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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

As we welcome everyone back after a well-deserved holiday, we do so with renewed energy, refreshed minds and grateful hearts, ready to begin yet another year of dedicated ministry in the service of Our Lord and His people. May this new academic and pastoral year be filled with enthusiasm, commitment and the grace to respond generously to the responsibilities entrusted to us.



We extend our heartfelt appreciation and congratulations to our schools for their excellent performance and outstanding results. These achievements are a testimony to the hard work, perseverance and relentless efforts of our managements, principals, teachers, staff and students. Their dedication deserves not only recognition but also our continued encouragement and support. As we move forward, may we strive together to create educational environments that are inclusive, eco-friendly and holistic, nurturing not merely academic excellence but also human values, faith, compassion and responsible citizenship.

Another noteworthy event in our Archdiocese was the twin blessing of the SFS Cathedral and the renovated Pastoral Centre, celebrated in the presence of the Bishops of the Western Region. This was indeed a significant milestone in the life of our Archdiocese. Equally important was the launching of the Research and Resources Centre, which will serve as a valuable instrument for the ongoing documentation, training and evaluation of our social, educational, spiritual, medical and environmental apostolates. We hope that this initiative will strengthen our ministries and help us respond more effectively to the changing needs of our people.

The present issue of the Archdiocesan Messenger also brings together reports of the many activities carried out by our parishes and various institutions. These accounts bear witness to the sustained commitment, creativity and generous service of so many individuals and communities. Their commendable efforts are gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. May their example inspire others to participate more actively in the mission of the Church.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady, we are invited to contemplate Mary as a model of faithful discipleship and, especially, as a model for all who teach and guide others. Mary welcomed God's Word with humility, pondered it in her heart and lived it with unwavering faith. As we seek to accompany and educate the young, may we learn from her simplicity, patience, compassion and total trust in God. May Mary, the Mother of Jesus, our Master and Teacher, continue to inspire and guide us to be faithful, generous and loving disciples of her Son. May she obtain for all our teachers, educators, pastoral workers, parents and students the wisdom and grace to grow together in faith, knowledge and love. Our sincere gratitude goes to Archbishop Elias Gonsalves for his constant encouragement and support. We also thank our Editorial Team for its dedicated efforts in ensuring the timely release of this issue. We are grateful to all our contributors and readers who continue to make the Archdiocesan Messenger a meaningful instrument of communication, reflection and communion within our Archdiocese.

May this celebration of Mary's Nativity bring joy and renewed hope to all our families and communities.

Fr. Anthony D'Souza
Chief Editor, Messenger



MARY AS THE MODEL FOR OUR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

As we enter the month of September, our parishes and families once again prepare with joy and devotion for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated with particular devotion. People from every walk of life join in this celebration, expressing their love for Mary and seeking her maternal intercession. Mary is our model and ideal disciple because she always leads us closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. Many of us look to her with deep devotion and confidence in her intercession. Yet, our Marian devotion must always remain properly directed: we do not worship Mary; we honour her because of what God has accomplished in her, and she always leads us to Jesus, whom alone we worship. Her entire life is summed up in the Magnificat: “My soul magnifies the Lord.”

Pope Leo XIV, in his Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas, invites us to contemplate Mary through the mystery of the Magnificat. In No. 243, he presents Mary as the woman who, through faith, is able to see history in the light of God's saving action. Though nothing around her had outwardly changed, everything had changed within her because she was able to perceive the invisible work of God. Thus, Mary teaches us to look beyond appearances and to recognize God's presence and action in the midst of history.

1. Mary the “poet and prophetess of Redemption.”

This vision of Mary becomes especially meaningful as we celebrate Teachers' Day in September. Mary can truly be a model for our teachers. A teacher is not merely someone who transmits information; a teacher accompanies, forms, inspires and helps young people discover truth, meaning and the dignity of their lives. In No. 244 of Magnifica Humanitas, Pope Leo XIV shows us another important dimension of Mary's mission. She directs our gaze towards “the points at which humanity is broken” and teaches us to look at the world from the perspective of those who suffer—the poor, the vulnerable, the widow, the orphan, the stranger, the wounded child, the exile and the refugee. The Holy Father therefore calls Mary the “poet and prophetess of Redemption.”

2. Lesson for our teachers today

This is a profound lesson for our teachers today. Education cannot be limited to academic achievement, examination results or professional success. A truly Christian teacher must learn to see every child, especially the weak, neglected, struggling and vulnerable child. The teacher is called to recognize the dignity, potential and uniqueness of every student. Teachers today face unprecedented challenges in a rapidly changing technological world. Digital technology, robotics and Artificial Intelligence are transforming how children learn, communicate and understand the world. Our teachers therefore need to remain open to new knowledge, innovative methods and emerging technologies, while ensuring that technology never replaces the human person. Information may be provided by technology, but wisdom, compassion, conscience, personal accompaniment and love can never be automated. Teaching must therefore remain a mission of forming the whole person—intellectually, emotionally, morally, socially and spiritually. Mary offers our teachers a beautiful model. In §245, Pope Leo XIV calls us to be “weavers of

3. Role of Parents in this Mission

Parents too have an important role in this mission. In today's digital environment, parents are called to be alert and attentive to the world in which their children are growing. We must accompany our children not only physically, but also emotionally, spiritually and morally. We need to understand the digital and virtual world in which they live and help them navigate it responsibly.

As believers, we are invited to “contemplate the grandeur of humanity” in the face of the Son of God. In Christ, we discover what it truly means to be human. Therefore, we are called not to become disinterested observers of technological development, but responsible participants who ensure that technology remains at the service of humanity, freedom, dignity and the common good.

The challenge before us is therefore not to reject technological progress, but to humanize it; not to fear innovation, but to guide it; and not to allow technology to dominate humanity, but to ensure that it serves the integral development of every person.

Conclusion

As we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I entrust our families, teachers, educators, children, young people and our entire Archdiocese to her maternal care. May Mary, the Woman of the Magnificat, teach us to see history with the eyes of faith, to recognize God's presence amid change, and to become attentive to those who are vulnerable and in need.

May the celebration of her Nativity bring renewed joy to our families, strength to our teachers, hope to our young people, vitality to our BEC communities and abundant blessings upon our entire Archdiocese of Nagpur.

Happy Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary!



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Magnifica Humanitas: Safeguarding the Human Person in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Pope Leo XIV's Call to Build a Civilization of Love in the Digital Age

By. Fr. Ranjith Rodrigues

Introduction

On 25 May 2026, the Church received the first Encyclical of Pope Leo XIV, *Magnifica Humanitas*, entitled “On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.” The document was signed by the Holy Father on 15 May 2026, deliberately choosing the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's landmark Encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, the foundational document of modern Catholic Social Teaching. This choice of date is deeply significant. *Rerum Novarum*, promulgated in 1891, responded to the profound social and economic changes brought about by the Industrial Revolution. *Magnifica Humanitas*, more than a century later, responds to another transformation of comparable magnitude: the Digital Revolution and the rapid development of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Pope Leo XIV thus places the question of AI firmly within the continuing tradition of the Church's Social Doctrine.

A New “Rerum Novarum” for the Digital Age

The world addressed by Pope Leo XIII was experiencing dramatic changes in industry, labour, economics and social relations. Today, humanity is experiencing equally profound changes through artificial intelligence, automation, digital communication and increasingly powerful technologies. Pope Leo XIV observes that technology has brought enormous benefits to humanity, but technological power can also become dangerous when it is not directed towards the common good. The challenge, therefore, is not simply to ask what AI can do, but what humanity ought to do with it.

This is the central concern of *Magnifica Humanitas*: technology must serve the human person, and never the human person be reduced to serving technology.

The Encyclical warns that technological power is increasingly concentrated in private and often transnational hands, sometimes possessing resources and influence greater than those of individual governments. Therefore, technological development requires ethical discernment, responsible governance and adequate regulation.

The Meaning of Magnifica Humanitas

The title *Magnifica Humanitas* may be understood as “The Magnificence of Humanity.” The title reflects the central conviction of the Encyclical: human beings possess a grandeur that no technological system can replace.

Pope Leo XIV calls humanity to remain profoundly human in an age when AI is capable of performing increasingly complex tasks. He insists that genuine human greatness is not measured simply by intelligence, productivity or technological capacity. Human dignity is rooted in the person created by God and finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

The Pope therefore places before humanity a fundamental choice: Will technology help us build a more humane world, or will it create a new form of the Tower of Babel?

Five Chapters, One Central Concern

The Encyclical is structured around an Introduction, five chapters and a Conclusion. Its argument develops progressively from the Church's Social Doctrine to the concrete challenges presented by AI and finally to the Christian vocation to build a civilization of love.

Introduction: The New Things of Our Time

The Introduction presents the fundamental challenge facing humanity. Pope Leo XIV uses two powerful biblical images: the Tower of Babel and the rebuilding of Jerusalem under Nehemiah. Babel represents technological and human achievement without proper orientation—a project that can become an instrument of domination. Jerusalem represents a different kind of construction: a shared work undertaken with responsibility, cooperation and concern for the common good. The Pope calls upon humanity to become builders of communion rather than architects of Babel.

Chapter One: A Dynamic Approach Faithful to the Gospel

The first chapter explains how the Social Doctrine of the Church has developed in response to changing historical circumstances. Beginning with Pope Leo XIII and *Rerum Novarum*, the Encyclical traces the development of Catholic Social Teaching through subsequent papal teaching and the Second Vatican Council. Pope Leo XIV emphasises that Social Doctrine is not a static collection of rules but a living wisdom capable of engaging the new realities of every age. AI, therefore, should not be treated merely as another technological subject. It challenges the Church to deepen its reflection on human dignity, work, freedom, truth, solidarity and the common good.

Chapter Two: Foundations and Principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church

The second chapter returns to the fundamental principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Pope Leo XIV highlights the common good, universal destination of goods, subsidiarity, solidarity and social justice as essential principles for interpreting the technological transformation of our time. At the heart of these principles stands the human person. Technology must be evaluated according to whether it contributes to integral human development and strengthens human relationships rather than undermining them.

Chapter Three: Technology and Dominance — The Grandeur of Humanity in Light of the Promises of AI

This chapter moves directly into the world of artificial intelligence. Pope Leo XIV asks humanity to consider: What are we building? AI can bring extraordinary benefits in medicine, education, research, communication and many other fields. Yet the Pope warns that technological development can also create new forms of domination and inequality.

One particularly important insight concerns the hidden human labour behind AI. Digital technologies depend upon vast networks of workers involved in data labelling, model training, content moderation and the extraction of natural resources. Much of this labour remains invisible to the users of technology and, in some cases, is performed under extremely difficult conditions. Thus, behind the apparent intelligence of machines are still human beings, human labour and human suffering. The Church must therefore ask not only whether AI is efficient, but whether the entire technological system respects the dignity of every person involved in producing it.

Chapter Four: Safeguarding Humanity at a Time of Transformation — Truth, Work and Freedom

The fourth chapter addresses three areas profoundly affected by AI: truth, work and freedom.

Truth: In an age of misinformation, deepfakes and algorithmically generated content, truth has become an increasingly precious social good. Pope Leo XIV calls for an ecology of communication and a renewed educational alliance capable of helping people navigate the digital world responsibly. Schools and educational institutions have a particularly important role in forming people who can think critically, seek truth and use technology wisely.

Work: The Encyclical gives particular attention to the dignity of work. AI and automation may transform employment, increase productivity and create new forms of work. At the same time, they may also cause unemployment and deepen economic inequality.

Chapter Five: The Culture of Power and the Civilization of Love

The fifth chapter broadens the discussion from technology to power, war and peace. Pope warns about the

use of AI in weapons and military systems and challenges the idea that technological superiority can provide a secure foundation for peace. Instead, he calls for justice, diplomacy, dialogue, multilateralism and disarmament. Here the Encyclical presents one of its most inspiring themes: the civilization of love. This expression, associated particularly with Saint Paul VI, describes a social order in which charity and justice work together. Love cannot remain merely a personal sentiment; it must become visible in social structures, economic relationships and political decisions.

The Poor Must Not Become the “Rejected Stones”

One of the most moving aspects of *Magnifica Humanitas* is Pope Leo XIV's insistence that technological progress must never exclude the vulnerable.

He specifically draws attention to the poor, the sick, migrants and those who are often pushed to the margins of society.

The Pope challenges Christians to look at technological development from the perspective of those who suffer rather than only from the perspective of those who possess power.

This is a particularly important contribution to Catholic Social Teaching: the measure of progress is not simply how advanced a society becomes, but whether the weakest members of that society are able to share in its progress.

The Eucharistic Dimension of a Digital Future

The Conclusion takes the reflection into explicitly Christian territory. Pope Leo XIV speaks of the Church as one body in Christ and proposes a Eucharistic spirituality as a foundation for ecclesial unity and social responsibility. The Christian response to technological transformation cannot be merely technical or political. It must also be spiritual.

The Pope returns once again to the image of building Jerusalem—a community constructed through cooperation, responsibility and hope.

The final section is entitled “The song of hope: the Magnificat.” Mary becomes the model of a humanity capable of recognising God's action in history and looking at the world from the perspective of the humble, the poor and those who suffer.

A Call to Educators, Families and Young People

The message of *Magnifica Humanitas* has particular importance for schools, colleges, families, priests, pastoral workers and young people. Young people are among those most deeply immersed in the digital world. They will not merely use AI; many of them will help to design, regulate and shape the technologies that will influence future generations. Therefore, education must go beyond teaching people how to use technology. It must teach them how to remain human while using technology. Critical thinking, moral responsibility, empathy, interpersonal relationships, prayer, contemplation and the search for truth must remain central to education.

The great contribution of *Magnifica Humanitas* is that it refuses both extremes: technological fear and technological utopianism. The Church does not reject technological progress. Rather, she asks that progress be guided by wisdom.

The decisive question is therefore not: “How powerful can artificial intelligence become?” but rather: “What kind of humanity do we want to build with it?”

AI must remain a tool at the service of the human person and the common good. It must never become an instrument through which human beings are reduced to data, consumers, workers, objects of manipulation or disposable resources.

Conclusion: Remaining Human

Magnifica Humanitas is ultimately not an encyclical only about artificial intelligence. It is an encyclical about the human person. The future cannot be entrusted to technology alone. It must be shaped by truth, justice, solidarity, freedom, responsibility and love. And this is perhaps the deepest message of *Magnifica Humanitas*: in an age of artificial intelligence, the world needs more than ever a genuinely human heart.



ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS - AUGUST 2026

Archdiocese of Nagpur

POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST: FOR EVANGELIZATION IN THE CITY.

Let us Pray that in Large Cities often Marked by Anonymity and Loneliness We find New ways to Proclaim the Gospel, Discovering Creative Paths to Build Community.

1 August	4.30 pm	MP Region Bishops' Meeting Meeting of the Archbishop's House Team
2 August		Office Work
3 August	4.00 pm 6.00 pm	Meeting of the Property Committee Lawyers' Association Meeting
4 August	7.00 am 10.00 am 3.30 pm 6.00 pm	Holy Mass & St. John Vianney Day Celebrations at St. Charles Seminary NDS Meeting at Archbishop's House Recollection for Clergy at Archbishop's House Holy Mass on the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney at SFS Cathedral
5-8 August		Ongoing Formation (LIVE IN) for Middle age Clergy at Archbishop's House
9 August	9.00 am	Nurses leadership training program
10-11 Aug		Meetings at Mumbai
11-12 Aug		RNR Training Sessions at Pastoral Center, Archbishop's House, Nagpur
13-14 Aug		Office Work
15 August		Independence Day & Solemnity of Assumption Celebrations
16 August		Office Work
17 August	12.00 pm	Blessing and Inauguration of the Newly Constructed Extension Building of the MSFS Provincialate.
18 August	6.30 am	Holy Mass at MSFS Provincialate.
18-19 Aug		RNR Training Sessions at Pastoral Center, Archbishop's House, Nagpur
20-21 Aug		Office Work
22 August		CRI Meeting
23 August	6.00 pm	Feast Day Eucharist at St. Pius X Parish, Mankapur
24-25 Aug		Office Work
26-27 Aug		WRCFC Meeting at Nagpur Archbishop's House
27 August	6.00 pm	Golden Jubilee of the Religious Profession of Sr. Vandana at St. Joseph's Convent Chapel
28-31 Aug		Office Work

Birthdays

Fr. Thomas KD : 1st August
Fr. John Vianney : 2nd August
Fr. Mukesh Lakra : 6th August
Fr. Rudolf Toppo : 8th August
Fr. Linto Peter : 10th August
Fr. Dominic Simon: 20th August
Fr. Jomise Joy : 27th August
Fr. Ivan Lobo : 28th August
Fr. Anbhu Xavier : 31st August

Ordination Anniversary

Fr. Antony Xavier: 13th August



ARCHBISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS - SEPTEMBER 2026

Archdiocese of Nagpur

POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: FOR THE CARE OF WATER.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

1 Sep	3.30 pm	Concluding Sessions of ASMI Provincial Chapter
2 Sep	4.00 pm	NEG FIRE Online Meeting
3-4 Sep		Office Work
5 Sep	7.00 am	Feast of St. Teresa of Kolkatta at MC Convent, Katol Road
6-7 Sep		Office Work
8 Sep	5.30 am	Feast day Mass at St. Martin De Porres Church, Jaripatka
9 Sep		Office Work
10-11 Sep		RNR Training Sessions at Pastoral Center, Archbishop's House, Nagpur
12 Sep		Office Work
13-14 Sep		St. John's Medical College, Bangalore Governing Body Meeting
15-16 Sep		CCBI Meetings at Bangalore
17-18 Sep		CBCI Meetings at Bangalore
19-20 Sep		Office Work
21-22 Aug		At Delhi
23-30 Sep		In Rome for the Conference

Birthdays

Fr. Joe Quadeos : 5th September
 Fr. Augustine Antony : 21st September
 Fr. Joseph Panackal : 24th September

Ordination Anniversary

Fr. Joseph Panackal : 16th September



CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, BALAGHAT

St. Mary's School, Balaghat, marked a significant occasion with the appointment of Sr. Rose Sebastian as the new Principal of the institution on 17th June 2026. The change of leadership took place in the presence of the school community under the guidance of the Vicar General, Rev. Fr. Joseph Polishetty.

On this occasion, heartfelt gratitude was expressed to Sr. Pavana Kurian for her dedicated and faithful service as Principal. Her unwavering commitment to the educational mission of the institution, together with her tireless efforts for the academic, moral, and holistic development of the students, has left a lasting impact on the school. Her valuable contribution to the growth and welfare of the entire school community is deeply appreciated. The school community warmly welcomed Sr. Rose Sebastian as she assumed her new responsibility. Prayerful best wishes were extended to her as she begins this important ministry of leadership, education, and service. May the Lord bless and guide her with wisdom, strength, and grace as she leads the institution towards greater excellence under the able guidance of the Manager, Rev. Fr. Jeya Prakash.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY AT NIRMAL SCHOOL, GONDIA

Nirmal School, Gondia, one of the premier educational institutions in the region, solemnly conducted its Investiture Ceremony, marking the formal induction of the newly elected Student Council into leadership responsibilities for the academic year. The programme was graced by Rev. Fr. Narendra Ahirwar as the Chief Guest, while Rev. Fr. Roshimon Peter, the Principal of the school, presided over the ceremony. In a solemn investiture, Fr. Narendra presented the official flags and badges to the newly elected student leaders, symbolizing the acceptance of their duties and responsibilities. The members of the Student Council then took the oath of office, pledging to serve the school community with integrity, dedication, and commitment.

In his address, Rev. Fr. Narendra Ahirwar emphasized the importance of nurturing leadership qualities among young people. He encouraged the student leaders to lead by example, uphold the values of discipline, honesty, and service, and inspire their fellow students through responsible leadership. He also noted with pride that Nirmal School has, over the years, produced many distinguished leaders who have made significant contributions to the nation, urging the newly elected council members to continue this proud legacy. The ceremony concluded with the singing of the National Anthem, bringing to an end a meaningful and inspiring event that reaffirmed the school's commitment to forming responsible citizens and future leaders grounded in values and service.

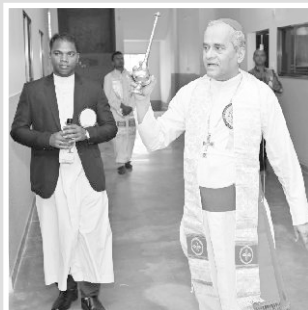




BLESSING AND INAUGURATION OF THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING AT ST. XAVIER'S GLOBAL ACADEMY, CHHINDWARA

The new school building of St. Xavier's Global Academy, Chhindwara (ICSE Pattern) was solemnly blessed and inaugurated on 26 June 2026 by His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Thomas K.D., Manager, along with the Principal, staff, students, parents, and well-wishers. The inauguration marked a significant milestone in the growth of the institution, reaffirming its commitment to providing quality education in a modern and value-based learning environment. The newly constructed building will greatly enhance the academic and holistic formation of the students.

On the occasion, Rev. Fr. Thomas K.D., Manager, proposed the vote of thanks, expressing sincere gratitude to His Grace the Archbishop for blessing and inaugurating the new building. He also acknowledged with appreciation the valuable contributions of the contractor, the architect, the Principal, members of the teaching and non-teaching staff, benefactors, and all those whose dedicated efforts and generous support made the project a reality. The celebration concluded with prayers of thanksgiving and fellowship, marking a memorable day in the history of St. Xavier's Global Academy. The new building stands as a symbol of the institution's commitment to excellence in education and the holistic formation of future generations.





SFS SCHOOL SADAR

Maharashtra Day was celebrated on 1st May 2026. The programme highlighted the cultural pride and unity of Maharashtra. On this occasion, the supporting staff were also honoured for their valuable contribution and dedicated service.

Welcoming the students - On 30th June 2026, the school welcomed students for the new academic session 2026-27 as they returned after the vacation with great enthusiasm and excitement. Teachers greeted the students, creating a cheerful atmosphere and marking a joyful beginning.

PTA & PTM Meeting - The Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) and Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) meeting were held on 18th July 2025 to elect the PTA representatives. The Executive PTA members were also selected through a lottery process.

Investiture Ceremony - The Investiture Ceremony was held on 8th July 2026, during which the captains of the Pelvat, Coppel and Dufresne Houses were formally inducted. The newly elected leaders took the oath to serve with dedication and work for the betterment of the school.

Felicitation Ceremony - The Felicitation Ceremony was held on 15th July 2026 to honour the outstanding achievers of Classes X and XII. The toppers were felicitated in recognition of their academic excellence and hard work.

Inter-House Football Tournament - The Inter-House Football Tournament for boys and girls of the Middle and High School sections was held from 13th July to 20th July 2026. The tournament encouraged teamwork, sportsmanship, and healthy competition among the students.

Inter-House Essay Writing Competition - The Inter-House Essay Writing Competition in English, Hindi, and Marathi was held on 27th and 28th July 2026 for the Middle and High School students. The competition encouraged students to express their ideas creatively while enhancing their language and writing skills.

Eco Club Installation - The Installation Ceremony of Eco Club on 22nd July 2026 to promote environmental awareness and conservation. Student and teacher representatives were elected to lead initiatives for protecting and preserving nature.





Heritage Club Installation - The Installation Ceremony of Heritage Club to foster awareness and appreciation of India's rich cultural and historical heritage. Student and teacher representatives were elected to lead activities aimed at preserving and promoting our heritage.

Constitution of School Committees - The School Management Committee, School Committee, and Students' Safety and Physical Development Facilities Committee were constituted to strengthen school governance and student welfare. The members pledged to work collaboratively for the overall development, safety, and well-being of the school community.

Faculty Development Programme (FDP) - On 25th July 2026, S.F.S. High School & Jr. College inaugurated its Faculty Development Programme (FDP). The first session was conducted by Supervisor Mrs. Dolores Francis on Importance of Communication in School & Classroom Management.

Awareness Session - On 1st August 2026, an awareness session on responsible use of social media (online safety) was conducted for students by the students of the Government Institute of Forensic Science. The session promoted safe and responsible online practices



ACHIEVEMENT OF SFS SCHOOL SADAR

1. The U-15 Boys' Football Team of S.F.S. High School & Jr. College, Sadar emerged as Runners-up in the Subroto Football Tournament held on 1st August 2026. Congratulations to the team for their outstanding performance and spirited effort.
2. The U-17 Boys' Football Team of S.F.S. High School & Jr. College, Sadar emerged as Champions in the Subroto Football Tournament held on 2nd August 2026. Congratulations to the team for their remarkable achievement and outstanding performance.
3. Pranav Gaikwad of S.F.S. High School & Jr. College, Sadar emerged as the Champion in the U-17 Lawn Tennis Tournament organized by Centre Point School on 3rd August 2026. Congratulations to Pranav on this outstanding achievement.
4. Dhanushree Kanoje of S.F.S. High School & Jr. College, Sadar emerged as the Champion in the U-16 Archery Competition organized by Centre Point School on 4th August 2026. Congratulations to Dhanushree on this outstanding achievement.





ST. ANN'S E.M. SCHOOL, DAHEGOAN

St. Ann's E.M. School commenced the Academic Year 2026-27 with renewed enthusiasm, hope and a vibrant spirit of learning. The reopening of the school marked the beginning of another enriching journey, dedicated to the holistic development and empowerment of our students. The year began with the solemn celebration of the Feast of St. Ann, featuring a Holy Eucharistic celebration in the presence of the priests, religious, staff and faithful of the parish, followed by inspiring cultural programmes presented by our students.



The Investiture Ceremony formally inducted the newly elected School Cabinet, instilling in our young leaders the values of responsibility, discipline, service and leadership. Aksharadiwas marked the joyful beginning of formal learning for our little ones, with prayers, blessings and engaging activities that welcomed them into the world of education.

Throughout the year, a wide range of academic, cultural and co-curricular activities enriches the school experience, fostering creativity, confidence, values and a spirit of collaboration among our students. As we continue this educational journey, we seek the blessings of Almighty God to guide and strengthen our efforts to mould young minds into compassionate, responsible and enlightened citizens who will make the world a better and brighter place.



ALAM DAY CELEBRATION AT BHANDARA PARISH

The Association of Laywomen in the Apostolate of Mercy (ALAM), inspired by the charism and mission of Mother Rossello, continues to promote the corporal and spiritual works of mercy through the active participation of laywomen. The Sisters of the Mother Rossello Congregation regularly visit the homes of the members and conduct prayer meetings, strengthening their faith and fostering a spirit of communion and service.



The members of ALAM joyfully celebrated ALAM Day on 13 July 2026 together with the parish community. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Joseph Polishetty. On this special occasion, several new members were welcomed into the ALAM group, further strengthening its mission in the parish. As a gesture of love and appreciation, the members were presented with towels. Following the Holy Mass, sweets and snacks were distributed to all as a sign of fellowship, mutual care and unity. The celebration was a joyful expression of the ALAM spirit and its commitment to living the mission of mercy in the parish community.



TRAINING SESSIONS OF THE RESOURCE AND RESEARCH CENTRE (RNR)

The first training sessions of the Resource and Research Centre (RNR) of the Archdiocese of Nagpur were conducted on 11 and 12 August 2026, marking an important step in the Archdiocese's ongoing commitment to the professional formation and development of those engaged in its educational apostolate.

The establishment of the RNR is the fulfilment of a long-standing vision of His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, to create a dedicated centre for the continuing formation of educationists, particularly principals, managers, teachers, and administrators. The Centre aims to help educational leaders update and enhance their knowledge, skills, and competencies in response to the changing needs and challenges of contemporary education.

The Resource and Research Centre was inaugurated on 7 July 2026 by His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop Emeritus of Bombay, and blessed by His Eminence Filipe Cardinal Ferrão, Archbishop of Goa and Daman, in the presence of the Bishops of the Western Region Bishops' Conference (WRBC).

Two Days of Formation and Professional Development

The inaugural training sessions brought together 36 participants, comprising school principals and managers from educational institutions of the Archdiocese. The programme provided a platform for reflection, professional development, and discussion on several important areas affecting the present and future of Catholic education.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Koovely addressed the participants on "Assessment of Our Educational Apostolate and Equipping Ourselves for Future Challenges." His presentation encouraged the participants to critically assess the effectiveness of their educational ministry and to identify ways of preparing their institutions to meet emerging challenges.

Rev. Fr. Anto, SAC, conducted a session on School Administration and Management, focusing on effective institutional leadership, sound administrative practices, responsible management, and the role of educational leaders in creating well-organised and mission-oriented institutions.

An important component of the programme was the session conducted by Mrs. Manisha on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. She explained the significance of child safeguarding in educational institutions and emphasised the need for principals and managers to understand and strictly implement the relevant legal and institutional requirements.



Rev. Dr. Joseph Polishetty addressed the participants on Mental Health, drawing attention to the growing importance of psychological and emotional well-being within educational institutions. The session highlighted the responsibility of educational leaders to foster a healthy, supportive, and safe environment for both students and staff.

His Grace Archbishop Elias Gonsalves himself conducted sessions on the challenges confronting the contemporary educational system and the way forward. His intervention offered participants a broader perspective on the changing educational landscape and encouraged them to approach these challenges with vision, creativity, responsibility, and a strong commitment to the mission of Catholic education.

A Positive Beginning

The participants expressed their appreciation for the two-day programme, describing the sessions as relevant, practical, and enriching. They particularly appreciated the opportunity to come together as educational leaders, share experiences, and reflect on the challenges and opportunities before Catholic educational institutions.

The programme concluded on a joyful note with the presentation of Certificates of Participation to all 36 participants. The participants expressed their happiness and satisfaction on receiving the certificates, which served as a formal recognition of their participation in the first RNR formation programme. The certificates also symbolised their commitment to continued professional learning and to strengthening their contribution to the educational mission of the Church.

The successful organisation of the programme was made possible through the dedicated coordination of Rev. Fr. Jeyaprakash, Coordinator of the RNR, and the committed efforts of the entire RNR team. Their preparation and coordination contributed significantly to the smooth and effective conduct of the sessions.

The first training programme has thus established a strong foundation for the RNR's continuing work of formation, research, professional development, and capacity-building in the field of education. It reflects the Archdiocese of Nagpur's commitment to ensuring that its educational institutions remain professionally competent, responsive to contemporary challenges, and firmly rooted in their mission and values.

The second training was organized for the Metropolitan region of Nagpur. The priests and sisters from the dioceses of Amravati, Aurangabad, and Chanda attended the same.





WESTERN REGION EDUCATION COMMISSION GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD IN NAGPUR

The Western Region Education Commission General Body Meeting was held in Nagpur on 26–27 August 2026 under the guidance of His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur. Education Secretaries from various dioceses across the Western Region gathered for a time of reflection, collaboration and planning towards strengthening the mission of Catholic education. The meeting brought together representatives from Mumbai, Pune, Vasai, Nashik, Kalyan, Nagpur, Amravati, Aurangabad, Chanda, Gujarat, Baroda and Goa. Their participation reflected the importance of regional cooperation in addressing the emerging challenges and opportunities in Catholic education.

The Archbishop, Rev. Fr. Thomson and Ms. Maria Fernandes, Executive Secretary, were warmly welcomed by Rev. Fr. Jeyaprakash, Secretary of the Archdiocesan Board of Education, Nagpur. The programme included insightful sessions by Archbishop Elias Gonsalves, Rev. Fr. Thomson and Rev. Fr. Joseph Koovely, focusing on educational leadership, contemporary challenges and opportunities in the field of Catholic education.

The participants expressed their appreciation for the well-organised programme and the warm hospitality extended by the Archdiocese of Nagpur. The meeting provided a valuable platform for sharing experiences, strengthening regional collaboration and renewing the collective commitment to the mission and vision of Catholic education. The two-day gathering concluded with a fellowship lunch, bringing to a close a fruitful meeting marked by reflection, dialogue, collaboration and renewed commitment to the educational apostolate.





ST. JOHN'S PUBLIC SCHOOL MARKS INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH 'HAR GHAR TIRANGA' RALLY AND INTER-HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION

St. John's Public School celebrated the 80th Independence Day with a two-day program filled with patriotism and enthusiasm. As part of the national 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, a Tiranga Rally under the guidance of the Principal Rev. Fr. Arun Poulose along with the management was organized on 14th August. Students from all classes, along with teachers and staff, marched through the school campus holding the National Flag and raising slogans like "Har Ghar Tiranga, Har Dil Tiranga" and "Mera Tiranga, Mera Abhimaan". The rally aimed to spread awareness about hoisting the Tiranga in every home. The main celebrations were held on 15th August. The program began with the hoisting of the National Flag by the Chief Guest, Rev. Fr. Joshua Furtado- Rector Pilar Niketan, followed by the National Anthem. The key event of the day was the Inter-House Group Dance Competition held in Junior and Senior categories and felicitation of Meritorious Students for their outstanding performances in the board examination for the academic year 2025-26. A total of 55 students were honoured with Certificates and mementos. The theme was "Aarohan -A rise of talent, unity, and pride of India". All four houses participated with great energy and coordination. The competition was judged by Rev. Fr. Jomise Joy Director- Nagpur Archdiocesan Media and Communication and Rev. Sr. Rosily Mondoth- Vice Principal St. Josephs Convent, Kingsway Nagpur. They appreciated the costumes, expressions and patriotic spirit of the students. Green House won the First Prize in both Junior and Senior categories. In his address, Fr. Joshua Furtado urged students to remember the sacrifices of freedom fighters and to contribute to nation-building with honesty and unity. Students also took a pledge to hoist the Tiranga at their homes. The two-day celebration successfully spread the message of unity and national pride



FORMATION OF THE ALTAR SERVERS' ASSOCIATION FOR AJNI, NAGPUR AND KAMPTEE DEANERIES

The Altar Servers' Association for the Deaneries of Ajni, Nagpur, and Kamptee was formally constituted during a special gathering held to strengthen the ministry of altar servers and foster greater collaboration among the parishes. On this occasion, the newly elected office bearers were officially appointed to lead and coordinate the activities of the Association.

The meeting witnessed the enthusiastic participation of representatives from 17 parishes, reflecting the keen interest and commitment of the altar servers and their coordinators. The formation of the Association marks an important step towards promoting the spiritual formation, unity, leadership, and dedicated service of altar servers across the three deaneries. The gathering concluded with words of encouragement and prayers for the newly appointed leaders as they begin their mission of serving the Church and inspiring fellow altar servers to grow in faith, discipline, and commitment to the sacred liturgy. May the Lord abundantly bless their ministry and guide them in their service at His holy altar.



ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ARCHBISHOP'S HOUSE

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Meeting was held on Sunday, 19 July 2026, at 3:30 p.m. at the Archbishop's House, Nagpur, bringing together members of the Council to review the pastoral life and mission of the Archdiocese.

The meeting was chaired by Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, and provided a forum for prayer, consultation, and collaborative pastoral planning. The Council discussed various pastoral priorities, reviewed ongoing initiatives, and deliberated on programmes and activities aimed at strengthening the pastoral mission of the Archdiocese in the spirit of communion, participation, and synodality. The meeting concluded with a prayer, as the members renewed their commitment to working together for the growth and mission of the Church in the Archdiocese of Nagpur.



CATECHISM CLASSES INAUGURATED AT ASSUMPTION CHURCH BALAGHAT

The new academic year of the Catechism Department was formally inaugurated on Sunday, 12 July 2026, at Assumption Church, Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh, with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The inauguration was led by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Jeyaprakash, assisted by Rev. Fr. Narendra. The occasion marked the beginning of a new year of faith formation, encouraging children to grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith and live according to the values of the Gospel. The parish community prayed for God's abundant blessings upon the catechism teachers, students, parents, and all those involved in the ministry of faith formation, seeking a fruitful and grace-filled catechetical year ahead.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATED AT ASSUMPTION CHURCH BALAGHAT

Assumption Church, Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh, joyfully celebrated Grandparents' Day on Sunday, 26 July 2026, the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, with a solemn Eucharistic celebration. The liturgy was well prepared under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Vivian, while the Holy Eucharist was solemnly celebrated by Rev. Fr. Narendra, who offered special prayers for all the grandparents of the parish. In his homily, he highlighted the invaluable role of grandparents as the emotional anchors of families, preserving the faith, nurturing Christian values, and passing on a rich spiritual heritage to future generations.



The celebration was a fitting tribute to the love, wisdom, and sacrifices of grandparents. The parish community entrusted all grandparents to the intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne, praying that they may continue to be a source of faith, hope, and inspiration within their families and the Church.

CATECHISM CLASSES COMMENCE AT BHARVELY MISSION BALAGHAT

The new academic year of the Catechism Department commenced on Saturday, 11 July 2026, at Bharvely Mission, under Assumption Church, Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh, with the enthusiastic participation of catechism teachers and students. The inauguration marked the beginning of another year of faith formation, encouraging children to grow in their knowledge of the Catholic faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Catechism teachers reaffirmed their commitment to accompanying the children in their spiritual journey through dedicated instruction and Christian witness. The programme, held under the guidance of the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Jeya Prakash, concluded with prayers for God's abundant blessings upon the teachers, students, and their families, seeking a grace-filled and fruitful catechetical year.



FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY CELEBRATED AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH, CHHINDWARA

St. Francis Xavier's Church, Chhindwara, joyfully celebrated Faith Formation Sunday on Sunday, 5 July 2026, with great devotion and enthusiasm. The celebration began with the Holy Eucharist, prayerfully animated by the Catechism teachers and children, whose active participation enriched the liturgical celebration. Following the Holy Mass, the new academic year of the Catechism classes was formally inaugurated through a brief programme, marking the beginning of another year of faith formation and Christian education. The occasion encouraged children to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith, strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ, and live the values of the Gospel in their daily lives. The celebration concluded with prayers for God's abundant blessings upon the catechism teachers, children, parents, and the entire parish community for a fruitful and grace-filled catechetical year.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATED AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH, CHHINDWARA

St. Francis Xavier's Church, Chhindwara, joyfully celebrated Grandparents' Day on Sunday, 26 July 2026, honouring the invaluable contribution of grandparents and elderly members of the parish. The celebration began with the Holy Eucharist, during which special prayers were offered in thanksgiving for the faith, love, wisdom, and guidance of grandparents. The parish community expressed gratitude for their vital role in nurturing Christian values and strengthening family life. Following the Holy Mass, games were organised for the grandparents, creating a joyful atmosphere of fellowship and celebration. The programme concluded with a fellowship breakfast, providing an opportunity for parishioners to honour and celebrate their grandparents together. The celebration served as a meaningful reminder of the important role grandparents play in passing on the faith and enriching the life of the family and the Church.



CORPUS CHRISTI FEAST CELEBRATION AT ANANTNAGAR

The faithful of Mary Queen of the Apostles Church, Anantnagar, joyfully celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) on 7 June 2026 with deep faith and Eucharistic devotion. The celebration commenced with the solemn Holy Eucharist, attended by a large congregation of parishioners who gathered to profess their faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The liturgy invited the faithful to reflect on the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Church's life, nourishing believers in their journey of faith and discipleship.



Following the Holy Mass, the Blessed Sacrament was reverently carried in a Eucharistic procession around the church premises. As an expression of profound devotion and worship, an Aarti was offered before the Blessed Sacrament during the procession. The procession concluded with the return of the Blessed Sacrament to the church, where the faithful participated in a period of Eucharistic adoration, special prayers, and the solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The celebration served as a powerful witness to the parish's love for the Eucharistic Lord and renewed the faith of the community in Christ's abiding presence among His people. The solemn observance concluded in an atmosphere of prayer, gratitude, and spiritual renewal, inspiring the faithful to become living witnesses of the Eucharist in their daily lives.

THREE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CHAMBÉRY MAKE THEIR FINAL PROFESSION

Three Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry—Sr. Albina Lakra, Sr. Snehapriya Devsahayam, and Sr. Subani Kerketta—joyfully made their Final Profession on 1 August 2026, offering their definitive "Yes" to God through a lifelong commitment to the consecrated life. The solemn Eucharistic Celebration took place at St. Joseph's Convent Chapel, Nagpur, and was presided over by His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur. During the liturgy, the three sisters professed their perpetual vows in the presence of Rev. Sr. Monica, Provincial Superior of the Nagpur Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry, members of the Congregation, clergy, religious, family members, and a large gathering of the faithful.

In his homily, Archbishop Elias encouraged the sisters to remain steadfast in their vocation, faithfully living the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience with joyful dedication and generous service to the Church. The celebration concluded with expressions of gratitude and fellowship. The Archdiocese of Nagpur joins the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry in congratulating the newly professed sisters and praying that the Lord may continue to bless them with fidelity, zeal, and abundant grace in their lifelong vocation.



AJNI DEANERY MEETING HELD AT ST. CLARET SCHOOL BUTIBORI

The Ajni Deanery Meeting was held on 19th July 2026 at St. Claret School, Butibori, bringing together the priests and religious of the deanery for a time of prayer, fellowship, and pastoral planning. The gathering commenced with Eucharistic Adoration, followed by a sharing session and a warm welcome extended to the newcomers in the deanery. The Dean, Rev. Fr. Robert, expressed his sincere appreciation to the priests and religious sisters for their dedicated service to the Church and encouraged them to continue their ministry with renewed zeal and commitment.

The members also discussed forthcoming pastoral programmes and deanery activities, fostering collaboration and shared responsibility in the Church's mission. The meeting concluded with an Agape Meal, providing an opportunity for fellowship and strengthening the bonds of communion and unity among all the participants.



SEONI-CHHINDWARA DEANERY HOLDS RECOLLECTION AND PASTORAL MEETING

The Seoni-Chhindwara Deanery held its Deanery Recollection and Meeting on Sunday, 26 July 2026, bringing together the priests, religious, and pastoral representatives of the deanery for a day of prayer, formation, and pastoral planning. The gathering began with a warm welcome to Rev. Fr. Robert and the new members by the Dean, Rev. Fr. Vikas Joseph, together with Rev. Fr. Thomas K.D., Rev. Fr. Jason, and Rev. Fr. Thomas Chandy. The first formation session was conducted by Rev. Fr. Robert Nicolas on the "Importance of Online Submission of Parishioner Details," highlighting the significance of accurate digital parish records for effective pastoral planning and administration.

The Dean, Rev. Fr. Vikas Joseph, delivered a spiritual conference on "How to Remain in the Covenant of God," encouraging participants to remain faithful through prayer and commitment to God's Word. The recollection included Eucharistic Adoration and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During the meeting, a new Deanery Pastoral Team was constituted, with the newly appointed members expressing their commitment to the pastoral mission. Fr. Vikas Joseph concluded by thanking the SMMI Sisters, Rev. Fr. Thomas K.D., and all the priests, religious, and participants for their support, prayers, and active participation. The gathering concluded in a spirit of gratitude, fraternity, and renewed pastoral commitment.



GONDIA-BALAGHAT DEANERY MEETING HELD AT BALAGHAT

The Gondia-Balaghat Deanery Meeting was held at Balaghat under the leadership of the Dean, Rev. Fr. Jeyaprakash, bringing together priests, religious, and pastoral representatives from the various parishes and mission communities of the deanery. The meeting commenced with Eucharistic Adoration, followed by the blessing imparted by Rev. Fr. Narendra, invoking God's guidance upon the deliberations. Representatives from Gondia Parish, Balaghat Parish, Baihar Mission, and Garra-Garatola Parish actively participated in the gathering. The participants reviewed the pastoral priorities of the deanery and, through mutual consultation and collaboration, prepared the pastoral programme and calendar of activities for the coming year. The meeting reflected the spirit of communion, shared responsibility, and synodal collaboration in strengthening the mission of the Church within the deanery. The gathering concluded with words of gratitude to all the priests, religious, and lay faithful for their active participation and commitment to the pastoral mission of the deanery.



NAGPUR DEANERY RECOLLECTION HELD AT OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH

The Nagpur Deanery Recollection was held on Tuesday, 14 July 2026, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Seminary Hills, Nagpur, bringing together the priests of the deanery for a day of prayer, reflection, and fraternity. The recollection was organised under the leadership of the Dean, Rev. Fr. Vincent Thottupatt, SAC. The spiritual conference was delivered by Rev. Fr. Aquin, Rector of the Seminary, who encouraged the priests to deepen their relationship with Christ and renew their commitment to priestly ministry through prayer, pastoral charity, and faithful service to the People of God. The gathering provided an opportunity for the clergy to strengthen their spiritual life and foster priestly communion. The recollection concluded with prayers and fellowship, renewing the participants in their mission of serving the Church with dedication and zeal.



KAMPTÉE DEANERY GATHERING AT MHASALA

First gathering of Kamptee Deanery of new academic year took place at Marie Poussepin Academy at Mhasala on July 12, 2026 at 3pm. The gathering began with an introductory prayer led by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Kamptee. A warm welcome was extended by Sr. Alfonsa, Superior of the Dominican Community. Rev. Fr. Vincent SAC, delivered a talk on the importance of recognizing and manifesting God's presence in our daily lives through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Following the talk, Rev. Fr. Mukesh exposed the Blessed Sacrament. The Dominican Sisters of Mary Poussepin Academy animated the Adoration, while participants had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The members expressed sincere appreciation for the dedicated and meticulous service rendered by Sr. Ritika SJC as Deanery Secretary. In her place, Sr. Cleophas SAL was nominated as the new Deanery Secretary. Sr. Hazel SJC was nominated as the coordinator for the Women's Commission of the deanery in the place of Sr. Nirmala SJC. The meeting concluded with a sincere vote of thanks. After the meeting, the members made a short visit to St. Alphonsa Church, Mhasala, to extend birthday greetings to Rev. Fr. Sebastian D'Costa who celebrated the birthday on that day. Forty-five members participated from all over the deanery.



KAMPTÉE DEANERY PRIESTS GATHERING

Kamptee Deanery Priests came for fellowship get-together with prayer on July 5, 2026 at Kamptee Church. The gathering began with a prayer. Fr. Linto Peter, the Dean welcomed all. The gathering welcomed new member, Fr. Samir Nagarare to the deanery. Priests shared their pastoral experiences and concerns. The gathering concluded with a prayer and thanksgiving.



DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL CELEBRATE PLATINUM JUBILEE IN INDIA

The Daughters of St. Paul (DSP) joyfully celebrated the Platinum Jubilee (75 Years) of their presence in India on Thursday, 23 July 2026, with a solemn Eucharistic celebration and thanksgiving at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, Nagpur. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, in the presence of priests, religious, benefactors, friends, and a large gathering of the faithful. The celebration was an occasion to thank God for the congregation's 75 years of dedicated service to the Church through the apostolate of evangelisation in the fields of media and social communications.

At the beginning of the programme, Sr. Apollonia, DSP, Superior of the Nagpur Community, welcomed the Archbishop and the assembled guests. At the conclusion of the celebration, Sr. Vincent, DSP, former Provincial Superior, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all for their prayers, presence, and continued support of the congregation's mission. The celebration concluded with a fellowship dinner at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, where the participants marked this historic milestone in a spirit of thanksgiving, fraternity, and renewed commitment to the mission of proclaiming the Gospel through the media.



FAREWELL TO SR. ROSHMITA

The Christian Life Commission bid a heartfelt farewell to Sr. Roshmita, Assistant Director, in recognition of her dedicated and faithful service to the Archdiocese. During her tenure, Sr. Roshmita rendered invaluable service through her gentle leadership, unwavering commitment to faith formation, and tireless efforts in strengthening the pastoral mission of the Church. Her zeal, dedication, and compassionate presence have positively influenced the lives of many and contributed significantly to the growth of the Commission's various ministries. On the occasion of her farewell, sincere gratitude was expressed for her selfless service, and prayerful best wishes were extended as she embarks upon a new chapter of her religious ministry. May the Lord continue to bless her abundantly, guide her in her future apostolate, and reward her generous service to the Church.



FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART CELEBRATED AT SACRED HEART PARISH, SILEWARA

The Feast of the Sacred Heart was joyfully celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish, Silewara, on Sunday, 21 June 2026. The parish marked the occasion with great devotion, combining the celebration with Father's Day and a Tree Plantation Drive, bringing together the faithful in prayer, gratitude, and care for God's creation. The solemn Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, and graced by Rev. Fr. Ranjith Rodrigues, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Nagpur, along with the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Jomise Joy.

Special prayers were offered in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, seeking His abundant blessings upon the parish community and all families. Fathers were felicitated for their invaluable role in nurturing faith and family life, while the tree plantation initiative reflected the Church's commitment to environmental stewardship and the care of our common home. The celebration concluded joyfully, strengthening the bonds of faith, family, and community, and inspiring all present to live as faithful witnesses of Christ's love through service, gratitude, and responsible care for creation.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY AND FEAST OF ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY CELEBRATED AT SACRED HEART PARISH, SILEWARA

Sacred Heart Parish, Silewara, joyfully celebrated Grandparents' Day and the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney on Sunday, 2 August 2026, with a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Rev. Fr. Ranjith Rodrigues. Special prayers were offered for grandparents in thanksgiving for their love, wisdom, faith, and guidance. The parish also prayed for all priests through the intercession of St. John Mary Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, seeking God's blessings upon their ministry.

Following the Holy Mass, the parishioners presented a colourful cultural programme in honour of the grandparents. The celebration concluded with a fellowship breakfast, bringing the parish community together in gratitude, joy, and fraternity. It served as a fitting tribute to grandparents for their role in nurturing faith and family values, while expressing appreciation for the dedicated ministry of priests in the life of the Church.



INAUGURATION OF THE CATECHISM YEAR AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GONDIA

Responding to Christ's mandate to proclaim the Gospel and nurture young disciples in the faith, St. Joseph's Church, Gondia, inaugurated its Catechism Year 2026-2027 on 5 July 2026. The occasion marked the beginning of another year of faith formation for the parish children. The parish has 33 children participating regularly in the Sunday catechism programme, conducted by the SMMI Sisters, together with Rev. Fr. Saiju and Rev. Fr. Roshimon. During the inaugural programme, Rev. Fr. Saiju emphasized the importance of catechism in the life of every Christian, drawing from his personal journey of faith to inspire the children and parents. He encouraged the children to remain faithful to their formation and grow in love for Christ and His Church.



The parish has chosen the Word of God and the Holy Bible as the special focus for the academic year. Through the study of Sacred Scripture, prayer, and interactive learning, the children will be encouraged to deepen their understanding of God's Word and live the Gospel values in their daily lives. The inauguration marked a joyful beginning to the new catechetical year, reaffirming the parish's commitment to faith formation and nurturing committed disciples rooted in the Word of God.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION AT GONDIA

On the occasion of the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph's Church, Gondia, joyfully celebrated Grandparents' Day, honouring the invaluable role of grandparents in nurturing faith and family life. A large number of grandparents participated in the solemn celebration of the Holy Eucharist, followed by a felicitation programme organized in their honour. The celebration was marked by gratitude, love, and joyful fellowship. The children expressed their affection through a special song and presented flowers and gifts to each grandparent as tokens of respect and gratitude for their love, wisdom, and enduring witness of faith.



In his message, Rev. Fr. Saiju expressed heartfelt appreciation for the grandparents' lifelong contribution, sacrifices, and dedicated service to the parish community. He encouraged them to continue inspiring younger generations through their example of faith, prayer, and Christian values. The celebration concluded on a joyful note, leaving the grandparents deeply touched and appreciated. It was a memorable occasion that strengthened intergenerational bonds and reaffirmed the parish's gratitude for the invaluable presence and guidance of its senior members.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATED AT ST. JOHN PAUL II CHURCH, HAZARIPAHAD

St. John Paul II Church joyfully celebrated Grandparents' Day on Sunday, 2 August 2026, with a spirit of thanksgiving and gratitude for the invaluable role of grandparents in the family and the Church. The celebration began with the Holy Eucharist, during which special prayers were offered for all grandparents in recognition of their love, faith, wisdom, and dedicated contribution to nurturing Christian values within families.



Following the Holy Mass, the grandparents enthusiastically participated in a variety of fun-filled games, creating an atmosphere of joy, laughter, and fellowship. The celebration concluded with a time of fellowship, providing an opportunity for parishioners to honour and appreciate the elderly members of the parish community. The Parish Priest expressed his sincere gratitude to all those who helped organise the celebration and prayed that God would continue to bless all grandparents with good health, peace, joy, and abundant grace as they remain living witnesses of faith for future generations.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY CELEBRATED AT ST. JOHN PAUL II CHURCH, HAZARIPAHAD

The Feast of St. John Mary Vianney, the Patron Saint of Parish Priests, was celebrated with great joy, devotion, and gratitude at St. John Paul II Church, Hazaripahad, on 9 August 2026. The celebration commenced with the Holy Eucharist, offered in thanksgiving for the gift of priesthood and with special prayers for priests and their ministry. The faithful entrusted all priests to the intercession of St. John Mary Vianney, praying for their holiness, perseverance, and faithful service to the People of God.

Following the Eucharistic celebration, the parishioners presented a short cultural programme expressing their love and appreciation for the priests. The priests were then felicitated with gratitude and affection for their dedicated pastoral service and selfless commitment to the parish community. The celebration concluded with the distribution of sweets to all the participants, fostering a joyful atmosphere of fellowship and communion. The feast provided a meaningful opportunity for the parish community to express its gratitude for the gift of priesthood and to renew its prayers for priests, following the example of St. John Mary Vianney, who devoted his life entirely to the service of God and His people.



PARISH CHILDREN'S SEMINAR HELD AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, JAITALA

Our Lady of Fatima Church, Jaitala, organised a Parish Children's Seminar on Saturday, 27 June 2026, on the theme "Growing in Faith, Sharing God's Love." The seminar was conducted by Rev. Fr. Cyprian Creado.

The programme commenced with a prayer, followed by an engaging and interactive session in which Fr. Cyprian encouraged the children to deepen their faith, cultivate a life of prayer, and live according to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Through inspiring stories, activities, and discussions, the children were motivated to practise Christian values of love, kindness, and compassion.

The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks and prayer. The enthusiastic participation of the children made the programme a meaningful and enriching spiritual experience, inspiring them to grow as faithful disciples of Christ.

THE LONG-AWAITED DREAM OF A NEW PARISH HOUSE BECOMES A REALITY

The Archdiocese of Nagpur witnessed another significant milestone with the blessing and inauguration of the newly constructed Parish House at St. John Paul II Church, Hazaripahad, on Sunday, 17 May 2026, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The celebration began with the Holy Eucharist at 7:30 a.m., following which His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, blessed and inaugurated the new Parish House in the presence of Rev. Fr. Ranjith Rodrigues, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, priests, religious, and a large gathering of the faithful.

The new Parish House will serve as the residence of the parish priest and as a centre for pastoral ministry, administration, and parish activities. The occasion was marked by profound thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings and by heartfelt gratitude to all whose generous support, prayers, and dedicated efforts made the successful completion of the project possible.

In his address, Rev. Fr. Sachin Peter, Parish Priest, expressed his sincere gratitude to the Archbishop, the clergy, religious, benefactors, parishioners, and all those who contributed to the construction of the Parish House. Archbishop Elias Gonsalves, in turn, commended Fr. Sachin Peter for his dedicated leadership, tireless efforts, and prudent stewardship in mobilising resources and successfully completing the project. He encouraged the faithful to continue working together in building a vibrant and faith-filled parish community. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks and fellowship, as the faithful rejoiced in the fulfilment of this long-awaited dream and renewed their commitment to the growth and mission of St. John Paul II Parish.

FAITH-FORMATION SUNDAY CELEBRATED AT KAMPTEE

Immaculate Conception Church, Kamptee celebrated Faith Formation Sunday on July 5, 2026. Children of the Parish conducted the liturgy. Fr. Linto Peter inaugurated the Faith formation activities for children of the parish. Children led the liturgy. Children came in procession with lighted candles as they carried the faith of light to their lives. Teachers professed their commitment to the Church of forming the children in faith. Fifteen children participated the programme.



KAMPTEE PARISH WELCOMES NEW RELIGIOUS MEMBERS

Kamptee parish welcomed new members of various religious communities and major seminarians who came for pastoral ministries to the parish on July 12, 2026. Rev. Fr. Glen Mascarenes welcomed them with a flower.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT KAMPTEE

Immaculate Conception Church, Kamptee witnessed zealous celebration Grandparents' Day on July 26, 2026. Grandparents conducted the Sunday Liturgy. Fr. Linto Peter during his homily thanked them for leading the families and parish into the right direction of faith. Catechism department organised a felicitation programme in honour of grandparents which was attended by eighty members of parishioners. The cultural vividly depicted the greatness of grandparents in society and families. Parish gave a token of love to all grandparents who attended the programme.



VIANNEY DAY AND ST ALPHONSA'S FEAST AT KAMPTEE

Immaculate Conception Church, Kamptee celebrated the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney, the Patron Saint of Diocesan Priests, and St. Alphonsa's Feast on 2nd August 2026 with great devotion and joy. The women of the parish presented an entrance dance in honour of the priests, while members of St. Alphonsa BEC group led the procession with the statue of St. Alphonsa. During the Offertory, special prayers were offered for Fr. Linto, Fr. Mukesh, Fr. Glen, Fr. Simon, Fr. Vivian and Fr. Samir.

Following the Holy Mass, the Parish Council organised a felicitation programme at Parish Hall, featuring cultural performances by parishioners. The priests were honoured with flowers, gifts, and saplings for their dedicated service. The celebration concluded at 10:30 a.m., leaving everyone inspired by St. John Mary Vianney and grateful for the selfless ministry of the priests.



INAUGURATION OF CATECHISM CLASSES AND ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING CAMP

The Catechism Classes for the academic year 2026–2027 at St. Pius X Church, Mankapur, were formally inaugurated on Sunday, 5 July 2026, with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Mass was offered by Rev. Fr. Francis Leonard, invoking God's blessings upon the catechism students, catechists, parents, and altar servers as they embarked on a new year of faith formation. Following the Eucharistic celebration, the parish officially commenced its catechetical programme, with children gathering in their respective classes under the guidance of dedicated catechism teachers. The inaugural session marked the beginning of another year of systematic faith formation, prayer, and Christian discipleship.

After the catechism classes, a One-Day Altar Servers' Training Camp was organized for students from Class IV onwards. The programme brought together approximately 60 children from St. Pius X Church, Mankapur, along with eight altar servers from St. John Paul II Church, Hazari Pahad, who were accompanied by Mr. Thomas Gabriel, Treasurer of the Diocesan Altar Servers' Association. The training sessions were conducted by Mr. Maurice Titus, Diocesan Coordinator for Altar Servers, Mr. Melwyn Titus, and Rev. Fr. Prashant. Through inspiring presentations, practical demonstrations, and interactive sessions, the participants gained a deeper appreciation of the spirituality, dignity, and responsibilities of serving at the altar. Special emphasis was given to the proper liturgical practices associated with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and other sacred rites.

The day was enriched with group activities, action songs, games, discussions, fellowship, and practical exercises, creating a joyful and engaging learning environment. Breakfast, lunch, and evening refreshments were provided for all the participants. The catechism teachers remained actively involved throughout the programme, accompanying the children and assisting in its smooth conduct. The Parish Youth also played a significant role by organizing games, action songs, and interactive activities, contributing greatly to the success of the camp.

The inauguration of the catechism classes and the altar servers' training camp marked a grace-filled beginning to the new catechetical year. It strengthened the children's understanding of the Catholic faith, deepened their love for the Holy Eucharist, and encouraged them to serve the Church with reverence, dedication, and joy. The parish gratefully acknowledges the dedicated service of Rev. Fr. Francis Leonard, Mr. Maurice Titus, Mr. Melwyn Titus, Rev. Fr. Prashant, Mr. Thomas Gabriel, the catechism teachers, Parish Youth, volunteers, and benefactors whose generous support made the programme a memorable and fruitful experience.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATED AT ST. PIUS X CHURCH MANKAPUR

St. Pius X Church, Mankapur, joyfully celebrated Grandparents' Day on Sunday, 26 July 2026, with around 130 grandparents participating in the celebration. The festivities began with the Holy Eucharist, specially offered for all grandparents. The liturgy was prayerfully animated by the grandparents themselves, who actively carried out the various liturgical ministries, making the celebration both meaningful and memorable. Following the Holy Mass, a cultural programme was presented in their honour. The younger catechism children performed a lively dance, the middle-school catechism students delighted the gathering with a song, and the parish youth presented a vibrant dance performance. Fun-filled games, including Housie, added joy and fellowship to the occasion.

As a token of love and appreciation, each grandparent received a small gift, followed by a fellowship breakfast for all. The Parish Priest expressed his gratitude to everyone who contributed to the successful organisation of the celebration. The event concluded in a spirit of thanksgiving, celebrating the invaluable role of grandparents in nurturing faith, preserving family values, and strengthening the bonds between generations within the parish community.



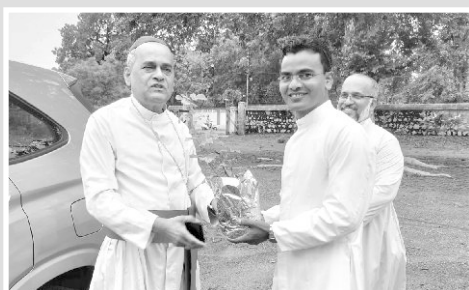
FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CELEBRATED AT PREM DAN, MOHAN NAGAR

The Sisters of St. John the Baptist joyfully celebrated the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist on 25 June 2026 at Prem Dan, Mohan Nagar. The celebration was marked by deep faith, gratitude, and joyful fellowship. The programme commenced with a warm welcome extended by Sr. Smitha SJB, the newly appointed Superior of the community, who greeted the Archbishop, clergy, religious, and all those gathered for the celebration. The Holy Eucharist was solemnly celebrated by His Grace, Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, who reflected on the life and mission of St. John the Baptist, inspiring the faithful to bear courageous witness to Christ through lives of humility, service, and fidelity to the Gospel. The celebration concluded with a fellowship meal, providing an opportunity for the community, guests, and well-wishers to share in the joy of the feast and strengthen the bonds of communion and thanksgiving.



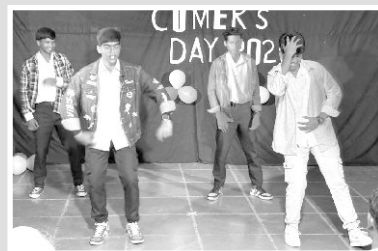
SEMINARIANS ENTER NEW ACADEMIC YEAR WITH PRAYER & ZEAL

Ankurkunj Gurukul witnessed new beginning of academic year 2026-27 on July 2, 2026. His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop Nagpur celebrated inaugural Holy Eucharist at Immaculate Conception, Kamptee. He reminded the seminarians and formators to activate the work of Holy Spirit in the formation. Also, he encouraged the seminarians to focus on Christ, the formator. Teachers and forty-five parishioners attended inaugural mass. Fr. Mukesh Lakra, Vice-Rector of the Ankurkunj welcomed the Archbishop with a sapling. Fr. Mukesh, Fr. Linto, Fr. Glen Mascarenes, Fr. Ranjith and Fr. Augustine were concelebrants. Archbishop released new academic calendar and welcomed the seminarians to the new academic year with a holy rosary. Fr. Linto Peter, rector of the Ankurkunj expressed the gratitude to Archbishop and all guests for their esteemed presence.



ANKURKUNJ WELCOMES NEWCOMERS

Eight Newcomers were welcomed by senior seminarians in a joy filled evening to the Ankurkunj Gurukul, Junior Seminary of Archdiocese of Nagpur on 12th July 2026. The programme held at community hall of Ankurkunj, Kamptee. Rev. Fr. Glen Mascarenes, former Parish Priest of Kamptee Parish was the chief guest. Skits, dances and songs added the fervor to the programme. New comers expressed their arts talents on the occasion and stated their gratitude. Fr. Linto Peter, rector of the seminary welcomed them with flowers. Fr. Mukesh Lakra, Fr. Liju Anthony, Rev. Sisters and parishioners came to encourage the seminarians. Bro. Sumit, regent coordinated the function.



ALTAR SERVERS' CAMP 2026 – “CHOSEN TO SERVE”

The Altar Servers' Camp 2026, centred on the theme “Chosen to Serve,” was successfully conducted from 12 to 14 June 2026 at Mary Queen of the Apostles Church, Anantnagar, Nagpur. The three-day formation programme brought together 46 altar servers, who were accompanied and guided by 10 dedicated animators. The camp was designed to provide holistic spiritual, liturgical, and personal formation for the participants. Through a series of engaging sessions, the altar servers deepened their understanding of prayer, the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the lives of the saints, the responses of the Holy Mass, and the sacred responsibilities entrusted to those who serve at the altar.

In addition to the formation sessions, the programme included practical liturgical training, group discussions, games, team-building activities, and interactive faith experiences. These activities fostered leadership, discipline, teamwork, and a deeper relationship with Christ, while encouraging the participants to appreciate the dignity and significance of their ministry within the Church. The camp concluded with a joyful cultural programme that showcased the talents and enthusiasm of the participants, followed by a spirit of thanksgiving and fellowship. The three-day experience left the altar servers spiritually enriched, inspired, and renewed in their commitment to serve the Lord and His Church with reverence, dedication, and joy.



BEC ONGOING FORMATION PROGRAMME HELD AT MARY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES PARISH, PALLOTTI NAGAR

The BEC Ongoing Formation Programme was held on Sunday, 2 August 2026, at the Pallotti School Jubilee Hall, Mary Queen of the Apostles Parish, Pallotti Nagar. The programme was organised by the BEC Panch Samiti and facilitated by the Parish Animation Team (PAT). The session commenced with the Enthronement of the Holy Bible, followed by a participatory evaluation of the Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs), reflecting on their strengths and the challenges they face. The identified challenges will be addressed during the next formation session as part of the parish's ongoing pastoral renewal. The facilitators presented a summary of the first three steps of the Seven Steps of Gospel Sharing, helping participants deepen their understanding of the spirituality and mission of Basic Ecclesial Communities.

One of the important resolutions of the programme was that all BEC leaders, together with their Panch Samiti members, will undertake family visits within their respective communities, and share their experiences during the monthly BEC meeting scheduled for the third week of September. The programme witnessed the encouraging participation of the brothers from Pallotti Bhavan, who accompany and support the BEC ministry, along with representatives from almost all the BECs of the parish. The two-hour formation session concluded with renewed enthusiasm and commitment, inspiring the participants to strengthen the life and mission of the Basic Ecclesial Communities through prayer, communion, and active pastoral outreach.



MQAC ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Mary Queen of the Apostles Community (MQAC) of Mary Queen of the Apostles Parish, Pallotti Nagar, was successfully conducted on Sunday, 5 July 2026, at the Pallotti Jubilee Hall following the parish Eucharistic celebration. Approximately 70 members, comprising the Panch Samiti and Heads of Parish Ministries, participated under the leadership of the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Vincent Thottupatt, SAC. The meeting commenced with the solemn Enthronement of the Holy Bible, followed by the garlanding of the Sacred Scriptures and the traditional Aarti, led by Rev. Fr. Vincent. The participants prayerfully reflected on the first three steps of Gospel Sharing, invoking God's guidance and blessings for the parish's pastoral mission.

Mr. Pradeep extended a warm welcome to all present. In his inaugural address, Rev. Fr. Vincent emphasised the Church's call to build vibrant Christian communities through active participation, shared responsibility, and the spirit of synodality. He encouraged every member to contribute generously towards strengthening the People of God and fostering communion, participation, and mission within the parish. The Panch Samiti members were then divided into their respective groups for planning and discussion. Following breakfast, each group engaged in intensive planning to formulate pastoral priorities and action plans for the year ahead. The various parish ministries presented their Annual Action Plans, while the Panch Samiti groups submitted their plans in writing for subsequent review due to time constraints.

The General Body also deliberated on several important matters concerning the life and mission of the parish. Fruitful discussions resulted in significant decisions that will guide the pastoral programmes and activities of the parish during the 2026–2027 pastoral year. The meeting concluded with a prayer, followed by the final blessing imparted by Rev. Fr. Vincent and a group photograph. Participants appreciated the well-organised and spiritually enriching gathering, describing it as a fruitful and inspiring experience that renewed their enthusiasm, strengthened their sense of shared responsibility, and reaffirmed their commitment to serving the parish with greater zeal and dedication.



WOMEN'S TREE PLANTATION DRIVE HELD AT MARY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CHURCH, ANATH NAGAR

As part of a Women's Tree Plantation Drive, members of Mary Queen of the Apostles Church, Anath Nagar, enthusiastically participated in a tree-planting initiative on Sunday, 19 July 2026, promoting environmental stewardship and care for creation. The participants planted saplings as a sign of their commitment to protecting the environment and fostering a greener and healthier future. The initiative reflected the values of unity, shared responsibility, and respect for God's creation, inspiring the parish community to contribute towards ecological sustainability. The programme concluded successfully, conveying the message that every tree planted today is a meaningful step towards a cleaner, greener, and more hope-filled tomorrow.



CATECHETICAL YEAR INAUGURATED AT MARY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CHURCH

The new academic year of the Catechism Department at Mary Queen of the Apostles Church, Anath Nagar, commenced on Sunday, 2 August 2026, with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, presided over by Rev. Fr. Shine Augustine. During the Eucharistic celebration, the Catechism teachers solemnly took their oath, reaffirming their commitment to faithfully impart the Catholic faith and guide the students in their spiritual formation. Following the Holy Mass, students who had secured the highest marks and maintained exemplary attendance during the previous academic year were felicitated in recognition of their dedication and excellence.

The programme concluded with a prayer of thanksgiving as the parish community entrusted the new catechetical year to God's blessings, seeking a fruitful year of faith formation for both teachers and students.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION

The Parish of Mary Queen of the Apostles Church, Anantnagar, joyfully celebrated Grandparents' Day on 26 July 2026, honouring the invaluable contribution of grandparents to family life, the Church, and society. Approximately 120 grandparents participated. The programme commenced with a traditional welcome with Chandan Tilak, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Vincent Thottupat, SAC, Parish Priest, and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Shine Augustine, SAC. The liturgy was animated by the parish youth together with the grandparents, highlighting the vital role of older generations in handing on the faith.

Following Holy Mass, a cultural programme was organized, featuring fun games and musical chairs that created an atmosphere of joy and fellowship. The parish youth presented a graceful dance, while the youth choir rendered a touching musical tribute. Tea and biscuits were served, providing an opportunity for interaction, and gifts were presented to every grandparent as a token of love, appreciation, and gratitude. Photographs were taken throughout the celebration, preserving joyful memories of the occasion.

The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, acknowledging the grandparents and the dedicated efforts of the parish youth, volunteers, and organizers. The celebration expressed the parish's gratitude for the wisdom, faith, and enduring witness of grandparents, whose lives continue to inspire younger generations in their journey of Christian discipleship.

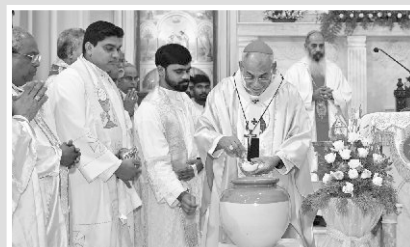


NAGPUR ARCHDIOCESE UNVEILS RESTORED CATHEDRAL AND LAUNCHES RESEARCH CENTRE FOR SYNODAL MISSION

The Archdiocese of Nagpur marked a historic milestone on 7 July 2026 with the blessing of the newly renovated St. Francis de Sales (SFS) Cathedral and the inauguration of the RNR: Research and Resource Development Centre, reflecting its commitment to preserving the Church's heritage while fostering research, accountability, and synodal renewal. Nearly 500 clergy, religious, and lay faithful gathered for the celebration, which began with the blessing of the cathedral's restored sanctuary. Renovated in white marble and restored to its original classical design, the sanctuary reflects the Archdiocese's reverence for the sacred liturgy and its rich ecclesial heritage. The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by His Eminence Cardinal Filipe Neri Ferrão, Archbishop of Goa and Daman, in the presence of His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop Emeritus of Bombay, Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, more than 23 bishops of the Western Regional Bishops' Council, over 100 priests, religious, and a large gathering of the faithful.

Following the Holy Mass, Cardinal Oswald Gracias inaugurated the RNR Centre, a pioneering initiative to strengthen the institutional life of the Archdiocese through research, strategic planning, and evidence-based decision-making. Presenting its vision, Archbishop Elias Gonsalves explained that the Centre is inspired by the Church's synodal call to accountability, transparency, and co-responsibility. It will provide research, data analysis, and resource development to support pastoral planning, educational excellence, and institutional growth. The occasion also witnessed the release of its inaugural publication, **A Synodal Schoolyard: Co-responsibility and Transformation in Catholic Education**, prepared in collaboration with a research institute in Pune. The publication assesses 47 educational institutions under the Archdiocesan Board of Education in the light of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan 2030, the National Education Policy 2020, and the Vatican's vision of transformative, synodal education.

Adding a festive dimension, students of Jeevodaya Special School and the staff of SFS School of Excellence presented a cultural programme, while a documentary highlighting the transformation of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese into contemporary, data-driven institutions was screened. The twin inaugurations of the restored Cathedral and the RNR Centre reflected the Archdiocese of Nagpur's vision of integrating faith with innovation—honouring its rich ecclesial heritage while equipping its pastoral and educational institutions to respond creatively, responsibly, and synodally to the challenges of the future.



FEAST OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CELEBRATED AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH, JAWAHARNAGAR

St. Thomas Church, Jawaharnagar, joyfully celebrated the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle on Sunday, 5 July 2026, though the liturgical feast is observed annually on 3 July. The celebration centred on the Holy Eucharist, which was solemnly concelebrated by ten priests together with several religious sisters from the Bhandara Deanery. The faithful gathered in large numbers, making the occasion a vibrant expression of faith, thanksgiving, and ecclesial communion. Following the Holy Mass, the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Simon Fernandes, felicitated the priests and religious sisters as a token of gratitude for their presence and dedicated service to the Church. The celebration concluded with an Agape Meal, fostering fellowship, fraternity, and unity among the clergy, religious, and parishioners as they rejoiced in the witness of St. Thomas the Apostle, the patron of the parish.



RENOVATED PAULINE BOOK CENTRE BLESSED AND INAUGURATED IN NAGPUR

The newly renovated Pauline Book Centre was solemnly blessed and inaugurated by His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, on Saturday, 27 June 2026. The renovation project was successfully completed through the generous support and financial contributions of benefactors and donors, whose generosity made the renewal of the Centre possible. Their commitment has helped provide a more welcoming and functional space for the apostolate of evangelization through Catholic literature and media.

Following the completion of the renovation, the Pauline Book Centre, which had been temporarily operating from an alternative location during the renovation period, has now resumed its services at its original premises. The renovated Centre offers an improved environment for the faithful, students, religious, and visitors seeking spiritual, catechetical, and educational resources. The blessing and inauguration marked a significant milestone in the Church's mission of evangelization through the ministry of the printed word and digital media. The renewed Pauline Book Centre continues its commitment to making quality Catholic literature and faith resources readily accessible, thereby strengthening the Church's mission of evangelization and faith formation in the Archdiocese of Nagpur.



CATECHISM CLASSES INAUGURATED AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, PADRITHANA

The new academic year of the Catechism Department was inaugurated on Sunday, 12 July 2026, at Holy Family Church, Padrithana, with the enthusiastic participation of catechism teachers, students, and parents. The inauguration marked the beginning of another year of faith formation, encouraging children to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith, grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, and live according to the values of the Gospel. The catechism teachers renewed their commitment to accompanying the children in their journey of faith through dedicated instruction and Christian witness.



The programme was conducted under the guidance of the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Prashanth Kanapala, PSDP, and concluded with prayers for God's abundant blessings upon the teachers, students, and their families, seeking a grace-filled and fruitful catechetical year ahead.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATED AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, PADRITHANA

Holy Family Church, Padrithana, joyfully celebrated Grandparents' Day with love and gratitude, bringing together grandparents, families, and parishioners to honour the invaluable role of grandparents in nurturing faith and family life. The celebration began with the Holy Eucharist, during which special prayers were offered for all grandparents. In the homily, the faithful were reminded that grandparents are the custodians of faith, love, and family values, faithfully passing on the rich Christian heritage to future generations.

Following the Holy Mass, a cultural programme was presented by the children, who expressed their love and appreciation through songs, dances, and speeches. Grandparents were felicitated with floral greetings and tokens of appreciation in recognition of their wisdom, sacrifices, and enduring contribution to family and parish life. The celebration concluded in a spirit of thanksgiving, strengthening the bonds between generations and reaffirming the important role of grandparents in the life and mission of the Church.



ARCHDIOCESE OF NAGPUR CELEBRATES FEAST OF ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY WITH PRIESTS' AND RELIGIOUS RECOLLECTION

The Archdiocese of Nagpur celebrated the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney, Patron Saint of Parish Priests, with a Recollection for Priests and Religious on Tuesday, 4 August 2026, at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral and the Archbishop's House, Nagpur. The programme commenced with fellowship tea at 3:30 p.m., followed by a spiritual conference delivered by Rev. Fr. Prashanth, who invited the participants to renew their commitment to Christ and embrace their vocation with deeper faith, zeal, and pastoral charity. In his address, His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, extended his warm greetings and heartfelt appreciation to all the priests and religious for their generous and dedicated service to the Church. He encouraged them to persevere in their vocation with renewed enthusiasm, inspired by the exemplary life of St. John Mary Vianney.

The recollection continued with Eucharistic Adoration at 5:30 p.m. in St. Francis de Sales Cathedral, prayerfully animated by Rev. Fr. Sachin, providing the participants with an opportunity for silent prayer and spiritual renewal. The celebration concluded with the Holy Eucharist, presided over by the Archbishop, followed by a fellowship dinner for all the participants. Rev. Fr. Ranjith Rodrigues, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, served as the Master of Ceremonies for both the recollection programme and the Eucharistic celebration. The annual gathering offered the priests and religious a meaningful opportunity for prayer, fraternity, and spiritual renewal as they recommitted themselves to their mission of faithful service in the Archdiocese of Nagpur.



HGN Taking Charge of Amla School and Misison



Fr. Mukesh Garasiya SAC took charge as the new parish priest of Baihar mission



Fr. Linto took charge as the Parish Priest of Immaculate Conception Church, Kamptee



FEAST OF ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY AND CASSOCK DAY CELEBRATED AT ST. CHARLES SEMINARY

The Feast of St. John Mary Vianney and Cassock Day were solemnly celebrated on Tuesday, 4 August 2026, at St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur. On this joyful occasion, nine seminarians were vested with the cassock, a visible sign of their commitment to priestly formation and their journey towards the sacred priesthood.

The Solemn Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur. In his homily, the Archbishop reflected on the profound significance of the cassock, describing it as the garment of the Good Shepherd and reminding the seminarians that a priest's identity is formed "in and from the People of God." He encouraged them to walk among God's people with humility and pastoral charity, emphasizing that the cassock is a habit of faithful stewardship and that priestly ministry is a response to God's mercy and grace. He further urged them to wear the cassock as a sign of readiness to labour in the Lord's harvest, dedicating their lives generously to the service of the Gospel.



The Archbishop explained that the black cassock signifies simplicity, sacrifice, and detachment from worldly values, while the white cassock symbolises purity. He reminded the candidates that the cassock is a sacred sign of being set apart to serve God and His people with holiness, fidelity, and selfless dedication. The celebration concluded with a felicitation programme, including the cutting of a commemorative cake and a felicitation song, as the seminary community rejoiced in this important milestone in the lives of the newly vested seminarians.



INAUGURAL MASS MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026–2027 AT ST. CHARLES SEMINARY

St. Charles Seminary inaugurated the Academic Year 2026–2027 on Saturday, 27 June 2026, with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration, also marking the formal commencement of the St. Charles Institute of Theology. The Holy Mass was presided over by Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, along with concelebrating priests, seminarians, religious, and invited guests. Following the Holy Mass, the logo of the St. Charles Institute of Theology was officially unveiled, symbolizing a new chapter in the Seminary's mission of theological education and priestly formation. The programme continued with an inaugural lecture by Rev. Fr. Pratik Pereira, O.P., whose thought-provoking address inspired the faculty and seminarians at the beginning of the new academic year.

The occasion reaffirmed the Seminary's commitment to academic excellence, sound theological education, and the integral formation of future priests. The celebration concluded with prayers of thanksgiving and a renewed commitment to forming faithful, competent, and zealous ministers of the Gospel.



FEAST OF ST. ANNE CELEBRATED AT DAHEGAON KHAPERKHEDA

The Sisters of St. Anne, Luzern, joyfully celebrated the Feast of St. Anne on Sunday, 26 July 2026, at Dahegaon, Khaperkheda, with a solemn Eucharistic celebration. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr. Jeyaprakash, Secretary of the Archdiocesan Board of Education (ABE), Archdiocese of Nagpur, as the principal celebrant. He was joined by Rev. Fr. Linto Peter, Dean of the Kamptee Deanery, Rev. Fr. Jomise Joy, Parish Priest of Silwara Parish, along with several priests and religious.

The celebration was attended by parishioners, staff members, benefactors, well-wishers, and members of the local community, making the occasion a joyful expression of faith, communion, and thanksgiving. The prayerful liturgy invoked God's abundant blessings upon the congregation and reflected the witness of Saints Joachim and Anne as models of faith and family life. The Sisters of St. Anne expressed their sincere gratitude to all the priests, religious, parishioners, staff, benefactors, and well-wishers whose presence and participation contributed to the success of the celebration. The feast concluded with prayers seeking the continued intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne for all families and communities.



FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY CELEBRATED AT INFANT JESUS CHURCH, WADI

Infant Jesus Church, Wadi, joyfully celebrated Faith Formation Sunday on Sunday, 5 July 2026, with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, presided over by Rev. Fr. Joseph Panackal. During the celebration, students who secured the highest marks in the Catechism Examination were felicitated in recognition of their academic excellence. The Catechism Teachers solemnly took the Oath of Commitment, followed by the students, marking the beginning of a new catechetical year dedicated to faith formation and Christian living. The celebration concluded with prayers for God's abundant blessings upon the teachers, students, and parents, as they journey together in faith and discipleship throughout the new academic year.



ONGOING FORMATION PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NAGPUR

The Archdiocese of Nagpur organized a three-day Ongoing Formation Programme for Young Priests from 20–23 July 2026, bringing together 27 diocesan priests ordained within the past fifteen years. Organized in accordance with Canon 279 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, which encourages clerics to participate in pastoral lectures, theological meetings, and conferences as part of their ongoing formation, the programme sought to strengthen the participants in their spiritual, intellectual, human, and pastoral formation, equipping them to serve the People of God with renewed zeal and effectiveness. The programme commenced with the arrival of the participants on 20 July and included daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Morning and Evening Prayer, group discussions, and moments of personal reflection and fraternity. The programme was inaugurated by His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, who delivered the opening conference on the Ratio Fundamental Institutionis Sacerdotalis. He emphasized the importance of lifelong priestly formation, encouraging the priests to deepen their relationship with Christ and respond faithfully to the pastoral challenges of the contemporary Church.

The formation sessions covered a wide range of relevant topics. Fr. Bala reflected on The Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor, while Fr. Vivian Lobo presented the key insights of the Final Document of the Synod on Synodality. Fr. Jomise Joy explored the opportunities and challenges of the Digital Environment for evangelization. Fr. Joseph Polishetty conducted an enriching series of sessions on Healthy Psycho-Spirituality. Fr. Prashant offered a practical session on healthy eating habits and maintaining an ideal body weight, emphasizing the importance of physical well-being in sustaining effective priestly ministry. Dr. Sanjeev Chaudhary shared valuable health tips and guidance on maintaining a balanced diet, encouraging the participants to adopt healthy lifestyles for long-term physical and mental wellness.

Interactive workshops led by Mr. Adrian, Executive Secretary of the CCBI Commission for Laity, focused on leadership, communication, personal growth, and collaborative ministry. Group discussions and the sharing of pastoral experiences further strengthened the spirit of fraternity among the young priests. The programme concluded on 23 July with renewed enthusiasm and commitment. The participants expressed their gratitude for the enriching experience and reaffirmed their dedication to serving the People of God with greater pastoral zeal and missionary spirit. The Archdiocese of Nagpur remains committed to promoting the ongoing formation of its clergy, recognizing it as essential for effective pastoral ministry and faithful service to the Church.



MSFS NAGPUR PROVINCE INAUGURATES PROVINCIAL HOUSE EXTENSION

On 17 August 2026, the MSFS Nagpur Province joyfully celebrated the blessing and inauguration of the new extension of its Provincial House. The extension was solemnly blessed by His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves and formally inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Manoj, Provincial Superior of the Nagpur Province.



The celebration was attended by numerous MSFS Fathers and Sisters, along with Provincials and members of various religious congregations, including priests, brothers and sisters. Their presence added great significance and joy to the occasion. The event marked an important milestone in the life and mission of the MSFS Nagpur Province, reflecting its continued growth and commitment to serving the Church and its people.

MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL PRAYER AT JAITALA

The parish organises a Monthly Devotional Prayer on the 13th of every month, providing parishioners with an opportunity for prayer, worship, and spiritual renewal. The devotion includes the Proclamation of the Word of God, Praise and Worship, the Sacrament of Confession, the Holy Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The monthly gathering enables the faithful to deepen their relationship with God, seek His mercy, and strengthen their commitment to Gospel values. It also fosters unity, fellowship, and spiritual growth within the parish community.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAMME

A Mental Health Awareness Programme was organised on 5 July 2026 at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Jaitala, by the Archdiocese Health Commission, Nagpur, CNGI, and Mahila Mandal. The day began with the Holy Eucharist, concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Dr. Joseph Polishetty and Rev. Fr. Gonsalo Rodrigues, followed by the awareness session. Rev. Fr. Dr. Joseph Polishetty addressed mental well-being, emotional resilience, stress and anxiety, the role of faith, and the responsibility of families and the Church in supporting those facing mental health challenges. The programme emphasised holistic well-being and encouraged participants to approach mental health concerns without fear or stigma. It concluded with fellowship and refreshments.

THE INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

The International Yoga Day Celebration was held on 26 June 2026 at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Jaitala, organised by the CNGI and Mahila Mandal in collaboration with Yash Ary Tej Yoga School. Following the opening prayer and welcome, Mr. Yash Vilas Tadas conducted a practical session on yoga postures, Pranayama, meditation, and relaxation techniques. The programme encouraged participants to adopt healthy habits and highlighted the importance of physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, prayer, and fellowship over refreshments.

THE FEAST OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BHANDARA

The Feast of St. Peter's Church was solemnly celebrated on 28 June 2026 with great joy and devotion. His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves was the Principal Celebrant of the festive Eucharistic celebration. He was warmly welcomed by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Joseph Polishetty. A number of priests and religious sisters from other congregations, along with the Rossello Sisters, joined the parish community for the celebration. As a spiritual preparation for the feast, the parish community observed a three-day Triduum. In the days leading up to the celebration, the church and its surroundings were thoroughly cleaned and beautifully illuminated with decorative lights. The altar was tastefully decorated by the Sisters, while the flowers were generously sponsored by Mr. Grand Will and family.

Following the solemn Eucharistic celebration, the archbishop, priests and religious were warmly felicitated by the parish members. The celebration concluded with a festive fellowship meal, generously sponsored by Ashwin and family for all the parishioners, bringing the joyful occasion to a fitting conclusion.

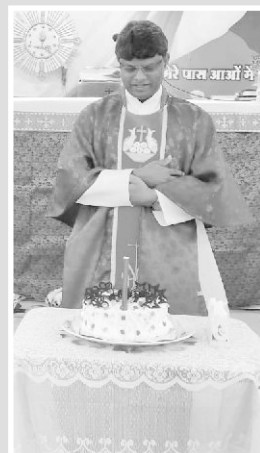


THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN MARIA VIANNEY AT BHANDARA

The Feast of St. John Maria Vianney was celebrated on 2 August 2026 at Bhandara Parish with great joy and gratitude. The occasion was also observed as Priest Day, honouring the ministry and service of the parish priest. The programme began with an introductory address by Seema. At the conclusion of the celebration, Anto delivered a special message highlighting the life and priestly witness of St. John Maria Vianney.

Following the Holy Mass, a brief felicitation programme was organised. The cake-cutting ceremony was led by Rev. Fr. Joseph Polishetty, who then shared his thoughts with the parish community. He expressed his gratitude for the affection and concern shown by the parishioners and encouraged them to continue praying for priests. He noted that their love, dedication and unity are a beautiful expression of their faith and communion with their pastor.

The celebration was a heartfelt expression of the parishioners' love and appreciation for their parish priest. It also strengthened the bond of unity and fellowship within the parish community, with a renewed commitment to carry this spirit forward in the years to come.



FATHERS' DAY AT BHANDARA

The parishioners of Bhandara Parish joyfully celebrated Father's Day on 3 May 2026 with gratitude and appreciation for all fathers. The Holy Eucharistic Celebration was solemnly presided over by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Joseph Polishetty, as the main celebrant, with the fathers of the parish participating fervently in the Holy Mass. Following the Eucharistic celebration, the fathers gathered for a joyful cake-cutting ceremony and were felicitated with a commemorative cup as a token of appreciation and love. The celebration concluded with each father sharing his experiences and reflections, making the occasion a meaningful and memorable celebration of fatherhood and family.



CRI WESTERN REGION ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD IN NAGPUR

The three-day Annual General Body Meeting of the CRI Western Region commenced on 22 August 2026 at the MSFS Provincialate, Nagpur, in an atmosphere of prayer, fellowship, and joyful gathering. Around 70 participants, mainly comprising Superiors General, Provincial Superiors, and members of the Diocesan CRI teams, participated in the meeting. The occasion was blessed by the presence of His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, who addressed the gathering and celebrated the inaugural Holy Mass. In his homily and prayer, the Archbishop invoked God's blessings upon all the participants and prayed for the success and fruitful outcome of the meeting. Sr. Rosaline, President of the CRI Western Region, warmly welcomed all the members to the Annual General Body Meeting and expressed her joy at having everyone gathered together for this important occasion. The gathering marks an opportunity for the religious leaders and representatives of the Western Region to come together in communion, reflection, and collaboration.



FORMING LITURGISTS ENRICHING CELEBRATIONS

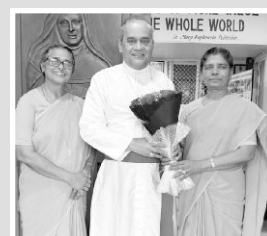
The Christian Life Commission (CLC), Archdiocese of Nagpur, organised a One-Day Certificate Programme in Liturgy Animation on Sunday, 23 August 2026, at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, Nagpur. The programme brought together around 120 participants from the Deaneries of Chhindwara, Seoni, Nagpur, Kamptee, and Ajni. Guided by His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, the programme included enriching sessions conducted by Fr. K. D. Thomas, Fr. Vivian Lobo, and Mr. Vivian Wasnik.

The sessions focused on a deeper understanding of the Sacred Liturgy, the role and responsibilities of liturgical animators, active participation of the faithful, the importance of sacred silence, choir ministry, and practical pastoral challenges in liturgical celebrations. At the conclusion of the programme, the participants were formally commissioned as certified liturgical animators, entrusting them with the mission of promoting meaningful, prayerful, and reverent liturgical celebrations in their respective parishes. Forming liturgists. Strengthening communities. Enriching the Church's celebration.



FEAST OF ST. PIUS X CELEBRATED AT MANKAPUR PARISH

The Feast of St. Pius X was celebrated at Mankapur Sunday, 23rd August 2026, with great solemnity and devotion. His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, was the main celebrant, and a good number of priests concelebrated the Holy Eucharist, along with many religious sisters. On this occasion, Fr. Prashant, the Parish Priest, warmly welcomed and felicitated all the priests and religious sisters with a gift as a token of appreciation. He also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Sr. Pushpa Louis, RGS, Provincial Superior, and the Provincial House Community of the Good Shepherd Sisters for generously making the Provincial House available for the feast-day celebration. The celebration was a beautiful witness of priestly and religious fellowship and concluded with a sumptuous fellowship meal.



GOLDEN JUBILEE OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION OF REV. SR. VANDANA

On 27 August 2026, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry, Nagpur Province, gathered in an atmosphere of profound gratitude and joy to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Religious Profession of Rev. Sr. Vandana. The celebration brought together her family members, priests, religious sisters, friends and well-wishers to give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of fifty years of her consecrated life.

The solemn Eucharistic celebration was held in the Chapel of St. Joseph's Convent and was presided over by His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur. In his homily, the Archbishop reflected on the deeper meaning of fifty years of religious profession. He reminded the gathering that fifty years of consecrated life are not merely a counting of years, but a journey of covenant marked by God's grace, fidelity, sacrifice, prayer and selfless service.

The Eucharistic celebration was followed by a felicitation programme, during which Sr. Vandana was honoured and congratulated for her fifty years of dedicated religious commitment. The presence of Sr. Monica, the Provincial Superior, together with Sr. Vandana's siblings and other family members, added warmth and joy to the celebration. Priests, religious and invited guests also joined the family and congregation in expressing their gratitude and appreciation for her years of consecrated service.

The joyful celebration concluded with a fellowship meal, bringing to a fitting close an evening filled with thanksgiving, gratitude and joyful remembrance. The Golden Jubilee stood as a beautiful testimony to God's unfailing faithfulness and Sr. Vandana's enduring response to His call, celebrating fifty years of a life consecrated to God through prayer, service and love.



NAGPUR ARCHDIOCESE ORGANISES ALTAR SERVERS GATHERING

Nagpur: The Archdiocese of Nagpur organised an Altar Servers Gathering at the Pastoral Centre, Archbishop's House, Nagpur, with around 250 altar servers participating. The programme was organised by the Christian Life Commission (CLC), comprising the Commissions for Catechetics, Liturgy and the Bible. The gathering began with a welcome by Rev. Dr Vivian Lobo, Director of the CLC, who emphasised the importance of spiritual and practical formation for altar servers. Fr Linto, Rector of Ankur Kunj Seminary, Dean of Kamptee Deanery and Parish Priest of Immaculate Conception Church, Kamptee, conducted an inspiring session on the call to holiness. He encouraged the young servers to recognise their ministry as a special opportunity to grow closer to Christ and live their Christian vocation with commitment. A practical session on the Ministry of Altar Serving was conducted by Mr Maurice Titus, who explained the responsibilities and practical aspects of serving at the altar.

The final session was addressed by His Grace Most Rev. Dr Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, who described altar serving as a special call and a rare privilege given to a few. He encouraged the servers to serve with reverence, discipline and love for the Eucharist, reminding them that their ministry should inspire them to become witnesses of Christ in their daily lives. The gathering concluded with closing remarks, the release of the Altar Servers Handbook, and a valedictory function. The organising team comprised Fr Jomise, Fr Sanjeev, Bro. Akhin, Mr Arnold Peter, Mr Ashirwad Satyam, Mr Vivian Wasnik, Mrs Geeta, Mrs Elizabeth, Mrs Flory and Mr Seshrao Gedam

The gathering provided the young servers with an opportunity for formation, fellowship and renewed commitment to their sacred ministry, affirming that serving at the altar is not merely a responsibility but a privileged way of serving Christ and His Church.





NAGPUR ARCHDIOCESE CELEBRATES THE 60TH WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Nagpur Archdiocesan Media and Communication (NAMCOM), in collaboration with the Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM), celebrated the 60th World Day of Social Communications on 28 June 2026 at Mary Queen of Apostles Church, Anant Nagar, Nagpur. The event brought together priests, religious, media professionals, youth, and lay faithful to reflect on the Church's mission of proclaiming the Gospel through contemporary means of communication. The programme commenced with registration, followed by an enriching keynote address delivered by Rev. Fr. Prashant on the theme, "Magnifica Humanitas: Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence." In his presentation, he emphasized the ethical use of artificial intelligence, the protection of human dignity, and the responsibility of Christians to foster truth, integrity, and compassion in the digital world. The celebration witnessed the enthusiastic participation of approximately 130 participants.

Youth from various parishes presented a vibrant cultural programme that creatively highlighted the values of truth, hope, responsible media engagement, and the transformative power of authentic communication in contemporary society. The celebration culminated in the Holy Eucharist, presided over by His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur. In his homily, the Archbishop encouraged the faithful to become authentic digital missionaries by using modern communication platforms to proclaim the Gospel with truth, charity, and hope. He reminded the congregation that every Christian communicator is called to bear witness to Christ through responsible, ethical, and life-giving communication. The observance of the 60th World Day of Social Communications served as a meaningful expression of the Archdiocese of Nagpur's commitment to promoting ethical communication and fostering a culture of dialogue, truth, and hope in an increasingly digital world.



MARY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CHURCH, ANANTNAGAR 'LET'S GO GREEN' – ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATION

As part of its commitment to promoting environmental stewardship and integral ecology, the Parish of Mary Queen of the Apostles Church, Anantnagar, observed the 'Let's Go Green' – Environment Day Celebration on 21 June 2026. The initiative sought to raise awareness among the faithful about the importance of protecting nature and caring for God's creation. Following the Holy Eucharist, the parish youth organized a brief yet engaging programme featuring an interactive quiz on environmental awareness and practical ways of safeguarding plants, trees, and other natural resources. The enthusiastic participation of parishioners added to the success of the event. Winners of the quiz were presented with plant saplings, symbolizing the shared responsibility of nurturing and preserving the environment.

The youth also highlighted simple but meaningful ways in which individuals and families can contribute to environmental conservation, including planting trees, reducing waste, conserving water, avoiding the use of single-use plastics, and maintaining clean surroundings. The programme was warmly appreciated by the parish community and served as a timely reminder that responsible stewardship of creation begins with small, everyday actions. It encouraged all present to renew their commitment to caring for our common home and to work together in building a greener, cleaner, and more sustainable future for generations to come.

"Let us nurture nature so that future generations may enjoy its beauty and blessings."



ENVIRONMENT DAY AT KAMPTEE PARISH

The parish environment day this year celebrated at Kamptee parish more meaningfully. Grandparents who are torchbearers' values of families and society led plantation drive in Church compound. Fifteen various plants were planted by them on July 26, 2026. A large crowd of parishioners assembled to encourage the event. The children of the parish were motivated by the initiative.



BLOOD DONATION CAMP AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH PADRITHANA

Holy Family Church successfully organized a Blood Donation Camp on 14 June 2026 at the parish premises in collaboration with the local blood bank and a dedicated team of medical professionals. The initiative was undertaken to promote voluntary blood donation and to foster awareness of its vital role in saving lives. The camp received an encouraging response from parishioners, with the youth of the parish participating enthusiastically. They played a significant role in coordinating the event by registering donors, guiding participants, and spreading awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation. Their commitment, dedication, and spirit of service greatly contributed to the smooth and successful conduct of the programme.



The Parish Priest Fr. Prashant Kanapala PSDP, expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the blood donors, volunteers, medical personnel, and the parish youth for their generous cooperation and selfless service. He encouraged the faithful to continue supporting such humanitarian initiatives that uphold the dignity of human life and strengthen the spirit of community service. The Blood Donation Camp stood as a meaningful expression of Christian charity and social responsibility, reminding everyone that a single unit of donated blood has the power to save precious lives and bring hope to those in need.



INAUGURATION OF ST. JOSEPH PROVIDENCE HOME KAMPTEE

His Grace Most Rev. Elias Gonsalves, Archbishop of Nagpur, blessed and inaugurated St. Joseph Providence Home at Bungalow No. 112, Kamptee, on July 8, 2026, marking the launch of a new pastoral initiative of the Archdiocese of Nagpur. St. Joseph Providence Home is a residential facility dedicated to the care, support, and rehabilitation of adult men with mental disabilities. The institution reflects the Archdiocese's commitment to upholding the dignity of every human person by providing compassionate care, a safe environment, and opportunities for holistic development to some of the most vulnerable members of society.



On the occasion, prayers and best wishes were extended to Rev. Fr. Samir Nagare, who has been appointed the first Director of the Home. The faithful prayed that God would bless his ministry and grant him the wisdom, compassion, and strength to lead this apostolic mission with generosity and dedication. The inauguration of St. Joseph Providence Home stands as a visible expression of the Church's mission of mercy and its enduring commitment to serving those most in need with love, dignity, and hope.





WIDOW'S DAY CELEBRATION

Mary Queen of Apostles Church observed Widow's Day on 19 July 2026 with a special celebration honouring the faith, strength, and resilience of widows in the parish. The observance began with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, during which prayers were offered for the well-being, strength, and continued spiritual growth of widows. Following the Eucharistic celebration, a felicitation ceremony was organised to honour the widows and acknowledge their significant presence and contribution to the parish community. Each widow was presented with a small token of love and appreciation as a gesture of the Church's care and solidarity. The celebration served as a meaningful reminder of the Church's commitment to accompanying widows with compassion, dignity, and hope, and to ensuring that they remain valued and integral members of the parish family. The programme concluded with refreshments and a joyful fellowship, strengthening the bonds of love and unity among all those present.



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YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION – BALAGHAT-GONDIA DEANERY

The youth of the Balaghat-Gondia Deanery gathered with great enthusiasm at Sacred Heart Church, Garratola, on 16 August 2026 to celebrate International Youth Day under the theme “Sahas” (Courage). Despite heavy rains, young people from Balaghat, Gondia, Baihar, Gadi and Garratola, accompanied by their priests and sisters, participated actively in this meaningful celebration of faith and fellowship. The programme was organised under the leadership of Fr. Matias Kayam, Deanery Youth In-charge, with the guidance of Fr. Nirdosh Xalxo, Parish Priest of Garratola, and the support of Fr. Jeyaprakash, Dean of the Deanery. The celebration commenced with the Holy Eucharist, presided over by Fr. Narendra, who encouraged the youth to remain strong and courageous in their faith and to face life's challenges with confidence in the Lord.

A team of five youth members from Nagpur, sent by Fr. Augustine D'Silva, together with the Diocesan Youth President, animated the day's programme through motivational sessions, group activities, games and action songs. A special session on the priorities of life and the journey of faith invited the young people to reflect on their values, responsibilities and relationship with God. A deeply prayerful moment of Holy Adoration enabled the participants to renew their commitment to Christ and to grow in their personal relationship with Him. The programme concluded with fellowship over a shared meal and a joyful Chota Nagpur chain dance.

The celebration was made possible through the dedicated efforts and hospitality of the youth of Sacred Heart Church, Garratola. The deanery youth expressed their sincere gratitude to Fr. Roshimon, Fr. Mukesh, and all the sisters of the Deanery for their support and encouragement. The celebration of “Sahas” was a memorable experience of faith, courage, unity and joy, inspiring the young people to move forward as courageous witnesses of Christ and His Gospel.



YOUTH DAY MASS AND CELEBRATION AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, KAMPTEE

Immaculate Conception Church, Kamptee, joyfully celebrated Youth Day on 16 August 2026 with a special Holy Mass and a series of meaningful celebrations organised by the St. Carlo Youth Group. The entire parish community gathered to pray, thank the Lord for young people, and encourage them in their journey of faith and service. Sr. Anila CSAC, the Youth In-charge, coordinated the celebration with great enthusiasm and dedication.

The celebration began with a solemn candlelight entrance procession, symbolising Christ as the guiding light of the youth. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Mukesh, Assistant Parish Priest and Parish Youth In-charge. The youth offered an inspiring introduction centred on the message: *"Take courage, for I am with you."* Special prayers were offered for the welfare, guidance and future of all young people. Following the Holy Mass, the Mahila Mandal, under the guidance of Sr. Gracy Paul CSJC, organised a joyful gathering in the Parish Hall. Members of the Mahila Mandal and the catechism children presented meaningful and entertaining programmes highlighting the important role, responsibilities and potential of young people in building a better future.

As a gesture of appreciation and encouragement, the youth were felicitated with small tokens by Rev. Fr. Linto and Rev. Fr. Mukesh. Sr. Anila CSAC, Youth Animator, also addressed the gathering and shared an encouraging message with the young people. Bro. Stephen, Bro. Joshua and Bro. Sumit conducted various games and activities, adding to the joy and enthusiasm of the occasion. The celebration concluded in an atmosphere of joy, gratitude and fellowship, with a renewed commitment on the part of the parish community to support, guide and empower its young people to grow as responsible, faith-filled and committed leaders of tomorrow.



NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY JOYFULLY CELEBRATED AT MARY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CHURCH

On 9th August, Mary Queen of the Apostles Church, Pallotti Nagar, joyfully celebrated National Youth Sunday with the active participation of the parish youth. The celebration began with a Holy Mass specially dedicated to the youth, followed by games, activities and joyful fellowship. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Vincent, together with the dedicated efforts of the Parish Youth Core Team, making the celebration a meaningful occasion of faith, unity and enthusiasm.



MARY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CHURCH, ANANTNAGAR PARISH YOUTH PICNIC

The Parish Youth of Mary Queen of the Apostles Church, Anantnagar, organized a joyful Youth Picnic on 21 June 2026, offering young parishioners an opportunity to strengthen friendship and Christian fellowship. The participants assembled at the parish, departed at 9:30 a.m., and returned safely by 7:00 p.m. The day included fun games, pool games, team-building activities, music, and recreation, encouraging active participation, cooperation, and mutual support.

A fellowship meal was shared by all, creating a warm atmosphere for meaningful interaction and strengthening the sense of community. The picnic offered a refreshing break from daily routines while promoting unity, teamwork, and joyful Christian living. Participants returned with cherished memories, renewed enthusiasm, and a stronger commitment to active involvement in the life and mission of the parish.



AI WORKSHOP AT JAITALA PARISH

An AI Workshop was organised by ICYM Nagpur on 26 July 2026 at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Jaitala, as part of its DEXCO Outreach. The workshop focused on Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, and encouraged young people to approach Artificial Intelligence with wisdom, responsibility, and a Christ-centred perspective. Sessions led by Mr. Vivian, Youth President, and Mr. Melwyn, Youth Coordinator of ICYM Nagpur, provided participants with insights into AI and its ethical use. The programme combined learning, faith, fellowship, and meaningful interaction, inspiring the youth to embrace innovation while remaining rooted in Christian values.



YOUTH FORMATION SESSION – “FAITH IN ACTION: SERVING GOD AND OTHERS”

A Youth Formation Session on the theme “Faith in Action: Serving God and Others” was organised on 28 June 2026 for the parish youth at Jaitala. Rev. Fr. Cyprian Creado and his team led the session, encouraging the young people to deepen their faith, remain united, support one another, and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Action songs and interactive activities created a joyful atmosphere. The programme also highlighted the importance of service, leadership, and active participation in the life of the Church.

KAMPTÉE YOUTH REJUVENATES THE SPIRIT OF UNITY THROUGH FOOTBALL

FIFA World cup brought children to elders together to celebrate the event at parish level. A Penalty Shoot Out Match was organised by Kamptee Immaculate Parish Youth together with Ankurkunj Seminarians at parish compound on July 19, 2026 after the Sunday Holy Eucharist. The competition was for children, youth, women, men and religious. Around sixty persons participated the event. Winners were distributed prizes. Rev. Fr. Mukesh Lakra, Asst parish priest and youth in-charge distributed the prizes.



CHILDREN'S BETHEL CAMP

From 5 to 7 June 2026, a Children's Bethel Camp was organised by the Parish Youth of Mary Queen of Apostles Church on the inspiring theme "Step Out." The camp provided the children with a joyful and enriching experience of prayer, fellowship, faith formation, learning, and recreational activities.

Through various activities and spiritual sessions, the children were encouraged to step out of their comfort zones, deepen their relationship with God, and grow in confidence and faith. The camp also motivated them to courageously witness to their Christian faith and live its values in their daily lives. The programme proved to be a meaningful and enriching experience, fostering faith, friendship, enthusiasm, and a deeper sense of belonging to the parish community.



ICYM NAGPUR ORGANISES SKILL-UP PROGRAMME ON FINANCIAL LITERACY

Nagpur, 19 July 2026 – The Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM), Nagpur, organised a Skill-Up Programme titled "Earn – Save – Spend – Grow" at the SFS Parish Hall, Nagpur, to promote financial literacy among young people. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Augustine Antony D'Silva, Diocesan Youth Director, and the leadership of Mr. Vivian Wasnik (President), Mr. Melwyn Titus (Youth Coordinator), and the DEXCO Team. The initiative reflected the Archdiocese's commitment to empowering youth through practical and value-based formation.



The resource person, CA Pavan Khabiya, delivered an engaging and interactive session on responsible financial management. He emphasised the importance of disciplined saving, prudent spending, responsible earning, and long-term financial planning, while offering practical insights into managing personal finances effectively. Around 20 young participants actively took part in the programme, benefiting from the informative discussions and practical guidance. The session concluded with words of appreciation and encouragement, reaffirming ICYM Nagpur's commitment to equipping young people with the knowledge, values, and life skills necessary for responsible leadership and a financially secure future.

KAMPTÉE DEANERY CELEBRATES NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY 2026 WITH COURAGE AND FAITH

Pipla, 9 August 2026: The Kamptee Deanery, under the Nagpur Archdiocese, celebrated National Youth Sunday 2026 on 9 August 2026 at Sacred Heart Parish, Silewada, bringing together around 45 young people from different parishes of the deanery. The celebration was centred on the inspiring theme, “Take Courage! I Have Overcome the World” (John 16:33), inviting young people to face life's challenges with courage and place their trust in Christ. The celebration began with the Holy Eucharist by Fr. Jomise Joy, Parish Priest and Director of Nagpur Archdiocesan Media and Communication, providing the young participants with an opportunity to come together in prayer and thanksgiving. Following the Eucharist, Fr. Philomin Raj O.P. led an inspiring session for the youth, encouraging them to remain courageous in difficulties, place their confidence in Jesus, and live their faith with conviction without allowing fear or discouragement to hold them back.

The day continued with games, fun activities, interactive moments, and fellowship, creating a joyful and welcoming atmosphere among the young people. These moments helped participants from different parishes connect with one another, build friendships, and experience the joy of being part of one youth community. The youth were accompanied and encouraged throughout the celebration by Fr. Liju (Parish Priest of Mansar Parish), Fr. Mukesh (Asst. Parish Priest of Kamptee Parish), Fr. Augustine (Diocesan Youth Director) and Fr. Jomise (Parish Priest of Silewada Parish and Director of NAMCOM), along with Sr. Anila, Sr. Kirti and Sr. Teshil. Their presence and accompaniment added to the spirit of support and encouragement experienced by the young participants.

The celebration concluded with joy, gratitude, and renewed enthusiasm, leaving the youth encouraged to carry the message of courage into their daily lives. Inspired by Christ's words, “I have overcome the world,” the young people were reminded that Christian courage is not the absence of difficulties, but the confidence to face them with Christ. The celebration became a beautiful expression of faith, fellowship, and youthful joy, inspiring the young people of Kamptee Deanery to grow together as courageous disciples and joyful witnesses of Christ in their families, parishes, and society.



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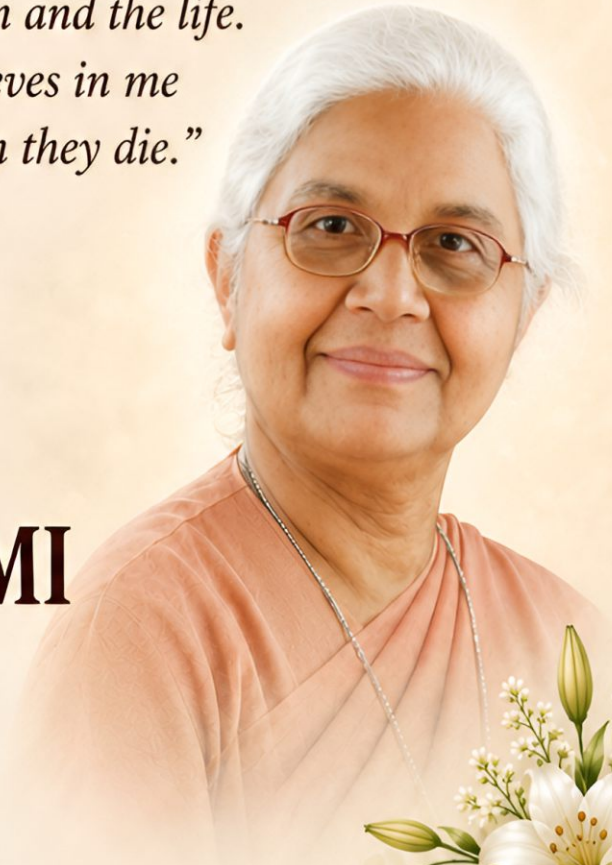
*"I am the resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me
will live, even though they die."*

John 11:25

Sr. Lilly Francis SMMI

★ Born:
15/05/1949

✝ Died:
23/05/2026



Sr. Eliza Margaret SMMI

★ Born:
29/10/1935

✝ Died:
19/08/2026



