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## Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Aloysius Paul D' Souza



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We greet you on your stepping into the  
22nd year of your Episcopate.

May God bless you for the service you rendered to the  
people of God all these years. May you enjoy good health  
and peaceful days to carry on your ministry.

**Clergy, Religious &  
Lay faithful of the Diocese of Mangalore**

## BISHOP'S PROGRAMME - MAY - 2017

1. 10.00 a.m. - Community Wedding, Cathedral  
6.00 p.m. - Silver Jubilee of Priesthood,  
Fr Onil D'Souza at St Antony's
2. 10.30 a.m. - Silver Jubilee of Priesthood,  
Fr Oswald Monteiro at Permannur
3. 10.00 a.m. - Priestly Ordination, Walter Sequeira,  
Pallotine at Madanthyar
4. 5.00 p.m. - Confirmation at Cordel Church
5. 4.00 p.m. - Meeting at Thannirbavi, Fatima Centenary  
planning
- 6-7 - Pastoral Visit to Ashoknagar
7. 6.00 p.m. - YCS Programme, Permannur
8. 9.30 a.m. - Ordination, Redemptorists at Ferar  
4.00 p.m. - Meeting III year Theologians
9. 4.00 p.m. - Meeting II and 1<sup>st</sup> year Theologians
10. 10.00 a.m. - Silver Jubilee of Bethany Sisters  
3.30 p.m. - II & 1<sup>st</sup> year Philosophy students
11. 10.00 a.m. - CBE Meeting
13. 8.45 a.m. - Festal Mass, Bless presbytery, Miyapadav  
3.00 p.m. - Mass, Thannirbavi, celebration of Fatima  
Centenary
14. 7.30 a.m. - Mass, Fr Muller Homoeopathy, Derlakatte,  
bless hostel  
10.30 a.m. - Golden Jubilee, Mass at LSP Sisters  
4.45 p.m. - Mass, Vamadapadav, Inaugurate Silver  
Jubilee of Parish
17. 9.30 a.m. - Mass, Peruvai church, 20 years parish  
foundation
19. 9.30 a.m. - Inauguration, Job fair, Padua College
20. 10.00 a.m. - Confirmation at Mudipu
- 20-21 - Pastoral Visit to Eliarpadav
21. 3.30 p.m. - Parish Day, Kasargod
22. 11.00 a.m. - Mass, blessing house, Disciples of Divine  
Saviour, Taccode
25. 5.00 p.m. - Confirmation, Katipalla
- 27-28 - Pastoral Visit to Derebail
30. 10.00 a.m. - Mass, Decennial celebration, Salethur  
Parish

**Bishop Meets:** 5 - People; 9 & 12 - Priests and Sisters

## **BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR MAY 2017**

First of May is dedicated to St Joseph the Worker and is held as Workers' Day all over the world. Let us earnestly pray to St Joseph the Worker to bless all the workers specially our own parishioners who are employed in India and abroad and those people who are doing manual labour. Let us pray for them and also try our best through the Small Christian Communities in the parish to help them to live in good human conditions, with dignity.

This month is dedicated to our Lady. The world is prepared to celebrate the centenary anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. The message of Fatima was to revive the prayer and penance in reparation of our sins and sins of the whole world. She expressed her desire that the whole world to be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. A Diocesan centenary celebration will be held on the 13 May 2017 at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Thannirbavi. I hereby give a call to all the faithful of our Diocese who love Mary and devoted to her to participate in the celebrations. Before reaching the church at a short distance there will be a procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima to the church grounds. This is followed by Mass and the consecration of the world, our Diocese and our families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let this celebration bring back to our mind the age old traditional family prayer the Rosary. The Rosary devotion has worked wonders in our life and those who recite this family prayer. I request the Parish Priests to promote this devotion particularly during this month.

Rev. Fr Francis D'Souza is the Diocesan Director of the World Fatima apostolate. The committee and Parish Priest of Thannirbavi has made all arrangements for the pilgrims who will come for the celebration at Thannirbavi. During this centenary year, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima was moving round from parish to parish. This has given a boost to our devotion to Mother Mary. I thank all of you who have cooperated in receiving the statue holding Rosary devotion and conveying to the

neighbouring parish. I once again cordially invite you to the finale in Thannirbavi.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of May I shall be celebrating the anniversary of my Episcopal ordination. I will be celebrating the mass at St Antony's Poor Homes at 7.30 a.m. You are welcome to join me in the concelebration and a breakfast thereafter. I request you to pray for my pastoral work. I too pray for you.

May God bless you. May Our Lady of Fatima intercede on our behalf to keep up the sanctity of the family life.

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

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## **CIRCULAR**

There has been a request from the Parish Priest of Mudipu and Vara of South Varado which was under the patronage of St Mathias to be replaced as St Juze Vaz Varado. This matter also had come in the ongoing formation session and it was the desire of the Rev. Fathers attending the session that it is proper to rename the Varado. Having consulted those who are to be consulted, I hereby decree that the South Varado is dedicated to St Juze Vaz w.e.f. 1 May 2017. Hence hereafter this Varado will be called as St Juze Vaz Varado.

This Decree is given on 23 April 2017 on the Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday at Kodialbail from our Episcopal residence, in the 21 Year of our Episcopate and in the year of the Diocesan Small Christian Community.

**+ Most Rev. Aloysius Paul D'Souza**  
*Bishop of Mangalore*

Date: 23-04-2017

## **Congratulations and a Bright Pastoral Ministry**

We are extremely happy to have five more priests ordained for the Diocese of Mangalore. Our number has risen to 278. The ordained Rev. Fathers are:

1. Fr Alwyn Richard D'Souza – Shirtady
2. Fr Antony Clany D'Souza – Omzoor
3. Fr Anil Francis Pinto – Indubettu
4. Fr Anil Ivan Fernandes – Nainadu
5. Fr Lizel Joy D'Souza – Mudipu

We congratulate them and pray for them. They will carry on the mission of Jesus Christ in this Diocese of Mangalore in the days to come. I wish them very best. May the Lord be with them always. I congratulate their parents and the family members who have offered them to the Lord. My thanks to Rector and the Seminary staff and the benefactors who took care of them during the formation. Dear new priests try to become another Christ.

**+ Most Rev. Aloysius Paul D'Souza**  
*Bishop of Mangalore*

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## **Happy Birthday**

Rev. Elias D'Souza – 31.5.1967 (50)

*Ad Multos Annos*

**+ Bishop**

## INFORMATION

I thank all Rev. Parish Priests who sent the Internal Auditors of the parish to the study session in three centres. Given the present financial stress and new rules coming in, we priests are helpless. Though during the ongoing formation, the auditor has enlightened us, we need to be updated. The participants have been very much interested in discharging their duties. I wish all had participated in the session. As you know Auditors are rare persons who would spend hours with us. Hence it is difficult to repeat the course. However, I thank the Varas who hosted us and the Auditor Mr. Sunil Gonsalves who conducted the session and many volunteers who helped us on the spot.

- **Vicar General**

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### Silver Jubilee of Ordination - 01.05.1992

V. Rev. Onil D'Souza  
Rev. Oswald Monteiro  
Rev. Lawrence C. Martis

*Ad Multos Annos*

+ **Bishop**

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### THE FOLLOWING ARE ELECTED TO THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PARISHAD 2017 - 2019

#### 1. EPISCOPAL VARADO:

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| 1. Mrs Elizabeth Roche        | 9845420561 |
| 2. Mr Anil Lobo               | 9845278901 |
| 3. Mrs Assumption Lizzy Pinto | 9945047202 |

#### 2. CITY VARADO:

1. Rev. Fr. Cyril Pinto

**3. PEZAR VARADO**

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|--------------------------|--------|------------|
| 1. Rev Fr Antony Lobo    | Gurpur | 9448428561 |
| 2. Mr Melwyn Albuquerque | Ferar  | 9008949180 |
| 3. Mrs Preethi D'Souza   | Pezar  | 9481357674 |

**4. SURATKAL VARADO:**

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| 1. Rev. Fr Norbert Lobo  | Mukka    |
| 2. Mr Bernad D'Souza     | Suratkal |
| 3. Godwin Emilda Rebello | Mulky    |

**5. BANTWAL VARADO:**

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| 1. Rev. Fr Stany Monteiro<br>Email: jmvianney2011@gmail.com  | Bambil | 9448186558 |
| 2. Mr Walter Noronha<br>Sornad House & Post<br>Bantwal 574 211.  |        | 9448489244 |
| 3. Mr Victor Dilraj Menezes<br>003, Rachana Block<br>Kanchana & Rachana Building<br>Lourdes Garden, Kaikamba<br>Bantwal 574 219<br>Email: menezesvictor@rediffmail.com |        | 9845161700 |
| 4. Ms Veera Rodrigues, Central House<br>Upper Ponegol, Agrar Post<br>Bantwal 574 211<br>Email: veera.r.1995@gmail.com  |        | 9686585002 |
- 9. BELHANGADY VARADO:**
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| 1. Rev. Fr Antony Vincent Lewis<br>Christ King Church, Venur P.O.                       |  | 9448378248               |
| 2. Mr Leo Rodrigues, Nethara House<br>Panakaje P.O., Madanthyar 574 224                 |  | 9449664260<br>9901985060 |
| 3. Mrs Lilly D'Souza, Carmel Cottage<br>Kayarlekki, Pilathabettu<br>Nainad P.O. 574 224 |  | 9481213744               |
| 4. Mr Valerian Rodrigues, Maria Nivas<br>Laila Village, Ujire P.O. 574 240              |  | 9449331121               |

**10. MOOBBIDRI VARADO:**

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|----------------------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. Mr Roshan Pereira       | Taccode     | 9686145015 |
| 2. Mr Manohar Cutinho      | Hospet      | 9448252481 |
| 3. Smt. Maria Lita Pereira | Shirtady    | 9901660881 |
| 4. Rev. Fr Jesudas D'Costa | Gantalkatte | 9731854121 |

6, 7, 8, 11, 12, varados have yet to send the names.

Please treat it as urgent. Follow rule No. 5; 11

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF PRIESTS****1. EPOISCOPAL VARADO**

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| 1. Rev. Fr Walter D' Mello  | Bejai    |
| 2. Rev. Fr Ronald Serrao    | Seminary |
| 3. Rev. Fr Nelson D'Almeida | Jeppu    |
| 4. Rev. Fr James D'Souza    | Valencia |
| 5. Rev. Fr Valerian D'Souza | Milagres |

**2. CITY VARADO:**

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| 1. Rev. Fr Joachim Fernandes | Kelarai      |
| 2. Rev. Fr Walter D'Souza    | Shakthinagar |
| 3. Rev. Fr Andrew D' Souza   | Bondel       |
| 4. Rev. Fr Jossy Lobo        | SJEC         |

**3. PEZAR VARADO:**

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| 1. Rev. Fr Pius F. Pinto | Ferar | 9448318716 |
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**4. SURATKAL VARADO:**

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| 1. Rev. Fr Richard Lasrado | Thokur |
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**5. BANTWAL VARADO:**

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| 1. Rev. Fr Gregory D'Souza  | 9448004830 |
| Most Holy Saviour Church    |            |
| Agrar P.O., Bantwal 574 211 |            |

**10. MOOBBIDRI VARADO:**

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| 1. Rev. Fr Santhosh Rodrigues | Hospet | 9845833648 |
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6,7,8,9,11,12 - These Varados are yet to send the names.

Please treat it as urgent. Follow rules of the election to the Senate.

Regarding Numbers of Varado refer the Directory.

**- Vicar General**



## TRAINING OF INTERNAL AUDITORS

Dear Rev. Fathers,

I hereby inform you that as we had promised, the training session for Internal Auditors took place on 18, 19 and 21 April in 3 places.

No.	Dates	Place	Varados
1.	18 April Tuesday	Rosario Cultural Hall (41 x 2 = 82 members) <b>Present: 47</b>	Episcopal, City, Pazar, Suratkal, Kinnigoly
2.	19 April Wednesday	Permannur Church Hall (30 x 2 = 60 members) <b>Present: 41</b>	Bela, Permannur, Mogarnad
3.	21 April Friday	Modankap Church Hall (46 x 2 = 92 members) <b>Present: 48</b>	Bantwal, Puttur, Belthangady, Moodbidri

We are happy that so many got trained by Chartered Accountant. The session lasted from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. It was a lively session. I thank you Parish Priests who have taken the troubles of sending the Internal Auditors. I request others to appoint and send names and telephone numbers of the Internal Auditors to the Chancery, if they have not appointed. We need to call them when an opportunity arises to give them guidance. Once again I thank the 3 Vicars Vara to have organized the training sessions and all other Varas and Parish Priests for sending the participants for the training session.

– Vicar General

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## CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH

### Instruction *Ad resurgendum cum Christo*

regarding the burial of the deceased  
and the conservation of the ashes in the case of cremation

1. To rise with Christ, we must die with Christ: we must “be away from the body and at home with the Lord” (2 *Cor* 5:8). With the Instruction *Piam et Constantem* of 5 July 1963, the then Holy Office established that “all necessary measures must be taken to preserve the practice of reverently burying the faithful departed”, adding however that cremation is not “opposed per se to the Christian religion” and that no longer should the sacraments and funeral rites be denied to those who have asked that they be cremated, under the condition that this 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”.<sup>[1]</sup> Later this change in ecclesiastical discipline was incorporated into the Code of Canon Law (1983) and the Code of Canons of Oriental Churches (1990).

During the intervening years, the practice of cremation has notably increased in many countries, but simultaneously new ideas contrary to the Church’s faith have also become widespread. Having consulted the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts and numerous Episcopal Conferences and Synods of Bishops of the Oriental Churches, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has deemed opportune the publication of a new Instruction, with the intention of underlining the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the preference of the burial of the remains of the faithful and to set out norms pertaining to the conservation of ashes in the case of cremation.

2. The resurrection of Jesus is the culminating truth of the Christian faith, preached as an essential part of the Paschal Mystery from the very beginnings of Christianity: “For I handed on to you as

of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve” (1 Cor 15:3-5).

Through his death and resurrection, Christ freed us from sin and gave us access to a new life, “so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Rm 6:4). Furthermore, the risen Christ is the principle and source of our future resurrection: “Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep [...] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive” (1 Cor 15:20-22).

It is true that Christ will raise us up on the last day; but it is also true that, in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ. In Baptism, actually, we are immersed in the death and resurrection of Christ and sacramentally assimilated to him: “You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead” (Col 2:12). United with Christ by Baptism, we already truly participate in the life of the risen Christ (cf. Eph 2:6).

Because of Christ, Christian death has a positive meaning. The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the Church: “Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven”.<sup>[2]</sup> By death the soul is separated from the body, but in the resurrection God will give incorruptible life to our body, transformed by reunion with our soul. In our own day also, the Church is called to proclaim her faith in the resurrection: “The confidence of Christians is the resurrection of the dead; believing this we live”.<sup>[3]</sup>

3. Following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church insistently recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries or other sacred places.<sup>[4]</sup>

In memory of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord, the mystery that illumines the Christian meaning of death,<sup>[5]</sup> burial is

above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body.[6]

The Church who, as Mother, has accompanied the Christian during his earthly pilgrimage, offers to the Father, in Christ, the child of her grace, and she commits to the earth, in hope, the seed of the body that will rise in glory.[7]

By burying the bodies of the faithful, the Church confirms her faith in the resurrection of the body,[8] and intends to show the great dignity of the human body as an integral part of the human person whose body forms part of their identity.[9] She cannot, therefore, condone attitudes or permit rites that involve erroneous ideas about death, such as considering death as the definitive annihilation of the person, or the moment of fusion with Mother Nature or the universe, or as a stage in the cycle of regeneration, or as the definitive liberation from the “prison” of the body.

Furthermore, 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 and in which “as instruments and vessels the Spirit has carried out so many good works”.[10]

Tobias, the just, was praised for the merits he acquired in the sight of God for having buried the dead,[11] and the Church considers the burial of dead one of the corporal works of mercy.[12]

Finally, 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, while at the same time fostering the veneration of martyrs and saints.

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.

4. 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, nor does it prevent God, in his omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life. 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.[13]

The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, "unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine".[14]

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, and taking particular care to avoid every form of scandal or the appearance of religious indifferentism.

5. 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. Their tombs have become places of prayer, remembrance and reflection. The faithful departed remain part of the Church who believes "in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church".[15]

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. It prevents the faithful departed from being forgotten, or their remains from being shown a lack of respect, which eventuality is possible,

most especially once the immediately subsequent generation has too passed away. Also it prevents any unfitting or superstitious practices.

6. For the reasons given above, the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted. Only in grave and exceptional cases dependent on cultural conditions of a localized nature, may the Ordinary, in agreement with the Episcopal Conference or the Synod of Bishops of the Oriental Churches, concede permission for the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence. Nonetheless, the ashes may not be divided among various family members and due respect must be maintained regarding the circumstances of such a conservation.

7. In order that every appearance of pantheism, naturalism or nihilism be avoided, 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 jewelry or other objects. These courses of action cannot be legitimized by an appeal to the sanitary, social, or economic motives that may have occasioned the choice of cremation.

8. When the 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.<sup>[16]</sup>

*The Sovereign Pontiff Francis, in the Audience granted to the undersigned Cardinal Prefect on 18 March 2016, approved the present Instruction, adopted in the Ordinary Session of this Congregation on 2 March 2016, and ordered its publication.*

*Rome, from the Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 15 August 2016, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

**Gerhard Card. Müller**  
*Prefect*

**+ Luis F. Ladaria, S.I.**  
*Secretary*

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- [1] AAS 56 (1964), 822-823.
- [2] Roman Missal, *Preface I for the Dead*.
- [3] Tertullian, *De Resurrectione carnis*, 1,1: CCL 2, 921.
- [4] Cf. *CIC*, can. 1176, § 3, can. 1205; *CCEO*, can. 876, § 3; can. 868.
- [5] Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1681.
- [6] Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2300.
- [7] Cf. *1 Cor* 15:42-44; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1683.
- [8] Cf. St. Augustine, *De cura pro mortuis gerenda*, 3, 5; CSEL 41, 628:
- [9] Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*, 14.
- [10] St. Augustine, *De cura pro mortuis gerenda*, 3, 5: CSEL 41, 627.
- [11] Cf. *Tb* 2:9; 12:12.
- [12] Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2300.
- [13] Cf. Holy Office, Instruction *Piam et costantem*, 5 July 1963: AAS 56 (1964) 822.
- [14] *CIC*, can. 1176 § 3; cf. *CCEC*, can. 876 § 3.
- [15] *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 962.
- [16] *CIC*, can. 1184; *CCEO*, can.876, § 3.

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## 29<sup>th</sup> Plenary Assembly of CCBI “Promoting Joy of Love in Our Families”

Promoting the Joy of Love in Our Families Message of the 29<sup>th</sup> CCBI Plenary Assembly to the Church in India.

We, two Cardinals, 136 Archbishops and Bishops, representing the 132 dioceses of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI), gathered at the Pastoral Centre, Bhopal for our Plenary Assembly from 31<sup>st</sup> January to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to deliberate, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, on the theme “*Promoting the Joy of Love in our Families*”. The choice of this theme was prompted by the epoch-making Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* [1] (Joy of Love), which was the outcome of the 2014 and 2015 Synods on the Family. The apostolic Exhortation reviews the current situation of families in the light of the Church’s perennial teaching on marriage and family especially, with regard to unity and indissolubility of marriage (cf. Mt. 19:3-6; Eph. 5:22-31) with a view to building up stable, fruitful and joyful families and offering help to those who do not fully meet the Christian ideal of marriage and the family. Our Lord Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd always remains as a model of our ministry to the family. Indeed the family is God’s precious gift to human society and to the Church.

The theme of the family as the “**Domestic Church**” has been the subject of frequent reflection by the Bishops of India. [2] Aware that “**the welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and of the Church**” (*AL 31*), the 29<sup>th</sup> Plenary Assembly (2017) took up this theme for reflection anew.

At our current Plenary Assembly, we were fortunate to have His Eminence Lorenzo Cardinal Baldisseri, the Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops, Rome, who enlightened us on the historical background and the thrust of *Amoris Laetitia*. We were enriched by the frank and faith-filled sharing of some Catholic couples from various parts of our country – a couple who had been present at the 2015 Synod; a father of a mentally challenged child, a single-parent, and others who spoke with utter sincerity and openness about their marital journey with all its ups and downs, joys and sorrows. We were edified by their deep faith in God, their prayer life nourished by the word of God and participation in the Holy Eucharist, and their dedication to ministry in the Church as lay people. We realize that these couples who spoke to us are just a few of the many Catholic families which, despite many difficulties, remain faithful to the Church’s teaching on marriage and make



possible for their children a truly Christian upbringing. Such families are nurseries of vocations for the priesthood and religious life. Seeing this, we are filled with joy in the Spirit and would like to thank our families for the service they render to the Church and to society.

At the same time, we are aware that there are some shadows. More than 300 million people in our country are subject to poverty and deprivation, especially in the rural areas, with little access to basic health services, educational facilities and employment opportunities. Many of them are afflicted by evils such as domestic violence and alcoholism. Among the poor, women and children are the ones who suffer the most. A large number of families have not been sufficiently catechised. Migration too has had a strong impact on marriage and family life. The media, with all its beneficial effects, have often exercised a deleterious influence on family life.

Part of the problem is that ordained ministers are not adequately equipped to help families cope with the complex problems they face (cf. *AL* 202). Priests also need to know how to harness, for the pastoral care of families, the many Family Movements and Associations with which the Church is blessed.

As pastors responsible for our faithful, we took into serious account the varied and diverse situations regarding marriage and family across various regions of our country. We have sketched out a Plan of Action which will be made specific and implemented in stages by each diocese, according to its needs and resources. **As Bishops, primarily responsible for the family apostolate, we wish to state:**

1. The content of our pastoral plan for families will always include the “culture of life” (cf. Gen.1:28, 3:20; *Evangelium Vitae* 87).
2. We will focus, in the first place, on adequate Preparation for Marriage, updating, wherever necessary, the present Marriage Preparation Courses. We want to emphasize especially Christian Family Education programmes in our schools and colleges with a view to helping young people discover the dignity and beauty of marriage (cf. *AL* 205-216), without minimizing the call to priestly and religious life.
3. Priests and religious will keep in touch with families through regular family visits and devise structures for accompanying couples, especially in the first years of marriage (cf. *AL* 217-238). We will enlist the help of experienced married couples, Parish Family Cells, SCC (BEC) networks and the Family Movements and Associations in our dioceses. Wherever needed and feasible, we will establish Family Service Centres with counselling facilities to help couples facing difficulties.

4. In particular, with a careful process of discernment we will reach out to those who for several reasons feel estranged from the Church (divorced, divorced and civilly married, cohabiting partners, etc.). We keep in mind the words of **Pope Francis: “what is urgently needed today is a ministry to care for those whose marital relationship has broken down”** (AL 238). We want all to feel the maternal love of the Church in such a way that they experience the merciful embrace of the Father from which no one is excluded.
5. We will ensure that our priests, religious, catechists and pastoral workers receive better training for family ministry. In particular we will insist that seminarians “receive a more extensive interdisciplinary and not merely doctrinal formation in the areas of engagement and marriage” (AL 203) and will have exposure to family situations under the guidance of their formators.
6. We realize that there are certain families that need special care: families living in dire poverty, families with spouses of two different religious traditions, single parent families, families with differently abled children, grieving and bereaved families, migrant families, families with sick and elderly members (cf. AL 247-253). We pledge to support and accompany these families in whatever way possible
7. Responding to the call of Pope Francis, we will show a respectful attitude to those who have not been provided with adequate pastoral care such as transgenders, people with different orientations, etc.

Dear families in Christ, Pope Francis so well says: **“The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church”** (AL 1). We ourselves experienced this joy while deliberating on the family in the light of the Holy Spirit. You are God’s precious gift to the Church. We are grateful to Pope Francis for so courageously highlighting the need of a merciful approach to families especially to those living in difficult situations.

Along with other Christian families and those of other faiths, you are called to journey together to become witnesses of God’s tender love and mercy in this world, which has been revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

May Mary, the Queen of the Families and St Joseph her chaste spouse intercede for our families to enable them to live in justice, peace, love and joy in the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 14:17).

Oswald Cardinal Gracias

President, Conference of Catholic Bishops of India

**Filipe Neri Ferrao**  
Vice President, CCBI

**Varghese Chakkalakal**  
Secretary General CCBI

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

1) **Thanks** to all Parish Priests and Assistants for sending your YCS Animators for the Animators' Annual Orientation Program and for hosting the same. Thanks to all priests who gave us financial assistance through contribution or Lucky Coupons in the year. We are grateful to the Deanery Directors for taking care of YCS at the deanery level and for attending annual meeting at the Bishop's House in March 2017.

2) **YCS DIOCESAN JINYE SPANDAN CAMP – 2017** will be held at St Sebastian Church Campus, Permannur, Thokkottu, Mangaluru from 7 th May Sunday 4.00 pm to 11 th May Thursday 10.00 am. Entry Fee - Rs. 300 per head. Camp is residential and only YCS members of the diocese can participate. From a parish maximum 5 can take part. But in total 125 entries only. First Come First Served. Registration is only through Parish Priests and unit Animators with signatures and Church seal on the entry form. There is a bus facility from Bajjody at 3.00 pm on 7th May Sunday. (Those want to avail the facility please let us know in the entry form). Camp includes - Pray, Play, Work, and Visits to Public Offices and Places, House Visits, Dance, Career Plan, Cultural Events, and SEE-JUDGE-ACT-EVALUATE in practical.

3) The '**Yuvatara**' **Annual magazine** will be released on 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2017 during the AGM. Kind request to give some wishes or advertisements to support the blooming teenagers. Also encourage them to send YCS unit / varado reports, articles, poems etc by the end of May.

4) The **annual training for new animators** will be on Sunday, **June 4<sup>th</sup> 2017, at Bajjody** (9.00 am to 2 pm, including Mass). **The certificate of this basic training is compulsory before you appoint anyone as the Animator.** They will represent YCS in the Parish Pastoral Parishad. Inform us about the attendance of your animator **before 31<sup>st</sup> of May** through a phone call or letter to me. Entry fee Rs 100.

- **Rev. Rupesh Madtha**, *Director*

## MANGALAJYOTHI

### I. PROGRAMMES:

- 01, May 17 : Office Holiday- Feast of St. Joseph the Worker  
 9-10 May 17: New Priests ongoing formation programme - Bajjodi  
 13, May 17 : Liturgy Animation-Jubilee Mass of Our Lady of Fathima  
 Thannirbavi.  
 17-18, May 17 : Regional Catechetical & Biblical Commission meeting -Bangalore

### II. Announcements: Commission for Catechetics:

1. Inauguration of the Catechetical Year in all the Parishes: **11 June 2017 and Catechism begins (not on 4th June 2017)**. Inaugural format will be sent to you in June issue.

ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತೀ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ವರ್ಷದ ಧ್ಯೇಯ (2017) : “ಭಾವಾರ್ಥಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಮುಕಾಂತ್ ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತೀ ಸಮುದಾಯ ಬಾಂದುಂಕ್”

Theme of the Catechetical Year (2017): “Building Christian Communities through Faith Education”.

2. New Catechism Teachers Training: **04 June 2017, 9am -3pm**  
 3. Catechism Co-ordinators Training : **2-3, July 2017, 9am -3pm**  
 4. Please appoint Catechism Co-ordinator for your parish if you have not appointed yet. The Co-ordinators along with the parish priest will have plan for the academic year, collects the catechism text books, plans for the meetings etc. These aspects need to be done by the end of May 2017. The co-ordinator also prepares a report based on the year plan by the end of March 2018 and sends the report to the deanery priest co-ordinator. (Model of year plan and report please refer Mangala Jyothi bulletin, December 2016 issue, page 6-9).  
 5. **Deanery Priest Co-ordinators: Dear Fathers as informed you earlier (through personal letters) kindly send the report of your deanery to Mangla Jyothi atleast by 15th May 2017. The report should consist the following aspects:**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name of the Deanery: .....</li> <li>2. Priest Co-ordinator: .....</li> <li>3. Lay Co-ordinator: .....</li> <li>4. Total No. of Students of your Deanery: .....<br/>           Primary (....) , High School (.....)</li> </ol> |
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5. Total No. of Parishes: .....,
6. Total No. of Teachers:....., Primary (....), High School (.....)
7. Special activities conducted in the deanery and parish level?.....
8. Your positive observations: (regarding meetings, attendance, faith level of students, participation, liturgical Services etc).....
9. Have you organized training/get-together/follow up programmes for the teachers? If yes how many times in a year. ....
10. Any suggestion for improvement of catechism in your deanery?.....

5. You are requested to collect the catechism/Value Education text books from Mangala Jyothi by **15th June 2017. Kindly place your orders well in advance through email (dbclc@rediffmail.com) or by post so that we can keep the books ready for you. For rate and other details refer Mangala Jyothi bulletin May/June issue 2017.**

#### **Commission for Bible:**

1. From April 17-23 we had organized bible week and bible Sunday in our Diocese. I am happy to inform you that majority of our parishes have conducted summer bible camps for the children and also on bible Sunday enthronement of the bible and many other programmes were successfully organized. I sincerely thank our Bishop for his support, Vicar General for his motivation and Fr. Walter D'Souza for his guidance. I am grateful to you dear parish priests and assistants, teachers and seminarians for your whole hearted co-operation and support. Please encourage the faithful to read bible personally everyday and help us to achieve the aim and objectives of bible week.
2. Kindly motivate your parishioners to subscribe for Jesuchi Suvartha.

#### **Commission for Liturgy:**

1. Newly selected extra-ordinary ministers training: **18 June 2017, 9 am - 2 pm** (Mass included)
2. We are planning to organize a seminar and get-together for extra-ordinary ministers at the diocesan level in this year. Therefore we need the data. So kindly email or sms us the no of extra-ordinary ministers serving in your parish by 30th of June 2017. (Religious Sisters (RS)....., Lay men (LM)....., Lay women (LW).....). Our mobile: 9482432276, 7019522940).

**- Director, Mangala Jyothi**

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

DO'S	DON'T'S
<p>15 <b>VESTURE</b></p> <p>In the vesting room concelebrants put on the sacred vestments they customarily wear when celebrating Mass individually. However, should a just cause arise (e.g. a more considerable number of concelebrants or a lack of vestments), they may omit the chasuble (GIRM 209; Redemptionis Sacramentum 124)</p>	<p><b>A Priest should not join a Concelebration or be admitted as a concelebrant once Mass has already begun (GIRM 206)</b></p> <p><b>Do not Use only the stole over the monastic cowl or the common habit of religious or ordinary clothes, the abuse is reprobated (RS 126); Liturgicae Instaurationes, n.8c: AAS 62 (1970), P. 701</b></p>
<p>16 <b>GESTURES</b></p> <p><b>Two kinds of bow: a bow of the head and a bow of the body.</b></p> <p>a) A bow of the head is made when the three Divine Persons are named together and at the name of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honour Mass is being celebrated.</p> <p>b) A bow of the body, that is to say, a profound bow, is made to the altar; during the prayers (Cleanse my heart...) and (With humble spirit..) in the Creed at the words (and by the Holy Spirit.. became man). In the Roman Canon at the (In humble prayer we ask you...). The same kind of bow is made by the Deacon when he asks for blessing (GIRM 275)</p>	<p>Do not bow when not required.</p> <p><b>Do not bow or genuflect to the Tabernacle during the Eucharistic Celebration (GIRM 274).</b></p>

*(to be continued...)*

**- Director, Mangala Jyothi**

## PROGRAMMES OF CODP-ISD

- 01.05.2017... International Labour Day celebration in CODP-ISD
- 03.05.2017 to 05.05.2017..... Interview for children (APR) under Child Sponsorship Project in CODP-ISD
- 05.05.2017... Janashree Scholarship distribution programme at Fajir and Balepuni
- 06.05.2017... Janashree Scholarship distribution programme at Vijayadka
- 08.05.2017... Interview for children (APR) under Child Sponsorship Project in CODP-ISD
- 09.05.2017... Sahajeevana Okkoota meet in CODP-ISD
- 20.05.2017... Jeevan Raksha Okkoota meet in CODP-ISD
- 22.05.2017... Janashree Scholarship distribution programme at Enmakaje
- 23.05.2017... Janashree Scholarship distribution programme at Badiadka
- 24.05.2017... Janashree Scholarship distribution programme at Kumbdaje
- 25.05.2017... - Lenten Campaign 2017 – Lucky coupons draw in CODP-ISD  
 - Janashree Scholarship distribution programme and Training on enrolment of Construction Workers at Bannur  
 - Janashree Scholarship distribution programme at Badyar
- 26.05.2017... - Valedictory of 60<sup>th</sup> EDC batch and WPT Certificate distribution programme at RUSEMP, Pakshikere  
 - Janashree Scholarship distribution programme at Thokkottu and Ranipura  
 - Training on MGNREGA at Bedrampala
- 27.05.2017... Janashree Scholarship distribution programme at Modankap
- 28.05.2017... Panchayati Raj training at Kumbla
- 29.05.2017... Janashree Scholarship distribution programme at Pakshikere

### **Programmes Planned for the month of May 2017**

- 1) Training to new cattle rearers at Neermarg
- 2) MGNREGA programme at Merlapadavu

## INFORMATION FROM CODP

### I. LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2017

**The draw of Lenten Campaign lucky coupons will take place on 25.05.2017.** Those of you who have not returned the counterfoils and amount please do so before 15.05.2017. Please note: **No reminder will be sent to you**, and hence kindly do the needful.

### II. EDUCARE LOAN 2017-18

Dear Rev. Fathers,

Greetings from Fr Oswald Monteiro, CODP.

As you are aware, 'Educare' loan is an interest-free loan programme introduced in 2013 by a Mangalorean Catholic NRI to assist the poor and needy Catholic students of Mangalore and Udupi Dioceses. This loan is to be repaid within a period of 18 months immediately following the completion of studies.

For your information, 3516 poor students have been supported during these four years (2013-2016). We enclose a list of students of your parish who availed Educare loan, listing those who have completed repayments, payment due and defaulters.

I remain grateful to all the Parish Priests who have been actively supporting our effort to do the follow up with the defaulters for repayments. May God bless your efforts. Many Vicars have taken the help of their PPC members to do the follow up. It is a positive sign that shows your earnestness. Kindly note this money is to be revolved. Future help depends on the recovery of present loans. Let us change the mindset of people. Let us teach them that justice demands prompt repayments. Therefore we need your cooperation in order to continue this programme. I request your earnest efforts with regard to defaulters.

#### **Student's eligibility (Freshers)**

- a. Minimum qualification required to apply for this loan is II PUC or equivalent in a 10+2 education system. The loan is applicable



only for those students applying for courses where II PUC or equivalent (10 + 2) is the minimum qualifications required such as Graduate or Post graduate degrees or University recognized Diplomas.

- b. The student must have scored minimum of 60% marks for General courses like Graduation, Post graduation, Diploma and nursing courses and 75% marks for Professional courses like Engineering, Medical, Hotel Management in qualifying exams. However if the ranking is good in qualifying entrance test like NEET/CET/COMEDK relaxation up to 70% marks may be considered.
- c. Students applying for correspondence courses, part time courses, private studies and specific job courses at tutorials are not eligible to apply for this loan. This loan is only for those students pursuing university level degrees or diplomas.
- d. The Annual income of the entire family from all sources (both parents and any unmarried siblings) should be less than Rs. 3,00,000/-
- e. Only Catholic students domiciled in Mangalore and Udupi Dioceses can apply. (Proof of residence must be produced.– such as MESCOM bill for current residence in the name of either parent or last school leaving certificate.)
- f. To be eligible to apply for this loan, the student must have received the Government scholarship for minorities for the previous year (Proof of receipt of such scholarship must be produced.)
- g. Only those students who get admission under NEET/CET/COMED-K or any equivalent government competitive examinations will be considered - (Proof must be produced). No management seat will be considered.
- h. Under this loan, a maximum of two siblings per family will be supported.

Fresh and renewal students can submit their applications **online from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 onwards but before the due dates specified below, even if the admissions are at a later date.** Students are advised to read instructions found in the Menu link before completing the forms and make sure that they have all the

relevant documents to proceed with the completion of the application. Incomplete applications will be rejected. **The executive committee supervising the loan disposal is the final authority for approval and disbursement of this loan and can reject any application that in its view is not genuine and not deserving, without providing any explanation to the applicant.**

### **For renewal of loans**

1. Student must obtain minimum of 60% marks in their previous exam. Proof of marks must be produced at the time of the interview. Those students, who have not obtained 60%, please do not apply for this loan.
2. Student must have attended motivational programme conducted by Educare during November to January 2016/2017
3. Please ensure that all the documents are submitted at the time of application or at the time of interview. Failing to submit the marks cards of pervious examination will result in rejection of application.

### **Minimum documents required at the time of application are:**

1. Completed application signed by Gurkar, Ward represent and Parish Priest.
2. Photograph on application
3. Copy of Aadhaar card or ration card
4. Copy of latest marks card
5. Copy of latest electricity bill/MESCOM bill or last school leaving certificate
6. Proof of other scholarships applied/received

### **The last (due) dates to apply online is:**

- For the renewal applications 30.06.2017
- For fresh graduation application 15.06.2017
- For fresh post-graduation, BE, Medical applications 31.07.2017
- Nursing 30.08.2017
- B.Ed 30.11.2017

For any clarifications please contact Educare Desk of CODP, Kadri hills, Nanthoor, Bejai Post, Mangaluru – 575 004  
**(Phone: 0824-2221109 / 9480511580)**

**- Director, CODP**

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**FAMILY LIFE SERVICE CENTRE**  
**PROGRAMMES IN THE MONTH OF MAY 2017**

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

1) 06<sup>th</sup> & 07<sup>th</sup>

2) 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

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

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

**II. Meetings:**

**1. For Couples /Hand Maids**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by the Community at Pastoral Institute Bajjodi at 7 pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017: Assembly of the Community at Pastoral Institute, Bajjodi: 4 to 6 pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017: House Hold Meetings
- 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017: Teaching Meet at Bondel 6.30 pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017: Teaching Meet at Ashoknagar at 7 pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017: House Hold Meetings

**2. CFCI Youth:** Meet on 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at 3.30 pm at Urwa

**3. CFCI Singles:** Christian Life Seminar on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at 3.30 pm at Milagres Church

**4. Christian Life Seminar (CLS):** for young couples at Milagres Church at 7 pm on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

*Director*

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**SHANTHI KIRAN COUNSELING CENTRE (SKCC)**  
Bajjodi, Mangalore - 5, Email Id: skccmangalore@gmail.com

**Services Offered:**

Individual Counselling and Psychotherapy  
Career Counselling                      Couple Counselling  
Family Therapy                              Personality enhancement Programs

**Psychological Workshops:**

1. For Students: 'Personality Development and Stress Management'
2. For Parents: 'Handle with much care'
3. For Adolescents/Youth: 'Know Thyself'
4. For Teachers: 'Break or Build'
5. For Professionals: 'Take it Easy'
6. For Elderly: 'Aging Gracefully'
7. For the middle aged: 'Happy and Healthy Life'
8. For any category: 'Stress Mangement' 'Soft Skills'

**Course on Counseling and Psychotherapy:** In order to know more about psychology, relationship skills, counseling skills while living the relationships or dealing with the subjects, we have planned a week-end course on counseling and psychotherapy from July 2017. The course will be held on Saturday afternoons for a duration of three months. It will be more practical and will benefit the Parents, teachers, youth animators, couples while living their relationships or in guiding others.

We kindly request you to put forward a sentence or two to your parishioners/teachers briefing the need of such skills at the present times. You may enroll by contacting cell/whatsapp 8105681256.

**Specialized Services:** We offer specialized services for depression, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, anxiety disorders, adjustment difficulties, addictions, stress management and anger management. Our professional expertise also includes in guidance counselling, adolescent and youth counselling, couple counselling, and family counselling. We provide referrals to psychiatrists, psychologists and other health professionals according to the need of the individual. *Internos* is the medium through which we contact our priests to convey our professional services to their parishes/institutions.

Cell/whatsapp: 8105681256  
Email: frarunlobo@gmail.com

**- Rev. Arun Lobo**  
*Director*

<b>DIOCESE OF MANGALORE</b> <b>ONGOING FORMATION OF THE CLERGY</b> <i>“You shall be my witnesses” (Acts.1:8)</i> <b>PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 2017-2018</b>	
<b>MAY 2017</b>	
8 to 15-5-2017	New Priests Orientation Programme - 2017
15-5-2017	21 <sup>st</sup> Year of Episcopacy of Bishop Aloysius Paul D’Souza (1996 - 2017)
23 to 24-5-2017	Pre – Regency Orientation Programme - 2017
<b>JUNE 2017</b>	
18 - 6 - 2017	Holy Body and Blood of Christ Feast (Corpus Christi Sunday)
21- 6 -2017	Bishop Aloysius Paul D’Souza - Birthday
23 - 6 – 2017	Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast
25 to 30 -6-2017	Clergy Retreat - Diocese of Mangalore
<b>JULY 2017</b>	
3 to 4-7-2017	Regents Recollection
9 to 14-7-2017	Clergy Retreat - Diocese of Udupi
16 -7-2017	Gathering of Diocesan Office Bearers of Various Associations
<b>AUGUST 2017</b>	
1 to 2 - 8- 2017	Regents Recollection
3- 8-2017	Pastoral Commission Secretaries Meeting
15- 8 -2017	Assumption of Mother Mary & Independence Day
16to 17-8-2017	1st Round Inter-Deanery Prograame (Batch 1) (Episcopal City, Moodbidri, Bantwal, Pesar, Bela, Mogarnad)
21 to 22- 8 - 2017	1st Round Inter-Deanery Prograame (Batch 2) (Mangalore City, Surathkal, Kinnigoly, Mudipu, Puttur, Belthangady)
28 to 31-8-2017	Junior Clergy Pastoral Orientation - 1 to 4 years (A)

<b>SEPTEMBER 2017</b>	
8-9-2017	Birth of Mother Mary (Monthi Fest)
11 to 12-9-2017	Regents Recollection
22 to 24-9-2017	CCPI – Conference of Catholic Psychologists of India
28-9-2017	Priests Serving in the Institutions Gathering
<b>OCTOBER 2017</b>	
2 to 6-10-2017	Regents Retreat
3 to 4-10-2017	Deacons Orientation for the Ministry
<b>NOVEMBER 2017</b>	
1-11-2017	All Saints Day
2-11-2017	All Souls Day
6 to 7-11-2017	Regents Recollection
26-11-2017	Christ the King Feast
<b>DECEMBER 2017</b>	
3-12-2017	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
4 to 7-11-2017	Junior Clergy Pastoral Orientation - 1 to 4 years (B)
8-12-2017	Immaculate Conception of Mother Mary – Feast
11 to 12-12-2017	Deacons & Regents Recollection
13-12-2017	Partners in Mission – Meeting of Diocesan Officials, Religious Major Superiors & Representatives
20-12-2017	Christmas Celebration at Pastoral Institute
25-12-2017	Christmas
31-12-2017	Feast of Holy Family
<b>JANUARY 2018</b>	
1-1-2018	Mary Mother of God Feast & New Year Day
7 to 8-1-2018	Deacons & Regents Recollection
15 to 16-1-2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Inter-Deanery Programme (Batch 1)
18-1-2018	Diocesan 'Ad Auds' for Deacons

22 to 23-1-2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Inter-Deanery Programme (Batch 2)
26-1-2018	Republic Day
30-1-2018	Senior Priests Gathering
	<b>FEBRUARY 2018</b>
5 to 6-2-2018	Deacons & Regents Recollection
14-2-2018	Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)
	<b>MARCH 2018</b>
5 to 6-3-2018	Deacons & Regents Recollection
18 to 23-3-2018	Deacons Retreat
19-3-2018	Feast of St Joseph - Patron of Universal Church & of Our Diocese
25-3 - 2018	Palm Sunday
29-4 - 2018	Holy Thursday
30-4 - 2018	Good Friday
31 -4-2018	Holy Saturday
	<b>APRIL 2018</b>
1-4-2018	Easter Sunday
8-4-2018	Divine Mercy Sunday
9 to 10-4-2018	Regents Recollection
25 to 26-4-2018	Junior Clergy - Annual Evaluation & Outing (1-4 years)
	<b>MAY 2018</b>
6 to 14-5-2018	New Priests Orientation - 2018 'Formation to Mission'
13-5-2018	Ascension of Jesus
15-5-2018	22 <sup>nd</sup> Year of Episcopacy of Bishop Aloysius Paul D'Souza (1996 - 2018)
20-5-2018	Pentecost Sunday
21 to 23-5-2018	Pre – Regency Orientation Programme - 2018
27-5-2018	Trinity Sunday
<b>- Director &amp; Team</b> <i>Pastoral Institute</i>	

## **RIP**

- Mrs Piad D'Souza (94) grand Mother of Fr Joseph Rodrigues, Gulbarga on 01.04.2017 at Kollangana.
- Marcelin Olivera (86) Nelson Olivera, Parish Priest, Mariashram on 21.04.2017, Kallianpur.
- Mr Sylvester Mascarenhas (81), F/o Rev. Lawrence Mascarenhas, P.P. Madanthyar. 23.04.2017 at Sampige.

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