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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Dear Bishop,

Happy Birthday to you! We rejoice on this special day of your life. You have blessed so many lives through your faithful ministry; may you be blessed greatly in return on this special day. All of us wish you a very happy birthday with many more to come. May God continue to shower you with good health and all the blessings you truly deserve!



**The Clergy, Religious & Laity
Diocese of Udupi**

Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

1. SAD DEMISE OF REV. FR MAHESH D'SOUZA

The 11th of October 2019 brought us the shocking news of the tragic demise of our young brother priest, Rev. Fr Mahesh D'Souza, Asst Priest of Our Lady of Health Church and Principal, Don Bosco CBSE School at Shirva. He was born on 30 March 1983 at Moodubelle and ordained as the first priest of our Diocese on 15 April 2013. He had served as assistant priest at Milagres Cathedral, Kallianpur and at Mount Rosary Church, Santhekatte. He was the Headmaster-in-charge of Milagres English Medium School, Kallianpur. He was a dynamic priest blessed with many talents who had given his best in all the responsibilities assigned to him. The funeral mass was held in Our Lady of Health Church, Shirva, at 3.00 pm on Tuesday, 15 October 2019. We deeply mourn the sudden passing away of Fr Mahesh D'Souza. May God grant him eternal rest.

As members of the *Presbyterium* of Udupi Diocese, while offering our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members of the deceased Fr Mahesh D'Souza, the parish clergy and parishioners of the Church at Shirva and staff and students of Don Bosco CBSE School, also offer our prayers so that all may be strengthened by the grace of God and consoled at this unfortunate event of grief and sadness.

2. SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

We begin the month of November with the celebration of the solemnity of all Saints: canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in heaven enjoying the beatific vision that are only known to God. During the early centuries the Saints venerated by the Church were all martyrs. Later on, the Popes set November 1 as the day for commemorating all the Saints. We all have the "universal call to holiness." What must we do in order to join the company of the saints in heaven? We "must follow in His footsteps and conform [our]selves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. [We] must devote [our]selves with all [our] being to the glory of God and the service of [our] neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history." (*Lumen Gentium*, 40)

I exhort all of you, dear Fathers, to celebrate this solemnity meaningfully, catechizing the faithful on the importance of this solemnity and also announce to the faithful about the requirements to obtain either plenary or partial indulgence, the details of which are found on page 162 of *ORDO*. Wherever there is a custom of having evening mass and commemoration of all souls, I urge you to educate the faithful in this regard and discontinue it as it goes against the liturgical norms.

3. KARNATAKA RAJYOTSAVA

We celebrate Karnataka Rajyotsava on 1st November. This was the day in 1956 when all the Kannada-speaking regions of South India were merged to form the state of Karnataka. As we belong to the state of Karnataka, let us be proud of the

rich heritage and traditions of our state and join the others to celebrate the day meaningfully. Let us remember to pray for all leaders of our state so that they always strive for peace and harmony among all religions and work for the all-round development of the State.

4. ALL SOULS' DAY

The Church remembers and prays for all the faithful departed on 2nd November. Our faith teaches us that the Church exists in three states: the triumphant, the pilgrim and the suffering. The Triumphant Church refers to the Church in heaven-the realm in which the holy Trinity, the angels and saints, and the abode of all who have reached the fullness of salvation in Christ - and we remember them on November 1 every year. The Church Suffering refers to the Church in purgatory, the threshold, the antechamber, of heaven. In purgatory, all those who have reached the gates of death without reaching the full perfection of life represented in Christ are purified by the enlightening fire of the Holy Spirit. The suffering of purgatory is not one of destruction, but the suffering that comes from leaving the old self behind and taking on the new. As members of the Pilgrim Church, we can help the Suffering Church to attain heaven by our prayers and the sacrifice of the Mass. The Church reminds us of the continued and close relationship between the three states of the Church (communion of saints) and invites us, all, to offer prayers and Mass for the suffering Church on 2nd November every year.

I exhort you, dear Fathers, to follow the instructions given in *ORDO* for the celebration of Mass on this day. Do not

arrange any mass for the dead in the church or cemetery on the previous day. Let us encourage our faithful to pray for their dear departed so that those who have gone before them may obtain the remission of sins and be admitted to the triumphant Church.

Wherever there is Sunday obligation mass on Saturday, Sunday liturgy with readings should be chosen for that mass at evening on Saturday, 2nd November 2019.

5. WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2019

We shall celebrate the third **World Day of the Poor** on **Sunday, 17 November 2019**. This day was launched by Pope Francis at the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy who invited Christians around the world to serve the poor with concrete actions that address their daily needs.

In his message for the third World Day of the Poor 2019, Pope Francis has reminded us that “the poor are not numbers, but people”, to be assisted, accompanied, protected, defended and saved. He has recalled that this is not possible without the humility of listening, the charism of the whole, the courage of renunciation. He reminds us that to “follow the way of charity, of humility and of listening means lending an ear to the little ones”, because God reveals himself through them. He also asks us not to look down on anyone from above. “You can only look down at a person from above,” he has insisted, “in order to help them get up”. Please find the entire message as Annexure 1.

6. DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

The Diocesan Eucharistic Procession this year will take place on **November 24** on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus

Christ, King of the Universe. There will be **Eucharistic celebration at 3.30 p.m. in Milagres Cathedral, Kallianpur**, followed by a short **Adoration** with a solemn **Eucharistic Procession to Mount Rosary Church and Benediction**. The Eucharistic celebration will be preceded by Divine Mercy Rosary at 3.00 p.m. I request you, dear Rev. Fathers, to announce to your parishioners the significance of this annual Diocesan Eucharistic Procession and encourage them to participate in large numbers. I appeal to all priests, both diocesan and religious, to concelebrate with me and also join the procession, without fail. The members of the official bodies and associations/organizations like the Altar Servers, Legion of Mary, SVP, SFO, etc. are requested to wear their insignia during the procession.

7. NEW ENGLISH LECTIONARY

The CBCI has published the new English Lectionary in Three Volumes for the use of Dioceses in India. The text portions from Sacred Scripture in this Lectionary, except the Psalms, are from the *English Standard Version-Catholic Edition* of the Bible. Psalms are reprinted from *The Revised Grail Psalms*. All the Biblical references to be found in the lectionaries for the celebration of Sacraments and Sacramentals that have been published since the first edition of the Order of Readings for Mass and readings for certain masses, masses for various needs and for others which were inserted into the Roman Missal for the first time in its second edition of 1975 have been incorporated in this new Lectionary. If you are celebrating masses in English in your parish/institution, kindly place your order for this new

Lectionary before 20 November 2019 along with the orders for liturgical Books on new Konkani Missal.

8. ROMAN MISSAL IN KONKANI (*ROMI MISA GRONTH*)

We are delighted to bring you the good news that the Congregation for the Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments has given its *confirmatio* to the Roman Missal in Konkani language on 18 September 2019. The Liturgical Commission working on the texts in Konkani language met in Goa on 23 October 2019 and has decided upon the format, paper size and presentation of the Missal.

The new Missal will be promulgated shortly and will go into use in Konkani language Masses on the date soon to be specified. From that date onwards, it is obligatory that we use the new Missal and therefore, I request the Parish Priests and heads of Religious Institutions/Communities to place the order for the number of copies they need. Similarly, the copy of the Concelebrants also will be published and you can place an order for the number of copies of the same. The Director of Divya Jyothi has provided an Order Form that is mailed to you along with Vox Nostra. You are required to furnish the details by 20 November 2019 so that we can order for printing.

Before we start using the *Romi Misa Gronth* (the Roman Missal), all Christ's faithful must be given adequate Catechesis about the usage and changes made in the new Missal. In order to facilitate the liturgical instruction or catechesis on the new Missal, a booklet containing the Order of the Mass and other required information will be made

available. We shall use the occasion of the ongoing formation of the Clergy to discuss and learn about the use of the new Missal; the Clergy, in turn, can catechize the faithful entrusted to their care.

In accordance with the guidelines of the Missal, the Commission has reviewed and approved musical settings of the specific parts in the Order of Mass and this musical setting is going to be published in the Missal itself and also in a separate booklet. The tunes and music approved by the Commission shall remain common for the whole Konkani region. Individual composition of separate music for the Mass is thus to be avoided and only that which is approved by the Commission is to be used. The Commission will provide two more tunes in the future so that only these could be used for various occasions.

I request everyone to take the matter with right earnestness and concur with the universal norms given by the Congregation for the Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments.

11. ELECTION TO THE PARTICIPATORY STRUCTURES (CONSULTATIVE BODIES)

I am pleased to approve and promulgate the revised Constitutions governing Consultative Bodies in the Diocese of Udupi making it effective from 01 November 2019, the solemnity of All Saints. Since the term of the present Parish Finance Council, Parish Pastoral Council, Deanery Pastoral Council and Diocesan Pastoral Council expires on 31 December 2019, I appeal to the concerned to hold elections to these consultative bodies as per the revised Constitution

and send the names as required by the Constitution to me (two copies each) for approval before 31 December 2019. The new consultative bodies come into effect from 1 January 2020. The new deanery pastoral councils must meet before 15 January 2020 and elect the Secretary and also select the deanery conveners of the 18 Commissions in each deanery.

The copies of the revised Constitution will be available in the Bishop's House from 10 November 2019 on payment of Rs 100 per copy.

12. ORDINATION

Deacon Ivan Martis, son of Mr Michael and Mrs Irene Martis, who did his theological studies in Rome will be ordained a Priest for our Diocese on Tuesday, 12 November 2019 at 10.00 a. m. in his native parish of St Lawrence, Moodubelle. We rejoice and thank our Lord for blessing us with the fourth new priest this year. On behalf of the Diocese, I extend a cordial invitation to all of you to his ordination. Let us welcome him into our Presbyterium.

13. MASS CALENDAR- *ORDO*

The *ORDO*, useful and essential for the recitation of the Divine Office and celebration of the Mass for the year 2019-20 is ready and available now at **Divya Jyothi** at a price of Rs 100 per copy. I thank and appreciate Rev. Fr Wilson D'Souza, Designate Director of Divya Jyothi, for compiling the *ORDO*. I wish that all parishes and houses of men and women religious in Udupi Diocese procure the copies of *ORDO* published by *Divya Jyothi*, not by other dioceses, and

note the earmarked collections, dates and events specific to Udupi Diocese.

14. ANNUAL PARISH FEASTS

The Annual Parish Feasts are around the corner in good many parishes of our Diocese. Parish feasts are occasions for families and relatives to meet and greet each other, come together and share a fellowship meal. It is also an occasion to promote parish unity and family spirit and grow more in spiritual strength and grace. I appreciate the good will of *Pirjents* and generous donors in parishes for their contribution to make these parish feasts devotional, joyous and attractive. As per the custom in our diocese, I request the parish priests to set aside the offertory collection made during the annual parish festal mass for the PWS and send the same to the Secretary Cum Treasurer of Priests' Welfare Scheme.

15. FAITH FORMATION CAMPS- THANKS

Every deanery enthusiastically conducted the Faith Formation Camps, *Jeevan Amrith, Jeevan Disha and Jeevan Jyothi*, for the children of the 8th, 9th and 10th Standards. I am aware of the great effort put in by our Parish Priests to bring the children of their respective parishes together in these camps. The camps were made interesting, informative, faith-oriented and resourceful. I thank the Deans, Parish Priests, Asst Parish Priests, other priests, coordinators, animators and volunteers for organizing these camps in all the five deaneries of our Diocese. A word of thanks to the Directors of Divya Jyothi, Family and Youth Commissions

and Supatha for supplying the themes and resource personnel for these camps.

16. NEW BISHOP OF MANDYA

The Synod of the Syro Malabar Church has appointed Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath as the new Bishop of Mandya on 30 August 2019 at the elevation of the present Bishop of Mandya, Most Rev. Dr Antony Kariyil as the new major archiepiscopal vicar of the diocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly. Born on 5 April 1957 at Vaikom, Bishop Sebastian had his school education at St Joseph's L.P. School and St Theresa's High School, Vaikom, from 1963 to 1973. He joined the Sacred Heart Minor Seminary of the Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly on 1 July 1973. Three years later he was sent to the Papal Seminary, Pune, where he did his seminary studies from 1976 to 1983 and was ordained priest on 18 December 1983. After the ordination Fr Sebastian took a Master's Degree in Theology from Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune. During his priestly ministry in the archdiocese he served as parish priest and secretary to the late Cardinal Antony Padiyara. He was appointed as the Auxiliary Bishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly and titular bishop of Macriana Maggiore (in ancient Byzantium, Turkey) on 4 February 2002. He was consecrated Bishop on 20 April 2002 by Major Archbishop Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil. We congratulate Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath and offer our best wishes, felicitations and prayerful support in shepherding the flock of the Diocese of Mandya.

17. NEW SAINT FROM INDIA- ST MARIAM THRESIA

Pope Francis declared Blessed Mariam Thresia of the Holy Family Congregation of Syro Malabar Church as saint on Sunday, 13 October 2019. Mariam Thresia was born in the Chiramel Mankidiyan family in Puthenchira village of Thrissur district in 1876. She began a life of prayer at an early age, and longed for a life of seclusion. As she led the life of a mystic, she worked to provide solace to the sick and offered charity to the poor in the village. She wanted to become a nun, and joined the Order of Franciscan Poor Clares. Later, upon realizing that she wanted to lead a life dedicated to prayers, in 1913, she formed a community “House of Solitude” along with a few others. That was the beginning of the Congregation of Holy Family, which later grew into a prominent religious congregation of nuns. She died in 1926 at the age of 50. In 1975, the Church began the process of her canonization. She was declared Venerable in 1999 and was beatified in 2000. With the elevation of Mariam Thresia as saint, there are now 11 saints connected with the country, according to the official data of the Church. We rejoice at this declaration by Pope Francis and raise our hearts in gratitude to the Lord for blessing the Indian Church with a new saint. May St Mariam Thresia intercede for all of us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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+ Gerald Isaac Lobo
Bishop of Udupi.

COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

1. DIVYA JYOTHI

- 03/11/2019 Liturgical Commission Meeting at Barkur- 5 pm
- 03/11/2019 Liturgical Seminar at Pangla
- 10/11/2019 Bible Seminar at Thottam- 3.30 pm
- 17/11/2019 Liturgical Seminar at Kalmady

Rev. Fr Stephen D'Souza
Director

2. COMMISSION FOR SCCs

- 04.11.2019 Regional Seminar at Shimoga
- 10.11.2019 SCC training on Spirituality of SCC at Omzoor Parish.
- 13.11.2019 Coordinators meeting KRPPC, Bangalore.
- 17.10.2019 Samudai Day at Pethri Parish
Meeting of Parish Conveners of Inter
Religious Dialogue at Udupi.
- 19.11.2019 SCC Central Committee meeting at Udupi

Rev. Fr Harold Pereira
Director

3. CESU

- 21-11-2019 Meeting of Governing Body of CESU –
- 21-11-2020 4p.m. at Conference Hall, Bishop's House
- 26-11-2019 School day at St Francis Xavier Kan Med
High School, Udyavara
- 29-11-2019 Sports Meet at St. Francis Xavier Eng
Med School, Udyavara

Rev. Fr Vincent Crasta
Secretary

4. COMMISSION FOR PROCLAMATION AND EVANGELIZATION

Training to Lay Evangelizers and Intercessory group members, from 9.30 am to 4.00 p.m.:

11 Nov Kundapura Deanery at Padukone Church

18 Nov Kallianpur and Udupi Deanery at Kemman Church

25 Nov Shirva and Karkala Deanery at Shirva Church

Rev. Fr Vincent Crasta

Director

5. COMMISSION FOR FAMILY

01 Nov Youth, Parents & Clergy- Diocese level get together at Milagres Cathedral

03 Nov Fathers' Day, Perampalli

16 & 17 Nov Marriage Preparation Course

Mr Leslie Arouza

Director

BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS IN NOVEMBER 2019

01 10.00 am : Diocesan Family Commission
Programme for Youth and Parents,
Milagres Cathedral

04.00 pm : Bible day- CSI

02 08.00 am : All Souls' day – Mass at Katapadi

- 05.00 pm : Blessing of Renovated Cemetery,
Milagres Cathedral
- 03 02.30 pm : Diocesan Health Commission Meeting
- 04 03.30 pm : Meeting at St Lawrence Basilica, Karkal
- 05 : Free Day for Priests and the Religious
- 06-10 : Programme at Bahrain
- 12 10.00 am : Priestly Ordination of Dn Ivan Joy
Martis, Moodubelle
- 13-14 : KROSS Meeting, Bengaluru
- 16 : Decennial Celebration of Big J Media
Network
- 17 05.30 pm : ICYM-Golden Jubilee celebration,
Piusnagar
- 18 : Free Day for Lay Faithful
- 20 10.30 am : Pilar Seminary-Silver Jubilee
Celebration, Kallianpur
- 21 04.00 pm : CESU- Governing Body Meeting
- 22 03.00 pm : Annual day Celebration – St Mary’s Eng.
Medium School, Kannarpady
- 24 : Diocesan Eucharistic Procession
- 25 09.30 am : Senate Meeting
- 26 : Free Day for Priests and the
Religious
- 28 : Free Day for Lay Faithful
- 29 05.30 pm : White Doves’ Christmas programme

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