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Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

1. EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH

Pope Francis has declared October 2019 to be an Extraordinary Missionary Month to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the encyclical *Maximum Illud*, which called on Catholics to bring the Good News to all peoples (Missio Ad Gentes) and invited the Universal Church to renew her commitment to the cause of Mission. At the diocesan level, we had organized information sessions to the members of the Council of Priests, Diocesan Pastoral Council and the CRI. A few deaneries and parishes too organized this information session to their Pastoral Council members. We have also issued a detailed action plan as regards the celebration of this missionary month through our circular given in July-2019 issue of *Vox Nostra*. I request all parish priests to celebrate this month meaningfully in your parishes with the activities proposed in our circular. Let us pray the prayer given for this month during all masses and also ask the families to pray it daily during their family prayers. The daily reflections in Konkani by our own priests would be posted in the Divyavani Live Youtube Channel and in Divine Word

Channel at 8 a m. While I thank our priests and Rev. Fr Chetan Lobo, OFM Cap., Director of Social Communications for coordinating this endeavour, I request you to inform this to your parishioners. May the celebration of this extraordinary month re-ignite the spirit of mission within us and also among our faithful.

2. MONTH OF ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the prayer of the Rosary by the faithful. The Rosary is primarily a scriptural prayer, "a compendium of the entire Gospel," as stated by Pope Pius

XII. The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centered on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption. St John Paul II called the Rosary his favorite prayer. We meditate upon the mysteries with Mary which she, as a mother, pondered in her heart (Lk. 2:19). In this month of October, let us use this beautiful prayer in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary. Along with the celebrations of the Extraordinary Missionary month, let us take this month as an occasion to catechize our faithful on the importance of the Rosary in the families and also encourage them to pray the Rosary daily in their families. I strongly recommend organizing the praying of the Rosary, in front of the Grotto at the parish level, before masses in the Church or in the Wards.

3. BIBLE SUNDAY 2019

The Bible Sunday 2019 will be celebrated in our Diocese on 6 October 2019, as recommended by KRCBC to hold it every year on the first Sunday of October in Karnataka. Since the special liturgy for this Sunday along with the readings is given by Pope Francis as a part of the celebration of the Extraordinary Missionary Month, let us follow the proposed liturgy. The introduction for Mass and the prayers of the faithful incorporating the theme of this Sunday, has been given by Divya Jyothi and is found as annexure 2. The 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 organize appropriate activities to bring awareness among our faithful on the importance of the Word of God in Christian life.

4. CHILDREN’S ROSARY

As in the past years, this year too, the initiative, “One Million Children Praying the Rosary’ will be held on 18th October inviting children worldwide to pray the Rosary. This year’s theme is **mission**, as proposed by Pope Francis. For this reason, the children will be praying, in particular, for missionaries and new missionary

vocations. Through the webpage, <https://millionkidspraying.org/en/> a wide selection of material for the campaign is available as free downloads in many different languages. Background information too is made available. The material includes a poster and a four-page prayer leaflet with texts, meditations on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and instructions on how to pray the rosary. In addition, there are reports and photos from past campaigns as well as coloring pictures for children. Let us instruct our children and parents about this initiative and ask them to pray the Rosary on 18th October for this intention.

5. MISSION SUNDAY

The Mission Sunday will be celebrated on 20th October this year with the same theme for the Extraordinary Missionary Month: **Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World**. In his message, Pope Francis states: "The Church is on a mission in the world, faith in Jesus Christ enables us to see all things in their proper perspective, as we view the world with God's own eyes and heart. Hope opens us up to the eternal horizons of the divine life that we share. This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission... This life is bestowed on us in baptism, which grants us the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, the conqueror of sin and death... Our mission, then, is rooted in the fatherhood of God and the motherhood of the

Church."Read the full message from Pope Francis in annexure 1.

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 74,27,637. While I thank you 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.

6. FAITH FORMATION CAMPS

It is customary in our Diocese, to organize Faith Formation Camps at Deanery levels during the October holidays. A preparatory meeting of the priest-coordinators of these camps in five deaneries was held on 2 September 2019 at our house where elementary details about camps were discussed and the list of themes and the resource persons were supplied to the priest-coordinators. The themes by Divya Jyothi, Family and Youth Commission, and Supatha will be taken up by all deaneries this year too. I hope the planning has been already started in every deanery towards the efficient organizing of these camps: *JeevanAmrith* (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 children this year. I also recommend that the all parish

priests personally visit these camps, support and encourage the children in this faith-activity.

7. DIGITALIZATION OF PARISH RECORDS

In response to the unanimous support at the Pastoral Consultation 2019 and the approval at the meeting of Council of Priests held on 6 September 2019, I hereby request all parish priests to start the digitalization of parish records with the help of Fr Evan Gomes, SVD (Cell: 9482185327). While a few parishes have already begun this process, it is my earnest desire that the digitalization process should be completed by March 2020 so that from April 2020 this system shall be in operation in all parishes of our Diocese.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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+ Gerald Isaac Lobo
Bishop of Udupi.

COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

1. DIVYA JYOTHI

06/10/2019	Bible Sunday
7-10/10/2019	Faith Formation Camp Talks

- 09/10/2019 Liturgical Seminar at Mukka (Jeevan Jyothi Camp)
- 13/10/2019 Follow Up-Youcat Seminar at Kanajar
- 13/10/2019 Liturgical Seminar at Piusnagar
- 15-17/10/2019 National Catechetical Conference, Chennai
- 27/10/2019 Bible Study at Home - 3 at Udupi (9.30 am to 4 pm)

Rev. Fr Stephen D'Souza
Director

2. FAMILY COMMISSION

- 02 Oct Family Commission Directors' Regional Meeting
- 07 Oct Remote Prep. For Family Life 8, 9, 10 Std. - Karkal Deanery
- 07 Oct Remote Prep. For Family Life 8 Std. - Shirva Deanery
- 08 Oct Remote Prep. For Family Life 8, 9, 10 Std. - Udupi Deanery
- 08 Oct Remote Prep. For Family Life 8 Std. - Kallianpur Deanery
- 08 Oct Remote Prep. For Family Life 9 Std. - Shirva Deanery
- 09 Oct Remote Prep. For Family Life 8, 9, 10 Std. - Kundapur Deanery
- 09 Oct Remote Prep. For Family Life 9 Std. - Kallianpur Deanery
- 10 Oct Remote Prep. For Family Life 10 Std. - Shirva & Kallianpur Deanery
- 11 Oct Talk for PU Students at Permannur – Mangalore Diocese, 9 am - 4 pm
- 12-13 Oct Marriage Preparation Course

20 Oct Marriage Enrichment, Gangolli
27 Oct Fathers' Day, Byndoor

Mr Leslie Arouza
Director

3. COMMISSION FOR YOUTH

06/10/19 YULIMPICS for ICYM at Milagres
Cathedral Ground
6-9/10/19 Life Skills for YCS at Belman
9-12/10/19 Life Skills for YSM at Belman

Rev. Fr Edwyn D'Souza
Director

4. COMMISSION FOR SCCs

02.10.2019 Shirva Deanery SCC Convention Phase II at
Pamboor
06.10.2019 SCC Convention of Chitradurga Deanery of
Shimoga Diocese
07.10.2019 SCC Convention of Shimoga Deanery of
Shimoga Diocese
08.10.2019 SCC Convention of Sagar Deanery of
Shimoga Diocese
09.10.2019 Session at Jeevan Amrith Camp
11.10.2019 Session at Jevan Jyothi Camp
13.10.2019 SCC Convention of Harihar Deanery of
Shimoga Diocese
27.10.2019 SCC Convention of Kundapur Deanery
28.10.2019 Karkal Deanery SCC Conveners' family visit

Rev. Fr Harold Pereira
Director

5. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSION FOR EDUCATION AND CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY OF UDUPI DIOCESE

1. 18-10-2019 to 19-10-2019 - Workshop on 2nd level – Psychological First Aid for Kannada Medium Primary and High School teachers at Bishop’s House Conference Hall, Udupi – 9.30 am to 4 pm.
2. 25-10-2019 to 26-10-2019 - Workshop on 2nd level – Psychological First Aid for English Medium Primary and High School teachers at Bishop’s House Conference Hall, Udupi – 9.30 am to 4 pm.

Rev. Fr Vincent Crasta
Director

6. COMMUNICATION FROM COMMISSION FOR PROCLAMATION AND EVANGELIZATION

- 14-10-2019 – Training to Lay Evangelizers and Intercessory group members of Kundapur deanery at St Antony Church Padukone - 9.30 am to 4 pm
- 21-10-2019 – Training to Lay Evangelizers and Intercessory group members of Kalianpur, Udupi, Shirva and Karkal deaneries at St Vincent De Paul Church, Katpadi - 9.30 am to 4 pm.

Rev. Fr Vincent Crasta
Director

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