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Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

1. ST JOSEPH THE WORKER AND INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

International Workers' Day is celebrated all over the world on May 1. Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary and foster father of the Lord Jesus Christ, was a carpenter who supported the holy family through his daily labour. The Church presents him as the protector and model to all who earn their own and their families' livelihood through manual labour. His example is used as an occasion to highlight the concept of work, and the fact that the holy family worked for a living is seen as a point of fellowship with most of the world's families. May St Joseph the Worker motivate us all to recognize the dignity of labour, however big or small, and accord due respect to all those who work in our parishes and institutions.

The theme for May Day 2022, given by the CBCI Commission for Labour, is '**Care is Work, Work is Care**': The Future of Work-Labour after Laudato Si'. The theme highlights the four facets of the crisis that impact the world of work: the ecological crisis, increase of inequalities, challenge of migration and technological transformation. The entire message in PDF has already been shared in Chancery Whatsapp group on Friday, 22 April 2022.

2. MAY DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The May Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary refers to the special Marian Devotion practised in the Catholic Church during the month of May honouring Mother Mary as the 'Queen of May'. Catholics offer special honour to Mother Mary in May: pilgrimages, visits to Marian shrines, little sacrifices in her honour, and

devout recitation of the Rosary. Let us highlight the importance of Marian devotion in our messages, preaching, catechesis, etc. to the faithful and also encourage the faithful to practice the Marian devotion in their families.

It is fitting that, as priests and religious, we too practise this devotion that nourishes our day-to-day spiritual life and provides spiritual strength in our pastoral ministry. Let us make it a point to teach this devotion to our children and the young people in our parishes. I also encourage, wherever suitable, to organize community rosaries at parish or ward levels.

3. ORDINATIONS

Deacon Leo Praveen D'Souza, son of the Late Mr Henry D'Souza, and Mrs Lucy Crasta of Arva Parish (Mangalore Diocese) and Deacon Pradeep Cardoza, son of Mr Hilary Cardoza and Ephrez Cardoza of Hirebail Parish (Chikmagalur Diocese) will be ordained Priests for the Diocese of Udupi on **Tuesday, 03 May 2022, at 10.30 am** at Our Lady of Milagres Cathedral, Kalliapur. We rejoice and thank our Lord Jesus Christ for blessing us with two new priests for the diocese this year. On behalf of the diocese, I extend a cordial invitation to all of you to the ordination and the felicitation programme thereafter in Milagres Tri-centenary Hall. Let us welcome them into our Presbyterium.

4. WORLD DAY FOR COMMUNICATIONS

World Day for Communications is celebrated each year on the Sunday before Pentecost and this year it is on **29 May 2022**. The title of this year's message by Pope Francis, "**Listening with the ear of the heart,**" invites us to reflect that listening involves more than merely hearing. True listening is a foundation of genuine relationships, and is foundational to the relationship between God and humanity. The Pope, quoting St Paul, notes that "faith comes through hearing." In fact, he remarks, "listening corresponds to the humble style of God," who reveals Himself by speaking, and by listening to men and women, recognizes them as His partners in dialogue. Human beings are called, in turn, to "tune in, to be willing to listen," as God calls them to a covenant of love. The entire message is given as Annexure 1.

5. VOCATION SUNDAY

We celebrate the fourth Sunday of Easter as Vocation Sunday which falls on **08 May 2022** this year. The purpose of the Vocation Sunday is to publicly fulfill the Lord’s instruction to, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). I request all parish priests to identify suitable boys from high school itself and motivate them to join as candidates to the Diocese after completing their High School. Please give their name and contact details to Rev. Fr Anil Cornelio for further follow up. Let us also earnestly pray for vocations for our Diocese so that the Lord of the harvest may send enough labourers to work in his vineyard.

6. FAITH FORMATION CAMPS

It was heartening to note that a few parishes have organized faith-formation camps to children in the month of April on topics related to Faith, Bible, etc. I wholeheartedly thank and congratulate the parish priests for these initiatives which certainly form a part of their pastoral ministry. I also request the other parish priests to take initiative and organize faith-formation camps to children for 2-3 days in the month of May with the help of Catechism teachers and the youth.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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+ **Gerald Isaac Lobo**

COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

1. COMMISSION FOR SCC'S

10/05/2022 - DAT meeting
13-15/05/2022 - SCC Residential Training at Miyar parish.

Rev. Fr Harold Pereira
Director

2. SAMPADA : Lenten Campaign 2022 - Reminder

This year's Lenten campaign was for the '**Medical Fund**'. I thank those Parish Priests who have already returned counterfoils of the donation coupons and remitted the amount collected in the parish. I hereby remind the other Parish priests to return the counterfoils of the donation coupons together with the amount to our office by **Wednesday, 25th May 2022**.

I also thank the superiors of the Religious Houses for their contribution towards **Medical Fund**. Those Religious Houses who want to contribute, can do the same by **25th May 2022**.

If you are issuing cheques please address it to '**SAMPADA UDUPI - MEDICAL FUND**'. Thank you.

Rev. Fr Reginald Pinto

INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MAY 2022

Faith Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

RUBY JUBILEE OF ORDINATION

Rev. Fr William Martis, Retired Priest, Udupi	01-05-2022
Rev. Fr Francis Cornelio, Parish Priest, St Anne Church, Thottam	01-05-2022
Rev. Fr Charles Noronha, Parish Priest, St Philip Neri Church, Basroor	01-05-2022

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES DEAR FATHERS

OBITUARY

Mrs Coses Mary Lobo (72 yrs), Sr/o Rev. Fr Chetan Lobo, OFMCap, PRO and Director of Commission for Social Communications, expired on 16 April 2022 and the uneral mass was held on Monday, 18 April 2022 at St Francis Xavier Church, Ferar.

Rev. Fr Joseph Mascarenhas (73 yrs), Allahabad Diocese, Br/o Rev. Fr Henry Mascarenhas, Parish Priest, Holy Cross Church, Pamboor, and Rev. Fr Roman Mascarenhas, Spiritual Director, St Lawrence Basilica, Attur, passed away on 23 April 2022 and the funeral was held on Monday, 25 April 2022 in Allahabad.

Mr Salvadore Rodrigues (68 Yrs), F/o Br Stephan Rodrigues, II Year Theology (Udupi Diocese), passed away on 28 April 2022 and the funeral was held on Saturday, 30 April 2022 at Christ the King Church, Jog Falls (Shimoga Diocese).

MAY GOD GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST

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