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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR OCTOBER 2020

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| 04 | 08.00 | a.m. | Festal Mass of Our Lady of Rosary at the Cathedral |
| 10 | 10.00 | a.m. | Priestly Ordination at Loyola Hall, St Aloysius PU College |
| 25 | 10.00 | a.m. | Confirmation at Madanthyar |
| 29 | 05.00 | p.m. | Governing Board Meeting FMCI |

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER 2020

The month of October reminds us of our missionary responsibility. The papal intention for this month underlines promoting the Laity's mission in the Church. It is also a month dedicated to the devotion of Rosary. A plenary indulgence may be gained by those reciting five decades of Rosary in church, as a family at home, as a religious community, or as a pious fraternity or in general whenever several persons have gathered together for a good purpose, and in other circumstances a partial indulgence. The memorial of our Lady of Rosary is celebrated on 7 October.

1. Mission Sunday: For this year's Mission Sunday, to be celebrated on 18 October, Pope Francis has chosen the theme from the words of Isaiah: "Here am I, send me" (Isa 6: 8). In these challenging times, God asks each of us a question: "Whom shall I send"? He expects an answer.

The Holy Father, in his message for the Mission Sunday, writes that God “asks us to be personally willing to be sent, because he himself is Love, love that is always ‘on mission’, always reaching out in order to give life”. In this missionary movement, we are not alone. The Lord wants our consent to go on his behalf. He goes with us and makes us to go out of ourselves; the grace of the Holy Spirit pushes us to move forward and carries us. We, as a Church, are by nature missionary. Whatever we do in terms of prayer, reflection and the material help of offerings, let us have one thought uppermost: “I am ready to go wherever the Lord sends me”, imitating the Crucified Lord.

Last year, we gave Rs 1,59,23,595 as Mission Sunday contribution. I thank everyone who has participated in the mission drive. This year, the situation is painful. However, whatever the people give out of love for the Lord’s mission would be a pleasing sacrifice.

Participating in the mission of the Lord does not mean merely giving financial assistance. It is primarily proclaiming Jesus Christ and presenting him as the Lord and Saviour of our life. Pastors should emphasize that parents are the first evangelizers to their children, and the seeds of faith they plant in the young will bear much fruit. Parents should discuss with their children about the goodness of Jesus, his love and mercy towards everyone. This should prompt them to love him in return and introduce Jesus to others and see Jesus in the poor and downtrodden. Jesus is our hero and living model. I earnestly recommend that parish priests establish the Missionary Children’s Association to prepare them as ambassadors of Christ.

2. Return to the Eucharist with Joy: In this painful context of Covid-19, people are affected by illness, fear, suffering, poverty, and many are dying abandoned by others. Many have lost jobs, and income and they suffer from lack of food. On the spiritual side, many have stopped making any attempt to re-establish communion with God through Eucharistic sharing.

Recently the Congregation for the Divine Worship and Discipline of Sacraments has sent a letter to the Presidents of the Episcopal Conferences to invite the people to return to the Eucharist with joy. During the lockdown, the means of communication helped us broadcast Eucharistic celebration and other spiritual activities. However, these cannot replace the real, personal and intimate encounter with the Lord. Without the Lord's Day, without the assembly of brothers and sisters participating in the Lord's body and blood, we cannot live a meaningful life as Christians.

Therefore, as soon as the circumstances permit, it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life and participate in the Eucharistic liturgy "with a purified heart, with a renewed amazement, with an increased desire to meet the Lord, to be with him, to receive him with and to bring him to our brothers and sisters with the witness of a life full of faith, love and hope". We are aware, with what ease children and youngsters are losing the sense of adoration, before the Risen Jesus.

I request parents, religious men and women and pastors to motivate children, youth and adults to come to the Church and participate in the Holy Eucharist so that they may be charged by the power of the Holy Spirit to move out of themselves. It is urgent that the pastors go out to seek those who have been distancing themselves from the living Lord to invite them back to the Eucharistic table, of course, with all the necessary safety precautions. Never should we be tired of the task of catechizing our people regarding Eucharistic encounter.

3. Composing New Prayers for Various Occasions: During the liturgical year, certain Sundays are specially marked to pray for specific apostolate and ministries, like for laity, justice and peace, prison ministry, concern for the planet earth etc. Sometimes, some Commissions of the CBCI have proposed alternative texts and prayers. Recently, the CBCI General Secretary has issued an instruction asking all Bishops to direct priests to use only the assigned readings from Old and New Testament and prayers following the Calendar of the Church (GIRM nn. 353 and 357).

Without changing readings and prayers of Sunday, we add specific intercessory prayers in the “the prayer of the faithful”. The CBCI Commissions are instructed to refrain from proposing liturgical resources for Sundays, as the competence is left to the three “sui juris” Churches in liturgical matters. On the other hand, we are invited to organize activities that suit the occasion.

4. Use of Different Eucharistic Prayers: It has been noticed that celebrants often use Eucharistic Prayer II even on Sundays and Solemnities. Though Eucharistic Prayer II is the shortest one, we should not shy away from using other rich resources provided by the Church. The Roman Missal clearly indicates that Eucharistic Prayers I and III are especially suited for use on Sundays and festive days, and they should be preferred (GIRM 365 a and c). When Eucharistic Prayer III is used for the Masses for the dead, the special formula for a deceased person may be used in the proper place.

The New Roman Missal, now available in English, provides 10 Eucharistic Prayers, and some with their proper Preface and it goes along with the rest of the Prayer. For example, the Eucharistic Prayer IV has an invariable Preface and gives a summary of salvation history. Unfortunately, hardly any priest uses it during Sundays in Ordinary Time. It has a special structure, and no special formula for a deceased person could be inserted into this prayer (GIRM 365 d). These prayers have a strong catechetical value. I earnestly invite the Priest Celebrants to use the Eucharistic Prayer II due to its particular features, more appropriately on weekdays or in special circumstances, and thereby adhere to the General Instructions of the Roman Missal (GIRM 365 b).

5. The New Lectionary in English and Other Publications: The Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) has launched the use of the New Lectionary in English from Palm Sunday 2020. The Lectionary is prepared using the New English Version, Catholic Edition (ESV-CE) of the Bible. There has been a good response even at the International level for the quality of work.

The Scottish Bishops' Conference has approved its use in their Dioceses. A few other Bishops' Conferences are discussing about using the CCBI Lectionary in their countries. The Parish Priests and Chaplains are hereby reminded to obtain the copies of the New Lectionary to be used in the Churches and Chapels in Mangalore Diocese when the Mass is celebrated in English.

Similarly, the Book of the Gospels, the Order of Confirmation, the Order of Celebrating Marriage, and Passion Narratives in English are now available. You may place the orders with Mangala Jyothi so as to use the revised editions.

6. Catechetical Instructions to the Children: Due to Covid-19, the Catechism classes could not be commenced so far, and children are not to be deprived of the instruction in faith and value education. As the children are already under the burden of online classes of the school subjects, the Diocesan Catechetical Commission has decided not to conduct the online catechism classes. However, text books, pictures, First Holy Communion Catechesis DVD are available. The Parish Priests and Coordinators of Catechism are requested to take the initiative to distribute the books for the students so that parents can use them to catechize the children.

7. Samaritanus Bonus: The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has issued a letter dated 22 September 2020 on the care of persons in the critical and terminal phases of life. The letter says: "All are called to give witness at the side of the sick person and to become a 'healing community' in order to actualize concretely the desire of Jesus that, beginning with the most weak and vulnerable, all may be one flesh... In this sensitive area comprising the most delicate and decisive stages of a person's life, a 'unity of teaching and practice is certainly necessary'." Thus, the letter addresses the issues prevalent in our society, inspiring us to follow the example of the Good Samaritan, who goes out of his way to aid an injured man. Pastors are specially called to stand by the terminally ill and bring them solace and meaning in suffering.

8. Menace of Drugs: Everyday, the News Channels and News Papers carry the news of the drug racket, and the C.C.B. police have booked many drug peddlers. Mostly adolescent children and youth fall prey to the drug abuse, all due to friends pushing the companions in the net. Families are being destroyed, and innocents become victims to those who conspire to make easy money. Young boys and girls once addicted become prey to other vices, and many die early. Though the police nab a few, many roam around freely. As pastors and leaders of the community, it is our bounden duty to make the children and youth aware of the dangers and bring them out of the addictions. It is opportune in this Year of Life, to bring the youth together to make firm decisions against the use of drugs. We should make it our priority to accompany them so that they do not waste their life, and the tender life does not get crushed at an early age. Please keep close watch over our youth against this terrorism of drug peddlers.

Wishing you great moments of missionary outreach in this month of October.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

TRANSFER OF THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO INDIA

Archbishop Giambattista Diquattro, the Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal, has been transferred to Brazil, South America, by His Holiness Pope Francis on August 29 2020, after the Holy See received the formal agreement from the Brazilian Government. Archbishop Diquattro, who was nominated to India on January 21, 2017, had presented his letter of credence to the President of India on March 29, 2017.

A letter of credence is a formal diplomatic letter that appoints a diplomat as ambassador to another sovereign state. This letter, also known as diplomatic credentials, is addressed

from one head of state to another, asking them to give credence to whatever the ambassador may say on their country's behalf. The ambassador presents this letter personally to the receiving head of state in a formal ceremony, marking the beginning of the ambassadorship. The Apostolic Nunciature to India is an ecclesiastical office of the Catholic Church in India, with the civil rank of ambassador.

We thank His Grace, Most Rev. Archbishop Diquattro for his dedicated ecclesial and diplomatic service as representative of the Holy See (Pope) to the Church in India and the Republic of India. During his tenure of three years and five months, he listened, observed and supported the local Church with great affection. He never lost touch with the pastoral dimensions of his mission.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Rev. Fr Gratian Alvares, Asst Parish Priest, Derebail, is appointed Parochial Administrator (*Sede Plena*), Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Kuppepadavu, with effect from September 14, 2020.

DIOCESAN BUILDING COMMISSION

The Diocesan Building Committee (DBC) has the responsibility of examining and making recommendations to the Bishop about plans submitted by Parish Priests or heads of diocesan institutions involving construction, renovations and major repairs to parish or diocesan buildings. It studies the documents relating to the project, visits the construction site, makes suggestions and recommendation about the project to the Bishop, and after the Bishop approves the project, it oversees the project to ensure its execution as per the required norms and approved recommendations.

Whereas the term of the previous Diocesan Building Committee has expired, I thank the members for their service to

the diocese and the parishes. Now I am pleased to appoint the following members to the new Diocesan Building Committee consisting of the following:

Rev. Cyprian Pinto (Coordinator)	Ph: 9845516034
Rev. Stany Pereira	Ph: 9448678438
Rev. Walter D'Souza	Ph: 9844213751
Mr Vinod Pinto	Ph: 9880933127
Mr Deepak D'Souza	Ph: 9845144247
Mr Dolphy D'Souza	Ph: 9845139398

The new Committee will come into effect on October 01, 2020. Its term will end on January 01, 2023, unless extended by the Bishop. The Diocesan Building Committee meets once in two months or more oftener if required. The convener assigns the members – at least three from the Commission - the projects that have been passed on to him by the Bishop. This Committee will study the project in detail and submit a complete report to the Bishop. The DBC assists the Bishop in revising the Diocesan Policy and Procedures for the Construction and Renovation of Buildings. As the construction and renovation projects involve financial planning and approval, the DBC will work in tandem with the Diocesan Finance Council.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

Parish Level Survey Analysis

Roshni Nilaya, College of Social Work, Mangaluru has now completed the analysis of the Socio-economic and Pastoral Survey of the Catholic Population of our Diocese conducted last year. Now, the Parish Priests have an opportunity to have the analysis of the same survey, but that is done at their parish level. Those Parish Priests wishing to obtain the survey analysis of their parish either in soft copy or a hard copy may contact

Dr Sr Jenice, the Vice Principal of Roshni Nilaya, College of Social Work by the end of October 2020. They may contact her in the afternoon on working days on her Mobile No. 94829 04695. Expenses incurred in this regard are to be borne by the parish concerned.

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Vicars Forane are requested to convene the meeting of the members of Deanery Pastoral Council and elect the members for the Diocesan Pastoral Council (as per article 5:11 and also 6:4.1.6, 6:4.5.1, 6:4.7.1 of Constitution of the Councils of the Diocese of Mangalore) unless the elections are already carried out this year and information sent to the Bishop. Those who have not, please hold the elections and send their **names, complete postal address and mobile no.** (including Whatsapp no.) of the new members to be, before 31 October 2020.

COUNCIL OF PRIESTS

The Vicars Forane are requested to elect the representatives for the Council of Priests and send their details before 31.10.2020. Some Vicariates have done it this year. Others who have still to elect, please begin the process and send in the results to the Bishop before the aforesaid date.

- Vicar General

NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTORY (2020-21)

AVAILABLE

We have completed updating the Directory in the light of the changes that have taken place until now. The Directory will be available from October 10, 2020, at the Reception Desk, Bishop's House and Mangala Jyothi, Bajjodi. The cost per copy is Rs 100.

THE PROPERTY DOCUMENTS EVERY PARISH SHOULD MAINTAIN

Every parish/institution is required to maintain proper documents relating to property and finances. The documents it possesses should be in the original and are recognized civilly for their validity and authenticity. We are giving below the list of documents that need to be kept securely in the parish/institution. Besides, Parish Priests are also required to submit them before the **end of December 2020** the notarized copies of the following documents of the church property to the Diocesan Estate Office.

A. Title Documents:

- a) Parent Deed
- b) Sale Deed
- c) Contract for Sale
- d) Gift Deed, Settlement Deed
- e) Will
- f) Release Deed
- g) Through Court
- h) Grant Certificate
- i) Lease
- j) Exchange Deed

B. Revenue Documents:

- a) R.R. (Record of Rights)
- b) M.R. (Mutation Register)
- c) RTC (Record of Rights, Tenancy and Crop)
- d) P.R.B. (Patta Receipt Book)
- e) E.C. (Encumbrance Certificate)
- f) Settlement Register
- g) Adangal Extract
- h) F.M.B Sketch

C. Survey Documents:

a) Atlas (Survey Map)

Please submit a notarized copy of the documents as mentioned above to the Diocesan Estate Office by the end of December 2020. For further information, contact Fr Maxim Rosario, the Estate Manager.

– **Diocesan Estate Manager**

MISSION SUNDAY 2020

Dear Rev. Fathers,

This year Mission Sunday is celebrated on the 18th of October 2020. The mission calendars, envelopes and boxes will be made available to you at the Pontifical Mission Societies office at the Bishop's House. Kindly encourage the people to contribute for the missions even as we are amid this corona pandemic.

– **Fr Gratian Alvares, Director**

MANGALA JYOTHI**I. Programmes for October 2020**

11.09.2020: Training of the Extraordinary Ministers – Arva

II. Commission for Liturgy:

Extraordinary Ministers' Data (reminder): Please send us the extraordinary ministers' data of your Parish. You can fill the form by visiting our website: www.mangalajyothi.com / parish login / extraordinary ministers' data. Despite several reminders, many have not uploaded or submitted the data. If you are not able to upload, please write in a sheet of paper and send it to us by Whatsapp. If you require any training for newly selected extraordinary ministers, please contact us.

III. Commission for Bible:

1. Jesuchi Suvatha: Please motivate your parishioners to subscribe or renew Jesuchi Suvatha subscription.

2. Online Bible Quiz: The Commission for Bible along with the Commission for Youth, have been conducting Konkani Bible quiz for the faithful of the diocese from September. So far, two sets of the quiz are published. There has been a good response for the same. The purpose of the quiz is to motivate the faithful to read the Bible everyday and understand the message. Please inform and inspire your parishioners regarding this matter. The quiz will be published on the 1st and the 16th of every month. The link will be sent your Whatsapp groups through the PRO of the diocese. Please forward them to your parishioners.

IV. Commission for Catechetics:

1. Catechism Classes: There will not be any public catechism classes until further instructions. After consulting many priests in the diocese and studying the situation of different deaneries and parishes, we have come to the conclusion that we will not be able to conduct online catechism classes at the diocesan level. Moreover, as per the teaching and mind of the Church, the faith element embodied in the catechism goes beyond memory or understanding. Learning catechism is not merely an intellectual exercise. The learning of faith requires the personal presence of a catechist/minister and the active participation of the candidate/student in the celebration of the sacraments.

We can't equate catechetical formation to teaching any other secular academic subjects. Catechesis involves three levels: a movement from the head, to heart, to hand. Reaching a student's head consists of imparting knowledge of the word of God and faith. The biggest challenge is to get the knowledge of content into the student's hearts. Connecting the head with the heart is essential. Once evangelized and catechized (in their hearts and heads), students feel compelled to do something with their faith (hands). So, catechesis can't be a solo exercise; it involves

cognitive information, affective formation and behavioural transformation. Priests, Parents, and Parish should partner in this task. Hence to strengthen the faith of our children and adults, Parish Priests, along with the coordinator and teachers are requested to do the following:

- a) Motivate the children to read the Bible, books of saints everyday. Parental and priestly accompaniment is a must.
- b) Encourage children to buy books and study at home. All the Catechism books, pictures, DVD are available at our bookstall. Be generous to provide them with the catechetical resources.
- c) The catechism coordinator and teachers can monitor these aspects according to the local situation and conduct the periodic evaluation.
- d) We will be preparing a few online sessions for children and adults on general topics (Sacraments, Commandments, Bible, Prayer, Moral life etc.) at the diocesan level, and the videos will be uploaded in the You-tube channel from 15 October 2020. We will inform you once the project is completed.

2. Catechism for the First Holy Communion Students: Since there are no catechism classes in the Parish in the present situation, parents, youth or adults at home can put in some effort to teach basic catechism to the children. The books, as well as DVD, are available at our bookstall. Please inform your parishioners.

V. Announcements:

1. Mass Candles, superior quality Hosts & Particles, Incense are available at Mangala Jyothi stall.
2. Ordo 2020-21 will be available from 10 October 2020.
3. Diocesan Directory 2020-21 will be available from 10 October 2020.

- Director, Mangala Jyothi

PROGRAMMES OF CODP

3.10.2020: Caritas India Foundation Day celebration (Karnataka region)

Note: This year no camps will be held for CSP (Child Sponsorship Programme) beneficiary students in the month of October. Similarly, other activities are deferred or rescheduled as per government guidelines on account of Covid-19 situation.

– **Director, CODP**

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF INDIA (CBCI)

C.B.C.I. Centre, 1 Ashok Place, New Delhi - 110 001

2 September 2020

Dear Brother Bishops,

Greetings from the CBCI Secretariat

The President of CBCI has brought to my notice the need to clarify the liturgical norms concerning the dedication of “Special Sundays (to the themes, e.g. Justice Sunday, Prison Sunday, Communication Sunday, etc.)”. The observance of the liturgical norms to which the General Instructions of the Roman Missal (*GIRM*) instructs us should be followed strictly.

CBCI does not have a Commission on the sacred liturgy. This competence is left to the three ‘sui iuris’ Churches/Eparchies (cfr *SC*, n. 44). Therefore, it is better that the Commissions of CBCI do not impose/propose liturgical resources for Sundays. This should be the responsibility of each respective ‘sui iuris’ Church/Eparchy as already mentioned.

There is no doubt that we should invite the faithful to pray for the Church’s special apostolates, intentions and ministries,

through intercessions, i.e. the “common prayer” or the prayer of the faithful” (cfr *SC*, n. 53). Examples could be given of the “Special Sundays for laity; justice and peace; prison ministry; concern for the planet earth, our common home; equal dignity of all people, etc.” The celebrant can certainly encourage the Assembly to pray and reflect on those important themes during the “breaking of the Word”. However, in keeping with the liturgical norms, “the Priest is obliged to follow the Calendar of the church where the Priest is celebrating” (*GIRM*, n. 353). The General Instructions of the Roman Missal (*GIRM*) instructs that on Sundays and Solemnities, the “assigned readings (i.e. from the Prophet, an Apostle, and a Gospel) should be followed strictly” (*GIRM*, n. 357).

Instead of using the Sunday liturgies to diffuse an important Christian message we could follow the examples of our recent Popes, like Francis, our Holy Father, who in 2017 instituted the “Day of the Poor” on the Thirty Third Sunday of the Year but suggested how it can be truly lived by the faithful through activities which are centred on the poor instead of changing liturgical norms of that day. After all, we wish to motivate our faithful to seriously live their lives by imbibing values, signified by various important themes for Christian life.

May I request you, dear brother Bishops, to make this letter of mine known to all priests in your respective dioceses because sometimes they get directives from someone of the Commission and they feel obliged to obey those directives.

I take this occasion to renew my gratitude to you for your kind collaboration.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

✠ Felix Machado

**Archbishop - Bishop of Vasai
Secretary General of CBCI**

EULOGY FOR REV. FR EDWIN MASCARENHAS

Birth: 9.7.1943 Ordination: 7.5.1991 Death: 20.9.2020

I extend my heartfelt condolences to the family members of Fr Edwin Mascarenhas as well as Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha, the classmate of Fr Edwin in the Seminary and all his companions and priests of Mangalore diocese.

It is said, “The best and the most beautiful things in the world, cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt within the heart”. These are my sentiments about Fr Edwin Mascarenhas as I recall the time I spent with him. I believe, all of you who know Fr Edwin so well also share the same sentiments with me. Fr Edwin has made his final journey, and it is but proper that we glance over his life achievements.

Fr Edwin Mascarenhas was born on July 9, 1963. He is the 7th of the nine children of late Mr Maurice Mascarenhas and late Mrs Faustin Castelinho. After his early education, he joined the Seminary on June 24, 1982. He was ordained a priest for Mangalore diocese on May 7, 1991, in his hometown, Kelmbet.

As a priest of Mangalore diocese, he served in various capacities: 1991-92 - Assistant at Shirva; 1992-94 - Assistant at Omzoor; 1994-96 - Assistant at Bendur; 1996-98 - Parochial Administrator of Petri Parish; 1999-03 - Headmaster, St Joseph’s High School, Bidar; 2003-12 - Principal, St Antony P. U. College, Naravi; 2005-12 - Parochial Administrator, Anegudde Parish; 2013-20 - Principal, St Sebastian P. U. College & Degree College, Permannur; 2014-17 - Chaplain, Nirmala Convent; 2017-20 - Parochial Administrator, Mariashram Parish. On July 1 2020, he resigned from active ministry on health grounds.

Fr Edwin’s life was always filled with more than one responsibility, and he attended to every assignment with earnestness and zeal. I know him from Seminary Days. All the

same, I learnt so many things from him and about him, especially during the past seven years that I spent with him in Permannur. I want to highlight just a few important aspects of his life that caught my attention:

- He looked serious, but he had a loving heart that cared for people.
- He had many friends from every parish he served.
- He had a good rapport with his priest friends and companions
- He was the uniting factor among his family members.
- He had a clear vision regarding up-building of the parish community
- He always played a twofold role as pastor and teacher
- He would reach the school before everyone else after duly attending his parish work.
- He took personal interest and initiative to attend to office work both in the school and the university.
- He was a man of teamwork
- He always volunteered to help in parish ministry despite being so busy in the school.

All these made him so special. Now, I would like to highlight some of the qualities and virtues of Fr Edwin Mascarenhas.

A Priest of Deep Faith Convictions: I admire his deep faith. In moments of crisis, he was never disturbed. His family recently saw different types of calamities such as accident, cancer, and even death of his own brother. Despite these trying situations, he continued to trust in the Lord with unparalleled faith commitment and obedience to the voice of the Lord.

A Priest Filled with Hope: He needed a liver transplant. He was even aware that he had cancer of the bile duct and liver. He was determined to fight out the disease. The health issues confronted him for the past 12 years. He was aware that there

was a steady deterioration of his health condition. But every time he was hopeful of returning to normal health. He even hoped to return to his normal activities in the school and church within a few months. Till the end, he remained positive and hopeful.

A Priest who Endured all Sufferings Patiently: Fr Edwin suffered a lot during the fag end of his life. But he never complained anything about his sickness or pain. Instead, with grace from above, Fr Edwin bore everything with patience and endured all sufferings till the end. He was appreciative of all the help given to him by the doctors and nursing staff of Fr Muller hospital.

The Priest with a Specific Mission: God had blessed Fr Edwin with a bold, convincing voice. People enjoyed listening to his sermons. He was available to the pastoral needs of the people. Most of all, he was aware that his mission was to educate and form young adults. He went on begging with his family and friends to build schools and to help children in providing for the school fees.

Dear Fr Edwin, you are no more with us. Your departure from us has saddened us all. We have no words to console your family. We fall of short of words to sympathize our Bishop who is your classmate and so too your priest companions. We offer heartfelt condolences to all of them as well as your near and dear ones.

Fr Edwin, you have said goodbye to this world, and we believe that you are now living in the company of God. And yet we trust that you will continue to live here on earth in our minds and hearts. Adieu! And we pray, “Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him and may the souls of the departed find rest and peace in you, Amen”.

- V. Rev. John Baptist Saldanha

Parish Priest, Bejai

SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY

Rev. Francis X. Gomes, Resident, CODP, celebrates his seventieth birthday on October 15 2020.

May God bless you in a special way today for the love and concern with which you minister to all. May your life be filled with good gifts, abundant health and heavenly peace. The presence of God shall continue to rest upon your life.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ORDINATION

V. Rev. Victor Machado, Parish Priest, Holy Cross Church, Cordel, celebrates his 50th anniversary of Priestly Ordination on 16 October 2020.

Congratulation. We pray that the example of the many years of your faithful priesthood will be a source of inspiration for all priests. May God continue to bless the love in your hearts for his works and the church with an ever-deepening faith. Best Wishes on your 50th anniversary!

A QUOTE FROM THE MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF U.N. ON 25.9.2020

“You don’t get out of a crisis the same: either we come out better, or we come out worse. Therefore, at this critical juncture, we have to *rethink the future of our common home and common project*. It is a complex task, which requires honesty and coherence in dialogue, to improve multilateralism and cooperation between States. This crisis further underlines the limits of our self-sufficiency and common fragility and asks us to make clear how we want to get out: better or worse. Because I repeat, a crisis does not come out the same: either we come out better or we come out worse.

The pandemic has shown us that we cannot live without each other, or worse, against each other. The United Nations was created to unite nations, to bring them closer together, as a bridge between peoples; Let’s use it to transform the challenge we face into an opportunity to build together, once again, the future we want.”

R.I.P.

- Mrs Celine Dias (67 years), mother of Rev. Fr Rohan Dias, Asst Parish Priest, Shirva, passed away on 5.09.2020. The funeral was held on 9.9.2020 at Holy Cross Parish, Taccode.
 - Rev. Fr Edwin Mascarenhas (57 years), Socius at Valencia, passed away on 20.9.2020. The funeral Mass and burial service took place at his home parish, St Don Bosco Church, Kelmbet.
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