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Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

1. PRE-SYNODAL MEETING

Since October 2021, we have been having Synodal consultations at various levels as a part of the preparations for Synod 2021-23 to be held at Rome in October 2023. The conclusion of the diocesan phase of these consultations will be held on **Thursday, 07 April 2022**, in the forenoon with the Pre-Synodal Meeting. The time table of this pre- Synodal meeting has been given as annexure 2. In this meeting, the final report of the consultations in Udupi Diocese will be presented, followed by comments and feedback on the report and on the whole synodal consultations held during the past 4-5 months. I express my sincere thanks to the Diocesan Synodal Team and all the coordinators for efficiently organizing these consultations at various levels in the Diocese. I hereby extend a cordial welcome to all the participants in this pre- Synodal meeting and hope to see a very meaningful celebration of this important event in the Diocese.

2. CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Milagres Cathedral on **Thursday, 07 April 2022, at 4.00 pm**. I invite all priests, diocesan and religious, to concelebrate with me as a sign of our priestly unity and solidarity as *unum presbyterium*. It is also the Day of Priests. I request all Parish Priests to announce to your parishioners regarding the Chrism Mass and its importance, and invite them to participate in large numbers, and also pray for all priests rendering their pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Udupi.

3. HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

After 40 days of Lenten prayer, fasting, penance and almsgiving, the Holy Mother the Church invites us to rejoice on the solemnity of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his earthly life, from his messianic entry into Jerusalem until his blessed passion and glorious resurrection. The feast of Easter is the culmination of the season of Lent and particularly the Holy Week. After two years of the Covid-19 pandemic which restricted us from celebrating the Holy Week and Easter in the usual manner, we shall be able to celebrate the Holy Week and Easter with appropriate liturgy this year. Therefore, I urge all parish priests to plan and prepare well for the Holy Week with due attention to the liturgical guidelines given for this week as found in pages 94-114 of the *ORDO* 2021-22 and celebrate the Holy Week with the devotion associated with it so that the faithful may be able to conclude their Lenten exercises with the experience of the peace and joy of the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, I extend to all of you my best wishes for a Happy Easter. Please extend my Easter wishes to your dear parishioners and members of your religious communities. May the Risen Lord fill us all with his gift of joy, peace and hope in our daily lives as we carry forward the mission entrusted to us by him through the most precious gift of his call to priesthood and consecrated life.

4. DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Church celebrates the Second Sunday of Easter as the Divine Mercy Sunday which falls on 24th April this year. This feast is based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as per her encounter with Jesus and is associated with special promises to her from Jesus. “As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!” said St Pope John Paul II. I wish that all parishes celebrate this day with the devotion associated with the day, such as Divine Mercy Chaplet (Rosary), Prayers to St Faustina and Litany of Divine Mercy, and also encourage the faithful’s devotion to Divine Mercy.

5. REPORT OF PASTORAL COMMISSIONS FOR 2021

As per the constitution of PPC, the coordinators of 20 Commissions at parishes had to submit the report of activities of all 20 Commissions during the year 2021 by the end of November 2021. So far, we have received these reports from only a few parishes. I request the parish priests to remind the coordinators of your parishes to compile the report of the activities of all commissions during 2021 and submit the report by the end of April 2022.

6. PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

We are all aware of the ongoing war due to the invasion of Ukraine by Russia for the past three weeks. Various appeals from the world leaders and from the Church seem to have borne not much fruit yet. Many innocent lives have been lost and lakhs of people have turned into refugees, fleeing the country for the safety of their families. The war has caused terrible destruction in Ukraine. The Holy Father has invited the Church to specially pray so that the war may cease and peace prevail among the political leaders of both the countries. Let us continue to pray for this intention during Lent, especially during the Holy week.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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+ Gerald Isaac Lobo

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17/04/2022

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Divya Dhama, Moodubelle

21/04/2022

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES DEAR FATHERS

COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

1. COMMISSION FOR SEMINARY AND RELIGIOUS FORMATION

18-20 April Vocation Camp, St Lawrence Basilica, Attur

FAMILY COMMISSION

- 01 April Parish Family Cell (PFC) Coordinators' Meet Shirva
Deanery
- 02 April Parish Family Cell (PFC) Coordinators' Meet Kallianpur
Deanery
- 03 April Amoris Laetitia Family Retreat - Kalmady Parish 04 April
Parish Family Cell (PFC) Coordinators' Meet
Kundapur Deanery
- 05 April Parish Family Cell (PFC) Coordinators' Meet Karkal
Deanery
- 06 April Amoris Laetitia Family Retreat - Perampalli Parish 08 April
Amoris Laetitia Family Retreat - Trasi Parish
- 09 & 10 April Marriage Preparation Course
- 11 April Amoris Laetitia Family Retreat - Brammavar Parish 12 April
Amoris Laetitia Family Retreat - Gangolli Parish
- 21 April Senior Citizen Club Inauguration - Kanajar Parish 23 & 24
April Marriage Preparation Course

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Director

2. SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES 05.04.2022 SCC

Training at Pamboor 09.04.2022 SCC Animators' Training at Udupi

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