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Bishop's Programme, March - 2017

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| 1 | Ash Wednesday | - | Fast & Abstinence |
| 2 | | - | Seminary Board Meeting |
| 5 | 10.30 a.m. | - | Mass, Diocesan Catechism Day at Bajjodi |
| 6 | 6.00 p.m. | - | SJEC, Governing Council Meeting |
| 7 | 6.00 p.m. | - | SJEC, Governing Board Meeting |
| 9 | 10.00 a.m. | - | Blessing and Inauguration, Bela College Building |
| 12 | 8.00 a.m. | - | Inauguration and blessing of Fr Muller Convention Centre |
| | 11.30 a.m. | - | 90 Years celebration of SFO in the Diocese at St Ann's Friary |
| 14 | 3.30 p.m. | - | YCS Directors Meet |
| 16 | 9.30 a.m. | - | Regional Family Commission Meeting at Udupi |
| 19 | 10.00 a.m. | - | Fudar Prathistan, Milagres Hall |
| 23 | 4.00 p.m. | - | CODP Governing Board Meeting |
| 25-26 | | - | Pastoral Visit to Angelore |
| 29 | 10.30 a.m. | - | Graduation, Homoeopathy Medical College, Deralakatte |
| 30 | 5.30 p.m. | - | FMCI Governing Board Meeting |

Bishop Available:

3 - People; 8 & 15 - Priests and Sisters

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH 2017

On 1st March, we have begun the holy season of lent. This season has many aspects relating to our personal and community life. This season begins with the words of Jesus: The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel (Mk. 1:15). The season of lent is a time for reflection of one's own life and a change. We being the leaders of a community a change has to be seen in us by our people. This will give us new insight to preach the same to our people. During this time many spiritual activities will take place in our parishes. It is imperative that all the clergy are in the Diocese in their respective parishes/places to render maximum pastoral services to the faithful. Let the pastors encourage and exhort the faithful to the daily attendance of mass, way of the cross, reading of the scriptures related to conversion and passion of Christ, meditations and reflections, singing of Lenten hymns or at least if facilities provide playing the CDs in homes to create an atmosphere of a holy season. It is very much needed to insist upon fast and penance and increase of prayer life. It is a good and exemplary custom in our communities where people give up lots of entertainment, routine habits of alcohol/cigarettes etc. Please encourage not only elders, the youth too. Let them not hold picnics and outings if they are church associations or others. Thus let us create an atmosphere of penance and repentance during this season. During this lenten season, it is better to hold some penitential pilgrimages of the parishioners to some shrines or churches dedicated to the Holy Cross in our diocese and popular places frequented by the faithful, Mudipu on Palm Sunday and Pezar on Tuesday of the Holy Week. Pope Francis said about the pilgrimages in an around us. There are so many sick and lonely persons; there are poor people having difficulties for food clothing and shelter. These are the people who should be assisted as one would go on a pilgrimage. Besides Pope Francis also said that we should give importance to the 7 corporal and 7 spiritual acts of Mercy. Doing these acts will certainly create and atmosphere of a family of God. Let us give more importance

to these. If such devotions are held in other places, the faithful should be encouraged. Please hold Parish Retreats for your own parish and not for the Diocese. Please don't hold a mega retreat which your own parishioners don't attend. Please give importance to preachers in Konkani language and not by way of translation. God has given us good number of priests who are able to preach good retreats.

As regards the liturgical norms please refer the 'Ordo' page 79 ff as per the new liturgical instructions, the altar of sacrifice should be seen as a table. Hence adorning the table (mensa) and creating the surroundings of the altar a flower garden with flower pots on all three sides and in the sanctuary is not proper. It should not be draped with cloths (never with sarees) lest the meaning of a table is lost. In all seasons, don't adorn the table of the Lord with flowers etc. and the back of the altar should not be a notice board with inscriptions. Director, Mangala Jyothi has been regularly giving us the instructions from the directives. You may refer to him.

On 20 March, the solemnity of St Joseph, spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated. Please refer 'Ordo' page 88. He is the patron of our Diocese, our Seminary and many institutions and parishes. Let us rededicate our Diocese to his patronage and intercession. Please encourage people to have some prayer/devotion to St Joseph during the family prayers.

I wish you a fruitful and prayerful holy season of lent.

+ Aloysius Paul D'Souza

Bishop of Mangalore

Happy Birthday

Rev. Gregory D'Souza – 12.03.1957 (60)

Rev. Valerian D'Souza – 22.03.1957 (60)

Ad Multos Annos

+ Bishop

SUMMER VACATION PROGRAMME - 2017

- March 16 - 19 – Konkany Language programme for I & II
Philosophy (8)
- March 16 – 26 – Expo programme to III Philosophy &
III Theology (8+5=13)
- March 20 – April 19 – I Philosophy (4) – Bidar
- March 20 – 30 – Exposure programme to II Philosophy (5)
- March 24 – 30 – Kannada & Culture programme – I & II
Theology in Paalana Bhavan, Bangalore
starts at 9 a.m. (3+5=8)
- April 2 - 8 – Malayalam Language course – II & III
Philosophy & Theology and **Regents**
(5+8+13+5=31)
- April 9 – 16 – Holy week – to be in their respective parishes
- April 20 – Ordination

PICNIC: April 28 & 29 at Pakshikere.

On other days you may plan for camps in your parishes.
You need permission from your parish priest to organize camps
in other parishes.

- Rev. Denis Prabhu

Mission Statistics 2016

Dear Rev. Fathers,

Kindly send the filled in Mission Statistics form by 10 March
2017 to the Chancery, without further delay. The data is to be
forwarded to the Holy See. Please hurry up if you have not
already submitted the same. Thank you.

- Vicar General

Dear Rev. Fathers,

I thank you for your whole hearted cooperation for the annual Eucharistic procession 2017. Many have expressed their appreciation of the conduct of the procession. Since this year we had added two more deaneries – Suratkal and Permannur, more people participated in it. Besides, there were more priests seminarians and religious in the procession. The volunteers from your parishes have done a wonderful job. There were many altar boys and choirs joining in the singing which was sung through public address system. Since two parishes Milagres – Rosario have played important role in the celebrations we are grateful to them. They also borne a big share in the expenditure. In all, this year's procession was a remarkable success. We gratefully remember all who cooperated with us without mentioning various services rendered to us for the procession.

– **Rev. Denis Prabhu**
Vicar General

**YOUNG CATHOLIC STUDENTS/YOUNG STUDENTS'
MOVEMENT (YCS/YSM) MANGALORE**

- 1 I thank the Most Rev. Bishop of Mangalore and all the Parish Priests who encouraged the YCS units to celebrate the '**Rosary Meet**' in their parishes. There was a very good response. We continue to pray for the good result of all the students in the forth coming exams.
- 2) There will be a **meeting of YCS Deanery Directors with the Bishop on 14th March 2017 at 3.30 pm at the Bishop's house.** Deanery Directors are kindly requested to attend.

- 3) We are organizing **Orientation Program** for the **Animators** all over the diocese. In order to facilitate better participation we organise it in 3 different places combining a few Deaneries.
- Bantwal, Mogarnad and Puttur Deaneries – in Bantwal (Modankap) Parish - on Sunday, 12th March 2017.
 - Moodbidri, Kinnigoly and Belthangady Deaneries – in Moodbidri Town Parish - on Sunday 19th march 2017.
 - City, Episcopal City, Pezar, Surathkal and Permannur Deaneries – in Rosario Cathedral - on Sunday 26th March 2017.

(In Kasargod Deanery it will be held in June, 2017)

Program will begin at 9.00 am with breakfast and will be concluded at 12.30 pm with Mass followed by lunch. Parish Priests are most welcome to attend as per their convenience. We request the Parish Priests kindly to send their **animators** without fail so that your work throughout the year regarding YCS is made easy. Thanks to the parish priests of Bantwal, Moodbidri Town, and Rosario Cathedral for providing place and other requirements for the programs. **Entry Fee – Rupees 50 per head.**

- 4) **Those parishes who do not have YCS units** (15) can give a thought if possible to start it by sending an animator for the above said orientation program. We can make your work easy in starting new units by our personal visit on request.
- 5) Annual '**Jinye Spandan**' diocesan camp for YCS students will be held in **Permannur** Parish beginning from **Sunday, 7th May 2017 evening to Friday 12th May 2017**, morning. More details will be provided later.

– **Rev. Rupesh Madtha**
Director

Pope Francis' message for Lent 2017

The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016).

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply. I would now like to consider the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Lk 16:19-31). Let us find inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion.

1. The other person is a gift

The parable begins by presenting its two main characters. The poor man is described in greater detail: he is wretched and lacks the strength even to stand. Lying before the door of the rich man, he fed on the crumbs falling from his table. His body is full of sores and dogs come to lick his wounds (cf. vv. 20-21). The picture is one of great misery; it portrays a man disgraced and pitiful.

The scene is even more dramatic if we consider that the poor man is called Lazarus: a name full of promise, which literally means "God helps". This character is not anonymous. His features are clearly delineated and he appears as an individual with his own story. While practically invisible to the rich man, we see and know him as someone familiar. He becomes a face, and as such,

a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares for, despite his concrete condition as an outcast (cf. Homily, 8 January 2016).

Lazarus teaches us that other persons are a gift. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change. The parable first invites us to open the doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift, whether it be our neighbor or an anonymous pauper. Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love. The word of God helps us to open our eyes to welcome and love life, especially when it is weak and vulnerable. But in order to do this, we have to take seriously what the Gospel tells us about the rich man.

2. Sin blinds us

The parable is unsparing in its description of the contradictions associated with the rich man (cf. v. 19). Unlike poor Lazarus, he does not have a name; he is simply called "a rich man". His opulence was seen in his extravagant and expensive robes. Purple cloth was even more precious than silver and gold, and was thus reserved to divinities (cf. Jer 10:9) and kings (cf. Jg 8:26), while fine linen gave one an almost sacred character. The man was clearly ostentatious about his wealth, and in the habit of displaying it daily: "He feasted sumptuously every day" (v. 19). In him we can catch a dramatic glimpse of the corruption of sin, which progresses in three successive stages: love of money, vanity and pride (cf. Homily, 20 September 2013).

The Apostle Paul tells us that "the love of money is the root of all evils" (1 Tim 6:10). It is the main cause of corruption and a source of envy, strife and suspicion. Money can come to dominate us, even to the point of becoming a tyrannical idol (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 55). Instead of being an instrument at our service for doing good and showing solidarity towards others, money can chain us and the entire world to a selfish logic that leaves no room for love and hinders peace.

The parable then shows that the rich man's greed makes him vain. His personality finds expression in appearances, in showing others what he can do. But his appearance masks an interior emptiness. His life is a prisoner to outward appearances, to the most superficial and fleeting aspects of existence (cf. *ibid.*, 62).

The lowest rung of this moral degradation is pride. The rich man dresses like a king and acts like a god, forgetting that he is merely mortal. For those corrupted by love of riches, nothing exists beyond their own ego. Those around them do not come into their line of sight. The result of attachment to money is a sort of blindness. The rich man does not see the poor man who is starving, hurting, lying at his door.

Looking at this character, we can understand why the Gospel so bluntly condemns the love of money: "No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money" (Mt 6:24).

3. The Word is a gift

The Gospel of the rich man and Lazarus helps us to make a good preparation for the approach of Easter. The liturgy of Ash Wednesday invites us to an experience quite similar to that of the rich man. When the priest imposes the ashes on our heads, he repeats the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". As it turned out, the rich man and the poor man both died, and the greater part of the parable takes place in the afterlife. The two characters suddenly discover that "we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it" (1 Tim 6:7).

We too see what happens in the afterlife. There the rich man speaks at length with Abraham, whom he calls "father" (Lk 16:24.27), as a sign that he belongs to God's people. This detail makes his life appear all the more contradictory, for until this moment there had been no mention of his relation to God. In fact, there was no place for God in his life. His only god was himself.

The rich man recognizes Lazarus only amid the torments of the afterlife. He wants the poor man to alleviate his suffering

with a drop of water. What he asks of Lazarus is similar to what he could have done but never did. Abraham tells him: "During your life you had your fill of good things, just as Lazarus had his fill of bad. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony" (v. 25). In the afterlife, a kind of fairness is restored and life's evils are balanced by good.

The parable goes on to offer a message for all Christians. The rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers, who are still alive. But Abraham answers: "They have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to them" (v. 29). Countering the rich man's objections, he adds: "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead" (v. 31).

The rich man's real problem thus comes to the fore. At the root of all his ills was the failure to heed God's word. As a result, he no longer loved God and grew to despise his neighbor. The word of God is alive and powerful, capable of converting hearts and leading them back to God. When we close our heart to the gift of God's word, we end up closing our heart to the gift of our brothers and sisters.

Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favor the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

From the Vatican, 18 October 2016

Feast of Saint Luc the Evangelist

- FRANCIS

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. PROGRAMMES:

05, Mar. 2017 : Honouring the Top Scorers, XStd Catechism Examination.

Venue : Mangala Jyothi, Shanthi Kiran, Bajjodi.

Time : 9.00 am to 1.30 pm

12, Mar. 2017 : Catechism Teachers Seminar, Permannur
Deanery

3-29 Mar 2017 : Lenten Missions- Parish Retreats.

21-27 Mar 2017 : New Konkani Missal Works, Goa

30, Mar. 2017 : Recollection for Extra Ordinary Ministers , City Deanery

II. New Arrivals:

1. ಸೊಮ್ಯಾಕ್ ಧನ್ವಾಸುಂಯಾ ಪರಿಷ್ಕೃತಿ ಅವೃತ್ತಿ Rs. 120/-

2. ಕುಟಾಚಿ ಮಾಗ್ಲಿಂ ಪರಿಷ್ಕೃತ್ ಅವೃತ್ತಿ Rs. 50/-

III. Diocesan Level Catechism Results:

X std- 98.69% (Last year : 98.35%)

VII std-97.14% (Last year: 98.08%)

IV. Deanery Level Results:

Deanery Level: X std Result

No	Deanery	No of Schools	Result Deanery Level
1	Bantwal	9	100.00%
2	Belthangady	9	98.50%
3	City	16	98.23%
4	Episcopal City	17	98.72%
5	Kasaragod	5	96.77%
6	Kinnigoly	7	100.00%
7	Mangalore South	5	100.00%
8	Moodubidri	4	100.00%
9	Mogarnad	3	100.00%
10	Pezar	7	97.73%
11	Puttur	7	97.03%
12	Suratkal	5	97.78%

Deanery Level: VII std Result

No	Deanery	No of Schools	Result Deanery Level
1	Bantwal	14	98.08%
2	Belthangady	12	96.52%
3	City	17	98.41%
4	Episcopal City	24	98.24%
5	Kasaragod	8	89.71%
6	Kinnigoly	8	100.00%
7	Mangalore South	10	91.26%
8	Moodubidri	11	97.47%
9	Mogarnad	4	97.78%
10	Pezar	7	98.61%
11	Puttur	9	95.08%
12	Suratkal	7	98.51%

I congratulate the Parish Priests, Assts, HMs, Staff and Sudents for your hard work.

V. Announcements:

1. Catechism Day at the Diocesan level will be celebrated on **5th March 2017** at Mangala Jyothi, Bajjodi. You are cordially invited.
2. **17 - 22 ,April 2017 will be observed as Bible Week** in our diocese. (during this week every parish needs to organize Summer Camps for the children with the help of Seminarians). **23rd April 2017 - Bible Sunday** . Please follow Devachea Sobdacho Sombrom, March issue for details.
3. **All the parish catechism coordinators are requested to prepare a report of the catechetical activites of the year 2016-17 and send these reports to the priest coordinator of the respective deaneries by 30 March 2017. (For the format of evaluation and report please refer Mangala Jyothi Bulletin, December 2016 issue/circular.) Then the deanery priest coordinators are kindly requested to prepare a consolidated report and send to Mangala Jyothi by 30th of April 2017 without any delay.**
4. Dear Rev. Fathers, I sincerely thank you for your wholehearted cooperation and support towards catechetical and biblical ministry in the diocese. Because of your efforts we have fruitful results this year. May God bless you all.

VI. LITURGICAL GUIDELINES - PART II : (Extract from CCBI Directives) (continued from previous issue)

DO'S	DON'T'S
<p>8 The Presidential Chair should show the role of presiding in the Assembly and of directing the Prayer. (GIRM 310)</p>	<p>Do not make the Presidential chair only a mere seat for the celebrant. Do not begin and conclude the Eucharist from the Altar. It should be from the Presidential Chair.</p>
<p>9 Table of the Word Have at the ambo/Lectern, the Lectionary. Candles on either side of the Ambo could be placed to show the sacredness of the Table of the Word.</p>	
<p>10 Utilize one Lectern/Pulpit/ Ambo, as a general rule, only for proclaiming the Liturgy of the Word (the Readings, Psalm, Gospel, Homily and General Intercessions, (GIRM 55-71). Proclaim the Scripture from Ritual Editions of the Lectionary and the Book of the Gospels - the best the parish can afford - to show reverence for God's Word.</p>	<p>Do not Proclaim from any other Bible, book, leaflet or Dairies that are available in Catholic Book Stores. Do not deliver the Homily at the Lord's Table or the Altar. Do not begin or end a homily with a sign of the Cross or Amen, since the homily is an intergral part of the liturgical celebration. Do not allow Commentator (GIRM 105b), Choir director use the Ambo</p>
<p>11 ARS CELEBRANDI Project your voice to fill the Liturgical space. If there is a microphone find out before.</p>	

(to be continued...)

Director, Mangala Jyothi

Approved and Changed Feasts/Memories for India

The Congregation for Divine Worship has approved a few feasts and memories for India on 5 June 2016. Here is the list of National Calendar for the Latin dioceses of India:

- January 14, Blessed Devasahayam, Martyr, Op. Memorial
 January 16, St Joseph Vas, Op. memorial, Feast for Mangalore.
 January 26, Republic Day, Feast
 January 27, Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops & Martyrs, Op. Memorial; St Angela Merici, Virgin, Op. Memorial
 February 4, St John de Britto, Priest & Martyr, Memorial
 February 7, St Gonsalo Garcia, Martyr, Memorial
 February 18, St Kuriakose Elias Chavara, Priest, Op. Memorial
 June 8, Bl Mariam Theresia, Virgin, Op. Memorial
 July 3, St Thomas Apostle of India, Solemnity
 July 28, St Alphonsa Muttathupadathu, Virgin, Memorial
 August 15, Assumption of our Lady, Patroness of India (Independence Day), Solemnity
 August 30, St Euphrasia, Virgin, Op. Memorial
 September 5, St Teresa of Kolkatta, Virgin, Op. Memorial
 October 1, St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Feast
 October 16, Bl. Augustine Thevaraparambil, Priest, Op. Memorial
 December 3, St Francis Xavier, Priest, Patron of India, Feast

– Director, Mangala Jyothi

PROGRAMMES OF CODP-ISD

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- 01.03.2017 to De-addiction Camp at Infant Jesus Shrine
 05.03.2017 hall, Bikkarnakatte
 03.03.2017 Womens Day celebration and Talk on Family
 Upbringing at Fajir
 06.03.2017 Womens Day celebration and Talk on Family
 Upbringing at Mudipu
 08.03.2017 Womens Day celebration and Talk on Womens
 Problems at Kumbla and B.C. Road, Bantwala

- 09.03.2017 Bandhavya Governing Board & Partners meet at MRCI, Moodabidri
- 09.03.2017 to
10.03.2017 WEP Review meeting in KROSS, Bengaluru
- 11.03.2017 Womens Day celebration and Talk on Womens Health problems at Enmakaje, Mermajal and Vijayadka
- 12.03.2017 Womens Day celebration and Talk on Family Upbringing at Neermarga
- 13.03.2017 Womens Day celebration and Talk on Womens Rights at Vorkady
- 14.03.2017 Sahajeevana Okkoota meet in CODP-ISD
- 16.03.2017 Recollection and Training to Staff on Report writing and Documentation at CODP-ISD
- 18.03.2017 Jeevan Raksha Okkoota meet in CODP-ISD
Womens Day celebration and Talk on Womens Rights at Bela
- 19.03.2017 - Decennial celebration of Christa Jyothi SHG and Awareness talk on Organic farming and RTI at Mulky
- Womens Day celebration and Talk on Womens Problems at Saya
- 22.03.2017 Womens Day celebration and Talk on Womens problems at Narampady
- 22.03.2017 to
24.03.2017 WEP Field monitoring visit by KROSS in CODP-ISD
- 23.03.2017 CODP Governing Board meet at Bishop's House, Mangaluru
- 23.03.2017 Womens Day celebration and Talk on Womens Rights at Bannur
- 24.03.2017 Womens Day celebration and Talk on Family Upbringing at Permannur
- 25.03.2017 Womens Day celebration and Talk on Womens problems at Modankap
- 27.03.2017 Leadership training at Perla
- 28.03.2017 - Womens Day celebration and Talk on Womens Rights and Human Rights at RUSEMP, Pakshikere
- Leadership training at Kumbdaje

– **Director, CODP**

RIP

- Mrs Elizabeth D'Sa (86), grandmother of Fr Rocky Fernandes, Rosario Cathedral on 05.02.2017 at Fermai.
- Mr Marian Lobo (66) Bro/of Fr Hilary Lobo on 13.02.2017 at Shambur.
- Mrs Winnie Saldanha, (73) Sister of Rev. Alfred Pinto, P.P. Puttur on 21.02.2017, Thane, Mumbai.

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