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Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

1. NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is to be celebrated on the 8th of September is very dear to us because it is not just a liturgical celebration for us, but our family feast, dearly known as *Monthi Fest*. The unique and rich tradition of conducting Novena in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary and offering flowers by children to her in preparation for this feast is to be fostered in all parishes. I request all parish priests to organize the Novena and encourage all children to participate in these celebrations. With joy overflowing in my heart at the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I wish you, dear Rev. Fathers and your dear parishioners and religious communities of men and women who are rejoicing at this most beautiful feast, a very happy *Monthi Fest*. I hope all of you will find some time on the day to visit your own family and while you do so kindly convey my festal greetings to your family members as well. ***Happy Monthi Fest!***

2. GIRL CHILD'S DAY

As we joyfully celebrate the feast of the nativity of Infant Mary, the Catholic Church in India has given a clarion call to all of us to protect each and every girl child as God's wonderful creation by dedicating this day to the girl child. Hence I appeal to all of you to highlight the importance of the girl child on the feast of the Infant Mary in your homily with special prayers included in the prayers of the faithful.

3. PASTORAL CONSULTATION 2017

The two-day Pastoral Consultation of our Diocese (28 & 29 August 2017) was concluded to the joy and happiness of all the priests of the Diocese in which 65 of them participated enthusiastically. The well-

organized Consultation devoted the first day to deliberate on the theme ***Biblical Apostolate among Children, Youth and Adults*** which was apt and relevant in the context of the year of *Lectio Divina*. Thanks to Rev. Dr Johnson Puthussery, CST, the resource person, the *presbyterium* was able to hold a fruitful and interesting group discussion on relevant questions and come out with an Action Plan which would so promote our Biblical Apostolate, that the children, youth and adults of all parishes in the Diocese would develop love for the Word of God, interest to read it, speak about it, share the good news among others, and, above all, live the message of the Bible throughout their lives. This will be possible if we, the Messengers of the Word, having walked the path trodden by St Paul, will give to our people Christ our Lord, the **BREAD OF LIFE and LIVING WORD OF THE ETERNAL FATHER**.

The forenoon of the second day was set aside for Pastoral Issues in which there was a lively interaction and discussion, and thereafter PWS General Body meeting during which election for the Directors of the Managing Council was held.

I thank each and every one of you, dear Rev. Fathers, for your kind cooperation and support in the planning and implementation of this Consultation, your presence and active participation. It was truly a teamwork and its success was due to your wholehearted cooperation and collaboration. I am very happy with the way we spent the two days of the Pastoral Consultation 2017.

Thanks once again for all that you did for the success of this Consultation, for what you do to implement the Pastoral Plan MISSION 2025, and, henceforth what you will do to be effective **Messengers of the Word of God** in your apostolate among children, youth and adults entrusted to your precious and privileged pastoral mission and ministry.

4. OUR LADY OF SORROWS - SALVI

The devotion of conducting the *Salvi*, from 9 to 15 September, present in some of our parishes, needs to be fostered. This is an occasion to meditate on the seven colours of our Lady along with the mystery of the Cross. Do encourage the faithful, especially the youth and children, to participate in this devotion whereby they grow in their devotion to our Mother of Sorrows.

5. TEACHERS'DAY

We shall celebrate the Teachers' Day on September 05, 2016. This celebration affords us an opportunity to reflect on teaching and on the sacred responsibility the teachers play in shaping the minds and hearts of young students. Teaching, as we know, is a vocation – a call from God to serve the students. On this day we remember, with gratitude, all those who moulded us. We salute the teachers who are engaged in forming the tender young minds and hearts entrusted to their care. Let us pray for the teachers who render dedicated and selfless service in our educational institutions. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their care and concern. May the good Lord bless them, their work and their families. **Happy Teachers' Day!**

6. NEW PRESBYTERYATKANDLUR

The newly constructed presbytery at St Antony Church, Kandlur, was inaugurated and blessed on Sunday, 13 August 2017, by our Vicar General, Msgr Baptist Menezes. The work of constructing the presbytery was initiated by the previous Parish Priest, Rev. Fr Victor Gerald D'Souza, and was completed in time due to the able leadership of present parish Priest, Rev. Fr Canute Barboza. I convey my sincere appreciation and wholeheartedly thank both the former and present Parish Priests of Kandlur, and the members of PPC and PFC for their cooperation and every assistance provided in the realization of this project.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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

COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

1. DIVYAJYOTHI – DBCLC

- 01/9/2017 Liturgical Seminar at Thotam Church
03/9/2017 Youcat Training at Yuvasamagam–Kallianpur Deanery
10/9/2017 Bible Sunday at Barkur
17/9/2017 Liturgical Seminar at Kanajar Church
12-14/9/2017 National Catechetical Conference, Nadiad, Gujarat
24/9/2017 Lectio Divina Training at Koteswar
24/9/2017 Youcat Training at Yuvasamagam–Kundapur Deanery

Rev. Fr Stephen D'Souza
Director

2. COMMISSION FOR SCCs

- 03.09.2017 Kalmady Parish (Bible Mirror Method)
10.09.2017 Belman and Kalathur Parishes (Bible Mirror Method)
11.09.2017 Karkal Deanery Committee Meeting
15.09.2017 CCK Bangalore
17.09.2017 Brahmavar Parish SCC Training.
24.09.2017 Parish SCC Commission (Ayog) Members Udupi Deanery Convention.

Rev. Fr Harold Pereira
Director

3. COMMISSION FOR PEACE & JUSTICE

02.09.2017 Karkal Deanery Committee meeting (3:30 - 4:30 pm)

09.09.2017 Kallianpur Deanery Committee meeting (3:30-4:30pm)

19.09.2017 Kundapur Deanery Committee meeting (3:30-4:30pm)

29.09.2017 Udupi Deanery Committee meeting (3:30-4:30pm)

30.09.2017 Shirva Deanery Committee meeting (3:30-4:30pm)

Mrs Sharlet Furtado

Director

4. FAMILY COMMISSION

10/9/2017 Couples For Christ – Get together 9.30 – 1.30

17/9/2017 Marriage Enrichment – Milagres Cathedral 9 - 11

17/9/2017 Remote Preparation for family Life - Resource team
Orientation 3 – 5.30

25-27/9/2017 Seminar on Marriage Preparation course at Goa

Mr Leslie Arouza

Director

5. PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

Meeting of **Diocesan Directors of Pastoral Commissions** will be held on 21 September 2017 at 3.30 pm at Bishop's House.

Rev. Fr Harold Pereira

Coordinator

EARMARKED COLLECTIONS

Sl.No	Parish	Good Friday	Peter's Pence	Society of St. Peter	CESU
1	Kallianpur, Milagres	53,020	11,545	11,300	9950
2	Ajekar	10,800	4,200	4,200	5000
3	Barkur	37,447	5,000	7,183	14822
4	Basrur	22,650	10,050	10,220	10400
5	Belle	36,029	9,685	10,768	9447
6	Belman	37,290	9,791	9,249	9416
7	Belve	5,245	950	970	1020
8	Brahmavar	33,860	10,350	10,240	10210
9	Byndoor	20,660			6050
10	Gangolli	12,112	5,839	5,219	
11	Giri	18,534	6,341	8,422	8137
12	Hirgan	10,615	3,799		3126
13	Kalathur	4,580	2,500	2,170	2290
14	Mount Rosary	52,080	14,233	13,386	13090
15	Kalmady	25,620	5,056	4,885	5370
16	Kanajar	14,612	5,236	5,242	5192
17	Karkal- Attur	21,337	10,226	10,364	
18	Karkal Town	23,200	9,745		9683
19	Katapadi	22,352	9,486	7,284	8862
20	Kandlur	3,660	2,379	1,812	1620
21	Kelmbet				
22	Kemman	25,000	5,736	4,850	7335
23	Kenha Mudarangadi	15,336			6114
24	Kera	2,880			1650

25	Kerekatte	1,540	970	545	670
26	Kota	7,200	2,700		2400
27	Koteshwar	11,779	2,003	2,281	2076
28	Kundapur	40,145	12,600	12,188	12698
29	Kuntalnagar	11,790	3,280	4,580	3780
30	Manipal	40,000	15,000	16,000	17000
31	Miyar	16,400	6,200		5050
32	Mukamar	8,530	2,785	2,562	2550
33	Mundkur	4,073	861		1250
34	Nakre	9,772	4,279	4,562	4173
35	Padukone	16,020	11,608	7,984	4000
36	Palimar	6,760	2,580	2,240	2640
37	Pamboor	25,559	6,800	7,123	8824
38	Pangala	32,823	14,172	16,471	15199
39	Parapady		1,219	2,185	1800
40	Perampally	19,500			6800
41	Pernal	18,300	3,975	4,516	4080
42	Pethri	7,630	2,320	2,360	2422
43	Piusnagar	28,172	7,051		8552
44	Sastan	32,515	10,001	9,027	14074
45	Shirva	53,421	12,974	16,530	14395
46	Tallur	15,634	4,522		4654
47	Thottam	19,435	8,378	8,460	8463
48	Trasi	22,855	5,940		5805
49	Udupi	68,043	16,772	20,627	21502
50	Udyavar	36,650	12,720	12,950	12600
51	Yermal	5,000	1,800	1,700	1800
		10,68,465	3,15,657	2,82,655	338041

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