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## **Programme for the Month of April - 2015**

2. Maundy Thursday
3. Good Friday - Fast and abstinence
4. Holy Saturday
5. Easter - Peace of the Risen Lord to all
6. 5.00 p.m. - Golden Jubilee of Marriage of Bp. C.L. Furtado CSI Retired Bishop
10. 10.30 a.m. - Mass, blessing of Convent of Dominican Sisters, at Manjeshwar
- 4.00 p.m. - Mass at Rosario Cathedral, Vocations Day
11. 8.00 a.m. - Mass at Fr Muller, Jubilee of Leprosy hospital and rehabilitation
- 4.00 p.m. - Mass at Cathedral Centenary celebration
13. 4.00 p.m. - Blessing of Allipade School building
14. 3.00 p.m. - Ordination of Diocesan Deacons
15. 4.00 p.m. - Mass, Neermarga, Centenary of School
- 7.00 p.m. - Vocation Camp at Gladsom Home
16. 10.00 a.m. - Ordination at Indubettu Dn. Stany Pinto
17. 3.30 p.m. - Ordination at Carmel Hill five deacons
18. 10.45 a.m. - Mass at Shirva, Fr Xavier Gomes mother's mind.

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| 19. | 10.00. am. | - | Adyapady Church Decennial celebration               |
| 20. | 10.30 a.m. | - | Blessing of Ammembal parish presbytery              |
| 21. | 9.00 a.m.  | - | Canonical Visitation to Adoration Convent, Milagres |
|     | 5.00 p.m.  | - | Confirmation at Derebail                            |
| 22. | 10.00 a.m. | - | Perpetual Commitment, Bethany Sisters, Rosa Mystica |
| 23. | 10.00 a.m. | - | Perpetual Commitment, Ursuline Sisters at Valencia  |
| 25. | 10.00 a.m. | - | Silver Jubilee, Fr Peter Mascarenhas at Agrar       |
| 26. |            | - | Pastoral Visit to Vorkady                           |
| 27. | 10.00 a.m. | - | St John Paul II Chapel Feast, Bajpe                 |
| 30. | 5.00 p.m.  | - | Mass at Borimar Convent, CSST Sisters               |

**Bishop Meets till noon:**

7 - People; 28 - Priests and Sisters.

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**Special Birthday**

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| Rev. Boniface Pinto         | - | 24.04.1965 | (50) |
| Rev. Michael L. Santhumayor | - | 10.04.1965 | (50) |
| Rev. Mark Castelino         | - | 03.04.1955 | (60) |
| Rev. Denis Castelino        | - | 08.04.1945 | (70) |

*Ad Multos Annos.*

**+ Bishop**

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## **Bishop's Message for the month of April 2015**

I have come back from my Pastoral Visit to SAME mission station run by the personnel from Mangalore Diocese. I am pleased to inform you that there is lot of progress in pastoral and educational ministry in the region by our Priests. I have met missionaries of other Congregations both Priests and Sisters from the Diocese of Mangalore. They have gone to different Dioceses of Africa more than 30 years back. To our knowledge this is the first time that a Diocese in India takes up a mission in Africa. You have been actively participating in missionary work by your prayer and generosity. I thank you sincerely. The Church is inaugurated and Fr Hilary Lobo is appointedd Parish Priest. We have to build a presbytery for him. Please support this cause.

We are delighted to hear the news from the Vatican that Blessed Mary Bavordi, the Cloistered Carmelite nun will be canonised. She lived in St Ann's Convent, Bolar for 2 years. She was one of the 3 pioneers of Carmelites to Mangalore. Since she lived in Mangalore we are assured of her prayers for our Diocese and Carmelites in our Diocese before the throne of God. She will be declared Saint on 17 May 2015. I request you to celebrate the Mass with good participation of the parishioners and after the Mass bells will be rung as a sign of joy.

We have also heard that the parents of St Therese of Child Jesus will also be canonised in the month of October. When we rejoice in these events, may their intercession be a strong grace to our families to become more holy.

The 364 Birthday of St Joseph Vaz will be held on 21 April. Parishes where he had worked may remember this event in a special manner and pray for vocations. I request you to encourage boys and girls for priesthood and religious

life. Though God has blessed us with vocations, we need to put in lot of efforts to foster vocations in these days as the vocations elsewhere are decreasing.

On 14 April, 10 deacons will be ordained priests for our Diocese. I cordially invite you for the ordination which will take place in our Cathedral at 3 p.m. Please pray for them.

Since the financial year has ended, please get ready the accounts for audit for the year 2014-15. Please don't delay in supplying the details to the auditor. This is more urgent for the parishes where the Parish Priests may have a transfer. You should be able to prepare the Receipts & Payments and Income & Expenditure statements to facilitate the auditor to prepare a balance sheet. Those who have educational Trusts are required to send the statements of accounts as you send that of the church. Those who have PEA accounts or any other education or church related accounts should get them audited separately and send the statements to the Diocese along with the Church returns. The auditor will consolidate all the accounts for the purpose of submission of annual returns to the I.T. department.

I thank you for participation in the annual Pastoral Consultation and the concelebration with me during the Mass of the Chrism. I request you to collect the holy oils from the reception of the Bishop's House. Please get the small bottles with a sticker of name of the particular oil. After the oils being blessed the ministers are required to make use of the oils of the current year. Please burn the oil of the previous year.

I wish you all the blessings of Easter and request you to pray for me and the Diocese and the mission in Arica.

**+ Aloysius Paul D'Souza**  
*Bishop of Mangalore*

## ಪರಿಪತ್ರ್

ಸಂ: 5/2015

ಜೆಜು ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಥಂಯ್ ಮೊಗಾಚ್ಯಾ ಭಾವಾ-ಭಯ್ಲಿ,

ಆಮ್ಚ್ಯಾ ಸೊಮಿಯಾ ಜೆಜು ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಚಿ ಶಾಂತಿ ಹಾಂವ್ ತುಮ್ಕಾಂ ಮಾಗ್ತಾಂ. ಪ್ರಾಚಿತ್ ಕಾಳಾಚೆ ದೀಸ್ ಸಂಪೊನ್ ಆಯ್ಲೆ. ಸೊಮಿಯಾಚ್ಯಾ ಜೆವ್ಣಾಚ್ಯಾ ಆದ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಬ್ರೆಸ್ತಾರಾ ದಿಸಾ 2015 ಮಾರ್ಚ್ 26ವೆರ್ ಸಾಂಜೆರ್ 5 ವೊರಾಂಚೆರ್ ರುಜಾಯ್ ಕಾತೆದ್ರಾಲಾಂತ್ ತೆಲಾಂ ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಕರ್ಚೆಂ ಮೀಸ್ ಆಸ್ತೆಲೆಂ. ಹೊ ಯಾಜಕಾಂಚೊ ದೀಸ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಸಂಬ್ರಮ್ಲೆಲ್ಯಾಂವ್. ತ್ಯಾ ದಿಸಾ ಸಕಾಳಿಂ 9 ವೊರಾರ್ ಗೊವ್ಳಿಕ್ ವಾವ್ರಾಂತ್ ಆಸ್ಚೆಂ ಸರ್ವ್ ಯಾಜಕ್ ಗೊವ್ಳಿಕ್ ಕೇಂದ್ರಾಂತ್ ಸಾಂಗಾತಾ ಮೆಳೊನ್ ಸಮರ್ಪಿತ್ ಜೆಣಿ ಆನಿ ಗೊವ್ಳಿಕ್ ವಾವ್ರಾ ವಿಶ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಸಮಾಲೋಚನ್ ಕರ್ತೆಲೆ. ದೊನ್ವಾರಾಂ ಉಪ್ರಾಂತ್ ರುಜಾಯ್ ಕಾತೆದ್ರಾಲಾಂತ್ ಯಾಜಕಾಂಕ್ ಶಿಕವ್ಣ್ ಆನಿ ಭಾಗೆವಂತ್ ವೋರ್ ಆಸ್ತೆಲೆಂ. ತೆಲಾಂಚ್ಯಾ ಮಿಸಾಕ್ ಜಾತಾ ಶಿಶ್ಯಾ ಭಾವಾಡ್ಲ್ಯಾಂನಿ ಹಾಜರ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಯಾಜಕಾಂ ಖಾತಿರ್ ಮಾಗೊಂಕ್ ಹಾಂವ್ ಉಲೊ ದಿತಾಂ. ಯಾಜಕಾಂನಿ ದಿಂವ್ಚೆ ಸೆವೆಚೊ ಉಡಾಸ್ ಕಾಡ್ನ್ ತಾಂಚೆ ಥಂಯ್ ಉಪ್ಕಾರಿ ಮನ್ ದಾಕಂವ್ಕ್ ಹೊ ಏಕ್ ಸಂದರ್ಬ್.

ಮೊಗಾಚ್ಯಾಂನೊ, ಹ್ಯಾ ದಿಸಾಂನಿ ಆಮ್ಚ್ಯಾ ಲೊಕಾಚೆರ್ ಆನಿ ಸಂಸ್ತಾಂಚೆರ್ ಜಾಂವ್ಚ್ಯಾ ಹಲ್ಲ್ಯಾಂ ವಿಶ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಆಮಿ ಪತ್ರಾಂನಿ ವಾಚುನ್ಂಚ್ ಆಸಾಂವ್. ಸಗ್ಳ್ಯಾ ಸಂಸಾರಾರ್ ಆನಿ ಆಮ್ಚ್ಯಾ ಭಾರತಾಂತ್ ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಂವ್ ಧರ್ಮಾಚೆರ್ ಜಾಂವ್ಚ್ಯಾ ಆಕ್ರಮಾಂ ವಿಶ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಆಮಿ ಆಮ್ಚ್ಯಾ ಪ್ರತಿಭಟನಾಂ ಮುಕಾಂತ್ ಕೇಂದ್ರ್ ಸರ್ಕಾರಾಲಾಗಿಂ ಪರಿಹಾರ್ ಮಾಗೊನ್ಂಚ್ ಆಸಾಂವ್. ಆಮಿ ಆಮ್ಚ್ಯಾ ಗಾಂವಾಂತ್ ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಂವ್ ಧರ್ಮಾಕ್ ಆನಿ ಹೆರ್ ಸರ್ವ್ ಧರ್ಮಾಕ್ ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರ್ಪಣಿ ಜಿಯೆಂವ್ಕ್ ಆನಿ ಮನ್ಸಾಹಕ್ಕಾಂ ರಾಕೊಂಕ್ ಸರ್ಕಾರ್ ಸರ್ವ್ ಭದ್ರತಿ ದೀಂವ್ಚಿ ಮ್ಹಣೊನ್ ಮಾಗ್ಯಾಂ. ಕಶ್ಟೊಂಚೆ ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಸಬೆಖಾತಿರ್ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಚ್ಯಾ ಮಾಗ್ಣ್ಯಾವೆಳಾರ್ ಆಮಿ ಮಾಗೊಂಕ್ ಉಡಾಸ್ ದವರ್ಯಾಂ. ಮಿಸಾವೆಳಾರ್ ಭಾವಾಡ್ಲ್ಯಾಂಚ್ಯಾ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನಾಂತ್ ಚಡಿತ್ ಉಲೊ ಮೆಳವ್ಣಾಂ.

ಉಣ್ಯಾ ಸಂಕ್ಯಾತಾಂಚೆರ್ ಆನಿ ಆಮ್ಚ್ಯಾ ಸಂಸ್ತಾಂಚೆರ್ ದೇಶ್‌ಭರ್ ಜಾಂವ್ಚೆ ಹಲ್ಲೆ ಖಂಡನ್ ಕರುನ್ ಆನಿ ಗರ್ಜೆಚಿ ಭದ್ರತಿ ದೀಜೆ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ಆಮ್ಚೊ ಆವಾಜ್ ದಾಕಂವ್ಚ್ಯಾಕ್ ಮಾರ್ಚ್ 27ವೆರ್ ಸುಕ್ರಾರಾ ಸಾಂಜೆರ್ 4.30 ವೊರಾರ್ ಮಂಗ್ಳುರ್ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾದಿಕಾರಿಚ್ಯಾ ದಫ್ತರಾ ಮುಕಾರ್ ಬೃಹತ್ ಪ್ರತಿಭಟನ್ ರ್ಯಾಲಿ ಜಮ್ತೆಲಿ. ಕಾತೊಲಿಕ್ ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಸಬೆಸವೆಂ ವೆವೆಗ್ಳೊ ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಂವ್ ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಸಬಾ ಆನಿ ಜಾತ್ಯಾತೀತ್ ಚಿಂತ್ಪಾಚಿಂ ಸಬಾರ್ ಸಂಗಟನಾಂ ಹ್ಯಾ ಪ್ರತಿಭಟನಾಕ್ ಹಜಾರೊಂ ಹಜಾರ್ ಲೊಕಾ ಸಂಕ್ಯಾಂನಿ ವಾಂಟೆಲಿ ಜಾತೆಲಿಂ. ತುಮಿ ವ್ಹಡ್ ಸಂಕ್ಯಾನ್ ಹಾಂತುಂ ವಾಂಟೆಲಿ ಜಾಂವ್ಕ್ ಉಲೊ ದಿತಾಂ.

ಎಪ್ರಿಲ್ 5 ಪಾಸ್ಕಾಂಚ್ಯಾ ಫೆಸ್ಟಾಚೊ ದೀಸ್. ತುಮ್ಕಾಂ ಹಾಂವ್ ಸಂತೊಸಾಚೆಂ ಪಾಸ್ಕಾಂ ಫೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಗ್ತಾಂ. ತುಮಿ ಹ್ಯಾ ಫೆಸ್ಟಾಕ್ ಬರಿ ತಯಾರಾಯ್ ಕೆಲ್ಯಾ. ಹೊ ಪಾಸ್ಕಾಂಚೊ ಸಂತೊಸ್ ತುಮ್ಕಾಂ ಆನಿ ತುಮ್ಚ್ಯಾ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಚ್ಯಾ ಸರ್ವ್ ಸಾಂದ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಲಾಬೊಂದಿ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ಹಾಂವ್ ಮಾಗ್ತಾಂ. ಸಮೇಸ್ತಾಂಚೆರ್ ಹಾಂವ್ ಜಿವಂತ್ ಜೆಜುಚಿಂ ಆಶಿರ್ವಾದಾಂ ಮಾಗ್ತಾಂ.

+ ಉವಿಸ್ ಪಾವ್ಲ್ ಸೊಚ್  
ಮಂಗ್ಳುರ್ದೊ ಗೊವ್ಳಿಬಾಪ್

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## **New Priests for the Diocese of Mangalore**

The following 9 deacons will be ordained Priests on 14.04.2015 at Rosario Cathedral, Mangalore.

1. Dn Ashwin Lohith Cardoza
2. Dn Kenneth Rayner Crasta
3. Dn Paul Sebastian D'Souza
4. Dn Rahul Dexter D'Souza
5. Dn Santhosh D'Souza
6. Dn Denzil Lobo
7. Dn Nelson Dheeraj Pais
8. Dn Praveen Joy Saldanha
9. Dn Johnson Lawrence Sequeira
10. Dn Stany Pinto will be ordained Priest on 16.04.2015 at St Francis Xavier Church, Indubettu.

We congratulate the new Priests and pray for God's abundant blessings upon them for fruitful pastoral ministry in the Diocese.

+ **Aloysius Paul D'Souza**  
*Bishop of Mangalore*

## **Easter Message in Radio**

Easter Message in Tulu language by Fr Praveen Leo Lasrado will be broadcast on Easter Sunday, 05.04.2015 at 6.15 pm in All India Radio, Mangalore.

- **Chancellor**



## ಸಾಂ. ಜುವಾಂವ್ ಪಾವ್ಲ್ ದುಸ್ರೊ ಪೂನ್‌ಶೆತ್ ಬಜ್ಜಿ, ಮಂಗ್ಳೂರ್.

ಎಪ್ರಿಲ್ 27- 04-2014 ವೆರ್ ಭಾಗೆವಂತ್ ಜುವಾಂವ್ ಪಾವ್ಲ್ ದುಸ್ರೊಕ್ 'ಸಾಂತ್' ಮ್ಹಣ್ ಪಾಚಾರ್ಲೊ. ಹೊ ಸಂಭ್ರಮ್ ಆದ್ಲೊ ವೆರ್ಸಾ ಹ್ಯಾಚ್ ದಿಸಾ ಬಜ್ಜೆಂತ್ ಸಂಭ್ರಮ್ಲೊ. ತ್ಯಾ ದಿಸಾ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ಆಜ್ ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಸಾಂತಾಚ್ಯಾ ಮಜತೆನ್ ಜಾಯ್ತಿ ಉಪ್ಕಾರ್ ಫಾವೊ ಜಾಲ್ಯಾತ್. ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಪೂನ್‌ಶೆತಾಚೆಂ ಬಾಂದಾಪ್, ಸಾಂತಾಚಿ ಕಾಶ್ಯಾಚಿ ಇಮಾಜ್ ಆನಿ ರಗ್ತಾಚಿ ರೆಆಕ್ ಮಂಗ್ಳುರ್ಚ್ಯಾ ದೇವ್‌ಪರ್ಜೆಕ್ ಫಾವೊ ಜಾಲ್ಲೆಂ ವರ್ತೆಂ ಭಾಗ್.

ಪೂನ್‌ಶೆತಾಚ್ಯಾ ಉಗ್ತಾವಣಾ ಉಪ್ಕಾರ್ ಆರಂಭ್ ಕೆಲ್ಲ್ಯಾ ನೊವೆನಾ ವೆರ್ಸಿಂ ಸಬಾರಾಂಕ್ ಮಾಗ್ಲೆಲೊ ಉಪ್ಕಾರ್ ಫಾವೊ ಜಾಲಾ. ಪಾಪಾನ್ ಪಾಂಯ್ ಥೆಂಕ್‌ಲೊ ಜಾಗೊ ಆಜ್ ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಜಾಲಾ ಆನಿ ಆಮಾಂ ಭಾವಾಡ್ತಾಂತ್ ಗೂಂಡ್ ಜಾಂವ್ಕ್ ಆಧಾರ್ ಜಾಲಾ.



### ಸಾಂ. ಜುವಾಂವ್ ಪಾವ್ಲ್ II ಮಹಾ ಪರಬ್

ಸಂದೇಶ್: "ಸಮರ್ಪಿತ್ ಜಿಣಿ ಜಿಯೆವ್ಯಾಂ, ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂ ಬಾಂದ್ಯಾಂ"

❖ ಮಿಸಾಂ ❖

27-04 2015 ಸೊಮಾರಾ : ಘೆಸ್ತಾಚೆಂ ಸಂಭ್ರಮಿಕ್ ಮಿಸಾಚೆಂ ಬಲಿದಾನ್: ಸಕಾಳಿಂ 10.00 ವರಾರ್.

ಭೆಟಯ್ತಾತ್ : ಅಮಾದೊ ಲುವಿಸ್ ಪಾವ್ಲ್ ಸೊಜ್ ಗೊವಿಬಾಪ್, ಮಂಗ್ಳೂರ್ ದಿಯೆಸೆಪ್.

ಸಾಂಜೆಚೆಂ ಮೀಸ್ : 4.30 ವರಾರ್.

ಭೆಟಯ್ತಾತ್ : ಭೋವ್ ಮಾ ಹೆನ್ನಿ ಸಿಕ್ಲೇರಾ, ಚಾನ್ಲರ್, ಮಂಗ್ಳೂರ್ ದಿಯೆಸೆಪ್.

❖ ಹಲ್ಯೆಕಾ ಮಂಗ್ಳೂರಾ ಸಕಾಳಿಂ 9.30 ಥಾವ್ನ್ 11.00 ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್ ದೈವಿಕ್ ಕಾಕುಳ್ತೆಂ ಭಕ್ತಿಪಣ್, ಮೀಸ್, ಆರಾಧನ್ ಆನಿ ನೊವೆನ್ ಆಸಾ.

❖ ಪೂನ್‌ಶೆತ್ ಸಕಾಳಿಂ 7.00 ಥಾವ್ನ್ ಸಾಂಜೆರ್ 7.00 ವರಾಂ ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಯಾತ್ರಿಕಾಂಕ್ ಉಗ್ತೆಂ ಆಸ್ತಲೆಂ.

❖ ಕುಮ್ತಾರಾಕ್ ಆನಿ ಇತರ್ ಅತ್ರಿಕ್ ಗರ್ಜಾಂಕ್ ಯಾಜಕ್ ತುಮ್ಮಾಂ ಮೆಳ್ತಲೆ.

❖ ಹಲ್ಯೆಕಾ ದಿಸಾ ದೊನ್ಡಾರಾಂ 3.00 ವರಾರ್ ದೈವಿಕ್ ಕಾಕುಳ್ತಾ ಭಕ್ತಿಪಣಾ ವೆಳಾರ್ ಯಾತ್ರಿಕಾಂಚ್ಯಾ ಕೆಸಾಂವಾಂ ಪಾಸತ್ ಮಾಗ್ಲಲ್ಯಾಂವ್.

❖ ತುಮ್ಮಾ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆ ವಾ ಸಂಸ್ಕಾರ್ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ಪಂಗಡ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಯೆತಲ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಮಾಗ್ಲಲ್ಯಾಕ್ ಆವ್ಕಾನ್ ಆಸಾ.

ಯೆಯಾ, ಸಾಂ. ಜುವಾಂವ್ ಪಾವ್ಲ್ ಪರಿಂ ಸಮರ್ಪಿತ್ ಜಿಣಿ ಜಿಯೆವ್ಯಾಂ ಆನಿ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂ ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಕರ್ಯಾಂ.

### ❖ ಪ್ರರ್ವಾರ್ಕ್ ವೊಗಾಚೆಂ ಆಪೊವ್ಣೆಂ ನಿತಾತ್ ❖

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**CAPITANIO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION**  
**Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**  
Capitanio, Mangaluru - 575 002

**Mea Utsav for Youth**

Venue : Capitanio P.U. College  
: April 12 (Sunday) 2015 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Participants: Boys and girls between age of 16–25 years.

The Parish Priests are requested to encourage the youth to attend the programme. The names of 2 boys and 2 girls may be sent to following address: Sr Anita Pinto.

Contact No: 9611446938; Email: sranitapintocrisec@gmail.com

**- Vicar General**

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**CODP-ISD**

- 05.04.2015..... Training on H1N1 in CODP-ISD  
08.04.2015 to 11.04.2015... Women Empowerment Review meet and training at KROSS, Bengaluru  
09.04.2015..... Deanery Priest Co-ordinators and CAP Conveners meet in CODP-ISD  
14.04.2015..... - Sahajeevana Okkoota meet in CODP-ISD  
- Training-cum-Exposure programme for office staff  
17.04.2015 ..... Aptitude Test for class 10 and 12 students in CODP-ISD  
18.04.2015..... Jeevan Raksha Okkoota meet in CODP-ISD  
20.04.2015 to 24.04.2015... Interview for children (APR) under Child Sponsorship Project at CODP-ISD  
27.04.2015 to 30.04.2015 Interview for children (APR) under Child Sponsorship Project at CODP-ISD

***Planned programmes for the month of April 2015.***

- 1) Medical Camp at Bajal.

**- Director, CODP**



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## **FAMILY LIFE SERVICE CENTRE**

### **PROGRAMMES IN THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015**

#### **I. Marriage Preparation Programs: Pre-Cana**

- 1) 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April
- 2) 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April
- 3) 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April

Time : 8:30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Place : Shanthi Kiran Hall, Nanthoor – Bajjodi

#### **II. Couples For Christ**

- 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015: Teaching Meet - Bondel at 6.30 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015: Teaching Meet - Ashok Nagar at 7 pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015: Community Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Pastoral Institute, Bajjodi at 7 pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015: One day reflection meet at Pastoral Institute, Bajjodi at 7:30 am
- 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015: 5 pm - Installation of Mr. Gerald Castelino as Area Servant of CFCI, Mangalore Area

#### **III. Singles For Christ**

Teaching meets meet on 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 4 pm at Pastoral Centre, Bajjodi.

#### **IV. Youth For Christ**

Teaching meets on 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 3 pm, Urwa Church.

#### **V. Jeevan Jyothi Programme**

8<sup>th</sup> April at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Vorkady.

**Rev. Santhosh S. Rodrigues/Rev. Anil Alfred D'Souza**  
*Family Life Service Centre*

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## **364 Birthday of St Joseph Vaz on 21 April 2015**

### **Important facts about St Joseph Vaz**

- Joseph Vaz was born on Friday, April 21, 1651 in Benaulim, baptised on a Friday and died on a Friday (January 16, 1711 in Kandy, Sri Lanka).
- The day he was born, his father Cristovam Vaz saw a star in the Sky around midday. He wrote in his personal diary that his son would become a great man.
- The doors of Cortalim Church opened on their own when he went to visit the Blessed Sacrament one night. He was called “the little saint” as a boy and recited the Rosary on his way to Church and school.
- Resolved to eat congee for his food (the food of the poor) throughout his life.
- 1681 – 1684 – Visited Canara – Gangolli, Kundapur, Basrur, Mulki, Rosario Mangalore, Panir and Mudipu.
- Started the first Milagristas or Oratorians indigenous order after returning from South Kanara having brought peace among warring factions. The Oratorians served the Church in Sri Lanka and other countries for 150 years.
- Disguised himself as a coolie wearing a loin cloth around his waist when he entered Sri Lanka as part of his mission since no priest was allowed on the island. His wheatish brown complexion helped him slip onto the island where the Dutch persecuted Roman Catholics.
- Entered hiding a kit under his loin cloth and wore a Rosary round his neck. He later built the first Church in Sri Lanka and dedicated it to Mother Mary.
- Worked alone in Sri Lanka for 10 years and the next 14 years was accompanied by Goan Oratorians. Learnt their culture, sang their songs and helped build their own local Church, never imposing the western Church on the faithful.

- He baptised, catechised and built 300 chapels, churches and built homes for the old, sick and the needy next to the churches.
- He would always keep a sack of rice to be distributed to the poor after mass.
- Under the fear of being caught by the Dutch who were ruling in Sri Lanka, he disguised himself as a baker, dhobi, coolie, servant, businessman, porter and even a fisherwoman. He would work during the night by the light of the moon.
- He issued a command over snakes to never bite a priest. Till date, never has a priest in Sri Lanka has been bitten by a snake.
- While in prison, he learnt Tamil and Sinhalese, translating Catechism books and wrote the Stations of the Cross in the local language.
- He won the hearts of the Buddhist kings with the exemplary life he led. He was requested by the kings to pray for rain when the island was ravaged by drought. He performed the miracle of rain in Kandy, a record of which can be found in their archives. It had rained all over the island except on the Saint and the Altar he built to pray for rain.
- He never kept any money with him, always depended on God and his fellowmen. He had nothing to owe, and nothing to call his own. He wore and owned only one cassock, which was patched and stitched all over.
- The Sri Lankans called him Samanasu Swami (the angelic priest) and is the first and only missionary of the East to have his mission in the East.
- He educated his neighbour and companion John who accompanied him in Sri Lanka and requested the superior of the Oratorians to ordain him a priest. John, who later returned to Goa, was ordained a priest. (The first Dalit priest).
- He would always sleep on a mat on the floor and never sought glory.

- He served 30 years as a priest, 24 of them in the Sri Lankan Vineyard and walked barefoot for the most part of his life. Despite his thin figure, he walked through the jungles like the wind.
- He died in an odour of sanctity on January 16, 1711, the day and the time that he had foretold! Before dying he advised those gathered around him in Sinhala saying, “Hardly will you be able to do at the time of death what you have not done during your life”
- He sent the crucifix given to him by the Pope, to Goa, now preserved in the oratory room of the shrine of St Joseph Vaz at Sancoale, Goa, the only relic in India.
- 1713 - Process for beatification started by Bishop of Cochin
- 1989 May 13 - Pope St John Paul II declared him venerable
- 1993 July 6 - Declared him Blessed
- 2000 January 16 - He was declared Patron of Goa Archdiocese
- 2015 January 15 - Pope Francis declared him Saint.

**- Vicar General**

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### **Vocation Service Centre, Gladsom Home**

Dear Rev Fathers,

The Diocesan Vocation Camp will be held on April 15 & 16 for two days at Gladsom Home, for boys who completed X Std, PUC and above who aspire to become priests for the Diocese of Mangalore.

I request you to kindly identify and encourage the boys to attend this camp. Thank you.

**- Rev. Vincent Sylvester Lobo**

*Director*

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## MANGALA JYOTHI

### **I. PROGRAMMES:**

**14, April 15 : Liturgy Animation** - Ordination, Diocese of Mangalore

**15, April 15 : Faith Formation Seminar** - Belloor Parish

**16, April 15 : Liturgy Animation** - Ordination, Indubettue Church

**17, April 15 : Faith Formation Seminar** - Bendur Parish

**18, April 15 : Altar Boys Training** - Mudipu Deanery

### **II. Announcement:**

1. Audio Visual DVD on First Holy Communion Catechesis is available at Mangala Jyothi Book Stall. Rs. 100 only. We request Rev. Fathers to encourage all the candidates to buy this DVD.

#### **2. Training for the Newly Selected Extra-ordinary ministers.**

Date : 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015 (Sunday).

#### **3. Training for the Newly Selected Catechism Teachers.**

Date : 14<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (Sunday).

Kindly register the names of the participants by May 30th 2015.

4. Dear Fathers, I am grateful to you for your whole hearted cooperation towards the catechetical ministry. I appreciate your hard work. For the coming academic year our focus is on Audio Visual Catechesis and catechesis of Adults. We have started preparing audio visual materials for the effective catechesis of children. They will be available from June 2015 onwards. Kindly encourage teachers and students to make use of these materials. God bless your ministry.

**- Director**

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## Property Documentation Committee

The meeting held at Bantwal, Modankap church hall for the Varados of Bantwal, Belthangady, Puttur and Mogarnad on 8.3.2015 at 4 pm.

Msgr Denis Prabhu sent an email to all the Parish Priest of above varados requesting the attendance of one member from each parish and from the Estate office a telephone call was made reminding them the urgency of the matter. But out of 37 parishes only 18 parishes took part. Mr. Richard Costa M and Mr. Roshan D'Souza members of the Diocesan Committee were also present.

The Convenor of the Committee Fr William Menezes welcomed all members and stressed the need of updating the records of the Church, Institutions and families. Mr. M.P. Noronha explained in detail as to what all documents to be obtained to have the complete set of the property records. There are government grants lands for a specific purpose and are to be used for those specific purposes only. He assured the members that he will help them whenever his help is sought. The members raised many questions and M. P. Noronha cleared their doubts.

Vicar General Msgr Denis Prabhu in his presidential address said that now is the opportune time to update the property documents and all Parishes and Institutions must be alert. This is one of the best service to the church if we take initiative to update the church records. Fr William Menezes thanked all members specially Fr Maxim Noronha for the Hall and for the refreshments served. The meeting came to an end at 5.45 with a thanksgiving hymn.

**- Rev. William Menezes**  
*Convenor*

## **ADDRESS OF HOLY FATHER TO PRIESTS, SEMINARIANS, NAPELS**

Pope Francis continued his pastoral visit to Naples and met with priests, religious and consecrated men and women at the Cathedral of the Assumption of Mary, the famed church that houses the vial of blood of St. Januarius, the city's patron saint.

The excitement was palpable, even light hearted at times. Cardinal Crescenzo Sepe began by introducing the cloistered nuns present who he granted special permission to attend. Upon hearing the introduction, the nuns broke protocol and surrounded the Holy Father and presented a gift, to the amusement of all.

Cardinal Sepe, who pleaded with the nuns to take their seats, heartfully resigned, saying: "What can I say? They are cloistered nuns!"

After a brief address by the Archdiocese's vicar for clergy and listening to a few questions from those present, the Pope decided to depart from his prepared speech, which he said "was a bit boring" and said he preferred to speak directly.

The Holy Father praised the enthusiasm of the religious men and women, especially the elderly who he said, follow in "the footsteps of Christ."

Stressing the need for them to give witness in their religious life, the Pope said that Christ must be at the center, while exhorting them to not be caught up in fights or disagreements against superiors or colleagues.

"To leave making a family, having children, conjugal life, which is all beautiful, only to end up fighting with a bishop, a priest or the faithful, with a bitter face, this isn't right," he said.

"Jesus must be at the center."

The Holy Father also exhorted seminarians to do the same. "I tell you one thing," he said. "If you do not have Jesus at the

center, hold off your ordination. If you are not sure that Christ is at the center, wait a bit more time to be sure. If not, you will start a path that you won't know how to finish."

#### Being a Witness of Mercy

Continuing his address, Pope Francis said that in order to place Christ at the center, they must first go to His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. "A priest, a bishop, a religious who does not pray to Our Lady, who does not pray the Rosary [...], the Mother will be unable to give Her Son," he said.

"The center and essence of Our Lady is a mother, who gives Jesus to us."

The Holy Father also spoke on the importance of the spirit of poverty, even for those who have not taken a vow of poverty. The Pope recalled the story of a religious woman charged with monetary affairs who although did good things for the Church, her attachment to money became all too noticeable.

"Her final humiliation was public," he said. "She was 70 years old. One day, she was in the break room of the school and she suffered a stroke and fell unconscious. The people even tried tapping her face to wake her up. Then a professor there said: 'Give her a \$100 bill and see if she awakes.' But she had already died. These were the last words said about her, moments before she died. This is sad."

While saying that it is alright to have savings "in a reasonable way", the Pope warned of going to far as well as calling on the clergy to examine their life of poverty, even in the little things.

The witness that they must give, he said, is mercy. The Pope invited them to see whether they practice both the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, especially in helping to transmit the faith to others.

A threat to this, he stressed, is worldliness and placing one's own wants above others. He recalled an old convent in a



diocese he once served that was renovated "too well, even luxuriously."

"They put a television in every room," he recalled. "And at the hour of the soap opera, you wouldn't be able to find one nun in that school. This is where the spirit of the world takes you."

"Worldliness is a danger, to live [in a] worldly [way], to live with the spirit of the world that Jesus didn't want."

The 78 year old Pontiff went on to say that one can easily distinguish between consecrated men and women who pray and don't pray. Noting the vicar's observation of the lack of vocations, Pope Francis said that the only their witness of life can attract new vocations to the priesthood and religious life. "A comfortable life does not help," he said.

The 'Terrorism' of Gossip.

Rounding out his address, Pope Francis said that the devil tempts those in religious life against communion and brotherhood. One of the signs against brotherhood, he said, was "the terrorism of gossip."

"He who gossips is a terrorist who throws a bomb and destroys others," he said. When there are differences, one should speak face to face with the person who they disagree with or with someone who can mediate between them.

Concluding his address, Pope Francis reminded the clergy and religious men and women of three things necessary to become witnesses of joy.

"The Church is not an NGO, the Church is the spouse of Christ, which is the most precious gift. Your way of living is to bring Jesus through adoration, love of the Church and [Apostolic zeal].

Compiled by: **Rev. Jossy Lobo**

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**A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE  
KARNATAKA REGION CATHOLIC BISHOPS'  
COUNCIL (KRCBC) TO ALL THE PRIESTS,  
RELIGIOUS AND LAY FAITHFUL**

Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and Lay Faithful,

Peace and Joy of Christ to all of you!

At the outset, we wish that the observance of the season of Lent may help all of us to get the necessary spiritual benefits that would lead us to personal conversion and our renewed Christian and religious commitment for the spread of Christ's Kingdom in our Karnataka Region. The Holy Father has been constantly reminding us not to make our spirituality more ritualistic, but rather to make it more practical and people oriented.

**Introduction:** The Catholic Bishops of Karnataka met together in the second week of February in Bangalore to deliberate on the situations in our country today and our concerted response to some of the troubling events in the spirit of the Gospel and our shared mission. We deliberated also on the Synod of the Family and the Year of Consecrated Life. We are *deeply concerned* at the *latest* outbreaks of violence and church attacks, and are also greatly dismayed at the ill-treatment meted out to Christians in certain parts of the state and country. While expressing our great shock and anguish at these happenings, we thought of sharing our reflections with you, primarily the following three main issues, through this pastoral letter. Please read it carefully and share it with your parishioners and the members of your religious communities.

**1. The Central Government's attitude towards Christian Minority:** As we all know the General Elections of last May gave us for the first time in the last 30 years a single party Government at the Centre with an *unprecedented* majority of its own without being cramped or constrained by any coalition compulsions. It was a veritable festival of democracy of which we all can be proud of. Even those who may not share the ideology of the party in power nor favour the present Government rejoiced at the functioning of our vibrant democracy. Whatever apprehensions and anxieties that many segments of our population

may have had when the new Government took charge were largely dispelled when the new Prime Minister proclaimed from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Independence Day his ostensible commitment to equal respect for all religions, governance without discrimination and development for all.

Unfortunately, all these beautiful slogans have largely remained just slogans. Today, beautiful speeches are made, catchy punch-lines are coined and grand promises are floated by our political leaders. But the ground reality is becoming increasingly worrisome. There seems to be a two-pronged strategy deliberately and consciously put in place: while those in the Government give us the assurance to keep up the façade of justice and fairness for all, their party people, both in Parliament and outside, would spout venom against the minorities. Thus “*love Jihad*”, “*Ghar Wapsi*” etc. have become household terms. Campaigns for the re-conversion of people into the Hindu fold have been launched. The RSS Supremo himself calls for the creation of a “Hindu Rashtra”. Neither the Prime Minister nor anyone else in his Government condemned such statements nor warned their party workers to refrain from making such provocative statements. Their purposeful silence has continued even *in the wake of repeated anti-Christian vandalism* and well-planned church attacks in the national capital. And just recently, the remarks made by RSS Chief, Shri. Mohan Bhagwat, accusing Mother Teresa of indulging in religious conversion is yet another salvo aimed at Christians who are serving the needy and the poor without any discrimination of caste, creed or religion. We are happy that many Christian and other religious and secular organizations have criticized strongly the RSS Chief for his uncharitable remarks against Mother Teresa, who gained worldwide acclaim as the ‘Saint of the Gutter’. Her exemplary life of simplicity, piety and charity vouched for her extraordinary love and dedication for poor, homeless and the needy.

At a recent event in Delhi organized to celebrate the canonisation of St. Elias Chavara and St. Euphrasia, the Prime Minister clearly committed himself to ensure equal respect for all religions, prevent violence against the followers of any faith and provide equal opportunities for all to prosper in peace and freedom. But the proof of the pudding, as they say, is in the eating. Fine words and catchy slogans need to be translated into concrete

action. As a popular phrase puts it, we must walk the talk. Love is shown more in deeds than in words. Therefore, although the Prime Minister's speech was truly commendable still, we should not lower our guard and be complacent. The real test of the sincerity and commitment of the new Government will be the actual ground reality all over the country. So let us wait and watch.

As the President of CBCI Cardinal Cleemis puts it in his recent circular, "The shocking incidents that have taken place against Churches, clergy and laity in Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi have caused great concern to the Christian community. The recent controversies in the name of religious reconversions portray a negative image of India. Communal polarization and the bid to homogenize India are posing threat to all minorities - women, dalits, and all linguistic, cultural and religious minorities. The 'Ghar Wapsi' programmes, the 'saffronisation' of education and culture, and the demands for 'a Hindu Rashtra' are again posing challenges to the secular ethos of our beloved country. "Saffronisation" is an intellectual threat to the coming generation. Conversions of a religious nature are an exercise of one's free will and one's constitutional/fundamental right and freedom of conscience and of religion. Ghar Wapsi is a political process, carried out by the powerful exponents of religious nationalism - much against the principle of Secularism. We are afraid that the Bills and Ordinances that have been recently enacted would weaken the poor farmers, fishermen, workers, dalits, tribals and other marginalized communities of their legitimate right to life and livelihood."

The Constitution of India guarantees that all the citizens of our country can profess, practice and propagate a religion of one's choice. India is a land where different religious faiths have long since flourished and our founding fathers made special efforts to ensure that the rights of all are safeguarded, irrespective of our religious beliefs, gender or caste. Freedom of religion is a basic right, constitutional right, fundamental right and a democratic value. Christianity has its roots in Indian soil for almost 2000 years. The Christians in India believe in God and believe in the goodness of people and have been selflessly serving the people

of this country in the fields of education, health care, community development etc. without any discrimination on the basis of caste, creed or religion. We the Christians of this country need an assurance from the Government that we are protected and secure and safe in our motherland. We express our strong concern on the aforementioned issues. Putting an end to such dangerous tendencies is inevitable for the growth and progress of our great nation. This great secular nation has to remain as a place where people of all religions and of different cultural backgrounds should live freely by practising their faith without fear or threat and in harmony. While we recommit ourselves for the progress and development of our nation, we strongly urge the Prime Minister, to intervene urgently and take appropriate action to stop incidents that pose a big threat to the unity of this secular nation and put an end to the statements made by the responsible persons in the central ministry and of the party.

The Church has always been compassionate to the poor and the suffering. We need to even more visibly concretize this attitude of 'preferential option for the poor' in all our ministry and apostolate, so emphatically reiterated by Holy Father Pope Francis. In this context, we should be more vigilant in our responsibility to protect and promote our brothers and sisters of the Dalit/ Backward/Tribal communities who have embraced the Catholic faith. The current socio-political situation in the Country calls for better unity and collaboration among the various Christian Churches at the Parish/Diocesan/ Regional and National level. We need to empower our laity to critically evaluate the threats and challenges posed to the Church and to society and to evolve appropriate short term and long term strategic plans. Special efforts must be made to empower our women and youth in this regard. The values enshrined in our Constitution such as unity, fraternity, secularism, tolerance, peace and justice have to be inculcated in the mind of the youth through education and other social involvement, with a view to preparing them to be committed citizens of India and loyal sons and daughters of the Church. We should recognize our journalists, activists and other experts and promote them to respond to these threats in local basis in accordance with the mind of the Church. We need to create

pressure against human rights violations in collaboration with other like-minded people.

Together with the Catholic Bishops and Religious Superiors in Karnataka, we urge our priests, religious and laity to mobilise themselves to protect and promote the basic human rights of all those who are vulnerable and are victimised on the basis of their religion, caste, class, creed, colour, culture or community.

**2. Effective Ministry to the Family: The Domestic Church:**

You are all aware that the recent Synod dealt with the theme of the family. The family, being the basic cell of human society and in the words of Pope John Paul II, “the domestic church” is of crucial importance for the health and wellbeing of human society as a whole and of the Church in particular. Unfortunately, the forces unleashed by globalisation, economic liberalisation, consumerism, moral relativism and weakening of fundamental values have severely jeopardised the family all over the world and even in our country, resulting in more and more people being condemned to languish in dysfunctional and even sick families with the consequence that they in their turn become wounded, fragmented and scarred personalities.

The family is the greatest institutional manifestation of Christ’s love. For those who wish to love as He would have us love, marriage and the family are indispensable, both as vehicles of salvation and as bulwarks of human society. The Church too is a family and marriage finds its richness and meaning within the mystery of the Church. Married couples and their children can find this meaning and fulfilment through building small communities of married couples who support each other unconditionally in their vocations to married life. These communities would provide networks of support grounded in the bonds of faith and family, commitment to lifelong marriage, and responsibility to and for each other.

There is particularly in the West, a dramatic increase in cohabitation, divorce, and non-marital childbearing in recent decades. In these countries marriage rate is at an all-time low, cohabitation is increasingly acceptable, and more than half of births to women under age 30 take place outside of marriage. Close to half of first marriages end in divorce. There are significant social costs to pornography and to “no fault” divorce laws that

help dissolve marriages, often against the will of spouses who stand firm in their marital commitment. The time is not too far for these phenomena to affect the Church in India.

Marriage is a great good and holy marriages are something that we need more in this world! As Sacred Scripture beautifully intimates, earthly marriage is an icon of the union between Christ and His Bride, the Church (cf. Ephesians 5:25). It is the first school of living, a “community of life” where we are brought into the world and nurtured (*Familiaris Consortio* § 37). Pope Francis reiterated some of these points in his message to the 20 newly married couples last weekend at St. Peter’s: “Marriage” is a demanding journey, at times difficult, and at times turbulent, but such is life! Marriage is a symbol of life, real life: it is not “fiction”! It is the Sacrament of the love of Christ and the Church, a love which finds its proof and guarantee in the Cross.”

But there are also other ways of living an integrated human life, of growing in sanctity, of the many paths to sainthood. The different vocations all nourish and refer to each other: without strong families, where would vocations come from? And without holy Priests, Sisters, and Brothers, how can families flourish?

What can we do in the meantime? First, let us pray for the upcoming Synod on the Family in October 2015. We must also pray in our churches during Mass for Holy Marriages. We must advocate for a renewal of family life, pray for purity of heart, and implore God for healing from the broken forms of living in our culture. Most importantly, we must love our families. Mother Teresa was once asked, “What can we do to promote world peace?” She answered, “Go home and love your family.” Sometimes it is not in great deeds, lofty prayers, or in eloquent writings that we change the world; rather, it may be the little tasks, the quiet prayers at bedside, and the saying of grace at mealtime that affects eternity. Moreover, no matter what form of life we may be called to, in doing this, we will learn how to truly love, to forgive, to prepare in this earthly life for that heavenly union with the Divine Family, the Holy Trinity. It was a long time ago, the fruit of many generations, that there lived a little family in Nazareth. They did not have much in the way of material means, but they were rich in faith, hope, and love for each other. It was this that changed the world forever: “And he went down

with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them. And his mother kept all these words in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom, and age, and grace with God and men.” (cf. Luke 2:51-52)

**3. The Recommitment of the Religious in The Year of the Consecrated Life:** The Church is in the Year of Consecrated Life. Pope Francis wishes that all the consecrated men and women to recapture and rediscover their passion for God, passion for Christ, passion for humanity, passion for the Church and passion for the poor during this year. The Holy Father also invites the religious to go back to their sources and drink deeply from the life giving streams of their own original Charisms and ask themselves whether they are really living true to the spirit and apostolic drive of their Founders and Foundresses, evaluating their ministries to see if these really respond effectively to the needs of the Church and the whole humanity today. The Pope also says that the Religious should be “experts in communion and specialists in encounter”. We cannot but make this call of the Supreme Pontiff our own and encourage the Religious to deepen their call, consecration and commitment. We wish to reaffirm our conviction that Religious Life is a gift of the Lord to the Church and to the world. A gift is also a task and the task of the Religious is to be a leaven at the heart of the Christian community and to be fires that kindle other fires everywhere. This calls for a continual renewal. The real fire that must burn is at the mystical level. This mystical core is the Heart! Not the physical organ but the spiritual core. Unless the heart is touched no change occurs. Therefore, it is not so much information to the head as a strong inspiration to the heart that is the key to spiritual renewal. Here at the mystical core the fire burns like in a furnace, and from there the energy emerges influencing the outer layers of affectivity, reason and senses. This mystical energy makes us powerful messengers of the Gospel.

Renewal is not some sort of repairing, rebuilding and renovating external structures to make them appear as if they are new, original and fresh. Rather, renewal is recapturing the original spirit; restoring the original form; reviving the original dream; and rekindling the original fire. We need to heed the call of the Word of God: “Be sure to keep alive in your hearts the message heard from the beginning.” (1 Jn. 2:24) or “Fan into



flame the gift which God gave you when I laid my hands on you.” (2 Tim. 1:6). Both John and Paul speak of a gift received from God. John refers to faith and Paul to vocation. Both are aware of the need for nurturing, guarding, protecting, feeding. Seeds need nurturing. Plants need protecting. Faith needs strengthening. Vocation needs deepening. Fervour needs rekindling. It is our general experience that the original spirit cools. Very often, the original Charism becomes institutionalized.

This relentless trend towards fossilization has not spared the Church or the religious life. Vatican II was summoned by Pope John XXIII precisely for the purpose of a comprehensive renewal of the Church. He called it “*aggiornamento*”. The great document of the Council on Religious Life, *Perfectae Caritatis* gave a clarion call to all religious families to go back to their origins, recapture the original spirit and vision of their founders, return to their original charism and then adapt them to present realities. Every religious family begins as a movement. These movements are harnessed and channelized. They bear fruit in apostolic works and institutions. Unfortunately, an unintended side effect emerges. Very soon what began as a powerful movement becomes domesticated and diluted into a tame institution where external structures acquire greater importance than inner spirit. As years go by we tend to forget, lose the original drive. We let the original spring to dry up, become empty, and to take a different direction. Hence, there is a need for constant renewal. How? Not so much in external structures, but in the inner renovation of spirit, which involve deeper internalization, personalization and living out the original inspiration of the Founder/Foundress. The external is important. The external is the expression and the embodiment of the interior. Inner experience and external expression have to be in dialectic tension. One cannot do without the other. Without the external expression the inner experience dries up very fast. Without the inner experience the external expression is an empty shell, like the body without the soul – dead!

When we speak of renewal, we have to take into account the three main components of individual religious, religious community and the entire Congregation. Also different areas of our religious life are to be considered, in particular, the apostolic dimension, namely Evangelization in the sense of making Christ

known, loved and followed. Spiritual renewal cannot be brought about by compulsion and command. It has to be a gift of grace. It has to be received. It is a result of our response to the inner call of the Spirit. God has to invade our inmost self. When this happens we manifest the life of God and become witnesses to the triumph of grace and the transformative action of the Holy Spirit. Then indeed we will be true evangelizers. When we truly live our religious consecration, we become visible signs to the People of God that a life of total dedication to God in Christ is possible and that itself becomes a call to them to live their Christian vocation as generously as possible. When the Church becomes thus renewed she truly becomes *Lumen Gentium* (Light of the Nations) inviting every man, woman and child to share life in Christ.

**Conclusion:** These, then, are the three major themes that exercised our minds at the recent meeting of the Bishops of Karnataka. Each of these three themes holds out much promise and many challenges. Let us identify and rejoice at the good that is in our national life, in our family life and our religious life. At the same time, with the help of God's grace, under the guidance of the Church and in communion with all Christians, let us together face the challenges and discover new and creative responses to our difficulties.

May Mary, our dearest Mother, help us to "do whatever he (Jesus) tells us (Jn, 2:5). May she continue to be a role model for our spiritual renewal, and Christian and religious witnessing.

May I implore the good Lord to shower on each one of you plentiful graces and blessings in this holy season of Lent, and may I, on behalf of the Bishops of the Region, take this opportunity to wish all of you a *blessed* and joyful *Easter*.

This Pastoral Letter was officially released on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ **Bernard Moras**  
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*and*  
*President - KRCBC*

## **Blessed Mariam of Jesus Crucified “the Little Arab”**

(To be canonised on 17 May 2015)

- Mariam Baouardy was born to Giries (George) Baouardy and Mariam Chahine in Palestine.
- Her parents died when she was 3 years of age.
- Mary was taken by her paternal uncle - a well to do person.
- Her marriage was arranged by her guardian, but she refused and wished to remain a virgin in spite of persuasions and threats.
- Told her difficulties to a Moslem servant of her guardian who sympathised her and blamed her misfortune of being a Christian.
- Due to her disapproval, he tried to kill her and believing dead in the pool of blood, he wrapped her in large cloak, and deposited body in a dark alley.
- Was taken up by an unknown religious to a grotto and sewn the wound on her neck and left her in the church.
- Joined Discalced Carmelite Order.
- She joined the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition. Mother Veronica was her Novice mistress. Then both joined Carmel of Pau, France.
- At the invitation of Bishop Marie Ephrem, Pau Carmel made its first foundation in Mangalore and Mary Bouardy was one of the six Carmelites left to Mangalore. Only three reached Mangalore on 19-11-1870.
- They were accommodated at St Ann’s Convent, Mangalore.
- She took her vows on 21-11-1871.
- Her final profession was on 22-11-1871.
- Due to her paranormal phenomenon of levitation and prophecy, misunderstandings cropped up with Prioress and Bishop Marie Ephrem.

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- Unable to interpret these signs rightly she was asked by the concerned authorities to return to Pau, France.
  - After returning to Pau in September 1875 she helped to found a new monastery in Bethlehem.
  - Died on 26-8-1878 in Bethlehem due to a fall in monastery which led to gangrene.
  - Was beatified by; Pope John Paul II on 13-11-1983.

**- Rev. Marie Celine OCD**  
*Prioress,*  
*Sacred Heart Monastery*  
*Cloistered Carmel, Kankanady*

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### **RIP**

- Mrs Alice Gomes M/o of Fr Francis Xavier Gomes, Milagres passed away on 10.03.2015 at Shirva.
  - Mrs Terry Vaz M/o Fr Vernon Vaz, Passed away on 18.03.2015 at Bejai.
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