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Dear Rev. Fathers, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters,

1. SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

On **Friday, 07 June**, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The solemnity provides us with an opportunity to renew our devotion to the Sacred Heart, the mystical-physical heart of Jesus. In addition to the feast, celebrated on the Friday of the third week after Pentecost, devotion includes acts of consecration and honour given to the image of the Sacred Heart. The devotion to the Sacred Heart was fostered by Carthusian and Jesuit priests and promoted by St Francis de Sales. The devotion became especially popular following the disclosure of private revelations to a French Visitandine nun, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, in the late 17th century. Assisted by Claude de la Colombière, her confessor, she called for the establishment of a feast in honour of the Sacred Heart and prayers of reparation for sins, especially for those directed against the Eucharist. In 1856 Pope Pius IX introduced the feast into the general calendar of the Roman Catholic Church. I exhort the parish priests to foster the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus among the faithful, especially praying the Rosary of the Sacred Heart in June.

We also celebrate this day as the **World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests**. Established by Saint John Paul II in 2002, this celebration occurs annually on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On this day, priests are encouraged to reflect on the dignity of their vocation and be renewed in their priestly commitment to serving

Christ and His Church. The faithful, too, are invited to pray for their priests that they may be faithful stewards and strengthened in their service to the Gospel. Let us pray for all priests, especially those serving in our Diocese, that they may experience the merciful love of Jesus through his Sacred Heart and impart the same to those entrusted to their pastoral care.

2. SUNDAY AND SCHOOL CATECHISM

After the summer vacation, the new academic year will commence in all schools by the time this issue of *Vox Nostra* reaches your hands. While imparting quality and disciplined education is our hallmark, providing our Catholic children with Catechism in our schools is also a serious responsibility. I exhort all Correspondents and Heads of our educational institutions to take up this responsibility seriously.

“By virtue of his office, the parish priest is bound to ensure the catechetical formation of adults, young people and children. To this end, he is to avail himself of the help of clerics attached to the parish, as well as of members of institutes of consecrated life and of societies of apostolic life, being mindful of the character of each institute; and the assistance of lay members of Christ’s faithful, especially catechists. All of these, unless they are lawfully impeded, are not to refuse to give their labours willingly. The parish priest is also to promote and to foster the role of parents in the family catechesis mentioned in can. 774 §2” (Can. 776). I hereby appeal to you, Rev. Parish Priests, to pay special attention to the Sunday Catechism for children which should begin on **02 June 2024** in all the parishes of our Diocese. Please catechize the Catholic parents on the importance of Catechism and their obligation to impart the same to their children.

3. A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

As part of the Year of Prayer 2024, a full day of prayer for priests of Udupi Diocese has been organized on **Wednesday, 12 June 2024** at

Anugraha Pastoral Centre, Kakkunje. The registration will be at 09.30 am and the day of prayer will begin with a spiritual talk at 10.00 am and will conclude at 04.00 pm. Most Rev. Francis Serrao, Bishop of Shimoga, has kindly consented to be the animator for the day of prayer. I request all diocesan and religious priests to participate in this day of prayer without fail.

4. LAITY SUNDAY

The CCBI Commission for the Laity has appealed to celebrate **Sunday, 30 June 2024**, as the Laity Sunday. St Thomas More is the Patron of the laity, whose liturgical memory is celebrated on 22 June. Let us affirm the role and mission of the laity in our local church and also encourage them to be active participants in the Church and society, and pray for their welfare. I request all parish priests to meaningfully celebrate the Laity Sunday with the Laity Commission.

5. BULL OF INDICATION FOR JUBILEE 2025 AND DECREE ON INDULGENCES

Pope Francis officially declared 2025 a Year of Jubilee with the papal bull, titled *Spes Non Confudit* meaning “Hope does not disappoint” (Rom 5:5). The bull for the indication of a jubilee, especially in the case of an extraordinary Holy Year, aside from indicating its time, with the opening and closing dates and the main ways in which it will be implemented, constitutes the fundamental document for recognizing the spirit in which it is announced, and the intentions and the outcomes hoped for by the Pontiff, who invokes it for the Church.

“Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, following an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years,” says Pope Francis in his papal bull. “My thoughts turn to all those ‘pilgrims of hope’ who will travel to Rome to experience the Holy Year and to all those others who, though unable to visit the city of the Apostles, Peter and Paul, will celebrate it in their local Churches.”

The theme of the jubilee is “pilgrims of hope” as the pope is calling on all Catholics to renew in the hope of Christ, using St Paul the Apostle as a guide for this special year. “Everyone knows what it is to hope,” says Pope Francis. “In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic, and cynical about the future, as if nothing could bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God’s word helps us find reasons for that hope. Taking it as our guide, let us return to the message that the Apostle Paul wished to communicate to the Christians of Rome,” continued the pope. ”During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God’s love addressed to all!” says Pope Francis. “And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!”

The Year of Jubilee follows the Year of Prayer in 2024. The Jubilee Year will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of St Peter’s Basilica on Christmas Eve 2024. Pope Francis also decreed that on Sunday, Dec. 29, in every cathedral and co-cathedral, diocesan bishops are to celebrate Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year. The Jubilee will officially come to an end with the closing of the Holy Door in St. Peter’s Basilica on Jan. 6, 2026, the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

The Holy See also issued a decree on 13 May 2024 outlining ways that Catholics can obtain a plenary indulgence during the 2025 Jubilee Year. The decree by Cardinal Angelo De Donatis, the new head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, provides Catholics with the opportunity to gain

indulgences by making pilgrimages, prayerful visits to specific churches, or by practicing works of mercy during the holy year.

The Jubilee 2025 Committee with Vicar General as the Convener will study this bull of indiction and the decree, chalk out a befitting plan for the Diocese for the celebration of the Jubilee 2025, and will also organize appropriate information sessions for the parish priests and participatory structures at the diocesan level.

6. THE PROFESSION OF FAITH DURING EUCHARIST

The recitation of the Profession of Faith during Sundays and Solemnities follows the formulation provided by the two Councils, Nicaea (325 AD) and Constantinople (381 AD). This Creed is commonly referred to as the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed or the Nicene Creed. “The purpose of the Creed is that the whole gathered people may respond to the word of God proclaimed in the reading taken from Sacred Scripture and explained in the Homily” (cf. *GIRM* 67). The Creed is sung or recited by the Priest together with the people (cf. *GIRM* 68). “At the words *et incarnátus est*, etc. (and by the Holy Spirit...and became man) all make a profound bow; but on the Solemnities of the Annunciation and the Nativity of the Lord, all genuflect” (*GIRM* 137). The Creed is the story of salvation given in brief, and as we recite or sing it, we join together in thanking and praising God for His great plan of salvation for us.

The present revised Roman Missal provides the option to use either the Apostles’ Creed or the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed during the Eucharist on Sundays and Solemnities. The Missal indicates that, “Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known

as the Apostles' Creed, may be used" (*OM* 19). However, the normal routine is to use the Nicene Creed most of the year and the Apostles' Creed during Lent and Easter. This is because the Apostles' Creed is more associated with baptism. During Lent and Easter, the catechumens prepare for baptism, and many will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. The Nicene Creed is more associated with the Eucharist and the Ecclesial Assemblies (Synods and Councils) as it summarizes the deeper reflection of the early Church. As the Roman Missal favours the use of the Nicene Creed throughout the year, other than Lent and Easter season, we should recite the Nicene Creed lest we forget the deeper, more precise, and profound expressions of faith contained in it. Therefore, I request the Parish Priests to prefer the use of the **Nicene Creed** during the Liturgy on Sundays and Solemnities, except for Lent and Easter. With the availability of digital appliances, it is easy to project it until faithful memorise it. Top of Form

7. USE OF THE CREDENCE TABLE IN THE EUCHARIST

At present, there is some confusion regarding the use of the credence table in the Eucharistic celebration in our churches. Hence, as a clarification, the credence table is where "the chalice, a corporal, a purificator, and, if appropriate, the pall; the paten and, if needed, ciboria; bread for the Communion of the priest who presides, the deacon, the ministers, and the people; cruets containing the wine and the water, unless all of these are presented by the faithful in procession at the Offertory; the vessel of water to be blessed, if the *asperges* occurs; the Communion-plate for the Communion of the faithful; and whatever is needed for the washing of hands" are placed (*GIRM* 118, c). In most Churches, it is positioned adjacent to the main altar (in some Churches two such tables...), seeming to be part of it, and often receives incensation along with the altar.

According to the *GIRM*, the priest incenses only the altar (*GIRM* 276-277) and not the credence table. The rationale behind this is that “The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist” (*GIRM* 296). Hence, to avoid confusion and adhere faithfully to liturgical norms, it is better to position the credence table away from the altar, at the side of the altar servers’ seats.

8. POSTURE OF HANDS DURING THE LORD’S PRAYER

Recently, many of Christ’s faithful have been discussing the circulated information concerning the posture of the hands during the Our Father (Lord’s Prayer) in the Eucharist. Some liturgists believe that all Christ’s faithful can assume the *Orans* (praying) position during the Our Father in the Eucharist, while others believe it is meant only for the priest and not for the lay faithful. The rationale and correct understanding are as follows:

The *Orans* position has a rich tradition in Jewish and ancient Christian prayer life. However, in the West, Catholic laity did not assume the *Orans* position for at least a millennium and a half. Therefore, some liturgists caution against its introduction without careful thought. They fear that the use of the *Orans* gesture by lay faithful in Mass today could introduce gestural disunity in the liturgy. Furthermore, it could blur the distinctions between lay liturgical roles and those of priests, which are based on the differences between the baptismal priesthood and the ordained priesthood.

However, we need to consider that according to the present Missal, “the Priest is not praying the Our Father for the people; rather, today the Priest and people pray the Our Father together in the Mass.” The Missal instructs the Priest to extend his hands and to say the prayer

together with the congregation (cf. *GIRM* 153). The only posture specified for the lay faithful at the Lord's Prayer is standing. Everyone in the community is required to say or sing the Lord's Prayer. But the directive to extend hands while praying is given only to the Priest, who leads the community in prayer, acting in the place of Christ as the shepherd of the flock.

Hence, to maintain unity and spiritual decorum, lay faithful need to be sensitized in this regard by all parish priests, in order to build a unified faithful community in Christ our Lord. The priests should not encourage the lay faithful to assume a posture at mass that is not prescribed in the rubrics, including the *Orans* posture, holding hands and extending hands in blessing. Hereafter, let the deacons and the lay faithful say or sing the Lord's Prayer with joined/folded hands during the Holy Eucharist.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE MASS

Regarding the various general announcements to be made to the Christ's faithful during the Eucharist, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (*GIRM*) states: "When the Prayer after Communion is concluded, brief announcements should be made to the people, if there are any" (no. 166). If a Deacon assists at Mass, "once the Prayer after Communion has been said, the Deacon makes brief announcements to the people, if indeed any need to be made, unless the Priest prefers to do this himself" (no. 184). They should neither occur before the post-Communion prayer nor after the Concluding Rites, as is sometimes done. This latter practice also seems legitimate and pastorally adequate. **Liturgically**, however, if it is done without knowing what the Priest has just said in the Concluding Rites before making the general announcements, it creates confusion in the minds of the faithful. Let me explain. The Priest says at the Concluding Rites: "**Go** forth, the Mass is ended". This means that all the ministers and all the faithful are to depart

in peace. However, the act of the Priest giving another contradictory command to “please sit” for the announcements after having dismissed the assembly with the command to “go” presents a perplexing contradiction. It doesn’t seem right to hold people hostage after the final blessing and the liturgical dismissal and telling them to stay back when the Priest has actually asked them to go or leave! Such discord between words and actions disrupts the coherence expected in liturgical practice, highlighting the importance of alignment between intention and expression. What we say and what we mean or do in the liturgy should be aligned.

10. NEW DEANS

Rev. Fr Paul Rego, Parish Priest, Holy Rosary Parish, Kundapur and Rev. Fr Alban D’Souza, Parish Priest, St Lawrence Parish, Attur, Karkala have been appointed as the new deans of Kundapur and Karkala Deanery respectively. We implore God’s choicest blessing on both of them in carrying out this important responsibility in the deanery. We also request all priests in these deaneries to extend their full cooperation in carrying out the pastoral mission in their deaneries.

11. SSLC AND PUC RESULTS

The results of SSLC and PUC of schools were announced in May 2024. We have every reason to rejoice over the results from all our High Schools and PU Colleges which are very good, thanks to the hard work put in by the respective Managements, HMs, Principals, Staff and students. I offer my hearty congratulations to the Correspondents, Heads of the High Schools and PU Colleges, Staff and, in a special manner, all the students who have secured excellent results and brought laurels to their institution.

12. TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS (See pages 15-16)

13. THANKS AND WELCOME

During these months, many Religious, Priests and Sisters, working in our Diocese move out on transfers. They have worked in our parishes, taught in our schools, served in hospitals and health care centres caring for the sick, and advocated for the poor; bringing the Gospel message of hope to them. We are happy to know that all of them have rendered their dedicated and valuable services to us in the Diocese. Hence, on behalf of all of you, I wish to express my sincere thanks to them for their charity and faith, the contribution of their holiness and their service in the local Church. May God sustain them in His peace and give them strength to continue His mission in their new locations. It is also with great joy, that I accord a very warm welcome to the religious priests and sisters who have been assigned to work in our Diocese. We wish them a comfortable stay and fruitful ministry in our Diocese.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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+ **Gerald Isaac Lobo**

DIOCESE Of UDUPI

Lenten Campaign – 2024 Results

Draw of Lenten Campaign 2024 in aid of ‘**Medical Fund**’ was held at my office on 25 May 2024. The results are as follows:

I Prize: **131558** (Moodubelle); II Prize: **66262** (Kanajar); III Prize: **92979** (Kelmbet);

Consolation Prizes: 1. **158769** (Yermal); 2. **45731** (Mount Rosary); 3. **82883** (Nakre); 4. **159532** (Udupi); 5. **34909** (Brahmavara).

Results will also be published in ‘*Uzwaad*,’ diocesan fortnightly. Prizes can be claimed from **Procurator’s Office, Bishop’s House, Udupi** by **30 June 2024**. Please note that, this year there will not be any individual communication to the parishes regarding results.

I thank the parish priests, all priests, and superiors of religious houses for your whole hearted cooperation.

V. Rev. Msgr. Ferdinand Gonsalves

Vicar General

DIAMOND BIRTHDAY

V. Rev. Fr Paul Rego, Parish Priest
Holy Rosary Church, Kundapur

06 June 2024

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES
TO YOU DEAR FATHER**

COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

1. COMMISSION FOR CATECHETICS (DIVYA JYOTHI)

08/06/2024 - School Catechism & Value Education Coordinators' Meeting

Rev. Fr Cyril Lobo
Director

2. COMMISSION FOR LITURGY (DIVYA JYOTHI)

16/06/2024 - Diocesan Level Training for Liturgy Coordinators and Choir Members

23/06/2024 - Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of Kallianpur Deanery

30/06/2024 - Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of Udupi Deanery

Rev. Fr Wilson D'Souza
Director

3. COMMISSION FOR BECS

09.06.2024 - Programme at Brahmavar Parish - 3.00 - 5.30 pm

Rev. Fr Harold Pereira
Director

4. FAMILY COMMISSION

08, 09 June Marriage Preparation Course

10 June Pastoral Commission Directors' meet

14 June Deanery Heads and Family Commission Deanery Directors' meet

16 June Fathers' Day Tallur Parish

16 June Family Commission Resource Team members' meet - 3.00 pm

23 June BELOVED 2024 – MFC Program Udupi & Kallianpur Deanery - Anugraha

23 June Senior Citizens' Club Inauguration - Pamboor parish

Mr Leslie Arouza
Director

**SSLC AND PUC RESULTS OF EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE
CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY OF UDUPI
DIOCESE (CESU), UDUPI
Academic Year 2023-24**

Sl. No.	Name of the Institution	Total Percentage
State Board Kannada Medium - Aided Schools		
1	St Lawrence PU College (High School Sec), Moodubelle	100%
2	St Joseph High School, Belman	100%
3	St Mary's High School, Kundapura	100%
4	St John's High School, Shankerpura	100%
5	St Mary's PU College (High School Sec), Shirva	96.07%
6	St Lawrence High School, Karkala-Attur	91.67%
7	St Francis Xavier High School, Udyavara	90%
8	St Mary's High School, Udupi	89.18%
9	Milagres High School, Kallianpura	81.81%
State Board English Medium - Unaided Schools		
10	Milagres Eng Med School, Kallianpura	100%
11	Nirmala Eng Med School, Brahmavara	100%
12	Mount Rosary Eng Med School, Santhekatte	100%
13	St Maria Goretti Eng Med School, Hirgan	100%
14	Holy Rosary Eng Med School, Kundapura	100%
15	St Francis Xavier Eng Med School, Udyavara	100%
16	St Antony Eng Med School, Sastan	100%
17	St John's Academy High School, Shankerpura	100%
18	St Lawrence Eng Med School, Moodubelle	98%

19	St Joseph Eng Med School, Belman	97.43%
20	St Francis Eng Med School, Mudarangadi	96.61%
21	Church Eng Med School, Ajekar	96%
ICSE School		
22	Lourdes Eng Med School, Kanajar	100%
CBSE Schools		
23	Don Bosco Eng Med School, Shirva	100%
24	Christ School, Manipal	100%
25	St Mary's Eng Med School, Kannarpady, Udupi	97%
State Board PUC		
26	St John's Composite PU College, Shankerpura	98.72%
27	Milagres PU College, Kallianpura	97.14%
28	St Mary's Composite PU College, Kundapura	96.61%
29	St Mary's PU College, Shirva	96.29%
30	St Lawrence PU College, Moodubelle	92.30%
CBSE Board PUC		
31	St Mary's Senior Secondary School, Kannarpady, Udupi	100%
32	Don Bosco Senior Secondary School, Shirva	93.93%

Warmest congratulations to all the Students, Parents, Joint Secretaries, Heads of Institutions, Teaching and non-teaching staff and the school management committee for your unwavering commitment and dedication, which have resulted in outstanding results for the academic year 2023-2024

Best Wishes

Rev. Fr Vincent Robert Crasta

Secretary

Catholic Educational Society of Udupi Diocese [CESU]

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Udupi

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS - 2024

Sl. No	Name	From	To	w.e.f.
1.	Rev. Fr Vishal Lobo	Studies, Pune	Parish Priest, Perampally	21.05.2024
2.	Rev. Fr Anil D'Souza	Parish Priest, Perampally	Parish Priest, Udyavar	22.05.2024
3.	Rev. Fr Stany B. Lobo	Parish Priest, Udyavar	Parish Priest, Kuntalnagar	23.05.2024
4.	Rev. Fr Wilson D'Souza	Parish Priest, Kuntalnagar	Director of Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Anugraha Pastoral Institute, Kakkunje	24.05.2024
5.	Rev. Fr Roy Lobo	Assistant Priest, Udupi	Parish Priest, Basrur	27.05.2024
6.	Rev. Fr Charles Noronha	Parish Priest, Basrur	Parochial Administrator, Kandlur	28.05.2024
7.	Rev. Fr Canute Barboza	Parish Priest, Kandlur	Parish Priest, Miyar	29.05.2024
8.	Rev. Fr Paul Rego	Parish Priest, Miyar	Parish Priest, Kundapur Vicar Forane, Kundapur Deanery	30.05.2024 01.06.2024
9.	Rev. Fr Stany Tauro	Parish Priest, Kundapur	Parish Priest, Kota	31.05.2024
10.	Rev. Fr Alphonsus D'Lima	Parish Priest, Kota	Retires, Milagres Home, Kallianpur	01.06.2024
11.	Rev. Fr Jaison Lobo, SJ	Asst. Priest, Shirva	Returns to the Province	31.03.2024
12.	Rev. Fr Ashwin D'Silva, SJ	Asst. Priest, Basrur	Returns to the Province	31.03.2024
13.	Rev. Fr Joy Jolson Andrade	Asst. Priest, Milagres-Kallianpur	Returns to Shimoga Diocese	15.04.2024
14.	Rev. Fr Henry D'Souza, SFX	Asst. Priest, Pangala	Returns to the Province	06.05.2024
15.	Rev. Fr Rikson Monteiro	New Priest	Asst. Priest, Moodubelle	16.05.2024

16.	Rev. Fr Pradeep Cardoza	Asst. Priest, Moodubelle	Asst. Priest, Milagres Cathedral, Kallianpur	17.05.2024
17.	Rev. Fr Vijay D'Souza	Asst. Priest and Lecturer, Pangala	Asst. Priest Udupi and Principal, St Mary's School, Udupi	18.05.2024
18.	Rev. Fr Johnson Sequeira	Principal, St Mary's School, Udupi	Returns to Mangalore Diocese	18.05.2024
19.	Rev. Fr Stephen Rodrigues	New Priest	Asst. Priest, Udyavar	24.05.2024
20.	Rev. Fr Jithesh D'Souza, SAC	Asst. Priest, Karkal Town	Returns to the Province	26.05.2024
21.	Rev. Fr Leo Praveen D'Souza	Asst. Priest, Udyavar	Asst. Priest, Udupi Diocesan Director of Commission for Ecumenism	28.05.2024 31.05.2024
22.	Msr. Ferdinand Gonsalves	Vicar General (Continues)	Diocesan Coordinator of Pastoral Commissions	31.05.2024
23.	Rev. Fr Alban D'Souza	Parish Priest, Attur (Continues)	Vicar Forane, Karkala Deanery	01.06.2024
24.	Rev. Fr Ashwin Aranha	Asst. Priest, Kundapur	Diocesan Vocation Promoter and Director- PMS, Anugraha Pastoral Institute, Kakkunje.	03.06.2024

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