

# VOX NOSTRA

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*Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,*

## 1. ANNIVERSARY OF ST LAWRENCE BASILICA

The third anniversary of the Proclamation and Dedication of St Lawrence Minor Basilica at KarkalAttur will be celebrated in the month of August. The annual celebration will be held with Holy Eucharist on Thursday, 1 August 2019, at 11.00 am and the Titular Feast of St Lawrence will be celebrated on Saturday, 10 August 2019, at 10.30 am. I invite you, all, to these celebrations as we thank God for the gift of this Basilica to our Diocese and also for the numerous favours granted to the devotees through the powerful intercession of St Lawrence.

## 2. FEAST OF ST JOHN VIANNEY

Although the memorial of St John Marie Vianney, universal patron of Priests, falls on a Sunday this year and is not celebrated liturgically, I invite you to meaningfully celebrate the feast as decided in your deanery. In his encyclical *Sacerdotii nostri primordia* written in 1959 for the 100th anniversary of Vianney's death Pope John XXIII called St Vianney a model of priestly holiness: "The priest is no longer supposed to live for himself. He must be aflame with charity toward everyone. Not even his thoughts, his will, his feelings belong to him, for they are rather those of Jesus Christ who is his life." I wish you, dear Rev. Fathers, retired and in active service, a very happy Patronal Feast. I invite you to celebrate the gift of priesthood so that it becomes truly rewarding

both for ourselves and for the people entrusted to our care. May St John Vianney intercede for us all.

### 3. SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION AND INDEPENDENCE DAY

We celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady on Thursday, 15 August 2019. The feast has its origin in the 5th Century. St Juvenal of Jerusalem stated as early as the Council of Chalcedon in 451 that Our Lady, after her death, was assumed body and soul into heaven. Pope Pius XII, on 1 November 1950, in *Munificentissimus Deus* officially defined the doctrine of the Assumption as an article of the Catholic Faith. He stated: “By the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define as divinely revealed dogma: The Immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin, after her life on earth, was assumed, body and soul to the glory of heaven.” Since it is a **Day of Obligation** in India too, I exhort Parish Priests to arrange sufficient Masses so that the faithful are able to partake in the Holy Eucharist. Please send the collection of the day to Bishop’s House towards Communio-India.

On the same day, as proud citizens of India, we celebrate the Independence Day of our nation. Although our country has achieved a lot during the 72 years since Independence, we are aware of the problems faced by all sections of people in our society. Hence as we celebrate the Independence Day, let us join our fellow citizens and strive to uphold the rights of all enshrined in the Constitution and work towards redeeming our country from all divisive forces. I wish you festal greetings and best wishes on the occasion of the Independence Day.

#### 4. PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY

The Prison Ministry Sunday is celebrated on 11 August this year under the theme, **Walls Do Not Create Prisons**. The theme is taken from Richard Lovelace's poem titled 'To Althea, from Prison' written in 1642 while being imprisoned in the Gatehouse Prison adjoining Westminster Abbey and means that stone walls and iron bars may prevent a person from moving freely in their body, but if they can still love freely whoever they want and let their thoughts fly free, then in heart, mind and soul, they are free. Incarceration will not lock up one's thoughts, imagination, dreams, visions, insights, plans and projects. If you have the right frame of mind- if your mind is innocent and quiet - then what others see as a prison can be a refuge, a hermitage, and an ashram where reformations and revolutions can take place. For nothing will be impossible to God (Lk1:37). Our Diocesan Prison Ministry unit under the guidance of Rev. Fr Francis Cornelio also works enthusiastically towards the realization of the goals of Prison Ministry India. Let us extend our wholehearted cooperation to them and pray for their mission on this Sunday.

#### 5. NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

The National Youth Sunday this year will also be celebrated on 11 August 2019 with the theme "**I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your Word**". The introduction and prayers of the faithful prepared by the Youth Commission of our Diocese have been given as annexure 2 on pages 14-15. Since we are celebrating the Year of Youth in our Diocese, I request you, dear Parish Priests, to celebrate this day meaningfully in collaboration with the parish unit of the Youth Commission.

## 6. JUSTICE SUNDAY

The Justice Sunday this year falls on **18 August 2019**, the Sunday after Independence Day. Let us pray that Justice and peace may prevail among all sections of our society and also support the work of the Commission for Justice and Peace in our Diocese.

## 7. SEMINAR FOR RELIGIOUS

A seminar on 'Evangelization and Extraordinary Missionary Month' to all Men and Women Religious of our Diocese has been scheduled on **Sunday, 18 August 2019** at Bishop's House, Udupi, from 02.30 pm to 5.00 pm. I request all men and women religious to participate in this seminar to prepare ourselves for the meaningful celebration of the Extraordinary Missionary Month in October 2019.

## 8. PASTORAL CONSULTATION 2019

The Pastoral Consultation 2019 will be held on Wednesday, 28 August 2019 in order to deliberate on the pastoral issues/problems suggested by the deaneries and approved by the Agenda Committee of the Council of Priests. I extend a cordial welcome to all priests and expect your active participation. Echoing the words of Pope Francis at the beginning of the Synod on Family in 2015, I desire that this Consultation be a space for the action of the Holy Spirit through our *apostolic courage, evangelical humility* and *trusting prayer: apostolic courage* which refuses to be intimidated in the face of the temptations of the world that tend to extinguish the light of truth in the hearts of men, replacing it with small and temporary lights; nor even before the petrification of some hearts, which, despite good intentions, drive people away from God. The apostolic courage to live life and not to make a museum of memories of our Christian life; *evangelical*

*humility* that is able to overcome its own conventions and prejudices in order to listen to brother priests and be filled with God and humility that leads neither to pointing a finger at, nor to judging others, but to hands outstretched helping people to rise again without ever feeling superior; *trusting prayer* that is the action of the heart when it opens to God, when our voices are silenced in order to listen to the gentle voice of God, which speaks in silence. Without listening to God, all our “*words*” are only words that meet no need and serve no end. Without allowing ourselves to be guided by the Spirit, all our decisions will be but “*decorations*” that, instead of exalting the Gospel, cover and hide it.

## **9. COMMUNICATION THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEDIA**

We live in the world of electronic media where the communication is swift, effective and moreover is freely available. It can also reduce the use of papers and also save the cost of printing and posting. Hence hereafter most of the communication from the Diocese will be sent to you through Email and Whatsapp. We have noted that a few parishes do not have their own Email ID. Hence, I request you to kindly create an Email ID and inform the same to my Secretary and to the Secretary of the Commission for Social Communications.

## **10. A WORD OF GRATITUDE**

Our annual retreat, held from July 14 to 19, was a joyful spiritual experience to all of us. I am delighted by your active participation in all common spiritual exercises. I thank the preacher, Rev. Fr Juventius Andrade, CSsR, for his inspiring sessions, deeply rooted in the Word of God. A special word of thanks to our Deans and priests, especially

Rev. Fr Stephen D'Souza and Rev. Fr Harold Pereira , who shouldered various responsibilities such as liturgy, singing and other arrangements. I remain grateful to the Director, Rev. Fr Peter D'Souza, and his team of the Pastoral Institute, Mangalore, for making our stay comfortable and our retreat a pleasant spiritual experience.

Yours sincerely in Christ

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+ Gerald I. Lobo

# COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

## 1. DIVYAJYOTHI

- 04/8/2019 Training of new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion- 9.30 am to 4.00 pm
- 04/8/2019 Youcat Seminar at Kalathur
- 11/8/2019 Youcat Seminar at Parappady, Pernal
- 18/8/2019 Youcat Seminar at Kelmbet
- 18/8/2019 Bible Study at Home Seminar -1
- 18/8/2019 Liturgical Seminar at Mukamar
- 25/8/2019 Youcat Seminar at Manipal, Kota, Palimar

**Rev. Fr Stephen D'Souza**  
**Director**

## 2. COMMISSION FOR FAMILY

- 04 August Fathers' Day Thottam - 7.30 to 10 am
- 04 August Family Enrichment Programme - CSI mission Church - 3pm
- 10, 11 Aug Marriage Preparation Course
- 13 August Sauharda Koota, Udyavar
- 18 August Couples For Christ – Diocesan get together
- 25 August Youth (YCS/ICYM) & Parents Get together – Perampalli

**Mr Leslie Arouza**  
**Director**

## 3. COMMISSION FOR PROCLAMATION AND EVANGELIZATION

- 03-8-2019 Training to Missionary Children Association at Padukone- 5 pm to 6 pm
- 04-8-2019 Seminar on “Extraordinary Missionary Month” at Padukone – 8 am to 10 am

- 12-8-2019 Training to Lay Evangelizers and Intercessory group at Milagres Cathedral, Kallianpur - 9.30 am to 4 pm
- 18-8-2019 Seminar on “Evangelization and Extraordinary Missionary Month” to all Religious at Bishops House, Udupi – 2.30 pm to 5pm

**Rev. Fr Vincent Crasta**  
**Director**

#### **4. COMMISSION FOR SCCs**

- 04.08.2019 SCC Training at Udupi Parish
- 11.08.2019 SCC Training for the Youth of Kundapur Deanery
- 18.08.2019 Seminar for the Peace & Justice Commission Parish  
Conveners
- 25.08.2019 SCC Training at Miyar Parish
- 25.08.2019 Kallianpur Deanery Convention for Gurkars & Preraks

**Rev. Fr Harold Pereira**  
**Director**

#### **5. CATHOLIC EDUCATION SOCIETY OF UDUPI (CESU)**

- 02-8-2019 Meeting of Governing Body of CESU at Conference Hall, Bishop’s House, Udupi – 4 pm to 6 pm.
- 03-8-2019 Meeting of Teachers’ Day Committee at CESU Office – 10.30 am to 12 noon.
- 05-8-2019 Orientation to CBSE Teachers (in association with CBE, Mangalore) at St. Mary’s CBSE School, Kannarpady, Udupi - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

#### **Media Education to X Std Students in association with Commission for Social Communication**

- 06-8-2019 St Francis Eng. Med. School, Mudarangady
- 08-8-2019 St Joseph Eng. Med School & High School, Belman



28-8-2019 St Mary's Eng. Med. School, Kannarpady, Udupi  
31-8-2019 St Lawrence Eng. Med. School, Moodubelle

**Rev. Fr Vincent Crasta**  
**Secretary**

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**DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2019 - CORRECTIONS**

<b>Page No.</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Correction</b>
28	Families – 663	Families – <b>741</b>
	Catholics – 3065	Catholics – <b>3273</b>
33	<b>PANGALA</b>	<b>PANGLA/ SHANKERPURA</b>
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**Rev. Fr Chetan Lobo**  
**PRO, Udupi**

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**PLATINUM BIRTHDAY**

Rev. Fr Lawrence Rodrigues, Parish Priest, Yermal 10-08-2019

**AD MULTOS ANNOS**

## **PRISON MINISTRY INDIA, UDUPI**

Dear Rev. Fathers,

The Second Sunday of August (11 August 2019) is celebrated as Prison Ministry Sunday throughout India. Prison Ministry is recognized under CBCI. Our Bishop is the chairman of PMI for Karnataka Region.

Prison Ministry India in our Diocese has completed its four years of existence and is stepping into 5<sup>th</sup> year with definite action plan for the year 2019 for the welfare of the Prisoners.

The members of PMI give the following services:

- Weekly visit to the Prison
- Programme for the change of mind of the Prisoners
- Counseling/Yoga
- Arranging health camps and providing medicines
- Releasing the innocent and deserved Prisoners
- Keeping report with their advocates and family members
- Home visits of Prisoners within the District

To carryout effectively the above Ministry, We need prayer support. I kindly request you Fathers to offer special prayers and include them in the prayers of faithful.

Thanking you

**Rev. Fr Francis Cornelio**  
**Spiritual Director**