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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 Friday, **28 June**, this year. The solemnity provides us with an opportunity to awaken the devotion to the Sacred Heart among our faithful. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus today ranks among the most appealing devotions in the liturgy. Its widespread popularity among the faithful, as well as the transcendent dignity of its object, gives a place of high honor to this devotion among the numerous devotions which the Spirit of God has raised up and fostered in the Church. I exhort the parish priests to organize the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially praying the Rosary of Divine Mercy, in the Month of June.

The Congregation for the Clergy has declared this day as 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 merciful love of Jesus through his Sacred Heart and impart the same to those entrusted to their pastoral care.

2. WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

The Church celebrates **World Communications Day** each year on the Sunday before Pentecost. This year it falls on 02 June 2019. This year is the 53rd World Communications Day and the theme proposed by the Holy Father Francis is: **“We are members one of another”** (Eph.4:25)- **from network community to human**

communities. The theme underlines the importance of giving back to communication a broad perspective, based on the person, and emphasizes the value of interaction always understood as dialogue and an opportunity to meet with others. This calls for a reflection on the current state and nature of relationships on the Internet, starting from the idea of community as a network between people in their wholeness. Some of the prevailing trends of the so-called social networks ask us a fundamental question: to what extent can we speak of a real community in the face of the logic that characterizes some communities on social media? The metaphor of the web as a community of solidarity implies the construction of an “us”, based on listening to the other, on dialogue and consequently on the responsible use of language. The entire message is given as annexure on pages 15-19.

3. LAITY SUNDAY

The CCBI Commission for the Laity has appealed to celebrate **Sunday, 23 June 2019**, as the **Laity Sunday**. St Thomas More is the Patron of the laity, whose feast is 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 in the Church and society, and pray for their welfare. The liturgy for the day is given on pages 12-14.

4. SSLC AND PUC RESULTS

The results of SSLC and PUC of schools have been announced, and we have every reason to rejoice 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, HMs, 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 secured excellent results and brought laurels to their respective institutions.

5. NEW BISHOP OF BELGAUM

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Most Rev. Derek Fernandes (64), until now Bishop of Karwar, as the new Bishop of Belgaum on 1 May, 2019. Born on May 14, 1954 in Sirsi, he was ordained priest for the Diocese of Belgaum on May 5, 1979. He has a doctorate in Canon Law from Urbaniana University, Rome. He served as assistant parish priest and then promoted as parish priest of Holy Cross Church from 1979 to 83. He was parish priest of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Modage, from 1983 to 1986. He served as the chancellor and procurator of the diocese of Belgaum from 1991 to 2002. He was the diocesan administrator of Belgaum from 2004 to 2006. He was elected Bishop of Karwar on February 24, 2007 and consecrated on April 20, 2007. An able administrator, Bishop Derek has exceptional communication skills. Apart from English, he speaks Konkani, Kannada, Hindi, Marathi, German, Italian and Tamil and is a proficient preacher with special concern for the poor and the marginalized. We congratulate Bishop Derek Fernandes on being appointed as Bishop of Belgaum, offer our heartiest felicitations and pray that God may shower his choicest blessings on him as he shepherds the Diocese of Belgaum.

6. BLESSING OF RENOVATED CHURCH AT THOTTAM

The renovated church of St Anne at Thottam was inaugurated and blessed by me on Tuesday, 28 May 2019, in the presence of the Parish Priest, Priests of Kallianpur and other Deaneries and the Parishioners. The completion of the work of renovation was done well on time, thanks to the perseverance, determination and hard work of the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr Francis Cornelio, and the wholehearted cooperation and collaboration of the Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils, supportive

parishioners, generous benefactors and well-wishers. I hereby express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Rev. Fr Francis Cornelio for making the dream a reality, and the parishioners and donors for their wholehearted support.

7. THANKS AND WELCOME

During these months, some priests from Mangalore Diocese, 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 warm welcome to the priests from other dioceses, 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.

Yours Sincerely 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

No.	Institution	Percentage
1.	St Lawrence Kan. Med. HS – Karkal – Attur	84 %
2.	St Mary's Kan. Med. HS – Kundapur	66.66 %
3.	St Francis Xavier Kan. Med. HS - Udyavar	93 %
4.	St Lawrence Kan. Med. HS – Moodubelle	97.5%
5.	St Joseph Kan. Med. HS – Belman	100 %
6.	St Mary's Kan. Med. HS – Shirva	78 %
7.	Milagres Kan. Med. HS – Kallianpur	83.54 %
8.	St Mary's Kan. Med. HS – Udupi	92 %
9.	St John's Kan. Med. HS – Pangala	97.82 %

B. English medium High Schools

1.	St Lawrence Eng. Med. HS – Moodubelle	92.4 %
2.	St Antony Eng. Med. HS - Sastan	100 %
3.	St Francis Xavier Eng. Med. HS – Udyavar	98.33 %
4.	Don Bosco Eng. Med. HS – Shirva	95 %
5.	Mount Rosary Eng. Med. HS – Santhekatte	100 %
6.	Holy Rosary Eng. Med. HS – Kundapur	100 %
7.	Church Eng. Med. HS – Ajekar	97.60%
8.	St John's Academy Eng. Med. HS – Pangala	96 %
9.	St Francis Eng. Med. HS – Mudarangadi	93 %
10.	Milagres Eng. Med. HS – Kallianpur	94.69 %
11.	Nirmala Eng. Med. HS – Brahmavar	97.61 %
12.	St Maria Goretti Eng. Med. HS – Hirgan	100%
13.	St Joseph Eng. Med. HS – Belman	100 %
14.	Christ School, Manipal	100%
15.	St Mary's High School, Kannarpady	100%

C. P.U. Colleges

1.	St Lawrence P.U College - Moodubelle	93.4 %
2.	St Mary's P.U College - Shirva	88.20 %
3.	Milagres P.U College - Kallianpur	91.45 %
4.	St Mary's Composite P.U College - Kundapur	97.80%
5.	St John's Composite P.U College - Pangala	96.55 %

COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

1. DIVYAJYOTHI

- 02/06/2019 Inauguration of Sunday Catechism in Parishes
02/06/2019 Udupi Deanery Catechism Teachers' Training (2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.) at Udupi
09/06/2019 Training of New Catechism Teachers (9.00 a. m. to 4.00 p.m.) at Udupi
22/06/2019 Meeting of School Catechism and Value Education Coordinators (9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m.) at Udupi
30/06/2019 OFEM at Shirva Deanery (2.30 p. m. to 5.00 p. m.) at Shirva

Please Note:

The training of new Catechism Teachers is compulsory for all the newly selected teachers. Please register their names before 7 June 2019. The registration fees (RS 250) can be paid on their arrival for training.

Rev. Fr Stephen D'Souza
Director

2. COMMISSION FOR SCCs

TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR JUNE 2019

- 03.06.2019 DAT meeting at Udupi
04.06.2019 SCC Conveners meeting of Kallianpur Deanery
09.06.2019 SCC Parish Conveners Meeting at Udupi
12.06.2019 18 Commissions Reporting at KROSS, Bangalore
16.06.2019 SCC Training at Shirva Parish
23.06.2019 SCC Training at Kemman Parish
30.06.2019 SCC Training at Mukamar Parish

Rev. Fr Harold Pereira
Director

3. FAMILY COMMISSION

- 02 June Seminar on Upbringing of children – Parents of
Kg to 7thstd. students - Perampalli
- 8,9 June Marriage Preparation
Course
- 16 June Single Parents Day - Attur

Mr Leslie Arouza
Director

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