

Fr Lourdhu Bandhanadam
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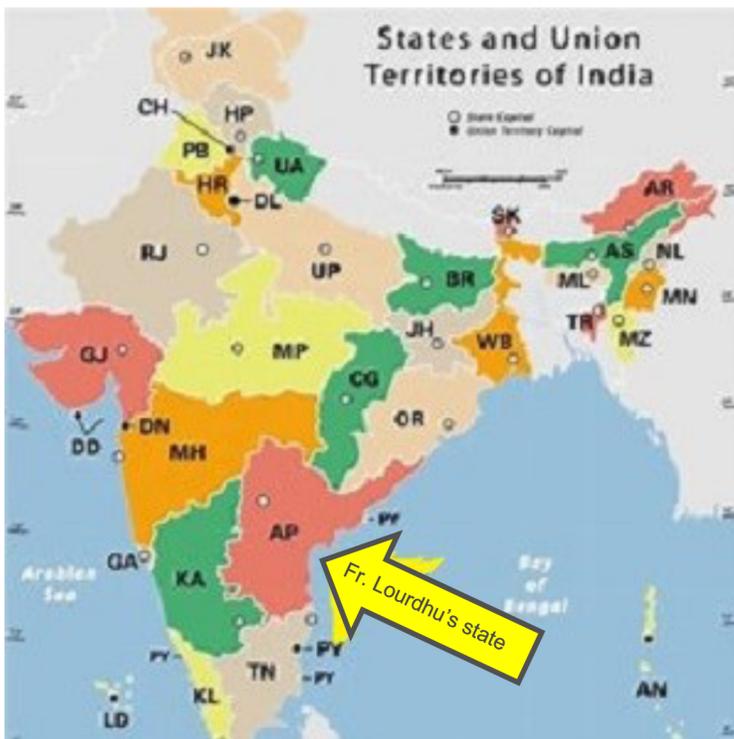
to Christ the Redeemer Parish



Fr Lourdhu at his Installation in 2018

Fr. Lourdhu's state.

Andhra Pradesh (AP) is a state in the south-eastern coastal region of India. It is the seventh-largest state by area covering an area of 162,975 km² (62,925 sq miles) and tenth-most populous state with 49,386,799 inhabitants.



Fr. Lourdhu's Diocese

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, India was created out of the Diocese of Nellore, 1940. Msgr. Thomas Pothacamury was its First Bishop. The present bishop of the diocese is the Most Rev. Bhagaiah Chinnabathini.



State: **Andhra Pradesh**

District: **Guntur**

Village: **Phirangipuram**

Population: **16,365** (2011)

Official Language: **Telugu**

Cathedral of the Infant Jesus, in the village of Phirangipuram, where Fr. Lourdhu was ordained a priest.

Fr. Lourdhu Raju Bandhanadam

Vocation story:

First, I thank you very much for welcoming me. I am also indeed happy to be part of the Archdiocese of Regina.

Second, I want to say a big thank you to Archbishop Donald, to the diocese and everyone who have received me so pleasantly and happily, and so well. Finally, I want to say I have made a promise. I have come here and will try to do the best possible I can. And I always pray for the diocese."

About my vocation: "My parents are staunch, devout Catholics and my grandparents are too. Since I am hailing from a Catholic family, my mother wished to have a son as a priest. After I completed my studies in school, I was interested and with the encouragement of my mother and at the same time the encouragement of my parish priest, Father Gopu Rayappa Reddy, I went to the seminary. Father Rayappa Reddy encouraged me to join. I liked the life so very much. I was very happy to be part of the seminary and I learned so many things. As I learned, I started loving the Church and loving Jesus Christ more and more, and loving the Catholic Doctrines. That is how I became a priest."

Ordained to the priesthood: April 9, 2018 Infant Jesus Cathedral, Phirangipuram, Guntur

"On the day of ordination, it was a dream come true day. I had been waiting to be ordained, to become a priest. I was very happy and my family was very happy. The only thing in my mind was praying to God to live up to the commitment that I made to God. I always liked the quote of Mother Theresa who said; it is not how successful we are; it is how faithful we are. I believed that and prayed to God on that day to help me to be faithful to Him to the end."

In my Life St. Mother Teresa:

"She was very much influential. I cannot even express it in my words. In India she has done a remarkable ministry, in a sense not just with her words but with her deeds too. Her life is a great example to everyone. I was also inspired by her words and her lifestyle, how she spent time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, how she was faithful both in words and in deeds."

About My family:

"I have three elder sisters and three elder brothers.

My hobbies:

"My hobbies are reading books, especially the Word of God and the life stories of Catholic Saints. I also like to listen to music and songs pertaining to Catholic devotion."

My favorite Bible Verse:

"It is John 10:10, where Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." Jesus indeed lived through this verse. Wherever He went, whomever He met, He always tried to provide them life and life in abundance. Be it the woman caught in adultery, be it the Samaritan woman, be it His apostles, followers and all those whom He met, He gave life and life in abundance. In my priestly life too, I meet different people and encounter different cultures, so, I too, would like to get inspired from this quote and try to give life, if not in abundance, at least, to certain extent, through my words, deeds, life and ministry. I would be happy to be the instrument of God, so that our Lord may give life to all His children, through my ministry too."

My favorite Saint:

"My favorite saint is St. John Mary Vianney. When I went to the Seminary, one of my diocesan priests gave me the life story of St. John Mary Vianney and I happened to get a lot of inspiration and encouragement from his lifestyle. The way he humbled himself and let God work through him, the way he loved the people in his parish and the way he took the trials and tribulations in a positive way and moved on with a life of sanctity, is indeed inspiring. He is my favorite Saint and I would always want to take him as a role model. I also pray that God may grant me strength and support to be his worthy disciple like St. John Mary Vianney.

I am indeed very grateful and thankful to God, the archdiocese, and his Grace for allowing me to serve in this diocese. The very first day, when I came to Canada, it was midnight, but Father Guy Amedee, came, picked me up in the airport, and brought me some food. I sincerely felt very happy and welcomed and as I reached St. Ann Parish, Father Guy Amedee took me around and introduced me to life in Canada and, his brotherly care was very comforting and helpful. As I have started meeting people, I see that the people are so loving, caring, friendly and spiritual. Since I came to Canada. Finally, I do feel that it is the Grace of God and a great blessing to be in Canada and especially in the archdiocese of Regina."

Short Snappers

I am from India, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, Phirangipuram.

My diocese: Diocese of Guntur

I am Diocesan priest.

My favorite meal: a fish fry.