

VOX NOSTRA

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Dear Rev. Fathers, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters,

1. LENT-24 HOURS FOR THE LORD AND CONFESSIONS

Pope Francis had exhorted the Church last year to observe ‘**24 Hours for the Lord**’ during the Lent, inviting the entire Church community to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. I request you, dear Parish Priests, to organize at least 12 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration before Palm Sunday, coupling it with Confessions as it is a custom to have confessions during Lent every year. If you wish to organize it on Saturday, you may conclude it with the evening Sunday obligation Mass.

2. SEMINAR ON THE APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION: *JOY OF THE GOSPEL (EVANGELII GAUDIUM)*

There will be a Seminar for the diocesan and the religious priests on 04 April 2019 in the Bishop’s House at Udupi (III Floor Hall) on the Apostolic Exhortation: *Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)* of our Holy Father Pope Francis for which I hereby request and invite all our diocesan and religious priests to attend the same without fail. While the Bishops of India (CCBI) who participated in their annual General Body Meeting in Tamil Nadu recently had this Apostolic Exhortation as the main topic of their meeting, they were requested to conduct a Seminar on this Apostolic Exhortation in their respective dioceses for

their clergy and religious. The resource person of this Seminar will be Rev. Fr S. Panneer Selvam, the National Director for Proclamation.

The whole day Seminar will begin at 10.00 am (09.30 am: arrival/registration/breakfast) and will conclude with Tea at 04.00 pm. Please make it a point to attend it. The Deans are hereby requested to inform the religious priests' communities in your deaneries about this Seminar and their participation in it.

3. CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Milagres Cathedral on **Thursday, 11 April 2019, at 4.00 pm**. I invite all priests, diocesan and religious, to concelebrate with me as a sign of our priestly unity and solidarity as *unum presbyterium*. It is also the Day of Priests. I request all Parish Priests to announce to your parishioners regarding the Chrism mass and its importance, and invite them to participate in large numbers, and also pray for all priests rendering their pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Udupi.

4. GENERAL ELECTIONS TO THE LOK SABHA

Elections to the Lok Sabha in the Karnataka State will be held in two phases, i.e., on 18 and 23 April 2019, while all over the country in seven phases, and the results will be declared on 23 May 2019. 18 April being Maundy Thursday, the Election Commission did not heed to the request of the Archbishop of Bangalore to postpone the date and hence elections in Karnataka will go on as scheduled. Even though this date of 18 April might inconvenience us, Christians, I hereby exhort all our Catholic faithful to exercise their voting right without fail. Please announce to your parishioners about this appeal of mine so that our democratic country will be led by a Government which protects our Constitution and secularism, upholds the privileges of the minorities and their fundamental rights, respects equality of all citizens, protects

all, irrespective of religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and promotes human dignity. Let us vote for the right candidate and pray that God will provide us with a stable and able Government at the Centre to the joy and happiness of all the citizens of this great country.

5. PASCAL TRIDUUM AND HAPPY EASTER

After 40 days of Lenten prayer, fasting, penance and almsgiving, the Holy Mother the Church invites us to rejoice at the solemnity of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Holy Week the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his earthly life, from his messianic entry into Jerusalem until his blessed Passion and glorious resurrection. The feast of Easter is the culmination of the season of Lent and particularly the Holy Week. I urge all parish priests to plan and prepare well for the Holy Week with due attention to the liturgical guidelines given for this week as found in pages 88-102 of the *ORDO* 2018-19 and also the guidelines given for our Diocese and celebrate the Holy Week with the devotion associated with it so that the faithful may be able to conclude their Lenten exercises with the experience of the peace and joy of the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, I extend to all of you my best wishes for a Happy Easter. Please extend my Easter wishes to your dear parishioners and members of your religious communities.

6. DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Church celebrates the Second Sunday of Easter as the Divine Mercy Sunday which falls on 28th April this year. This feast is based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as per her encounter with Jesus and is associated with especial promises to her from Jesus. “As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!” said St Pope John Paul II. I wish that all parishes celebrate this day with the devotion associated with the day, such as Divine Mercy Chaplet (Rosary), Prayers to St Faustina and Litany of Divine Mercy, and also encourage the faithful’s devotion to Divine Mercy.

7. THEMES FOR FAITH FORMATION CAMPS FOR CHILDREN

In the last issue of *Vox Nostra*, I had exhorted the parish priests to organize Faith Formation Camps for Children and therefore some of you had requested me to provide some themes for these camps. I asked the Director of Divya Jyothi to compile the themes. Please find the themes on pages 10-11. If you have already conducted Faith Formation camps on Bible during the last summer in your parish, you may choose any one or two themes from these proposed themes and organize the camps meaningfully.

8. REMINDER ABOUT GUIDELINES REGARDING ALTAR SERVERS

In the guidelines regarding altar servers given in October 2017, I had directed the parish priests to implement the guidelines regarding the girl-altar servers and also about the uniform of Altar Servers in our

Diocese. The latter in the above had to be implemented in a phased manner before Easter 2018. While I appreciate the Parish Priests who have already implemented these guidelines, I request the rest of the Parish Priests to implement these guidelines at the earliest.

9. BLESSING OF PALLOTTI VIKAS

The Minor Seminary, ‘Pallotti Vikas’, of Pallotines at Miyar was inaugurated by V. Rev. Fr. Pedro Camillo, the Provincial Superior, and the chapel was blessed by me on 28 February 2019 in the presence of Rev. Fr Mark Arun D’Souza, the Rector of Pallotti Vikas, the priests of Pallotine Congregation and of Karkal Deanery, the seminarians and the donors and well-wishers. While we thank Rev. Fr Mark Arun D’Souza and the other Fathers in the Community for their spiritual services to the Karkal Deanery, we wish them well in their apostolate of forming candidates to priesthood in their Congregation.

Yours Sincerely in Christ

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+ Gerald I. Lobo

OBITUARY

Rev. Sr Elizabeth, aged 76 years, of Mission Sisters Convent, Sastan, passed away on 20 March 2019.

Rev. Sr Davidica, BS, aged 84 years, of Lourdes Convent, Kanajar, passed away on 23 March 2019.

MAY GOD GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST

COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

1. DIVYA JYOTHI

06/04/2019 Seminar on Youcat at 5.00 pm at Pilar Church

07/04/2019 Liturgical Seminar at 8.30 am at Yermal Church

07/04/2019 Bible Seminar at 3.00 pm at Pangala Church

12-13/04/2019 Bible Camp for Children at Perampally Church

Divya Jyothi conducted the diocesan exam in Catechism and Value Education for VII and X on 05 January 2019 and the results were announced on 15 February 2019. We thank the correspondents, headmaster/headmistress, school Catechism and Value Education coordinators, and all the teachers for their wholehearted cooperation.

Diocesan Exam Results 2019

| Catechism | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Std | Medium | No. of Students | Percentage |
| VII | Konkani | 105 | 95% |
| X | Konkani | 146 | 100% |
| VII | English | 224 | 97% |
| X | English | 252 | 99% |
| | Total | 727 | |
| Value Education | | | |
| Std | Medium | No. of Students | Percentage |
| VII | Kannada | 645 | 95% |
| X | Kannada | 405 | 98% |
| VII | English | 704 | 96% |
| X | English | 684 | 99% |
| | Total | 2438 | |

Rev. Fr Stephen D'Souza
Director

HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR SEMINARIANS

1. **Vocation Camp** at St Lawrence Basilica, Attur, Karkala
Dates: 05-07/04/2019
Brothers to Help: Leevan R. Mathias, Oswald Vaz, Rohan E. Mascarenhas

2. **Human Formation Course** at Minor Seminary, Moodubelle
Dates: 09-13/04/2019
Participants: All seminarians and Deacons
Resource Person: Rev. Fr Gabriel Mathias

3. **Konkani Course** at Minor Seminary, Moodubelle
Dates: 25-30/04/2019
Participants: All seminarians
25/04 - Writing Letter to the Editor and articles on Religious Topics- Fr Royson Fernandes
26/04 - Writing articles on general topics- Mr Wilfred Lobo
27-28/04 - Grammar, Translation and Report Writing – Fr Valerian Fernandes
29/04 - Journalism as a Priest – Fr Prakash Lobo, OFMCap
30/04 - Editorial Writing and other topics suggested by participants- Fr Chetan Lobo, OFMCap

4. **Ministry at Belve**
03-12/05/2019 Lawrence D’Souza, Shawn Andrade, Leevan R.Mathias
12-21/05/2019 Rohan E. Mascarenhas, Steevan D’Souza, Kevin D’Souza

5. Visiting the Houses of aspirants to the Minor Seminary by Fr Baptist Menezes and Br Oswald Vaz

Rev. Fr Baptist Menezes

ಭುಗ್ಯಾಂಚ್ಯಾ ಗಿಮೆರಜೆಚ್ಯಾ ಶಿಬಿರಾಕ್ ವಿಂಚ್ಯೆತ್ ಜಾಲ್ಲೆ ವಿಷಯ್

1. ಸತ್ಮಾನ್ತಾಂ- ಬಾರಾ ಅಡಿಗೊ

- CCC (ಭಾವಾರ್ಥಾಚೆಂ ದಿವೆಂ) - ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 26-1065
- CCCC (ದೈವಿಕ್ ದಾಯ್ಜ್) - ಸವಲಾಂ 33-217
- ಯುಕ್ಯಾಟ್ - ಸವಲಾಂ 30-165
- ಸತ್ಮಾನ್ತಾಂ: ಆಪೊಸ್ತಲಾಂಚ್ಯಾ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಾ ಸೂತ್ರಾಂಚೊ ವಿವರ್ -ಬಾ| ರೊನಾಲ್ಡ್ ಸೆರಾವೊ
- ಭಾವಾರ್ಥಾಚೊ ಉಜ್ವಾಡ್: ಕಥೊಲಿಕ್ ಪವಿತ್ರ ಸಭೆಚ್ಯಾ ದೊತೊರ್ನಚೊ ಸಂಕ್ಷೇಪ್ - ಬಾ| ನೊರ್ಬೆಟ್ ಫೆರ್ನಾಂಡ್

2. ಸಾತ್ ಸಾಕ್ರಮೆಂತ್

- CCC (ಭಾವಾರ್ಥಾಚೆಂ ದಿವೆಂ) - ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 1113-1134, 1210- 1666
- CCCC (ದೈವಿಕ್ ದಾಯ್ಜ್) - ಸವಲಾಂ 224-232, 250-350
- ಯುಕ್ಯಾಟ್ - ಸವಲಾಂ 172-178, 193-216
- Learning about the Sacraments
- Sacraments-Wellsprings of Grace (ಸಂಸ್ಕಾರ್ -ಕುರ್ಪೆ ಜಿವಿತಾಚ್ಯೊ ಝರಿ)

3. ಧಾ ಉಪದೆಸ್

- CCC (ಭಾವಾರ್ಥಾಚೆಂ ದಿವೆಂ) - ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 2052-2557
- CCCC (ದೈವಿಕ್ ದಾಯ್ಜ್) - ಸವಲಾಂ 434-533
- ಯುಕ್ಯಾಟ್ - ಸವಲಾಂ 348-468
- Learning about the Ten Commandments

4. ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಂವ್ ಮಾಗ್ಣೆಂ

- CCC (ಭಾವಾರ್ಥಾಚೆಂ ದಿವೆಂ) - ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 2558-2865
- CCCC (ದೈವಿಕ್ ದಾಯ್ಜ್) - ಸವಲಾಂ 534-598
- ಯುಕ್ಯಾಟ್ - ಸವಲಾಂ 469-527

5. ಮರಿಯಾಳ್ ಫೆಸ್ತಾಂ

- ನಮಾನ್ ಮರಿಯೆ: ಮರಿಯಾಳ್ ಫೆಸ್ತಾಂ ಆನಿ ನಿಯಾಳ್ -ಬಾ|

ರೊನಾಲ್ಡ್ ಸೆರಾವೊ

- Learning all about Mary
- 6. ಸಾಂತ್-ಭಕ್ತ್
 - ಸಾಂತಾಚ್ಯೆ ಜಿಣಿಯೆ ಧಾವ್ನ್: ಶೆಂಬೊರ್ ಆಒ ಪಂಚ್ವೀಸ್ ಸಾಂತಾಂಚಿ ಜಿಣಿಯೆ ಕಥಾ - ಬಾ| ನೊರ್ಬರ್ತ್ ಡಿ'ಸೋಜ
 - ದಿಸ್ಪಡ್ತೆಂ ಸಾಂತಾಂ ಭಕ್ತಾಂಚೊ ಸಾಂಗಾತ್ - ಬಾ| ಮ್ಯಾಕ್ಸಿಮ್ ನೊರೊನ್ಹಾ
- 7. ತ್ರಿವಿಕ್ ದೇವ್
 - ಲ್ಹಯ್ ಹಾಂವ್ ಸತ್ಮಾನಾಂ
- 8. ಇಗರ್ಜ್
 - What I see in Church
- 9. ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಪುಸ್ತಕ್-ಪಂಗಡ್ ಆನಿ ವಳಕ್ ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಪುಸ್ತಕಾಂತ್ ವೊಪಾಯೊ ಜೆಜುನ್ ಕೆಲ್ಲಿಂ ಆಚಾರ್ಯಾಂ
 - ಜಾಣ್ವಯೆಚೆಂ ಭಂಡಾರ್ - 5 ಪುಸ್ತಕಾಂ
 - a. Learning about the Bible

Note: The titles in bold suggest the themes and the matter beneath (without bold) suggests about the materials/books available on the said theme.

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