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# EDITOR'S MESSAGE



I am pleased to place in your hands the current issue of our Archdiocesan Bulletin – the Messenger on the feast on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the 79th Independence Day of our country.

It is with great joy and gratitude that I greet you through the pages of this edition of the Archdiocesan Messenger. We begin on a note of celebration — heartfelt congratulations to our students, parents, and teachers for the excellent results achieved this year! Your dedication, discipline, and determination have borne fruit, and we thank God for blessing your efforts. These results are not only about marks and ranks; they reflect the strength of the value-based and inclusive education that is the hallmark of our Archdiocesan Institutions.

Our schools and catechetical programmes continue to shape young hearts and minds to grow in wisdom, faith, and service. I am deeply encouraged by the many reports we have received from parishes, religious houses, and institutions. They show us that the Church in Nagpur is alive and active, reaching out to all in the spirit of the Gospel.

This year, we are also taking steady steps in strategic planning — at the Archdiocesan, Deanery and Parish levels — so that our pastoral activities, faith formation, and community service may bear even greater fruit. Our key thrust areas are vibrant with life: summer camps in our schools and parishes, youth gatherings, Bible studies, outreach to the poor, and other creative initiatives that draw us closer to Christ and to one another.

Let us move forward with full vigor and joy, knowing that the Holy Spirit continues to guide our mission. I wish all of you the very best as we keep working together to build a community of faith, hope, and love.

A special word of thanks to our devoted Editorial Team, whose cooperation, creativity, and timely efforts made it possible to bring this bulletin to you. Your service is truly appreciated.

May Mary, our Mother, intercede for us, and may the Lord bless every good work we undertake in His name.

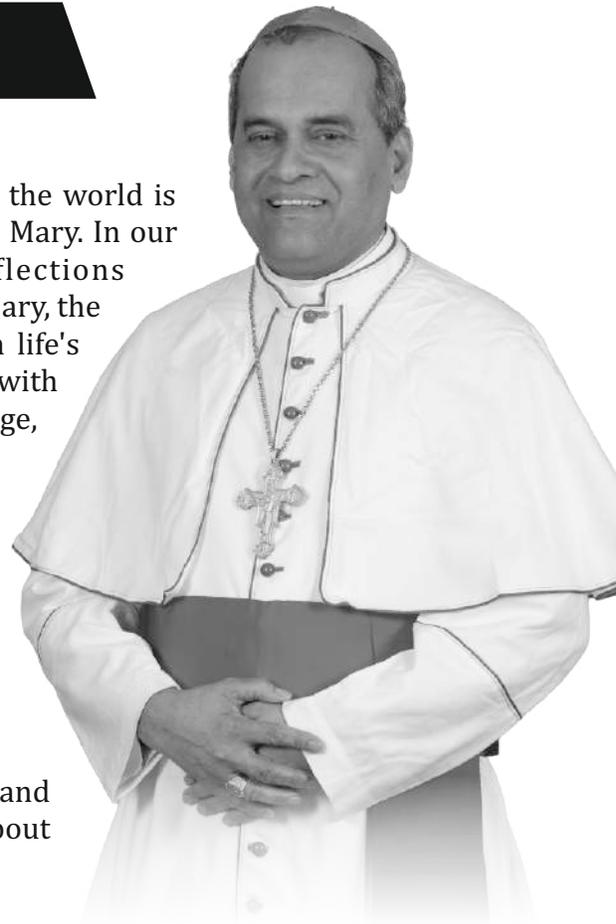
**Anthony D'Souza**  
Chief Editor, Messenger

# SHEPHERD SPEAKS

As we enter the month of September, the Catholic Church across the world is preparing for the celebration of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In our parishes, the faithful gather for novenas, prayer, and reflections contemplating Mary's life and virtues as a model for all disciples. Mary, the first and most faithful follower of Jesus, teaches us how to turn life's challenges into opportunities. Her journey of accompaniment with Christ is a constant reminder to us that discipleship requires courage, fidelity, and openness to God's will.

Our present world is also marked by profound challenges. Wars and conflicts continue to endanger peace; ecological imbalance and environmental degradation threaten human life and relationships; and education itself struggles to respond to the deeper needs of human civilization. In the face of these realities, we are called to draw inspiration from Mary's example — transforming challenges into opportunities for hope, faith, and renewal.

This issue of 'The Messenger' reflects particularly on education and leadership, exploring how faith-inspired leadership can bring about transformation in today's world.



## **1. The Mission of Catholic Education: Beyond Academics**

Catholic education is not limited to academic achievement or intellectual excellence. It is a sacred mission: to form whole persons who are intellectually competent, spiritually rooted, morally upright, and socially responsible. This requires leaders who are not just administrators, but visionaries and mentors — educators who embody the Gospel and shape society with justice and compassion.

## **2. Leadership as Service and Witness**

In the Catholic tradition, leadership is service. Jesus Himself reminds us: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant" (Matthew 20:26). Catholic leaders in education are called to be pastoral, inclusive, and Christ-centered: inspiring with integrity, accompanying their communities, and creating environments where faith is lived, justice practiced, and every child recognized as made in the image of God.

## **3. Current Challenges and Prophetic Leadership**

We live in an age of rapid technological shifts, moral relativism, economic inequality, and growing secularism. Catholic leaders must respond prophetically — with courage, discernment, and resilience. Our schools and colleges cannot remain silent observers; they must be beacons of truth and hope, offering alternatives to consumerism, individualism, and superficial success.

## **4. Leadership in Collaboration**

No leader stands alone. Effective Catholic education requires collaboration — engaging teachers, parents, students, parishes, and civil society. By sharing resources, best practices, and spiritual nourishment, our institutions strengthen one another and bear more credible witness to the Gospel.

## 5. Rooted in Christ: The Ultimate Leader

Our ultimate model is Jesus Christ — the Good Shepherd, Teacher, and Servant-King. He led with humility and love, guiding from within rather than from above. Catholic leadership must likewise be rooted in prayer, open to the Spirit, and attentive to the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and the forgotten.

Catholic education remains one of the Church's most powerful instruments of evangelization and transformation. As leaders, we are entrusted with shaping not only the future of individuals but the very fabric of society. Let us renew our commitment to lead with faith, courage, and compassion, so that every student may grow into the fullness of life that Christ promised.

I invite all Teachers, Parents, and community members to play a co-responsible and collaborative role in this mission, so that together we may transform our educational institutions into true temples of transformation for our society, our nation, and the world.

May Mary, Seat of Wisdom, and Saint Joseph, patron of educators, intercede for us as we continue this sacred mission of Catholic education and faith-filled leadership.

I extend my heartfelt wishes to all on the joyous Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also lovingly known as the Feast of Our Lady of Vailankanni. May our Blessed Mother, through her maternal intercession, bring peace, joy, and blessings upon each one of us and our families.

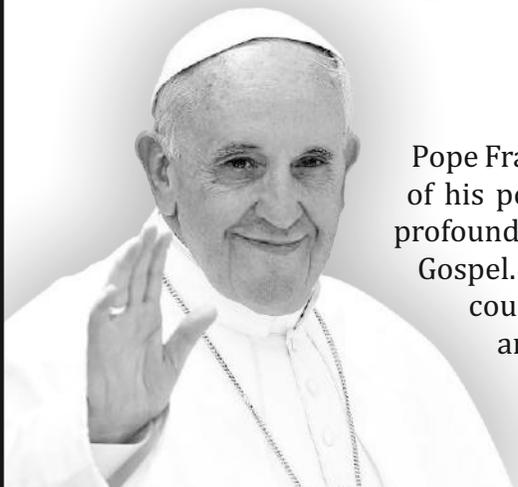
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**✠ Elias Gonsalves**  
Archbishop of Nagpur



# THE SPIRITUAL LEGACY OF POPE FRANCIS: A SHEPHERD OF MERCY AND REFORM

By: Ms. Zurica Kevin Pinto



Pope Francis, the 266th pontiff of the Catholic Church, in the 12 years of his pontificate, left an indelible mark on the world through his profound teachings, humility, and unwavering commitment to the Gospel. His papacy was defined by a call to live the values of fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in service to the poorest and most marginalized. As the first pope from the Americas and a Jesuit, his leadership brought a fresh perspective to the Church, emphasizing mercy, inclusivity, and care for creation.

## **Apostolic Constitutions: Foundations of Church Governance**

Pope Francis issued several Apostolic Constitutions that shaped the governance and mission of the Church. *Vultum Dei Quaerere* (2016) provided new guidelines for women's contemplative life, affirming the importance of prayer and community in monastic traditions. *Veritatis Gaudium* (2017) renewed the framework for ecclesiastical universities and faculties, promoting intellectual formation rooted in truth and dialogue. *Pascite Gregem Dei* (2021) revised Book VI of the Code of Canon Law, strengthening the Church's penal discipline to ensure justice and pastoral care. *Praedicate Evangelium* (2022) reformed the Roman Curia, emphasizing service, evangelization, and synodality in Church administration. *Ecclesiarum Communionem* (2023) restructured the Vicariate of Rome, reinforcing the pastoral care of the local Church. These constitutions reflect Pope Francis' commitment to a Church that is mission-oriented, just, and deeply rooted in faith.

Additionally, Pope Francis oversaw the erection of numerous new dioceses across the globe, ensuring pastoral care and ecclesial presence in regions with growing Catholic communities. One notable example is the establishment of the Diocese of Lüliang in China, which became a suffragan of the Archdiocese of Taiyuan. This reflected his commitment to strengthening the Church's presence in diverse cultural and geopolitical contexts. His efforts in creating new dioceses helped expand the Church's mission, providing local communities with greater access to spiritual guidance and sacramental life.

## **Encyclicals: A Testament to His Vision**

Pope Francis authored several groundbreaking encyclicals that addressed pressing global issues. *Lumen Fidei* (2013), his first encyclical, explored the profound gift of faith and its transformative power in illuminating human existence. *Laudato Si'* (2015) called for urgent action to combat climate change and protect the environment, framing ecological care as a moral obligation. *Fratelli Tutti* (2020) emphasized fraternity and social friendship, urging humanity to transcend divisions and build a more just and peaceful world. *Dilexit Nos* (2024) reflected on the divine and human love of the Heart of Jesus Christ, inviting the faithful to rediscover the depth of Christ's love. These documents not only resonated within the Church but also influenced global discourse on environmental and social justice.

### **Apostolic Exhortations: Guiding the Faithful**

His apostolic exhortations provided spiritual guidance and pastoral care. *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013) encouraged a renewed missionary zeal and joy in spreading the Gospel. *Amoris Laetitia* (2016) offered a compassionate approach to family life, addressing contemporary challenges with understanding and love. *Gaudete et Exsultate* (2018) emphasized the universal call to holiness in everyday life, inspiring the faithful to seek sanctity in ordinary circumstances. *Christus Vivit* (2019) was a heartfelt message to young people, urging them to embrace their faith and live with hope and courage. *Querida Amazonia* (2020) presented dreams for the Amazon region, advocating for ecological care and the rights of Indigenous peoples. *C'est la confiance* (2023) celebrated the merciful love of God, inspired by the spirituality of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. These exhortations reflected his vision of a Church that walks alongside its people.

### **Jubilees, Bulls and Declarations:**

During his papacy, Pope Francis celebrated significant jubilees that revitalized the spiritual life of the Church. These jubilees served as moments of grace, fostering unity and spiritual renewal among the faithful.

- **Milestones of Mercy**

The *Misericordiae Vultus* (2015) bull proclaimed the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, a year dedicated to forgiveness and reconciliation. This initiative underscored his belief that mercy is the essence of God's nature and the Church's mission.

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (2015-2016) was a hallmark event, inviting Catholics worldwide to experience God's boundless mercy.

- **Celebrations of Faith and Renewal**

*Spes Non Confundit* (2024), the bull of indiction for the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, centered on the theme of hope, inspired by the words of St. Paul: "Hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5). This bull invited pilgrims to experience the Holy Year as a profound encounter with Christ, the "door" of salvation, and emphasized the transformative power of hope in a world often marked by uncertainty. The Jubilee of 2025, themed "Pilgrims of Hope," reflects his enduring vision of a Church that inspires faith and hope in a fragmented world.

### **Motu Proprio: Strengthening the Church's Mission**

Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis issued several *Motu Proprio* documents—apostolic letters issued on his own initiative—to refine Church governance, deepen spiritual engagement, and address contemporary challenges. Among them, the *Statutes of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network* (2024) formalized the mission of this global initiative, which traces its roots to the Apostleship of Prayer. This network, entrusted to the Society of Jesus, fosters prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father and promotes a spirituality of compassion. Other significant *Motu Proprio* documents include *Vos Estis Lux Mundi* (2019), which established new norms for addressing sexual abuse within the Church, and *Praedicate Evangelium* (2022), which restructured the Roman Curia to emphasize evangelization and service. These apostolic letters reflect Pope Francis' commitment to a Church that is transparent, mission-driven, and deeply rooted in prayer.

### **General Audiences and Homilies: A Source of Inspiration**

Pope Francis' general audiences and homilies were a treasure trove of wisdom, offering reflections on Scripture, human dignity, and the challenges of modern life. He often spoke about the importance of hope, the dangers of consumerism, and the need for solidarity with the marginalized. His teachings were accessible and relatable, touching the hearts of millions.

### **Prayers During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Beacon of Hope**

In the face of the global COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis became a symbol of hope and resilience. His solitary Urbi et Orbi blessing in an empty St. Peter's Square was a poignant moment, as he prayed for the Universal Church and the entire world. His prayers emphasized solidarity, compassion, and trust in God during a time of unprecedented suffering and uncertainty.

### **A Pontiff on the Move: Spreading Love Across the Globe**

Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis consistently emphasized his love for the poor, the forgotten, and the marginalized. His first apostolic journey to Lampedusa in 2013 set the tone for his papacy, as he prayed for migrants who had lost their lives at sea and called for greater compassion toward refugees.

Pope Francis' travels were a testament to his desire to spread love and build bridges. From his historic visit to the Arabian Peninsula, where he signed the Document on Human Fraternity, to his pilgrimage of penance in Canada, where he apologized for the Church's role in the abuse of Indigenous peoples, his journeys were marked by acts of humility and reconciliation.

Uniquely, Pope Francis ventured into places where previous popes had never set foot, breaking barriers and reaching communities on the peripheries of society. His visit to Iraq in 2021 was a historic moment, as he became the first pope to travel to the war-torn nation, bringing a message of hope and solidarity to Christians and other religious minorities. He also visited South Sudan, Mongolia, and Myanmar—countries that had never before received a papal visit—demonstrating his deep concern for those living on the fringes of global attention.

His encounters with prisoners, the homeless, and those suffering from social exclusion reflected his belief that the Church must be present where suffering is greatest. His visits to conflict zones and marginalized communities highlighted his commitment to peace and justice. His travels were not merely diplomatic or ceremonial; they were acts of profound pastoral care, embodying his vision of a Church that walks alongside the most vulnerable.

### **Salus Populi Romani: A Devotion to Mary**

Pope Francis' deep devotion to the icon of Salus Populi Romani in the Basilica of St. Mary Major was a defining aspect of his spiritual life. This Byzantine-style image of the Virgin Mary, revered as the Protectress of the Roman People, held a special place in his heart. From the very beginning of his papacy, he made it a tradition to visit the basilica before and after each apostolic journey, entrusting his intentions to the Blessed Mother and thanking her for her maternal care. His frequent visits to this Marian shrine reflected his deep love for the Blessed Mother and his reliance on her intercession.

In his final testimony, Pope Francis expressed his heartfelt desire to be laid to rest in a simple tomb in the niche of the side nave, between the Pauline Chapel (home to the Salus Populi Romani icon) and the Sforza Chapel. True to his humble nature, he asked that his tomb be modest, without elaborate decoration, bearing only the inscription "Franciscus". It is fitting that this basilica, a place of solace and prayer for him, will be his final resting place, symbolizing his lifelong dedication to the Church and its people.



## DECREE

### On the Norms Governing Mass Offerings and Intentions

We, His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, by the grace of God and the Apostolic See, Archbishop of Nagpur and Metropolitan, together with the Suffragan Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Nagpur, namely, Most Rev. Bernard Lancy Pinto of the Diocese of Aurangabad, Most Rev. Malcolm Sequeira of the Diocese of Amravati, having assembled in Provincial Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025, and acting in accordance with the prescriptions of the Code of Canon Law, particularly *Canon 952 §1*, Mindful of our pastoral duty to provide clear and uniform norms for the entire Province, and having duly deliberated in common council, Hereby promulgate the following laws, binding on all dioceses in the ecclesiastical jurisdictions, concerning Mass offerings and the regulation of Mass intentions.

#### Article 1-Norm on Mass Offerings

1. In accordance with *Canon 952 §1*, the offering for the celebration and application of a Mass within the Province of Nagpur is fixed at ₹100.

#### Article 2-Right to Receive Mass Offerings and Prohibition of Trafficking

1. In accordance with *Canon 945 §1*, any priest who celebrates or concelebrates the Holy Mass is permitted to receive an offering to apply the Mass for a specific intention, in accord with the approved practice of the Church.
2. In conformity with *Canon 947*, any appearance of trafficking or trading in connection with Mass offerings is strictly prohibited and must be entirely excluded.

#### Article 3-Collective/Multiple or Pluri Mass Intentions

1. In accordance with the provisions of *Mos iugiter* (1991), Article 2, and *Secundum probatum* (2025), two Collective Masses shall be celebrated each week. For the sake of uniformity in our Province, these shall be prescribed as one on Wednesday and another on Saturday/Sunday. One additional Mass on Sunday as Box intention Mass is optional for the bigger parishes.
2. In parishes where more than one Mass is celebrated on week days, only one Mass on each of the designated days shall be offered as a Collective Mass.
3. The priest who celebrates the Collective Mass may retain one stipend equivalent to the rate prescribed by the Provincial Council. The remaining amount shall be submitted to the Bishop's House/ CDF Fund or Chariry fund of the Parish.
4. The Parish Priest may choose to announce all the individual intentions of the Collective Mass, to announce the total number of intentions, or to group them under general headings.
5. The faithful offering these Masses must, in advance, be explicitly informed and must freely consent to the combining of their offerings into a single Mass. Their intentions shall be satisfied by the celebration of a single Mass according to a "collective" intention



### Article 3-Box intention

by In accordance with Canon 948, which prescribes that separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions of those for whom a single offering, however small, has been given and accepted, it is hereby stipulated that one "Box Intention" Mass shall be celebrated each week for the intentions of the poor who cannot afford to pay the full stipend. Such intentions, even when accompanied a small offering, may be submitted and shall be collectively fulfilled in this Mass. For the sake of uniformity, this Mass shall be celebrated on Friday or Sunday in each parish. In parishes where more than one Mass is offered on Friday, one Mass shall be designated as the Box Intention Mass, while for the other Masses only a single intention shall be accepted.

The priest who celebrates this Mass may retain an amount equivalent to one stipend at the rate prescribed, and the remaining amount shall be remitted to the Bishop's House/ CDF Fund or charity fund of the Parish.

### Article 4- Missa pro Populo and Collective Intentions

In accordance with Canon 534 §1, the parish priest is bound to apply the Mass for the people entrusted to his care on Sundays and holy days of obligation. In particular cases, the parish priest may approach the local Ordinary, who will decide whether this obligation may be fulfilled on a weekday.

### Article 5 - Mass Intentions for the Deceased on Commemorative Days

It is further stipulated that, in the case of special commemorations for the deceased-such as the third day Mass, the seventh day Mass, the month's mind, or fortieth day, faithful are to be encouraged to give that mass in the collective mass that is already prescribed for two days a week. In exceptional case a second intention may be accepted so that the faithful are not deprived of the opportunity to have the Mass offered. These intentions, however, shall be celebrated within a single Mass. This exception is granted solely for the aforementioned occasions and for no other reason.

### Article 6 - Multiple Intentions during Novena Celebrations

During the Novena in honour of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (September 8), the Feast of Our Lady of Vailankanni, and the proper patronal feast of the Parish Church, one Mass on each day of the Novena may be offered with multiple intentions. This provision is made in view of the devotional practice of the faithful and their desire to offer Mass intentions during these celebrations.

### Given at Nagpur, this 15 day of August, on the Solemnity of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother in the Year of Our Lord 2025

By the authority of the Sacred Canons and in accordance with the Code of Canon Law and *Secundum probatum* (13 April 2025), the Archbishop of Nagpur and the Bishops of the Province promulgate these norms on Mass offerings and intentions, **effective 8 September 2025 on the feast day of the Nativity of our Blessed Mother**, for all dioceses, parishes, and institutions in the province.

✠ Elias Gonsalves  
Archbishop of Nagpur Metropolitan





Circular 11/2025

August 4, 2025

**Subject: Purchase of Land by Religious Congregations in the Archdiocese of Nagpur**

Dear Reverend Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, and Members of Religious Congregations,  
Greetings in the name of the Lord!

It has come to my attention that in some instances, Religious Congregations operating within the territory of the Archdiocese of Nagpur have proceeded with negotiations or purchases of land without prior intimation or permission from the diocesan bishop. In this regard, I wish to provide a pastoral and canonical clarification to ensure mutual respect, transparency, and communion in ecclesial operations.

According to Canon 609 §1 of the Code of Canon Law, ***“A religious house is established with the prior written consent of the diocesan bishop, by the authority competent according to the constitution.”*** Therefore, no Religious Congregation is to purchase land in the Archdiocese of Nagpur with the intention of establishing a house, convent, formation house, School, or apostolic work without first obtaining explicit written permission of the Diocesan Bishop.

It is to be understood that purchasing land with a view to forming a community (Canon 610), or undertaking apostolic activity (Canon 678 §1), necessarily implies the future erection of a religious house, which requires the prior consent of the bishop. The mere civil acquisition of property does not grant the right to initiate ecclesial activities or construct a religious residence (Cf. *Guidelines of the Archdiocese of Nagpur, Pages 174-176*).

While the Code does recognize the right of religious institutes to acquire and own property (Canon 634 §1), such rights must be exercised in harmony with the pastoral and canonical discipline of the local Church. Henceforth, all Religious Institutes functioning or intending to function within the Archdiocese are required to write formally to the Diocesan Bishop seeking permission before any land purchase. Those already in negotiation stages are requested to halt proceedings until due consultation and permission are granted.

Let us continue to walk in fraternal collaboration for the upbuilding of the Church by not duplicating or overlapping the institutional network.

With prayerful regards,  
Yours sincerely in Christ,

✠ Elias Gonsalves  
Archbishop of Nagpur





**Circular 12/2025**

**August 8, 2025**

**Subject: Spiritual Accompaniment and Personal Counselling**

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings of peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we journey through the various phases of life—full of joy, challenges, doubts, and growth—there are times when we need someone to listen with empathy, offer wise guidance, and accompany us in faith. Understanding this deep spiritual and emotional need, I am happy to introduce the Spiritual Support and Personal Counselling Ministry in our Archdiocese. This initiative is open to all—priests, religious, sisters, and lay faithful.

This program is designed to support your personal and spiritual growth. Whether you are discerning your vocation, seeking emotional or spiritual healing, or simply in need of a listening ear, we are here for you. Our aim is to help you live your commitment to Christ with greater freedom, maturity, and joy.

You may reach out to any of the following experienced and reliable individuals for counselling or spiritual accompaniment:

Rev. Fr. Agnello Fernandes, MSFS – Episcopal Vicar | Mobile: 78418 19968

Rev. Dr. Joseph Polishetty – Vicar General, Pastoral Counsellor | Mobile: 92844 56728

Rev. Dr. Thomas, MSFS – Professional Counsellor | Mobile: 94463 30048

Rev. Sr. Elizabeth Beena, CSAC – Psychotherapist | Mobile: 99954 57127

Rev. Sr. Seema Alex, SJB – Personal Counsellor | Mobile: 97669 33051

Venue: By appointment at the Archbishop's House, Kamptee Road, Mohan Nagar, Nagpur.

Mode: Both online and in-person sessions are available

This ministry is offered in a spirit of confidentiality and care, with a deep commitment to your well-being. I hope and pray that through these conversations; you will experience the peace of Christ and find renewed strength for your journey.

With blessings and prayers,

Yours in Christ,

✠ Elias Gonsalves  
Archbishop of Nagpur



# MASS INTENTIONS IN THE CANONICAL TRADITION

The practice of offering stipends for the celebration of Masses has a long history in the Church, safeguarded by canonical norms to preserve its dignity and pastoral integrity.

## General Principles

According to Canon 945 §1, priests are permitted to receive offerings to apply the Mass for specific intentions. At the same time, Canon 947 insists that any appearance of trafficking or commerce must be strictly avoided. Normally, as Canon 948 prescribes, each offering is to be applied to a separate Mass.

## Mos Iugiter (1991)

This document was the first to introduce an exception to the general principle of “one Mass – one offering.” Mos Iugiter (issued by then Congregation for the Clergy on 22 February 1991) permitted the celebration of Masses with “collective intentions.” Such celebrations are allowed only when the faithful making the offerings are clearly informed and freely consent. Moreover, a collective intention Mass may not be celebrated more than twice a week, and the time and place must be publicly announced. Since it is an exception to the general rule, it must always be applied and interpreted in a strict sense.

## Secundum Probatus (2025)

On 13 April 2025, the Dicastery for the Clergy issued *Secundum Probatus* (Forma Specifica), which came into effect on 20 April 2025. Taking its title from the words of Canon 945 “*secundum probatum Ecclesiae morem*”, the document reaffirms the legitimacy of stipends while emphasizing pastoral clarity, transparency, and the spiritual good of the faithful.

It highlights that the Mass is one act of worship and must not be fragmented or commercialized. Pluri-intentional Masses may be permitted, provided dignity, fruitfulness, and transparency are safeguarded. Excess stipends should be directed towards mission territories or ecclesial purposes, never for personal use.

## Practical Guidelines

Parish priests and rectors must keep clear records (Can. 958), ensure the faithful understand collective Masses, and avoid scandal. Bishops should issue annual instructions (Can. 955 §2) and regulate practices. Faithful should understand that offerings are gifts of love, not payments, and that the Mass is primarily sacrifice, not transaction.

## Future Perspective

Until regional bishops' councils issue specific decrees, Mos Iugiter remains normative (Art. 6). A review of *Secundum Probatus* is scheduled for 2035, ensuring continued reflection on this delicate area of pastoral life. At its heart, the Church reminds us: “The spiritual good of the faithful must never be compromised for material gain or convenience.”



**Fr. Ranjith Rodrigues**

## **GONDIA-BALAGHAT DEANERY MEETING AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, BALAGHAT**

The Gondia-Balaghat Deanery Meeting was held on 26th June 2025 at St. Mary's School, Balaghat, bringing together all the Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters serving in the Deanery. The gathering was marked by enthusiastic participation, fraternal spirit, and shared commitment to the mission of the Church. On this occasion, the newly appointed Dean, Rev. Fr. Jeyaprakash, was warmly welcomed by all the members. Words of appreciation and prayers were offered for his leadership as he begins this new pastoral responsibility. The meeting provided a fruitful opportunity for discussion, collaboration, and planning for the spiritual and pastoral growth of the Deanery.



## **PARISH FEAST OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BHANDARA**

The Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul was celebrated with great joy and devotion on Sunday, 29th June 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Church, Bhandara.

The Holy Eucharist was presided over by His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur. In his homily, the archbishop invoked the intercession of St. Peter and exhorted the faithful to remain steadfast in their faith, drawing inspiration from the Apostle's unwavering commitment despite human frailty.



A highlight of the celebration was the conferral of blessings through the Jubilee Cross by the Archbishop himself—a rare and spiritually enriching moment that will remain etched in the hearts of the parishioners for years to come.

# PROFESSION OF FAITH AND OATH OF OFFICE BY NEWLY APPOINTED ARCHDIOCESAN CURIA MEMBERS

On Monday, June 23, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., the newly appointed members of the Archdiocesan Curia solemnly made their Profession of Faith and took the Oath of Office in a prayerful ceremony held at the Archbishop's Chapel, Nagpur. Rev. Dr. Joseph Polishetty officially assumed office as the Vicar General of the Archdiocese. Rev. Fr. Ranjith Rodrigues took charge as the Chancellor, Associate Judicial Vicar, and Secretary to the Archbishop. Rev. Fr. Cyprian Creado, OP assumed responsibilities as the Judicial Vicar. The ceremony was presided over by His Grace, Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur. Also present on the occasion were Rev. Fr. Agnelo MSFS, Episcopal Vicar for Religious, and Rev. Fr. Dominic Simon, Financial Administrator of the Archdiocese.



## DEANERY MEETINGS



**Betul Deanery Meeting**



**Bhandara Deanery Meeting**



**Chindwara - Seoni Deanery Meeting**

## PARISH FEAST AT JAWAHARNAGAR

The feast of St. Thomas the Apostle was solemnly celebrated at St. Thomas Church, Sawari Jawaharnagar, Bhandara. Faithful from across the deanery gathered in large numbers to participate in the celebration.

Marking the occasion, the Jubilee Cross was ceremoniously brought from St. Peter's Parish, Bhandara, and handed over to St. Thomas Church, Jawaharnagar, adding spiritual significance to the event. The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by the Vicar General, Rev. Fr. Joseph Polishetti. In his inspiring homily, he reflected on the journey of St. Thomas—from a doubter to a fervent believer—who, upon encountering the Risen Lord, proclaimed, “My Lord and my God.” He emphasized St. Thomas' courageous missionary zeal, reminding the faithful that the Apostle risked his life to preach the Gospel and ultimately embraced martyrdom in India.



Rev. Fr. Simon Fernandes, the Parish Priest, expressed his gratitude to all who came from far and near to be part of the celebration. The joyous occasion concluded with an agape meal shared in fellowship.

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## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE GARDEN CELEBRATED BY THE GIANELL SISTERS AT KAMPTEE

The Gianell Sisters at Kamptee joyfully celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Garden, the Patroness of their Congregation, with deep devotion and thanksgiving. The celebration was a heartfelt expression of gratitude to the Lord Almighty for His manifold blessings poured upon them through the loving intercession of Our Blessed Mother. The Solemn Holy Mass was celebrated on 5th July 2025 by His Grace, Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, who encouraged the sisters to remain steadfast in their mission of love and service, inspired by the virtues of Mary. The celebration was graced by the presence of Rev. Fr. Linto Peter, Dean of Kamptee Deanery, along with several priests, religious, and members of the local faithful, adding to the spiritual richness and communal joy of the occasion. The Gianell Sisters expressed their sincere thanks to all who joined them in prayer and fellowship on this blessed day.



# KAMPTEE DEANERY CATECHISM TEACHERS SEMINAR - 2025

The Deanery-level Catechist's Seminar held at St. Vincent Pallotti School, Ranala, Kamptee, on July 20th, 2025, was a resounding success, bringing together catechists from Kamptee and Betul deaneries for a day of spiritual growth, learning, and community building. Twenty-nine catechists from six parishes and one school gathered for the seminar.

Fr. Linto Peter, dean of Kamptee Deanery, expertly facilitated the meeting. Sr. Anila, CSAC, CLC Co-ordinator of Kamptee Deanery, warmly welcomed the guests and participants. Rev. Sr. Archana, OLG, led the opening prayer, invoking divine guidance and blessings for the gathering.

Rev. Dr. Fr. Vivian Lobo, the director of CLC, engaged in a presentation that sparked meaningful discussions and reflections. The presentation on "Cultivating the Orchard of Faith" was a highlight of the meeting. Also, the seminar included impactful video clips, thought-provoking questions, and interactive discussions, allowing participants to share their thoughts, insights, and experiences.

Fr. Linto expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Dr. Fr. Vivian, resource person of the day, to the parish priests of various parishes and the participants. An appreciation certificate is distributed to experienced Catechists who have served for 2 or more years, recognising their commitment, service, and passion for catechesis.

The meeting concluded with a memorable photo session and delicious lunch, fostering a sense of community and camaraderie among the catechists. The gathering was a testament to the dedication, passion, and commitment of the catechists in their ministry.



# KAMPTEE DEANERY PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS GATHERING

The first gathering of the Kamptee Deanery for the pastoral year 2025–2026 was held on Sunday, 6th July 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Convent, Kamptee. The event witnessed the participation of 40 priests and religious from various parishes and communities across the deanery. The gathering commenced with an opening prayer led by Sr. Swati SSH and her community, followed by a meaningful spiritual reflection delivered by Rev. Sr. Lucy, Provincial Superior of the Pallottine Sisters. Speaking on the theme "Hope and Missionary Life," Sr. Lucy emphasized that hope remains the firm anchor of every missionary vocation.

This was followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Adoration was conducted by Sr. Promila Gurria CSJ, and concluded with Benediction by Fr. Mukesh Lakra. All participants availed themselves of the grace of forgiveness during the sacred hour. After a group photograph and refreshments, Fr. Linto Peter, Dean of Kamptee Deanery, expressed heartfelt appreciation to Fr. Glen Mascarenhas, the outgoing dean, for his dedicated leadership and commitment to the deanery.

The following members were elected to key deanery responsibilities for the term ahead:

**Deanery Secretary:** Sr. Ritika Michael CSJ

**Deanery Treasurer:** Sr. Archana OLG

**BEC Coordinator:** Fr. Liju Anthony

**CLC Coordinator:** Sr. Anila CSAC

**Women Coordinator:** Sr. Nirmala Michael CSJ

**Youth Coordinator:** Fr. Jomise Joy

**Parish Council Representative:**

Sr. Shimla CSAC

The gathering also included greetings and good wishes for members celebrating birthdays and feast days between July and October. A formal vote of thanks was proposed by Fr. Linto, acknowledging the contributions of all participants and those who took up responsibilities to ensure the smooth conduct of the gathering.



## **INAUGURAL MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT ST. CHARLES SEMINARY, NAGPUR**

The Inaugural Mass of the Holy Spirit was celebrated on June 28, 2025 at St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur, marking the official commencement of the new formation year. The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by His Grace, Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, invoking the guidance and blessings of the Holy Spirit upon the seminarians, formators, and the entire



seminary community. In his homily, the Archbishop encouraged the seminarians to be attentive to the promptings of the Spirit and to deepen their commitment to Christ through prayer, discipline, and joyful service. Fr. Joy Mathew and Fr. Roger Godinho, newly appointed staff members, made their Profession of Faith, affirming their dedication to the seminary's mission and the teachings of the Church. Rev. Fr. Aquin Noronha, Rector of the Seminary, expressed words of gratitude to the Archbishop and welcomed all to the new academic and spiritual journey ahead. The celebration concluded with a spirit of unity, joy, and renewed zeal for formation in the service of the Lord.

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## **OFFICIAL INAUGURATION OF THE PLATINUM JUBILEE OF THE PALLOTTINES IN NAGPUR**

On 31st May 2025, The Pallottine family in Nagpur joyfully marked a historic milestone with the official inauguration of its Platinum Jubilee, celebrating 75 years of dedicated service and mission. The solemn and grace-filled event took place in the esteemed presence of His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, and Rev. Fr. Joy Palachuvattil, Provincial Superior of the Prabhu Prakash Province.

The highlight of the occasion was the ceremonial unveiling of the Jubilee Logo, symbolizing the rich spiritual legacy and apostolic commitment of the Pallottines in the region. This symbolic act officially launched the year-long Jubilee celebrations.

Archbishop Elias, in his address, commended the Pallottines for their tireless missionary zeal and faithful witness to the Gospel over the past seven and a half decades. Rev. Fr. Joy, the Provincial Superior, reflected on the journey of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (SAC) in Central India and expressed his gratitude to all the collaborators.



## INAUGURATION OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2025–2026

The inauguration of the new academic year 2025–2026 for the Archdiocesan Minor Seminary was held on 1st July, 2025 at the Montfort Brothers' House, Patansawangi. The celebration began with a solemn Votive Mass to the Holy Spirit at 6:00 PM, presided over by Archbishop Elias Gonsalves. Fr. Linto Peter, the Rector of the seminary, warmly welcomed the Archbishop with a symbolic gesture of gifting a plant. During his homily, the Archbishop emphasized the importance of staying deeply connected to Jesus, reminding the seminarians that Christ is our true formator, who shapes our hearts according to His own. Following the Mass, the Archbishop personally welcomed the newly admitted seminarians. Each of the new brothers introduced himself, marking the beginning of their formation journey. Towards the end of the celebration, as a sign of entrusting the brothers to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Archbishop blessed rosaries and gave one to each seminarian. Fr. Linto Peter expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Archbishop for his presence, love, and constant support. He also extended his thanks to all those who graced the occasion and to everyone who contributed to making the celebration a memorable one. He also officially welcomed Fr. Mukesh, the new Vice-Rector of the Minor Seminary. Among those present were Rev. Fr. Ranjit Rodrigues, the Chancellor of the Archdiocese, and Rev. Bro. Lawrance SG, superior of Montfort House.



## TWO-DAY TEAM-BUILDING SESSION FOR MINOR SEMINARIANS

A two-day intensive team-building session was organized for the minor seminarians by the Archdiocesan Youth Movement Team on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2025. The programme aimed at fostering unity, collaboration, and interpersonal growth among the seminarians. The event was officially inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Augustine DaSilva, the Youth Director of the Archdiocese. Fr. Mukesh, the Vice-Rector of the Minor Seminary, extended a

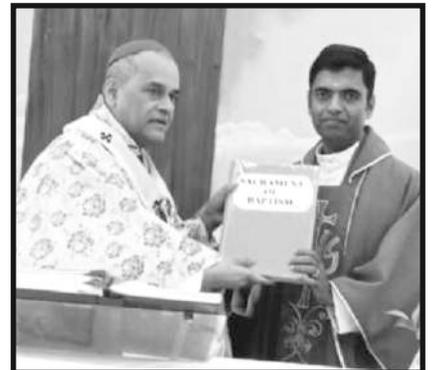


warm welcome to Fr. Augustine and the entire youth team. Mr. Vivian Wasnik, the President of ICYM, and Sr. Angel MSMHC, the youth animator, whose presence added encouragement and joy to the gathering. The two-day session included a variety of enriching activities such as motivational classes, group discussions, and interactive games, all designed to promote team spirit, leadership, and personal development among the participants. On the concluding day, Rev. Fr. Linto Peter, the Rector of the Minor Seminary, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Archdiocesan Youth Team for their dedication and generous efforts in animating the seminarians. He also wished them success and blessings in all their future ministries. The session proved to be a fruitful and memorable experience for all the participants, leaving them more united and energised in their formation journey.

## **INDUCTION OF FR. PHILP TOPNO AS THE PARISH PRIEST OF MARTIN NAGAR**



## **INDUCTION OF FR. PRASHANT AS THE PARISH PRIEST OF MANKAPUR**



## **INDUCTION OF FR. ROBERT AS THE PARISH PRIEST OF AJNI**



## **INDUCTION OF FR. SAMEER AS THE PARISH PRIEST OF SITA BULDI**



## **INDUCTION OF FR. YESU RAJ AS THE PARISH PRIEST OF UNTKHANA**



## **INDUCTION OF FR. SAIJU JACON AS THE PARISH PRIEST OF GONDIA**



## **FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART AND INDUCTION OF PARISH PRIEST AT SILEWARA**

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was solemnly celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish, Silewara on 27th June 2025, in a deeply spiritual and festive atmosphere. The celebration was made more significant with the Rite of Induction of the new Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Jomise Joy, who officially assumed pastoral responsibility of the parish community. The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by His Grace, Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, who also administered the Rite of Induction. In his homily, the Archbishop reflected on the love and mercy flowing from the Sacred Heart of Jesus and called on the faithful to live out that love in service and faithfulness. The Archbishop also joined in celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart Sisters, who were present in large numbers and added joy to the occasion through their active participation.

The celebration concluded with words of gratitude from Fr. Jomise Joy, followed by a fellowship meal shared by all present. It was truly a day of grace, unity, and joyful renewal for the parish and the religious community.



## **FINAL PROFESSION OF VOWS – SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CHAMBÉRY**

June 15, 2025 marked a day of profound joy and thanksgiving for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry, Nagpur Province, as the congregation celebrated the Final Profession of Vows of three of their dear members — Sr. Sweta Tirkey, Sr. Deann Dsouza, and Sr. Alina Lakra.

The celebration fittingly took place on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, a day that reflects the mystery of divine love and communion — the very essence of consecrated life. The Eucharistic celebration was graced by the presence of Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, who presided over the solemn liturgy. Joining the joyous occasion were Sr. Monica Augustine, Provincial Superior, along with the Provincial Councilors, the parents and relatives of the sisters, members of the clergy, and numerous religious and faithful who came together in prayer and support.

In a spirit of deep commitment, the three sisters professed their perpetual vows, offering their lives completely to God in the service of His people. We give thanks to God for the sacred gift of their “yes” and entrust them to the loving care of the Lord. May they be continually strengthened with grace, guided by the Holy Spirit, and filled with apostolic zeal as they carry forward the mission of Christ in the footsteps of St. Joseph and the legacy of our Congregation.



# ST. CHARLES SEMINARY WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

St. Charles Seminary is blessed to welcome 23 new students for Theology and 35 new students for Philosophy this academic year. They were officially welcomed into the seminary community on Freshers' Day, held on July 12, 2025. The Rector Fr. Aquin Noronha, OP., along with the staff, extended a warm greeting and introduced them to the life and mission of the seminary.



## WELCOMING NEW SISTERS

St. Charles Seminary was privileged to welcome five sisters belonging to the Congregation of the Ursuline sisters of Tildonk (OSU), Ambikapur Province, who joined the institution to render their service on 1st June 2025. Sr. Saroj Lakra serves as the Superior and Librarian, Sr. Agatha Minj as the Nurse, and Sr. Muktilatha Tigga is in charge of Nutrition. Srs. Niranjna Kujur and Ankita Kindo have joined as students of Philosophy and college. We warmly welcome them to our community and wish them all the very best in their mission and formation.



# A SACRED RENEWAL: THE BLESSING OF OUR RENOVATED CHAPEL, AT MOUNT CARMEL DHANTOLI

The Blessing of our Renovated Chapel took place on June 17th 2025 at 11 am marking a deeply Spiritual and Joyous moment in the life of our community. The ceremony was graced by His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves Archbishop of Nagpur who officiated as the main celebrant. His meaningful words and prayerful presence added great depth to the occasion.

The rite of the blessing began with cutting of the ribbon, followed by the procession and sprinkling of Holy water and a meaningful Eucharistic celebration, which included an introduction and the prayers of the faithful. In the introduction it was said that, the Beauty of this renewed Chapel invites us into deeper worship, drawing our eyes upward and our hearts inward. Its refreshed walls and restored Altar, stand as silent witnesses to the prayers of generations past and faith of all, who will gather here, in the years to come. Every detail crafted with care, reminds us that honouring God's house, we also honour the presence of God among us.

Let the Chapel be a haven of silence in a noisy world a refuge of stillness where people can rest and renew their strength. May the word proclaimed here take root in every heart and may the Sacraments celebrated here nourish and sustain us. As we step into the sacred space, may we be ever mindful that we stand on the Holy ground, where heaven touches earth and God meets His people.

In his homily the archbishop highlighted the Sacredness of the place as a dwelling of God's presence and encouraged all gathered to draw closer to Christ through prayer and silence in the Holy Sanctuary.

The renovation of the Chapel undertaken by the superior Sr. Maria A.C with care and dedication has brought new life to our spiritual home. The Altar, Sanctuary, lighting and furnishing now reflect the reverence and beauty that befits the house of God. The presence of our Provincial Superior Sr. Maria Christi, the Fathers, Sisters, workers and friends added joy to the celebration. We raise our hearts in gratitude to the Lord and all who contributed towards making this Sacred space a true haven of prayer, Contemplation and peace. After the Eucharistic Celebration the guests were invited to join in the fellowship meal.



# CASSOCK DAY CELEBRATION AT ST. CHARLES SEMINARY

As part of the festal celebrations of St. John Mary Vianney, Cassock Day was solemnly celebrated on 4th August 2025 at St. Charles Seminary. On this significant occasion, thirteen candidates received the cassock, a visible sign of their commitment to the priestly path.

The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur. In his homily, the archbishop highlighted the spiritual significance and contemporary relevance of the cassock. He emphasized that, in tradition, the cassock is a sign of poverty, and in particular, the white cassock symbolizes purity. He reminded the candidates that this sacred garment signifies being set apart from the world to serve as mediators between God and humanity.

Following the Eucharistic celebration, a group photo was taken with the archbishop and all the cassock recipients. The event concluded with a felicitation ceremony, which included cutting of the cake and a felicitation song, marking the joyful and grace-filled occasion.



## Final Profession of the Good Shepherd Sisters

The Final Profession of the Good Shepherd Sisters took place this morning at Anukampa Nivas, Good Shepherd Provincialate, Nagpur. Sr. Neeraja, Sr. Sandhya, and Sr. Swathi made their perpetual vows in the presence of Rev. Sr. Pushpa Louis, Provincial Superior, and her Councilors.

The solemn Eucharistic celebration was graced by a large gathering of priests, religious sisters, and family members, who joined in prayer and thanksgiving. His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, in his homily highlighted the meaning of the evangelical counsels, stressing that:

Chastity is love without possession.

Poverty is love without attachment.

Obedience is love without self-will.

The celebration concluded with a short felicitation programme followed by a sumptuous fellowship meal.



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## A.B.E EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Archdiocesan Board of Education held its executive meeting to deliberate on future plans for the Archdiocesan schools. Rev. Fr. Jeyaprakash, Secretary of ABE, presented the agenda and facilitated the discussions. His Grace, the Archbishop, addressed the members, emphasizing the importance of preparing meaningfully for the upcoming Jubilee Year. A general body meeting has been scheduled for August 9, 2025, at St. Vincent Pallotti School, Besa. Fr. Joseph Koovely extended a warm invitation to all member schools to participate in the gathering. The meeting concluded with a prayer led by His Grace.



## ST. PETER'S SCHOOL, BELA, BHANDARA

The new academic session commenced with a lively and grand welcoming ceremony, meticulously organized by teachers and senior students. The session began with great enthusiasm and energy from all participants. Month of May was characterized by various activities, including in-house training sessions where our talented and diligent staff eagerly shared their skills and expertise to empower their colleagues. All participants demonstrated enthusiastic engagement.

We promoted a summer camp within the school, offering students an opportunity for both holiday enjoyment and skill development. Activities such as singing, guitar, keyboard, dance and cricket were provided, and both student panels and individual students wholeheartedly embraced this initiative, cooperating exceptionally well. The school achieved further glory with a third-place finish in an international dance competition held in Darjeeling.

Our school Yoga celebration was a special event that promoted mindfulness, wellness and self awareness among students and staff. This event showcased the benefits of yoga in improving physical, mental and emotional health. We conducted special yoga activities on International Day of Yoga.

Student participation was effectively organized, and the core group of students was impressed when they utilized digital tools for voting to elect their leaders. The declamation competition showcased impressive speaking skills. News reading and creative writing competitions further aided in enhancing their abilities. A debate was organised for students in higher classes with the objective of improving their public speaking powers and broadening their cognitive horizons to enhance their personality.





## GRATITUDE AND TRANSITION AT JEEVODAYA SPECIAL SCHOOL

On 30th June 2025, a Thanksgiving Mass was solemnly celebrated at Jeevodaya Special School by His Grace, Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, marking the retirement of Sr. Tesily ASMI and the assumption of office by the new Principal, Sr. Joice ASMI. Following the Eucharistic celebration, a felicitation ceremony was held in honour of Sr. Tesily ASMI for her dedicated and loving service as Principal. Tributes were offered for her tireless efforts, compassionate leadership, and the invaluable contribution she made to the lives of the special children under her care. The ceremony was graced by the presence of the Provincial Superior of the ASMI Congregation, along with priests, religious, staff, students, and well-wishers. A warm welcome was extended to Sr. Joice ASMI as she takes up the new responsibility as Principal. Prayers and best wishes were offered for her as she begins this new chapter in service to the children and the mission of the Church.



## BLESSING OF THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED FOUNDATIONAL STAGE BUILDING AT RANALA

On 15th June 2025, a significant milestone was marked at Ranala with the blessing of the newly constructed Foundational Stage Building. The solemn blessing ceremony was presided over by His Grace, Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur.

The ribbon-cutting was gracefully carried out by Rev. Sr. Lucy Thomas, the Provincial Superior of the Pallottine Sisters, in the presence of priests, religious, staff, benefactors, students, and local faithful. The ceremony began with a prayer service invoking God's blessings upon the new building and the mission it upholds—to nurture and educate young children in their foundational years. In his message, Archbishop Elias Gonsalves highlighted the importance of providing a strong value-based beginning to education, and appreciated the efforts of all involved in realizing this vision.

Sr. Lucy Thomas expressed her joy and gratitude for being part of this meaningful event and acknowledged the collaborative spirit that made the project possible. The event concluded with a cultural programme by the teachers and a vote of thanks by the school management. The new building stands as a testimony to the commitment of the Pallottine Sisters to quality education and child development in the region.





# S.F.S. HIGH SCHOOL AND JUNIOR COLLEGE

On **Good Friday**, 18th April 2025, the Catholic students prayerfully enacted the Stations of the Cross. The event was held with deep reverence, offering a meaningful reflection on the Passion of Christ.



A **Football Summer Camp** for students was organized from 15th April to 13th May 2025. The camp conducted under the guidance of Sir Michael and Sir Arvin, offered students a chance to enhance their skills and foster teamwork in a supportive and energetic environment.



**Maharashtra Day** was celebrated with great enthusiasm at S.F.S. High School on 1st May 2025. The event was organized under the guidance of In-Charge Tr. Manisha, bringing together staff to honour the rich heritage and culture of Maharashtra.



**S.F.S. School was declared "The Best School"** in the Sustainable Development Goals category at the 10th National Educators Summit on 10th May 2025 held at Kristu Jayanti College, Bangalore.



**Welcoming of the students** - The new academic session 2025–26 commenced on 23rd June 2025 with a warm welcome by the management and teachers. Students were greeted with enthusiasm, setting a positive tone for a year of learning and growth.



**A teacher training** session on Edisapp was conducted on 27th June 2025 at 11:30 am in the Study Hall. The session aimed to familiarize teachers with the features of the platform.



**Inaugural Assembly** - The inaugural assembly for the new academic session was conducted on 26th June 2025 by Class VII D. The assembly was coordinated under the guidance of their class teacher, Tr. Sushmita.



**A Transport Committee meeting** was held on 26th June 2025 at 11:30 am, led by Fr. Prashant. Teachers and autowalas attended the meeting to discuss transport arrangements and safety measures.



**Welcome Assembly** - On 2nd July 2025, subject teachers organised a brief welcome assembly for students. It included a prayer, dance, and introductions, creating a warm start to the new academic year.



**The First Friday Mass** was held on 4th July 2025, organised by Class 9 under the guidance of Sr. Shyny Joseph. It was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Anthony D'Souza and Rev. Fr. Prashant creating a prayerful start to the month.



**Inter-house Football Matches** - Inter-house football matches for Red, Blue, and Green Houses began on 7th July 2025 for boys and girls, under the guidance of Michael Sir and Arvin Sir, encouraging sportsmanship and teamwork.



**An English Language Lab training** session was conducted on 20th July 2025 for English teachers of Standards 5 to 8. The session began at 12:30 p.m., focusing on effective use of lab resources and interactive teaching methods. Teachers attended well-prepared, making it an engaging and productive session.



**The Investiture Ceremony** was held on 11th July 2025 under the guidance of Michael Sir and Sir Arvin. Captains of Red, Blue, and Green Houses received their badges. Pranay Sir was the MC. Fr. Prashant addressed the captains with a short message, encouraging them to lead with sincerity and unity.

**Felicitation–Ceremony** St. Francis de Sales School (S.F.S.) held its Annual Academic Felicitation Ceremony for 2024–25 on July 12, 2025, in the school auditorium.

Seventeen top achievers from HSSC and SSC were honoured with trophies, medals, and certificates. Vivek Dilip Ukey topped HSSC with 82%, while Jatin Nitin Ugreja led SSC with 94.60%.

**Special cash prizes were awarded:**

Mr. Pradeep Kumar Basu Prize to Vivek Ukey for highest marks in Physics.

Dr. Praful Sutaria Prizes to subject toppers of Std. XII.

Rolling trophies for excellence in English, Hindi, and Mathematics.

The S.F.S. Old Students Association also felicitated the toppers. The event was graced by Principal Rev. Fr. Prashant, Vice Principal Rev. Sr. Shyne, and Supervisor Tr. Dolores Francis.

Organised by Felicitation committee, Class 8A and teacher Tr. Maria Francis, the ceremony concluded with refreshments and the National Anthem.



**A Cancer Awareness Programme** was held on 16th July 2025 by Mr. Pawan Kumar from Cancer Control Mission, Mumbai. Students gained valuable insights on prevention, early detection, and healthy lifestyle habits.



**A Parent-Teacher Meeting** was organised on 19th July 2025 for Classes 5 to 12. Parents and teachers discussed students' progress and shared suggestions to support better learning and growth.



**A career counselling session** was organised on 17th July 2025 for Class 12 students by Wings to Fly Academy. The session focused on opportunities in the aviation industry, guiding students about courses and career paths.



**The Subroto Football** - The SFS U-15 Boys team emerged champions in the Subroto Football Tournament, living up to their motto Dare to be Wise. The victory showcased their skill, teamwork, and determination

**Eco Club Launch and Tree Plantation Drive** - Our school has proudly registered its Eco Club, Mission LiFe. To celebrate, a Tree Plantation Drive was organised with students and their mothers actively planting trees. This initiative reflects our commitment to sustainability and protecting Mother Earth.





# ST. ANN'S ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL, KHAPERKHEDA, NAGPUR

The new Academic Session commenced with great joy and happiness, marking the returns of staff and students, after the summer break. The beginning of this term has already brought forth its significance, with series of activities, aimed at ensuring the empowerment of students with the holistic approach, inculcating in them virtues and values. The school Management had organized diverse programmes to bring back the dynamism of the students at the launch of the new term

## Highlights:

- Plantation Drive & Environmental day celebration
- International Yoga day
- Election of School Cabinet & investiture ceremony
- Celebration of St. Ann's Feast

**Planation drive:** in order to raise environmental awareness, in students, planation drive was organized and the students were motivated to create a green environment around them.

## Leadership is Service - Investiture ceremony

To empower them as leaders and to inspire others through their leadership role the investiture ceremony was officiated by Fr. Pravin Monterio in the presence of staff, students and Parents

## International Yoga day

In order to promote Physical and Mental Well-Being- International yoga day was organised to ensure the holistic practice that nurtures the body, calms the mind, and uplifts the spirit.

## Celebration of St. Ann's Feast:

St. Ann's Feast - the Patroness of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Ann was celebrated on 25th & 26th July and was solemnized by Rev. Fr. Acquin Noronha OP and the blessings and prayers of other Priests and Religious of the Diocese.





# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, GODHANI, NAGPUR

St. Joseph School, Godhani, Nagpur, recently hosted a series of events that promoted leadership, responsibility, and collaboration among its students, parents, and teachers. The academic year began on a high note with our Class X students achieving a remarkable 100% pass percentage in their board exams, a testament to their hard work and dedication. Notably, many students excelled with distinction, scoring above 90% and 80%. Specifically, students scored above 90%, seven showcasing exceptional academic performance, while ten students scored above 80%, demonstrating a strong overall achievement. The school then warmly welcomed new staff members, including Sister Jessy, our new Manager, and Sister Sunita, our Vice Principal, as well as our new office manager, Sister Roshani. A seminar was organized for the staff on stress management and POCSO, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to support our students' well-being.

The school also organized a Parents Orientation program, which was followed by a Yoga Day celebration in collaboration with teachers, parents, and students, adhering to CBSE guidelines. This event emphasized the importance of physical and mental well-being. As part of our efforts to shape responsible citizens, the school collaborated with the local police force for "Operation Thunder," educating students about the dangers of drug addiction and mobile phone overuse. A unique celebration of fatherhood was held, where fathers and children bonded over fun activities and entertainment, culminating in a thrilling cricket match.



The school also conducted democratic elections for the student council, where students and teachers voted together, teaching valuable lessons in leadership and democracy. Furthermore, the school empowered collaboration by holding elections and forming a Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), which aims to support students' academic and personal growth. The year culminated in a grand Investiture Ceremony, where newly elected student leaders were formally invested with badges and sashes, pledging to uphold the values of leadership, responsibility, and service. Following this, our students participated in a Dolphin Conservation activity, following CBSE norms, which raised awareness about the importance of protecting our environment. Adding a delightful touch to the year's events, the pre-primary section organized "Sabzi Safari," a market day where students set up their own market within the school premises. Parents, students, and teachers came together to make this event a success, working collectively for the betterment of the students' future. These events collectively contributed to the students' growth, fostering a sense of community, leadership, and responsibility.

"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think."





# INFANT JESUS ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL, WADI

A Season of Learning, Culture, and Social Awareness

## 1. English Literary Club Inauguration

The English Literary Club at Infant Jesus English Medium School, Wadi, was inaugurated with great enthusiasm on April 23rd, marking a vibrant beginning to a year of intellectual exploration and creative expression. The ceremony commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, followed by insightful speeches from esteemed faculty members and club patrons. Their addresses emphasized the transformative power of literature in shaping critical thinking and inspiring creativity. The event featured an array of interactive activities including word games, quizzes, and literary trivia. These fun-filled sessions not only entertained but also engaged students in a deeper appreciation of the English language and literary heritage.

A special highlight of the inauguration was a moving tribute to William Shakespeare. Students presented thoughtful analyses of his iconic works, delving into themes, characters, and the enduring relevance of his literary genius. New members were warmly welcomed, encouraged to participate actively in discussions, and invited to develop their communication and analytical skills throughout the academic year.

**Looking ahead, the Club plans a wide array of activities such as:**

Book discussions and debates

Literary workshops and creative writing sessions

Guest lectures and author interactions

Poetry readings and dramatic performances

The English Literary Club is set to become a hub for literary enthusiasts, nurturing a love for literature and the beauty of the written word.



## 2. Tribute to Pope Francis

A heartfelt tribute to His Holiness Pope Francis was offered by the school's management, faculty, and staff. The tribute was a moment of collective gratitude for the Pope's spiritual leadership and a prayerful plea for his continued strength and wisdom in guiding the global Church.



### 3. Maharashtra Day Celebration

Infant Jesus School celebrated Maharashtra Day with pride and cultural vibrancy, commemorating the formation of the state. A series of thoughtful and engaging activities were organized. Students showcased traditional Maharashtrian dance, music, and skits, reflecting the rich heritage and diversity of the state. An informative presentation on Maharashtra's history, notable personalities, and cultural significance helped deepen the students' understanding of their state's legacy. These initiatives aimed to: Instill pride in regional identity, promote cultural literacy and inclusiveness, encourage students to celebrate India's pluralism, Offer platforms for creative expression. The celebration left a lasting impact, with active student participation and enthusiastic support from the entire school community.



### 4. International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

To mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the school hosted a powerful awareness campaign to educate students on the dangers of substance abuse and promote healthy, responsible living. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Rajesh Tatkar, Senior Police Inspector, and Mr. Amit Bandgar, Police Sub-Inspector of Wadi Police Station, who addressed the students with inspiring messages on making informed life choices.



#### Key awareness activities included:

**Mime Performances:** Students performed silent dramas portraying the harmful effects of drug abuse. **Anti-Drug Rallies:** Carrying banners and placards, students marched through the local community to spread anti-drug messages. **Pledge Ceremony:** All students took a solemn pledge to live drug-free lives and reject illicit activities. **Art Campaign:** Creative posters and drawings were displayed, advocating themes such as "Say No to Drugs" and "Healthy Choices, Healthy Life."

The program was a resounding success, empowering students with knowledge and reinforcing their commitment to positive and drug-free living.



## ST. GIANELLI CONVENT SCHOOL CBSE, KAMPTEE, NAGPUR

### Plantation Day Celebration by the Eco Club.

On 21st July 2025, the newly constituted Eco Club of St. Gianelli Convent School celebrated Plantation Day with great fervour and environmental consciousness, marking the commencement of a transformative green initiative within the school campus. Spearheaded by Club President Miss Nishtha Nagpure of Class VIII-B and guided by the Eco Club In-charge, Mrs. Shakuntala Kashyap, the event witnessed an earnest oath-taking ceremony wherein students pledged their allegiance to protecting and preserving nature. The Eco Club celebrated this occasion by planting saplings and fostering awareness about environmental sustainability among their peers. This milestone event symbolised the school's resolute commitment to ecological responsibility and signified the beginning of a purposeful journey towards a greener and more sustainable future.



### Felicitation of the Toppers of Academic Session 2024-2025.

St. Gianelli Convent School CBSE, Kamptee, held a graceful Felicitation Ceremony to honour the academic achievements of its meritorious students for the session 2024–25. The event, attended by proud parents, was graced by Chief Guest PSI Sandeep Andhale of New Kamptee Police Station, whose inspiring presence encouraged students to strive for excellence in both scholarship and character. The spotlight fell on the Top Three Rankers, led by Miss Siddhi Jain with an outstanding 97%, exemplifying academic dedication. She was followed by Miss Trupti Dahare with 96.4%, and Miss Charvi Sayare with 95%. Additionally, 45 students were recognised for scoring above 80%, marking a collective celebration of excellence.

A moment of pride was marked for the Subject Achievers who scored a perfect 100/100. Miss Siddhi Jain and Miss Trupti Dahare excelled in Information Technology, while Miss Shravani Sayare achieved the same in Marathi. The ceremony concluded with a standing ovation, a musical montage, and an inspiring address by the Principal—celebrating not just marks, but perseverance and promise. In the hallowed halls of St. Gianelli Convent School CBSE, the 2024–25 toppers have not only etched their names in academic records but have inscribed their legacy in the school's proud history.





# ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL, MOHAN NAGAR, NAGPUR

St. Michael High school, Mohan Nagar, Nagpur academic 2024-25 Total number of students for February 2024, board exam was 57 three named Uday Yadav, Nimisha Rangari & Pooja Gaur were the student scored distinction grade 13 student got first division 14 students stood second division while 12 students got third division. The total percentage of the results came around 74% of the year 2024. We express our heartfelt gratitude to Archbishop most Reverend Elias Gonsalves, manager Reverend father sebasti Raj, our school headmaster, Reverend father, Julius Daniel, and staff for their tireless service towards catering the education in St Michael's school in future, We assure to get better results And to prove our students calibre and in a short time, we will be celebrating 100 hundred years of Jubilee, which will be remarkable for St Michael school, so we hope and pray that may God in his goodness shower blessing upon us so that we may able to cater deprived students, marginal students, more and more convenient education. Report of St.Michael's



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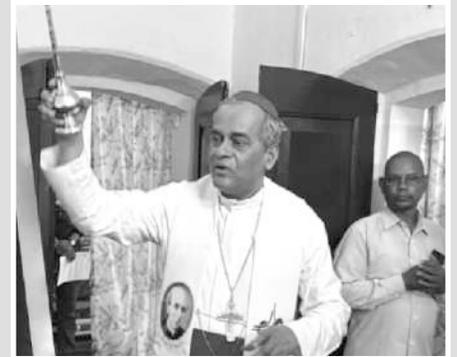
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## **SOLEMN INAUGURATION OF PALLOTTI BREAD N' BED**

The Pallotti Bread N' Bed, a socio-charitable initiative of the Pallottines of the Nagpur Province, was solemnly inaugurated on 31st May 2025 at Alphonosa Sadan, Mohan Nagar, Nagpur. The inauguration was led by His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, in the esteemed presence of Fr. Joy Palachuvattil, Provincial Rector, along with several dignitaries and guests. This initiative, launched as part of the 75th Jubilee celebrations of the Pallottines in Nagpur, reflects their deep commitment to serving the marginalized with compassion and dignity.



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## **KCA CELEBRATES THE FEAST OF ST. THOMAS**

The Kerala Catholic Association (KCA) joyfully celebrated the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, the Patron of India, at St. Joseph's School, Nagpur. The celebration began with a Solemn Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Jomise Joy, and the homily was preached by Rev. Fr. Thomas Joseph, who reflected on the faith and missionary zeal of St. Thomas. Following the Eucharistic celebration, a vibrant cultural gathering was held. His Grace, Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, graced the event as the Chief Guest. In his address, he encouraged the community to remain rooted in faith and culture. The Archbishop also felicitated the office bearers of the KCA for their leadership and commitment. Special recognition was given to students who excelled in academics, as well as individuals who achieved distinction in various fields, celebrating their hard work and dedication. The event was a beautiful blend of faith, culture, and community spirit, uniting all in thanksgiving and celebration.



## **BLESSING OF THE RENOVATED PARISH HOUSE AT SILEWARA**

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart, 27th June 2025, the renovated Parish House at Silewara was solemnly blessed by His Grace, Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur. The occasion was a moment of great joy and thanksgiving for the parish community. The ribbon was cut by the Director of Western Coalfields Limited, symbolizing the official inauguration of the renewed residence. Rev. Fr. Jomise Joy, Parish Priest, extended his sincere thanks to the Archbishop and all contributors for their generous support and encouragement. The celebration was further enriched by the presence of several priests and religious sisters, notably Rev. Fr. Ranjith Rodrigues, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Nagpur.



The event concluded with fraternal fellowship and a renewed sense of pastoral dedication as the parish looks forward to continuing its mission with renewed vigour.



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# **INTERNATIONAL DOMESTIC WORKERS DAY CELEBRATION IN NAGPUR**

International Domestic workers day was celebrated at Good Shepherd Provincialate on 16<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm. The theme for the day was “Safety and Health of Domestic help”. It was jointly organised by Mumbai Domestic workers welfare Association Nagpur Unit and Sisters of the Good Shepherd. There were 300 women gathered to celebrate this great day. The programme began with a welcome dance invoking the presence of God for the success of the event and blessings for each one gathered. Sr. Asrita SMMI. Welcomed the guests and explained the theme of the day. A warm welcome was extended to all the women appreciating their immense contributions as domestic workers in building the nation's economy. The event was graced by Fr. Praveen Montero, Advocate of Nagpur High Court and Director of Yuva Jyoti for boys Home. Through the short message he brought the awareness on the rights of unorganised workers and how they should get the social security measures after the retirement age like the organised workers like pension.

Sr. Philo, CSJ, Advocate and Social worker spoke on the Welfare of women & Domestic workers, Mr. Sathik Bhai an eminent social worker who supports women to make their entitlements like Aadhar, Ayushman health card, ration card, PAN etc. He promised the women to help them to make their different identification cards. Fr. Sameer, Director of Nagpur Multipurpose Social service society and Sr. Pushpa Louis, Provincial of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd CEIN Province were present for the programme and encouraged the women.

The Chief guest and other guests spoke passionately on labour rights, fair wages, dignity, legal rights of workers and various govt schemes available. Domestic workers themselves shared their personal experiences which moved many in the audience. It is also a reminder of the ongoing struggle for justice, recognition, and fair treatment for all the domestic workers. The celebration was both motivational and fun-loving. It successfully brought attention to the issues faced by domestic workers and motivated them to go forward. Let us continue to uplift their voices, share their stories, and commit to a future where all workers are treated with respect and equality.





## NAGPUR DIOCESAN WOMEN'S COMMISSION HOSTS LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR WOMEN LEADERS

On 20th July 2025, the Nagpur Diocesan Women's Commission organized a Leadership Training Programme at St. Vincent Pallotti Primary School Hall for 52 women leaders from across the Nagpur Deanery parishes. Centered on the theme "See, Judge, and Act," the session aimed to empower women to reflect critically and take meaningful action within their communities.

The event began with a prayer song, followed by the felicitation of Rev. Fr. Vincent SAC, newly appointed Dean of Nagpur Deanery. In his address, he emphasized the vital role of women as pillars of the family and agents of hope. Sr. Daya Mathew explained the structure and mission of the Women's Commission, from grassroots cells to the national level. Mrs. Juliet Robert elaborated on the theme, encouraging women to recognize and nurture leadership potential.

Mrs. Mary Sathianathan (APT) spoke on qualities of a good leader and the role of women in building faith-centered communities. Mrs. Vandana George from Rosary Parish provided practical safety tips on domestic gas usage. Participants engaged in reflection and discussion, expressing appreciation and a desire for similar future programs.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Veronica D'Silva, recognizing all contributors, including comperer Mrs. M. Uma and facilitators Mrs. Aruna Hilary and Mrs. Seema Fernandes.



## NAGPUR ARCHDIOCESE WOMEN'S COMMISSION PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

The Women's Commission of the Archdiocese of Nagpur undertook a Pilgrimage of Hope from 21st to 23rd June 2025, visiting Infant Jesus Church, Nashik, and Satyagiri Retreat Centre, Igatpuri. A group of ten women participated in this spiritually uplifting journey. Throughout the pilgrimage, the participants engaged in moments of deep prayer—reciting the Rosary, singing devotional hymns, and offering intercessory prayers for various intentions. The pilgrimage served as a profound experience of grace, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. The Commission expressed gratitude for the opportunity to strengthen their faith and deepen their commitment to the Church's mission.



# **NURSES DAY CELEBRATION AT ASSUMPTION CHURCH, BALAGHAT**

On 11th May 2025, Assumption Church, Balaghat, joyfully celebrated Nurses Day, acknowledging and appreciating the dedicated service of nurses belonging to the parish who serve in various healthcare institutions. The celebration was marked by a special felicitation ceremony, where these devoted caregivers were honoured for their tireless commitment and compassionate service. The Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Jeyaprakash, led the gathering in prayer, invoking God's blessings upon all nurses and expressing heartfelt gratitude for their selfless contributions to society. The occasion served as a meaningful tribute to the noble vocation of nursing, highlighting the vital role nurses play in healing and human care.



# MARY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLE'S CHURCH, ANANT NAGAR

## One-Day Youth Programme

A vibrant youth programme was conducted on 16th March at Elizabeth Sanna Hall, following the Sunday Eucharistic celebration. The day was marked by energizing team-building activities, moments of reflection, and interaction. A key highlight of the day was the Youth Core Body Re-Elections, presided over by Fr. Shine Augustine. The newly elected office bearers were: President – Ms. Sharon David, Vice President – Mr. James Ingole, Secretary – Ms. Jovita Lal, and Treasurer – Mr. Shawn Gregory. The outgoing team graciously handed over their responsibilities, followed by a heartfelt thanksgiving and experience-sharing session. The event was coordinated by Mr. Shanon David, Mrs. Dorin Joseph, and Ms. Theresa Tharakkan.



## Random Act of Kindness

As part of their Lenten outreach, the youth visited Yuva Jyoti Orphanage on 6th April, spending quality time with 40 children. They engaged the children with action songs, games, and joyful interactions, spreading warmth and kindness during the holy season.



## Lenten Reconciliation

A spiritually enriching Lenten Reconciliation service was conducted on 10th April. Fr. Vincent Thotupat led the youth through a meaningful time of reflection, Eucharistic adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, helping them prepare their hearts during Lent.

## Way of the Cross – Good Friday

The youth enacted the Way of the Cross on 18th April, offering a visual and prayerful reflection on the Passion of Christ. This initiative especially helped children grasp the significance of Good Friday. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Shanon David and Ms. Rochelle Patras and was deeply appreciated by the parishioners.



## Candle March for Peace

On the evening of 25th April, the youth organized a solemn candle march in memory of Pope Francis' intentions and the victims of the Pahalgam attack. The silent march, held at 7:00 PM, was a gesture of prayerful solidarity, promoting peace and unity in the community.

## Farewell to Fr. Johnson Puthur

On 25th May, the parish community gathered to bid a warm farewell to Fr. Johnson Puthur. After Mass, a short programme was held, including a thanksgiving speech, a choir tribute, and the presentation of gifts. On this occasion, Fr. Vincent was also formally welcomed as the new parish priest.



## Marian March

The month of May concluded with a Marian March held on 29th May. The faithful joined in a prayerful rosary procession at 6:30 PM, accompanied by Marian hymns and devotions, expressing their deep love for Mother Mary.

## Bethel Summer Camp 2025 – “Lighthouse”

From 23rd to 25th May, the parish youth organized the much-awaited Bethel Summer Camp 2025 at MQAC Parish, Pallotti Nagar. The camp's theme was “Lighthouse”, inspired by the Gospel passage John 1:1–5: “The light shines in the darkness.” The camp welcomed 55 children from Std. 1–6, 27 children from Std. 7–10, and 25 youth volunteers, totaling 107 participants. Each day featured a special theme, with activities such as Holy Mass, engaging sessions, games, group discussions, creative workshops, adoration, and shared meals. The camp concluded with gift distribution and a joyful group photograph. It was a spiritually enriching and joy-filled experience that left lasting memories for the participants.

## Altar Servers Camp

A three-day Residential Altar Servers Camp was held from 6th to 8th June, organized by senior altar servers and youth leaders of the parish. The camp offered children an opportunity to grow in their liturgical roles through sessions on spiritual discipline, practical training, prayer, and interactive activities. It fostered deeper fellowship among the altar servers and strengthened their commitment to serving at the altar.

## YOUCAT Worship Session

A catechetical session for the youth was conducted on 6th July, led by Fr. Shine Augustine. Centered around the YOUCAT (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church), the session deepened the youth's understanding of Catholic doctrine and inspired them to live their faith with renewed clarity and joy.



## EMPOWERING THE FUTURE: YOUTH CAREER GUIDANCE SEMINAR AT ST. THERESA'S CHURCH, BETUL

On April 6, 2025, St. Theresa's Church, Betul, hosted a Youth Career Guidance Seminar aimed at equipping young people with the knowledge and tools necessary to make informed decisions about their academic and professional futures. Organized under the dynamic leadership of Rev. Fr. Jojo Vincent, Parish Priest, and Fr. Benjamin Bari, Youth In-Charge, the event reflected the parish's ongoing commitment to youth development and empowerment.

The seminar featured Ms. Priyanka Pawar, a distinguished psychologist and Ph.D. scholar, as the resource person. With her strong background in youth psychology and academic counseling, Ms. Pawar delivered an engaging and insightful session, addressing the challenges faced by young individuals in navigating career choices in today's complex world.

### The seminar highlighted several key areas:

1. A broad overview of career opportunities in both conventional and emerging fields.
2. The role of mental health in academic and career decision-making.
3. Practical strategies for preparing for competitive exams and professional interviews.
4. The significance of self-discovery, aptitude evaluation, and aligning personal passions with professional goals.

Participants responded enthusiastically, actively engaging in discussions and expressing appreciation for the guidance provided. The seminar served as a meaningful step in helping the youth of the parish chart a purposeful and fulfilling path forward. This initiative underscores the Church's vital role not only in spiritual formation but also in shaping responsible and well-informed future citizens.



# ICYM NAGPUR: A SEASON OF PRAYER, FORMATION AND LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

## 1. Prayer Service for Pope Francis and Pahalgam Attack Victims

From April 25–30, 2025, the Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM) Nagpur launched a diocesan-wide prayer initiative, inviting young people in every parish to offer special intentions for Pope Francis and the victims of the tragic Pahalgam attack. The response was overwhelming, as youth groups across the Archdiocese gathered in solidarity, raising their hearts in prayer for healing, strength, and peace. The initiative was a profound expression of compassion, unity, and the young Church's commitment to global and national concerns.



## 2. Marian March Rosary: A Journey of Faith and Devotion

Throughout May 2025, ICYM Nagpur encouraged all parishes to organize a “Marian March Rosary,” promoting Marian devotion among the youth during the month traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This prayerful endeavor united young people from various communities in a shared spiritual experience, deepening their devotion and reinforcing their sense of belonging to the Church.

## 3. Farewell to Rev. Fr. Anbu Xavier

On May 27, 2025, ICYM Nagpur bid an emotional farewell to its beloved Director, Rev. Fr. Anbu Xavier. A heartfelt prayer service was held in gratitude for his leadership and spiritual guidance. Members of the Diocesan Executive Committee (DEXCO) expressed their appreciation through personal tributes and tokens of love. It was a poignant moment that celebrated his remarkable contributions to the youth ministry of the Archdiocese.

## 4. Welcoming the New Youth Director:

### Rev. Fr. Augustine Antony D'Silva

On June 22, 2025, ICYM Nagpur welcomed its new Youth Director, Rev. Fr. Augustine Antony D'Silva, during a formal introduction held at the Youth Office in Archbishop's House, Nagpur. His appointment marks a new chapter of leadership and renewed energy for the diocesan youth apostolate.

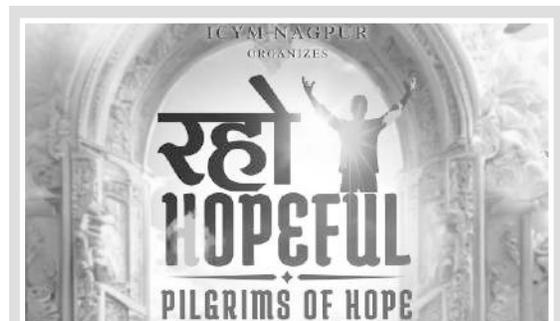


## 5. Orientation for Theologian Brothers

An orientation session for second-year theologian brothers was held on July 19, 2025, at Seminary Hills. The program focused on equipping the brothers with practical tools and pastoral insights for effective youth ministry in parish settings. The session included interactive discussions aimed at nurturing dynamic and compassionate pastoral engagement with the young faithful.

## 6. 'Raho Hopeful': Youth Empowerment in Ajni Deanery

ICYM Nagpur organized the 'Raho Hopeful' youth program in Ajni Deanery, bringing together over 100 young participants from different parishes. The event aimed to inspire hope and introduce the participants to four key documents of the Church. Sessions were conducted by Mr. Melwyn Titus (on the theme of Hope) and Rev. Sr. Megha, SMMI (on Church documents). The program concluded with Eucharistic adoration, a vote of thanks, and a shared meal. The day fostered spiritual renewal, ecclesial learning, and vibrant fellowship.





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