



# 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”

### **Want to be a part of this Community?**

Do you feel God is calling you to serve in His Kingdom and you don't know how? or if you feel that you are called to be a part of this community by praying for others or supporting the community or being a member of this community, then do get in touch with us and we will help you.



# Highlights of the events

## Community Events



*Pics from the children's retreat at Rajkot : LOC team & kids*

### November:

One of the participants from the school of deliverance 2024, Msgr. Joychen from Rajkot diocese invited the LOC retreat team to conduct a 3 day retreat for the children in the diocese on the occasion of National Children's day 14th November. The retreat was for 3 days for around 175 children between the age group of 9—17 years. They were split into two groups of younger and older children. Powerful praise and worship with lots of actions songs by the LOC team kept the children engaged. Some of the topics covered were, God's love, Sin, Repentance, Faith, importance of Bible study and prayer. Emphasis was on personal relationship with Jesus and Jesus being the one and true God and how to pursue a Spirit filled life.



The LOC retreat team had a very busy month of November, we travelled to Mulki, Mangalore to conduct a 3 day residential Healing & Deliverance retreat for couples and young families. Retreat was held at Divine Call Retreat Center at Mulki town. Powerful praise and worship followed with inspiring talks were preached which touched the lives of all the participants. Many received physical healings, others were set free from many spiritual bondages and some of them experienced and encountered God for the very first time in their lives. It was a beautiful experience for the team. The main preachers were Rev.Fr. Louis from the passionist congregation, Bro Christopher Correya and Rachel Vales Pires. Recorded testimonials are available on the Light of Christ Youtube channel.



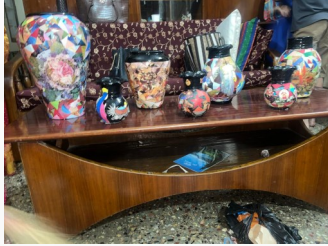


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### December

The community gathered for a fund raising Pottery painting activity at one of our members house. Pottery of various sizes and shapes were purchased and decorated in all colours and designs. It was day full of fun and laughter as all of us were given pottery to complete the decorations and paintings. We had good time of fellowship, lunch and fun all day long including the kids who were expressing their creative talents in painting the pots.



Every year the community as a whole visit the two homes we support regularly to wish and spend time with the inmates and share our Christmas joy with them. This year too, our members took time off their busy schedule to visit Gerizim Home for disabled children & Jerome Home for destitute women on 2 separate days (7th & 8th Dec) evening to be with these less fortunate ones. We sang carols and gave each one a Christmas present to cheer them and share with them what we are able to. It was delightful to see the cheer on their faces and the joy of being acknowledged and loved.





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Few more pictures from Jerome Home



### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

We closed the year with our annual Christmas celebrations at St. Patrick's utility hall. It was a day filled with festive atmosphere and fun. Much before the event some of community members came in early and prepared the hall with lovely Christmas decorations and made other arrangements for the special evening. All of us gathered together at 4pm in the evening on 14th Dec at our usual meeting hall in the parish. The MC of the evening was Miss Sharon Francis. The hall and the itinerary was well planned for the day. We sang some classic Christmas carols lead by our music team Mohit & Dominic. Bro. Christopher Correya conducted a game of Biblical Housie and Catherine & Candace Correya conducted another fun activity game of guessing the picture names. Everyone had a lot of fun. The children in the community also came forward to show case their talents in singing carols and other gospel songs. The celebrations ended with a sumptuous dinner.





Dear brothers and sisters, **buongiorno!** **the month**

"Hail, full of grace" (*Lk 1:28*). With these words of greeting in the lowly house of Nazareth, the Angel revealed to Mary the mystery of her immaculate heart, "preserved free from all stain of original sin" from the moment of her conception (BL. PIUS IX, *Ineffabilis Deus*, 8 December 1854). In a variety of ways, down the centuries, Christians have sought to describe that gift in words and images, emphasizing the tenderness and grace of Our Lady, "blessed among all women" (cf. *Lk 1:42*) by portraying her with the native features and characteristics of any number of different peoples and cultures.

As [Saint Paul VI](#) observed, the Mother of God shows us "what all of us have deep in our hearts: the authentic image of humanity... innocent and holy... Mary's being is pure harmony, candour, simplicity; it is complete transparency, kindness, perfection; it is utter beauty" (*Homily on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*, 8 December 1963). Mary is pure harmony, candour and simplicity.



Let us pause for a moment to contemplate Mary's beauty in the light of the Word of God, focusing on three aspects of her life that remind us of her closeness to us. What are these three aspects? Mary as *daughter*, *bride* and *mother*.

First, let us consider the Immaculate Virgin as *daughter*. Sacred Scripture does not speak of Mary's childhood. The Gospel presents her to us as she enters upon the stage of history: a young girl of deep faith, humble and simple. Mary is the "virgin" (cf. *Lk 1:27*) whose gaze reflects the Father's love. Within Mary's pure heart, her gratuitous love and thankfulness give colour and fragrance to her holiness. Our Lady appears before us as a beautiful flower that grew unnoticed until it finally blossomed in the gift of self. Mary's life is a continuous gift of self-giving.

This brings us to the second dimension of Mary's beauty: that of a *bride*, chosen by God as a companion for his plan of salvation (cf. [Lumen Gentium](#), 61). This is what the Council said: God chose Mary. He chose a woman as his helper to carry out the plan of salvation. There is no salvation without a woman since the Church herself is also woman. She responded "Yes" by saying, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord" (*Lk 1:38*). She is a "handmaid" not in the sense of being "servile" and "humiliated", but in the sense that she was "trusted" and "esteemed" as one to whom the Lord entrusted his dearest treasures and the most important missions. Mary's beauty, multifaceted like that of a diamond, reveals a new face: one of fidelity, loyalty and loving concern, all of which are typical of the mutual love of spouses. [Saint John Paul II](#) understood just this when he wrote that the Immaculate Virgin "accepted her election as Mother of the Son of God, guided by spousal love, the love which totally 'consecrates' a human being to God" (*Redemptoris Mater*, 39).

We now come to the third dimension of Mary's beauty. What is this third dimension? Mary as *mother*. She is most often depicted as a mother with the Child Jesus in her arms or bending over the Son of God as he lay in the manger (cf. *Lk 2:7*). She was present beside her Son throughout his life, ever close in her maternal care yet hidden in her humility. We witness this closeness at Cana, where she interceded for the bride and groom (cf. *Jn 2:3-5*), at Capernaum, where she was praised for listening to the Word of God (cf. *Lk 11:27-28*) and finally at the foot of the cross – the mother of a condemned man –, where Jesus himself gave her to us as our mother (cf. *Jn 19:25-27*). There, at the foot of the cross, the Immaculate Virgin is beautiful in her fruitfulness, since she recognizes that she must die to herself in order to give life, forget herself in order to care for the poor and vulnerable who turn to her.

All these things are contained in Mary's pure Heart, a heart that is free from sin, docile to the working of the Holy Spirit (cf. *Redemptoris Mater*, 13) and ready to offer to God, out of love, "the full submission of intellect and will" (*Dei Verbum*, 5; cf. *Dei Filius*, 3).

There is the risk, however, of thinking that Mary's beauty is somehow remote, out of reach, unattainable. That is not the case. We too have received this beauty as a gift in Baptism, when we were freed from sin and became sons and daughters of God. Like the Virgin Mary, we are called to cultivate this beauty with a filial, spousal and maternal love. Like her, may we be grateful for what we have received and generous in what we give back. May we be men and women who are ready to say "Thank you" and "Yes", not just with our words, but above all by our actions – it is a beautiful thing to find men and women who say "Thank you" and "Yes" through their actions – ever ready to make room for the Lord in our plans and aspirations, eager to embrace with maternal tenderness the brothers and sisters we encounter on our way. The Immaculate Virgin is not a myth, an abstract doctrine or an impossible ideal. She is the model of a beautiful and concrete project, the perfect example of our humanity. As we imitate her, may all of us, by God's grace, help to change our world for the better.

Sadly, if we look around us, we realize that the presumption that we can be "like God" (cf. *Gen 3:1-6*), which led to the first sin, continues to wound our human family. Neither love nor happiness can arise from this presumption of self-sufficiency. Those who see the rejection of any stable and lasting bond in life as progress do not grant freedom. Those who deprive fathers and mothers of respect, those who do not want children, those who reduce others to mere objects or treat them as nuisances, those who consider sharing with others a waste, and solidarity an impoverishment, cannot spread joy or build a future. What is the use of having a full bank account, a comfortable home, unreal virtual relationships, if our hearts remain cold, empty and closed? What is the use of achieving great financial growth in privileged countries if half the world is starving or ravaged by war, and the others look on with indifference? What is the use of travelling around the world if every encounter is reduced to a passing impression or a photograph that no one will remember in a few days or months?

Brothers and sisters, let us look to Mary Immaculate and ask her to conquer us through her loving Heart. May she convert us and make us a community in which filial, spousal and maternal love may be a rule and criterion of life. Only then will families be united, will spouses truly share everything, will parents be physically present and close to their children and children will take care of their parents. That is the beauty we see in the Immaculate Virgin; that is the "beauty that saves the world". Like Mary, we too want to respond by saying to the Lord: "Behold... Let it be to me according to your word" (*Lk 1:38*).

We are celebrating this Eucharist [with the new Cardinals](#). I have asked them, my brothers, to help me in my pastoral service to the Universal Church. They have come from many parts of the world, bringing great wisdom, in order to contribute to the growth and spread of the Kingdom of God. Let us now entrust them in a special way to the intercession of the Mother of our Saviour.

Come to

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 ???**

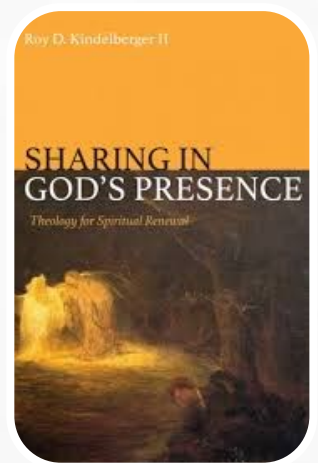
**St. Patricks' Church (Behind the adoration chapel—Utility Hall) -**

**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 those who are suffering in the war between Russia & Ukraine and Israel & Palestine for peace and protection of the innocent suffering people.



Books written by Secretary of the International Association of Deliverance  
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**Mr. Christopher Correy.** These Books are available at all Catholic Book  
Stores.

