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Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

1. SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on **23 June** this year. Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began about the year 1672, with repeated appearances of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation Nun in France. True devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus means devotion of the Divine Heart of Christ in so far as His heart represents and recalls his love for us. The solemnity provides us with an opportunity to reawaken the devotion to the Sacred Heart among our faithful.

The Congregation for the Clergy has dedicated this day to be the **World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests**. Let us remember to pray for all priests specially those serving in our Diocese that they may experience the unconditional love and mercy of Jesus through his Sacred Heart and impart the same to those entrusted to their pastoral care.

2. FEAST OF ST ANTONY OF PADUA – GOLDEN JUBILEE OF KEREKATTE

The feast of St Antony of Padua will be celebrated on 13 June this year. We have many Churches dedicated to St Antony in our Diocese. Among them, the Shrine of St Antony at Kerekatte is a centre of attraction for devotees of St Antony who flock to the shrine from far and near, and from the neighbouring dioceses as well. We rejoice on the Shrine completing **50 years** since the beginning of the celebration of Holy

Eucharist and the Novena to St Antony in this holy place. The Shrine Committee, under the able leadership of V. Rev. Fr Xavier Pinto, the Rector, has planned to celebrate this **Golden Jubilee** in a befitting manner by planning to organise programmes throughout the **Golden Jubilee Year**. The Jubilee will be inaugurated on Tuesday, 13 June 2017, in the presence of Most Rev. Dr Aloysius Paul D'Souza, Bishop of Mangalore and Most Rev. Francis Serrao, Bishop of Shimoga, with the solemn Eucharist at 10.30 am. Since this is a **Diocesan Shrine**, I extend a cordial invitation to you, all, dear Fathers, to the inauguration of the Jubilee Year and also request you to make an announcement in your parishes and encourage the faithful to participate in the Holy Eucharist in large numbers.

3. FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (*CORPUS CHRISTI*)

The feast of Corpus Christi, celebrating the reality of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, Son of God, in the Eucharist will be held on **18 June** this year. It is a celebration of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. It parallels the celebration on Holy Thursday in commemoration of the institution of this Sacrament. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. It is a sign and cause of the unity of Christ's Mystical Body, because it stirs up an active 'ecclesial' spirit in those who are fervent in their Eucharistic devotion. I exhort all Parish Priests to celebrate this feast in their parishes with the proper liturgy of the day and also catechize the faithful on the importance of the Eucharist in Christian life.

4. LAITY SUNDAY

The CCBI Commission for the Laity has appealed to celebrate **Sunday, 25 June 2017** as **Laity Sunday**. St Thomas More is the Patron of the Laity whose feast will be celebrated on 22 June this year. Let us affirm the role and mission of the laity in our local church and

also encourage them to be active participants both in the Church and society, and pray for their welfare.

5. WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

World Environment Day is the biggest annual event for positive environmental action and takes place every **5 June**, with this year's host country, Canada, at the centre of celebrations around the planet. World Environment Day is for everyone, everywhere: whether we live in a city or the countryside, in the developed or developing world. Since it began in 1972, global citizens have organized thousands of events, from neighbourhood clean-ups to action against the illegal trade in wildlife, to replanting forests. Through his encyclical, *Laudato si*, Pope Francis has invited the Church to reflect on the need of preserving the earth, our 'Common Home.' I exhort you, all, to instruct the faithful on the importance of **World Environment Day** and also organise activities in collaboration with Social Development Commission of our diocese.

6. THANKS AND WELCOME

During these months, many Religious, Priests and Sisters, working in our Diocese move out on transfers. They have worked in our parishes, taught in our schools, served in hospitals and health care centres caring for the sick, advocated for the poor; bringing the Gospel message of hope to them. We are happy to know that all of them have rendered their dedicated and valuable services to us in the Diocese. Hence, on behalf of all of you, I wish to express my sincere thanks to them for their charity and faith, the contribution of their holiness and their service in the local Church. May God sustain them in His peace and give them strength to continue His mission in their new locations. It is also with great joy, I accord a very warm welcome to the religious priests and sisters who have been assigned to work in our Diocese. We wish them a comfortable stay and fruitful ministry in our Diocese.

7. CLERICAL TRANSFERS/APPOINTMENTS

No	Names	From	To	w.e.f
1	Rev. Fr Victor Fernandes, OFM Cap.	Superior Brahmavar OFM.Cap.Community	PP. Brahmavar	29.04.2017
2	Rev. Fr Antony Vas, OFM Cap.	PP. Brahmavar	Back to Province	30.04.2017
3	Rev. Fr Anand Noronha Sdb	SDB Goa Province	PP. Kelmbet	24.05.2017
4	Rev. Fr Jacinto Dias sdb	PP. Kelmbet	Back to Province	25.05.2017
5	Rev.FrCyrilAlphonsusMenezesOCD	OCD Karnataka Province	PP. Koteswar	28.05.2017
6	Rev. Fr Vincent D'Souza OCD	PP. Koteswar	Back to Province	29.05.2017
7	V. Rev. Fr Fred Mascarenhas	PP. Udupi	PP. Padukone	29.05.2017
8	Rev. Fr Joseph Machado	PP. Padukone	PP. Pethri	30.05.2017
9	Rev. Fr Canute Barboza	PP. Pethri	PP. Kandlur	31.05.2017
10	Rev. Fr Edwin D'Souza	Director, Youth Commission	PP. Belman	31.05.2017
11	Rev. Fr Sunil Vaigas,	PP. Belman	Back to Mangalore Dio.	01.06.2017
12	Rev. Fr Victor Gerald D'Souza	PP. Kandlur	PP. Kemman	01.06.2017
13	Rev. Fr Wilson D'Souza	Higher Studies	Asst. Director, DBCL Bishop's House	01.06.2017
14	Rev. Fr Ferdinand Gonsalves	PP. Kemman	PP. Pangala	02.06.2017

15	Rev. Fr Leslie Clifford D'Souza	PP. Pangala	PP.SantheKatteKallianpur	05.06.2017
16	Rev. Fr Lancy Fernandes SJ	Karnataka Jesuit Province	Asst. PP. Milagres Cathedral, Kallianpur	05.06.2017
17	Rev. Fr Philip Neri Aranha	PP. SantheKatte, Kallianpur	PP. Barkur	06.06.2017
18	V.Rev. Fr Valerian Mendonca	PP. Barkur	PP. Udupi	07.06.2017
19	Rev. Fr Antony Clany D'Souza	New Priest (Mangalore Dio.)	Asst. PP. SantheKatte Kallianpur	07.06.2017
20	Rev. Fr Jencil Alva	New Priest	Asst. PP. Attur -Karkala	08.06.2017
21	Rev. Fr Melwyl Roy Lobo	New Priest	Asst. PP. Belman	08.06.2017
22	Rev. Fr Joswin Praveen D'Souza	Asst.PP. Belman	Asst.PP. Barkur	09.06.2017
23	Rev. Fr Vijay Joyson D'Souza	Asst. PP. Attur - Karkala	Asst. PP. Udupi	09.06.2017
24	Rev. Fr Royson Joel Fernandes	Asst. PP. Udupi	Asst. PP. Pangala	12.06.2017
25	Rev. Fr Prakash Anil Castelino	Asst. PP. Milagres Cathedral, Kallianpur	ParochialAdm. Kolalgiri	14.06.2017
26	Rev. Fr Wilfred Frank OCD	PP. Kolalgiri	Back to Province	15.06.2017
27	Rev. Fr Joseph Rodrigues	BhalkiMission(MangaloreDio.)	Asst. PP. Kolalgiri	16.06.2017

8. NEW CHURCH, PRESBYTERY AND BELFRY AT GANGOLLI

The Renovated Immaculate Conception Church in Gangolli was inaugurated and blessed by me on 18 May 2017 in the presence of Most Rev. Robert Miranda, Bishop of Gulbarga. Prior to this, the new presbytery had been inaugurated on 30 April 2017 by Rt. Rev. Msgr Baptist Menezes, our Vicar General, and the new belfry was inaugurated by me on 13 May 2017. The completion of all these projects was done well on time, thanks to the untiring efforts, perseverance and determination of the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr Albert Crasta, and the wholehearted cooperation and collaboration of the Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils, supportive parishioners, generous benefactors, well-wishers and people of good will. I hereby express my sincere thanks to Rev. Fr Albert Crasta for making the dream of a new church and presbytery in Gangolli a reality and the parishioners and donors for their wholehearted support.

9. SUNDAY AND SCHOOL CATECHISM

After summer holidays, the new academic year will begin by the time this *Vox Nostra* reaches your hands. While imparting quality and discipline-oriented education in all its seriousness is our hallmark, providing our Catholic children with Catechism in our schools is also a serious responsibility. While I exhort all Correspondents and Catholic Heads of our educational institutions to take up this responsibility seriously, I hereby appeal to you, Rev. Parish Priests, to pay special attention to the Sunday Catechism which should begin on 4 June 2017 in all the parishes of our Diocese. There should be a minimum of 25 classes per year as outlined in *Dakwal*, the newsletter of Divya Jyothi.

Please catechise the Catholic parents on the importance of Catechism to their children and their obligation in imparting the same to them without fail. Kindly follow the syllabus prepared by Divya Jyothi. You may approach Divya Jyothi for help/material to impart Catechism meaningfully to our children.

10. NEW DEAN TO UDUPI DEANERY

V. Rev. Fr Valerian Mendonca, Chancellor of our Diocese and the current Parish Priest of St Peter's Church, Barkur and the designate Parish Priest of Mother of Sorrows Church, Udupi has been appointed as the Dean of Udupi - Mother of Sorrows Deanery. We wish him all the best in this mission and request the Priests of Udupi Deanery to extend their wholehearted cooperation to the new Dean.

11. ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Br Ashwin Aranha of Kanajar will be ordained a Deacon for the Diocese of Udupi on Thursday, 15 June 2017, at 3.00 pm in St Joseph's Seminary, Mangalore, by Most Rev. Dr Aloysius Paul D'Souza, Bishop of Mangalore. We thank God for granting us a new Deacon, and congratulate and wish God's abundant blessings on him as he continues his pastoral courses in the Seminary till the end of October 2017.

12. SSLC AND PU RESULTS

The exam results of SSLC and PUC are already announced and we have every reason to be overjoyed over the results from all our High Schools and PU Colleges which are very good, thanks to the hard work put in by the respective Managements, Headmasters and Principals, Staff and students. I offer my hearty congratulations to the

Correspondents, Heads of the High Schools and PU Colleges, Staff and, in a special manner, all the students who have brought excellent results and reputation to their alma mater.

13. BIBLE SUNDAY

Heeding the call of Pope Francis in *Misericordia et Misera*, we have to dedicate one Sunday of the Liturgical Year for the Word of God. Accordingly, the celebration of Bible Sunday in every parish was suggested in the action plan for the Year of Lectio Divina that we celebrate in our Diocese during the current year. While some parishes have already fixed a Sunday as Bible Sunday to be celebrated in the coming months, I urge all Parish Priests to fix a Sunday in the months from **June to September 2017** as **Bible Sunday** and start preparations for the day, planning meaningful activities which would help the faithful in realising the importance of the word of God in their Christian life. The liturgy for the Bible Sunday has been prepared by Rev. Fr Roque D'Souza, the Parish Priest of Udyavar, and will be sent to you soon by DivyaJyothi.

14. INAUGURATION OF PRESBYTERY AT TRASI

The newly built presbytery at Christ the King Church, Trasi, was inaugurated and blessed by me on 26 May 2018 in the presence of the priests of Kundapur Deanery and the faithful of the parish. I congratulate Rev. Fr Charles Lewis for fulfilling the long-felt need of this parish and completing the construction of this presbytery well in time with the support of parishioners and generous donors. May God bless all of them.

15. PASTORAL VISITS TO SHIRVA AND KARKAL DEANERIES

I will begin the pastoral visit to parishes in Shirva and Karkal deaneries from Januray 2018. I hereby request the Parish Priests of these two Deaneries to make the necessary preparations in this regard. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on those who are in 10th Std and above. Please begin the catechesis for them in June 2017 using the text book on the Sacrament of Confirmation published by Divya Jyothi. Unless the children are catechised well, the sacrament of Confirmation will not be conferred. The dates of the Pastoral Visit to your respective parishes will be fixed in consultation with you well in time.

Yours in Christ,

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+ **Gerald I. Lobo**

CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY OF UDUPI DIOCESE

THE RESULTS OF SSLC & PUC

A. Kannada Medium High Schools

Sl. No.	Institution	Percentage
1.	St Lawrence Kan. Med. HS – Karkal – Attur	93.9 %
2.	St Mary's Kan. Med. HS – Kundapur	90.24 %
3.	St Francis Xavier Kan. Med. HS - Udyavar	86.11 %
4.	St Lawrence Kan. Med. HS – Moodubelle	85.5 %
5.	St Joseph Kan. Med. HS – Belman	84.2 %
6.	St Mary's Kan. Med. HS – Shirva	84 %
7.	Milagres Kan. Med. HS – Kallianpur	81.60 %
8.	St Mary's Kan. Med. HS – Udupi	80 %
9.	St John's Kan. Med. HS – Pangala	72.22 %

B. English Medium High Schools

Sl. No.	Institution	Percentage
1.	St Lawrence Eng. Med. HS – Moodubelle	100 %
2.	St Antony Eng. Med. HS - Sastan	100 %
3.	St Francis Xavier Eng. Med. HS – Udyavar	98.88 %
4.	Don Bosco Eng. Med. HS – Shirva	98.79 %
5.	Mount Rosary Eng. Med. HS – Santhekatte	97.59 %
6.	Holy Rosary Eng. Med. HS – Kundapur	97.2 %
7.	Church Eng. Med. HS – Ajekar	96.5 %

8.	St John's Academy Eng. Med. HS – Pangala	95.65 %
9.	St Francis Eng. Med. HS – Mudarangadi	94.6 %
10.	Milagres Eng. Med. HS – Kallianpur	93 %
11.	Nirmala Eng. Med. HS – Brahmavar	91.42 %
12.	St Maria Goretti Eng. Med. HS – Hirgan	88 %
13.	St Joseph Eng. Med. HS – Belman	86.66 %
14.	Christ School, Manipal	Not yet announced
15.	St Mary's High School, Kannarpady	Not yet announced

C. P.U. Colleges

Sl. No.	Institution	Percentage
1.	St Lawrence P.U College – Moodubelle	94.3 %
2.	St Mary's P.U College - Shirva	93 %
3.	Milagres P.U College – Kallianpur	90.87 %
4.	St Mary's Composite P.U College – Kundapur	Final result awaited
5.	St John's Composite P.U College – Pangala	85.71 %

Rev. Fr Lawrence D'Souza
Secretary

COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

1. DIVYAJYOTHI

- 04/06/2017 Seminar for Sunday Catechism Teachers of Kundapur and Shirva Deanery
- 11/06/2017 Seminar for Sunday Catechism Teachers of Kallianpur Deanery
- 17/06/2017 Meeting of School Catechism and Value Education Coordinators (9.30 am to 12.30 pm)
- 17/06/2017 Liturgical Commission Conveners' (Parish & Deanery) Meeting at 3.00 pm at Udupi
- 18/06/2017 Liturgical Seminar at Kalmady
- 25/06/2017 Training of New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Udupi (9.30 am to 4.00 pm)

Note:

1. Please select candidates for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion as per your requirement according to the revised guidelines given for Udupi Diocese and register their names in writing before 22 June 2017. The registration fees (Rs 250) can be paid at their arrival for training. Kindly note that the religious transferred within the diocese need not attend this training. A letter of request to Bishop to grant them mandate is sufficient. However, the training is compulsory for those religious who are transferred from other dioceses to Udupi Diocese!
2. A new text book on the Sacrament of Orders (ÀiÀiÁdPÁAa ,ÀA,ÀtÂð) has been introduced for X Std for Sunday Catechism from this year.
3. It has come to my notice that some parishes have followed their own syllabus for Sunday Catechism! I strongly disapprove such

things and since we all belong to Udupi Diocese, I kindly request all parish priests, correspondents and heads of schools to follow the syllabus and Catechetical text books prescribed by Divya Jyothi and buy all text books (Catechism and Value Education) from Divya Jyothi bookstall.

Rev. Fr Stephen D'Souza
Director

2. COMMISSION FOR SCCS

- 05/06/2017 DAT meeting at SCC Office, Udupi
18/06/2017 Parish SCC Conveners' meeting at Udupi
09/07/2017 Shirva Deanery SCC Convention

Rev. Fr Harold Pereira
Director

3. FAMILY COMMISSION

- 04/06/2017 Proximate preparation for family life - Kolalgiri parish youth
15/06/2017 Family Apostolate Regional meeting at Mysore
18/06/2017 Fathers' Day – Diocesan level
24-25/06/2017 Marriage Preparation Course

Mr Leslie Arouza
Director

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