

Asansol Ecumenical group celebrates Christmas

The Leaders of Various denominations in Asansol Town celebrated Christmas with a prayer service on Dec. 19, 2022 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Asansol. Fifteen Pastors with their families from different Christian denominations were present along with the Catholic priests. Bishop Julius Marandi, Apostolic Administrator of Asansol gave Christmas message. He exhorted all to work for unity among the Christians and peace in the neighbourhood. The Christians are called to be light of the World to shine with the Gospel Message, said Bishop Julius Marandi of Dumka diocese.

The pastors read the readings from the Bible and prayed for peace in the world. Fr. I P Sarto, Coordinator for Commissions in Asansol diocese welcomed all for the Ecumenical service. Fr. Linus Toppo, Parish priest of Asansol Cathedral made all arrangement for the gathering. Mr. Raju Thakur, a former teacher of St. Joseph's High School, Asansol led Christmas carols.

The Ecumenical group prayed for the world leaders, political authorities in India, Bureaucrats, Judges, health personnel, the sick, poor and suffering, industrial workers in Asansol town, youth and students, welfare of all Christians, the Pastors and Priests and unity among people of all faiths. Some elected members of Asansol Municipal Corporation were also present for the service and fellowship gathering. At the end of the prayer service all greeted one another and joined for a festive lunch.

This prayer service brought more joy and unity among the Christian leaders, said Rev. Rajen Lakra, Pastor of Assembly of Believers of Church, Chelidanga. I am happy to attend the prayer service which gives me blessings, said Mr. Abhijit Ghatak, Deputy Mayor of Asansol Municipal Corporation. The Church leaders meet regularly in Asansol to look after the Asansol Christian Cemetery and to discuss about the welfare of Christians.

From I.P. Sarto