

Thank you all

Dear Parishioners,

After going through long journey and all the arduous requirements due to covid-19, finally I was able to travel to India and back to USA safely by God's grace. I thank you all for your prayers for my safe journey.

As planned, on December 30th, 2021, I celebrated my 40th Ordination Anniversary or Ruby Jubilee in the Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral of my Home diocese, which is considered to be the second largest Cathedral in Asia. The celebration was bit hampered due to pandemic and only two bishops, 27 priests and around 800 family members and friends were present. In normal time this number would have tripled. YouTube link to this celebration is: <https://youtu.be/mAdQX-tmCt0>.

During my stay in the diocese, besides, visiting my family and friends, I also visited various parishes of the diocese. During these visits, as per direction of the bishop of my home diocese, Most Reverend Emmanuel Kerketta, I was able to help some poor and needy people from the money you had generously donated me. It was winter season even in India with temperature falling to around 36 F at night. Without heating facilities, the situation becomes really bad for those who do not have warm clothing. So, with your generous help I was able to distribute around 500 blankets to some poor and needy people, mostly elderly. In two occasions Bishop Kerketta himself was able to distribute these blankets. You tube videos of blankets distribution are:
<https://youtu.be/jokHFIUih8A>
and <https://youtu.be/mQfBkKIZTO0>.

With your generous donations, I was also able to feed good Christmas dinner to some children and distribute dresses. Some sample photos will be uploaded in Facebook.

All these people who benefited from your generosity are extremely grateful to you all and have promised that they will be praying for you.

Thanks again for your prayers and support.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Alex Ekka

THANK YOU FROM NCYC 2021!!!!

A BELATED **HUGE THANKS** TO OUR PARISH FOR SUPPORT WITH OUR FUNDRAISING TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE IN INDIANAPOLIS. IT WAS GREAT!

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