



THE PLATINUM JUBILEE OF BELLARY DIOCESE:

RISE - RENEW - REACH

The Platinum Jubilee of the Bellary Diocese was celebrated on the 27th and 28th of November 2024 with grandeur and deep reverence.

Day 1: Civic Meeting and Interfaith Gathering

On the 27th, a civic meeting was held, graced by the Hon. Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shri S. Siddaramaiah, as the chief guest, along with prominent political leaders from the Karnataka Government. Following this, an Inter-Religious Gathering brought together leaders from various faiths, who reflected on the role of religions in nation-building, emphasizing unity and collaboration.

The rich history of the Bellary Diocese was creatively portrayed through vibrant dance performances, leaving the audience inspired.

Day 2: Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and Honors

On the 28th, a solemn Eucharistic Celebration was held at the Arogyamathe Shrine, presided over by His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal. The Eucharist was concelebrated by all the Bishops of Karnataka, alongside the priests of the Bellary Diocese, making it a truly monumental spiritual event.

After the Mass, senior retired priests who had labored tirelessly for the diocese were honored for their invaluable contributions. Additionally, six laypersons, one from each deanery, were recognized for their dedicated service.

Recognition of the Good Shepherd Sisters

As the oldest Religious Congregation in the diocese, the Good Shepherd Sisters were honored for our significant contribution to the mission of the diocese for 150 years. Sr. Shanty Chacko, Local Leader of the Bellary Community, accepted the honor on behalf of the Sisters. It was a moment of immense pride and gratitude for our community to be recognized for our enduring service.

The Platinum Jubilee celebrations were truly a testimony to the faith, unity, and mission of the Bellary Diocese as it continues to Rise, Renew, and Reach out in the spirit of Christ.

