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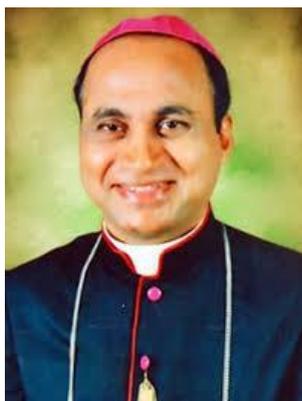
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/11/2018

Dear Bishop,

Happy Birthday to you! We rejoice on this special day of your life. May this day be a celebration of your life in Christ and faithful service to God. May God continue to shower you with good health and all the blessings you truly deserve!



**The Clergy, Religious & Laity Diocese
of Udupi**

Dear Rev. Fathers, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters,

1. SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

We begin the month of November with the celebration of the solemnity of all Saints with the day dedicated to all those who have attained heaven. The day reminds us all to look forward, with hope, to the beatific vision of God enjoyed by those already in heaven. As Pope Francis says: “We can enter heaven, thanks to the blood of the Lamb, thanks to the blood of Christ. Christ’s own blood has justified us, which

has opened for us the gates of heaven. And if, today, we remember our brothers and sisters who have gone before us in life and are in heaven, it is because they have been washed in the blood of Christ. This is our hope: the hope of Christ's blood! It is a hope that does not disappoint. If we walk with the Lord in life, he will never disappoint us!"

I exhort all of you, dear Fathers, to celebrate this solemnity meaningfully, catechizing the faithful on the importance of this solemnity and also announce to the faithful about the requirements to obtain either plenary or partial indulgence, the details of which are found on page 168 of *ORDO*. Wherever there is a custom of having evening mass and commemoration of all souls, **I urge you to educate the faithful in this regard and discontinue it as it goes against the liturgical norms.**

2. KARNATAKA RAJYOTSAVA

We celebrate Karnataka Rajyotsava on 1 November. This was the day in 1956 when all the Kannada-speaking regions of South India were merged to form the state of Karnataka. As we all belong to the state of Karnataka, let us be proud of the rich heritage and traditions of our state and join with others to celebrate the day meaningfully. Let us remember to pray for all leaders of our state so that they always strive for peace and harmony among all religions and may always work for the all-round development of the State.

3. ALL SOULS' DAY

The Church remembers and prays for all the faithful departed on 2nd November. Our faith teaches us that the Church exists in three states- the triumphant, the pilgrim and the suffering. The Triumphant Church refers to the Church in heaven- the realm in which the holy Trinity, the angels and saints, and the abode of all who have reached the fullness of salvation in Christ - and we remember them on November 1 every year. The Church Suffering refers to the Church in purgatory, the threshold, the antechamber, of heaven. In purgatory, all those who have reached the gates of death without reaching the full perfection of life

represented in Christ are purified by the enlightening fire of the Holy Spirit. The suffering of purgatory is not one of destruction, but the suffering that comes from leaving the old self behind and taking on the new. As members of the Pilgrim Church, we can help the Suffering Church to attain heaven by our prayers and offering the sacrifice of the Mass. The Church reminds us of the continued and close relationship between the three states of the Church and invites us, all, to offer prayers and Mass for the suffering Church on 2 November every year.

I exhort you, dear Fathers, to follow the instructions given in *ORDO* for the celebration of Mass on this day. **Do not arrange any mass for the dead in the church or cemetery on the previous day.** Let us also encourage our faithful to pray for their dear departed so that those who have gone before them may obtain the remission of sins and be admitted to the triumphant Church.

4. FINALE OF JERICHO CROSS PRAYER

The finale of Jericho Cross Prayer will be held at the Milagres Cathedral, Kallianpur, on **Tuesday, 13 November 2018**, starting with Rosary at 9.00 am followed by praise and worship, adoration and concelebrated Holy Eucharist at 12.00 noon. Since it is a diocesan event, I request all priests to encourage the faithful to participate in this programme and also to join and concelebrate at the Holy Eucharist.

5. WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

We shall celebrate the second World Day of the Poor on **Sunday, 18 November 2018**. This day was launched by Pope Francis at the end of the Jubilee year of Mercy who invited Christians around the world to serve the poor with concrete actions that address their daily needs.

In his message for the II World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis says that we live in a world “which praises, follows and imitates those who have power and riches, while at the same time marginalizing the poor and considering them an object of shame.” Pointing out that the World Day of the Poor “wishes to be a small answer which the whole Church,

spread throughout the world, gives to the poor of every type and in every land”, the Pope pointed out that “often it is the case that cooperation with other enterprises, moved not by faith but by human solidarity, enable us to give assistance which by ourselves would have been impossible.” Please find the entire message as Annexure 2 on page 12.

6. SEMINAR FOR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

A seminar for priests, both diocesan and Religious, and for heads of communities of women religious on Current Issues has been organized on **Friday, 23 November 2018** at Bishop’s House, Udipi. The registration will start at 9.30 am and the programme will begin at 10.00 am. I urge all priests and the Superiors of Convents to be present for this programme.

7. DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

The Diocesan Eucharistic Procession this year will take place on **Sunday, November 25** on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. There will be **Eucharistic celebration at 3.30 p.m. in Mount Rosary Church** followed by a short Adoration with a solemn Eucharistic Procession to Milagres Cathedral and Benediction. The Eucharistic celebration will be preceded by Divine Mercy Rosary at 3.00 p.m. I request you, dear Rev. Fathers, to announce to your parishioners the significance of this annual Diocesan Eucharistic Procession and encourage them to participate in large numbers. I appeal to all priests, both diocesan and religious, to concelebrate with me and also join the procession, without fail.

The members of the official bodies and associations/organizations like the Altar Servers, Legion of Mary, SVP, SFO, etc. are requested to wear their insignia during the procession.

Since this is a Diocesan event, the expenditure should be borne by all parishes and hence, as decided in the meeting of the Council of Priests on 24 October 2018, every parish should contribute Rs 5000 towards the expenses of Eucharistic Procession. Please send this amount

by the end of this month to the Procurator issuing cheque in the name of **Diocese of Udupi.**

8. CONSTRUCTION OF PASTORAL CENTRE

We are happy to inform you that, having obtained the necessary permissions from civil authorities, we have initiated the clearing of ground and construction of the Pastoral Centre at Ambagilu, Udupi. We shall keep you informed of the progress of the work.

9. ANNUAL PARISH FEASTS

Annual Parish Feasts are around the corner in good many parishes of our Diocese. Parish feasts are occasions for families and relatives to meet and greet each other, come together and share a fellowship meal. It is also an occasion to promote parish unity and family spirit and grow more in spiritual strength and grace. I appreciate the good will of *Pirjents* and generous donors in parishes for their contribution to make these parish feasts devotional, joyous and attractive. As the custom in our diocese, I request the parish priests to set aside the offertory collection made during the annual parish festal mass for the PWS and send the same to the Secretary Cum Treasurer of Priests' Welfare Scheme.

10. FAITH FORMATION CAMPS- THANKS

Every deanery enthusiastically conducted the Faith Formation Camps, *Jeevan Amrith, Jeevan Disha and Jeevan Jyothi*, for the children of the 8th, 9th and 10th Standards. I am aware of the great effort put in by our Parish Priests to bring the children of their respective parishes together in these camps. The camps were made interesting, informative, faith-oriented and resourceful. I thank the Deans, Parish Priests, Asst Parish Priests, other priests, coordinators, animators and volunteers for organizing these camps in all the five deaneries of our Diocese. A word of thanks to the Directors of Divya Jyothi, Family and Youth Commissions and Supatha for supplying the themes and resource personnel for these camps.

11. DIACONAL MINISTRY

Our Deacons Jithesh Irol Castelino from Pangala and Stevan Fernandes from Pamboor have begun their Diaconal ministry at Basroor and Udyavar parish respectively. I wish them fruitful ministry as they prepare themselves to receive the sacred order of Priesthood.

Yours Sincerely in Christ

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+ Gerald I. Lobo

COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

1. DIVYAJYOTHI

08/11/2018 Bible Camp for Chidllren at Piusnagar
11/11/2018 Lectio Divina training at Padukone

Rev. Fr Stephen D'Souza
Director

2. COMMISSION FOR SCCS

01.11.2018 Parish Conveners' Meeting of Kallianpur deanery.
06.11.2018 SCC training for Women Religious at Udupi
08.11.2018 DAT Meeting
11.11.2018 SAMUDAI DIVAS- Belman Parish
SCC Training at Mudarangadi Parish
18.11.2018 SAMUDAI DIVAS - Pamboor & Pangla Parishes
26.11.2018 Parish Conveners, Deanery Lay Coordinators, Priest
Coordinators and DPC members meeting at
Udupi.

Rev. Fr Harold Pereira
Director

3. YOUTH COMMISSION

06-11-2018 YCS Zoom - Diocese Level Convention at Belman

Rev. Fr Edwin D'Souza
Director

JERICO CROSS PRAYER FINALE

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Rev. Fr Francis Cornelio
Director

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