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Welcome to 2022 and our first Newsletter of the year. We pray and hope that you and your families are safe at this time. In this edition, we are becoming excited because it is getting close to Easter! As Easter is late this Year (April 17), it should be more like spring weather when we celebrate.

Remember that you are a missionary who can bring help to other children both here, in Canada and around the world in less fortunate countries. In this Newsletter, we will direct out attention to a very large and complicated country: **INDIA**.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA



Himalayan Mountains (Ankit Darsi – CCA-Share Alike 4.0 International)

There are two things about the country of India about which you possibly do not know. First, it is the fifth largest country in the world. This means that there is a lot of variety of flora, fauna and geographical areas to see. Second, it has the second largest population in the world next to China. There are a lot of people!

India is a very large peninsula. The countries with which it shares borders are in the north: Pakistan, China, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar and Bangladesh. There is also the great mountain range, the Himalayas, to the north.



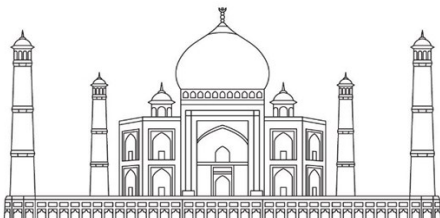
(mapsofindia.com)

- **Population:** 1.38 billion people live in India (2021)
- **Capital city:** New Delhi with about 30 million inhabitants
- **Languages:** 22 official languages, Hindi and English the most widespread
- **Religion:** mainly Hindus (80.5%), but also Muslims (13.4%), Christians (2.3%) and there are several other faiths.
- **Weather:** Mainly tropical. Mostly high temperatures and dry winters, tropical monsoon season from June to September.

TAJ MAHAL

If you visit India, you will almost certainly at some point visit the Taj Mahal in Agra, about 220 km from New Delhi. It was built by Shah Jahan as a memorial to his wife in 1643. It is a World Heritage Site. Can you make yours more spectacular than the photo?

Taj Mahal



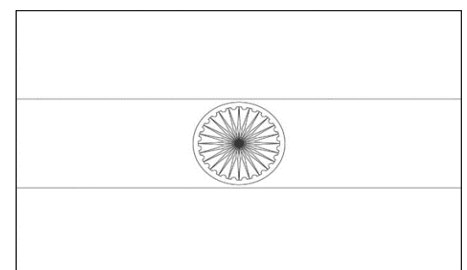
Taj Mahal (Yann: CCA – Share Alike 4.0 International)

FLAG OF INDIA



The blue wheel shows 24 hours in the day – the progression of time.

Flag for you to colour!



NATIONAL SYMBOLS

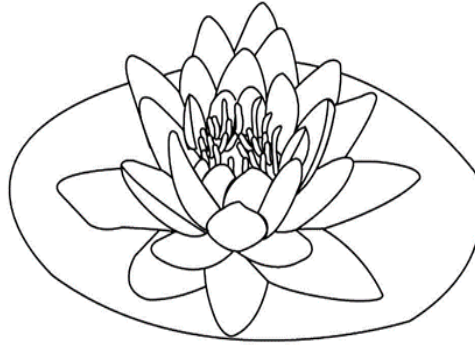
The three National Symbols of India are:

THE LOTUS FLOWER

Can you make yours more colourful than the photo?



Lotus flower (Jasmine Calypso: CCA – Share Alike 4.0 International)



BENGAL TIGER

The Bengal tiger which is the largest of the wild cats in the world. It is threatened by poaching and loss of environment.



Bengal tiger (Charles Sharp: CCA - Share Alike 4.0)

THE PEACOCK. A real challenge for you!



Peacock (Montasim Jawar: CCA – Share Alike 4.0 International)



EXOTIC ANIMALS IN INDIA

There are many famous animals in India, some of which you might not want to disturb. Here are a few:



Indian elephant (Keshavmau: CCA - Share Alike 3.0)

ASIAN ELEPHANT

Asian elephants are generally smaller than those in Africa, have a lighter colour and have smaller ears.



Indian leopard (Genie Prinks: CCA – Share Alike 4.0 International)

INDIAN LEOPARD

The Indian leopard is threatened by poaching and loss of environment, similar to the Bengal tiger.



Indian Cobra (Dr Raju Kasambe: CCA - Share Alike 4.0)

INDIAN COBRA

The Indian cobra is a member of the “big four” of snake species that inflict the most snake bites on humans in India. It is often seen with charmers and is now protected in India.

Lent in 2022



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday March 2, with Easter Sunday following on April 17. This is almost two weeks later than last year, which means you will have to wait a little longer. To get you into the mood, look at the symbols in the picture. Talk about them with your teacher/catechist.

POPE FRANCIS' 2021 LENTEN MESSAGE

The Pope's 2022 message is not available at this time of writing. In 2021, he said: ***"During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the 'living water' of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ."*** The key message for us is to practice the three virtues of faith, hope and love.



LENTEN PRAYER

Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Amen.

HCA PROJECTS IN INDIA

The HCA currently has several projects that are being sponsored in India, two of which are described here.

The first is in the Diocese of Palghat in southwest India. The initiative undertaken by the parish was primarily an educational one, whereby children learned more about their faith, got to know what missionary spirit and work were and to develop leadership skills that could be put to missionary use. Parents were instructed in family matters with respect to the value of life and having children. Funds were raised to purchase equipment for orphanages. Prayer meetings were arranged for children and retreats for young people were organised. Seminars were held that focused on Mary as a model for family life,



Students with disabilities, Rajkot diocese

The second project is in the Diocese of Rajkot in the west of India near the Pakistani border. There are several components to the work that is occurring. A major portion is providing accommodation and schooling for mentally impaired children and children with physical disabilities. The goal is to support the education of these young people so that they can be integrated into mainstream society.



Working with impaired students, Rajkot diocese



(Children's retreat, Palghat diocese)

PAULINE MARIE JARICOT – AWAITING BEATIFICATION

Did you know that the Holy Childhood Association is only one group in the Pontifical Mission Societies?

In 1822 in Lyon, France, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith was established by Pauline Marie Jaricot. Pauline was a very devout young woman who had special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary. She began by organising young women into prayer groups, became very interested in the foreign missions, and organised for “penny” donations as fund raisers. Her organisation expanded and grew internationally. The Holy Childhood was established in 1843 by Bishop Charles de Forbin-Janson on the advice of Pauline Jaricot. They were declared *pontifical* (under the special direction of the Pope) in 1922 by pope Pius XI. Pauline was also the founder of the Living Rosary Association in 1826.



Maison de Lorette, house of Pauline Jaricot
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In 1963, Pope John XXIII declared Pauline **Venerable**. This is the first step in being officially made a Saint of the Church. The second step is **Beatification**. This step requires the Church to recognise a miracle to have been performed through her intercession. This occurred on May 26, 2020. It is anticipated that she will be beatified by Pope Francis in May 2022 in Lyon.



Street in Lyon (Public Domain)



Anticipation!!! (dowr.org)



Plaque on Pauline's chapel (Public domain)

BLESSED PAULINE MARIE JARICOT - Pray for us