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Bishop's Programme, September - 2017

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| 1 | 9.30 a.m. | - Inauguration of Platinum Jubilee of St Victor Girls High School, Puttur |
| 2 | 10.00 a.m. | - Teacher's Day, at Bajjodi |
| 2-3 | | - Pastoral Visit to Nithyadar Nagar |
| | 4.00 p.m. | - Mass, Bajjodi, Couple for Christ family day celebration |
| 5 | 7.30 a.m. | - Feast of St Teresa of Kolkata, Mother Teresa's Home |
| 6-20 | | - Visit to SAME Mission, Tanzania, Africa |
| 22 | 7.00 a.m. | - Mass, inauguration of Annual Meet National Catholic Psychologist of India at Bajjodi |
| | 9.30 a.m. | - Seminary Board Meeting |
| | 5.00 p.m. | - Sandesha Board Meeting |
| 23-24 | | - Pastoral Visit to Bendur |
| 24 | 4.30 p.m. | - Meeting at Cheshire Home, Centenary of the Founder |
| 25 | 10.00 a.m. | - Inauguration CBSE School, Milagres Mangalore |
| | 5.30 p.m. | - Fr Muller Board Meeting |
| 27 | | - NBCLC Board Meeting, Bangalore |
| 28 | 4.30 p.m. | - Mass at St Vincent Convent (Cheshire Home) |
| 29 | 9.00 a.m. | - Mass, Youth Retreat at St Ann's Friary, Bejai |

Bishop Meets till Noon:

4 - People; 26 - Priests and Sisters.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

We have already started the novena of Maria Bambina – Infant Mary. I know year after year you display lot of creativity in making the novena relevant to our children and people in general preparing them for the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady which is for us the family feast. Please insist more on the family apostolate. Please know your people familywise and that will give you real picture of the family in your parish and their situation. The world's biggest crisis today is the breakdown of families. In the bargain the children suffer when the family is disintegrated. At the same time the selfishness and the love for comforts makes the couple not to welcome a new child into the family. We see the effect in the parishes. This will affect the entire society about which you are well informed. Let us pray for the families oftener and make use of Small Christian Communities to disseminate the theology of the family and the concern of the Holy Father Francis. I wish you and all your parishioners a happy Monthi Fest. Please note that whatever our traditional customs followed in the families be not repeated in the churches, such as *novem* etc. unless you find true value.

St Zuze Vaz house is occupied by 16 priests. The three missionary sisters of Jesus are at the service of the priests. The work is well begun. Rev fathers are comfortable. Still whatever facilities and services are needed are being taken care of. The people of goodwill and generosity are requested to unburden our financial commitment. Please visit the Fathers who are taking rest after their superannuation. We are putting a grotto of Our Lady in the campus. You are welcome to sponsor. The cost is Rs.1.5 lakhs.

We had the second Diocesan Pastoral Parishad. The proceedings went on as usual with more enthusiasm. The Coordinators of various committees gave their reports. They deserve our appreciation. They had called the meetings and followed the formalities and prepared a plan for the 3 years to come. I thank the Secretary of the DPP who keeps on reminding

the various committees and makes the pastoral work more active and with zeal. I wish him and all members well. The committees could be expanded with the people who are interested in such apostolates at your parish level. The parish committees are expected to implement what the diocesan committees have planned for the parishes. Your cooperation is very much needed.

On 17 August at the end of the DPP, we felicitated Mr Ronald Colaco who had been declared the man of the year by Times Now and to have participated in the breakfast with honourable Donald Trump President of USA. It is a rare opportunity given to a Indian and we are very proud of this great philanthropist and a charitable man who tries to build bridges between communities and political parties. According to the statistics made known to us, he has given more than 200 crores for various causes. Most of the beneficiaries are of our own community. A colourful felicitation was given to him. He expressed that we should build up leaders of our community from among the young people who have to get involved in all spheres of life. The main catalyst in this regard is the parish priest and the clergy who have to give impetus and encouragement to our budding youth.

As soon as the feast of the Nativity is celebrated we will begin the Salve of Our Lady of Dolours. It is an age old devotion in our Diocese. This is an opportunity both in the past and now to catechize the people in various aspects of Christian life and on the teaching of Jesus Christ and the role of Mother Mary in our salvation. Therefore, please give lot of catechesis to the faithful to participate in the Salve devotion. Revised edition of book on Salve is available at Mangala Jyothi.

On 5 September we gratefully remember our former Bishop who passed away to eternal life in 1997. Previous year on the same day St Theresa of Kolkata had passed away. Let us pray for eternal reward to our former Bishop.

There will be a regional charismatic convention in Mangalore on 9, 10, 11 and 12 of November. I request all the

parish priests to give a suitable publicity to it to make the people attend the convention. Fr Onil D'Souza is the Chief Coordinator and he has begun to meet the parish priests personally. Unless our people attend they will not profit anything from the programme and the efforts put therein. There will be a special renewal programme for spiritual leaders for priests, religious and lay leaders in ministry from 1 October 2017 (6 p.m.) to 6 October Friday (2 p.m.). This will be conducted in English in Divine Retreat Centre, Potta (for more details contact: Fr Augustine Valluran VC, Director, Divine Retreat Centre, Muringoor P.O. Chalakudy, Kerala 680 309). The Parashuram Express starting at 5 a.m. from Mangalore Central reaches Potta Divine Nagar at around 1 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. This retreat is really worth attending. Those who do not get opportunity to make their retreat during the year kindly attend this retreat. You will be spiritually enriched and empowered. Please encourage the lay leaders to participate in this retreat. The cost is low.

I thank all of you for your cooperation in our pastoral ministry. I do appreciate and thank God for the sacrifices you are making for the sake of your flock. A lot of developmental works are taking place in our diocese. Let us remember if at all we are able to do it our ability comes from God and to Him be praise for ever. I do remember you and pray for you.

+ Aloysius Paul D'Souza

Bishop of Mangalore

Happy Birthday

Rev. Vincent D'Souza (Jr) – 17.9.1967 (50)

Ad Multos Annos

+ Bishop

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. PROGRAMMES:

- 03, Sep. 17 : Liturgy Seminar - Hosabettu Parish.
 08, Sep. 17 : Biblical Catechesis for Adults - Bangalore.
 9, Sep. 17 : Regional Catechetical core committee meeting - Bangalore.
 10-14, Sep 17: CCBI-Catechetical commission meeting - Ahmadabad
 16, Sep. 17 : Vespers - Kulshekar Parish.
 17, Sep. 17 : Liturgy Seminar - Saverapura Parish.
 23, Sep. 17 : Catechism Teachers follow up programme - City Deanery, Cordel Parish.
 24, Sep. 17 : Mass & Adult Catechesis - Permannur Parish.

II. New Arrivals:

1. ಜೆಜುಚ್ಯಾ ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಕಾಳ್ಜಾಚೆಂ ಭಕ್ತಿಪಣ್ - Rs. 30/-
2. ಸೊಮ್ಯಾಚೊ ತಾಳೊ ಆಯ್ತಾರಾಚೆ ಶೆರ್ಮಾಂವ್ - Rs. 120/-
3. ಹಾಂವೆಂ ತುಮ್ಕಾಂ ವಿಂಚ್ಲ್ಯಾಂತ್ - ಎವ್ಕರಿಸ್ತಾಚ್ಯಾ ವಿಶೇಸ್ ವ್ಹುನಿಯಾರ್ಯಾಚೆಂ ಹಾತ್ ಪುಸ್ತಕ್ - New edition Rs. 40/-.
4. ಕನ್ನಡ ವಾಚನಗಳ ಗ್ರಂಥ - ಸಾದೊಕಾಳ್ ಆನಿ ಭಾಗೆವಂತಾಚ್ಯಾ ಮಿಸಾಕ್ ವಾಚ್ಪಾಂ.
5. ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂತ್ಲಿ ಮೊಂತಿ ಸಾಯ್ಬಣ್.
6. ದುಃಖಿ ಸಾಯ್ಬಣ್ ಆಮ್ಚಿ ಭುಜಾವಣ್-ದುಃಖಿ ಸಾಯ್ಬಣಿಚಿ ಸಾಲ್ವಿ.
7. ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಸಚಿತ್ರ ಬೈಬಲ್ - Children's bible in Kannada

III. New website of Mangala Jyothi: - www.mangalajyothi.com

Dear Rev. Fathers, we have launched a new website www.mangalajyothi.com and also we have introduced online registration system for school and parish catechetical, biblical and liturgical ministry. Kindly make use of this new system. Please follow the following Steps:

1. Use Parish Login.
2. Select your Parish.
3. Then Quick details.
4. Click on Extra-ordinary Ministers Data (If you have Extra-ordinary Ministers please fill the required details)
5. Click on Submit the form.
6. Click on all students data and fill the required fields (used for filling Sunday catechism students details).
7. Click on Submit the form.

Please do this by the end of September 2017. If you do not have internet facility inform us during office hours. Such parishes please send the data by post. Please follow the given format:

Extra-Ordinary Ministers Data:

Name	Parish	Age	Gender	Status (M/S)	Edu.Qualification	Phone

All Students Data:

Parish : Name of the Co-ordinator : Address of the Co-ordinator : Telephone No/Email Id of the Co-ordinator : Total No. of Catechism students : English..... Kon..... Class wise No. of catechism Students (I to X English & Konkani) No. of Catechism Teachers :

IV. Information's:

1. **November 5th** will be celebrated as **Catechism Teachers Sunday** in our Diocese. Please don't combine this event on September 5th. Because Dr. Radha Krishnan is not the patron of catechism teachers rather our patron is St. Charles Boremeo.
2. Please promote Jesuchi Suvartha Subscription in your parish.
3. Kindly use Children's Eucharistic prayer during children's liturgy.
4. For more information on Children's Liturgy refer www.mangalajyothi.com-Article by Fr. Ronald Serrao in magazine section.
5. Please conduct midterm examinations in the month of September. You are requested not to cancel catechism classes for any reason. If you hold other programmes on that day please substitute the class on some other day.

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

DO'S	DON'T'S
<p>26 Liturgy of the Word</p> <p>Handle the Lectionary and especially the Book of the Gospels with the dignity and respect they deserve. Get the readers to practise well before they proclaim. If possible institute trained Lectors in the Diocese and parishes.</p>	<p>We do not use “Tablets” “IPads” for proclamation of the Word in the Liturgy. The books used in the liturgical celebration are usually blessed or reserved for sacred use. They are also printed and bound in a format which underlines their holy purpose. Tablets, however, by their very nature, are capable of multiple uses. There is something incongruous in using a tablet as a Missal or a lectionary and shortly thereafter utilizing it to respond to e-mail, surf the web, or download a movie.</p>
<p>27 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 integral part of the liturgical celebration. Do not allow Commentator (GIRM 105b), Choir director use the Ambo</p>

(to be continued...)

Director, Mangala Jyothi

SHANTHI KIRAN COUNSELING CENTRE (SKCC)**Activities of SKCC from April to August 2017****1. Internship Centre for Christ King University, Bangalore:**

SKCC has become the internship site for Christ King University, Bangalore for the year 2017-2018. Accordingly, a student pursuing M.Sc in Counseling at Christ King University, Bangalore did her internship at our centre in April/May 2017-2018.

2. Psychological Assessment:

The Centre has started Psychological Assessment from August 2017. 108 high school students were administered Interest Tests in the Youth Empowerment Training (YET) programme organized by CODP.

3. Psychological Workshops:

Eight psychological workshops were conducted at different high schools for the teachers on guiding the children and adolescents.

4. Seminars:

Five seminars were conducted for the High School, College and Post graduate college teachers at different high schools and colleges and on "Teaching and guiding the adolescents".

5. Seminar to religious brothers and religious nuns:

Five seminars were conducted for the religious brothers and sisters of different congregations and dioceses on psycho-spiritual integration, psycho-sexual integration and soft skills.

6. Counseling at the Centre:

A total of 60 clients were guided in the last 5 months. Clients included adolescents, youth and married couples. Problems on adolescent depression, personality disorders, anger management, stress management, bullying, substance abuse and academic difficulties were dealt in counseling the adolescents.

The majority of the cases among couple counseling and family therapy included Addictions, adjustment difficulties, non-compatibility of personalities, Depression, Anxiety and Stress related issues, Pornography and extra marital affairs, Substance Abuse, and Personality Disorders.

Point to be noted:

The cases of depression and personality issues are increasing among the children and adolescents which gradually manifest the symptoms of personality disorders. In order to combat such issues SKCC has come up with the workshops along with the experts in behavioural problems. The workshops include:

1. For Students: 'Personality Development and Stress Management'
2. For Parents: 'Family Dynamics' 'Parental Skills Training'
3. For Adolescents/Youth: 'Storm and Stress of Adolescence'
4. For Teachers: 'Classroom management of behavioral problems' 'Working with Adolescents'

Our Professional Team includes following consultants and resource persons:

1. Dr. Rameela Shekhar, Counselor, Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore
2. Dr. Bhagyashree Bhandary, Clinical Psychologist, K. S. Hegde Academy, Deralakatte
3. Dr. Caroline D'Souza, Consultant Psychiatrist, Mangalore

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- **Rev. Arun Lobo**

Director

Clerical Appointments

- * Rev. Felix Noronha - Chaplain, Nirmala Convent, Ullal w.e.f. 24.07.2017
- * Rev. Paul Crasta - Campus Ministry, St Mary's College, Bela, w.e.f. 28.08.2017.

+ **Most Rev Aloysius Paul D'Souza**

Bishop of Mangalore

PROGRAMMES OF CODP-ISD

- 02.09.2017 ... Training on Communication and Networking at Manjeshwar
- 03.09.2017 ... - Youth Empowerment Training to students of Class 10th, I & II PUC at CODP-ISD
- Training to SVP members of City Deanery on Development & Govt facilities, at Vamanjuru
- 05.09.2017 ... Training on Human Rights at Vittla
- 09.09.2017 ... - Leadership training at Bakrabail and Kayyar
- Training on Human Rights at Vijayadka
- 11.09.2017 ... Workshop on GST (Goods & Services Tax) at KROSS, Bengaluru
- 12.09.2017 ... Sahajeevana Okkoota meet in CODP-ISD
- 13.09.2017 ... Awareness on Domestic Violence at Miyapadavu
- 16.09.2017 ... - Jeevan Raksha Okkoota meet in CODP-ISD
- Fifth Anniversary celebration of Kalpane SHG at Kulshekar
- 17.09.2017 ... Onam festival celebration at Saya
- 19.09.2017 ... Leadership training at Kumbla
- 20.09.2017 ... Workshop on Social Teachings of the Church (Justice & Peace Commission) at Bajjodi
- 23.09.2017 ... - Training on Human Rights at Modankap
- Onam festival celebration at Narampady
- 25.09.2017 ... Training on Right to Information at Enmakaje
- 26.09.2017 ... Training on Communication and Networking at Talapady

Programmes planned for the month of September 2017

- 1) Loan amount disbursal and Interviews of renewal and fresh applicants under Educare project at CODP-ISD.
- 2) Training on Human and Fundamental Rights to school children in Bantwal.
- 3) Trainings on Enrolment of Construction Workers, and Health & Hygiene.

- Director, CODP

MISSION SUNDAY 2017

Rediscovering Mission at the Heart of Christian Faith: 'Rediscovering Mission at the Heart of Christian Faith' is the theme for world Mission Sunday 2017, chosen by Holy Father Pope Francis which invites us to understand more than ever that our 'mission' constitutes an essential aspect of the 'Christian faith'; we are sent to our brothers and sisters in order to bear witness of our faith in Christ and to proclaim His Gospel. Beginning with the Second Vatican Council, the Church has worked to restore the essential importance of every baptized person's missionary dimension.

Faith and Mission are directly proportionate: Pope John Paul II asserted that "*mission is an issue of faith, an accurate indicator of our faith in Christ and his love for us*" (RM 11). Similarly, Pope Benedict XVI writes: "Faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love received and when it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy".

Pope Francis exhorts us repeatedly to go out of the temple's sacred walls and to make sure that our Church becomes a *Mission Centred Church*. In order to understand this issue better, let us not simply say that the Church has a mission, but *that the mission depends on the Church to continue*. This assertion encourages us to make a reflection: *God, who has the mission of saving the world, uses the Church as an instrument to achieve it!*

We are currently experiencing a real missionary shift across the country. We are witnessing a growing awakening of the missionary spirit that will support our pastoral conversion and the revival of our Christian communities. Looking at the new Areopagus, the new meeting taking place and the subsequent experience gained from these encounters will result in new ways to transmit the faith and the new evangelization

What if we develop a passion for mission and we commit ourselves even more in the joy of the Gospel and the Evangelization? To achieve a missionary revival, we must enter into the dynamism of a continuous conversion to the Gospel, the sacraments, the fraternal and missionary communion. It is a complex programme but also one that is highly attainable.

Church which goes forth: The Word of God constantly shows us how God challenges those who believe in him "to go forth". Abraham received the call to set out for a new land (cf. Gen 12:1-3). Moses heard God's call: "Go, I send you" (Ex 3:10) and led the people towards the promised land (cf. Ex 3:17). To Jeremiah God says: "To all whom I send you, you shall go" (Jer. 1:7). In our day Jesus' command to "go and make disciples" echoes in the changing scenario and ever new challenges to the Church's mission of evangelization, and all of

us are called to take part in this new missionary “going forth”. Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey His call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the “peripheries” in need of the light of the Gospel.

The Gospel joy which enlivens the community of disciples is a missionary joy. The seventy-two disciples felt it as they returned from their mission (cf. Lk 10:17). Jesus felt it when He rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and praised the Father for revealing Himself to the poor and the little ones (cf. Lk 10:21). It was felt by the first converts who marveled to hear the apostles preaching “in their own native language” (Act 2:6) on the day of the Pentecost. This joy is a sign that the Gospel has been proclaimed and is bearing fruit. Yet the drive to go forth and give, to go out from ourselves, to keep pressing forward in our sowing of the good seed, remains ever present. The Lord says: “Let us go on to the next towns that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out” (Mk 1:38). Once the seed has been sown in one place, Jesus does not stay behind to explain things or to perform more signs; the spirit moves him to go forth to other towns. God's word is unpredictable in its power. The Gospel speaks *of a seed which, once sown, grows by itself, even as the farmer sleeps* (Mk 4:26-29). The Church has to accept this unruly freedom of the word, which accomplishes what it wills in ways that surpass our calculations and ways of thinking.

The Church's closeness to Jesus is part of a common journey; “communion and mission are profoundly interconnected”. In fidelity to the example of the master, it is vitally important for the Church today to go forth and preach the Gospel to all; to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance or fear. *The joy of the Gospel is for all people; no one can be excluded.* That is what the angel proclaimed to the shepherd in Bethlehem; “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people (Lk 2:10). The Book of Revelation speaks of “an eternal Gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tongue and tribe and people”. (Rev 14:16)

The Liturgy

Welcome and Gathering: (Gather and welcome the participants to the liturgy around an altar with the pastor, a bible, globe, sandals and two candles)

Introduction: World Mission Sunday was proposed by Pope Pius XI in the year 1926 and we celebrate the 91st anniversary this year. Evangelization takes place all over the world in obedience to the missionary mandate given by Jesus, “Go therefore and make disciples

of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19-20). Through these words Jesus invites His disciples to spread the message of Good News to all, in all times, so that all have the opportunity to come to the knowledge of truth. This is an invitation to every Christian to go “beyond the frontiers” of Christian community; to the world at large, to those who have no knowledge of the Good News.

We are called to this Eucharistic celebration to offer our prayers and our generous financial support, through the *Society of Propagation of the Faith*, to continue the mission of our Lord. We gather today precisely to worship God, creator of the universe and Lord of all. Even though God is all powerful, He exercise His power by showing mercy to sinners.

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Lord, I have not listened to and meditate upon Your Word. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, I have failed to heed to your call to live by Your Word, Christ have mercy.

Lord, I have seldom shown enthusiasm to proclaim the Good News, Lord, have mercy.

May the Almighty God have mercy on us, may He forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

Opening Prayer: O God, whose will it is that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Look upon your abundant harvest; send numerous labourers who will proclaim the Gospel to every creature, so that your people, gathered by the word of life and sustained by the power of the Sacraments, may advance in the path of salvation and love. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reading: 1st Reading : Isaiah 45:1&4-6
 Responsorial Psalm: 96:1&3&7-10
 2nd Reading : I Thessalonians 1:1-5
 Gospel : Mathew 22:15-21

Hint for the homily on World Mission Sunday 2017

Human being cannot live alone. They belong to a society; they must maintain contact with others in relationships based upon friendship and collaboration. Hence, it is necessary to organize reciprocal relations and determine the rights and duties of each person.

We may ask; Is religion associated in any way with the organisation of social and political life? We find the answer to this question in the Gospel of today.

The Pharisees, together with sympathizers of King Herod, approached Jesus and asked Him that provocative question: "Is it right for us to pay tax to Roman Emperor or not?" (Mathew 22:1-7; Mark 12:14; Luke 20:22) The flattery that is used to introduce this question was not sincere. Any answer might be seen as double-edged. If Christ said "No" he would be identifying his mission as another series of political revolutionary movements.

In his reply, Jesus does not answer the original question but he announces what seems to be engagingly vague: "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God" (Mark 12:17) What does that mean? What must we give back? What part of this tax has been stolen from us? What part doesn't belong to us? If one keeps Caesar's coins in his pocket, it means that one uses it and thus recognizes Roman power. One can't invent religious scruples only when it is time to pay taxes. For Christians, the first teaching seems quite clear; It is a moral as well as a civil duty to contribute to the common good through the payment of taxes. No reason can justify the wanton destruction or theft of the state's goods.

Whatever the type of society and whatever the political or economic policies of the government may be, the Christians possess the right and duty to tender their suggestions, to criticize and even to contest the various options taken, but they cannot act in such a way as to damage the civil community. However, Jesus does not stop at stating our duty to contribute to the common good through the payment of our taxes. He adds something that stands as revolutionary: "Give [back] to God what belongs to God."

Give back what? Is there anything that doesn't belong to Him? Then we must give Him everything, but how? Just as the coin has to be returned to its owner, the emperor, because it bears his image, so we must return to God the creature bearing his image, so we must return to God the creature bearing his image. What is this creature? The first chapter of the Bible states: "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them." (Genesis 1:27) Here then is the creature that cannot fall under the ownership of anybody else but God. Nobody has a right to dominate us, to enslave us, to oppress us: we are sacred and we belong to God. To God alone we render worship, but in other things, we happily acknowledge and serve the secular powers, praying that they will rule wisely and justly.

World Mission Sunday gives us the opportunity to carry out the Lord's exhortation in both ways: We could return to the poorest churches what they should have to pursue the mission of

evangelization. In addition, we could show our gratitude to God for the mission that he has entrusted us at the heart of our Christian faith. On the contrary, it lies at the heart of the faith, all Christians are missionaries of the Gospel and they participate actively to the mission of Christ. Pope Francis calls us to renewal of missionary outreach and to strive to reach the peripheries that need the light of the Gospel. “We are all invited to walk the streets of the world with our brothers and sisters, proclaiming and witnessing to our faith in Christ and making ourselves Heralds of his Gospel.” (World Mission Day, 2013).

A Universal Collection for World Mission Sunday: The collection on World Mission Sunday is a “mandatory” universal collection. This means that all the Catholic communities of the world must remit the collection to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in its entirety. All the donations collected within the churches of the world on that day form the Universal Solidarity Fund for the poorest Diocese of the Church.

Statutes of the PMS (Pontifical Mission Societies) Vatican-Chapter 2, articles 7, 8 and 10.

- This day is celebrated in all the particular churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity. On this day, Christians throughout the world become aware of their common responsibility to the evangelization of the world.
- Bishops are invited to ask the people in charge of the Catholic organizations and also the Christians, to renounce, during all the celebrations of that special Sunday to any other collection of particular nature. They should also ensure that all donations for the World Mission Sunday are exclusively remitted to the Universal Solidarity Fund and they should encourage their priests and laity in that spirit.

A Liturgical Sign: The collection that takes place during the Eucharistic celebration is an act and a sign of solidarity and sharing. It represents our communion and our participation in the mission of Christ through our solidarity with the poorest churches of the world. This collection should not be substituted by a collection at the doors of the church, neither by a remittance of a surplus in comparison to the ordinary collection. Also, we cannot put into a common fund all the “mandatory” collections of the year and distribute them fairly between various projects of the parish. This would mislead the intention of the person who makes a donation to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the only recipient of the collection for World Mission Sunday.

A sign of Fraternity and Solidarity: The universal collection for World Mission Sunday is unique: its fruits are distributed worldwide, according to the needs of the poorest Dioceses. Everyone contributes to the cause and this allows the survival of the poorest Dioceses, especially those who do not benefit from twining or privileged contacts with the West. The universal collection provides each bishop the means and freedom of action for the formation of catechists, solidarity, priestly vocations and consecrated life, education, health care etc. Therefore, it is a tool of justice and fraternity between all the dioceses. Furthermore, it allows supporting the permanent effort of the Universal Church to go and proclaim the Gospel to all nations. This mandate, received from Christ, is borne by the baptized people and those who are jointly responsible for the Universal Mission along with the Church of Africa, Asia, America, Europe and Oceania.

Have a great animation and especially, a fruitful mission!

- Rev. Faustine L. Lobo

RIP

- Mrs Celestine Pereira (100), Sis-in-law of Rev. Mathias Pereira, St Zuze Vaz Home on 01.08.2017 in Miyar.
 - Mrs Christine Rodrigues (95) Aunt of Rev. Alwyn D’Cunha, P.P. Katipalla, on 9.08.2017 in Bejai.
 - Mrs Severine D’Souza (74) M/o Rev. Stany Pereira, P.P. Urwa on 14.08.2017 in Belthangady.
 - Mrs Eugene D’Souza (87), M/o Rev. Jerald, CBE & Rev. Ronald D’Souza, ICYM on 29.8.2017 at Ajekar.
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