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Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

1. MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October 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. Praying the Rosary is a way to grow in our faith and protect ourselves in the secular world. The Mysteries offer a focal point for our reflection; they centre on the key moments in the life of Christ as well as Mother Mary. Each of the Mysteries comes with a specific spiritual ‘goal’ for us to contemplate it as we pray. During this month, let us use this beautiful prayer in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary. Let us take this month as an occasion to catechize our faithful on the importance of the Rosary and also encourage them to pray the Rosary daily in their families.

2. PASTORAL CONSULTATION 2022

The Pastoral Consultation 2022 will be held for half-a-day on **Thursday, 06 October 2022**, at ‘Anugraha’, Diocesan Pastoral Centre. The registration will begin at 09.00 am and the program will start at 09.30 am. I request all priests to be present in time and participate actively in the Consultation. The annual General Body meeting of PWS also will be held on that day.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIOCESE

On 15 October 2022, the Diocese completes ten years since its establishment. During this decade, the Diocese has grown pastorally in

an organized way with the implementation of the Pastoral Plan- **Mission 2025**. Through the powerful intercession of our Lady of Miracles, the Patroness of the Diocese, we have received numerous blessings from God during these years. All priests, religious and lay faithful have involved themselves generously in the all-round development of the diocese through their ministry at parish and diocesan level. I remain grateful to all of you, dear Fathers and Sisters, for your generosity, hard work and dedicated service. Let us continue to serve the people of God with ever greater compassion, zeal and charity. On this special occasion, we won't be having any public celebrations. I hereby request all the Parish Priests to conduct special adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, 16 October 2022, in order to thank the Lord for the gift of the Diocese and all His blessings, and pray for the intentions of the Diocese.

4. FAITH FORMATION CAMPS

I had requested you to make appropriate preparations for the effective organization of the faith-formation camps, namely, Jeevan Amrith, Jeevan Disha and Jeevan Jyothi for the children of Standards 8th, 9th and 10th respectively at the deanery level during the Dasara holidays in the month of October 2022. I hope the Organizing Committees have been formed for the purpose, and the resource-persons chosen in all the five deaneries. I request all parish priests to take this faith-event as utmost priority and see that all children from the parishes take part in these faith-formation camps. Do inform the children and also their parents about the importance of these camps which focus on topics relevant to the children in their high-school.

5. MISSION SUNDAY 2022

The Mission Sunday will be celebrated this year on 23 October 2022. The theme the Holy Father has chosen this year is: “**You shall be my witnesses**” (Acts 1:8). In his message for the World Mission

Sunday 2022, Pope Francis reflects on three foundations of “the life and mission of every disciple”. The first, he says, is “the call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ,” calling it the “heart of Jesus’ teaching to the disciples.” Christ was the first to be sent to proclaim, as the Father’s missionary and as His “faithful witness”. “To the ends of the earth” is the second foundation of the Christian mission. He says that the early disciples gradually expanded the scope of their mission, and lived an image of the Church “going forth”, guided by divine Providence, not the desire to proselytize. The third foundation of mission is: “You will receive power from the Holy Spirit”. The Pope says that the Spirit broke the bonds of the Apostles’ fear in the first days after Jesus’ death and resurrection. The Spirit prompted St Peter to give his missionary address to people in Jerusalem, as recounted in the Acts of the Apostles, kicking off an “an era in which the disciples of Jesus evangelized the world.”

This year’s Mission Sunday is very special because of various jubilees: we celebrate the Quadricentennial (400th anniversary) of the foundation of the Dicastery for the Evangelization; the Bicentenary of the founding of the Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of the Faith (POPF); and the Centenary of the “Pontifical” designation of three of the four Pontifical Mission Societies (The Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of the Faith, The Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood & The Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle). This is also the year that the Church beatified the beloved foundress, Blessed Pauline Marie Jaricot in Lyon, France this past May 22nd. These milestones are great incentives for all of us to continue with renewed zeal and commitment in missionary animation and financial support.

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 72,09,184. 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. NEW PPC AND PFC IN PARISHES

The term of the present Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Councils ends on 31 December 2022. I hereby request all Parish Priests to initiate the process to form the new Councils in the beginning of October 2022. After the formation of the Councils, kindly get them approved by the Bishop before 31 December 2022 so that the new PPC and PFC in the parishes shall start functioning from 01 January 2023.

Kindly note the following amendments in the Constitution regarding the **election of Ward Representatives** in the parishes:

1. No. 2.4.4.1- page 11 of the Constitution (2019)

The number of resident Catholic families is raised from 30 to 40. If there are 40 or less resident Catholic families in a ward, **ONE** representative is to be elected.

2. No. 2.4.4.2 - page 11 of the Constitution (2019)

If there are 41 and more resident Catholic families in the ward, **TWO** representatives are to be elected.

The other norms regarding election remain unchanged. The Constitution of Pastoral Councils with the amendments, approved by the Council of Priests, will be made available shortly.

7. PRIESTLY ORDINATION - BEST WISHES

Dn. Ashwin Rebello, SJ serving at Karkal - Attur and Dn. George Pinto, SJ serving in Shirva parish will be ordained to priesthood on **Saturday, 08 October 2022** at Fatima Retreat House, Jeppu,

Mangalore. We extend our best wishes to both the deacons and pray God's choicest blessings on them.

8. CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS/TRANSFERS

Fr. Patrick Fernandes as Chaplain, Ozanam Home w.e.f. 15.09.2022.

Fr Roy Lobo- Asst. Kalmady as Asst. Udupi w.e.f. 23.09.2022.

Rev. Dr Roshan D'Souza- Higher Studies, Rome as Chancellor of the Diocese w.e.f. 01.10.2022.

Yours sincerely in Christ

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+Gerald I. Lobo

GOLDEN BIRTHDAY

Rev. Fr Romeo Lewis,

Parish Priest, Christ Church, Manipal

11-10-1972

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES DEAR FATHER

OBITUARY

Rev Fr Donatus Martis (83 Yrs), Diocese of Varanasi, Br/o Rev. Fr Lawrence Martis, Milagres Home, passed away on 21.09.2022 at Varanasi and the funeral was held on 23.09.2022. May God grant him eternal rest. We offer our heartfelt condolences to Fr Lawrence Martis.

COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

1. FAMILY COMMISSION

- 02 Oct Proximate Preparation for Family Life - Perampalli parish youth
- 03 06 Oct CCBI Family Commission National Biennial Meeting at Jalandhar
- 15, 16 Oct Marriage Preparation Course
- 23 Oct Remote Preparation for Family Life - YCS members – Kundapur Deanery
- 23 Oct MFC Couples Introduction Seminar – Kallianpur and Udupi Deanery
- 24 Oct Remote Preparation for Family Life - 8 & 9 Std - Karkal Deanery
- 25 Oct Remote Preparation for Family Life - YCS members – Shirva Deanery
- 26 Oct Remote Preparation for Family Life - YCS members – Karkal Deanery Deanery
- 26 Oct Proximate Preparation for Family Life Attur & Parappady Parish Youth

Mr Leslie Arouza

Director

2. COMMISSION FOR SCC'S

- 04.10.2022 - SCC Day celebration at Tallur Parish
- 05.10.2022 - Kundapur Deanery Animators Samavesh at Trasi
- 09.10.2022 - Bible Mirror Method training at Moodubelle Parish
- 17 to 21/10 - SCC Immersion program at Bangalore
- 23.10.2022 - SCC training at Fajir Parish
- 30.10.2022 - Karkar deanery Animators Samavesh

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