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### (PALLOTTINE FATHERS AND BROTHERS)



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### Pope Francis: A Legacy of Compassion and Reform

Dear Confreres,

Pope Francis, the 266th pontiff of the Catholic Church, leaves behind a legacy that will be remembered for generations. His tenure was marked by a commitment to social justice, interfaith dialogue, and a deep concern for the marginalized. From his early days as the Archbishop of Buenos Aires to his papacy, he consistently championed the causes of the poor and the oppressed.

One of his most defining moments was his unwavering call for peace in conflict zones. His final wish, to convert his **popemobile into a mobile health clinic for children in Gaza**, exemplifies his dedication to humanitarian efforts. This initiative, led by Caritas Jerusalem, aims to provide medical aid to children in one of the most war-torn regions of the world. It is a testament to his belief that the Church must be a beacon of hope and healing. Holy Father, Pope Francis also reshaped the College of Cardinals, appointing leaders from diverse backgrounds to ensure a more inclusive Church. His emphasis on synodality—encouraging dialogue and shared decision-making—was a bold step toward modernizing the Church's governance. His reforms extended to financial transparency, pastoral priorities, and the role of women in the Church. Holy Father, Pope Francis has embodied qualities that have inspired millions across faiths. Here are some of his most remarkable traits:

- **Humility** – From choosing simpler papal attire to living in modest quarters, he has consistently demonstrated a humble approach to leadership.
- **Compassion for the Poor** – His deep concern for the marginalized has led to initiatives supporting refugees, the homeless, and those struggling with poverty.
- **Commitment to Social Justice** – He has spoken out against economic inequality, environmental destruction, and human rights violations.
- **Interfaith Dialogue** – He has fostered relationships with leaders of different religions, promoting peace and unity.
- **Pastoral Approach** – His emphasis on mercy over judgment has made the Church more accessible to those who feel alienated.
- **Environmental Advocacy** – His encyclical *Laudato Si'* called for urgent action on climate change, making him a leading voice in global environmental discussions.
- His passing has left a void, but his vision for a compassionate and progressive Church will continue to inspire. As the conclave prepares to elect his successor, the world watches, hoping that his legacy of love, humility, and reform will endure.

His leadership has been transformative, encouraging people to embrace love, service, and justice. Which of these qualities do you find most inspiring?

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## WELCOMING POPE LEO XIV: A NEW CHAPTER FOR THE CHURCH:

The election of **Pope Leo XIV** marks a historic moment for the Catholic Church. As the **first American pope**, his leadership brings a fresh perspective shaped by his experiences in the United States and Peru. His background as a missionary and bishop reflects a deep commitment to serving marginalized communities and fostering unity within the Church.

Leo XIV's choice of name is significant—drawing inspiration from **Pope Leo XIII**, who navigated the Church through revolutionary changes in the late 19th century. In a world facing rapid technological and cultural shifts, Leo XIV is expected to guide the Church with wisdom and adaptability.

His first words as pope, *"Peace be with all of you!"*, set the tone for his papacy—one rooted in compassion and inclusivity. As the faithful welcome him, there is hope that his leadership will continue the legacy of Pope Francis, emphasizing social justice, environmental stewardship, and outreach to the poor.

With Pope Leo XIV at the helm, the Church embarks on a new journey—one that seeks to balance tradition with progress, faith with action, and unity with diversity. The world watches with anticipation as he begins his sacred mission.

Pope Leo XIV has outlined several key priorities for his papacy, emphasizing continuity with Pope Francis while addressing new challenges:

- **Modernizing the Church** – He has reaffirmed his commitment to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, ensuring the Church remains inclusive and attentive to the faithful.
- **Artificial Intelligence and Ethics** – He has identified AI as one of the most pressing issues facing humanity, particularly in relation to human dignity, justice, and labor.
- **Financial Transparency** – He inherits Vatican financial challenges and is expected to continue efforts to improve transparency and combat corruption.
- **Social Justice and Outreach** – His background as a missionary suggests a strong focus on serving marginalized communities and promoting workers' rights.
- **Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue** – His global experience positions him to foster relationships with other religious traditions.

Leo XIV's leadership signals a blend of tradition and progress, aiming to make the Church more responsive to contemporary issues. We, as Pallottine Fathers of Gloria Dei Region Wish Him God's Choicest blessings, Welcome his Leadership wholeheartedly.

## **INFORMATION**

### **1. 190th anniversary of the birth of the foundation of UAC (4<sup>th</sup> April 2025)**

#### **LET'S NOT FORGET WHERE WE CAME FROM!**

It's been exactly 190 years since the Union of the Catholic Apostolate is born as juridical person. Cardinal Charles Odescalchi (1785–1841), Papal Vicar, blessed the birth of the Union of the Catholic Apostolate. We as Pallottines are proud in celebrating the 190<sup>n</sup> Years, and let us continue working hard for the better future and growth of UAC.

### **2. Pallotti Junior College, Amaravati, Achieves Outstanding Results**

Pallotti Junior College, Amaravati, is proud to announce the excellent performance of its students in the Intermediate Public Examinations. With the grace of God, the college secured a remarkable 98.6% result, scoring 986 out of 1000 marks; 18 marks higher than Dhanyakataka College. Despite challenges such as strict invigilation and disturbances during the examinations, the students excelled, securing top positions in the BiPC stream at the constituency level. This year's results showed significant improvement compared to last year, with CEC students scoring 388 marks (up from 373), MPC students achieving 986 marks (up from 975), and BiPC students reaching 973 marks (up from 924). The college congratulates all students and staff for their hard work and extends heartfelt thanks to the fathers for their prayers and support. May God continue to bless Pallotti Junior College.

### **3. Blessing and Inauguration of Pallotti Global School, Nandigama (21<sup>st</sup> of April 2025)**

The blessing and inauguration ceremony of Pallotti Global School was held with great solemnity and joy on Monday. The event began with a prayer service and the blessing of the new school building, seeking God's grace and protection over the institution, its staff, and students. Rev. Fathers, Sisters, dignitaries, parents, staff, and well-wishers graced the occasion with their presence.

Following the blessing, the official ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the formal inauguration of the school. A short cultural program, presented by the students, added color and vibrancy to the event. In their messages, the dignitaries congratulated the management for their vision and expressed their hopes that Pallotti Global School would become a center of academic excellence and holistic education.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all who contributed to making the day a memorable one. With hearts full of hope and faith,

Pallotti Global School embarks on its journey to shape young minds and build a better future.

#### **4. St. Vincent Pallotti School, Pedana:**

Good news that St. Vincent Pallotti E M High school, Pedana is very happy to announced the results of the first ICSE 10th batch. There were 119 students who appeared for the ICSE board exams. Though it was the first batch we have secured the highest marks with 521 out of 600. and we are extremely happy to get 100% results as the first batch of ICSE board and all 119 students have passed and are awarded this year.

#### **5. Tribute to Pope Francis at Pallotti Vidyanam (22nd April 2025)**

On 22nd April 2025, a special tribute was paid to Pope Francis at Pallotti Vidyanam in a spirit of prayer and gratitude. The solemn Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Balaji Boyalla SAC, in the presence of various Fathers and Brothers. The celebration was a heartfelt expression of love, unity, and appreciation for the Holy Father's inspiring leadership and service to the Church. The gathering prayed for Pope Francis' health, wisdom, and continued guidance for the Universal Church.

#### **6. Upcoming Programs**

##### **6.1 Common Retreats for 2025:**

Four Common Retreats will be organized this year, and all members are warmly encouraged to participate in one of them. A Google Form will be circulated shortly, and everyone is kindly requested to register for the retreat of their choice. The schedule for the retreats is as follows:

##### **i) 18-23 August 2025**

**Venue:** Pallottine Animation Centre, Nagpur

**Preacher:** Rev Fr Dr Kurian Kachappilly CMI

The retreat will begin after dinner on 18 August and conclude with lunch on 23 August.

##### **ii) 31 August-05 September 2025**

**Venue:** PILLAR, Madurai

**Preacher:** Rev Fr Dr D Alphonse

The retreat will begin after dinner on 31 August and conclude with lunch on 05 September.

##### **iii) 20-25 October 2025**

**Venue:** Pallotti Home, Chicalim, Goa

**Preacher:** Rev Fr Errol Fernandez SJ

The retreat will begin after dinner on 20 October and conclude with dinner on 24 October.

**iv) 16-20 November 2025**

**Venue:** Shanti Nivas, Bilaspur

**Preacher:** Rev Fr Archibald Gonsalves OCD

The retreat will begin after dinner on 16 November and conclude with dinner on 20 November.

## **6.2 National Meeting of Pallottine Educators:**

The Annual Meeting of the Conference of Major Superiors (CMS), held from 03 to 04 March 2025 at Prabodhana, Mysore, has resolved to convene a National Meeting of Pallottine Educators from 27 to 29 August 2025 at PILLAR, Madurai. This important event will bring together Principals and Managers (Correspondents) of Pallottine educational institutions-both Fathers and Sisters-to promote collaboration and a shared vision for Pallottine education in our time.

In view of this, all the educators are requested to participate in this significant gathering. Fr. Michael will be contact person from Our Region. All the Principals, correspondents, Managers and administrators MUST attend this program, No exceptions. If you are unable to go, kindly let Regional Rector know as soon as possible.

**The schedule is as follows:**

<b>Arrival:</b>	26 August 2025
<b>Program:</b>	27-28 August 2025
<b>Outing:</b>	29 August 2025
<b>Departure:</b>	30 August 2025

## **6.3 Workshop on Fundraising:**

General Secretariat for Missions, under the Leadership of Rev. Fr. Daniel Rocchett, is organizing workshop on Fundraising from September 1(arriving by 6:00 p.m.) and September 5 (Departing after Lunch) of 2025. This event is conducted by a Team from United States at Pallottine animation Center, PAC Nagpur. Five members from each 8 entities of Pallottine Fathers and Sisters in India. There will five-member team from our region will participate.

## **7. Local Rector of Europe Local Community:**

Fr. Jojappa Chinnabathina will replace Fr. Sagar Mannekanti as Local Rector. This change has taken place at the request of Fr. Sagar Mannekanti due to his work load and unable to carryout this responsibility. We thank Fr. Sagar for his kind service as Local Rector and we thank Fr. Joajappa for accepting this new Responsibility.

#### **8. 75 Years of Pallottine Presence in India:**

We are proud to be Pallottines for Laity, the Pallottine family in India is completing 75 years of its presence. It is time to celebrate together for Our realized Dreams and Achievements. The conference of Major superiors has decided to have common celebration in Nagpur on 24–25 January 2026. Organized by the Prabhu Prakash Province, this historic event will culminate in a solemn Eucharistic celebration on 25 January, uniting the wider Pallottine community in thanksgiving. Superiors and representatives from the General Administration, the German Province, and the Australian Region will also join the gathering. All Pallottine entities are invited to celebrate this jubilee in 5 their own communities, renewing their commitment to the vision of St. Vincent Pallotti.

#### **9. National Award for Fr. Vinod Amarlapudi:**

As part of studies in the **Masters of Social Work** in the Krishna university, Machilipatnam, Fr. Vinod Amaralapudi has submitted research work on *“Role of a Social Worker in the Life of Chenchu Tribe in Amaravathi”* The study highlights their role in addressing socio-economic challenges and promoting inclusion and sustainable development. This research has been selected for **national-level recognition**. He has been honoured to share that this research at a **“NATIONAL SEMINAR on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Vision and Contributions to Nation-building in India”**, which is going to be held in Egmore, Chennai on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2025. On **June 24th, 2025**, during the National Seminar in **Egmore, Chennai**, He is going to be conferred the **National Best Researcher Award** for this theme. This recognition affirms the importance of integrating social work into tribal development and validates the continuing relevance of Ambedkarite principles in modern India.

#### **10. Ordinations, Professions & Promotions of Brothers:**

##### **1. PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS 2025**

Hearty Welcome to Our Confreres who will be Ordained in the Following Dates:

- i) Fr. Akhil Nimmagadda was Ordained on May 7, 2025 by Most Rev. Raja Rao Thelagathoti, Diocese of Vijayawada.

ii) Fr. Shekar Kalali was ordained on May 12, 2025 by Most Rev. Prakash Rao Mallavarapu, Archbishop emeritus of Visakhapatnam.

We congratulate and wish them God's Blessings and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them in their Mission as Pallottine Priests.

## **2. PERPETUAL CONSECRATION OF OUR BROTHERS:**

We are blessed with two Brothers who will make their Perpetual Consecration. They are:

- i) Bro. Bharath Kumar Ponugumati
- ii) Bro. Prabhakar Jonnalagadda on 31 May, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in Gloria Dei House. Thereafter both of them will be ordained as Deacons on 29 June, 2025 at Prabodhana, Mysore. Kindly be present without fail to show our solidarity with our brothers.

## **3. PROMOTION OF STUDENTS TO VARIOUS STAGES OF FORMATION:**

On April 6, 2025, the Regional Council met to discuss on the Promotion of the Students. The following students are promoted to various stages of Formation:

### **i) The First Year Period of Preparatory Formation, Goa**

- 1. Devaraj Karuchola
- 2. Akhil Bettapudi
- 3. Mutta Mariadas

### **ii) The Second Year Period of Preparatory Formation, and 1<sup>st</sup> Year Graduation, Nagpur:**

- 1. Bro. Chatala Raj Kumar
- 2. Bro. Kama Srikanth
- 3. Bro. Gogulamudi Vasanth Kumar

### **iii) First Profession and Second Year Graduation, Nagpur:**

- 1. Bro. Abburi Raj Kumar
- 2. Bro. Annapareddy Madhu Kumar Reddy
- 3. Bro. Jyoti Ranjan Ganayak
- 4. Bro. Kamala Mahendra
- 5. Bro. Naduri Ravi Teja
- 6. Bro. Niku Nayak
- 7. Bro. Sabir Behara
- 8. Bro. Suman Guria

9. Bro. Thota Eliya
10. Bro. Alanjangi Suresh Kumar

**iv) Third year Graduation and Philosophy, Nagpur (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Renewal)**

1. Bro. Abbadasari Chandu (First Renewal)
2. Bro. Mandapati Binnu (Second Renewal)

**v) First Year Theology (2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Renewal)**

**a. Second Renewal**

1. Bro. Gandhi Raj Kumar
2. Bro. Kotipalli Rajeev (NOT PROMOTED)
3. Bro. Mandapalli Rohit Paul

**b. Third Renewal**

4. Bro. Goli Pavan Kumar
5. Bro. Medepalli Naresh
6. Bro. Patibandla Maria Teja
7. Bro. Polishetty Prajwal Vijay Kumar
8. Bro. Sabbe Sagar

**c. Fourth Renewal**

9. Bro. Satish Manda
10. Bro. Jashwanth Bala Boyalla
11. Bro. Rakesh Gunipudi
12. Bro. Sudheer Boddu

**vi) Second Year Theology, Prabodhana (4<sup>th</sup> Renewal)**

1. Bro. Narendra Kumar Kalapala
2. Bro. Antony Injeti

**vii) Second Year Theology, Janampeta (4<sup>th</sup> Renewal)**

1. Bro. Vamsi Kasturi

**viii) Third Year Theology, Prabodhana (2<sup>nd</sup> Renewal)**

1. Bro. Francis Vijay Kumar Karakala

**ix) Fourth Year Theology, Nagpur (Final Profession)**

1. Bro. Arogyadas Devarapalli (Theology Only)
2. Bro. Bharat Kumar Ponugumati (Final Profession, would be Deacon)

**x) Fourth Year Theology, Mysore (Final Profession)**



1. Bro. Prabhakar Jonnalagadda (Final Profession, would be Deacon)

**xi) One Year of Regency (2<sup>nd</sup> Renewal)**

1. **Bro. Bandanadam Bhanu Hriday** - *Bishop's House, Khammam.*
2. **Bro. Challa Nani** - *St. Vincent Pallotti Church, Khammam*

**We congratulate and wish them God's blessings in the coming Year.**

**11. APPOINTMENTS, TRANSFERS & ASSIGNMENTS:**

**9.1 Appointments:**

The Regional council, held at Gloria Dei House, Vijayawada on 07 May, 2025, has finalized the following appointments, assignments and transfers in the Region. All the changes will take effect from 1 June 2025.

1. Fr. Akhil Nimmagadda – Assistant Parish Priest, St. Anthony's Church, Mudfort.
2. Fr. Sekhar Kalali – Prefect, Pallotti Vidyanam, Vijayawada,

**9.2 Transfers & Assignments**

1. Fr. Bartholomew – Associate Pastor, Sacred heart catholic church, Wichita Falls.
2. Fr. Babji Merugu - Associate Pastor, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Keller, Fort Worth.
3. Fr. Vijaya Raju Mareedu – Training for chaplaincy in the Reserves, USA
4. Fr. Jesuraj – Hospital Chaplain, Associate Pastor, St. Patrick Cathedral Parish, Fort Worth
5. Fr. Arogydas Kottana - Teacher, Pallotti Vidyanam, Vijayawada.
6. Fr. Bala Showry Rudrapogu – Correspondent, SVP School, Pedana.
7. Fr. John Paul Polishetti – Assistant Parish Priest, St. Vincent Pallotti Church, Amaravathi.
8. Fr. Mariadas Mekala – Assigned to St. Anthony Parish, Sappers Line, Secunderabad.
9. Fr. Anil Kumar Pasala - Assigned, Pallotti Global School, Nandigama.
10. Fr. Vinod Amarlapudi – Assigned, Gloria Dei House, Vijayawada
11. Fr. Showry Stallin Yadala – Assigned, Gloria Dei House, Vijayawada.
12. Fr. Arun Kumar Vaddeswarapu Assigned to Regional House - Language course in Pune, Maharashtra.
13. Fr. Srikanth Reddy Assigned to Regional House – Language course in Pune, Maharashtra.

The above transfers and Assignments will take effect from 1 June 2024.

**9.3 Overseas Missions:**

1. Fr. Srikanth Reddy Thumma – Switzerland
2. Fr. Arun Kumar Vaddeswarapu – Switzerland
3. Fr. Showry Stallin Yadala – USA

## **12. Committees:**

### **12.1 Gloria Dei Regional Mission Secretariat:**

1. Fr. Balaji Boyalla SAC - Mission Secretary, Gloria Dei Region.
2. Fr. Anthony Bala Joseph M. - Assistant Mission Secretary, Telangana.
3. Fr. Kishore Raju Bezzam - Assistant Mission Secretary, Andhra Pradesh.
4. Fr. Vijaya Raju Mareedu - Assistant Mission Secretary, USA.
5. Fr. Thomas Reddy Basani - Assistant Mission Secretary, CANADA.
6. Fr. Labanu Nanduri - Assistant Mission Secretary, EUROPE.

### **12.2 Vocation Promotion:**

1. Fr. Balaswamy Madanu - Coordinator, Vocation Promotion
2. Fr. Akhil Nimmagadda - Vocation Promotor, Andhra Pradesh
3. Fr. Sekhar Kalali - Vocation Promotor, Andhra Pradesh
4. Fr. Kranthi Kumar Polishetti - Vocation Promotor, Telangana
5. Fr. Anil Thambi Kaile - Vocation Promotor, Telangana

### **12.3 Finance Committee:**

1. Fr. Banu Bodula
2. Fr. Jeevan Reddy Yeruva

### **12.4 Formation Committee:**

1. Fr. Rayappa Reddy Thirumalareddy
2. Fr. Sandeep Kancherla

### **12.5 Union of the Catholic Apostolate:**

1. Fr. Bhaskar Rao Gangolu
2. Fr. Vijay Kumar Kanmuri

### **12.6 Education Committee:**

1. Fr. Michael Clement
2. Fr. Joji Reddy Thirumalareddy

### **12.7 Pastoral Committee:**

1. Fr. Jwarnes Reddy Duggimpudi
2. Joseph Kakada

### **12.8 Social Work Committee:**

1. Fr. Kishore Yadala
2. Fr. Yacob Jala

### **12.9 Construction Committee:**

1. Fr. Jeevan Reddy Yeruva
2. Fr. Jayaraju Guntaka (Coordinator)
3. Kishore Raju Beezam

### **13. LOCAL COMMUNITIES & LOCAL SUPERIORS:**

**13.1** Bl. Richard Henkes Local Community: All the communities in Andhra Pradesh,  
Local Rector: Fr. Bala Joji Reddy Tirumala

**13.2** St Faustina Local Community: All the Communities in Telangana,  
Local Rector: Fr. Michael Clement

**13.3** Bl. Elizabeth Sanna Local Community: All the members in Europe  
Local Rector: Fr. Jojappa Chinnabathina

**13.4** St. Mother Theresa Local Community: All the members in USA  
Local Rector: Fr. Kishore Babu Battu

**13.5** St. Pope John Paul II Canadian Delegation  
Delegate Superior: Fr. Anthony Narisetty

### **14. Committee for Ex-Seminarians Policy**

1. Fr. Balaswamy Madanu
2. Fr. Rayappa Reddy Thirumalareddy
3. Fr. Sandeep Kancharla
4. Fr. Bhaskar Rao Gangolu
5. Fr. Kishore Yadala

### **15. Committee for safeguarding Policy**

1. Fr. Joji Reddy Thirumalareddy
2. Fr. Yacob Jala