

PRAYER | SOLIDARITY | MISSION

SEPTEMBER 2022



A **CCBI** INITIATIVE TO
ASSIST THE CHURCH
IN RURAL INDIA



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HIS EMINENCE SPEAKS...

Communio Mission Mandated

'Hearts in Prayer, Minds in Mission, and Hands in Solidarity'. It is this vision that continues to distinguish Communio as it progresses in letter, spirit and action. Ever since its establishment in 2017 by the CCBI, the number of activities undertaken by Communio to 'enkindle the Catholic Church in India' has impressively increased.

'The Church is catholic because she has been sent out by Christ Himself on a mission to the whole of the human race.' In devoting the first Sunday of Advent as 'Communio Sunday', the CCBI through this initiative, recapitulates the Church's universal call to proclaim Jesus Christ in the world, and reminds every baptized person in India of their individual call to participate in this mission. Further, it beckons them to become united in prayer and in communion. Finally, it invites them to live out their individual call to mission by enabling them to collaborate in the Church's mission, which is to spread the Good News and to proclaim the Gospel to all peoples, to serve the poor, to establish communities that lead to the foundation of local churches and to help the faithful to flourish in faith.

All this is made possible by the grace of God and by a team who is urged by the love of Christ to obey His missionary mandate. I congratulate, each member of the team of Communio and all its volunteers for their perseverance, diligence and unwavering work towards carrying the good news unto the remotest borders of the nation.

I also exhort the faithful in India to celebrate with much fervor, Communio Sunday on the 27th of November this year in your parishes. It is a privilege, a call and an opportunity to lift our hearts in prayer, to set our minds in mission and to extend our hands in solidarity. I especially encourage you to selflessly share your time, resources and energy with the less privileged, as you continue to grow in love for the Church and for Christ. May God bless you all.

+ **Cardinal Anthony Poola**
Archbishop of Hyderabad



An idea is like a tiny seed with huge potential! Communio was born as a **humble idea** in the minds of our clergy



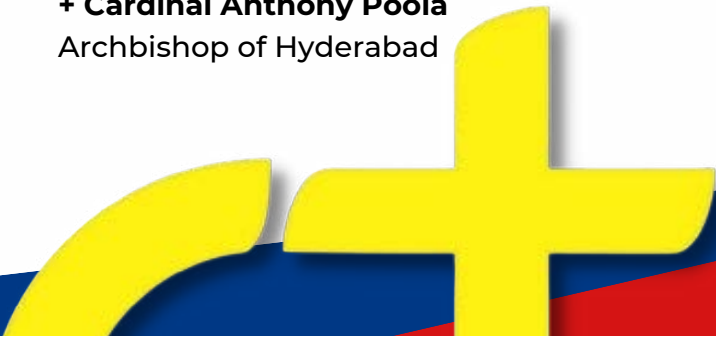
Communio was **inaugurated** during the 29th Plenary Assembly held in Bhopal from 31 January to 8 February, 2017



Communio **started accepting project proposals** from November 6, 2021! This is a huge milestone!



Project Applications Open
We have 50 ongoing projects in India, which helps our missionaries.
Ready to help more



COMMUNIO Sunday

27 NOVEMBER 2022

First Sunday of Advent

"Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34)

"The Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI), after the launch of the National Pastoral Plan in 2013, conceived the idea at different stages, and 'Communio' saw its light in 2017, at the XXIX Plenary Assembly held in Bhopal.

The celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy (8 Dec 2015 to 20 Nov 2016) announced by our Holy Father Pope Francis, and the canonization of **Mother Teresa of Kolkata, a model of mercy and compassion**, propelled the launch.

This historical decision to begin 'Communio' to help poor dioceses and religious congregations working in the missions was taken when the Executive Committee members of the **CCBI gathered at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bangalore, on 20 September 2016.**



ST. MOTHER TERESA
PATRON SAINT OF COMMUNIO

The first **Communio Sunday** was observed at the national level on **2 December 2018**, the **First Sunday of Advent**.

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WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE COMMUNIO NOT ONLY TODAY, ON THIS SUNDAY, BUT EVERY DAY.

WAYS YOU COULD **COLLABORATE** WITH COMMUNIO:



1

DONATE
for a specific cause;

2

LEAVE A LEGACY
by making a note in
your will.

3

SPONSOR
the formation of
a seminarian or a
religious candidate;

4

SUPPORT
a mission

5

VOLUNTEER
by giving your time
and energy.

COMMUNIO PROJECTS

CONSTRUCTION OF ST. JOHN PARISH CHURCH.

Khawzawl | Diocese of Aizawl, Mizoram

Khawzawl parish is situated in rural area and the people are not well off like town parishes. **The parishioners have been contributing every month for the construction of the church Fund** and the work is going on but very slow due to lack of finance.



CONSTRUCTION OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ERAM.

Anchal, Diocese of Punalur, Kerela

The present Church is located near Anchal, Kollam in Kollam District. The Pastoral Care of the mission is entrusted with the Capuchin Friars. The present church is in a dilapidated condition. The parish consists of 11 catholic families. However, **many non-Catholics and non-Christians frequent the Church services like Kristu Bhakatas**. Moreover, the people around the Church are also from the marginalized section of the society and we have a moral obligation to help them. The most important help that we can render is to provide facilities for the Children and youth to have a good atmosphere to study.



TO ASSIST COMMUNIO:

Account Name: **CCBI, Communio India**
Bank Account Number: 0231053000025877
IFSC/NEFT Code: SIBL0000231
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CONTEST ALERT



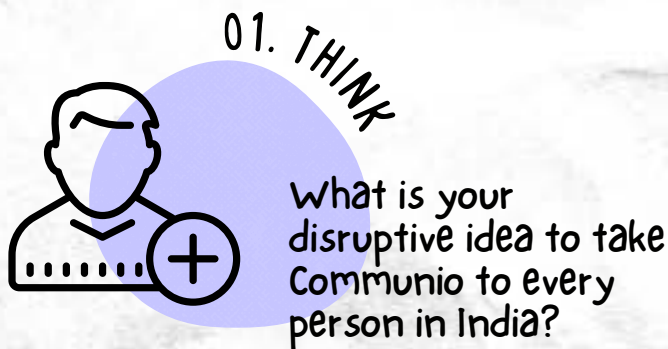
'Communio' helps poor dioceses and religious congregations working in the remote rural churches.

Today Communio supports 40 ongoing projects across India and is reaching about 12,000 priests and religious in the church through the one minute videos based on the Catholic faith

CONTEST

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO SPREAD AWARENESS ABOUT COMMUNIO TO EVERY PERSON ACROSS INDIA!

We need YOU to reach every person in India!



Submit your entries by November 15th, 2022

02. SUBMIT



Email your ideas to communioindiaoffice@gmail.com

Format: Pdf or PowerPoint Presentation.
not more than 300 words

WINNING ENTRY

GETS A GRAND CASH PRIZE, AND THE WINNING IDEA WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY US IN 2023 FOR COMMUNIO.

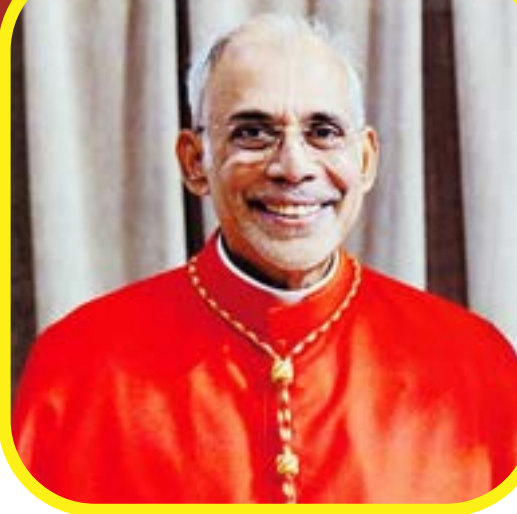
03. TOP 5



top 5 ideas will be featured in our social media handles.



POPE FRANCIS INSTALLS ABP. FILIPE NERI AND ABP. ANTHONY POOLA AS CARDINALS



Cardinal Filipe Neri António Sebastião do Rosário Ferrão, born on 20th January 1953, in Aldona, Goa, was ordained priest on 28th October 1979. Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman at the age of 40 by Pope John Paul II on 20th December, 1993, he received the Episcopal Ordination on the 10th of April, 1994. On 12th December, 2003,

he was appointed the Archbishop of Goa and Daman and Patriarch “ad honorem” of the East Indies and installed on the 21st of March, 2004. He was elected as the President of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India, at its 31st Plenary Assembly, held in 2019 in Chennai. He had previously served both the CCBI and the CBCI as Vice-President. As the President of the CCBI, he is also a member of the Central Committee of the Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conferences (FABC) having been the Chairman of the FABC Office of Education and Faith Formation (OEFF). He is fluent in Konkani, English, Portuguese, Italian, French and German.



Cardinal Anthony Poola, born on 15th November, 1961, at Chindhukur, Andhra Pradesh joined the minor seminary in Kurnool and subsequently studied at St. Peter’s Pontifical Major Seminary, Bangalore. He was ordained priest on 20th February, 1992. At the age of 46, he was appointed Bishop of Kurnool on 8th February, 2008 having received Episcopal Ordination on 19th April 2008. On 19th November, 2020, at the age of 59, he was appointed as the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, being installed as its fifth Archbishop on 3rd January, 2021.

He was the Chairman for the Youth Commission of the Telugu Regional Bishops’ Council, Chairman for Scheduled Castes/Backward Classes Commission, Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Social Service Society, Secretary General and Treasurer of the Telugu Regional Bishops’ Council, Chairman of the Sikh Village Campus, Secretariat for TCBC Priests Community and Chairman of the Jeevan in-state Printing Press.

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