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Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

1. MONTH OF ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. The power of the Rosary comes from meditating on the lives of Jesus and Mary. The Christian life is all about seeing Christ as our model and doing everything we can to imitate Him. In the mysteries of the rosary, we watch Christ in His early life, His days of ministry, His Passion and His Resurrection. We can literally witness His actions and words and have a greater understanding of what it means to be Christ-like.

In this month, let us use this beautiful prayer in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary. Let us take this month as an occasion to catechize our faithful on the importance of the Rosary and also encourage them to pray the Rosary daily in their families.

2. ONLINE SUNDAY CATECHISM

Since the Churches were closed in June, we could not begin the Catechism classes for our children in parishes. With the cooperation from Rev. Fathers, Brother and Catechism Teachers, Divya Jyothi has produced video classes for I to X Std on Sunday Catechism and has uploaded them in the Divya Jyothi Youtube Channel and are available to public. I congratulate the Director and all those who have taken classes for their hardwork and sincere efforts in producing these quality video classes and appreciate their generous services. I direct the parish priests to inform the parishioners about these

classes and also forward the link of these classes to every child in the parish through the Catechism teachers. Besides sending links to the children, the teachers should provide Catechism text books and also organize online activities on the lessons so that children do not miss their faith-formation during this pandemic. If the number is less, we can also think of starting Catechism classes for the High School and PU students.

3. ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT

We had informed earlier that the annual clergy retreat would be held from 4 to 9 October 2020 at Bajjodi, Mangalore depending on the situation during the time. Since the situation is not conducive to come together for the Retreat, I request all the priests of the Diocese to do the retreat personally in their own places either during the above-mentioned dates or any other dates of their choice. For spiritual input you may use some spiritual books (like, God or Nothing, the copy of which was given to all) or the video talks in the YouTube, the links of which are given below. I request you all to make use of this time of Retreat for your own spiritual needs by spending more time in Rosary, meditation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Let's all remember to pray for all priests, religious men and women and the faithful of our Diocese. I wish you all a fruitful retreat with God-experience.

4. CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday, 15 October 2020 at 10.00 am** at Mother of Sorrows Church, Udupi. I invite all priests, diocesan and religious, to concelebrate with me as a sign of our priestly unity and solidarity as *unum presbyterium*.

5. MISSION SUNDAY

The Mission Sunday will be celebrated on 18th October this year with the theme, "Here am I, send me" (Is. 6:8). In his message, the Pope says, "Even in the disorientation and fear provoked by the current international crisis, the Lord

continues to ask “Whom shall I send?” Even as we touch our frailty in the pain and death we are experiencing, we are also reminded “of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil”. This is where the call to mission emerges as an “invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour” through service and intercessory prayer”, he writes. Read the full message from Pope Francis in Annexure 2.

I sincerely appreciate the great interest and enthusiasm each one of you take, year after year, to make this Sunday truly meaningful. Last year our diocesan contribution was Rs 86,73,103. While I thank you for this contribution, I urge you to motivate your parishioners to be generous towards the cause of the missions through their prayers, sacrifices and contributions. As mentioned in the ORDO, the Mass on the day may be offered ‘For the Evangelization of Peoples’, as indicated in the Roman Missal.

6. SAMARITANUS BONUS

The newly published letter by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, entitled *Samaritanus bonus* (The Good Samaritan: On the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life) reiterates the condemnation of any form of euthanasia and assisted suicide, and advocates support for families and healthcare workers. It was published on 14 July – the feast day of St Camillus de Lellis, the patron saint of the sick, hospitals, nurses and physicians. It affirms that the “incurable cannot mean that care has come at an end” – those who are terminally ill have the right to be welcomed, cured, loved.” The Letter aims to provide concrete ways to put into practice the parable of the Good Samaritan, who teaches us that “even when a cure is unlikely or impossible”, medical care, nursing care, psychological and spiritual care “should never be forsaken”.

7. LET US RETURN TO THE EUCHARIST WITH JOY

Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Liturgy and Sacraments, sent a letter titled ‘Let us return to the Eucharist with joy’ to Bishops around the world, urging

a return to Mass, with proper safety protocols observed amid the coronavirus pandemic. The letter makes strong points about the Celebration of the Eucharist in our present situation and it is worth taking time to read and reflect on it. The letter has been already posted in the Udupi Chancery WhatsApp group. The summary of the letter will be published in Konkani in the first issue of Uzvaad in this month.

8. NOTE CONCERNING DEANS

The new Instruction ‘The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelizing mission of the Church’ states that “The Vicar Forane [Dean] does not necessarily have to be a Parish Priest of a specific parish. Furthermore, in order to achieve the purpose for which the vicariate [deanery] is established, his primary responsibility is “to promote and coordinate common pastoral action in the vicariate”, so that it does not remain a purely formal institution” (No. 52-53). I request every Dean to note this primary responsibility of promoting and coordinating the common pastoral action as per the directives given to them in the Diocese and also request all parish priests to cooperate with the Dean in implementing the common pastoral action in their deanery.

9. RETIREMENT OF PRIESTS

The Instruction ‘The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelizing mission of the Church’, of the Congregation for the Clergy, Rome, dated 29 June 2020 says: No. 72: “When the good of the faithful requires it, even if there are no other causes for cessation, the Parish Priest who has reached 75 years of age, should accept the invitation from the diocesan Bishop to resign from the Parish. The presentation of the renunciation, upon having reached 75 years of age, is to be considered a moral duty, if not canonical, although it does not mean the Parish Priest ceases from his office automatically. The cessation of office occurs only when the diocesan Bishop has informed the said Parish Priest, in writing, of the acceptance of his resignation. For his part, the Bishop should kindly consider the resignation

presented by a Parish Priest, if for no other reason than he has reached 75 years of age” (no. 72. Please also see nos. 73 & 74).

Those Rev. Fathers (diocesan) who will be completing seventy-five (75) years of age here-after, are hereby requested to write to me three (3) months in advance informing about it along with their letter of resignation from active pastoral ministry. The cessation of office occurs only when the diocesan Bishop has informed the said Parish Priest, in writing, of the acceptance of his resignation.

10. THE SECRETARY OF CESU ALSO AS DEPUTY SECRETARY OF CBE

Most Rev. Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore and President of CBE, Mangalore, by his letter dated 01.09.2020 has appointed Rev. Fr Vincent Crasta, Secretary of our Catholic Educational Society of Udupi Diocese (CESU) as the Deputy Secretary of the Catholic Board of Education (CBE) of Mangalore w.e.f. 01.09.2020. With this appointment, Fr Vincent Crasta will assist the Secretary CBE in all the activities relating to all educational institutions under its management in the Diocese of Udupi and will also participate in the meetings of Governing Board and General Body of the CBE. I wish him all the best and request the Correspondents for your esteemed cooperation.

11. CLERICAL TRANSFERS

Rev. Fr Roshan Thomas D’Souza, HM, St Maria Goretti English Medium School, Hirgan, has begun Diploma Course at NVSC, Pune w.e.f. 20 September 2020.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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✠ Gerald Isaac Lobo
Bishop of Udupi

DIAMOND BIRTHDAY

Rev. Fr Francis Lewis, Parish Priest
St Francis Xavier Church, Mudarangadi – 20-10-2020

RUBY BIRTHDAY

Rev. Fr Ronson D'Souza, Parish Priest
St Vincent De Paul Church, Katapady – 26-10-2020

**Congratulations and Best Wishes Dear Rev. Fathers
AD MULTOS ANNOS**

Catholic Educational Society of Udupi

10th Std Results for 2019-20 after Revaluation

Sl. No.	Name of the Institution	Percentage
Aided Schools		
1	St Lawrence PU College (High School Sec), Moodubelle	93.3%
2	St Joseph High School, Belman	84.21%
3	St Mary's High School, Kundapura	84.21%
4	St John's High School, Shankerpura	81.57%
5	Milagres High School, Kallianpura	80.42%
6	St Francis Xavier High School, Udyavara	79.17%
7	St Lawrence High School, Karkala-Attur	75%
8	St Mary's High School, Udupi	75%
9	St Mary's PU College (High School Sec), Shirva	86.79%
Unaided Schools		
10	Milagres Eng Med School, Kallianpura	100%
11	Nirmala Eng Med School,	100%

	Brahmavara	
12	Mount Rosary Eng Med School, Santhekatte	100%
13	Church Eng Med School, Ajekar	100%
14	St Maria Goretti Eng Med School, Hirgan	100%
15	Holy Rosary Eng Med School, Kundapura	100%
16	St Francis Xavier Eng Med School, Udyavara	100%
17	St Antony Eng Med School, Sastan	97.62%
18	St Lawrence Eng Med School, Moodubelle	96.67%
19	St Francis Eng Med School, Mudarangadi	96.42%
20	St Joseph Eng Med School, Belman	95.12%
21	St John's Academy High School, Shankerpura	90.24%

Congratulations to all the Correspondents, Principals, Head Masters/Head Mistresses, Managing Committee Members, Teachers and the students for the excellent results.

Rev. Fr Vincent Crasta
Secretary

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