

KOLPING ACTIVITIES FOUND NEW BOUNDARIES

6 New Regions added to make the total partners to 35



The National Kolping Association is expanded to 6 more Dioceses in South India. The inclusion of New Diocesan Social Service Societies (DSSS) - Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam, Eluru, Kurnool and Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh & Telangana States and Neyyattinkara in Kerala State adds up the Kolping Regions to 35. New Diocesan Kolping Associations and Kolping Programs was inaugurated by Mr. Gregor Federhen, Coordinator of Kolping International and Fr. A. Antony Raj, National President in the presence of Most Rev. Thumma Bala, Arch Bishop of Hyderabad and Most Rev. Prakash Mallavarapu, Arch Bishop of Visakhapatnam along with the Directors and Members of the Regions at separate events held at Visakhapatnam and Hyderabad on April 25 & 26, 2018 and at the Diocese of Neyyattinkara on April 27, 2018.

The Directors of the newly founded Kolping Regions spoke of the partnership with Kolping India and the project intervention they have planned in their regions. Fr. Antony Raj said that "This is the day that the Lord has made" and felt happy to witness the growth of Kolping India year after year finding new geographies. He expressed his happiness in partnering with New Dioceses and wished all the success in their mission of establishing a Just society.

Most Rev. Dr. Mallavarapu Prakash, said that he is happy to have Kolping projects in his Diocese and also in other regions of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. He assured of all his support for the Kolping activities and also thanked Kolping India and Kolping International for having included 5 regions from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States.

As a mark of accepting new regions and DSSS organisation as project partners, Mr. Gregor and Fr. Antony Raj, National Director presented the Flag of Kolping International. The portrait of Bl. Adolph Kolping – the founder of Kolping Association was presented to the Directors of the New Dioceses.

Cultural programs added flavour to the event.