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Dear Rev. Fathers, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters,

1. MONTH OF OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to our Lady of Rosary. Although a Marian prayer, we meditate on the 20 mysteries of our faith in the Rosary. It has been the source of unity and blessings for Catholic families down the centuries and also had a powerful role when there were difficult times in the life of the Church. Though it was held in great esteem in our Catholic families and was prayed together daily by the family members, in recent years we see it disappearing in many families due to various reasons and this has had negative repercussions in the prayer life of the families, especially the children who are losing the beautiful tradition of memorizing the prayers by reciting it with their family members. Pope Benedict XVI stated that the Rosary is “one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourishes for Jesus and his Mother.” Let us take the month of October as an occasion to remind and catechize our faithful about the importance of Rosary and encourage them to pray the Rosary daily in their families. The praying of the Rosary, gathering as a family in front of the Grotto at parish level or at ward levels, may also be organized so that we celebrate the month of Rosary meaningfully.

2. CHILDREN’S ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

As in the past years, this year too, the initiative ‘**One Million Children Praying the Rosary**’ on 18thOctober will be held where

children, whether in the schools, kindergartens, hospitals or children's homes, are encouraged and prepared to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, together with tens of thousands of others all around the world. St Padre said: "When a million children pray the Rosary, then the world will change." Let us instruct our children and parents about this initiative and ask them to pray for peace and unity within families, the nation and the whole world.

2. BIBLE SUNDAY 2018

The Bible Sunday 2018 will be celebrated in our Diocese on **7 October 2018**, as decided in the meeting of the Council of Priests which, in fact, accepted the recommendation by KRCBC to hold it every year on the first Sunday of October in Karnataka. *Divya Jyothi* has already sent you the liturgy for the day which also suggests a list of programs that could be organized to make the Bible Sunday more meaningful. As per the liturgical norms, though it is Bible Sunday, let us not carry the Bible during the entrance procession at Mass. Bible Sunday is an occasion for us to remind ourselves of our duty to read the Word of God daily as envisioned in Second Vatican Council: "All the clergy must hold fast to the Sacred Scriptures through diligent sacred reading and careful study, especially the priests of Christ and others, such as deacons and catechists who are legitimately active in the ministry of the word. This is to be done so that none of them will become an empty preacher of the word of God outwardly, who is not a listener to it inwardly." (DV 25). Let us also encourage the faithful to a prayerful reading of the Word of God (Lectio Divina).

3. FAITH-FORMATION CAMPS

It is customary in our Diocese to organize Faith-Formation Camps at Deanery levels during the October holidays. Our Catholic children need to be invited to participate in these Camps. A preparatory meeting of the priest-coordinators of these camps in the five deaneries was held

30 August 2018 at the Bishop's house where the details about the camps were discussed and were given the list of themes and resource persons. As a felt need of the hour, this year, two themes, namely, Vocations and Media will be dealt with in all three camps at every deanery. The themes by *Divya Jyothi*, *Family and Youth Commission*, and *Supatha* will be taken up by all the deaneries this year too. I hope the planning has been already started in every deanery towards organizing these camps: *Jeevan Amrith* (8th Std), *Jeevan Disha* (9th Std) and *Jeevan Jyothi* (10th Std). I request all Parish Priests to do everything within your capacity to make every child attend the camp without fail despite the shortage of holidays for the children this year.

4. MISSION SUNDAY 2018

The Mission Sunday will be celebrated on 21st October this year with the theme: **Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all.** In his message for Mission Sunday 2018, Holy Father Pope Francis echoes the synod of bishops, scheduled from October 3 to 28 in the Vatican, whose theme is: Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.

Besides the prayers and sacrifices, as every year, let us come forward to offer our financial assistance, meant exclusively for missionary activities. 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 70,18,768. While I thank you all 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. Please see Annexure 1 for Mission Sunday Message of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

5. BOOK OF BLESSINGS IN KANNADA

The regional Liturgical Commission has translated and published the Book of Blessings in Kannada and is now available for our use. The book is the first official translation approved by KRCBC and Rome, and it contains the rites of 40 blessings for various occasions. It is priced at Rs 750. Since the book is rather bulky and unwieldy to carry around, a smaller booklet containing the Order for the Annual Blessing of Families and the Rite of Communion to the Sick is printed and will be offered as a complimentary copy along with each copy of the Book of Blessings. I exhort all parish priests to purchase a copy of the Book of Blessings and keep it in the parish. Kindly place your orders at Divya Jyothi before **10 October 2018**.

6. SYNOD ON YOUTH

The 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will be held from 3 to 28 October on the theme of ‘**Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.**’ Pope Francis notes that “the theme, an expression of the pastoral care of the Church for the young, is consistent with the results of the recent Synod assemblies on the family and with the content of the post-Synodal apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. Its aim is to accompany the young on their existential journey to maturity so that, through a process of discernment, they discover their plan for life and realize it with joy, opening up to the encounter with God and with human beings, and actively participating in the edification of the Church and of society.” Let us pray that the Synod may result in abundant fruits in streamlining the Youth Ministry in the Church.

7. BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE IN KONKANI

The Biblical Commission in our Diocese has initiated the **Bible Correspondence Course in Konkani** to facilitate our faithful to study

the Bible from their homes. The brochure and enrollment forms can be collected from Divya Jyothi. I congratulate Divya Jyothi for this initiative and wish the Director and team all the best. I exhort all parish priests to encourage the parishioners to participate in this course where the faithful can study the Bible from their homes.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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+ **Gerald I. Lobo**
Bishop of Udupi

DIAMOND BIRTHDAY

Rev. Fr Pascal Menezes, Parish Priest, Kera

14-10-2018

Congratulations and Best Wishes

OBITUARY

Mrs Bridgit D’Lima (100 yrs), M/o Rev. Fr Alphonsus D’Lima, Parish Priest, Kota, passed away on 10 Septemeber 2018 and the funeral was held on 11 September 2018 at St Pius X Church, Piusnagar. May God grant her eternal rest.

COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

1. DIVYAJYOTHI

08/10/2018 Bible Sunday

14/10/2018 Liturgical Seminar at Manipal

14/10/2018 Deanery Level Bible Quiz at Shirva

15-18/10/2018 Faith Formation Camp Talks

28/10/2018 Liturgical Seminar at Trasi

Rev. Fr Stephen D'Souza

Director

2. FAMILY COMMISSION

01 – 04 Oct National Biennial Meeting of Diocesan Directors of Family Apostolate at Vailankani

7 Oct Remote Preparation for family life - YCS students Perampalli parish 9-12

7 Oct Bible Quiz – Thottam Parish 3 - 6

13, 14 Oct Marriage Preparation Course

14 Oct Fathers' Day Nakre Parish

15 Oct Remote Preparation for family life 8th Std. Kallianpur Deanery

15 Oct. Remote Preparation for family life 8th Std. Karkal Deanery

16 Oct Remote Preparation for family life 8th, 9th, 10th Std. Udupi Deanery

16 Oct Remote Preparation for family life 9th, 10th Std. Karkal Deanery

- 16 Oct Remote Preparation for family life 8th, 9th, 10th Std. Shirva Deanery
- 16 Oct Remote Preparation for family life 8th, 9th, 10th Std. Kundapur Deanery
- 17 Oct Remote Preparation for family life 9th, 10th Std. Kallianpur Deanery
- 20 Oct Remote Preparation for family life PUC Students – Permannur, Mangalore Diocese
- 21 Oct Marriage Enrichment Ajekar 9 – 12
- 21 Oct Marriage Enrichment Pamboor 3 – 5
- 24 Oct Follow up Training for ICDP students
- 28 Oct Marriage Enrichment 1-10 years Couples – Karkal Deanery at Christ King Karkal

Mr Leslie Arouza
Director

3. COMMISSION FOR SCCs

- 03.10.2018 Kundapur Deanery committee meeting
- 05.10.2018 DAT Meeting
- 09.10.2018 Kundapur Deanery Parish Ayog members Convention-2018
- 24.08.2018 Karkal Deanery PAT Convention-2018
- 28.10.2018 SCC Day Celebration at Kundapur Parish.
- 29.10.2018 DAT Training

Rev. Fr Harold Pereira
Director

UDUPI DIOCESE SERVANT LEADERS' RETREAT

Theme : "Be a shepherd" (Jn 10:11)

Venue : St Antony Church Hall,

Sastan Dates: 18-20 Oct 2018

Time : 09.00 am to 4.30 pm

Resource Persons:

1. Br Colin Calmiano, Internationally reputed preacher from Bengaluru
2. Simon Rodrigues, Ex-Chairman of BCCRS, Bengaluru

A wonderful opportunity for servant leaders of Udupi Diocese to come together and listen to the voice of the good shepherd, "My sheep hear my voice, I know them and they follow me" (Jn 10:27)

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