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"Love In Practice" Leads Saint Thomas Church Blood Donation Camp

Pastor J Stanley Victor

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USPA NEWS - Saint Thomas Church in Bhilai, under the Chhattisgarh Diocese, embraced the spirit of "Love in deed, not just in word" with a heartfelt blood donation camp on Good Friday, April 18, 2025, led by Pastor J Stanley Victor, reflecting Christ's sacrificial love.

COMPASSION THROUGH ACTION

The Church of Northern India's Saint Thomas Church hosted a blood donation drive at Durg District Hospital, overseen by Pastor J Stanley Victor. Congregation members, including women and young participants, contributed blood, embodying a powerful tribute to Jesus Christ's ultimate sacrifice during Holy Week.

Pastor Highlights Action Over Words

Pastor Stanley Victor shared, "Jesus demonstrated the greatest love by giving His life, 'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life.' As His disciples, we must mirror this love through deeds, not just promises. Good Friday and Easter inspire us to live out God's compassion."

Spiritual Observances of Holy Passion Week

The church marked Holy Passion Week with diverse Christian celebrations from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. On Palm Sunday, a public procession featured hymns and chants celebrating God's love through Jesus, with children enacting scenes of Christ's last days. During Lent, families held home prayers to honor Jesus' path to crucifixion, while bread was distributed to recall the Last Supper, symbolizing His body offered for all.

Community Contributions and Kindness

The Mahila Sabha, the church's women's group, gifted a new cabinet to enhance church facilities. On Good Friday, refreshing sharbat was offered to passersby as an act of goodwill. On Easter Sunday, Sunday School children crafted and shared colorful eggs with members, symbolizing renewal and resurrection.

Collective Participation

Key members included Pastor Committee Treasurer K Anantha Shivappa, Youth President Prateesh Lal, Mahila Sabha Treasurer Badem Kennith, alongside other churchgoers and nursing students, uniting in this spiritual and humanitarian effort.

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