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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY 2022

- 1 11.30 a.m. Blessing of the Palliative and Geriatric Care Unit, Deralakatte
- 04.00 p.m. Confirmation at Mukka
- 2 03.30 p.m. Mass at Milagres, Eucharistic Procession
- 3 10.00 a.m. Meeting with the Correspondents of Schools, Bishop's House
- 5 09.30 a.m. Ordination at Divine Call Centre, Mulki
- 6 09.30 a.m. Inauguration and Blessing of Milagres Home, Kallianpur
- 04.00 p.m. Confirmation at Bendur
- 8-9 Pastoral Visit, Pezar
- 11 04.30 p.m. Confirmation at Jeppu
- 1309.30 a.m. Inauguration and Blessing of Anugraha, Udupi
- 14 09.30 a.m. Meeting of SCC Conveners, Bajjodi
- 06.00 p.m. Festal Mass, Infant Jesus Shrine, Bikarnakatte
- 15-16 Pastoral Visit, Miyapadav
- 17 05.00 p.m. Trust Meeting, Sandesha
- 20 09.30 p.m. Blessing of the Chapel, Mulki

22-23			Pastoral Visit, Manjeshwar
24	04.30	p.m.	Diocesan Finance Council Meeting
26	09.30	a.m.	Confirmation at Ammembal
	05.00	p.m.	Confirmation at Nithyadarnagar
27	10.00	a.m.	Festal Mass at St Lawrence Shrine, Attur
	03.00	p.m.	Blessing of the Renovated Don Bosco Hall
28	05.00	p.m.	Addressing the Chapter Delegates, Apostolic Carmel
29-30			Pastoral Visit, Pavur
31			Inauguration and Blessing of Bishop's House, Mysore

Bishop Meets in the Forenoon:

Diocesan Clergy, 18; Religious Men and Women, 19;
Lay Faithful, 25.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR JANUARY 2022

We have begun the New Year with new resolutions. We wish one another that the New Year be a time of peace, serenity and prosperity. We are still in the Year of *Amoris Laetitia Family*, wherein we are invited to build a stronger bond among our family members and other families by supporting them. May this year be an opportunity to build bridges between people and families. I request the Parish Priests to organise the programmes beneficial to the families taking the help of the Commission for Family.

Papal Intention for January: Pope Francis invites us to pray for true human fraternity. The Pope underlines the suffering caused by religious discrimination and persecution. Every person has his/her inherent human rights and fundamental freedoms.

These are to be respected, and thus the dignity of each person needs to be recognised. We need to underscore “respect” for the person more than mere “tolerance”. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in the opening article also states: “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.” May all Indian citizens learn to respect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of every person.

Sudden Demise of Fr Felix John Noronha: The Christmas mood was changed by the sudden departure of Fr Felix. His death saddens us on a day when family members, relatives, and friends meet and greet one another. Ordained in 1985, Fr Felix has served the People of God for 36 years. As we mourn his death, we pray that the Lord may grant him eternal reward and may he intercede for us. I remind all the priests of the Diocese to offer two Masses for the repose of Fr Felix Noronha.

Unity Octave: January 18-25 is a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is a wonderful occasion to meet the Christian brethren to strengthen our bond in one faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God Incarnate. The theme for Prayer for Christian Unity is: “*We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him*” (Mt 2: 2). The reflections prepared for the occasion explore how Christians are called to be a sign to the world of God, bringing about unity. Drawn from different cultures, races and languages, Christians share in a common search for Christ and a common desire to worship him. We must ardently make the desires of the Heart of Christ our own. Jesus prayed that all his disciples may be one (Jn 17: 21). You may contact Fr Clifford Fernandes, the Secretary of the Commission responsible for promoting Christian Unity for the material needed for Prayer.

Anti-Conversion Bill: The Karnataka Legislative Assembly has approved the Bill under the name of “The Karnataka Protection

of Right to Freedom of Religion” and prohibits unlawful conversion from one religion to another by misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, allurement or by any fraudulent means.

With regard to the new Bill, the most preoccupying thing is that the burden of proving the accusation falls on the accused. This becomes all the more difficult when the interpretation of allurement is concerned. Despite so much opposition from various corners against the Bill, calling it anti-Constitutional, the Government has proceeded further. In the meantime, attacks on the Christian Churches and Institutions are on the rise, and often the culprits are not arrested when they take the law in their hands. The new Bill will only make the situation worse. Moreover, the issue of forced conversion is a highly exaggerated subject. The inertia of those who govern us regarding those who commit crimes and hurt the religious sentiments by spreading hatred and violence is a cause of concern. I request everyone to call on God so that better sense may prevail in the Country and in our State and that people may become noble, rising above hatred and indifference.

The Catholic Church is against any conversion by force or by fraudulent means. The Canon Law lays down the norm in unequivocal terms: “It is never lawful for anyone to force others to embrace the catholic faith against conscience” (can 748, §2). Pope Francis reminds the faithful saying that “Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone” (EG 14). However, “It is not by proselytising that the Church grows, but ‘by attraction’” (EG 14). The joy of living the Gospel and encountering Christ should become the motivating force. We should appear as people who wish to share our joy, pointing to Christ Jesus, who alone satisfies the desires of the heart and grants peace.

The Decennial Celebrations of the Mangalore-Africa Mission: The first two *Fidei Donum* Priests our Diocese, Fr Alwyn D’Souza and Fr Ronald Pinto, landed in Tanzania, in

the Same Diocese on 14 November 2012 and thereafter, continuous developmental and pastoral programmes were undertaken. Now six of our priests are serving in the mission. We have a High School for boys, hostels for High School Students, hostels for Higher Primary students, together with Kifaro Parish and four other substations. Organic farming and other activities, like installing solar lights, repairing houses etc., are undertaken to benefit the poor. The Mission Director Fr Alwyn has requested for special intercessions during the Prayers of the Faithful so that the programmes planned for this special year may be successfully completed. Kindly pray for the mission in Same Diocese.

I wish you all a peaceful and prosperous New Year 2022. May the Holy Family protect us.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

ANNUAL MISSION STATISTICS – 2021

The Annual Mission Statistics Sheets / Forms for the year 2021 will be dispatched to Parish Priests and Superiors of Religious Houses (Men and Women), and you will receive them by 10 January 2022. If you do not receive them by the said date, kindly collect the forms from the Reception Desk at the Bishop's House, Kodialbail. Please update the statistics of your parish/institution, fill in the correct details in the columns/spaces provided in the forms, and return them to the Chancery as early as possible. By all means, the filled-in forms should reach the Chancery before **15 February 2022**. Kindly verify and then fill in the data to reflect the true state of the parish/institution. Each Diocese has to submit the mission statistics data to the Holy See as per its determined schedule.

**EARMARKED COLLECTIONS FROM PARISHES
REMITTED TO THE PROCURATOR'S OFFICE, BISHOPS HOUSE UP TO 23.12.2021**

No.	PARISH	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Ongoing Formation	Comm - unio	Peters Pence	Monthi Feast	Mission Sunday	Christ the King
1	Rosario Cathedral	13450	36540	10590	*	11215	26765	256550	12475
2	Adyapady	1130	2412	910	*	830	1777	33560	1360
3	Agrar	8887	24268	8093	*	2600	16681	101674	6942
4	Allipade	6995	16230	6071	*	*	14265	83130	5847
5	Ammembal	9500	19775	8740	*	3760	15335	140000	7575
6	Anegudde	2217	4673	1714	1724	1398	1484	47000	1373
7	Angelore	48595	94942	18772	*	15903	30336	403250	23852
8	Arva	11345	18526	5206	*	*	9394	80184	4098
9	Ashoknagar	32950	60610	14947	*	10012	30700	146454	16020
10	Badyar	5045	8537	3620	*	1280	8647	105000	3720
11	Bajal	15677	35271	8969	*	7822	27390	111551	11200
12	Bajjodi	13665	21262	10442	*	6820	10790	92897	9824
13	Bajpe	31210	38026	14534	*	5687	12334	191488	17155

14	Bambil	3290	8490	2890	*	*	7055	27000	2280
15	Bannur	6136	16672	4550	*	5495	10131	32752	7037
16	Bantwal	26008	57683	16320	*	7930	39437	232010	19926
17	Bejai	57980	97580	18370	*	*	53145	1200100	23776
18	Bela	10123	48667	*	5934	9092	16720	171588	12955
19	Belloor	11224	22797	5090	*	4563	12580	100230	5292
20	Belthangady	19281	41189	12404	*	*	28788	127261	13551
21	Belvai	3840	10815	*	*	2450	7400	134350	
22	Bendur	84936	129427	29338	*	*	57620	450645	44385
23	Bola	2648	3325	1760	*	1895	3270	19289	3355
24	Bolkunje	5590	25910	4200	*	2440	10240	35000	4236
25	Bondel	52047	96404	19837	*	18794	53972	756106	34670
26	Borimar	4450	15150	5300	*	2017	9000	112500	4000
27	Bovikana	1360	3265	*	1100	1400	1900	23100	1300
28	Cascia	13238	24735	9327	*	7082	22871	131880	8905
29	Cordel	83131	118145	38300	*	37234	88145	561685	48575
30	Derebail	35280	55180	18610	*	9530	21447	202650	21032
31	Delanthabettu	1730	3500	1643	*	2200	3340	16580	1830

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32	Eliarpadav	6765	13125	5021	*	2680	9380	38050	5040
33	Fajir	15619	34703	*	*	*	29447	89090	12046
34	Farla	7019	14332	6990	*	*	11366	102161	7040
35	Ferar	8315	15850	4360	*	2435	13155	75615	6385
36	Fermai	8191	18494	5512	*	4866	11819	101821	5950
37	Gantalkatte	5510	10091	*	*	2384	9511	50000	6232
38	Gardady	2025	5839	1570	*	560	3055	38215	2070
39	Gurpur	11990	38088	7140	*	7621	16264	71627	11438
40	Hosabettu	12082	36500	6955	*	4420	16200	108090	6240
41	Indubettu	2043	4255	1002	*	*	3285	75235	1320
42	Jeppu	19450	50435	7420	*	6110	16740	85200	10712
43	Kadaba	1837	5561	1326	*	930	4135	30500	1950
44	Karady	4109	10391	4818	*	2021	8285	38899	4564
45	Kasargod	5179	6139	*	4837	2055	4756	46805	4705
46	Kateel	4056	7416	2820	*	2695	7670	69769	4075
47	Katipalla	16403	41716	11585	*	9102	22733	272000	12954

48	Kayyar	6225	13105	9098	9300	8546	13253	81620	10197
49	Kelarai	23642	44038	24326	*	10940	28687	180000	18413
50	Kinnigoly	34583	51417	17512	*	5972	23148	331285	25139
51	Kirem	24429	44285	11499	*	6792	31385	177037	19006
52	Kokkada	4190	10210	3265	*	1800	5905	60465	2897
53	Kollangana	6031	18729	2230	4208	3965	7685	61058	6265
54	Komangala	965	2900	*	1045	980	1680	25675	960
55	Kulur	9767	21670	*	*	3140	15545	120600	8550
56	Kumbla	4566	13325	2223	4578	3097	4225	66017	2648
57	Kuppepadav	7304	13660	3974	*	3673	8029	121093	3813
58	Lawrencenagar	3215	5316	2250	2935	3166	4715	40206	4164
59	Loreto	14358	45870	*	*	11433	21478	161934	13504
60	Madanthyar	21211	45240	16370	*	9100	37205	359915	21687
61	Manela	5934	9542	4752	2120	4140	8025	45500	6048
62	Maniyampare	1951	5643	2714	1434	3310	3473	33709	2773
63	Manjeshwar	11115	31470	*	6152	6620	12475	249126	7890
64	Manjottie	3290	8490	3300	*	3980	5030	40000	2840

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65	Mariashram	6155	15200	*	5555	3897	9115	149011	4681
66	Maril	6302	16191	5740	*	1480	13249	41747	5597
67	Milagres	49780	63870	18750	*	19700	55900	341140	42820
68	Miyapadav	4557	16123	6693	6460	6066	7303	43203	8838
69	Mogarnad	9570	30690	9970	*	6340	17020	96910	9640
70	Moodbidri-Alangar	11818	21058	6644	*	1870	13098	120382	6683
71	Moodbidri-Town	15722	40592	11160	*	*	20085	265000	12788
72	Mudipu	4770	15937	6499	*	2238	13380	60050	6428
73	Mukka	5123	12143	3011	*	3294	6794	93791	4999
74	Mulky	15810	26841	7553	*	*	17532	95120	7850
75	Nainadu	4237	9466	5718	*	3040	10944	114372	5799
76	Nala	3996	2422	1824	*	*	2720	33174	1641
77	Narampady	10750	19000	9900	8000	9000	13300	266780	10900
78	Naravi	6389	22064	*	*	1426	9852	178841	5079
79	Neermarga	25190	42866	11065	5807	11926	31987	146551	14989

80	Neerude	12686	22814	6493	*	2848	12985	73970	5570
81	Nellikar	2139	4265	1935	*	*	3361	23890	2010
82	Nellyady	2710	4940	2318	*	2033	2847	37570	2130
83	Niddodi	3870	15630	5270	*	775	10670	142110	5925
84	Nidpally	1756	4324	3008	*	1640	4860	48919	2655
85	Nirkan	5705	8887	3165	*	1125	6600	67120	3555
86	Nithyadarnagar	7700	19628	5835	*	*	14516	75250	6432
87	Omzoor	17235	21008	9419	*	3673	15114	166837	9569
88	Pakshikere	10595	19583	3613	*	770	11277	82000	6381
89	Paladka	6927	14658	3080	*	3555	14150	60100	7425
90	Paldane	18508	32497	12860	*	7370	25740	212685	11195
91	Panir	12268	28551	12322	*	*	23855	171176	10755
92	Panja	3585	6131	3252	*	3380	5080	41000	3410
93	Pavur	1440	3736	1082	1544	1242	3081	23000	1715
94	PavurUliya				*	150	250	1200	150
95	Permannur	32110	70080	18120	*	8160	50050	202022	23520
96	Permude	12741	12780	*	*	1972	12085	95800	5600
97	Peruvai	2314	6022	3077	3060	3455	6046	60000	3574

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98	Pezar	4289	11595	2981	*	2395	6930	64200	3216
99	Puttur	26512	70000	15843	*	6495	44119	400000	16373
100	Ranipura	14235	33219	8655	*	2105	26703	74500	9335
101	Salethur	3280	6130	2575	*	2065	5447	67970	2751
102	Sampaje	2001	5662	2070	*	1290	2075	33135	1730
103	Sampige	3930	7312	*	*	1163	8636	177177	3669
104	Saverapura	1700	3801	1543	*	850	4625	16120	1865
105	Shakthinagar	7366	13516	5590	*	*	9350	41000	5895
106	Shambur	3610	4400	4165	*	4125	3293	65190	3015
107	Shirthady	9510	26410	7040	*	3760	16820	120000	7920
108	Siddakatte	9630	23639	5584	*	*	12515	54150	8480
109	Sullia	3410	8037	3848	2454	3865	6694	66662	4540
110	Surathkal	25531	32167	15523	*	20864	35171	212491	18037
111	Taccode	6617	37028	5536	*	2090	14641	68306	6184
112	Thannirbavi	5203	2684	1730	1645	942	3175	24800	1739

113	Thodambila	6937	15691	*	*	4030	12360	55140	4781
114	Thokur	2684	6200	*	1866	1883	5530	72000	1725
115	Ujire	8304	23457	*	6536	4869	12853	121000	6970
116	Ukkinadka	2485	5650	2295	2744	2473	3778	29495	2681
117	Uppinangady	5740	9985	*	4161	*	8130	90060	
118	Urwa	39430	80710	*	19137	15428	56172	250005	27868
119	Valencia	41347	75507	*	17548	17590	38646	385965	24007
120	Vamadapadav	4436	10407	*	2876	*	8825	47212	5244
121	Vamanjoor	40130	72200	*	17949	14711	41787	194500	17225
122	Venur	6393	14817	*	5527	2732	12440	88359	9550
123	Vittal	10570	25679	*	8801	3112	16114	110786	7655
124	Vorkady	6147	20741	*	*	11942	20744	105000	11919
125	Anthonykatte	3038	5448	*	490	767	3065	*	1630
126	Bellare	1580	3675	1560	1305	1115	3190	45193	1800
127	KodialbailChapel	2950	4530	*	*	590	2584	1130	4850

Note: * Indicates that no Mass was celebrated for the people or no collection was made

CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED FOR THE RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND**From 01.04.2020 till 22.12.2021**

(refer Inter Nos of October 2021 page no. 253 & 254)

	Name of the Priest	Amount
1	Fr. Edwin Vincent Correa	3000
2	Fr. Paul Crasta	3000
3	Fr. Ivan Peter DMello	3000
4	Fr. Walter DMello	3000
5	Fr. Roque DSa	5000
6	Fr. Denis DSouza (Sr)	5000
7	Fr. Francis DSouza	5000
8	Fr. John DSouza	3000
9	Fr. Melwyn John DSouza	3000
10	Fr. Praveen DSouza	3000
11	Fr. Robert DSouza	3000
12	Fr. Simon DSouza	3000
13	Fr. Valerian S. DSouza	3000
14	Fr. Victor George DSouza	10000
15	Fr. Vincent DSouza (JJR)	3000
16	Fr. Wilfred Prakash DSouza	3000
17	Fr. Stany C. Fernandes	3000
18	Fr. Valerian Fernandes	3000
19	Fr. Valerian Frank	3000
20	Fr. Francis X Gomes	5000
21	Fr. Suraj Joseph Lobo	3000
22	Fr. Victor Vijay Lobo	3000
23	Fr. Vijay Lobo	3000
24	Fr. Arun J Mendonca	5000
25	Fr. Vishal Melwyn Monis	3000

	Name of the Priest	Amount
26	Fr. John Baptist Moras	3000
27	Fr. Bonaventure Nazareth	3000
28	Fr. Maxim L Noronha	3000
29	Fr. Valerian Pinto	3000
30	Fr. Assisi Rebello	3000
31	Fr. Frank Rodrigues	5000
32	Fr. Maxim Gerald Rosario	3000
33	Fr. John Baptist Saldanha	3000
34	Fr. Marcel Saldanha	5000
35	Fr. Henry Sequeira	5000
36	Fr. Patrick Sequeira	3000
37	Most. Rev. Peter Paul Saldanha	4500
38	N.N.	100000
39	Others	123400

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. Programmes for January 2022:

- 02 : Diocesan Eucharistic Procession – Liturgy animation
09 : Liturgy Seminar/Lectors' Training, Udupi
16 : Liturgy Seminar/Lector's/Choir training, Bangalore
17-18 : YOUCAT India, Authors executive committee meeting, Bangalore
19-23 : New Missal works – Goa
23-27 : St Lawrence Basilica, Attur Feast
30 : Liturgy Seminar/Choir/Lectors' Training, Badyar

II. Commission for Liturgy:

- The 3rd Sunday of the Ordinary Time – Sunday of the Word of God**

The 3rd Sunday of the ordinary time (23.01.2022) will be celebrated as Word of God Sunday.

2. **26 January 2022** – Republic Day, the Memorial of Timothy and Titus, will be celebrated on 27 January 2022 as per the National Calendar (Ref. *Ordo*, pp. 66-67).

III. Commission for Bible:

1. **Bible Classes:** Information regarding bible classes is sent to you. Bible classes will commence from 8 January 2022 (3 pm to 6 pm). The medium of instruction will be in Konkani. Please register the participants' names before 05 January 2022.
2. **Konkani Bibles:** Konkani Bibles (existing corrected version) are reprinted and now available at our bookstall.

IV. Commission for Catechetics:

1. Catechism Classes & Examinations

1. Sunday Catechism Classes: Sunday catechism classes will continue till the end of February. Catechism day will be celebrated on the First or Second Sunday of March 2022. Dept of Catechetics / Value Education, info@mangalajyothi.com or 0824-2215747

2. **School Catechism & Examinations:** School catechism and Value Education classes will be continued till the end of February. Examinations will be conducted in the month of March 2022. A separate circular will be sent to the Heads of the schools in the first week of January. For further information contact Dept of Catechetics / VE, info@mangalajyothi.com or 0824-2215747

V. New Arrivals and other books:

1. 150 Psalms with music notations – Konkani Version
2. Kaanasulleaika – Konkani short plays (skit)
3. From 16-27 January, Mangala Jyothi will have its stall during St Lawrence Basilica Feast in Karkala-Attur. Facility for subscriptions of Jesuchi Suvartha and Sombramis available at our stall. Kindly inform the faithful.

- Director, Mangala Jyothi

PROGRAMMES OF CODP

- 04.01.2022 : - Training on Existing Laws and Christmas celebration at Kayyar
- Training on strengthening of Okkoota and Christmas celebration at Moodbidri-Town
- 06.01.2022 : Awareness program on Cancer to students of Kateel School
- 08.01.2022 : - Training on Existing Laws at Kumbbla
- Training on Existing Laws at Bakrabail
- 15.01.2022 : Training on Existing Laws at Vorkady
- 22.01.2022 : Training on Existing Laws at Kumbbla
- 23.01.2022 : Awareness on Government schemes and benefits at Bedrampala
- 24.01.2022 : Training on Self-employment at Manjeshwar
- 25.01.2022 : Awareness on Government Schemes at Talapady
- 27.01.2022 : Training on Goat rearing and Poultry at Nellikad
- 29.01.2022 : Cleanliness Drive at Modankap and Mogral

Other planned activities for January 2022

1. Distribution of Christmas gifts to children under the Child Sponsorship Programme.
2. Training on Natural Resource Management for students at Kalthur, Kattathila and Kadeshwalaya Schools
3. Training on Organic Farming and Kitchen Gardening at Puttur
4. Training on Plastic Waste Management at Kayyar School
5. Inauguration of Tailoring Classes and training on Organic Farming and Kitchen Gardening at Puttur

- Director, CODP

ದೇವಾಧಿನ್ ಫೆಲಿಕ್ಸ್ ಜೊನ್ ನೊರೊನ್ಡಾ ಬಾಪಾಕ್ ಶೃದ್ಧಾಂಜಲಿ

ಸೊಮ್ಯಾ ಥಂಯ್ ಮರಣ್ ಪಾವ್ಲಲಿಂ ಭಾಗಿ. ತಾಂಕಾಂ ಸುಟ್ಕಾ ಲಾಬ್ಲಿ.
ಕೆತ್ಯಾಕ್ ತಾಂಚ್ಯೊ ಬರೊ ಕರೊಲ್ಲ್ಯೊ ತಾಂಚ್ಯೆ ಸವೆಂ ಆಸ್ತಲ್ಯೊ
(ಉಗ್ಡಾಪಣ್ 14:13).

ದೇ ಬಾಪ್ ಫೆಲಿಕ್ಸ್ ಜೊನ್ ನೊರೊನ್ಡಾ 1959 ಜೂನ್ 22ವೆರ್ ದೆರೆಬೈಲ್ ಜಲ್ಮಲೊ. ದೇ ಬಾಲ್ತಾಜಾರ್ ನೊರೊನ್ಡಾ ಆನಿ ದೇ ಸೆವಿನ್ ನೊರೊನ್ಡಾ ಹಾಂಚ್ಯಾ 6 ಜಣಾಂ ಭುರ್ಗ್ಯಾಂ ಪಯ್ಲಿ ತೊ ನಿಮಾಣೊ. 1988 ವರಾ ತಾಣೆಂ ಒಡ್ಡ್ ಘೆತ್ಲಿ. ಒಡ್ಡಿ ಉಪ್ರಾಂತ್ ಸಹಾಯಕ್ ವಿಗಾರ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಮಡಂತ್ಯಾರ್ ಆನಿ ಉಡುಪಿ ಫಿರ್ಗಜಾಂನಿ ವಾವ್ರ್ ಕೆಲಾ. ತಶೆಂಚ್ ಆಜೆಕಾರ್, ಗಂಗೊಳ್ಳಿ ಆನಿ ಕಾಸರಗೋಡ್ ಫಿರ್ಗಜಾಂನಿ ವಿಗಾರ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಪುರ್ತ್ಯೆ ಸಾತ್ ವರಾಂಚ್ಯೆ ಅವ್ವೆಚಿ ತಾಣೆಂ ಸೆವಾ ದಿಲ್ಯಾ.

2009 ಥಾವ್ನ್ 2013, 4 ವರಾಂ ಕೇರಳ ಡಿವೈನ್ ರೆಟ್ರೀಟ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್‌ಂತ್ ಕೊಂಕ್ಣಿ ಲೊಕಾಕ್ ಅತ್ತಿಕ್ ಸೆವಾ ದಿಲ್ಯಾ.

2013-2015, 2 ವರಾಂ ಫಾ ಮುಲ್ಲರ್ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಂತ್ ಅತ್ತಿಕ್ ಸಲಹಾದಾರ್ ಆಸ್ಲೊ.

2015-2017, 2 ವರಾಂ ಬಜೆ ಸಾಂ ಜುವಾಂವ್ ಪಾವ್ಲ್ ದುಸ್ರ್ಯಾಕ್ ಸಮರ್ಪಿಲ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಯಾತ್ರಿಕ್ ಕೆಂದ್ರಾಂತ್ ಅತ್ತಿಕ್ ಸೆವಾ ದಿಲ್ಯಾ.

2017 - ಜೂನ್, ಜುಲೈ 2 ಮ್ಹಯ್ನೆ ತಲಪಾಡಿ ಮರಿಯಾಶ್ರಮಾಂತ್ ವಿಗಾರ್ ಜಾಲೊ. ಪೂಣ್ ಅಪ್ಲಿತ್ ಪಿಡೆಸ್ತ್ ಜಾಲೊ ದೆಕುನ್ 1 ವರ್ಸ್ ಉಳ್ಳಾಲ್ ನಿರ್ಮಲ ಕೊವೆಂತಾಂತ್ ಚಾಪ್ಲೆಯ್ನ್ ಜಾಲೊ.

2018-2020, 2 ವರಾಂ ಫಾ ಮುಲ್ಲರ್ ಹೊಮಿಯೋಪತಿ ಕೊಲೆಜ್ ದೇರಳಕಟ್ಟೆ, ಹಾಂಗಾ ಅತ್ತಿಕ್ ಸಲಹಾದಾರ್ ಆಸ್ಲೊ.

2020 ಜೂನ್ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ನಿಮಾಣಿ ಘಡಿ ಮ್ಹಣಾಸರ್ ಸ್ನೇಹಾಲಯ ಆಶ್ರಮ್, ಪಾವೂರ್ ಹಾಂಗಾ ಅತ್ತಿಕ್ ಸೆವಾ ದಿಲಿ.

ಕಾಸರಗೋಡ್ ಆಸ್ತಾನಾ 15 ಸೆಂಟ್ಸ್ ಜಾಗೊ ಇಗರ್ಜೆಕ್ ಕುಶಿನ್‌ಚ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಘೆತ್ಲಾ. ಕೃಷೆಂತ್ ಬರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೆಲ್ಯಾ. ಜಾಯ್ತೆ ರೂಕ್ ಇಗರ್ಜೆ ವತಾರಾಂತ್ ತಾಚ್ಯಾ ಕಾಳಾರ್ ಲಾಯಿಲ್ಲೆ, ದುರ್ಬಲ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಘರಾ ಬಾಂದುಂಕ್ ಮಸ್ತು ಕುಮಕ್ ಆನಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾ ಕೆಲ್ಯಾ. ದುರ್ಬಲ್ಯಾ ಭುರ್ಗ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಶಿಕ್ಪಾಕ್ ದಾನಿಂಚಿ ಮಾಂಡಾವಳ್ ಕೆಲ್ಯಾ. ಆಜೆಕಾರಾಂತ್ ಇಗರ್ಜೆಚಿ ಹುಟ್ಟಳ್ ಚಡೊಂವ್ಕ್ ರಸ್ತಾದೆಗೆರ್ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ್ ಬಾಂದಯ್ಲಾಂ. ಗಂಗೊಳ್ಳಿ ಸಾಂ ಜುಜೆ ಇಸ್ಕೂಲಾಚೆಂ ಬಾಂದಪ್, ಇಗರ್ಜೆ ವಾತಾರಾಂತ್ ಸಾಂ ಜುಜೆ ವಾಸ್‌ಚೆಂ ಶ್ರೈನ್, ಕನ್ನಡ ಕುದ್ರುಂತ್ ಸಾಂ ಜುಜೆ ವಾಸ್ ಕೊಪೆಲ್. ತೈ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಂತ್

ಮಸ್ತು ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂಕ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಲಾಗಿಂ ಹಾಡ್ಲಾಂ. ಕಾಂಯ್ ಅವಾಜ್ ನಾಸ್ತಾನಾ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂ ಎಕ್ವಟಾಂವ್ಚೊ ವಾವ್ರ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಕೆಲಾ. ಆಸ್‌ಲ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಸರ್ವ್ ಫಿರ್ಗಜಾಂನಿ ತಾಣೆಂ ಕೃಷಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೆಲ್ಯಾ. ಭುರ್ಗ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಭಾವಾಡ್ತಾಂತ್ ವಾಡೊಂವ್ಕ್ ಜಾಯ್ತಿಂ ಶಿಬಿರಾಂ ಆಸಾ ಕರ್ತಾಲೊ.

2021 ದಶೆಂಬರ್ 25 ತಾರಿಕೆರ್ ಕ್ರಿಸ್ಮಸ್ ಫೆಸ್ಟಾ ದಿಸಾ ಸದಾಂಚ್ಯೆ ಬರಿಂ ತೊ ಉಟ್ಲಾ. ಸಂಭ್ರಮಿಕ್ ಫೆಸ್ಟಾ ಮೀಸ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಭೆಟಯ್ಲಾಂ. ಲಾಂಬ್ ಜಾಲ್ಯಾರ್ ಜಾಂವ್, ಸಂಭ್ರಮಿತ್ ಜಾಯ್ಚೆ, ಕೀರ್ತನಾಂ ಗಾಯ್ಚೆ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಸ್ನೇಹಾಲಯಾಚೊ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ್ ಬ್ರದರ್ ಜೋಸೆಫ್ ಲಾಗಿಂ ಸಾಂಗ್ಲಾಂ. ಮಿಸಾ ಉಪ್ರಾಂತ್ ಸದಾಂಚ್ಯೆ ಬರಿಂ ನಾಷ್ಟೊ ಘೆತ್ಲಾ. ಸುಮಾರ್ 10.30 ವರಾರ್ ತೊ ಪಡ್ಲೊ. ಆಂಬ್ಯುಲೆನ್ಸರ್ ಕಂಕ್ನಾಡಿ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಕ್ ಹಾಡ್ತಾನಾ ವಾಟೆರ್‌ಚ್ ತೊ ಸರ್ಲೊ.

ನಿಮಾಣೆಂ ತೊ ಪಡ್ಚ್ಯಾ 5 ಮಿನುಟಾಂ ಪಯ್ಲೆಂ ತಾಚಿ ಮೊಗಾಚಿ ಮೌಶಿ ಸಿ ರೆಜೀನಾ ಲಾಗಿಂ ತೊ ಉಲಯ್ಲಾ. 2 ವರಾಂ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ಕಿಡ್ನಿ ಆನಿ ಕಾಳ್ಜಾಚೆ ಪಿಡೆನ್ ತೊ ಕಷ್ಟತಾಲೊ ತರಿ ಕೊಣಾಕಿ ಪರ್ಗಟ್ ಸಾಂಗಿನಾತ್‌ಲ್ಲೊ. ಸ್ನೇಹಾಲಯಾಂತ್ ತಾಕಾ ವೆಳಾ ವೆಳಾರ್ ನರ್ಸಾಂ ವಕತ್ ದಿತಾಲಿಂ ತರಿ ದೆವಾಚಿ ಮಿಶಿ ಅಶಿಚ್ ಆಸ್‌ಲ್ಲಿ. ಜೆಜುಚ್ಯಾ ಜಲ್ಮಾಚ್ಯೆ ಪರ್ಬೆಕ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಸರ್ಗಿಂಚ್ಯಾ ಜೆವ್ಣಾ ಮೆಜಾರ್ ಬಸುಂಕ್ ತಾಕಾ ಆಪೊವ್ನ್ ವ್ಹೆಲೊ. ಹೆಂ ತಾಚೆಂ ಭಾಗ್.

- ಮಾಗ್ಣ್ಯಾಚೊ ಪಾದ್ರ್ಯಾಬ್, ತಾಚೊ ವಾವ್ರ್ ಪೊಟ್ವಾಂತ್, ಬಜ್ಜೆ ಸಾಂ ಜುವಾಂವ್ ಪಾವ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಯಾತ್ರಿಕ್ ಕೆಂದ್ರಾಂತ್, ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಂತ್ ವಾ ಆಶ್ರಮಾಂತ್, ಗೆಲ್ಚೆಕಡೆ ತಾಣೆಂ ಬರೊ ವಾವ್ರ್ ಕೆಲಾ. ಹರೆಕ್‌ಕಡೆ ಸಾತ್ ವರಾಂಚಿ ಅಪ್ಲಿ ಸೊಂಪೊವ್ನ್ ತೊ ಲೊಕಾಮೊಗಾಳ್ ತೊ ಜಾಲಾ. ತಾಚಿ ಸದಾಂ ಮಾಗ್ಣಿ ಬ್ರೀವಿಯರಿ, ಸಾದ್ಯಾ ಕಾಳಾಚೊ ಭಾಗ್ ಝರುನ್ ಪಿಂಜುನ್ ಗೆಲಿ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ನವಿ ಘೆತ್‌ಲ್ಲಿ.
- Soft spoken – ತಾಳೊ ಮೊವ್, ಹಳೂ. ವ್ಹಡ್ವಣ್ ಕೆದಿಂಚ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ದಾಕಯ್ಲೆಂ ನಾ.
- ದಿಲ್ಲೆಂ ಸಗ್ಳೆಂ ಕಾಮ್ ಜಾತಾ ತಿತ್ಲೆಂ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ್ ಕರುಂಕ್ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಕರ್ತಾಲೊ.
- ಕೊಣಾಯ್‌ಲಾಗಿಂ ಘರ್ಷಣ್ ನಾ. ಕೊಣೆಂ ದುಖಿಯ್ಲಾರ್ ಆಪ್ಣಾ ಇತ್ಲ್ಯಾಕ್ ಜಿರಯ್ತಾಲೊ ಶಿವಾಯ್ ಚರ್ಚೆ ಕರಿನಾತ್ಲೊ.
- ಭುರ್ಗ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ತೊ ಮೊಗಾಚೊ. ಭುರ್ಗ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಭೊವ್ ಬರಿ ತರ್ಬೆತಿ ದಿತಾಲೊ. ತಾಚೊ ಸ್ವಭಾವ್ ಲ್ಹಾನ್ ಭುರ್ಗ್ಯಾಂ ಪರಿಂ.
- ಫಿರ್ಗಜಾಂನಿ ಸಕ್ಡಾಂಕಿ ವಾವ್ರ್ ಕರುಂಕ್ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ ದಿತಾಲೊ. ಮೊಗಾಳ್ ಆನಿ ಮಾಯ್ಪಾಶಿ, ಲೊಕಾ ಮೊಗಾಳ್ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ.

- g) ಖಾಣಾ ಜೆವ್ವಾಂತ್ ವ ಲೆಕಾವರ್ತ್ ಆಶಾ, ಆಬ್ಲೆಸ್ ತಾಕಾ ನಾಶೆಲ್ಲೊ.
- h) ತಾಚೆಂ ಉತರ್ ದೃಢ್ ಆನಿ ಕಡಕ್ ಆಸ್ತಾಲೆಂ. ದೆಕುನ್ ತಾಕಾ ಸೆಮಿನರಿಂತ್ ಲೋಕಲ್ ಒರ್ದಿನರಿ ವಾ ಥಳಿಯ್ ವ್ಹಡಿಲ್ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ಆಪೊಂವ್ಚೆಂಯ್ ಆಸ್ಲೆಂ.
- i) ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಚೊ ಮೊಗಿ ತೊ - ಸುಕ್ತಿ ಸಾವ್ಡಾಂ, ಫುಲಾಂ ಝಾಡಾಂ ತಾಚೆ ಭೊಂವ್ಡಿಂ ಕೆದ್ನಾಂಯ್ ಆಸ್ಲಿಂ.
- j) ಶೆರ್ಮಾಂವ್, ಮೀಸ್, ಶಿಸ್ತೆರ್ ಆಸುನ್ ತಾಚೆಂ ಮೀಸ್ ಸವ್ಯಾಸ್ ಅರ್ಥಾಭರಿತ್.
- k) ಸಕ್ಡಾಂ ಲಾಗಿಂ ತೊ ಉಲಯ್ತಾಲೊ. ಸಗ್ಯಾ ಪಿಡೆಸ್ತಾಂಕ್ ಭೆಟ್ ಕರ್ತಾಲೊ, ಮೊಗಾನ್ ಉಲಯ್ತಾಲೊ. ಗರ್ಜೆವಂತಾಂಕ್ ಕುಮ್ಗಾರ್, ಶೆಜಾರ್ಚ್ಚಿ ಫಿರ್ಗಜಾಂಕ್ ಅತ್ಮಿಕ್ ಗರ್ಜಾಂಕ್ ಕುಮಕ್ ಕರುಂಕ್ ವೆತಾಲೊ. ಸಬಾರ್ ಲೋಕ್ ಕೊನ್ನಿಲಿಂಗಾಕ್ ತಾಚೆ ಸರ್ಶಿಂ ಯೆತಾಲೊ. ತಾಣೆಂ ತರ್ಜುಮೊ ಕೆಲ್ಲ್ಯಾ “ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಅತ್ಮಾಚ್ಯಾ ಹಾಜರ್ಪಣಾಚೆಂ ಸತ್” ಬುಕಾಂತ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಬರಯಿಲ್ಲೆಂ ಆಸಾ ‘ತುಂ ಕಿತೆಂ ಕರ್ತಾಯ್ ತೆಂ ಮಹತ್ವಾಚೆಂ ನ್ಹಯ್, ತುಂ ಕಿತ್ಯಾಕ್ ಕರ್ತಾಯ್ ಮ್ಹಳ್ಳೆಂ ಮಹತ್ವಾಚೆಂ’. ತಾಣೆಂ ಥೊಡಿಂ ಅತ್ಮಿಕ್ ಲೇಖನಾಂಯ್ ಬರಯಿಲ್ಲೆಂ ಆಸಾತ್.

There are special people in our lives that never leave us even after they are gone. ಫಾ| ಫೆಲಿಕ್ಸ್ ತಸಲೊ ಏಕ್ ಭಾಗೆವಂತ್, ಬರೊ ಯಾಜಕ್. ಜಾಣ್ವಾಯ್ 3:1 ಸಾಂಗ್ತಾ ‘ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕ್ ಮನ್ಯಾಂಚೆ ಅತ್ಮೆ ದೆವಾಚ್ಯಾ ಹಾತಾಂತ್ ಆಸಾತ್ ಆನಿ ಕಸಲೆಚ್ ದಗ್ಡ್ ತಾಂಕಾಂ ಲಾಗ್ಗೆನಾಂತ್’. ಜಾಣ್ವಾಯ್ 4:7 ಸಾಂಗ್ತಾ ‘ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕ್ ಮನಿಸ್ ಆಪ್ಲೊ ಕಾಳ್ ಭರ್ಚೆ ಆದಿಂ ಮರತ್ ಜಾಲ್ಯಾರಿ ತಾಕಾ ವಿಶೆವ್ ಮೆಳ್ತಲೊ’.

ಬಾಪ್ ಫೆಲಿಕ್ಸ್ ಥಂಯ್ ಸಾಂ ಪಾವ್ಲಾಚೆಂ ಉತ್ರಾಂ ಖಿರಿಂ ಜಾಲ್ಯಾಂತ್: “ಮ್ಹಜೆಂ ಝುಜ್ ಹಾಂವ್ ಬರೆಂ ಝುಜ್ಲಾಂ. ಶೆವಟ್ ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಮ್ಹಜಿ ಧಾಂವ್ ಹಾಂವ್ ಧಾಂವ್ಲಾಂ. ಮ್ಹಜೊ ಭಾವಾಡ್ ಹಾಂವೆಂ ಸಾಂಬಾಳ್ತಾ. ಆತಾಂ ನಿತಿವಂತ್ಪಣಾಚೊ ಮುಕುಟ್ ಮ್ಹಾಕಾ ತಯಾರ್ ದವರ್ಲಲೊ ಆಸಾ” (2 ತಿಮೊತಿ 4:7-8). ತೊ ಸರ್ಗಿಂ ಸಂತೊಸಾಕ್ ಪಾವ್ಲಾ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ಆಮಿ ಭರ್ವಸ್ತಾಂವ್. ಆಮ್ಕಾಂ ಸಮೆಸ್ತಾಂಕ್ ತೊ ಮಜತ್ ಮಾಗುನ್ ಧಾಡ್ತಾಲೊ. ಕುಟ್ಮಾಚ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಆನಿ ಮೊಗಾಚ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ನಿಮಾಣೊ ಆಸ್ಚೊ ತೊ ಪಯ್ಲೊ ಮೆಳ್ಳೆಬರಿಂ ಸರ್ಗಿಂ ಗೆಲಾ. ತಾಚೆಬರಿಂ ಬರೆ ಯಾಜಕ್ ದೇವ್ ಆಮ್ಕಾಂ ಫಾವೊ ಕರುಂದಿ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ಮಾಗ್ಯಾಂ.

- ಮಾ| ಬಾಜಿಲ್ ವಾಸ್
ವಿಗಾರ್, ಮಡಂತ್ಯಾರ್

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LETTER

**TO THE PRESIDENTS OF THE EPISCOPAL CONFERENCES
ON THE RITE OF INSTITUTION OF CATECHISTS**

Your Eminence / Your Excellency,

Recently, Pope Francis intervened with two Apostolic Letters in the form of “*Motu Proprio*” on the subject of instituted ministries. The first, *Spiritus Domini*, dated 10 January 2021, amended canon 230 §1 of the Code of Canon Law regarding the access of women to the instituted ministry of Lector and Acolyte. The second, *Antiquum ministerium*, dated 10 May 2021, instituted the ministry of Catechist.

The Holy Father’s interventions orient reflection on the ministries towards the future while at the same time deepening the reflection already begun by St Paul VI with the Apostolic Letter “*Motu Proprio data*” *Ministeria quaedam* of 15 August 1972, by which the discipline concerning first tonsure, the minor orders and the sub-diaconate were renewed in the Latin Church.

The publication of the Rite of Institution of Catechists offers a further opportunity for reflection on the theology of ministries in order to arrive at an organic vision of the distinct ministerial realities, on the understanding that *legem credendi lex statuat supplicandi*.

In order to respond quickly to the need for a rite of institution, this *Editio typica*, which is part of the *Pontificale Romanum*, is published without a *Praenotanda*. The 50th anniversary of *Ministeria quaedam* (1972 / 2022) will provide the occasion for the publication of an *Editio typica altera* (*De institutione Lectorum, Acolythorum et Catechistarum*), accompanied by *Praenotanda*.

The present *editio typica* can be widely adapted by the Episcopal Conferences which have the responsibility of clarifying

the description and the role of Catechists, of offering them adequate formation programmes, and informing communities so that they understand their service. This adaptation must follow the provisions of the General Decree implementing the *Motu Proprio Magnum Principium* for obtaining the *confirmatio* or *recognitio* from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

This letter, which accompanies the publication of the *Editio typica* of the Rite of Institution of Catechists, aims to offer a contribution to the reflection of the Bishops' Conferences, proposing some notes on the ministry of Catechist, on the necessary requirements, and on the celebration of the rite of institution.

I. The ministry of Catechist

1. The ministry of Catechist is a “stable form of service rendered to the local Church in accordance with pastoral needs identified by the local Ordinary, yet one carried out as a work of the laity, as demanded by the very nature of the ministry”. It is a broad and varied ministry.
2. First of all, it should be emphasised that this is a **lay ministry** based on the common baptismal state and the royal priesthood received in the Sacrament of Baptism and is essentially distinct from the ordained ministry received in the Sacrament of Orders.
3. The “**stability**” of the ministry of Catechist is analogous to that of the other instituted ministries. This definition of stability, as well as expressing the fact that it is a “stable” ministry in the Church, also affirms that lay people who have the age and qualifications determined by decree of the Episcopal Conference, can be admitted in a stable manner (like Lectors and Acolytes) into the ministry of Catechist. This takes place through the rite of institution which is therefore not to be repeated. The exercise of the ministry, however, can and must be regulated by the individual Episcopal Conferences in terms of duration, content and modalities, in accordance with pastoral needs.

4. Catechists, by virtue of their Baptism, are called to be **co-responsible** in the local Church for the **proclamation and transmission of the faith**, carrying out this role **in collaboration with the ordained ministers and under their guidance.**”Catechising is, in a way, to lead a person to study this mystery [of Christ] in all its dimensions. [...] It is therefore to reveal in the Person of Christ the whole of God’s eternal design reaching fulfilment in that Person. It is to seek to understand the meaning of Christ’s actions and words and of the signs worked by Him, for they simultaneously hide and reveal His mystery. Accordingly, the definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only He can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity”.
5. Such a goal includes **various aspects** and its attainment is expressed in **multiple forms**, depending on the needs of the communities and the discernment of the Bishops. For this reason, and in order to avoid misunderstandings, it is necessary to bear in mind that the term ‘catechist’ indicates different realities in relation to the ecclesial context in which it is used. Catechists in mission territories differ from those working in churches of long-standing tradition. Moreover, individual ecclesial experiences also produce very different characteristics and patterns of action, so much so that it is difficult to give it a unitary and synthetic description.
6. Among the great variety of forms, one can distinguish - though not rigidly - **two main types** of Catechists. Some have the **specific task of catechesis**, others the broader task of **participating in different forms of apostolate**, in collaboration with the ordained ministers and obedient to their guidance. The context of the ecclesial reality (Churches of long standing tradition; young Churches; the size of the territory; the number of ordained ministers; pastoral organisation, etc) determines one or the other type.
7. It is important to note that, since this ministry has “a definite vocational aspect [...] and consequently calls for due discernment on the part of the Bishop,” and since its content

is defined by the individual Bishops' Conferences (obviously in conformity with what is stated in *Antiquum ministerium*), not everyone who carries out a service of catechesis or pastoral assistance and who are called 'catechists' have to be instituted.

8. It is preferable that the following should not be instituted as Catechists:

- those who have already begun their journey towards Holy Orders and in particular have been admitted among the candidates for the Diaconate and the Priesthood. As already mentioned, the ministry of Catechist is a lay ministry and is essentially distinct from the ordained ministry which is received with the Sacrament of Orders;
- men and women religious (irrespective of whether they belong to Institutes whose charism is catechesis), unless they act as leaders of a parish community or coordinators of catechetical activity. It should be remembered that, in the absence of instituted ministers, they can - like all the baptised - exercise ministries "de facto," precisely because of their Baptism, which is also the basis of their religious profession;
- those who carry out a role exclusively for the members of an ecclesial movement: this function, which is equally valuable, is in fact assigned by the leaders of the individual ecclesial movements and not, as in the case of the ministry of Catechist, by the diocesan Bishop following his discernment in relation to pastoral needs;
- those who teach Catholic religion in schools, unless they also carry out other ecclesiastical tasks in the service of the parish or Diocese.

9. Careful reflection - which can truly be deepened by a comprehensive and balanced reconsideration of the instituted ministries as a whole - is required in the case of those who accompany **the initiation of children, young people and adults. It does not seem appropriate for everyone to be instituted as a catechist. As already mentioned, this ministry**

has “a definite vocational aspect [...] and consequently calls for due discernment on the part of the Bishop”. Instead, it is absolutely appropriate that at the beginning of each catechetical year they all should receive a public ecclesial mandate entrusting them with this important function.

It is not ruled out, however, that after suitable discernment, some who are involved in initiation programmes may be instituted as ministers. However, it would be wise to ask the question which ministry is the most suitable, that of Lector or of Catechist, in view of the specific content of each.

In fact, the rite of institution of Lectors states that it is their task to educate children and adults in the faith and to guide them to receive the sacraments in a worthy manner. Considering that it is an ancient tradition that every ministry is directly linked to a particular office in the liturgical celebration, it is certainly evident that proclaiming the Word in the assembly clearly expresses the service of those who accompany candidates on the path of initiation. Those who receive catechetical instruction should see the liturgical expression of the service being rendered to them in the Lector who becomes the voice of the Word.

If, however, those who are involved in initiation are entrusted - under the moderation of ordained ministers - with a task of formation or the responsibility for coordinating all catechetical activity, then it would seem more appropriate for them to be instituted as Catechists.

In conclusion: not everyone who prepares children, young people and adults for initiation need to be instituted as Catechists. The Bishop’s discernment may call some of them to the ministry of either Lector or Catechist, according to their abilities and to pastoral needs.

10. Because of what has now been established, candidates for the instituted ministry of Catechist – having some prior experience of catechesis – can, therefore, be chosen from

among those who **carry out the service of proclamation in a more specific manner**: they are called to find effective and coherent means for this first evangelisation, and then to accompany those who have received it into the initiatory stage.

They play an active part in the rites of the Christian initiation of adults which expresses the importance of their ministry. In the period of the pre-catechumenate, Catechists collaborate with Pastors, Sponsors and Deacons to find the most suitable forms for the first proclamation of the Gospel, awakening the candidates to faith and to conversion; they help to discern the external signs of the dispositions of those who intend to be admitted to the catechumenate. During this period they carry out an appropriate catechesis suited to the liturgical year and supported by celebrations of the Word of God, from which they are able to bring the catechumens “not only to a suitable knowledge of dogmas and precepts, but also to an intimate knowledge of the mystery of salvation”. The Bishop delegates “truly worthy and suitably prepared” Catechists to celebrate the Minor Exorcisms.

Once the catechumens have been initiated, Catechists remain with the community as witnesses to the faith, teachers and mystagogues, companions and pedagogues who, in every way, are willing to encourage the faithful to conform their lives to the baptism they have received. They are also called upon to find new and bold ways of proclaiming the Gospel that will enable them to stir up and reawaken the faith in the hearts of those who no longer feel the need for it.

11. However, the area of proclamation and teaching describes only a part of the activity of instituted Catechists. In fact, they are called to **collaborate with ordained ministers in the various forms of the apostolate**, carrying out many functions under the guidance of the pastors. In attempting to offer a by no means exhaustive list of these functions, the following can be indicated: guiding community prayer,

especially the Sunday liturgy in the absence of a Priest or Deacon; assisting the sick; leading funeral celebrations; training and guiding other Catechists; coordinating pastoral initiatives; human promotion according to the Church's social doctrine; helping the poor; fostering the relationship between the community and the ordained ministers.

12. This breadth and variety of functions should not come as a surprise: the exercise of this lay ministry fully expresses the consequences of being baptised and, in the particular situation of the lack of a stable presence of ordained ministers, it is a participation in their pastoral action. This is what the Code of Canon Law affirms when it provides for the possibility of entrusting to a non-ordained person a share in the exercise of pastoral care in a parish, always under the moderation of a priest. It is necessary, therefore, to form the community so that it does not see the Catechist as a substitute for the Priest or Deacon, but as a member of the lay faithful who lives their baptism in fruitful collaboration and shared responsibility with the ordained ministers, so that their pastoral care may reach everyone.
13. It is the task of the **Episcopal Conferences**, therefore, to clarify the **description**, the **role** and the most appropriate **forms** for the exercise of the ministry of Catechists in line with what is indicated in *Motu Proprio Antiquum ministerium*. Adequate **formation programmes** for candidates must also be defined. Finally, care must also be taken to prepare communities so that they may understand the meaning of this ministry.

II. Requirements

14. It is the task of the diocesan Bishop to discern the call to the ministry of Catechist by assessing the needs of the community and the abilities of the candidates. Men and women who have received the sacraments of Christian initiation and have presented a freely written and signed petition to the diocesan Bishop may be admitted as candidates.

15. The Motu Proprio describes the requirements as follows: “It is fitting that those called to the instituted ministry of Catechist be men and women of deep faith and human maturity, active participants in the life of the Christian community, capable of welcoming others, being generous and living a life of fraternal communion. They should also receive suitable biblical, theological, pastoral and pedagogical formation to be competent communicators of the truth of the faith and they should have some prior experience of catechesis. It is essential that they be faithful co-workers with priests and deacons, prepared to exercise their ministry wherever it may prove necessary, and motivated by true apostolic enthusiasm”.

III. Celebration

16. The ministry of Catechist is conferred by the diocesan Bishop, or by a priest delegated by him, by means of the liturgical rite *De Institutione Catechistarum* promulgated by the Apostolic See.
17. The ministry can be conferred during Mass or during a celebration of the Word of God.
18. After the liturgy of the Word the structure of the rite envisages an exhortation (this given text lends itself well to adaptation by the Bishops’ Conferences in relation to how they wish to specify the role of the Catechists); an invitation to prayer; a blessing; the handing over of a crucifix.

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In conclusion, I would like us to return to the ever prophetic words of Saint Paul VI in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*:

“We cannot but experience a great inner joy when we see so many pastors, religious and lay people, fired with their mission to evangelise, seeking ever more suitable ways of proclaiming the Gospel effectively. We encourage the

openness which the Church is showing today in this direction and with this solicitude. It is an openness to meditation first of all, and then to ecclesial ministries capable of renewing and strengthening the evangelising vigour of the Church. It is certain that, side by side with the ordained ministries, whereby certain people are appointed pastors and consecrate themselves in a special way to the service of the community, the Church recognises the place of non-ordained ministries which are able to offer a particular service to the Church”.

To Mary, Mother of the Church, we entrust our service for the building up of the Kingdom.

From the Offices of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 3 December 2021, the Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest.

- **Arthur Roche**
Prefect

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