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SIGN OF THE TIME

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May the Joy, Peace, Love reign in our hearts!

Jesus said to the crowd, “when you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘it is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘there will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?” (Lk 12: 54-57).

Reading the signs and responding to the need of the time is crucial to our existence as human beings. In this context Jesus confronts the religious leaders of his time for their stubbornness and being blind to the signs of the time.

We are going through a challenging time of the age, posed from different fronts – political, social, economical, religious and environmental. The responsible people are taking advantage of the situation and misleading the commoners for their own gain. The normal way of living is becoming – unethical, unprincipled, villainous, corrupt and shady day by day. In this confusing and disordered state, ordinary folks are the most helpless and suffering ones.

In human history, it is seen that at the turn of the age chaos begin to rule and people tend to give in to their impulse, inclinations and pleasures. We have similar picture in Genesis 6:5-6, in the time of Noah, before deluge people were dictated by the desire of flesh, not the Spirit of God. So also in Gen 18: 20-21 in the time of Abraham, Sodom and Gomora people had lost their divine sense.

But within this chaos there is also a kingdom spirit that endures, while ruling of the world begins to crumble with time. The creator has his own way of leading the creation for higher order of humanity. In our age we have been witnessing this very happening during COVID-19 and in post-covid period. There are issues/events that happened during Covid-19, that haunt us of our where about as human beings.

It is precise time to hold on to the commands of God that are inscribed in our hearts. Like that of Noah (Gen 6: 9-10) who was a just man, blameless among the people of his time, a man who walked with God. So also, Abraham (Gen 12: 1-2) who left his land and people responding to the call of life.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us persevere in faith in the Lord, “for, by your patient and endurance you will save your souls” (Lk 21:19). “Be on your guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man” (Lk 21: 34-36).

May God Bless us All!

New Commissions



In consultation with the consultants, different commissions are formed for the better functioning of our diocese as local church. The Commissions and respective members' names are printed along with diocesan officials and various diocesan committees in the directory. In some of the commissions the lay faithful are included.

New Directory

We have printed the Directory 2022-2023 of our diocese. Khuntpani Shrine is placed in its cover page. The last print was in 2017-2018. Time and care have been taken for corrections.

New Recruits



In Vianney Bhavan, Sundernagar, candidate house, we have 16 candidates for 2022-2023 academic year. Among them 5 are from Simdega, 4 from Gumla, 4 from Jamshedpur, 1 from Khunti, 1 from Dumka and 1 from Rourkela.

Annual Gathering of Mahila Sangh

On September 24th and 25th the triennial Aamsabha of Mahila Sangh, Jamshedpur diocese was held in Catholic Charities, Sundernagar. More than 300 women participated. The talks, inputs and discussions were on the theme – “Walking Together in Synodality”.



St. Joseph's Community College



On 29th September 2022, St. Joseph's community college held its 15th graduation day with 17 graduates with a Diploma in 'Nursing aid course'. They are already placed for the jobs. PDDM sisters are managing this community college since 2014. Congradulations to PDDM sisters.

Regional Youth Convention

The third JHAAN regional youth convention was held from 3rd Oct – 5th Oct, 2022, in Mahuadanr, Daltonganj Diocese. There were more than 5000 youth from different diocese of Jharkhand. From our diocese 103 youth, 4 fathers, 3 sisters along with youth in charge Fr. Jilson T.



L participated. The talks and inputs were centred around the theme "Fire must Burn". His Excellency Leopoldo Girelli addressed the youth and concluded the convention.

Deacons

Deacons Jino Jonis and Ajay Kumar Horo are on their pastoral course study in Bangalore. From October 2022 to January 2023, they will be doing their diaconate ministry in the diocese. Dn. Jino Jonis is appointed in Toklo and Dn. Ajay Kumar Horo is in Siadih. They will be back to seminary in February 2023 to complete their course.

Sesquicentennial Celebration



Khuntpani Mission / Shrine will be Celebrating its 150 years of reception of the light of faith and the Word next year on 8th November 2023. To begin the Jubilee year, we will have inaugural Mass on 8th November 2022 at Khuntpani Shrine presided over by Rev. Fr. Jerome Cutinha, S.J, Provincial Superior, Jamshedpur Province.

Happy Birthday



October-2022	
6th	Fr. Michael Deogam
14th	Fr. Bipin Pani
15th	Fr. Fabian Toppo
23rd	Frs. Puthumai Raj & Pradeep Marandi
24th	Fr. Petrus Guria

November-2022	
1st	Fr. Jilson T. L
10th	Fr. Jondko Kandeyang
11th	Fr. Valerian Lobo
14th	Fr. Walter Purty

BISHOP'S PROGRAM

October – 2022

16	Confirmation	St. Mary's Church, Omra
21	Meeting with UMI Provincial Superior	Bishops House, Jamshedpur
22	Confirmation	Jisu Marsal Church, Chandil
23	Confirmation	Holy Family Church, Rahargora
26	Meeting on Healing Ministry	Catholic Charities, Sunder Nagar
27	Diocesan Clergy Meeting	Bishop's House, Jamshedpur

November 2022

1	All saint's day. Blessing of Girl's Hostel	Toklo
2	All souls Day. Holy Mass at the Cemetery	Beldih
6-13	CBCI Plenary,	St. John's, Bangalore
19	Zonal Platinum Jubilee	Lupunguttu
20	Confirmation	Jadugora Parish
23-24	Joint meeting of JHAAN Bishops, CRI and CDPI	SDC, Ranchi
27	Centenary of St. Anthony's Church	Dhanbad