



LIGHT

OF CHRIST INDIA COVENANT COMMUNITY

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The Light of Christ Covenant Community is a Catholic community, based in Bangalore, India successfully completed 16 years of its existence in the city. The Community consists of lay people who are single or married, working professionals and students. Mr. Christopher Correya the Asia Secretary of the International Association of Deliverance is the founder of this community; which is also recognized by the Archdiocese of Bangalore, India. The Community has been catering to the spiritual needs of the Christian community of India.

The Light of Christ Covenant Community is a member of "The Institute for World Evangelization—ICPE Mission"

Called to Serve? Join Our Community!

Do you feel God's call to serve in His Kingdom but aren't sure where to begin? If you are drawn to be part of this community—whether through prayer, offering support, or becoming a member—we invite you to connect with us.

Let us walk with you on this journey of faith and service. Reach out today,



Light of Christ Covenant Community



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Highlights of the events

Community Events



Pics from the 1st community meeting of 2025

January:

LOC launched 2025 with its first meeting on January 12th at St. Patrick's Church Utility Hall. The session began with an uplifting time of Praise & Worship, setting a positive tone for the year ahead. Members gathered in Prayer, Praise, and Fellowship, reconnecting as a community after the festive season. They shared highlights from their Christmas and New Year celebrations, and the yearly calendar was distributed, outlining upcoming meetings and programs to help everyone plan and stay engaged.



Pics from the Thanksgiving Mass & celebration of the 40th founding Anniversary of the ICPE Mission, along with ICPE Bangalore

On January 17, 2025, LOC was honored to join the 40th Founding Anniversary celebration of the ICPE Mission alongside our brothers and sisters from the ICPE Community in Bangalore. The event, held at NBCLC, Bangalore, was organized by the ICPE community and coordinated by Bro. Anthony Das and his team. Following thoughtful discussions and prior planning, LOC's Founders and Coordinators attended the Thanksgiving Mass, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Francis and Rev. Fr. Aliston. The celebration concluded with a delightful dinner, graciously served by our ICPE Community members.



LOC team resumed the 3rd week adorations at Ursiline Convent, Davis Road, Bangalore. Good number of people attended the adoration. We had an anointed time of Praise & Worship and God's presence was felt in the chapel.

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January Continued....

The Light of Christ Community organized a Healing & Deliverance Mass for the general public on January 26, 2025. After careful preparation and planning, the entire community gathered at St. Joseph's Boys' High School Chapel at 3 PM to pray and prepare for the evening celebration. The Eucharistic Mass was celebrated by Fr. Francis, an exorcist from the Bangalore Diocese, drawing an overwhelming turnout of over 600 people from across Bangalore. Eager participants arrived early, securing front-row seats in anticipation of the evening's blessings.



The service commenced at 4 PM with a powerful session of Praise & Worship led by the Light of Christ Praise & Worship Team. Fr. Francis then exposed the Blessed Sacrament for 45 minutes, allowing the congregation to worship the Lord in spirit and truth. The Healing Mass began at 5 PM and was concelebrated by several priests from various religious communities and the diocese, including Rev. Fr. Rajesh. As the prayers for healing and renunciation were offered, spiritual bondages were broken, and the deep yearning for Divine Healing & Deliverance was evident in the hearts of those gathered.

The event was a profound testament of faith, as many attendees expressed their gratitude to Fr. Francis and the LOC team for organizing the Mass. Numerous participants requested more such Healing Masses to be planned in the future.



26th January 2025 was also a day of celebration for the community, as our founders Christopher Correya and Catherine Correya celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary with the community. The community had planned a lovely celebration on 25th Jan at our regular meeting hall. The evening celebration began with a thanksgiving mass celebrated by Fr Francis. After the mass, the anniversary couple were honored by few long standing members of the community. Each nominated member offered words of appreciation and verbal tribute reminiscing how both Christopher and Catherine had helped and contributed in their spiritual journey. The celebration ended with a lovely dinner sponsored by Bro. Christopher's family . Pictures are available in the next page.

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FEBRUARY

Rev.Fr.Francis and Bro Christopher Correya were invited as resource persons for a spiritual transformation program “TAPPING”, organized by a team from Assam. The program, a 10-day residential retreat, was held in the northeastern state of Nagaland and was designed for Christian consecrated men and women. As resource persons, Fr. Francis and Bro. Christopher conducted sessions on Deliverance and Exorcism for the participants, who were primarily priests and religious sisters from various congregations across the eastern states of India.

Below are a few pictures from the event.



LOC retreat team travelled to Mulki, Mangalore to conduct an English Retreat on Healing & Deliverance at “Divine Call” Retreat Center. The 3 day residential retreat was organized by the Retreat Center between 27th February to 1st March. The LOC team conducted anointed Praise & Worship sessions and teachings on various topics involved in the ministry of Healing & Deliverance. There was good participations with people travelling from nearby cities and towns who had come seeking freedom from spiritual bondages, additions and healing. The retreat hall was full of God’s might presence and each and every praise & worship and teaching session were filled with power and grace that touched the hearts of the faithful



Dear brothers and sisters, buongiorno! - Saint Peter's Square

1st Sunday in the Season of Lent, 9 March 2025

Jesus is led by the Spirit into the desert (cf. *Lk* 4:1). Every year, our Lenten journey begins by following the Lord there and sharing in that experience, which he transformed for our benefit. When Jesus entered the desert, a decisive change occurred: the place of silence became a place of listening. In the desert, our ability to listen is put to the test, because a choice must be made between two completely different voices. In this regard, the Gospel tells us that Jesus' journey began with an act of listening and obedience: it is the Holy Spirit, the very power of God, who leads him to a place where nothing good springs from the ground or rains down from the sky. In the desert, we experience material and spiritual poverty, our need for bread and for God's word.



Jesus, who is true man, experienced that hunger (cf. v. 2). He was tempted for forty days by a word that came not from the Holy Spirit, but from the evil one, the devil. Having begun the forty days of Lent, let us reflect on the fact that we too are tempted, yet are not alone. Jesus is with us, to guide us through the desert. The Son of God made man does not simply give us an example of how to combat evil. He gives us something much greater: the strength to resist its attacks and to persevere on our journey.

So let us consider three aspects of Jesus' temptation and of our own: its *beginning*, the *way* it takes place and its *result*. In this way, we will find inspiration for our journey of conversion.

First of all, the *beginning*. Jesus' temptation is intentional: the Lord does not go into the desert to show the strength of his will, but out of filial openness to the Spirit of the Father, whose guidance he readily and freely accepts. Our temptation, on the other hand, is not intentional: evil is prior to our freedom, attacking it from within, like an inner shadow and a constant threat. Whenever we ask God not to lead us into temptation (cf. *Mt* 6:13), we need to remember that he has already answered that prayer through Jesus, his incarnate Word, who remains with us always. The Lord is close to us and cares for us, especially in times of trial and uncertainty, when the tempter makes his voice heard. He is the father of lies (cf. *Jn* 8:44), perverse and perversive, for he knows God's word without understanding it. Quite the opposite: just as he had done since the days of Adam in the Garden of Eden (cf. *Gen* 3:1-5), so he does now in the case of Jesus, the new Adam, in the desert.

Here we see the remarkable *way* in which Christ is tempted, namely, through his relationship with God, his Father. The devil is the one who separates and divides, whereas Jesus is the one who unites God and man, the mediator. In his perversion, the devil wants to destroy that bond and have Jesus exploit his position. He says: "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread" (*Lk* 4:3), and again: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down" (v. 9) from the pinnacle of the Temple. In response to these temptations, Jesus, the Son of God, led by the Spirit, chooses the *way* that he will live out his filial relationship to the Father. This is what the Lord chooses: his unique and exclusive relationship with God, whose only Son he is, becomes a relationship that embraces everyone, without excluding anyone. Jesus' relationship with the Father is not something to be grasped at (cf. *Phil* 2:6), or boasted of, in order to achieve success and attract followers, but rather a gift that he shares with the world for our salvation.

We too are tempted in our relationship with God, but in a completely different way. The devil whispers into our ear that God is not really our Father, that he has in fact abandoned us. Satan tries to convince us that there is no bread for the hungry, least of all from stones, that angels will not come to our aid when we are falling, and that at best, the world is in the hands of evil powers that crush nations by their arrogant schemes and the brutality of war. Yet just when the devil would have us believe that the Lord is far from us, and would tempt us to despair, God draws all the closer to us, giving his life for the redemption of the world.

The third aspect is the *result* of these temptations. Jesus, God's Anointed One, vanquishes evil; he drives away the devil, who will nonetheless return to tempt him, waiting for "another opportunity" (v. 13). So the Gospel tells us, and we will keep this in mind when, on Golgotha, Jesus is tempted again: "If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross" (*Mt* 27:40; cf. *Lk* 23:35). In the desert, the Tempter is defeated, yet Christ's victory is not yet definitive, as it will be in the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection.

As we prepare to celebrate this, the central mystery of our faith, we realize that the result of our own trials is different. In the face of temptation, we sometimes fall; we are all sinners. Our defeat, however, is not definitive, because following our every fall, God lifts us up by his infinite love and forgiveness. Our testing does not end in failure, because, in Christ, we are redeemed from evil. As we journey through the desert with him, we follow a road previously untravelled: Jesus himself opens up before us this new path of liberation and redemption. By following the Lord in faith, from drifters we become pilgrims.

Dear sisters and brothers, I invite you to begin your Lenten journey in this way. And since, along the way, we need the "good will" (*buona volontà*) that the Holy Spirit always sustains in us, I am pleased to greet all the "volunteers" (*volontari*) who are here [in Rome today for their Jubilee pilgrimage](#). I thank you heartily, dear friends, because, following the example of Jesus, you serve your neighbours unstintingly. On the streets and in homes, in the company of the sick, the suffering and the imprisoned, with the young and the elderly, your generosity and commitment offer hope to our entire society. In the deserts of poverty and loneliness, all those small gestures are helping to make a new humanity blossom in the garden that is God's dream, always and everywhere, for all of us. Saviour.

I think I have a good
Voice and I can also play



What is it???

We have our **Bi-monthly Community meeting**. A time spent with praise and worship, teaching by Br. Christopher and other guest preachers and we close with fellowship meal.

When ???

Held every **2nd and 4th Saturday** of the month

Where ???

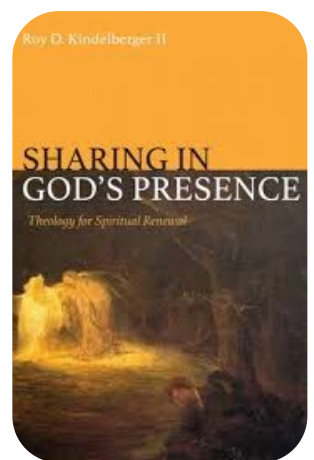
St. Patricks' Church (Behind the adoration chapel—Utility Hall) -

Time ?

Starting @ **5.00 PM**, we usually close by 7.00 PM.

We also have **Intercession** daily at Bro Christopher's house and General Intercession on alternate days of the week at one of our community members house in Ashoknagar. You are welcome to come and pray with us .Please call or watsapp +9198451839743

Professional Counselling (Online therapy sessions available)



PRAYER INTENTIONS

- ◆ Kindly pray for a permanent place for our Community. A place where we could conduct our meetings and Retreats, counselling, and pray for those in need.
- ◆ Prayer request for the persecuted people of Syria for peace and protection of the innocent suffering people.
- ◆ Prayer request for the people in war torn countries in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Nigeria and Congo

Books written by Secretary of the International Association of Deliverance

Mr. Christopher Correy. These Books are available at all Catholic Book Stores.

