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"I am the LIGHT of the World."

NEWSLETTER

14th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF JEEVAN DHAM



On July 6, 2005 Jeevan Dham joyfully celebrated its 14th anniversary. The organisation has been serving in the name of God the poor, the needy and the sick all these 14 years leading them to a prayerful life in peace and reconciliation with God and men.

To celebrate this joyous occasion, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Delhi Archdiocese Rev. Anil J.T. Couto was invited to offer a Thanksgiving Mass at JEEVAN DHAM. His Lordship arrived at 10:30 a.m. and was welcomed with a garland. Priests from different parishes of Delhi and Faridabad joined Him in the celebration. The concelebrants (10) were Rev. Fr. Johnson Kizhakkeveetil (our Parish Priest), Rev. Fr. Anthony

Francis, Rev. Fr. Albert Francis, Rev. Fr. Arnold David, Rev. Fr. Anto Poruthur SVD, Rev. Fr. Emmanuel, Rev. Fr. Thomas Urumbumkuzhy, Rev. Fr. Thomas Chambakatt, Rev. Fr. Thomas (SST) and Rev. Fr. Thomas O.F.M. cap.

His Lordship explained how during His earthly ministry 2000 years ago Jesus cured everyone, listened to their prayers and preached the Good news of salvation to all in order to fulfil His Father's plan for mankind. Jesus looked upon a disease or affliction as an opportunity to glorify His Father's name to make others understand and experience the love and mercy that God has for each one of His children. Similarly, we too should look beyond all our ailments and afflictions and use

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"Without the Creator the creature would disappear". This transcendent point of reference, which commits us constantly to give thanks for all that we have and are—in other words, to a "Eucharistic" attitude—in no way detracts from the legitimate autonomy of earthly realities, but grounds that autonomy more firmly by setting it within its proper limits.

In this Year of the Eucharist Christians ought to be committed to bearing more forceful witness to God's presence in the world. We should not be afraid to speak about God and to bear proud witness to our faith. The "culture of the Eucharist" promotes a culture of dialogue, which here finds strength and nourishment. It is a mistake to think that any public reference to faith will somehow undermine the rightful autonomy of the State and civil institutions, or that it can even encourage attitudes of intolerance. If history demonstrates that mistakes have also been made in this area by believers, as I acknowledged on the occasion of the Jubilee, this must be attributed not to "Christian roots", but to the failure of Christians to be faithful to those roots. One who learns to say "thank you" in the manner of the crucified Christ might end up as a martyr, but never as a persecutor.

AT THE SERVICE OF THE LEAST

28. There is one other point which I would like to emphasize, since it significantly affects the authenticity of our communal sharing in the Eucharist. It is the impulse which the Eucharist gives to the community for a practical commitment to building a more just and fraternal society. In the Eucharist our God has shown love in the extreme, overturning all those criteria of power which too often govern human relations and radically affirming the criterion of service: "if anyone would be first, he must be last

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"THE ONE WHO EATS THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER"

Excerpts taken from the:

APOSTOLIC LETTER

MANE NOBISCUM DOMINE

of the HOLY FATHER JOHN PAUL II to the Bishops, Clergy and Faithful for the **YEAR of the EUCHARIST**(2004-2005) (Continued from the previous issue)...

GIVING THANKS

26. One fundamental element of this plan is found in the very meaning of the word "Eucharist": thanksgiving. In Jesus, in his sacrifice, in his unconditional "yes" to the will of the

Father, is contained the "yes", the "thank you" and the "amen" of all humanity. The Church is called to remind men and women of this great truth. This is especially urgent in the context of our secularized culture, characterized as it is by a forgetfulness of God and a vain pursuit of human self-sufficiency. Incarnating the Eucharistic "plan" in daily life, wherever people live and work—in families, schools, the workplace, in all of life's settings—means bearing witness that human reality cannot be justified without reference to the Creator:

"...we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence." (2Cor.4:13-14)

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of all and servant of all" (Mk 9:35). It is not by chance that the Gospel of John contains no account of the institution of the Eucharist, but instead relates the "washing of feet" (cf. Jn.13:1-20): by bending down to wash the feet of his disciples, Jesus explains the meaning of the Eucharist unequivocally. Saint Paul vigorously reaffirms the impropriety of a Eucharistic celebration lacking charity expressed by practical sharing with the poor (cf. 1Cor 11:17-22, 27-34).

Can we not make this Year of the Eucharist an occasion for diocesan and parish communities to commit themselves in a particular way to responding with fraternal solicitude to one of the many forms of poverty present in our world? I think for example of the tragedy of hunger which plagues hundreds of millions of human beings, the diseases which afflict developing countries, the loneliness of the elderly, the hardships faced by the unemployed, the struggles of immigrants. These are evils which are present—albeit to a different degree—even in areas of immense wealth. We cannot delude ourselves: by our mutual love and, in particular, by our concern for those in need we will be recognized as true followers of Christ (cf. Jn 13:35; Mt 25:31-46). This will be the criterion by which the authenticity of our

Eucharistic celebrations is judged.

CONCLUSION

May all of you, the Christian faithful, rediscover the gift of the Eucharist as light and strength for your daily lives in the world, in the exercise of your respective professions amid so many different situations. Rediscover this above all in order to experience fully the beauty and the mission of the family.

31. We have before us the example of the Saints, who in the Eucharist found nourishment on their journey towards perfection. How many times did they shed tears of profound emotion in the presence of this great mystery, or experience hours of inexpressible "spousal" joy before the sacrament of the altar! May we be helped above all by the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose whole life incarnated the meaning of the Eucharist. "The Church, which looks to Mary as a model, is also called to imitate her in her relationship with this most holy mystery". The Eucharistic Bread which we receive is the spotless flesh of her Son: *Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine*. In this Year of grace, sustained by Mary, may the Church discover new enthusiasm for her mission and come to acknowledge ever more fully that the Eucharist is the source and summit of her entire life.

To all of you I impart my Blessing as a pledge of grace and joy. From the Vatican, on 7 October, the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, in the year 2004, the twenty-sixth of my Pontificate.

IOANNES PAULUS PP.II

his works as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord". (Cf. 1Corinth.1:31)

His Lordship was very much taken up by the heart-warming, meaningful and lively hymns sung during the Holy Mass especially the hymn titled 'Chota sa podha' (Jeevan Dham- a small plant now turned into a growing tree of life) composed exclusively for Jeevan Dham. He congratulated all the choir members for their zestful participation in singing the hymns melodiously. He admired and appreciated the beautiful, lively and inspirational compositions made for this occasion.

He prayed that the good works and service may increase manifold and that many more people may come to

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365-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN

For the month of
AUGUST

- 213.. Day 1 Isaiah 11-15
- 214.. Day 2 Isaiah 16-21
- 215.. Day 3 Isaiah 22-25
- 216.. Day 4 Isaiah 26-29
- 217.. Day 5 Isaiah 30-33
- 218.. Day 6 Isaiah 34-37
- 219.. Day 7 Isaiah 38-41
- 220.. Day 8 Isaiah 42-44
- 221.. Day 9 Isaiah 45-48
- 222.. Day 10 ... Isaiah 49-51
- 223.. Day 11 ... Isaiah 52-55
- 224.. Day 12 ... Isaiah 56-59
- 225.. Day 13 ... Isaiah 60-63
- 226.. Day 14 ... Isaiah 64-66
- 227.. Day 15 ... Jeremiah 1-3
- 228.. Day 16 ... Jeremiah 4-6
- 229.. Day 17 ... Jeremiah 7-10
- 230.. Day 18 ... Jeremiah 11-15
- 231.. Day 19 ... Jeremiah 16-20
- 232.. Day 20 ... Jeremiah 21-24
- 233.. Day 21 ... Jeremiah 25-30
- 234.. Day 22 ... Jeremiah 31-32
- 235.. Day 23 ... Jeremiah 33-36
- 236.. Day 24 ... Jeremiah 37-43
- 237.. Day 25 ... Jeremiah 44-47
- 238.. Day 26 ... Jeremiah 48-49
- 239.. Day 27 ... Jeremiah 50
- 240.. Day 28 ... Jeremiah 51-52
- 241.. Day 29 ... Lamentat. 1-2
- 242.. Day 30 ... Lament. 3-5
- 243.. Day 31 ... Baruch 1-3

JEEVAN DHAM COMPLETES 14 years...

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them as opportunities to understand and experience the love, mercy and generosity of God as well as to preach the message of truth and salvation in Jesus Christ to all. His Lordship said that Jesus has cured and healed thousands in Jeevan Dham during all these years and several thousands have experienced the presence of Christ in their lives, who loves all equally without any partiality. But he has not called us just for receiving physical, spiritual or mental healing through prayer. Rather he is exhorting us to become as holy as the Father and lead us to perfection. The Bishop pointed out that this family of Jeevan Dham has been specially chosen as the instrument of God for others to

show the power and the glory of God to those who do not know the Word of God. Yes, it is indeed true that the Almighty God has chosen us as 'labourers in His vineyard'. But we should not boast or make a show of anything we have as Our Lord tells us, "You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name." (St. John 15:16). The Apostle Paul says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." (Ephesians 2:8-10) and Hence, we, in every way, boast of only the Lord and

"A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars...And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron." (Rev. 12:1, 5)

BIBLE QUIZ!

XVI. THE PASSION AND DEATH OF JESUS

After facing much opposition for his teaching, Jesus is betrayed by Judas, denied thrice by Peter, deserted by his disciples, arrested, given an illegal trial by the religious leaders who made false accusations against him, spat on his face and hit him with their fists; he is mocked, beaten, scourged, stripped and crucified. All the disciples had declared that they would die before denying Jesus. A few hours later, however, they all scattered.

Talk is cheap. It is easy to say that we are devoted to Christ, but our claims are meaningful only when they are tested in the crucible of persecution. Do you have a faith strong enough to stand up under intense trial? **Matthew 26:1-27:56** describes the Passion and death of Jesus. Now, you have to locate these statements (with the chapter and verse nos.) made to Jesus in this section, identifying the person(s) who made that particular statement and fill-up the blanks in them.

1. "_____! Rabbi!"
2. "Hail! King of the _____!"
3. "He has _____! Why do we still need _____? You have now heard his blasphemy."
4. "He _____ others; he cannot save _____. He is the King of _____; let him come down from the _____ now, and we will _____ in him."
5. "Are you the _____ of the Jews?"
6. "Even though I must _____ with you, I will not _____ you."
7. "I am _____ of this man's _____. See to it yourselves."
8. "Surely _____ I, Rabbi?"
9. "Truly this _____ was _____ Son!"

Answers to Last month's Quiz

XV. THE END AND THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS

Answers in the Correct sequence:

1. 24:20-21 - winter, Sabbath, beginning, now
2. 24:5- my, Messiah
3. 24:35- Heaven, earth, words
4. 24:27 - lightning, flashes, Man, vultures
5. 24:7-8 - famines, earthquakes, beginning

Jesus said, "...So if the Son (Jesus) makes you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

6. 24:29-30 - darkened, light, stars, Son of Man

7. 24:36 - day, angels, Son, Father

8. 24:22 - days, saved, elect, days

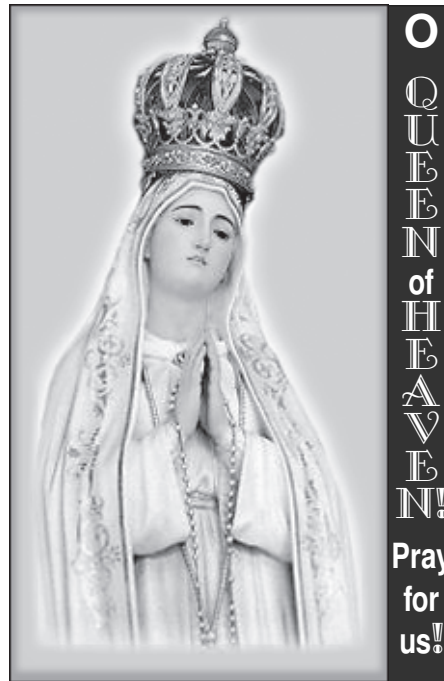
Send Your Answers to:

JEEVAN DHAM, H.No. 696/ Sec-22, Faridabad-121005, Haryana.

Rules to be followed:

- 1 Answers may be sent by post or e-mail latest by the end of the month. Answers received after that will not be considered.
- 2 You should clearly specify your name and postal address. Mention the quiz number and title before the answers written in order.
- 3 Prizes will be awarded to the winners of three consecutive quizzes.
- 4 Answers and winners of each quiz will be published in the subsequent issue of the newsletter.

Thanks for taking the Quiz! Good Luck!



The Church celebrates the Feast of Assumption of Our Lady on 15th of August and the feast of Coronation of Blessed Virgin Mary on August 22nd. Moreover, we will be celebrating our Independence day too on August 15th.

The feast of Assumption is the principal feast of the Blessed Virgin. St. Juvenal, Bishop of Jerusalem, at the Council of Chalcedon (451), made known to the Emperor Marcian and Pulcheria, who wished to possess the body of the Mother of God, that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened, upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles

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know the true God, experience true joy, peace and love through this family and all the volunteers involved. He wished that all may receive a new life in Christ through them, may they succeed in their service to God and men.

The bishop happily gave his blessing to all the believers present. Later, the concelebrants, along with the bishop and few sisters joined the table fellowship.

We are thankful to Almighty God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us on the auspicious day. We thank all the fathers and sisters who spent their precious time to celebrate and share in our joy along with the Bishop, without whom our joy and blessings could not have been so rich. We pray that henceforth more and more people may join us in prayer and give their time for round-the-clock (24hrs.) adoration which has been going on everyday for the past two years at Jeevan Dham. May all praise and glorify the name of Jesus through their words and deeds, and adore Him in spirit and truth! May they obtain heavenly graces and blessings, attain perfection in love, joy, faith and wisdom, become His beloved children and inherit Eternal Life in Heaven! PRAISE THE LORD!

"Now to Him be glory who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Eph. 3:20-21) Alleluia! Alleluia!...

concluded that the body was taken up to heaven.

Today, the belief in the corporeal assumption of Mary is universal in the East and in the West. Taken up to heaven she has not laid aside the saving office, which started with her consent loyally given at the Annunciation, but by her manifold intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation.... Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix.

Let us Pray: August Queen of Heaven! Sovereign Mistress of the angels! You who from the beginning has received from God the power and mission to crush the head of Satan, we humbly beseech you to send your holy Legions, that, under your command and by your power, they may pursue the evil spirits, encounter them on every side, resist their bold attacks and drive them hence into the abyss of eternal woe. Amen.

REACHING OUT FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD...



FEW TESTIMONIES OF KERALA



Fatima Mata Susamachar Kendra, Patna ..FEW TESTIMONIES & The Crowd

'The harvest is plenty and the labourers are few' but time is short is the divine message that has been repeatedly given to the family of JEEVAN DHAM to continue its regular proclamation of the Word outdoors which had begun last October.

KERALA (May9-12, 2005)

Their first itinerary was to **Trichur**, Kerala(May9-12), starting on Monday 9 and reaching back home before the weekend for the Sunday prayer service. They had visited their hometown and

their relatives more than a decade ago. May 10th was a hectic day for the family praying at over 10 different places including two convents and a school (The centre of the top photo shows a nun who got the gift of hearing. She was using a hearing-aid for several years). The next day they had kept the prayer service at their native place. A boy, David, aged 7 (hard of hearing by birth) got the gift of hearing (left bottom corner of the top photo) and a teenaged girl got rid of her acute ankle pain (top left).

BIHAR (June 21-22, 2005)

The next venture was on June 21-22, to Fatima Mata Susamachar Kendra, (Residential Retreat Centre) **Patna, Bihar**. They were invited by Rev. Fr.George Karamayil SJ and other Jesuit priests assisting him at the centre. The convention hall was packed on both the days. Most of them experienced inner healing apart from many who witnessed to physical healing(in the bottom photo). The Almighty God worked wonders by showering down the first rain of the season giving the people respite from the scorching heat and filling all who heard His Word with showers of blessing. Praise the Lord!

"Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father."(St.John 14:12)

JEEVAN DHAM ON WEB

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www.jeevandham.org
E-mail us your petitions to:
justcallanthony@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT TIMINGS

DAILY MORNING PRAYER :

On Weekdays from **9:00a.m. to 11:00p.m.** 24hr. Adoration is going on everyday for over the past 18 months. You too can join us in prayer anytime.

HOLY MASS :

On Fridays: morning 10:00 a.m.
On Sundays: evening 6:30 p.m.

Are you ... worried & burdened?
Are you ... depressed?
Are you ... sick or weak?
Do you ... feel the absence of peace & love in your life?
Are you ... grappling with a lot of problems in your life?

Then visit this place chosen by God & see for yourselves all the incredible miracles happening here. This place is '**JEEVAN DHAM**'. Believe in God and attend the prayer session held every Sunday at St.Anthony's School (ground), Sec-9, Faridabad from morning 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. organized with the grace of Almighty God by 'Jeevan Dham'- H.no.696/ Sec-22, Faridabad. Obtain invaluable graces & heavenly blessings & witness the miraculous healings performed by Him.

WELCOME TO JEEVAN DHAM!

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