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Dear Rev. Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and Lay Faithful,

Greetings from Bishop's House, Kohima !!

We are almost at the end of the month of September and will be entering into the month of October. October holds a special place in Catholic spirituality, particularly because of its association with the Holy Rosary. This devotion to the Rosary has deep roots in the Church's history and continues to be a powerful tool for prayer and reflection. In 1571, Pope Pius V called upon Christians to pray the Rosary for victory in the Battle of Lepanto, a naval battle against the Ottoman Empire. The Catholic fleet, under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, emerged victorious on October 7, 1571. To commemorate this miraculous event, Pope Pius V established the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, although Rosary devotion has much earlier origin.

The Rosary: a powerful meditative prayer that focuses on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through the eyes of Mary. It is a contemplative journey that invites believers to reflect on the mysteries of the faith in four facets of joy, sorrow, glory and light. Praying the rosary helps deepen one's relationship with God and Mary. It is a source of peace and solace, especially in times of trouble. Praying the Rosary together, as a family or as a community, fosters family bond and community spirit.

In our diocese we have the practice of praying the rosary: as a village community, group of families or sector wise, in individual families, etc. Therefore, I request all our fathers, sisters, catechists and leaders to continue and strengthen this salutary spiritual practice. October is a special month to deepen our devotion to the Rosary and seek the intercession of Mary. In the midst of many problems we face: wars, famine, natural disasters, economic and social disparity, etc. we need the help and grace of God that we can obtain through the powerful intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother. Whether you pray alone or with others, the Rosary is a powerful tool for spiritual growth and peace.

One Million Children Praying the Rosary

Global developments highlight, among other things, the limitations of political solutions and cry

out for a response that is rooted in God's omnipotence. It is one that strengthens and guides human efforts toward the good. This cry is a call to prayer. The Church in Need (Kirche in Not) in Germany receives powerful testimonies about the immense impact of prayer in general and of the Rosary in particular. With this mind, the agency is calling to support and promote annual prayer campaign, with the call, "**One Million Children Praying the Rosary**" on **October 7th**. This initiative is based on the call of Our Lady of Fatima and inspired by the words of Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina: "**When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change.**"

Therefore I request all the priests, sisters, catechists and leaders to encourage children and others to join this prayer campaign, by praying the rosary on Tuesday, October 7th, 2025 with this intention.

Finance Committee Decision

As you are all aware the process of income tax filing, 12A registration, FCRA reporting, etc. are becoming more and more cumbersome and complicated. We have no choice but to adhere meticulously the norms of the government. Everyone dealing with finance and accounts need to be cautious, vigilant and follow strictly the directions from the Financial Administrator, especially with regards to account opening, change of signatures, obtaining pan card, transferring money, cash payment, cash balance, scholarship and concessions, paying PF and other government schemes, keeping documents such as appointment letters, payment registers, fee collection receipts, activities reports with photos, etc. Failure from one individual / institution can affect the entire diocese. Therefore I request everyone to be more vigilant and accountable.

As already communicated earlier, every parish/center/institution must submit quarterly financial report to the Finance office (April to June by the 20th of July; July to September by 20th October; October to December by January 20 and that of the entire financial year April to March by May 10th). To those who have not prepared and submitted the quarterly report I request you to prepare and submit the half yearly account by 20th October 2025. Kindly consider it a priority and do not make excuses. From 21st October one accountant and Fr. Loyola Antony will come to the parish/centers/institutions for the half yearly audit. Finance Office will send the schedule of their visit.

Vocation Camps – 2025

As you are all informed we will have the second vocation camp from 03-06 October 2025, at Holy Cross, Dimapur). I am told that there are more congregations than the candidates who are registered for the camp. From next year we may limit the number of congregations to only those working in the diocese. I encourage and exhort all the priests, religious, catechists, leaders, families to encourage and pray for more vocations. I also remind all that as a diocesan policy we do not permit any religious groups to visit parishes and centers to recruit vocations in order to avoid unnecessary rivalry, competition, strained relationship, etc.

Northeast India Regional Pastoral Conference 2025

As you know the Northeast India Regional Pastoral Conference is a unique feature of the Church in the region. The Catholic Church in the Northeast, although spread over seven states and comprising of three metropolitan sees (with a total of 15 dioceses) still maintains its unity and cohesiveness

because of its close bonds and identity. The annual pastoral conference is both a sign and way of maintaining this unity and identity of the Church. The pastoral conference has a long history. It is represented by all the bishops, religious superiors, lay representative, ex officio members, delegates and invited guests. Each year the pastoral conference deals with a specific theme (topic) relevant to the times and to the region.

This year the pastoral conference was held from 1st to 4th September 2025 at NEDSSS, Guwahati on the theme: **“Pilgrims of Hope”**. There were over 140 participants. Expert resource persons expounded the theme from various perspectives, while two sets of panelists further elaborated the theme in the Northeast context and group discussions enunciated the theme deeper. The conclusions of this pastoral conference will be published soon as a Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of the region.

Saint Lazarus Devasahayam declared the Patron of the Laity in India

His Eminence Felipe Neri Cardinal Ferrão, the President of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) has informed us that the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, after examined the petition made by the CCBI, has graciously confirmed **Saint Lazarus Devasahayam as the Patron of the Laity in India**, through a Decree, Prot. N. 215/25, dated 16 July 2025. This joyful news will be solemnly announced on 15 October 2025, during the Eucharistic Celebration at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Varanasi, where the CCBI Commission for Laity will be holding its Annual National Meeting with the Diocesan Secretaries and Regional Secretaries of Laity Commissions from across the Dioceses in our country.

We shall also join the whole Church in India on Wednesday, 15th October 2025 with a special mass of the Saint Devasahayam and implore God’s grace upon our Laity through his intercession. We pray that our devotion to Saint Lazarus Devasahayam lead the People of God in India to an ever greater love of God, practice of the faith and service in the Church and in society.

I was privileged to be present during the mass of the canonization of Saint Lazarus Devasahayam on 15th May, 2022 by Late Pope Francis and cherish such good memories.

Welcome Back

We are happy that **Fr. Loyola Antony** is back to the diocese after his studies (Licentiate in Family and Marriage) at Lateran University, Rome. He passed in Summa cum Laude. We congratulate him and welcome him back to the diocese. He is appointed Assistant Financial Administrator of the diocese and Chairman of Family Commission

Workshop on Child Protection and safety

The Commission for Education Diocese of Kohima has arranged a half day workshop on **9th October 2025 at Newman Pastoral Centre, Chumoukedima** with the theme **“Safeguarding Minors in Educational Institutions”**. Rev. Fr. Abraham Kochuparackal CSC, the Provincial of Holy Cross Fathers will animate the session from 9.00 am to 12.00 Noon. It is mandated by both Civil Law as well as Ecclesiastical Law that all education Institutions have policy and guiding

principles to safeguard the minor students from any type of abuse. Therefore, it is mandatory that all Principals, Vice- Principals, Headmasters and Headmistresses should join the workshop and be enlightened on the norms of the policy. Any others who wish also can participate in the workshop.

CEDOK General Body Meeting and Athletic Meet

This year CEDOK General Body Meeting and Inter School Athletic Meet will be held in St. Joseph Hr. Sec. School, Chumoukedima on 9th and 10th October. The General Body Meeting will be held on 9th October in Newman Pastoral Centre. All Catholic Schools in Nagaland, irrespective of Diocese or Religious affiliation are members of CEDOK. It is an occasion to come together and put our heads together for framing our educational strategy in the diocese. The Annual interschool Meet also provides opportunity for students from our schools across the state to interact and compete with one another to enrich their skills and provide wider outlook to life.

Recollection for Priests

The Diocese organizes common recollection for Priests on three occasion in a year, namely before Chrism Mass, in October and in December. The October Recollection for this year will be on 9th October at 5.30 pm in Holy Cross Church, Dimapur. I request all priests to join, for the recollection rejuvenates with the grace of the Lord for our ministry.

Jubilee 2025

As part of the preparation for the great jubilee 2033 for which the Church in North East is gearing up, the diocese of Bongaigaon will be hosting this year's preparation on the theme, "Children". Delegates from all the dioceses are expected to arrive on Thursday, November 20th 2025. The animation sessions will be on Friday, 21st November. The jubilee celebration will be on Saturday-Sunday coinciding with the silver jubilee of Bongaigaon diocese and of the episcopal ordination of Bishop Thomas Pullopillil. From out diocese 15 children from YCS will attend the jubilee celebration.

Congratulations

We congratulate Fr. Vemedo Kezo, who successfully defended his thesis titled: "Multiple intelligence: Study Habit and Academic Achievements of Class X Tribal Students in Nagaland" and awarded Ph. D. from Nagaland University.

Enclosures

I have enclosed a few official documents for your knowledge and necessary action

World day of Migrants and Refugees

The 111th World day of migrants and refugees this year is on 4-5 October. For this occasion Pope Leo XIV has given a message focusing on the connection between hope, migration and mission. Migrants and refugees remind the Church of her pilgrim dimension, perpetually journeying towards

her final homeland, sustained by a hope that is a theological virtue. I request that this message be read in all our churches.

Message of Pope Leo XIV for the World Mission Sunday

This year the world mission Sunday is on 19th October 2025. On this day all the faithful are invited to help the mission, especially financially, so that the mission of the Church can be continued. The money collected in our diocese is sent to the Pontifical Mission Office in Bangalore. On the request of the office of the Propaganda Fide, the amount is distributed to various projects sanctioned by Propaganda Fide. We are also a beneficiary of this collection. We have distributed Mission Sunday Envelops for supporting the mission and I request you to be generous and join the Pope for the mission worldwide. The message of Pope Leo XIV is enclosed, which should be read out in all the Parish and village churches.

Communio Sunday Message

In India the first Sunday of Advent is observed as the Communio Sunday. This year Communio Sunday falls on 30th November 2025. It's one Sunday in a year when the entire Latin Church in India comes together to support the Church's mission in our country. And every single donation from Communio Sunday goes to support rural missions and missionaries working in the areas where the Church is new, young or poor.

This is our opportunity and privilege to show love and solidarity to our Church family. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News. And by donating, we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Communio brings the Church together in compassion and communion. Together, we provide mission dioceses with the essential support they need to become self-sufficient. Communio works with local bishops, churches and missionary congregations, to distribute resources and funds fairly, on the basis of need. The letter from the President of CCBI and liturgical and pastoral resource to celebrate the day's liturgy is attached which everyone can use on the day

Transfers and Appointments

OFM CAP

Capuchin House, Dimapur

Fr. Manoj Victor D'Souza	: Guardian/Treasurer
Fr. Yesudas Anthony	: Vicar & Hostel In-charge

St. Clare's Friary & School – Akuluto

Fr. Stephen Praveen D'Souza	: Guardian, Centre In-charge, Head Master
Fr. Anthony Melwyn Pradeep	: Vicar & Treasurer
Fr. Melrish Nathan Noronha	: Fraternity experience

St. Francis of Assisi Church, Lazami

Fr. Paul Inashe Sema	: Guardian, PP & Treasurer
Fr. Anil Kumar	: Vicar and Head Master

Infant Jesus Friary & Genesia School, Kuhubuto

Fr. Brayan Anthony D'Souza : Guardian & Headmaster
Fr. Roshan Sequeira : Vicar & Treasurer

St. Thomas Friary & School, Tamlu

Fr. Vinoto Justine Sumi : Guardian, Centre In-charge, Treasurer
Fr. Christopher Rodrigues : Vicar & Head Master

Congregation of Missions

Fr. Babu Sebastian, CM Regional Superior, St. Vincent's Seminary, Dimapur
Fr. Sebastian Mali, CM Rector, St. Vincent's Seminary, Dimapur

May their Souls rest in peace!!

2nd July, 2025, Mr. Tomosu William (75 Years) the Maternal Grandfather of Rev. Sr. Caroline SABS (St. Peter Church, Kiphire Convent).

6th July, 2025, Mrs. Nourhii-ii Talie Mary, the beloved grandmother of Rev. Sr. Flora Kera MSMHC (St. Dominic Savio Church Chiephobozou).

20th July, 2025, Mr. Abraham Magh, the beloved elder brother of Rev. Fr. Phillip Magh (parish Priest of St. Peter Parish, Kiphire).

20th July, 2025, Rev. Sr. Josepha Maria FCC (85 Years) of Nirmal Joythi Province, Dimapur.

20th July, 2025, Mr. Peter Chabou (93 Years) a great pioneer of Holy Redeemer Parish Tobi.

24th July, 2025, Mr. Ivulho Paul Sheqi (86 Years) the beloved father of Rev. Fr. Nagahoto Luke (Assistant Priest, St. Augustine Church, Chessore).

12th August, 2025, Rev. Sr. Flowerlet Madathumuriyil SH (76 Years) of Sacred Heart Province, Gotlong (worked in Mon, Nagaland).

16th August, 2025, Rev. Sr. Toms Maria SABS (78 Years) of Corpus Christi Province, Dimapur.

18th August, 2025, Mrs. Maria Thangam (81 Years) the beloved elder sister of Rev. Fr. John S Kavas (Parish Priest, St. Peter's Parish, Tesophenu).

25th August, 2025, Rev. Sr. Tresa Martin SABS (93 Years) of Corpus Christi Province, Dimapur.

26th August, 2025, Mr. Varkey Mundathanath (86) the beloved father of Rev. Sr. Tessy George CMC (Headmistress - Christ School Ekhya Yan, Dimapur).

28th August, 2025, Mr Kavamu Peter Kezo, a great pioneer and first Catechist of St Peter's Church, Kikruma.

1st September, 2025, Mr. Nyimtsemo Humtsoe (73 Years), the beloved paternal uncle of Rev. Fr. Philip Y Lotha (Vice Principal, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Jakhama).

6th September, 2025, Mr. Timung Michael (32 Years), the beloved younger brother of

Rev. Sr. Medries SABS (St. Theresa convent Tobi).

7th September, 2025, Mr. Chasu William Rume (42 Years), the beloved first cousin brother of Rev. Fr. Christopher Litsivi (Asst. Priest, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Khonoma).

19th September, 2025, Mr. Ioannis Khymdeit the beloved eldest brother of Rev. Sr. Shidalin Khymdeit (Bartolomea Home, Chümoukedima, Sisters of Charity).

Bishop's Program

September 2025

27	Sat	Chümoukedima; Profession & Centenary, Medical Mission Sisters (10.00 am)
28	Sun	26th Sunday; Kohima
29	Mon	Kohima
30	Tue	Jakhama; NCYM, Bishop Abraham Trophy, St. Joseph College (Autonomous) Jakhama

October 2025

1	Wed	Kohima - Jakhama: Meeting with Fr. Jose, VC
2	Thu	Dimapur; Gandhi Jayanthi; NEISSR Graduation
3-6		Vocation Camp (Holy Cross, Dimapur)
3	Fri	Kohima, CFC Anniversary
4	Sat	Kohima, CFC Anniversary
5	Sun	27th Sunday; Dimapur, Mass, Vocation Camp
6	Mon	Kohima
7	Tue	Kohima
8	Wed	Dimapur: 9.00 am Holy Cross, School blessing; 11.00 am (BH, Dimapur - Meeting of the Committee for Pastoral Plan; Senate (2.00 pm, BH, Dimapur) Meeting of Regional animators & Commissions (5.00, BH Dimapur)
9	Thu	Dimapur, CEDOK, General Body meeting, 5.30 Recollection for Priests, Holy Cross
10	Fri	Dimapur, CEDOK Sports – 5.00 pm Padampukhri –Silver Jubilee, Sr. Sindhu
11	Sat	Dimapur, Graduation program at Don Bosco College of Teacher Education
12	Sun	28th Sunday; Phesama: Jesus Youth, reconstitution day
13	Mon	Kohima
14	Tue	Kohima
15	Wed	Kohima: Mass of St. Devasahayam, Patron of the Laity in India
16	Thu	To Kiphire
17	Fri	Kiphire – Phelungre – Silver Jubilee of the school
18	Sat	Kiphire - Kohima
19	Sun	Mission Sunday – Nihokhu: Church Blessing
20	Mon	Kohima
21	Tue	Kohima
22	Wed	Kohima
23	Thu	To Guwahati
24	Fri	Guwahati – Golden Jubilee conclusion, Arrival of MSFS to North East
25	Sat	Kohima: BEC Jubilee in SFS Parish (10.00 am)
26	Sun	30th Sunday; Kohima – Diocesan Eucharistic Procession

27	Mon	Kohima
28	Tue	Kohima: Pastoral visit- St. Joseph College (autonomous), Jakhama
29	Wed	Kohima
30	Thu	Kohima
31	Fri	Kohima – Parents day, St. Mary's Cathedral school

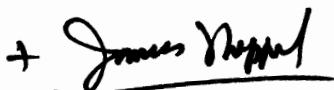
November 2025

1	Sat	All Saints; Dimapur: NEISSR GB Meeting (10.30 am)
2	Sun	All Souls' day; Kohima
3	Mon	Kohima:
4	Tue	Kohima:
5	Wed	Kohima: Pastoral visit- Holistic Centre, Jalukie & St Xavier Minor Seminary, Jalukie
6	Thu	Kohima
7	Fri	Lozaphuhu
8	Sat	Phek: Silver Jubilee, Bishop Abraham Memorial School (BAM)
9	Sun	32 nd Sunday; Kohima: Silver Jubilee, Poumei Catholic Women association
10	Mon	To Shillong, Oriens Theological College
11	Tue	Guwahati – North East Formators meet
12	Wed	Guwahati
13	Thu	Guwahati
14	Fri	Guwahati – Dimapur -
15	Sat	Dimapur – FCC Profession and Jubilee : Dimapur region parish Meeting (HC, 2.00 pm)
16	Sun	33 rd Sunday; Kohima: Confirmation, Christ King Church
17	Mon	Dimapur: Golden Jubilee of the Arrival of UFC in the North East
18	Tue	Kohima : 28 th Death Anniversary of Bishop Abraham Alangimattathil
19	Wed	Kohima
20	Thu	To Dubai
21	Fri	Sharja – Delegates to Bongaigaon
22	Sat	Dubai
23	Sun	Feast of Christ the King; Dubai
24	Mon	Dubai
25	Tue	Dubai-Kohima
26	Wed	Kohima
27	Thu	Kohima
28	Fri	Kohima:
29	Sat	Imphal-Aizawl
30	Sun	1 st Sunday of Advent; Communio Sunday: Aizawl – Centenary of the Catholic Church

December 2025

1	Mon	Aizawl – Imphal – Kohima: Arrival of the Guests from the US
2	Tue	Kohima – Hornbill
3	Wed	Kohima
4	Thu	Kohima
5	Fri	Kohima
6	Sat	Kohima (FC Meeting (BH, Kohima, 2.30 pm)

7	Sun	2 nd Sunday of Advent:
8	Mon	Kohima
9	Tue	Kohima
10	Wed	Kohima
11	Thu	Jalukie: Silver Jubilee, Holistic Health Centre
12	Fri	FC meeting (2.30 pm, Bishop's House, Kohima)
13	Sat	To Mon
14	Sun	3 rd Sunday of Advent: Mon. Silver Jubilee, Catholic Women Association
15	Mon	Mon-Dimapur
16	Tue	Dimapur – Dhansiripar – Silver Jubilee
17	Wed	Dimapur: Platinum Jubilee, St. Paul Church, Burma camp; 2.30 – Regional and senate meeting
18	Thu	Dimapur; Priests meeting; Recollection (5.30 pm, Holy Cross)
19	Fri	Dimapur; Consulters meeting (8.30 am, BH, Dimapur) to Kiphire
20	Sat	Kiphire – Golden Jubilee, St. Thomas Church, Phelungre
21	Sun	4 th Sunday of Advent; Meluri, Silver Jubilee, Akhegwo
22	Mon	Meluri to Kohima
23	Tue	Kohima
24	Wed	Kohima – Dimapur, Vigil Mass, Holy Cross Church
25	Thu	Christmas; Kohima Cathedral
26	Fri	Kohima
27	Sat	Meluri, Golden Jubilee of the Parish Church, Priestly Ordination of Deacon Thovitho SDB
28	Sun	Feast of the Holy Family; Mezoma, Golden Jubilee
29	Mon	Longsa; Priestly Ordination of Deacon James Ezung
30	Tue	Kohima
31	Wed	Chiephobozou: Priestly Ordination of Deacon Dominic Rülho Keneisalie

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The Holy See

MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV FOR THE 111th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2025

[4-5 Octobre 2025]

Migrants, missionaries of hope

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which my predecessor chose to coincide with the Jubilees of Migrants and of the Missions, offers us an opportunity to reflect on the connections between hope, migration and mission.

The current global context is sadly marked by wars, violence, injustice and extreme weather events, which force millions of people to leave their homelands in search of refuge elsewhere. The widespread tendency to look after the interests of limited communities poses a serious threat to the sharing of responsibility, multilateral cooperation, the pursuit of the common good and global solidarity for the benefit of our entire human family. The prospect of a renewed arms race and the development of new armaments, including nuclear weapons, the lack of consideration for the harmful effects of the ongoing climate crisis, and the impact of profound economic inequalities make the challenges of the present and the future increasingly demanding.

Faced with frightening scenarios and the possibility of global devastation, it is important that there be a growing desire in people's hearts for a future of peace and of respect for the dignity of all. Such a future is essential to God's plan for humanity and the rest of creation. This is the messianic future anticipated by the prophets: "Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets... For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew" (*Zech 8:4-5, 12*). This future has already begun, since it was inaugurated by Jesus Christ (cf. *Mk 1:15; Lk 17:21*),

and we believe and hope in its full realization, for the Lord is always faithful to his promises.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: “The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man and woman; it takes up the hopes that inspire human activities” (N. 1818). What is more, the search for happiness, and the prospect of finding it beyond one’s place of origin, is certainly one of the main motivations for the movement of people today.

This link between migration and hope is clearly evident in many contemporary experiences of migration. Many migrants, refugees and displaced persons are privileged witnesses of hope. Indeed, they demonstrate this daily through their resilience and trust in God, as they face adversity while seeking a future in which they glimpse that integral human development and happiness are possible. Moreover, we can see the itinerant experience of the people of Israel repeated in their own lives: “O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy” (*Ps 68:7-10*).

In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death on the various contemporary migration routes. Here too we can find a clear analogy with the experience of the people of Israel wandering in the desert, who faced every danger while trusting in the Lord’s protection: “he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday” (*Ps 91:3-6*).

Migrants and refugees remind the Church of her pilgrim dimension, perpetually journeying towards her final homeland, sustained by a hope that is a theological virtue. Each time the Church gives in to the temptation of “sedentarization” and ceases to be a *civitas peregrine*, God’s people journeying towards the heavenly homeland (cf. Augustine, *De Civitate Dei*, Books XIV-XVI), she ceases to be “in the world” and becomes “of the world” (cf. *Jn 15:19*). This temptation was already present in the early Christian communities, so much so that the Apostle Paul had to remind the Church of Philippi that “our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself” (*Phil 3:20-21*).

In a special way, Catholic migrants and refugees can become missionaries of hope in the

countries that welcome them, forging new paths of faith where the message of Jesus Christ has not yet arrived or initiating interreligious dialogue based on everyday life and the search for common values. With their spiritual enthusiasm and vitality, they can help revitalize ecclesial communities that have become rigid and weighed down, where spiritual desertification is advancing at an alarming rate. Their presence, then, should be recognized and appreciated as a true divine blessing, an opportunity to open oneself to the grace of God, who gives new energy and hope to his Church: “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it” (*Heb 13:2*).

The first element of evangelization, as Saint [Paul VI](#) emphasized, is that of witness: “All Christians are called to this witness, and in this way they can be real evangelizers. We are thinking especially of the responsibility incumbent on migrants in the country that receives them” (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 21). This is a true *missio migrantium*, a mission carried out by migrants, for which adequate preparation and ongoing support must be ensured through effective inter-ecclesial cooperation.

At the same time, the communities that welcome them can also be a living witness to hope, one that is understood as the promise of a present and a future where the dignity of all as children of God is recognized. In this way, migrants and refugees are recognized as brothers and sisters, part of a family in which they can express their talents and participate fully in community life.

On this Jubilee, when the Church prays for all migrants and refugees, I wish to entrust all those who are on the journey, as well as those who are working to accompany them, to the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary, comfort of migrants, so that she may keep hope alive in their hearts and sustain them in their commitment to building a world that increasingly resembles the Kingdom of God, the true homeland that awaits us at the end of our journey.

*From the Vatican, 25 July 2025
Feast of Saint James, Apostle*

LEO PP. XIV



The Holy See

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2025

19 October 2025

Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples

Dear brothers and sisters!

For World Mission Day in the Jubilee Year 2025, the central message of which is hope (cf. Bull *Spes Non Confundit*, 1), I have chosen the motto: “Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples”. It reminds individual Christians and the entire Church, the community of the baptized, of our fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope. I trust that it will be for everyone a time of grace with the faithful God who has given us new birth in the risen Christ “to a living hope” (cf. *1 Pet* 1:3-4). Here, I would like to mention some relevant aspects of our Christian missionary identity, so that we can let ourselves be guided by the Spirit of God and burn with holy zeal for a new evangelizing season in the Church, which is sent to revive hope in a world over which dark shadows loom (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 9-55).

1. In the footsteps of Christ our hope

Celebrating the first Ordinary Jubilee of the Third Millennium after that of the Holy Year of 2000, we keep our gaze fixed on Christ, the centre of history, “the same yesterday and today and forever” (*Heb* 13:8). In the synagogue of Nazareth, Jesus declared that Scripture was fulfilled in the “today” of his presence in history. He thus revealed that he is the One sent by the Father with the anointing of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God and to inaugurate “the year of the Lord’s favour” for all humanity (cf. *Lk* 4:16-21).

In this mystic “today”, which will last until the end of the world, Christ is the fullness of salvation for all, and in a particular way for those whose only hope is God. In his earthly life, “he went about doing good and healing all” from evil and the Evil One (cf. *Acts* 10:38), restoring hope in God to the needy and the people. He experienced all our human frailties, save that of sin, even those

critical moments that might lead to despair, as in the agony in the garden of Gethsemane and on the cross. Jesus commended everything to God the Father, obediently trusting in his saving plan for humanity, a plan of peace for a future full of hope (cf. *Jer 29:11*). In this way, he became the divine Missionary of hope, the supreme model of all those down the centuries who carry out their own God-given mission, even amid extreme trials.

Through his disciples, sent to all peoples and mystically accompanied by him, the Lord Jesus continues his ministry of hope for humanity. He still bends over all those who are poor, afflicted, despairing and oppressed, and pours “upon their wounds the balm of consolation and the wine of hope” (*Preface “Jesus the Good Samaritan”*). Obedient to her Lord and Master, and in the same spirit of service, the Church, the community of Christ’s missionary disciples, prolongs that mission, offering her life for all in the midst of the nations. While facing persecutions, tribulations and difficulties, as well as her own imperfections and failures due to the weakness of her members, the Church is constantly impelled by the love of Christ to persevere, in union with him, on her missionary journey and to hear, like him and with him, the plea of suffering humanity and, indeed, the groaning of every creature that awaits definitive redemption. This is the Church that the Lord always and for ever calls to follow in his footsteps: “not a static Church, but a missionary Church that walks with her Lord through the streets of the world” (*Homily at the Concluding Mass of the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops*, 27 October 2024).

May we too feel inspired to set out in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus to become, with him and in him, signs and messengers of hope for all, in every place and circumstance that God has granted us to live. May all the baptized, as missionary disciples of Christ, make his hope shine forth in every corner of the earth!

2. Christians, bearers and builders of hope among all peoples

In following Christ the Lord, Christians are called to hand on the Good News by sharing the concrete life situations of those whom they meet, and thus to be bearers and builders of hope. Indeed, “the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts” (*Gaudium et Spes* 1).

This celebrated statement of the Second Vatican Council, which expresses the sentiment and style of Christian communities in every age, continues to inspire their members and helps them to walk with their brothers and sisters in the world. Here I think especially of those of you who are missionaries *ad gentes*. Following the Lord’s call, you have gone forth to other nations to make known the love of God in Christ. For this, I thank you most heartily! Your lives are a clear response to the command of the risen Christ, who sent his disciples to evangelize all peoples (cf. *Mt 28:18-20*). In this way, you are signs of the universal vocation of the baptized to become, by the power of the Spirit and daily effort, missionaries among all peoples and witnesses to the great hope given

us by the Lord Jesus.

The horizon of this hope transcends the passing things of this world and opens up to those divine realities in which we share even now. Indeed, as Saint Paul VI observed, salvation in Christ, which the Church offers to all as a gift of God's mercy, is not only "immanent, meeting material or even spiritual needs... completely caught up in temporal desires, hopes, affairs, and struggles. Rather, it exceeds all such limits in order to reach fulfilment in a communion with the one Absolute, which is God. It is a salvation both transcendent and eschatological, which indeed has its beginning in this life, but is fulfilled in eternity" (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 27).

Impelled by this great hope, Christian communities can be harbingers of a new humanity in a world that, in the most "developed" areas, shows serious symptoms of human crisis: a widespread sense of bewilderment, loneliness and indifference to the needs of the elderly, and a reluctance to make an effort to assist our neighbours in need. In the most technologically advanced nations, "proximity" is disappearing: we are all interconnected, but not related. Obsession with efficiency and an attachment to material things and ambitions are making us self-centred and incapable of altruism. The Gospel, experienced in the life of a community, can restore us to a whole, healthy, redeemed humanity.

For this reason, I once more invite all of us to carry out the works mentioned in the *Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee* (Nos. 7-15), with particular attention to the poorest and weakest, the sick, the elderly and those excluded from materialistic and consumerist society. And to do so with God's "style": with closeness, compassion and tenderness, cultivating a personal relationship with our brothers and sisters in their specific situation (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 127-128). Often they are the ones who teach us how to live in hope. Through personal contact, we will also convey the love of the compassionate heart of the Lord. We will come to realize that "the heart of Christ... is the very core of the initial preaching of the Gospel" (*Dilexit Nos*, 32). By drawing from this source, we can offer with simplicity the hope we have received from God (cf. 1 Pet 1:21) and bring to others the same consolation with which we have been consoled by God (cf. 2 Cor 1:3-4). In the human and divine heart of Jesus, God wants to speak to the heart of every man and woman, drawing all of us to his love. "We have been sent to continue this mission: to be signs of the heart of Christ and the love of the Father, embracing the whole world" (*Address to Participants in the General Assembly of the Pontifical Mission Societies*, 3 June 2023).

3. Renewing the mission of hope

Faced with the urgency of the mission of hope today, Christ's disciples are called first to discover how to become "artisans" of hope and restorers of an often distracted and unhappy humanity.

To this end, we need to be renewed in the Easter spirituality experienced at every Eucharistic celebration and especially during the Easter Triduum, the centre and culmination of the liturgical

year. We have been baptized into the redemptive death and resurrection of Christ, into the Passover of the Lord that marks the eternal springtime of history. Consequently, we are a “springtime people”, brimming with hope to be shared with all, since in Christ “we believe and know that death and hate are not the final word” pronounced on human existence (cf. *Catechesis*, 23 August 2017). From the paschal mysteries, made present in liturgical celebrations and in the sacraments, we constantly draw upon the power of the Holy Spirit in order to work with zeal, determination and patience in the vast field of global evangelization. “Christ, risen and glorified, is the wellspring of our hope, and he will not deprive us of the help we need to carry out the mission which he has entrusted to us” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 275). In him, we live and bear witness to that sacred hope which is “a gift from God and a task for Christians” (*Hope is a Light in the Night*, Vatican City 2024, 7).

Missionaries of hope are men and women of prayer, for “the person who hopes is a person who prays”, in the words of Venerable Cardinal François-Xavier Van Thuan, who was himself sustained in hope throughout his lengthy imprisonment thanks to the strength he received from faithful prayer and the Eucharist (cf. *The Road of Hope*, Boston, 2001, 963). Let us not forget that prayer is the primary missionary activity and at the same time “the first strength of hope” (*Catechesis*, 20 May 2020).

So let us renew the mission of hope, starting from prayer, especially prayer based on the word of God and particularly the Psalms, that great symphony of prayer whose composer is the Holy Spirit (cf. *Catechesis*, 19 June 2024). The Psalms train us to hope amid adversity, to discern the signs of hope around us, and to have the constant “missionary” desire that God be praised by all peoples (cf. Ps 41:12; 67:4). By praying, we keep alive the spark of hope lit by God within us, so that it can become a great fire, which enlightens and warms everyone around us, also by those concrete actions and gestures that prayer itself inspires.

To conclude, evangelization is always a communitarian process, like Christian hope itself (cf. Benedict XVI, *Spe Salvi*, 14). That process does not end with the initial preaching of the Gospel and with Baptism, but continues with the building up of Christian communities through the accompaniment of each of the baptized along the path of the Gospel. In modern society, membership in the Church is never something achieved once for all. That is why the missionary activity of handing down and shaping a mature faith in Christ is “paradigmatic for all the Church’s activity” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 15), a work that requires communion of prayer and action. Here I would emphasize once more the importance of this missionary synodality of the Church, as well as the service rendered by the Pontifical Mission Societies in promoting the missionary responsibility of the baptized and supporting new Particular Churches. I urge all of you, children, young people, adults and the elderly, to participate actively in the common evangelizing mission of the Church by your witness of life and prayer, by your sacrifices and by your generosity. Thank you for this!

Dear sisters and brothers, let us turn to Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ our hope. To her we entrust

our prayer for this Jubilee and for the years yet to come: “May the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God’s love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!” (Bull *Spes Non Confundit*, 6).

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 January 2025, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

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Introduction

The first Sunday of Advent is Communio Sunday. This year Communio Sunday falls on 30th November 2025. It's the one Sunday in the year when the entire Latin Church in India comes together to support the Church's mission in our country. And every single donation from Communio Sunday goes to support rural missions and missionaries working in the areas where the Church is new, young or poor.

This is our opportunity and privilege to show love and solidarity to our Church family. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News. And by donating, we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

Communio brings the Church together in compassion and communion. Together, we provide mission dioceses with the essential support they need to become self-sufficient. Communio works with local bishops, churches and missionary congregations, to distribute resources and funds fairly, on the basis of need.



COMMUNIO SUNDAY CIRCULAR

November 30, 2025 (First Sunday of Advent)

To all Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious, Catechists and Lay Faithful of the Latin Catholic Church in India

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

1. The First Sunday of Advent marks a sacred threshold. With the lighting of the Candle of Hope, we step into a new liturgical year, carrying with us both the struggles of the past and the promise of what lies ahead. This single flame, small yet steady, reminds us that, even in the midst of darkness, the light of Christ never fades. The Church in India celebrates the First Sunday of Advent as the Communio Sunday. It reminds us that the Church is a family united in God's love, called to pray, support and serve one another.



2. Our world today is surrounded by fear, uncertainty and spiritual fatigue. The situation in India reflects this reality in many ways. The Church here walks a challenging path and yet, amidst its struggles, it continues its journey --- not with loud proclamations, but with a quiet, enduring witness. Through education, healthcare, pastoral care and community-building, the Church reaches out, especially to the poor and the forgotten, becoming a beacon of compassion and hope.

3. In his first public remarks as Pope, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV offered his vision for the Church: “Together, we must look for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming, like this Square with its open arms, all those who are in need of our charity, our presence, our readiness to dialogue and our love.” These words offer timely encouragement for us to be open-hearted and outward-looking in our mission, especially in the context of the Indian Church.

4. In this very context, the spark of Communio was born. An initiative of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI), Communio was launched to support and strengthen our mission dioceses. Through Prayer, Solidarity and Mission, Communio encourages the faithful to share their resources and to have a missionary spirit to build up the Church in India. Communio provides pastoral assistance, development aid and leadership training, especially in remote and struggling dioceses.

5. At the heart of this mission are around 90 trained Communio Volunteers—young lay men and women who have courageously committed themselves to be missionary disciples. They have gone forth into difficult and unfamiliar territories, not to be served, but to serve; not to be known, but to make Christ known. Their witness is a living sign that hope is not just something we wait for—it is something we give.



6. As we light the Candle of Hope this Advent, we urge every parish, community and faithful to celebrate Communio Sunday in solidarity with our mission dioceses. Let it be a day not only of prayer, but of concrete support. We invite everyone to be generous --- with your time, your contributions and your missionary spirit. Your support allows Communio to reach farther, serve better and love deeper.

7. We deeply appreciate your generosity and goodwill to be part of Communio, not only today, but every day. As you are aware, Communio Sunday is usually celebrated on the First Sunday of Advent or on a Sunday closest to the feast of St. Francis Xavier. But each Diocesan Bishop is free to fix an appropriate Sunday for his Diocese. We earnestly invite you all to celebrate Communio Sunday with enthusiasm. We urge you to make the celebration meaningful in your own way in the parishes, religious communities, institutions and families.

8. Here are a few ways in which you can participate: (i) Display the Communio Sunday poster or logo prominently on parish noticeboards, bulletins and social media profiles to raise awareness; (ii) Plan a meaningful liturgical service, focused on praying for missions and missionaries; (iii) Commit to supporting Communio by pledging your resources, time and energy. Let us start today, right here and now!

We entrust our mission to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and Saint Francis Xavier, Patron of the Missions.

CCBI General Secretariat, September 1, 2025.

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Archbishop of Bangalore

+ Vincent Aind

CCBI Secretary General,
Archbishop of Ranchi

N.B.: *It is recommended that this Circular be read and its contents explained on Communio Sunday (November 30, 2025) in all the parishes, religious communities and institutions of the 132 dioceses of the Latin Catholic Church in India.*



5 WAYS TO CELEBRATE COMMUNIO SUNDAY

- 1. Pray:** Celebrate Holy Mass for the missionaries in India and pray for our missions and missionaries. Add special prayers of the faithful. Encourage every family to pray, at least today, for our missionaries.
- 2. Educate:** Read the Communio Sunday Circular to the faithful or explain its contents. Make your congregation aware about the missionary activities of the Latin Church in India. Educate your faithful about what is happening in mission dioceses.
- 3. Solidarity:** Express solidarity with our brothers and sisters where the Church is new, young and poor. Build a culture of sharing and take a special offering to support and assist our missionaries. Encourage everyone to contribute as all our contributions, big or small, would be of great help for the missionary work of the Church in India.
- 4. Encourage:** Encourage missionary vocations and inspire our faithful to become missionary disciples. We believe that every baptized Christian is a missionary. Motivate our faithful to participate in the mission of the Church, wherever they live.
- 5. Celebrate:** Celebrate Communio Sunday in parishes with various events, like meetings, missionary shows, exhibitions, competitions, etc. Invite some missionaries and listen to their witnesses. Honour families or parents who gave their members or children for the missionary work of the Church as priests, religious or and lay missionaries.

LITURGICAL- PASTORAL RESOURCES

Mass Introduction:

Today we begin the season of Advent – a sacred time of waiting, preparation, and hopeful expectation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. It marks the beginning of the liturgical year, a fresh spiritual journey rooted in faith and guided by hope.

On this First Sunday of Advent, we are also joyfully celebrating Communio Sunday, an initiative of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) that calls every faithful to participate in the missionary outreach of the Church in India. In a country where the light of the Gospel still struggles against poverty, persecution, and isolation in many mission dioceses, Communio reminds us of our common mission – to be instruments of unity, hope, and solidarity.

With hearts turned toward the Lord, today's liturgy invites us to awaken from spiritual slumber, be vigilant, and walk in the light. May we grow in our missionary consciousness and become radiant signs of Christ's presence in our world.

Let us now enter this Eucharistic celebration with open hearts, ready to be renewed in hope, reawakened in faith, and rekindled in missionary zeal.



Introduction to the First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The prophet Isaiah offers a beautiful vision of hope – a future where nations stream toward the mountain of the Lord, seeking His wisdom and peace. This reading sets the Advent tone of longing and anticipation, where we are called to walk in the light of the Lord laying aside divisions and weapons of war. It resonates deeply with the mission of Communio – to build a Church where all peoples journey together in unity, seeking God's justice and peace.

Introduction to the Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

St. Paul's words are a spiritual wake-up call: "It is now the hour for you to wake from sleep." As we begin Advent, he exhorts us to cast off the deeds of darkness and live honourably, clothed in Christ. For us in the Church in India, this is a call to renew our missionary identity – to walk courageously amid challenges and bear the light of Christ to the margins of society. Through Communio, the Church invites every baptized person to live their faith actively and visibly, with urgency and purpose.

Homily Notes [Mathew 24:37-44]

Today we begin a new liturgical year with the holy season of Advent—a time of hope, longing, and sacred preparation for the coming of the Lord. But this First Sunday of Advent is more than just a seasonal start; it is also Communio Sunday in the Church in India, and we celebrate it within the grace-filled context of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, declared by Pope Francis. This special convergence reminds us that our waiting must not be passive. It is a time to awaken our hearts, rekindle our missionary zeal, and take active steps toward communion and service—especially for those in the peripheries of our own nation.



Today's readings speak with clarity and urgency. Let us open our hearts to five key calls of this Sunday's Word.



Advent: Wake from Sleep, Watch for the Lord

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to be alert, like servants waiting for their master. Life may seem ordinary—eating, drinking, marrying—but the Lord comes when we least expect Him. This call to wakefulness is echoed by St. Paul: “It is now the hour to wake from sleep.” Advent is not about passive waiting; it is about active watching, spiritual preparation, and missionary readiness.

Isaiah's Dream: Mission as a Path to Peace

The First Reading offers a powerful vision: nations streaming to the mountain of the Lord, learning His ways, and transforming swords into ploughshares. This is not just poetic imagery—it is a missionary dream. It reflects the very purpose of Communio: to bring unity, healing, and Gospel peace to the remote corners of India. In our fractured and hurting world, God invites us to build bridges of communion, to be peacemakers in divided places, and to walk with those who are still searching for light.

“Put on Christ”: Be Witnesses in India Today

St. Paul reminds us: “The day is at hand. Let us put on the Armor of light.” To “put on Christ” is to live a life of visible faith—a life that radiates the Gospel not just in church but in our homes, workplaces, and public life. In India, where the Church often serves amidst social struggle and spiritual hunger, the world watches our example more than our words.

Here we are inspired by the words of Pope Leo XIV:

“Nothing is more effective in drawing others to Christ than the example of a Christian life.” Your witness—humble, consistent, loving—is the most powerful evangelization.

Readiness as Missionary Responsibility

Jesus' message is not just about being alert—it's about being ready to act. Advent is not simply about preparing for Jesus' birth in Bethlehem; it's about preparing to receive Him daily, especially in the poor, the migrant, the sick, the unreached.

Communio is the Church's collective response to that call. It is not merely a project—it is a movement of missionary communion, helping the poorer dioceses of India not just survive, but grow, serve, and thrive. Let us remember that every baptized person is a missionary. As Pope Francis says, "We are all missionary disciples."

The Church in India: Wounded Yet Missionary

Our Church in India is beautiful—but also bears the wounds of poverty, marginalization, and opposition. In regions of the North, Northeast, tribal belts, and rural mission dioceses, faith is growing, but resources are lacking. Many priests serve in difficult terrains, many families attend Mass under thatched roofs, and catechists walk for miles to spread the Word.

Yet in these very places, the light of Christ shines brightly. Through Communio, we are one Church, one Body, supporting one another in communion, hope, and love. When you support a mission diocese, you are participating in the very mission of Christ.

Missionary Appeal: "We are the Ones God is Sending"

Dear friends,

Perhaps the Lord is not asking us to cross continents, but to cross our indifference. He is asking us to remember those dioceses in our own country where the Church is struggling—and to rise with love and action.



Let us ask ourselves:

Can I offer a small gift today to help train a missionary or build a chapel in a tribal area?

Can I pray regularly for one mission diocese?

Can I encourage youth to serve as missionaries through Communio?

Can I be more aware of the life and struggles of the Church in India?

Mission is not optional. It is our baptismal call.

And in giving, we receive. In reaching out to the poor, we encounter Christ. In walking with the Church in India, we become true pilgrims of hope.

Conclusion: Let Advent Be Communio

As we journey through Advent and the Jubilee Year of Hope, may we not only prepare our homes for Christmas—but prepare our hearts for mission.

Let us wake up.

Let us walk in the light.

Let us build a Church of communion, peace, and hope.

Let our lives, in the words of Pope Leo XIV, truly become “the most effective witness” to Christ.

Let us rise and go forth. Let us be Communio.

Amen.





PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. For the Church Universal, that during this Advent season she may joyfully await the coming of Christ and remain faithful in mission and unity.

Let us pray to the Lord... Lord give us missionary spirit

2. For the Church in India, especially the mission dioceses supported by Communio, that the light of the Gospel may reach every corner through the generosity of the faithful.

Let us pray to the Lord... Lord give us missionary spirit

3. For all Christian families, that they may live in spiritual wakefulness, guided by love, service, and Advent hope.

Let us pray to the Lord... Lord give us missionary spirit

4. For the poor, the suffering, and the persecuted, that through our missionary efforts and through Communio, they may experience God's comfort, peace, and justice.

Let us pray to the Lord... Lord give us missionary spirit.

Ideas for Celebrating Communio Sunday

1. Special Mass or Liturgy: Organize a special Mass or liturgy dedicated to Communio Sunday. Invite missionaries, if possible, to share their experiences and insights during the service.
2. Communio Reach: Set up posters, project book, flyers, and videos from Communio in the parish campus.
3. Become a Communio Partner: visit www.communio.in to become a member of Communio family, the largest Catholic network in India for prayer and mission.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the Week before Communio Sunday:

Next Sunday we will celebrate Communio Sunday. The Church in India invites all of us to support mission dioceses, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the most vulnerable communities. Please keep in your prayers the appeal of the Church in India for the missions and be generous in coming Sunday's collection for Communio.

Today is Communio Sunday.

We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all. The collection taken today for the Communio supports the work and witness of the mission dioceses in our country, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the missions.



In the Week after Communio Sunday:

Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Communio last week on Communio Sunday. Our parish raised an amount of _____ (insert amount). You may stay connected the year round to the Church's missions, continuing the commitment of Communio Sunday by networking with the Communio Secretariat.



ST. TERESA OF KOLKATA

PATRON SAINT OF COMMUNIO

“I can do things you cannot,
you can do things I cannot;
together we can do great things.”



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