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Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

1. ERECTION OF THE DIOCESE OF UDUPI

On 16 July 2012 Pope Benedict XVI erected the Diocese of Udupi which completes 5 successful years this month of July, thanks to the abundant grace, mercy and providence of God, good will, support, prayers and whole-hearted cooperation of the Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful of the diocese. Since this day falls on a Sunday this year, I hereby request you, dear Fathers, to make an announcement of this historical event in the life of our local Church, invoking special prayers for all of us that day. Although 5 years in the life a diocese is a short period, it provides an occasion to look back on the progress we have made in various fields. We can confidently say, that despite our limited resources and personnel, we have been able to lay a strong foundation in every aspect on which we can build and progress in the years to come. I am sure the good will, generosity and the cooperation of the Clergy, Religious and the Lay Faithful will continue in the future too.

2. ANNUAL RETREAT

The **Annual Retreat** for the clergy of the Diocese will be held in the Pastoral Centre of the Diocese of Mangalore at Bajjodi from **9 to 14 July, 2017**. I request you to reach the venue by 6.00 pm on Sunday, 09 July. The retreat begins at 7.00 pm on 9 July with an introductory conference and will end with lunch on 14 July. The preacher is Rev. Fr Joseph Ivel Mendanha, C.Ss.R. from Mumbai. I request you to bring your alb, cincture and stole for the concelebration at Mass and your personal Mass Diary (not the Parish Mass Register) for my scrutiny. The annual retreat is a compulsory spiritual exercise which is a God-

given opportunity for us priests to come together to pray, meditate and celebrate the Holy Eucharist and enrich ourselves with God-experience.

3. MINISTRY OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Although the Church allows the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion to take Communion to the Sick and Viaticum to the dying whenever **no priest, deacon, or acolyte** is available (*Immensae Caritatis, 1973*), since these circumstances are not a reality in our Diocese, as a rule, **no Extraordinary Ministers** (including women religious) of the Holy Communion should be allowed to take communion to the sick or the dying in any parish of our Diocese. I urge the parish clergy to consider this ministry of bringing communion to the sick and the dying as important pastoral ministry and do it regularly in order to provide an occasion to meet them and show the care and concern of the Church towards our sick and suffering brothers and sisters. In addition, I have noticed that some parishes have not yet taken the **Insignia for the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion** though it was introduced in 2015 in our Diocese. Hence, I urge all those parish priests to take or place order for the Insignia from **Divya Jyothi** as soon as possible and provide them to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in your parish.

4. ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MINOR BASILICA

Time really flies! We are on the threshold of the first anniversary of the historic and may be, a once-in-a-lifetime event of the Proclamation and Dedication of St Lawrence Minor Basilica at Karkal Attur on 1 August 2016. Thanks to this honour and recognition bestowed to our Diocesan Shrine, there is a steady increase in the number of pilgrims and visitors to this shrine, not only from our Diocese, but also from the neighbouring dioceses as well. Athanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on 1 August 2017 at 11.00 am in the Basilica and I request all priests of the Diocese to join in the celebration of the anniversary.

5. GURKARS' TRAINING

During the formation of the new Parish Pastoral Councils last year, many new Gurkars were elected in many wards of different parishes of our Diocese. In addition, there was a felt need to organize a training programme to the existing Gurkars so that they are able to work and share their responsibilities in the new settings of Pastoral Commissions and Pastoral Plan (Mission 2025) adopted in our Diocese. Hence, we have organized training programmes for **all Gurkars** of our diocese at deanery levels, the information of which is given in this issue of *Vox Nostra* by the Commission for Laity and the same has been sent to all parish priests. Hence, I request you to kindly send the Gurkars from your parishes without fail for this training. In case they are not able to attend the training in the designated place, they may attend the training in the nearby parishes with prior information to the Parish Priest of concerned centre of training.

6. SUBMISSION OF REPORTS OF MEETINGS OF PFC & PPC

As per the Constitution of the Parish Finance Council (No. 2.6.3.6) and Parish Pastoral Council (No. 3.9.3.5), it is mandatory to send the reports of the Parish Finance Council and Parish Pastoral Council within 15 days of the meeting to the Bishop for his approval. It's six months since the new Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils have come into effect and I am sure the meetings of PFC and PPC were held in your parishes. However, I have not received the **reports of those meetings from many of the parishes. Hence, I urge all parish priests to follow the constitutional rules** and ask the Secretary of PPC to send the reports of the meetings of PFC and PPC without any delay.

7. DEMISE OF CARDINAL IVAN DIAS

His Eminence, Ivan Cardinal Dias, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, and Archbishop Emeritus of Bombay, passed away on 19 June 2017 in Rome. He was born on 14 April, 1936 in Mumbai, India and was ordained Priest for

the Archdiocese of Bombay on 8 December 1958. He entered the Holy See's diplomatic service in 1964. On 8 May 1982, he was appointed titular Archbishop of Rusubisir and Apostolic Pro-Nuncio in Ghana, Togo and Benin, and received Episcopal Ordination on 19 June 1982. He later served as Apostolic Nuncio in Korea (1987-91) and Albania (1991-97). On 8 November 1996, he was appointed Archbishop of Bombay. He was created a Cardinal by St Pope John Paul II in the consistory of 21 February 2001. He was appointed Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and Grand Chancellor of the Pontifical Urbanian University from 20 May 2006. We acknowledge his immense contribution to the universal Church and in a special way to the Church in India and pray that God may grant him eternal reward. We also offer our heartfelt condolences to Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, and the clergy and faithful of the archdiocese.

8. CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS

1. V. Rev. Fr Walter D'Mello (Mangalore Diocese) as Judicial Vicar w.e.f. 01 July 2017.
2. Rev. Fr Francis Cornelio as the Spiritual Director of the Catholic Charismatic Movement w.e.f. 01 July 2017.

9. FUNDS FROM CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Every year, the Christian Development Council in our State allocates funds to renovation of Churches, construction of compound wall to Church and the Cemetery, and also to the development of the Church premises. Last year, only a few parishes had applied for the grant and they had received the grants for the same. Hence, I urge all Parish Priests to use this opportunity, identify new projects and apply for grants from the government for the development of Church buildings and premises.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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Gerald I. Lobo

COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

1. DIVYA JYOTHI

- 02/7/2017 Lectio Divina Training – Udyavar
02/7/2017 OFEM at Udupi Deanery at Katpadi– 2.30 to 5.00 pm
09/7/2017 Liturgical Seminar – Kundapur
09/7/2017 OFEM at Kundapur Deanery at Kundapur– 2.30 to 5.00 pm
16/7/2017 Liturgical Seminar – Nakre
16/7/2017 Bible Sunday- Belman
16/7/2017 OFEM at Shirva Deanery at Shirva – 2.30 to 5.00 pm
18/7/2017 Lectio Divina Training - Miyar
19/7/2017 Lectio Divina Training - Moodubelle
23/7/2017 OFEM at Karkal Deanery at Karkal Town– 2.30 to 5.00 pm
23/7/2017 Liturgical Seminar - Yermal

Note: Asst Director Fr Wilson D'Souza will be out of station from 3 to 8 July 2017

1. COMMISSION FOR SCCS

- 02.07.2017 Shirva Parish (Bible Mirror Method)
09.07.2017 Shirva Deanery SCC Convention
16.07.2017 Shirva Parish (Bible Mirror Method)
23.07.2017 Shirva Parish (Bible Mirror Method)
30.07.2017 Kanjar Parish (Bible Mirror Method)

2. FAMILY COMMISSION

- 03/7/2017 Parish Family Cell Members Training – Brammavar Parish
08/7/2017 PTA Seminar at St. Mary's School
09/7/2017 Youth Orientation Seminar – Modankap Parish,
Mangalore
16/7/2017 Resource Team Meet
17/7/2017 Family, Youth, Proclamation & Evangelization & Labour
Commission Members Training – Miyar Parish
23/7/2017 Proximate Preparation for Family life – Mukamar and
Palimar parish youth
30/7/2017 Proximate Preparation for Family life – Kolalgiri parish
youth
30/7/2017 Talk on Leadership at Basroor – 3.30 to 5.00 pm

3. SAMPADA

Three scholarships are available under Minority Scholarships from the government of India: Pre Metric Scholarship; Post Metric Scholarship and Merit cum Means Scholarship. New applicants have to apply before 31 August 2017; and the application for the renewal should be sent before 31 July 2017. For further details and online application log in to- www.scholarships.gov.in

4. YOUTH COMMISSION

- 2-7-2017 YCS Central Council Election, Unit Animators & Office
Bearers Training Programme
July 2017 YCS Central Council Residential Training.

5. COMMISSION FOR LAITY

Time Table of Gulkars' Training -2017

Deanery	Group	Centre	Date	Time	Resource Persons
Karkal	A - 38	Hirgan	16.07.2017	09:30 - 01:00 PM	Bishop & Team
	B - 46	Karkal Town	16.07.2017	02:30 - 05:30 PM	Bishop & Team
Shirva	A - 53	Shirva	23.07.2017	09:30 - 01:00 PM	Bishop & Team
	B - 35	Pangla	23.07.2017	02:30 - 05:30 PM	Fr Harold Pereira & Team
	C - 51	Belman	23.07.2017	02:30 - 05:30 PM	Bishop & Team
Kallianpur	A - 49	Milagres	30.07.2017	09:30 - 01:00 PM	Fr Harold Pereira & Team
	B - 51	Brahmavar	30.07.2017	02:30 - 05:30 PM	Fr Ferdinand & Team
Udupi	A - 49	Udupi	30.07.2017	09:30 - 01:00 PM	Bishop & Team
	B - 47	Moodubelle	30.07.2017	02:30 - 05:30 PM	Bishop & Team
Kundapur	A - 42	Trasi	06.08.2017	09:30 - 01:00 PM	Bishop & Team
	B - 44	Kundapur	06.08.2017	02:30 - 05:30 PM	Bishop & Team

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