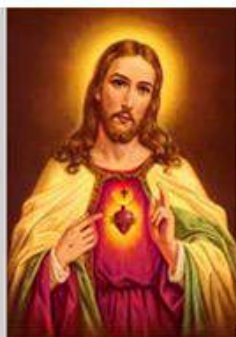
Mary was ready to move with God in total agreement; she made a decision that required her to sacrifice all her dreams. Like all young women she must have had dreams of a fairy tale wedding followed by a loving and lovely married life with Joseph. Yet she let's Gods desire take a precedence over her own.

In our everyday life also we have to make decisions in line with God's Word, which could be contrary to our desires. Are we willing to obey God and His Word? Do we understand that Gods ways are not ours? Do we believe that God's plans for us are way better than what we have planned? If we do, like Mother Mary, we too will be "Blessed and highly favoured"!

The Virgin Mary, "cause of our joy" always brings us back to joy in the Lord, who comes to free us from so many interior and exterior slaveries - Pope Francis.

**Courtesy: Fr. Dennis D'Souza
St. Clare's School, Agra Cantt.**

The Symbolism of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



In the Catholic Church, the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated around 19 days after

Pentecost (Friday). This year it will be celebrated on June 8. The Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ is a symbol that entered the world through the mystical experiences of St. Mary Alocque who perceived, through many supernatural visions of Christ's passion, the symbol of the inflamed pierced heart, encircled with thorns. Here is her description of what she saw: "The divine heart was represented to me as upon a throne of fire and flames. It shed rays on every side brighter than the sun and transparent as crystal. The wound which He received on the cross appeared there visibly. A crown of thorns encircled the divine heart, and it was surmounted by a cross". As our church prepares for the devotion to Jesus' Sacred Heart, let us truly understand the following:

The Heart: The heart is the center of being, both physical and spiritual. The heart represents compassion, understanding, love and charity.

It represents the temple of God, His Divine Centre and dwelling place. It also represents Jesus' deep love and affection for us. It is depicted as red, the color of blood, which Jesus poured out for us (John 19:34) "Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water". Red signifies fervent love, and Jesus loved us so much that He

laid down His life for us.

The Crown of Thorns: A crown is a symbol that represents sovereignty, victory and honour. Yet the crown that was placed on Christ's head was made of thorns to deliberately parody the crown of roses worn by the Roman Emperor. The heart is encircled with a crown of thorns. The crown of thorns has thus become the symbol of the Passion and martyrdom of Jesus Christ. The thorns represent the stings caused by our sins. Can you think of anything more painful than the tender flesh of an interior organ like a heart being pierced by a crown of thorns? During Jesus' passion, the crown of thorns was pressed down onto His head (John 19:2) "The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed Him in a purple robe", and it represents all that Jesus suffered on our account.

The Wound: Often there is a deep cut shown on the lower left or lower center of the heart which recalls when the soldier pierced his spear into Jesus' side (John 19:34) "Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water."). The soldier did so to prove that Jesus was dead. This scene also fulfils the ancient prophecy: "They will look on the one they have pierced." (John 19:37)

Droplets of Blood: A few droplets can be seen flowing from the wound, and in a few instances they are caught by a chalice below. This recalls the Last Supper when Jesus offered a cup of wine and said, "This is my blood of the covenant which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins" (Mt 26:28). The droplets also represent the new Covenant of Blood (Ex 24:8).

The Flames: A number of flames are usually shown above the upper, center of the heart, and they represent the intensity of the warmth of Jesus'

love. Fire manifested as flame symbolizes spiritual power and forces.

The Cross: It is customary to display a Latin cross in the midst of the flames, because it is on the cross where Jesus most decisively demonstrated the love of His Sacred Heart. It is a symbol of salvation through Christ's sacrifice. It is redemption, atonement, suffering and a symbol of faith.

The Rays of Light: It is also common to have an array of glistening gold, white, or red beams of light radiating from Jesus' heart. Jesus is light, and the love of his heart enlightens the world (John 1:9). It is the manifestation of divinity of cosmic creation. Light is also a symbol of life, truth, illumination and a source of goodness.

Conclusion: The Sacred Heart is a symbol of great self-sacrifice and unconditional divine

हमारे जीवन में ईश्वर की महिमा



जब मैं दो महीने की थी, तब एक बार मैं बहुत बीमार पड़ गई। मेरे बचने की कोई संभावना नहीं थी। मुझे पांच अस्पतालों में दिखाया गया किन्तु किसी ने भी मेरे बचने की संभावना नहीं बताई। लेकिन फिर भी मेरे घरवालों ने हार नहीं मानी। मुझे दफनाने के लिए गड्ढा भी खोद लिया गया था। मेरे पापा मुझे हाथों में उठाकर तीन घण्टे तक प्रार्थना करते रहे। फिर भी मैं वैसी ही रही। हमारे पापा की एक बुआ सिस्टर थीं। उन्होंने मेरे पापा को रोते हुए देखकर समझाया और फिर सभी परिवार वालों को साथ लेकर मुझे अपने हाथों में उठाकर जोर-जोर से प्रार्थना की। मेरे अन्दर सांस लौट आयी और सभी लोग जोर जोर से ईश्वर की महिमा गाने लगे। तब से मैं कभी बीमार नहीं पड़ी हूँ। इसके लिए ईश्वर को धन्यवाद।

विद्या कुमारी, वाराणसी

love for all beings captured in the actions and deeds of Jesus Christ. When our love and compassion overcomes and sacrifices our own ego, our spirit will be liberated and transform our entire being into a holy one. If we align ourselves with meaning of the Sacred Heart and the liberating vibration of Christ consciousness, this great symbol can become a gateway for us to change the world through our expression of unequivocal, genuine love. So let us love one another unconditionally.

Janet Joy, St. Mary's Church, Noida

INVITATION

The Inauguration and Blessing of new Convent (Lisieux Bhawvan) at Greater Noida, on July 21st, 2018, at 6 p.m.

Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza, Rt. Rev. Dr. Stanley Roman, (Emeritus Bishop of Quilon) and Very Rev. Sr. Shanti Antony, Mother General, Missionary Sisters of St. Therese of Infant Jesus.

Your esteemed presence will be our true joy.

Fr. Sebastian K. Sr. Telma (Sr. Superior)

फातिमा हॉस्पिटल, आगरा

नर्सिंग प्रशिक्षण कोर्स प्रवेश सूचना

फातिमा हॉस्पिटल पिछले सोलह वर्षों से आगरा शहर में अपनी सेवाएं दे रहा है। यह अस्पताल समाज के हर वर्ग के लोगों के लिए कार्य कर रहा है। यहां पिछले 6 वर्षों से समाज की निर्धन कन्याओं एवं महिलाओं को सशक्त एवं आत्मनिर्भर बनाने के उद्देश्य से नर्सिंग प्रशिक्षण दिया जा रहा है, जो भारत समाज सेवा, चेन्नई द्वारा मान्यता प्राप्त है। कोर्स की अवधि एक वर्ष है। नये बैच में प्रवेश के लिए फातिमा हॉस्पिटल से सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं। योग्यता 12वीं कक्षा उत्तीर्ण। अधिक जानकारी के लिए सम्पर्क करें:-

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The Heart that bled for us...

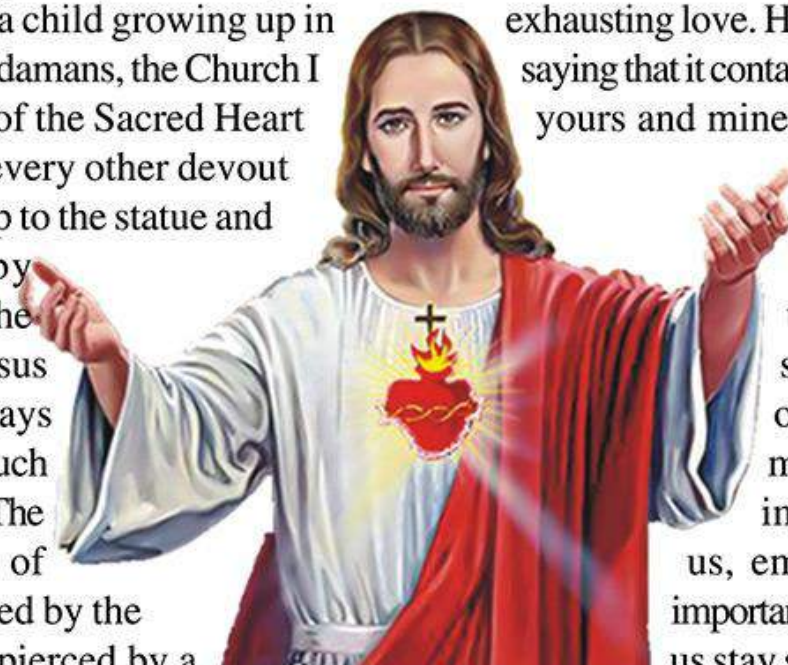


"O blood and water which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus, as a font of mercy for us, I trust in you."

As a child growing up in the Andamans, the Church I

attended had a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Now, just like every other devout little kid, I would go up to the statue and pay my respects by physical touch, and the prominent Heart of Jesus on the statue was always the goal, and I could touch it finally as I grew taller. The symbol of the Heart of Jesus which is encircled by the crown of thorns, and pierced by a lance, bleeding, surmounted by a cross is a very powerful image of our Lord's passion, one that I have grown to deeply respect. But what's so special about this symbolization? As a kid this was beyond my grasp. After all, the symbol of heart has been associated with love throughout mankind, and we have encountered it on countless occasions, so what could the Heart of Jesus have in store for us, sinners? As I grew up, I have come to realise that the Sacred Heart is indeed the focal point of Lord's suffering. His immense love for us made his passion endurable. His Father's will and love was so strong that He crucified His "heart", His only begotten son, for His children, us, and thus we are his begotten too.

The image of Sacred Heart is in itself an embodiment of the Christian spirit, the promise that is offered to all the meek and gentle in spirit,



may be this is why it's not a normal (perfect) heart that is portrayed in the avatars of the Sacred Heart, however a wounded and bleeding one, one that was crowned with thorns for its self-exhausting love. However, it goes without saying that it contains all our sufferings too, yours and mine. And Sacred Heart of

Jesus is a testimony to the immortal assurance of Jesus, "He understands our sufferings." His grace overflowing from His mortally wounded yet immortal heart cleanses us, embraces us, and most importantly nourishes us, helping us stay steadfast in our blessed

Christian faith.

The perpetual calling is, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." Phil 4:13. The only catch is we have to listen via our hearts instead of ears.

Samson Moses A., St. Mary's, Noida

Dates to Remember (June-July)

June

- 5 B.D. FR. JOHN D'CUNHA
- 12 B.D. FR. ALOK TOPPO
- 13 B.D. FR. ROY DOLPHUS
- 10 B.D. FR. P. RAJ
- 12 B.D. FR. ALOK TOPPO

July

- 1 B.D. FR. SURESH D'SOUZA
- 8 B.D. FR. JOHNSON M. A.
- 19 B.D. FR. THOMAS K. K.
- 22 B.D. FR. MATHEW K. A.

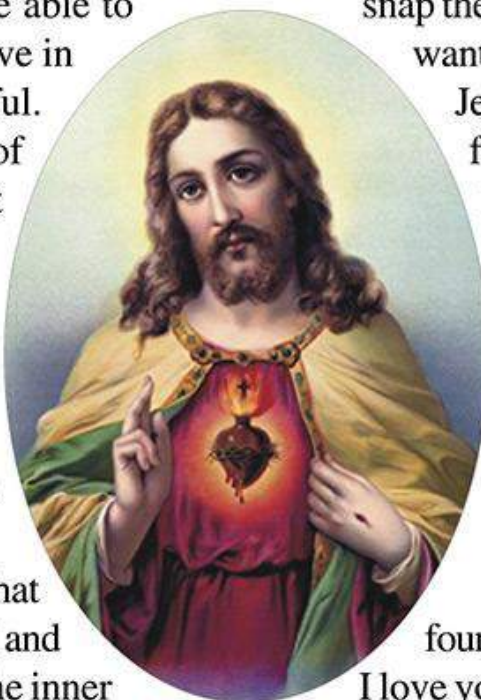
Heart of Jesus, Symbol of Love



Jesus exhibits to the world His Sacred Heart as the symbol of God's infinite love - the symbol of His own generous self-sacrificing love for us. Jesus shows His Divine Heart as a furnace

whose burning rays of love are able to reanimate faith and rekindle love in hearts grown cold and ungrateful. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is devotion to Jesus Christ Himself, but in the particular ways of meditating on His interior life and on His threefold love - His divine love, His burning love that fed His human will, and His sensible love that affects His interior life.

Scripture clearly teaches us that the real issues of life are spiritual and are really matters of the heart, the inner man. Maybe it's for this reason the word "heart" is found so many times in the Bible. Because the word "heart" can be translated a number of ways, depending on the context. What if, for one day, Jesus was to become you? What if, for twenty-four hours, Jesus wakes up in your bed, walks in your shoes, lives in your house, and assumes your schedule? Your mother becomes His mother; your pains become His pains? With one exception, nothing about your life changes. Your health, circumstances don't change. Your schedule isn't altered. Your problems aren't solved. Only one change occurs. Your heart gets the day off, and your life is led by the heart of Christ. His priorities govern your actions. His



passions drive your decisions. His love directs your behavior. Pause and think about your schedule - obligations, appointments etc. With Jesus taking over your heart, would anything change? Keep working on this for a moment. Adjust the lens of your imagination until you have a clear picture of Jesus leading your life, then

snap the shutter and frame the image. He wants you to "think and act like Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). God's plan for you is nothing short of a new heart. God wants you to be just like Jesus. He wants you to have a heart like His. Where did we get the idea we can't change? Jesus can change our hearts. He wants us to have a heart like his. Can you imagine a better offer?

Prayer

O most Holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Sweetest Jesus, hide me in Your Sacred Heart. Do not permit me to be separated from You. Defend me from the evil foe. Amen.

Mervin Fernandez, St. Mary's, Noida

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION JULY - 2018

Evangelization: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry

That priests who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and their friendship with their brother priests.

But The Lord Looks At The Heart- 1 Samuel 16:7



As a child I was told that my sins will hurt Jesus. And every time I do something good the Heart of Jesus, which is in so much pain because of the all the wrong things which happen in this

world, will be comforted. So every time I was tempted to do something wrong, in my mind I could see this image of Jesus which is kept at my house, the one where Jesus is pointing towards his thorn-crowned Sacred Heart. Eventually this image became my conscience. Every evening when we sat down for our family prayer it was this picture we looked at. As I grew up I noticed during our family prayer every mistake of mine which could hurt the already suffering Heart would play like a movie in my mind-- Urging me to repent, urging me to make it right. This made me, on several occasions, to take secret silent pledges to do something good the next day, to make sure that I don't hurt this precious Heart anymore. I had never known the real story of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, all I knew was that Jesus was in pain because of me and I had to do something about it. Eventually I found myself correcting my mistakes, not talking/laughing with friends during Mass, sitting with that one person in class whom everyone else avoided, making sure my words didn't hurt anyone in any way.

In a Eucharistic celebration on the 6th of June, 1999- Pope John Paul II's words were as follows: "Brothers and Sisters, meditating on God's love, revealed in the Heart of His Son, requires a consistent response on our part. We have not been called only to contemplate the mystery of Christ's love, but take part in it. Christ

says: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (Jn 14:15). He thus places before us a great calling and at the same time a condition:

"if you want to love me, keep my commandments, keep God's holy law, walk in the way that I have shown you". He continues, "Today's liturgical celebration dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us of God's love, for which man yearns intensely. It shows us that the practical response to this love is the keeping of God's commandments in our daily lives. God does not intend that they should grow dim in our memory but that they should remain forever impressed on people's consciences so that, knowing and keeping the commandments, they "might have eternal life". "Making the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus my conscience at a younger age has helped me keep the commandments and have a good heart, thus be a better person.

Sheema Tina



Commission for Youth Archdiocese of Agra

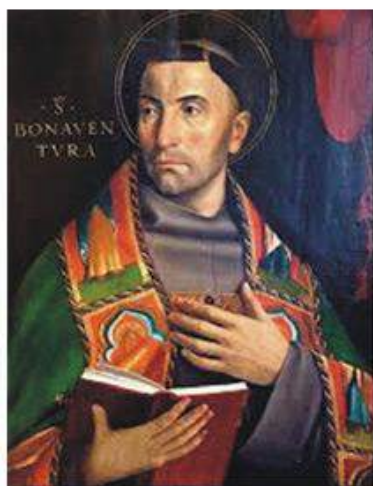
Announces A two days' Live-in Programme of the Youth Incharges/Lady Animators and Parish Youth Office Bearers, to plan for the Year of the Youth in the Archdiocese.

Date & Time:

4:00 p.m. (14th July) to 4:00 p.m. (15th)

Venue: Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre/
St. Peter's College, Agra

Contact: Fr. Dominic George (DYD)



The Saint of the month **St. Bonaventure** (Feast: 15 July)



Fr. Vineesh Joseph

St. Bonaventure, Patron of Bowel Disorders, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

St. Bonaventure, known as "the seraphic doctor," was born at Bagnoregio, in the Lazio region of central Italy, in 1221. He received the name of Bonaventure in consequence of an exclamation of St. Francis of Assisi, when, in response to the pleading of the child's mother, the saint prayed for John's recovery from a dangerous illness, and, foreseeing the future greatness of the little John, cried out "O Buona ventura"-O good fortune!

At the age of twenty-two St. Bonaventure entered the Franciscan Order. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies under the celebrated doctor Alexander of Hales, an Englishman and a Franciscan. After the latter's death he continued his course under his successor, John of Rochelle. In Paris he became the intimate friend of the great St. Thomas Aquinas. He received the degree of Doctor, together with St. Thomas Aquinas, ceding to his friend against the latter's inclination, the honor of having it first conferred upon him. Like St. Thomas Aquinas, he enjoyed the friendship of the holy King, St. Louis.

At the age of thirty-five he was chosen General of his Order and restored a perfect calm where peace had been disturbed by internal dissensions. He did much for his Order and

composed 'The Life of St. Francis'. He also assisted at the translation of the relics of St. Anthony of Padua. He was nominated Archbishop of York by Pope Clement IV, but he begged not to be forced to accept that dignity. Gregory X obliged him to take upon himself a greater one, that of Cardinal and Bishop of Albano, one of the six suffragan Sees of Rome. Before his death he abdicated

his Office of General of the Franciscan Order. He died while he was assisting at the Second Council of Lyons, on July 15, 1274.

Novena Prayer: Dear St. Bonaventure Cardinal, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, you chose a life that embraced mortification and great humiliation. Choosing to serve those individuals who were rejected and sick, you risked illness for yourself. You made your life a continuous prayer and spent hours meditating on the wounds of Christ. Please pray for us that we may have a sincere and humble heart. Pray that we may not lose sight of Jesus' wounds and thus walk on the straight path to eternal salvation. Amen.

खुशखबरी-खुशखबरी

मसीही जन कल्याण समिति, आगरा द्वारा पिछले दो वर्षों की भांति इस बार भी मेधावी छात्र/छात्राओं का अभिनन्दन किया जा रहा है। जिन बच्चों ने इस वर्ष हाईस्कूल अथवा इण्टरमीडिएट की परीक्षा हिन्दी/अंग्रेजी भाषा में कम से कम 60 प्रतिशत अंक प्राप्त किए हैं, वे तुरन्त समिति के पदाधिकारियों या अपने पल्ली पुरोहित/ पादरी साहब से फार्म प्राप्त कर जमा करें। अंतिम तिथि 10 जुलाई 2018 है।

अभिनन्दन समारोह 20 जुलाई 2018 को सायं 5.30 बजे है। हैवलॉक मैथोडिस्ट चर्च, आगरा छावनी में आमंत्रित किया जायेगा।

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The Day of the Pentecost celebrated with Great Joy and Pomp in the City of Taj Mahal



Agra, May 20, 2018: Like many previous years, this year too, the Day of Pentecost was celebrated with great joy and pomp by all the Churches and denominations of Agra city. The celebration of the Holy Spirit was held here in the centre of the city, in the Central Methodist Church, Agra, under the auspices of Masihi Jan Kalyan Samiti, Agra. More than two hundred Priests, Pastors along with their family members and lay people participated in the celebration. It was the fifth celebration of its kind. It was very well planned and conducted by Dr. Raju Thomas, U.P. State Coordinator of United Catholic Prayer for India, and the Founder of Jashna Ruhe Pak (Celebration of the Holy Spirit) programme.

This year during the celebration programme, Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza, the Archbishop and many Presbyters/Pastors were honoured for

their dedicated services in the Church.

The celebration began with a welcome note by Sri Praveen Mishra, Founder of Masihi Jan Kalyan Samiti (MJKS). Then Rev. Harry Singh led us into the Opening Prayer. Brother Joshua and Brother Ashish with their Bandagi Band conducted the Praise and Worship session. Pastors V.P. Marshal, Nathaniel and Masih Lal did three readings from the Holy Scripture. Simultaneously, prayers for the world, nation, U.P. State, Agra city, Church Unity and Evangelization were also offered.

Rev. T. S. Gill, the in-coming Pastor, and Rev. Horris Lal, the outgoing Pastor were honoured. Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza, the Archbishop of Agra was to be felicitated on his Episcopal Silver Jubilee, but due to his European tour, he could not be present personally, Rev. Sylvester Massey (Central Methodist Church) for completing forty years, Rev. A. John for completing twenty five years and Rev. Fr. Eugene Moon Lazarus for stepping into his Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee year, were honoured and felicitated by MJKS. Each of them was presented a shawl, a bouquet of beautiful flowers and a memento.

Pastor Raymond Lal exhorted the Congregation and said the prayer for offering. Meanwhile the Brothers (students) from St. Lawrence Minor Seminary sang a special hymn in honour of the Holy Spirit. The Preacher of the Day, Rev. Sylvester Massey, delivered a well prepared lovely homily. He highlighted the

meaning and background of the Pentecost. He urged the people to live and give a witness to their Christian call, led by the Spirit of the Lord. He also said the Prayer for anointing.

Praveen Mishra proposed the Vote of Thanks, while the Chief Guest, Rev. Bishop P.P. Habil said the Closing Prayer and Benediction.

At the end of the celebration the whole congregation shook hands with all the Priests and Pastors. They wished them well in their Priestly ministry.

The celebration concluded with the serving of special Hyderabad Biryani to each one who was present.

Dr. Raju Thomas

Kerala Pilgrimage and Annual National Hindi Bible Convention at Divine, Muringur - 2018



We seventeen pilgrims-5 from Agra, 2 from Etah, 1 from Kosikalan, and 3 each from Jhansi, Bijnor and Bhimnagar, left for Kerala by train on May 23rd. We were accompanied by Frs. Charles Toppo and Joe Thykkattil. We reached the Divine Retreat Centre, Muringur on May 25th morning. Late evening, the same day, we went to 'Malayatur', the penitential mountain pilgrim spot of St. Thomas. We couldn't climb the mountain due to drizzle, but visited the Church at the foot of the hill and prayed over there. It is believed, that there is a foot print of St. Thomas on the top of the mountain and a golden cross which came up on the rock. Our dear Fr. Jipson Palatty met us at this place, and took all of us to his house for a delicious dinner.

On Saturday, May 26th, we went on a day's pilgrimage to various shrines, such as 'Koratti Muthi', Angamaly, Edathua and Vallarpadam. Fr. Jipson arranged breakfast, lunch and dinner for us. We are very grateful to Fr. Jipson's daddy who brought dinner for us, though it was raining heavily.

We enjoyed a boat ride at Cochin Marine Drive-Thriveni of Sea, backwater and river. We could see ships from very close, ships carrying containers. We could also see from far, the new aircraft carrier INS VIKRANT.

The retreat started on Sunday, May 27th and concluded on Friday June 1st. Most Rev. Franko Mulackal, Most Rev. Chacko Thottumarickal, Very Rev. Fr. Anil Dev IMS of Maithridham Ashram, Varanasi, and many others conducted the Holy Mass, Sessions, Adoration, etc. Our joy multiplied when our Fr. Jose Maliekal joined us for the retreat.

On June 1st evening, we went for shopping at Chalakudy Town. June 2nd, Saturday, was a day of outing. Early morning we went to 'Athirampilly Water Fall', a natural water fall, beautiful in the monsoons. Then we reached the Parish Church of Rev. Fr. Jose Maliekal at Meladoor. His younger brother Chacko welcomed us. We then went to meet Fr. Maliekal's 103 years' old mother. She looked so graceful and cheerful. We prayed with her and she blessed all of us. Fr. Maliekal's younger brother Thomas, arranged tasty breakfast for us.

Our next spot was Azhikode Shrine, where St. Thomas first landed in India. We witnessed a 'Light and Sound' Programme on the Missionary Journey of St. Thomas. We offered Holy Mass in this shrine, where a holy relic of St. Thomas is preserved.

St. Thomas Church, Talika Kulam, Boat Kadav etc., at Palayur was our next destination. As soon as we reached Palayur, Mr. Shaji

Thykkattil and Mr. Joju Thykkattil, Fr. Joe's nephews, were ready with lunch for us. We are grateful to them. It was here that the First Century St. Thomas, according to the divine plan and signs, led many people to Christian faith.

From Palayur we drove to Punnathur Kotta, where about fifty elephants of different age groups, sick and healthy, young and old, were kept and taken care of. This was an unexpected surprise for us to see so many elephants in one campus.

We saw the Good Shepherd Church in Mullassery. Then we visited Fr. Joe's house. Mr. Francis Thykkattil, Fr. Joe's brother and his wife, and others welcomed us and gave us a good treat. We picked up naturally ripened mangoes from the campus. We also visited Mount Carmel Parish Church, Enamakkal, to which Fr. Joe belongs. We then visited Arimbur and saw the beautifully and artistically built Ship Church.

By 8 p.m. we reached Thrissur Diocesan Biblical, Catechetical and Liturgical Centre. On June 3rd, Sunday, we had Holy Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes' Cathedral and visited the Bible Tower and the Basilica of Our Lady of Dolors. Mr. Joy Joseph and Master Amal Joseph, Fr. Joe's relatives, guided us to these places.

In the evening, we left Thrissur for Agra by Kerala Express. Rain, cool breeze and lush green surroundings slowly disappeared. On June 5th, Tuesday, we returned back to our Agra.

We are grateful to God. We thank our Archbishop, Mot Rev. Albert D'Souza, for his blessings and encouragement. We are especially indebted to Rev. Frs. Jose Maliekal, Jipson Palatty and Bhaskar Jesuraj for their generosity and help. We also thank our fellow pilgrims for their cooperation and team spirit.

**Charly and Joethy
Cathedral Parish, Agra**

सेंट जॉन पॉल स्कूल, फतेहाबाद में रंगारंग समर कैम्प का आयोजन



2 जून को सेंट जॉन पॉल्स स्कूल, भरापुर, फतेहाबाद, आगरा में तीसरे समर कैम्प का आयोजन किया गया। इस कैम्प में आये छात्र-छात्राओं को दो श्रेणियों में विभाजित किया गया था। दोनों श्रेणियों में बच्चों ने बढ़-चढ़ कर भाग लिया, जिससे उनकी छिपी हुई प्रतिभाएँ उभर कर सामने आईं। नृत्य श्रेणी में बच्चों ने भरत नाट्यम, पाश्चात्य, एवं अन्य भारतीय नृत्य सीखे। खेलकूद में छात्राओं को आत्मरक्षा हेतु कराटे का प्रशिक्षण दिया गया तथा छात्रों ने क्रिकेट, फुटबाल, लम्बीकूद, शारीरिक प्रशिक्षण आदि में भाग लिया। करीब एक दर्जन बच्चों को निःशुल्क कोचिंग दी गई। बच्चों को प्रमाण-पत्रों से पुरस्कृत किया गया। कार्यक्रम के समापन समारोह में भोजन का प्रबंध किया गया।

इस कैम्प में अपने विद्यालय के अतिरिक्त अन्य स्कूलों के बच्चों को भी भाग लेने का अवसर प्रदान किया गया। कार्यक्रम के समापन में सिस्टर बसंती ने कहा, कि “बच्चों में बड़ों से अधिक ऊर्जा होती है क्योंकि वे अपने कार्य को पूरी तल्लीनता के साथ उत्साह और आनन्द में डूब कर करते हैं। माता-पिता को भी अपने बच्चों को थोड़ा समय अवश्य देना चाहिये।” सिस्टर असुन्ता, सिस्टर ट्रीजा, सिस्टर कंचन, श्रीमती क्रिस्टीना, श्री डेनिस सिल्वेरा, श्री शाहरूख जी ने समर कैम्प को सफल बनाने में अपना बहुमूल्य सहयोग प्रदान किया।

एच.आई.वी./एड्स की बीमारी पर जागरूकता कार्यक्रम



आगरा। फातिमा हॉस्पिटल, 32, एम.जी. रोड, आगरा में चल रहे एच.सी.डी.पी. प्रोग्राम के अन्तर्गत फातिमा हॉस्पिटल की सोशल वर्क प्रोजेक्ट इंचार्ज सिस्टर डेज़ी फ्रांसिस के नेतृत्व में आगरा शहर के कार्यक्षेत्र नगला विधिचन्द और हरिनगर में दिनांक 8 व 9 जून 2018 को एच.आई.वी./एड्स जैसी भयंकर बीमारी पर जागरूकता कार्यक्रम किया गया। इसमें हैल्थ कोर्डिनेटर अजय कुमार द्वारा 86 युवाओं को इस जानलेवा बीमारी के बारे में विस्तार से महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी दी गयी। इस बीमारी के लक्षणों व बचाव के बारे में समझाया, कि जानकारी और सावधानी ही इस बीमारी के बचाव हैं। युवाओं ने हमारी सभी बातों को ध्यानपूर्वक सुना और प्रश्न भी किये।

चर्च में ईद मिलन समारोह आयोजित किया गया



आगरा 18 जून। आगरा शहर में अमन और भाईचारे की अनूठी मिसाल प्रस्तुत करते हुए आगरा छावनी स्थित

सेंट पैट्रिक्स चर्च स्थित आगरा प्रांगण में कनोसा धर्मसमाज की धर्मबहनों (सिस्टर्स) द्वारा संचालित सेंट पैट्रिक्स सोशल वर्क सोसाइटी के माध्यम से स्थानीय निर्धन व निर्बल कन्याओं के लिए ईद मिलन समारोह आयोजित किया गया। समारोह की अध्यक्षता फादर मून लाजरस, मौलाना उजैर आलम एवं डॉ. सरोज प्रकाश ने की। संचालन लॉरेन्स मसीह ने किया।

इस अवसर पर सोसाइटी की अध्यक्षा सिस्टर जूली ने सभी का स्वागत कर सोसाइटी के सभी शैक्षिक व सामाजिक कार्यक्रमों की जानकारी दी। समारोह में सभी धर्मों की करीब सौ छात्र-छात्राओं ने भाग लेकर विभिन्न धार्मिक व सांस्कृतिक प्रस्तुतियां दीं। मुख्यातिथियों ने बच्चों को सम्बोधित किया। अंत में मीठी सिवइयों के साथ सबको ईद की शुभकामनाएं दी गईं।

लारेन्स मसीह, आगरा

Twenty Days of Summer Camp! What an Awesome Experience!!!



Agra, June 18, 2018- We the children of Missionaries of Charity had a very pleasant and useful 20 days' Summer Camp at Shishu Bhawan, Agra. We are extremely grateful to our dear Sister Superior Rev. Sr. Augustilina for having arranged this meaningful camp for us. More than twenty young and small children studying in various schools and hostels

participated in the camp.

Every day the camp began with the Holy Mass. The classes began with Praise and Worship. We were blessed to have important talks on the Bible, Spiritual Life and Moral Values, Catechism, Christian Living, Holy Sacraments, Prophets and Friends of God in the Old Testament.

Rev. Fr. Joby Mathew heard our Confessions and gave us spiritual advice. Fr. Rajan Dass taught us new hymns. Fr. Eugene Moon Lazarus and Fr. Francis D'Souza took classes on Spiritual Life. Sr. Deodita Bothello and Sr. Mabel taught us the proper use of Art and Craft. They showed us some motivational movies also. Mrs. Veronica Peter taught us action songs and moral values. Moses and John Rosario taught us various melodious songs. We are grateful to all our teachers who out of their busy schedules, spared some time for us. May God bless them and our dearest St. [Mother] Teresa pray for them.

On the final and concluding day of the Summer Camp, i.e. June 18th, we staged some of the best programmes (songs, skits, dance, speeches etc.,) for the audience. Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza and our dear Regional Superior, Rev. Sr. Amrit, MC, graced the occasion. His Grace, addressing the gathering said that "God should be glorified through our life", whereas Rev. Sr. Amrit said that "God had blessed us with multiple gifts and talents. We should use them in the service of others".

Ms Kripa, Shishu Bhawan, Agra

कथीडूल पल्ली में ग्रीष्मकालीन धर्मशिक्षा शिविर आयोजित किया गया

आगरा 21 मई। पिछले कई वर्षों की भांति इस वर्ष भी कथीडूल पल्ली के बच्चों के विश्वास में मजबूती लाने, पवित्र बाईबिल के प्रति ज्ञान व भक्ति बढ़ाने तथा

उनमें छिपे गुणों को संवारने के उद्देश्य से 15 से 21 मई 2018 तक एक सप्ताह का ग्रीष्मकालीन शिविर आयोजित किया गया। हमारे विभिन्न स्कूलों में पढ़ने वाले करीब सौ बच्चों ने शिविर में बढ़ चढ़कर भाग लिया।



शिविर का आयोजन पल्ली पुरोहित श्रद्धेय फादर जो थाईकाट्टिल, फादर जोसफ पिण्डीकनाइल एवं फादर प्रवीन मोरस के सफल निर्देशन में हुआ। शिविर के दौरान फादर टोनी, फादर प्रवीन डिकोस्टा विभिन्न धर्मबहनों व शिक्षिकाओं ने महत्वपूर्ण विषयों पर कक्षाएं लीं। प्रतिदिन शिविर के कार्यक्रम का केन्द्र बिन्दु था पवित्र मिस्सा बलिदान। शिविर में बेसिक प्रार्थनाएं, कलीसियाई विश्वास, भजन चिन्तन, योग, बाईबिल अध्ययन, बाईबिल प्रश्नोत्तरी, मसीही गीत संगीत, लघु नाटिकाएं एवं प्रभु येशु मसीह की जीवनी के बारे में विस्तृत रूप से समझाया गया। मई महीने की भीषण गर्मी के बावजूद भी बच्चों ने धैर्यपूर्वक इसमें भाग लिया। हमारी शिक्षिकाओं ने भी दिलोजान से हमारे बच्चों को सिखाया-पढ़ाया। फादर मोरस ने प्रतिदिन स्वल्पाहार मुहैया कराया।

कैम्प के समापन दिवस पर बच्चों ने शिविर में सीखे सभी गीत-संगीत, भाषण, कथा, लघुनाटकों की सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रस्तुतियां दीं। सभी माता-पिताओं व दर्शकों ने दांतों तले अंगुलियां दबा लीं। इस अवसर पर आयोजित समापन समारोह में बोलते हुए महाधर्माचार्य डॉ. आल्बर्ट डिसूजा ने सभी बच्चों की भूरि-भूरि प्रशंसा की तथा उनकी शिक्षिकाओं व अभिभावकों के प्रयासों की सराहना की। उन्होंने अपने सम्बोधन में कहा, कि "हमें विश्वासी जीवन

जीना चाहिए और दूसरों के लिए एक प्रेरणा स्रोत व उदाहरण बनना चाहिए। इसी में हमारे जीवन की पहचान है।”

शिविर में आर्थिक रूप से मदद करने वालों के लिए विशेष प्रार्थना की गई। ईश्वर आप सबको अपार आशीष दे।
निर्मला जॉन, कथीडूल पल्ली, आगरा

Three day's Priests' Live-in Annual Programme in Agra

Agra- June 27-29,2018- The Annual Priests' Live-in Programme was held here in Cathedral House, Agra from June 27-29,2018. The programme was well attended by a good number of priests. It began a little late, due to the death and burial of Rev. Mother Alexis FCC, in Etah.

On the second day, the seminar began with the Scripture Reading by Fr. Louis Xess and reflection by His Grace. The Archbishop gave us an Introductory Talk based on Priestly Holiness. He continued talking on our Response to the Current Concerns of the Church and of the Archdiocese.

The next Seminar was taken by the main Resource Person, Rev. Fr. Sunny Jacob, SJ. He enlightened us on the Educational apostolate- A Paradigm Shift. After lunch and siesta, His Grace briefed us on "Gaudete et Exsultate" and our personal approach.

The third and final day, June 29th, began with a very relevant talk on our Interpersonal Relationships, Joy in Fraternal Communion and Service. His Grace gave us a long talk, touching every important aspect of priestly vocation and life. To a certain extent, a lot of our questions and queries were answered.

After the morning tea break, the Inauguration and Blessing of the renovated block at St. Peter's College, Agra was held. It was followed by the

solemn Feast Day holy Mass in honour of Sts. Peter and Paul, in the historical Church of Pieta, Agra (Akbar's Church).

With a palatable vegetarian lunch, provided by St. Peter's College, the live-in programme came to an end.
Khabrinandan, Agra

St. Lawrence Minor Seminary Re-opens



Agra, July 2018 - After a month's break, our St. Lawrence of Brindisi Minor Seminary, Agra, reopened on July 1st, 2018. We are extremely grateful to His Grace to allow us to go home in the month of June this year. It was already very hot when we had the annual summer camp in May.

This year, we are 17 newcomers and 6 seniors on the roll. 4 students have gone to St. Fidelis, Aligarh, to do their Intermediate, whereas 3 are promoted to Spiritual Orientation (Masih Vidyapeeth, Etmadpur, Agra).

On July 5th, we gave a tearful farewell to our out-going Vice Rector, Rev. Fr. Rajan Dass. He was with us since his Ordination. Now we have another energetic, young priest in the person of Rev. Fr. Preas Anthony. He was ordained just two years back. He joined our Lawrencian Family on July 2nd, 2018. We sincerely thank Rev. Fr. Rajan and heartily welcome Rev. Fr. Preas Anthony.

Lawrencian Family, Agra

Archdiocese At A Glance

Nishkalanka Mata Church, Jaith Summer Camp organised



A Summer Camp of Classical Music, Dance, Bible Studies and Catechism was organized from May 14th to 19th, 2018, at Nishkalanka Mata Church, Jaith, Mathura. It was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Jacob Palamattom, the Parish Priest and was well planned and executed by Rev. Fr. Louis Xess. The daily programmes of the Camp started with the Holy Eucharist followed by meditation and Bible studies. After breakfast, the participants would be divided into three groups according to their ages. Music classes were held for an hour. These were followed by Catechism classes for the same groups. Classical dance steps were taught to the participants during the dance classes. After lunch break, a short recreation and free time was given and then the children prepared skits based on Biblical parables. There would be a short evaluation of the day before the children left for their homes. A Bible Quiz was conducted on Friday, May 18th to evaluate the Bible study classes.

On the last day, i.e. May 19th, a Cultural Evening was organized by the children who

attended the Summer Camp. The children showcased whatever they had learnt during the Camp. A great number of parishioners witnessed the programme. Everyone marveled at the talent displayed by the children. The singing of the Ragas, the amazing dance steps, the skits, the compering, the speeches and the overall discipline were all well appreciated by one and all. Rev. Fr. John B. Maria, the only priest from Jaith for Gwalior Diocese, was the Chief Guest of the evening. He spoke very highly of the children of Jaith who were making steady progress by grabbing the opportunities given to them with both hands. He wished them all the best for the future. Rev. Fr. Jacob thanked the Chief Guest and the teachers for their generosity. He said that with the help of the parishioners we can conduct more such programmes and provide opportunities to our children to grow.

The hard work of Rev. Fr. Louis and Brother Sachit is to be highly appreciated. Mrs. Gita Pahia, Ms Babita and others were also of great help in teaching dance, action songs and skits to the children

Vikram Singh, Jaith, Mathura

अलीगढ़ में ग्रीष्मकालीन शिविर सम्पन्न



पिछले 12 वर्षों से प्रत्येक वर्ष हमारे आगरा महाधर्मप्रांत में मई-जून के अवकाश में ग्रीष्मकालीन शिविर की नीव फा. ग्रेगरी ने 12 वर्ष पहले मथुरा में डाली थी। तभी से प्रत्येक वर्ष इस ग्रीष्मकालीन शिविर का आयोजन होता आ रहा है।

इसी तरह इस बार का शिविर अलीगढ़ के संत

फिदेलिस स्कूल में आयोजित किया गया। शुरूआत में 75 बच्चों ने महाधर्मप्रान्त की विभिन्न पल्लियों से इसमें भाग लिया। इस शिविर में बच्चों को संगीत, नृत्य व धर्मशिक्षा की शिक्षा दी गई। यह शिविर 20 मई से 21 जून तक चला। संगीत, नृत्य के माध्यम से बच्चे अपने लक्ष्य तक पहुँच सकें, इसी आशा से फादर ग्रेगरी प्रत्येक वर्ष इस शिविर का आयोजन कराते हैं।

संगीत के लिए फादर शाजी, रूबल सर, शीबा मैम, हर्षित सर, अनूज सर व अनूप सर ने बच्चों को शिक्षा दी। रोशन सर, बबीता मैम, तनवी मैम, लकी मैम ने बच्चों को नृत्य की शिक्षा दी। बच्चों प्रतिदिन तालीम भी दी जाती थी। प्रतिदिन बच्चों को पवित्र बाइबिल से एक वचन भी याद करने के लिए दिया जाता था, जिसकी शिविर के अंत में परीक्षा हुई।

यह शिविर बहुत ही अच्छी तरह से सम्पन्न हुआ। हमारे रहने से लेकर खाने-पीने तक बच्चों के लिए फादर जी ने किसी भी बात की कमी नहीं छोड़ी। इसलिए हम फादर जी को तहे दिल से धन्यवाद देते हैं।

कैम्प के आखिरी दिन संगीत व नृत्य की प्रयोगात्मक परीक्षा सिकंदरा, आगरा में हुई। कैम्प के अंतर्गत जो कुछ हमने सीखा था उसकी प्रस्तुति सिकंदरा के संत थोमस स्कूल में हुई। प्रस्तुति देखने के लिए बहुत सारे फादर्स, सिस्टर्स एवं हमारे महाधर्माध्यक्ष जी भी आये। उन्होंने बच्चों को आशिष दी कि वे इसी तरह संगीत व नृत्य के माध्यम से प्रभु की महिमा में जीवन बितायें।

लकी, होली रोज़री चर्च, बस्तर

संत मिखाएल चर्च, अनूपनगर में ग्रीष्मकालीन शिविर सम्पन्न

27 मई, मथुरा। संत मिखाएल चर्च, अनूपनगर (मथुरा) में 13 मई से 27 मई तक ग्रीष्मकालीन शिविर का आयोजन किया गया। शिविर का उद्घाटन मिस्सा बलिदान द्वारा किया गया। इसमें पल्ली के लगभग 80

बच्चों ने बढ़-चढ़कर भाग लिया। प्रतिदिन पल्ली पुरोहित फा. रोशन डिसिल्वा ने तालीम के माध्यम से बच्चों को ख्रीस्तीय जीवन जीने की प्रेरणा दी एवं सभी प्रार्थनाओं को, पवित्र बाइबिल से प्रेरित चरित के पाठों को विस्तार से समझाया। मिस्सा बलिदान को विशेष महत्व दिया गया और ख्रीस्तीय जीवन में परमप्रसाद के महत्व के बारे में बताया।



श्रद्धेय सिस्टर जेसलिन, दीपान्तो और सुनिता ने अपने प्रेममय स्वभाव से प्रत्येक बच्चे का मार्गदर्शन किया तथा बच्चों की प्रतिभा के अनुसार उनका उत्साह बढ़ाने में अपना पूर्ण सहयोग दिया। बच्चों के अन्दर छिपे हुनर को पहचानने हेतु शास्त्रीय संगीत, गायन तथा नृत्य सिखाया गया। इस शिविर की सफलता के लिए बहुत से लोगों का भी विशेष सहयोग रहा। संगीत-वादन और डांस का संचालन ब्रदर मैथ्यू और गाँव के युवाओं ने किया।

26 मई को गाँव में माता मरियम के आदर में जुलूस निकाला गया और पवित्र मिस्सा बलिदान चढ़ाया गया। मिस्सा के बाद बच्चों ने शास्त्रीय नृत्य एवं सामूहिक गीत, लघु नाटिकाओं की सुन्दर प्रस्तुति को पल्लीवासियों के सामने प्रस्तुत किया। गाँव के बहुत से काफी लोगो ने बच्चों का मनोबल बढ़ाने के लिए इस कार्यक्रम में भाग लिया। प्रोग्राम के दौरान फादर रोशन ने बच्चों को अपने लक्ष्य तक पहुँचने के गुण बताए और और सभी लोगों को धन्यवाद दिया।

ब्रदर मैथ्यू, अनूपनगर, मथुरा

New Wing of Missionaries of Charity's building blessed at Jamalpur, Aligarh

Aligarh, May 31, 2018- The newly constructed wing of male patients' ward run by the Missionaries of Charity was blessed and inaugurated in Aligarh. Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza, Archbishop of Agra, blessed the building. It was a long awaited and required need of the place. It can accommodate about 150 male inmates.

The Archbishop said the Inaugural Prayer and blessed the new house. During his homily the Archbishop said that "the human being is a creation of God. His external wounds are healed by medicines, etc., but the internal wounds require the human touch. It is possible only through self-sacrifice and dedicated service. That's what St. [Mother] Teresa did and taught. Now it is our religious duty to continue her mission of charity and compassion". After the holy Mass, the Architect Sri Daulat Sharma and the Contractor Sri Anthony were honoured by His Grace for their dedicated work. The Regional Superior, Rev. Sr. Amrit felicitated His Grace and thanked every one concerned.

Fr. Eugene Moon Lazarus

Children Learnt Classical Music and Dance in the XIVth Annual Summer Camp in Aligarh



Aligarh: June 21, 2018 - Like the last thirteen years, this year also a summer camp of classical music, vocal and instrumental, and dance was organized by the Archdiocese from May 20th to June 21st, 2018 at St. Fidelis' School, Tala Nagri, Aligarh. Rev. Fr. Gregory Tharayil directed the camp, where about 76 children from various parishes took part. The

camp gave us a great opportunity to learn something new. Besides music and dance, we learnt good things about our faith in God and the Sacraments, and also about the Holy Bible.

Rev. Fr. Shaji Mathew, Mr. Anoop, Mr. Anuj, Mr. Rubal, Mr. Roshan, Ms Babita, Tanvi and Lucky etc., taught us various types of classical music and dance.

We performed an entrance dance and the Rosary dance, on the occasion of the Inauguration and blessing of the new block of the home for the Aged and the Sick, of the Missionaries of Charity Sisters. Our music students conducted the choir during the Mass. During the camp, we also had a Bible Quiz, Biblical Quotation Writing competition and a wonderful retreat. To run the camp smoothly, we were divided into various small groups/committees.

On June 21st, the concluding ceremony was conducted at St. Thomas' School, Shastripuram, Agra. On that day, we had our exams as well in Agra.

To witness our closing ceremony, Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza himself was present. Along with him, there were many city Fathers and Sisters from neighbouring convents. To celebrate the closing of the summer camp, we put up some classical songs, dances etc. At the end, we had the Fusion dance. His Grace, in his talk, appreciated the hard work of Fr. Gregory and the Staff.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza, Fr. Gregory, Fr. Shaji and all our teachers for their love and concern towards us. Thank you dear Fr. Gregory! May God bless you and all others.

Pritikha Minj
St. Mary's Church, Agra



37th Life Orientation Programme, held in Kiccha, Bareilly Diocese



The Life Orientation Programme is one of the most prominent programmes of ICYM, Agra Region, being conducted annually for the last 37 years. In preparation for this programme, a three days Retreat was arranged for the animators at Anugrah Ashram, Sitarganj. This year, the Life Orientation Programme was held at St. Peter's School, Kiccha, Diocese of Bareilly, from May 18th to June 7th, 2018. 64 youth, i.e. 33 girls and 31 boys from six dioceses of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, participated in the twenty day long Life Orientation Programme.

The Inaugural function began by hoisting the Regional flag, followed by the Bible procession and cultural programme. Rev. Fr. Derrick Pinto, Chancellor of the Diocese of Bareilly, presented the Key Note Address. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr. Peter Anthony, former RYD, concelebrated by the Regional Director, Rev. Fr. Dominic George, Fr. Francis Pinto, the Youth Director of Bareilly.

After dinner, the participants introduced themselves to each other.

The following day, Fr. Melvin celebrated the Syro-Malabar Rite Holy Mass. There he explained the beauty and the unity of the

differences of the three Rites, practiced in our country. He then gave effective classes on the Seven Sacraments, explained in detail, the meaning and sacredness of the Sacraments and how to become channels of grace in our life.

The second session was on Pope Francis' Encyclical 'Rejoice and Be Glad'. Rev. Fr. Baptist explained how the love of God can be shared with one another.

Sr. Dr. Vidya, USF, conducted a session on health issues and cleared many doubts of boys and girls regarding their health and hygiene.

May 21st was a special gift to the participations of the Life Orientation Programme, as they had a day of Ashram Experience where they witnessed the faith of Khrist Bhakt which helped them to increase their own faith in Jesus. Rev. Fr. Francis Pinto conducted the 'Way of the Cross', and helped them to reflect on the suffering and death of Our Lord Jesus. They were inspired by the three Formulae for Life given by Rev. Fr. Rudolf.

On May 22nd, Mr. Jim and Rohin, who sponsored a copy of the Holy Bible to every participant, shared their life story with Jesus and the power of the Word of God working in their lives. It inspired them to learn the Bible a little more.

Fr. Dominic George, the Regional Youth Director, took a very interesting session on Youth and the Changing Socio-Political scenario. In his talk, he made them aware of the impact of the Social Media in terms of Politics and the Influence of Fake and Paid Journalism.

Sessions on Scriptures were also taken by Fr. Dominic George. He stressed on the Books

of the Prophets. He prepared a way for the youth to be the prophets to the society.

May 24th was the most awaited date for the participants to enjoy the cool weather of Nainital, all went sightseeing, enjoyed the pleasant weather and relaxed.

Mr. Vinayak Dung Dung talked on the importance of SCCs (Small Christian Communities).

The next three days were a great blessing for the LOP family. Rev. Fr. Francis Pinto, DYD, Bareilly, led us all through the Retreat, where all of us experienced the personal touch of God.

The next two days were meant for the outreach programme. The group was divided into small groups and they were sent to four villages. Later, all were still divided into small groups of two or three and sent to different families to stay with them and each had a different experience. All of them had their own story to share. They returned full of joy, like the disciples of Jesus. The participants and the animators had a totally different experience, which helped them to reflect on their lives and deepen their faith.

An expert in Neuron Linguistic Programme, Fr. Dominic George, took sessions on the same topic and helped them to anchor the best in them.

Rev. Fr. Shaji Christopher dealt with Christian Leadership, Rev. Fr. Prasad Pinto, OFM Cap, 77 years old, with a Franciscan spirit humourously dealt with two different topics i.e., "Church History and Inter-Religious Dialogue".

A former LOPian, Rev. Fr. Eugene Moon Lazarus, (Agra), visited us and encouraged us with his talk.

The session on Social Media and its impact was given by Rev. Ashok Masih, the former RYD.

Rev. Fr. Peter Anthony, the former RYD with

his spontaneous talk, inspired the youth on Vocation and Its Impact. He also helped them to experience the crucified Jesus immensely during the Taize Prayer.

Most Rev, Oswald Lewis gave input sessions which increased their vigour.

The lessons were taught not only through sessions, but also through various activities. The day began with Yoga guided by Rev. Fr. Dominic George, followed by Holy Mass. Participants were divided into five groups and duties were allotted to them like animation before the sessions, reporting of the activities, preparing for the Liturgy, cleanliness, etc.

A number of competitions were also conducted such as role plays based on the Bible and social issues, talent search, Bible Quiz, group singing etc. For some of them, it was their first experience to participate in such competitions. They also spent some moments to evaluate themselves every day and write down their transformation stories.

Every prayer session in the evenings, was an enriching one and had personal stories to share. This made our participants grow closer to God.

Having completed these twenty days, we feel that the programme was very fruitful and enriching. At the end of the programme, at least 13 young people have expressed their inner desire to following the Lord very closely, i.e. as priests and religious.

Fr. Dominic George, RYD, Agra Region

Annual Seminar and Training Programme of Regional Commission for Women, held in Jhansi

Jhansi, June 3, 2018-The Annual Seminar and Training Programme (Agra Region) was held from June 1-3, 2018 at the Pastoral Centre, St.

Jude's Shrine, Jhansi. Except Bareilly and Bijnor Dioceses, members from all the other Dioceses of Agra Region were present for this meeting. Thus, about sixty women participated in it. Rev. Fr. Dominic George of Agra Archdiocese was the main Resource Person. The theme of the programme was "The Role of the Youth and Women in the Church and Society".



In his Introductory Talk, Fr. Dominic spoke on the role of every member in the family. He highlighted the problems faced by the parents today. He gave some thought provoking questions to the members to discuss and find some solution.

The second day began with the Holy Mass. During his first talk of the day, Fr. Dominic read out a lovely message of the Holy Father Pope Francis, delivered on International Women's Day. In his message, the Holy Father said that a woman is more courageous than a man. It is a woman only who can bring about peace, prosperity and harmony in the family and in society.

On the third and final day, His Lordship, Dr. Pius D'Souza offered the Holy Eucharist. Rev. Sr. Talisha spoke on Gender Equality, promotion of women's participation in public life, rights of the Girl Child etc. Then the Chairman asked all the members to prepare separately their Action Plan, diocese-wise, and follow it seriously.

Jaipur, Ajmer, Gorakhpur, Lucknow and

Jhansi Dioceses submitted their share toward the Andaman Relief Fund. Ms Pancy Thomas proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Ms. Pancy Thomas (Secretary)

कानपुर में मिशनरीज़ ऑफ़ चैरिटी ने सेवा के पचास वर्ष पूर्ण किए

कानपुर 20 जून। कलकत्ता की संत मदर तेरेसा द्वारा मानव सेवार्थ स्थापित मिशनरीज़ ऑफ़ चैरिटी धर्मसाज की धर्मबहनों ने कानपुर शहर में अपनी निस्वार्थ सेवा के पचास (स्वर्णिम) वर्ष पूर्ण कर लिए। इस अवसर पर कानपुर छावनी में टर्नर रोड स्थित पचास वर्ष पुराने शिशु भवन में धन्यवाद का पवित्र मिस्सा बलिदान व स्वर्ण जयन्ती समारोह का आयोजन किया गया। मिस्सा बलिदान इलाहाबाद धर्मप्रांत के अति माननीय धर्माध्यक्ष श्रद्धेय डॉ. राफी मंजलि ने चढ़ाया। उनके साथ पल्ली पुरोहित फादर अपोलिन लोबो, फादर यूजिन मस्कारिहेन्स, फादर राजेश साइमन और आगरा से फादर मून लाजरस ने भी भाग लिया। इस मौके पर उत्तर प्रदेश के विभिन्न जिलों से मिशनरीज़ ऑफ़ चैरिटी धर्मसमाज की सिस्टरस व बच्चों ने भी भाग लिया। अपने संदेश में बिशप राफी ने कहा, कि "आज से दो हजार वर्ष पूर्व जब बालक येशु ने जन्म लिया, तबसे हरेक बच्चे में हम प्रभु येशु के दर्शन करते हैं। मिशनरीज़ ऑफ़ चैरिटी की सिस्टरस जन जन की करुणामय सेवा तो करती हैं, किन्तु उतना ही वक्त वे प्रतिदिन चर्च (चैपल) में व्यतीत करती हैं। प्रभु से शक्ति प्राप्त करती हैं।"

पवित्र मिस्सा बलिदान के बाद बच्चों व शिशु भवन में काम करने वाली दीदीयों द्वारा मनमोहक रंगारंग कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किए गए। रीजनल सुपीरियर सिस्टर अमृत ने बुके देकर बिशप राफी जी का स्वागत/धन्यवाद ज्ञापन किया। अलीगढ़ से सिस्टर अनीता रोज़ ने तथा आगरा से सिस्टर अगस्टालिन व सिस्टर सरोज के साथ करीब 15 बच्चों ने भी स्वर्ण जयन्ती समारोह में भाग लिया।



The Day of Pentecost, celebrated, Havelock Church, Agra 20-05-18



Regional Women Council, Jhansi



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Eid Milan in St. Patrick's Church, Agra



Annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Places/Shrines of Kerala with V. Rev. Fr. Joe Thykkattil & Fr. Charles Toppo



HIV/AIDS Camp, Fatima Hsp.



New wing blessed, M.C., Aligarh



Presbytery blessed, G. Noida

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