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**GOLDEN JUBILEE – Ordination to the Priesthood**

Dear Bishop,

Among the rarest gifts God has bestowed upon you is your ordination to the priesthood. Your long cherished dream and desire to become a holy priest was realized on December 3, 1966. You gave expression to this great gift by serving the people of God in our Diocese during 50 Golden Years. We the priests, religious,



deacons and the lay faithful congratulate you and wish you the joys and happiness that carries your Golden Jubilee. We rejoice with you on this memorable day. May you have many more celebrations in the years to come.

*Ad Multos Annos*



**Clergy, Religious, Deacons and  
Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Mangalore**



Jubilee mass on 3-12-2016 at 9.30 a.m. in Rosario Cathedral. All priests, religious and faithful are cordially invited to join the celebration.

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**BISHOP'S PROGRAMME - DECEMBER - 2016**

1. 10.30 a.m. - Mass at Seminary to celebrate 50 years of Priesthood of Bishop
2. 10.00 a.m. - Festive celebration, Mudipu  
5.30 p.m. - Seminary Day
3. 9.30 a.m. - Golden Jubilee, Priesthood of Bishop Mass at the Cathedral
4. 10.00 a.m. - Golden Jubilee of Bishop, Mass at Agrar  
6.15 p.m. - Rachana Awards, Milagres Hall  
8.30 p.m. - Annual Clergy Retreat II batch at Seminary
7. 10.00 a.m. - Festive Mass, Udyavar Church
8. 10.00 a.m. - Perpetual Commitment, SRA Sisters, Vamanjoor
10. 10.30 a.m. - Perpetual Commitment, A.C. Sisters, Maryhill  
5.30 p.m. - Sauhardha Christmas, Milagres Hall
11. 9.00 a.m. - 175 years, Mass at Fajir Church  
5.00 p.m. - Mass Urwa, Pompei Shrine Feast
12. 9.30 a.m. - Blessing New Church, Mariasharam  
4.00 p.m. - CODP General Body Meeting
13. 9.30 a.m. - Ordination, Dn. Rajesh Pasanna, Mogarnad Church
14. 10.30 a.m. - Festive Mass, Mulki Church  
3.15 p.m. - Golden Jubilee, Pezar High School
15. 4.00 p.m. - Blessing of New Church, Shakthinagar
16. 9.30 a.m. - Inauguration of Exhibition, Urwa Eng. Med. High School

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17. 4.30 p.m. - School day at Mukka High School
  18. 9.30 a.m. - Mass and Blessing of Parish Hall at Vamanjoor  
4.00 p.m. - Mass, Bolkunje, Centenary of School
  19. 10.00 a.m. - SCC - Diocesan Committee Meeting
  21. 2.00 p.m. - Sampaje School Day
  23. 8.45 a.m. - Death Anniversary Mass,  
Msgr RFC Mascarenhas, Bendur Church  
4.00 p.m. - Press Meet  
5.30 p.m. - Christmas Celebration at St Antony's
  24. 8.00 p.m. - Christmas Mass at Cathedral
  25. 6.45 a.m. - Mass at St Ann's Convent
  27. 10.00 a.m. - Ordination, Retreat House, Jesuits
  28. 7.30 p.m. - Christmas get together, at Bishop's House
  29. 10.00 a.m. - Diaconate, Bondel Church, Missionary Society of Infant Jesus.

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### **Clergy Retreat II**

The Annual Retreat for Priests, batch II will be held from 4-9 December 2016 in the Seminary. Rev Msgr Francis Correa from Mumbai is the Preacher. 54 priests have already registered their names.

Annual retreat for clerics is an obligation. If you have not registered your name already, kindly do it immediately with Fr Maxim Rosario, Administrator of the Seminary.

– **Bishop**

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## **BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER 2016**

Third December is a memorable day in my life. I will be celebrating 50 years as a priest. Please join me in thanking the Lord for the gift of priesthood and 50 years of priestly ministry. As a priest, I spent my entire life for the Diocese of Mangalore in your company serving the people of God in this Diocese. I have all joys in my life while recounting the years that I have spent. I thank you sincerely for your love, concern and cooperation during these 50 years. I will offer the thanksgiving mass at the Cathedral on 3 December 2016 at 9.30 a.m. Kindly join me for concelebration to thank the Lord.

On the 3 December we celebrate the feast of St Francis Xavier, the Patron of the missions and missionaries. Let us pray to the great Saint to pray for us in a special manner in our missionary venture in *Same*, Africa.

The year 2017 is dedicated to Small Christian Communities in Mangalore Diocese. The inauguration of the year will take place on 8 January 2017. The programmes of the year will be announced to you later by the office of the Small Christian Communities of the Diocese. On 8 January 2017 is the day of the annual Diocesan Eucharistic procession. I strongly recommend to you to announce to the people to attend the procession in big numbers. It depends on the Parish Priests to motivate the faithful to attend the Eucharistic Procession. This celebration is the public demonstration of our faith and a worship to the Lord in the Eucharist. We notice that the number of people attending this procession is coming down. I consider it due to lack of motivation on our part to our people. The attendance of the people for the closing of the year of mercy was not satisfactory. I earnestly hope that due to your effort more people will take part in the procession. The mass will take place at Milagres Church at 3.30 p.m. Those who would attend the mass should be present on time. More instructions will be given to you in the Internos of January 2017.

We have started the Holy Season; of Advent. Let us make a good spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Please go through the ORDO regarding the liturgical instructions during the advent season. I thank everyone of you for your participation in the two days programme of the conclusion of the Special Jubilee of Mercy. I thank the seminary staff to have organized the clergy retreat II Batch. The seminarians of the Diocese of Mangalore will have the Christmas Vacation. They are instructed to be in the parish with their families and to be at the service of the Parish Priest. Please make use of their services in the Christmas celebrations. They are not permitted to go out of the Diocese without the Bishop's permission and information to the Parish Priest. They are expected to attend daily mass and other spiritual exercises in the parishes. The Parish Priests and the parish clergy are requested to guide the students during the vacation. They have only one month of vacation in summer season, they should be in the parish for Christmas holidays. Please organize altar boys and other sodalities get together with the help of the Brothers.

I wish you a merry Christmas and blessed New Year 2017. May Jesus, the Prince of peace bless us all with peace and happiness during this season. Please convey my Christmas greetings to all your parishioners. May God bless you.

**+ Aloysius Paul D'Souza**

*Bishop of Mangalore*

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### **Deacons Assigned**

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| 1. | Dn Alwyn Richard D'Souza | Mudipu    |
| 2. | Dn Antony Clany D'Souza  | Bajal     |
| 3. | Dn Lizel Joy D'Souza     | Vittal    |
| 4. | Dn Anil Ivan Fernandes   | Shirthady |
| 5. | Dn Anil Francis Pinto    | Panir     |

– **Bishop**

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**NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION****January 18 – 22, 2017****St Joseph Engineering College, Vamanjoor**

The National Youth Convention is scheduled to be held in the Diocese of Mangalore from January 18 – 22, 2017. A few thousands of youth are expected to be in Mangalore. The venue of the celebration is St Joseph's Engineering College, Vamanjoor. Apart from the National committee, the Diocesan committee under the ICYM of the Diocese of Mangalore under the leadership of Most Rev. Dr Henry D'Souza, the National Chairman for Youth for CBCI are making immediate preparations for this convention. This convention takes place in the Diocese of Mangalore. We have to play the role of a host to all the delegates coming from all parts of this country to Mangalore. Diocesan Director and his team will come to you to accommodate the delegates in families of your parishes and also for your financial support.

On 22 Jan, Sunday, all youth from our Diocese are cordially invited to take part in the grand celebration from 9 a.m. till evening. Parish Priests and Religious are earnestly requested to encourage the youth to take part in the celebration. Meals and refreshments will be provided to all the participants. The expected crowd is around 15,000. The success of this great event in our Diocese will largely depend on the cooperation, generosity and good will of us all. I wish the National Youth Convention a grand success.

**+ Aloysius Paul D'Souza**

Date: 28-11-2016

*Bishop of Mangalore*

## ಭಾರತೀಯ ಯುವ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳ

ಜನವರಿ 18 - 22, 2017

ಸಾಂ ಜುಜಿ ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜ್, ವಾಮಂಜೂರ್

2017 ಜನವರಿ 18 ತಾರಿಕೆ ಥಾವ್ನ್ 22 ತಾರಿಕೆ ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ ಸಾಂ ಜುಜಿ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜ್, ವಾಮಂಜೂರ್ ಹಾಂಗಾಸರ್ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಯುವ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳ ಚಲ್ತಲೊ. ಭಾರತಾಚ್ಯಾ ವಿವಿಧ್ 171 ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿ ಥಾವ್ನ್ 5000 ಯುವಜಣ್ ಭಾಗ್ ಘೆಂವ್ಚಿ ಮಾಂಡಾವಳ್ ಆಸಾ. ಜನವರಿಚ್ಯಾ 22 ತಾರಿಕೆರ್ ಚಲೊಂವ್ಕ್ ಆಸ್ಚ್ಯಾ ರ್ಯಾಲಿ ಆನಿ ಸಮಾರೋಪ್ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಂತ್ 15000 ಜಣ್ ಭಾಗ್ ಘೆತಲೆ. ಸಮ್ಮೇಳಾಚೊ ವಿಷಯ್: "Touched by Jesus, Walking His Ways". ಹರೇಕಾ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ತೆಗಾಂ ಯುವಜಣಾಂನಿ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಹುದ್ದೆದಾರಾಂನಿ ಹಾಜರ್ ಜಾಂವ್ಚೆಂ.

**'Days in the Diocese':** ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಯುವ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳಾಚಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚೊ ಏಕ್ ವಾಂಟೊ 'Days in the Diocese'. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಬಾಯ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಯುವ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಂಕ್ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂನಿ ರಾವೊನ್ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಚೊ ಅನ್ವೇಷ್ಣೆ ದಿಂವ್ಚೆಂ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ್. ಹೆಂ ಕಾರ್ಯೆಂ ಜನವರಿಚಾ 14 ತಾರಿಕೆ ಥಾವ್ನ್ 17 ತಾರಿಕೆ ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ ಚಲ್ತಲೆಂ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕಾಚಾ ವಿವಿಧ್ ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿಂನಿ ಎದೊಳ್ಚೆ ಯುವಜಣಾಂಕ್ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂನಿ ರಾವೊಂವ್ಚಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾ ಕೆಲ್ಯಾ. ಆಮ್ಚಾ ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿಕ್ 500 ಜಣಾಂಕ್ ರಾವೊಂಕ್ ವಿನಂತಿ ಕೆಲ್ಯಾ. ಹ್ಯಾ ಬಾಬ್ದಿಂ ಎಕಾ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂತ್ 2 ಜಣಾಂಕ್ ರಾವೊಂಕ್ ಆಸ್ತಾಂ, 250 ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂಚಿ ಗರ್ಜ್ ಆಸಾ. ದೆಕುನ್ ಯುವಜಣಾಂಕ್ ಘರಾಂನಿ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂತ್ ರಾವೊಂಕ್ ಆವ್ಕಾಸ್ ಕರ್ನ್ ದಿಂವ್ಚಾಕ್ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂ ವಿಂಚುನ್ ಕಾಡುಂಕ್ ಆನಿ ಹೆಂ ಕಾರ್ಯೆಂ ಯಶಸ್ವಿ ಕರುಂಕ್ ವಿನಂತಿ ಕರ್ತಾವ್. ಹ್ಯಾ ವ್ಹಡ್ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಕ್ ಖರ್ಚ್ ಆಸಾ ದೆಕುನ್ ಸರ್ವ್ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಗಾರಾಂನಿ ಯುವಜಣಾಂಕ್ ಸಹಕಾರ್ ದೀಂವ್ಕ್ ವಿನಂತಿ.

### 1. NYC Cross Journey (ಖುರಾ ಪಯ್ಲೆ): .

ದಶೆಂಬರಾಚ್ಯಾ 11 ತಾರಿಕೆರ್ NYC ಖುರಿಸ್ ಉಡುಪಿ ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ಮಂಗ್ಳೂರ್ ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿಕ್ ಹಾಡುಂಕ್ ಆಸಾ. ಹೊ ಖುರಿಸ್ ಸಗ್ಳ್ಯಾ ವಾರಾಡ್ಯಾಂನಿ ಭಂವೊನ್ ಜನವರಿ 18 ತಾರಿಕೆರ್ ವಾಮಂಜೂರ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜಿಕ್ ಪಾವ್ತಲೊ. ಹ್ಯಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಕ್ ಸಹಕಾರ್ ದಿಂವ್ಚೊ.

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ದಿರೆಕ್ಟೂರ್, ಭಾರತೀಯ ಯುವ ಸಂಚಾಲನ್  
ಮಂಗ್ಳೂರ್ ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿ

## **The Holiday Programme for the Seminarians of Mangalore Diocese in Summer 2017**

1. The Konkani language Training sessions will not take place this year in the month of December. Such a programme is conducted every year in December to the II & III year students. This will be organized as soon as summer vacation begins.
2. In 2017 summer programme as follows:
  - 1) As soon as the summer vacation begins, I Philosophers will proceed to Gulbarga Diocese for 1 month exposure programme.
  - 2) II, III Philosophers and I, II & III Theology students will have ten days exposure programme in i) Fr Muller Hospital, ii) St Antony's Institutes iii) Little Sisters of the Poor, iv) Olavina Halli. v) Sneha Sadan, Gurpur.
  - 3) All Brothers will be in their parish to assist the Parish Priest for the Holy Week from April 9 to 16.
  - 4) The Parish Priests who like to organise the summer camps may keep them on April 10,11,12 or 17,18, & 19.
  - 5) April 20 is the ordination of the Diocesan Deacons.
3. There will be Kannada & Culture Course, the dates are not announced. It will be of 1 week duration.

The final programme will be announced to you as soon as we get the dates of Kannada course. We intend to allot one full month holiday to our Brothers. In May the Seminarians will spend the vacation in their respective parishes.

The Brothers are told to take up service outside the parish with the permission of the Parish Priests.

**- Vicar General**

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## SAUHARDHA CHRISTMAS – 2016

Mangalore Christian Council in association with Mangalore Diocesan Ecumenical Commission, Karnataka Christian Educational Society-KTC, Mangalore Diocesan Chair in Christianity, Karnataka Mission Network, and All Karnataka United Christian Forum For Human Rights–Western Zone, celebrates Sauhardha Christmas - 2016.

**On Saturday, December 10, 2016, at 5.30 p.m. in Milagres Hall Complex.**

Most Rev. Dr Aloysius Paul D’Souza, Bishop of Mangalore; Rt. Rev. Mohan Manoraj Bishop, CSI-Karnataka Southern Diocese; His Grace, Yakhob Mar Elias, Metropolitan, Malankara Orthodox Syrian Diocese of Brahmavar; Most Rev. Dr Geevarghese Mar Divannasios, Bishop, Syro-Malankara Catholic Diocese of Puttur & Most Rev. Dr Lawrence Mukkuzhy, Bishop, Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Belthangady, will bring Christmas greetings.

Members of various denominations, Christian institutions and faith communities will present Christmas message through Music, Singing, Dance and Drama. I cordially invite you and your community to come and to be part of this joyous celebration.


**- Rev. Clifford Fernandes**

*Secretary,*

*Mangalore Diocesan Ecumenical Commission*

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## MANGALA JYOTHI APP

Dear Fathers, I am happy to inform you that we have published a new app. Namely:  Mangala Jyothi. The App contains daily prayers (Text and Audio), Sunday Responsorial Psalms... and other important information and catechesis. You can download this app from google play store in your smart phones. Kindly inform your parishioners. If you have any suggestions please inform us.

**– Director, Mangala Jyothi**

## **SAINT NICHOLAS (SANTA CLAUS) AND CHRISTMAS**

There are many symbols associated with Christmas e.g. Christmas Tree, Christmas Star, Santa Claus etc. These symbols remind us of the season of Christmas.

Saint Nicholas was a Bishop who lived in the fourth century was known for helping the poor. His feast is celebrated on 6th December. Over a period of time Saint Nicholas has become Santa Claus. Many a time, he is wrongly portrayed and seen as an object of fun and entertainment. Season of Advent is a time to restore the relevance of this symbol and make use of it to create a mood of Christmas around us. This idea was discussed in the Diocesan Pastoral Parishad held on 24-11-2016 and it was accepted to hold a rally of Santa Claus on Saturday 17 December 2016.

The Episcopal and City deaneries will hold a rally on 17th after-noon. All those who have two wheelers from these two deaneries are expected to participate in the rally. Four wheelers are welcome to join the rally. Those who participate in the rally will wear only a red Santa Claus cap and not the rest of it to avoid wrong portrayal. A decorated float depicting the Christmas event will be brought in procession to the assembling place. At the assembling place Christmas carols will be sung followed by a Christmas message by the Bishop. The details will be worked out and communicated to you by the undersigned convener to all the Episcopal and City Varado. The rest of the deaneries are requested to organize such programme in their respective deaneries under the leadership of the Vicar Vara by encouraging vehicle owners to participate in the programme.

**N.B.:** Any charity work done (construction/repair of houses for the poor, medical aid to the needy, new clothing to the poor, visit to the sick preferably in govt. Hospitals, Christmas kit to the unfortunate etc.) can add meaning to this event.

**- Rev Onil D'Souza, Convener**  
*Social Concern Committee*

Date: 15-11-2016

## **SUMMARY OF NEW VATICAN GUIDELINES FOR BURIAL AND CREMATION**

On October 25, 2016, the **Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith** issued a document entitled **Ad resurgendum cum Christo** (To Rise with Christ) “regarding the burial of the deceased and the conservation of the ashes in the case of cremation.” The document has become necessary as cremation is increasingly used around the world, along with a rise in beliefs and practices that are contrary to Catholic doctrine on death, burial, and the afterlife.

Nothing has changed in Church teaching, rather, this document is a restatement of previous guidelines due to the wide spread mishandling of cremated remains. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has deemed opportune the publication of a new Instruction, with the intention of:

- (1) Underlining the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the preference of the burial of the remains of the faithful, and
- (2) To set out norms pertaining to the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation.

### **Summary of Document**

- Following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church insistently recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places.
- Burial is above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body.
- By burying the bodies of the faithful, the Church confirms her faith in the resurrection of the body, and intends to show the great dignity of the human body.
- Burial in a cemetery or another sacred place adequately corresponds to the piety and respect owed to the bodies of the faithful departed who through Baptism have become temples of the Holy Spirit.

- The burial of the faithful departed in cemeteries or other sacred places encourages family members and the whole Christian community to pray for and remember the dead.
- Through the practice of burying the dead in cemeteries, in churches or their environs, Christian tradition has upheld the relationship between the living and the dead and has opposed any tendency to minimize, or relegate to the purely private sphere, the event of death and the meaning it has for Christians.
- In circumstances when cremation is chosen because of sanitary, economic or social considerations, this choice must never violate the explicitly-stated or the reasonably inferable wishes of the deceased faithful.
- The Church raises no doctrinal objections to this practice, since cremation of the deceased's body does not affect his or her soul.
- Thus cremation, in and of itself, objectively negates neither the Christian doctrine of the soul's immortality nor that of the resurrection of the body.
- The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased.
- Cremation is not opposed per se to the Christian religion under the condition that his choice has not been made through “a denial of Christian dogmas, the animosity of a secret society, or hatred of the Catholic religion and the Church”.
- In the absence of motives contrary to Christian doctrine, the Church, after the celebration of the funeral rite, accompanies the choice of cremation, providing the relevant liturgical and pastoral directives.
- When, for legitimate motives, cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesial authority.

- From the earliest times, Christians have desired that the faithful departed become the objects of the Christian community's prayers and remembrance.
- The reservation of the ashes of the departed in a sacred place ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community.
- The conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted.
- It is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewellery or other objects.
- When a deceased notoriously has requested cremation and the scattering of their ashes for reasons contrary to the Christian faith, a Christian funeral must be denied to that person according to the norms of the law.

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## **FAMILY LIFE SERVICE CENTRE**

### **PROGRAMMES IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2016**

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

- 1) 03<sup>rd</sup> & 04<sup>th</sup>                      2) 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
3) 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> (Eng)      4) 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>                      5) 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

**Time :** 8:45 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

**Place :** Shanthy Kiran Hall, Nanthoor – Bajjodi.

#### **II. Other Programmes**

- Programme at Sandesha on 13<sup>th</sup> December on 'Family & Mass Media'.

**III. Meetings:****1. For Couples / Hand Maids**

- **14<sup>th</sup> December 2016:** Community Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Bajjodi at 7 pm.
  - **17<sup>th</sup> December 2016:** Joint meeting at Bajjodi at 5 pm.
- 2. CFCI Youth:** Meet on 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at 3.30 pm at Urwa.
  - 3. CFCI Singles:** Meet on 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**- Rev. Anil Alfred D'Souza**  
*Director*

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**CANARA COMMUNICATION CENTRE**

Signis Karnataka, Regional Social Communication Commission and Family Commission jointly organise Regional seminar on Family and Media on 13 December 2016 from 9 am to 5.30 pm at Sandesha.

**Topics of the seminar are :**

General scenario of Catholic families in the media savvy world by Fr. Anil Alfred D'Souza, Karnataka Regional Secretary of Family Commission.

Technology/Social Media invasion of Family Life by Fr. Richard D'Souza, Director Canara Communication Centre.

Psychological impact of Media on Family by Dr Lavina Noronha, Mangalore.

Please send 2 persons from your parish who are involved in Family apostolate. Please send me the names by text, whatsapp or call before 8 December 2016.

**Rev. Richard D'Souza**

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## MANGALA JYOTHI

- 1-3, Dec 16 : Liturgy Animation - St. Joseph Vaz Shrine Feast, Mudipu
- 4, Dec 16 : Adult Catechesis - Infant Jesus Shrine, Bikarnakatte
- 7, Dec 16 : Liturgy of the Word of God - Farla
- 10, Dec 16 : Catechism Teacher's Recollection - Episcopal City Deanery.
- 12, Dec 16 : Liturgy Animation, Church Inaguration - Talapady
- 13, Dec 16 : Liturgy Animation, Ordination - Mogarnad
- 15, Dec 16 : Liturgy Animation, Church Inaguration - Shakthinagar
- 15, Dec 16 : Retreat for Students, Padua College, Nanthoor

### II. Announcements:

1. **Mangala Jyothi Office will remain closed from 24<sup>th</sup> December to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 for Christmas Holidays.**
2. Kindly remind your parishioners to subscribe/renew the subscription of Jesuchi Suvartha.
3. Subscribers can renew their subscriptions (for Suvartha & Sombram) at St Joseph Vaz Shrine, Mudipu during Annual Feast days. i.e. 1, 2, 3rd December 2016. There will be Mangala Jyothi Stall during Feast days.
4. We are going to prepare **Book of Gospels in Konkani**. We are using the text from the existing approved version of Konkani New Testament. If you have come across any corrections or errors kindly write to us by 23, December 2016.
5. The Commissions for Bible and SCC have planned to organize Bible Week and Bible Sunday during Summer Holidays. The dates are : **17 to 22 April 2017 - Bible Week** (during this week every parish needs to organize Summer Camps for the children with the help of Seminarians). **23rd April 2017 - Bible Sunday** in the Diocese of Mangalore. The Programme details will be sent to you later.

### III. New Arrivals :

1. Catholic Panchang - Rs. 12/-
2. ಶೆಂಬೊರ್ ಕಂತಿಗೊ - 21<sup>st</sup> Edition - Rs. 50/-
3. ಕುರ್ಪೆ ದೆಣೆಂ - Liturgical Hymnal CD - Rs. 100/-

**IV. Releases soon:**

1. ಸೊಮ್ಯಾಕ್ ಧಿನ್ವಾಸುಂಯಾ - Revised Edition
2. ಕುಟ್ಮಾಚಿಂ ಮಾಗ್ಣಿಂ - Revised Edition
3. ಆರಾಧಾನಾಚೆಂ ಪುಸ್ತಕ್ - Revised Edition

**V. LITURGICAL GUIDELINES - PART II : (Extract from CCBI Directives)**

1. Marriages in Advent Season - ref. November 2016 Internos
- 2.

**Do's and Don't's in Liturgy**

DO'S	DON'T'S
1 Be an Animator of the liturgy in all you do. Direct the entire service while leaving to other ministers their proper roles. One and the same Priest must always exercise the presidential function in all its parts ( <i>GIRM</i> 108)	The Priest is not merely to "say" Mass! He does not delegate his role as Presider at any point of the Celebration ( <i>GIRM</i> 108; 250)
2 One and the same Priest must always exercise the presidential function in all of its parts. ( <i>GIRM</i> 108, 250)	Do not change the Presider's role by saying bless "us" rather than bless "you".
3 Prepare the physical implements of the liturgy including the Lectionary, Missal, Vestments and vessels, etc., delegating sacristans to attend to these and other liturgical details. Prepare a Check-list for the sacristans.	Do not go unprepared  (to be continued...)

Dear Fathers, we wish you a gracefilled advent season & Blessed Merry Christmas. May you find peace and joy in your ministry.

**Director, Mangala Jyothi**



## MISERECORDIA ET MISERA

(Mercy and Misery)

*by Pope Francis*

### 10 Key Points

**1. Mercy Meets Misery**

It is an expression of St. Augustine who refers to the incident of Jesus saving a woman taken in adultery from the threat of stoning by religious authorities. “The two of them alone remained: mercy with misery” (1). This teaching is also to point out the path that we are called to follow in the future.

**2. Mercy does not end.**

The Year of Mercy is over. But, mercy continues. The doors of mercy are closed. But, the doors of our hearts should not be closed (16).

**3. Celebrate Mercy**

The Church should continue to celebrate mercy through the sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick (5).

**4. Benefits Extended**

The faithful can validly and licitly receive the sacramental absolution of their sins by the priests of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (12). Celebrating 24 hours for the Lord close to the fourth Sunday of Lent encourages fervent experience of the sacrament of confession (11). Priests can continue to absolve sins of abortion (12). The extraordinary ministry of the Missionaries of Mercy continues until further notice (9)

**5. New Ventures**

The Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary time will be celebrated as The World Day of the Poor. This would be the worthiest way to prepare for the celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who identified with the little ones and the poor and who will judge us on our works of mercy (21). Every Christian community has to dedicate one Sunday in the year to the Word of God. This is to promote among the faithful riches of the Word of God by way of creative catechesis and lectio divina (7).

**6. Promote Works of Mercy**

Mercy impels us to roll up our sleeves and set about restoring dignity to millions of people; they are our brothers and sisters who, with us, are called to build a “city which is reliable” (18). Among them, clothing the naked is something God did first and God wanted in His life to restore dignity (19).

**7. Homily as the Word of Mercy**

The priest has to take great care in preparing homily with his experience of mercy to thrill the hearts of the believers before the grandeur of mercy (6)

**8. An Inclusive Church**

Francis demands priests a careful, profound and far-sighted spiritual discernment, so that everyone, none excluded, can feel accepted by God, participate actively in the life of the community and be part of that People of God which journeys tirelessly towards the fullness of his kingdom of justice, love, forgiveness and mercy (14).

**9. Mercy is a Verb.**

Francis warns about the temptation to theorise about mercy. We cannot forget the poor (20). The social character of mercy demands that we not simply stand by and do nothing. It requires us to banish indifference and hypocrisy, lest our plans and projects remain a dead letter (19).

**10. Best Quote of M&M**

“I am loved, therefore I exist; I am forgiven, therefore I am reborn; I have been shown mercy, therefore I have become a vessel of mercy (16).”

-- *Compiled by:* **Fr Gilbert Choondal SDB**

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## PROGRAMMES OF CODP-ISD

- 03.12.2016... - Training on Gas Safety measures at Vorkady  
- Training on Human Rights at Sangabettu
- 04.12.2016... - Youth Empowerment Training for 10th and  
PUC students in CODP-ISD  
- Motivation Programme for Educare students  
in CODP-ISD
- 07.12.2016... Training in SHG Book-keeping at Narampady
- 08.12.2016... Training on Organic farming at Kanyapadi
- 10.12.2016... - Awareness on Womens' Rights at Seethangoly  
- Training on Human Rights at Bedrampala  
- Village Devpt Committee and Federation meet  
at Merlapadavu
- 11.12.2016... Training on Organic farming at Bolkunje
- 12.12.2016... - CODP Governing Board meet at Bishop's  
House, Mangaluru  
- Visit of State Officer & Staff, Caritas India,  
under Endosulfan Project to CODP-ISD
- 13.12.2016... Sahajeevana Okkoota meet in CODP-ISD
- 14.12.2016... Christmas celebration at Pudu
- 17.12.2016... Jeevan Raksha Okkoota meet in CODP-ISD
- 20.12.2016... Celebration of Christmas in RUSEMP, Pakshikere
- 21.12.2016... Christmas celebration at Bannur
- 23.12.2016... - Christmas get-together for Staff in CODP-ISD  
- Christmas celebration for SHGs at Modankap
- 24.12.2016... Training on ILMS (Internal Learning &  
Monitoring Systems) at Mangalpady
- 27.12.2016... Christmas celebration at Kulu
- 31.12.2016... Christmas celebration at Amtady

### *Other programmes planned for December 2016*

- 1) Christmas get-together for children under Child Sponsorship project.

**NOTE: CODP-ISD will remain closed from 24th to 26th Dec. 2016 on account of Christmas.**

**- Director, CODP**

## **RIP**

- Sr Janice, A.C. (86) Sister of our Bishop on 08.11.2016, at Ann's Convent, Mangalore.
- Mrs Stells D'Souza (83), M/o Fr Alwyn, Same Diocese on 08.11.2016 at Bendur.

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## **MISSION SUNDAY 2016**

Dear Rev. Fathers,

As I thank you wholeheartedly for the collection made towards Mission Sunday, I request you to kindly submit the same to the Procurator of the Diocese, latest by the 15th of December 2016. Thank you.

**– Rev. Gratian Alvares**  
*Director*

*Pontifical Mission Aid Societies*

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