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## BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR NOVEMBER 2022

- 1 10.00 a.m. Mass: Missionary Families of Christ, at Bajjodi  
04.00 p.m. Inauguration/Blessing of the Community Hall,  
Permannur
- 3 04.30 p.m. Diocesan Finance Council Meeting
- 4-6 Ruby Jubilee of the Bidar Mission, at Bhalki
- 7-13 CBCI and CCBI Meetings, Bangalore
- 15-17 Training on Recent Changes in the Income  
Tax Laws
- 19-20 Pastoral Visit, Bajal
- 21 10.30 a.m. Final Vows of Sisters of Charity, Angelore  
Church
- 22 09.00 a.m. Training/Meeting, Regional SCC Secretaries,  
Bajjodi
- 26-27 Pastoral Visit, Omzoor
- 28-30 National SCC Chairmen's Meeting, Nagpur

### **Bishop Meets in the Forenoon:**

Lay Faithful, 24; Diocesan Clergy and Religious, 25

## BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER 2022

**Papal Intention for November:** Pope Francis draws our attention to little children who need our care and tenderness. But many children are deprived of family affection and acceptance. They are orphans, homeless, and victims of war. Many suffer because of the abuse by adults and sometimes due to bullying by their companions. We are invited to pray for the suffering children, and prayer certainly should move us to act with special concern towards those who are severely deprived of love. Can we withhold our love from those who need it most?

**Indulgences:** The month of November invites us to experience and live the Communion of Saints by availing the spiritual help for the dear departed through indulgences. **An Indulgence is not the remission of sins but the remission of the punishment due to sin.** Kindly instruct the Faithful about this great treasure the Church provides. According to the teaching of the Church, “even after mortal sin has been forgiven and, as a necessary consequence, the eternal punishment it deserves has been remitted, and even if slight or venial sin has been remitted, the forgiven sinner can need further purification, that is, be deserving of temporal punishment to be expiated in this life or in the life to come, namely, in Purgatory” (*Manual of Indulgences*). An indulgence is drawn from the Church’s wonderful treasury of Christ’s sacrifice and the merits of the saints who walked the way of Christ. “The doctrine of faith regarding indulgences and the praiseworthy practice of gaining them confirm and apply, with special efficacy for attaining holiness, the deeply consoling mysteries of the Mystical Body of Christ and the Communion of Saints” (*Manual of Indulgences*).

**Plenary Indulgence:** The Manual of Indulgences instructs that we can avail the plenary indulgence by visiting the cemetery and offering prayers for the dead or by praying in a Church or an oratory, for the dear departed and by reciting *Our Father* and the *Creed* from 1 to 8 November. We are invited to offer it for the souls in Purgatory. **Partial Indulgence** can be availed by

praying for the dead on any day by devoutly visiting a cemetery and at least mentally praying for the dead; secondly, by devoutly reciting lauds or vespers from the Office of the Dead or the prayer *Eternal rest*.

**Ruby Jubilee of the Bidar Mission:** The Diocese of Mangalore, under the leadership of Late Bishop Basil Salvatore D'Souza took up the challenging task of bringing the Good News to the People of Bidar, Bhalki and surrounding regions. The mission begun in 1982, has grown to become an independent Diocese. The past 40 years have shown the lasting fruit the Lord has brought forth through human efforts. Therefore, it is but apt that we join with the Diocese of Gulbarga in celebrating this great event by participating in the Jathra Utsav 2022, to be held from 4 to 6 November 2022, at Bhalki. Let us pray for Bishop Robert Miranda, the Priests and Religious and Lay Faithful who have contributed their share in making the dream of the Lord fulfilled.

**The Decennial Celebrations of Same Mission:** We have already celebrated the 10 years of our presence in Tanzania, in the Same Diocese, at Kifaru Parish and the four Substations attached to it. The people are catechised with the help of the Catechists, and the liturgy is well-organised. SCCs and SVPs are promoted to form and catechise the people and help the poor. We notice immense amount of growth of the area and the Bishop of Same, Most Rev. Rogath Kimaryo, during his message on 16 October 2022, said that a miracle has taken place.

A lot of infrastructure is built, and those in the dilapidated state are renovated. A clergy house is built, and the mission house is bought. Land, vehicles and machines are procured. Classrooms, halls, laboratories, dormitories, kitchens and other facilities are provided. A chapel and prayer hall are being built, and now the students of Secondary School have a separate place for prayer.

Our priests have worked hard to provide St Joseph's Boys' Science Secondary School, with more than 350 students residing in the hostels and getting formed integrally. The Rupert Home is

a House for more than 100 children belonging to 5-7 standards, hailing from the poorer families. They are accompanied on a daily basis and also are educated by the teachers both in the Government Schools and at the Rupert Home. Even teachers from Government Schools are given some remuneration so that the children could avail good education.

The Season of Creation is promoted through the children so that the *Laudato Si'* is concretely realised to show the need for greenery around us. The farm has saline soil and water, yet, experiments are being done, and training is being given so that the farm could be cultivated by promoting the effective microorganisms in preparing organic manure and pesticides, for which the Government has given a certificate of appreciation. The District Commissioner and Member of Parliament have highly spoken of the work of our priests. The farmers are taught the organic way of farming (Farming in God's Way), and a network of farmers is made. People are provided with clean drinking water at least in two places. The land with sandy soil and saline in nature is well used to produce maize, grow vegetables, rear animals, fowls, and fishes.

Solar power, the biogas energy are tapped; the people are helped to build houses and have some loan facilities to invest in self-employment. People of other denominations and other religions are also helped. Women are taught tailoring and preparation of sanitary pads and bags. Solar lights are distributed so that people could have light in their houses. Seminars and quizzes have been used to bring the message of Christ to the poor.

The donor-agencies like the Stockholm Diocese, the Italian Bishops' Conference, the Cologne Diocese, the group of Mrs Marilena Lingua and many others both from India and abroad have come forward to help concretely so that our brother priests could strategically plan and actualise those plans. The people-oriented programmes are meticulously planned and executed, thanks to the long-term accompaniment and guidance of Mr Charles Câmara of Stockholm Diocese. Likewise, religious

priests and sisters from India and abroad have extended their helping hand, enabling our brother priests to give their best.

All in all, the nation now knows where Kifaru is, thanks to the hard effort of our priests, Fr Alwyn D'Souza, the Mission Superior, Fr Hilary Lobo, the Parish Priest, Fr Victor Machado, the Headmaster, Fr Joseph Rodrigues, the Rupert Home Director and Treasurer, Fr George Crasta, the Warden and Bursar and Fr Jesudas D'Costa, the School Campus Director. Previously Fr Ronald Pinto and Fr Jason Lobo have served in this mission. Today, we can witness what the Lord has done through them. My heartiest congratulations to all the donors, our brother priests and those who have helped us in one way or another.

What has been taken up as a daring venture by Most Rev. Aloysius Paul D'Souza, the Bishop Emeritus and nurtured by the Bishop of Same, Most Rev. Dr Rogath Kimaryo, has borne fruit. May the name of the Lord be praised. Kindly do not forget to pray for the Same Mission and lend a helping hand to carry forward this noble task.

**Advent** begins on 27 November, and we begin the Liturgical Cycle A. I wish you all a happy season of Advent and fruitful preparation for the Coming of Our Lord.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha  
**Bishop of Mangalore**



*“Do not be “climbers”. The “ecclesiastic career”.... You then become an official and when a priest begins to act as a businessman, whether of the parish or college ... wherever it may be, he loses that closeness to the people, he loses that poverty which makes him similar to Christ, poor and crucified, and becomes a businessman, the businessman priest not the servant” (Pope Francis, Homily at Ordination, 25.4.2021).*

## THE NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS 2023-2025

After the formation of the Parish Pastoral Council, the election of its office bearers and the formation of the Parish Financial Council, please send the details for Bishop's approval along with your letter that all the norms are followed as per the Constitution of the Diocesan Pastoral Councils. Please follow the following format, using the required rows for your parish and send them in duplicates:

### ಫಿರ್ಗಜ್ ಗೊವೈಕ್ ಪರಿಷದ್ 2023-2025

| ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.   | ನಾಂವ್               | ಸಾಂದೆಪಣ್  | ಜನನ್ ತಾರಿಕ್ | ಶಿಕಾಪ್ |
|---|---------------------|---|-------------|--------|
| <b>ಹುದ್ದಾ ಹಕ್ಕಾಚಿ ಸಾಂದೆ: ಯಾಜಕ್ ಆನಿ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ್: (ಘಟನಾವಳಿ 2:4.1)</b>                            |                     |   |             |        |
| 1.  | ಬಾ. XXX             | ವಿಗಾರ್-ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ  |             |        |
| 2.  | ಬಾ. XXX             | ಸ. ವಿಗಾರ್   |             |        |
| 3.  | ಬಾ. XXX             | ಶಿಕ್ಷಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಂಕ್  |             |        |
| 4.  | ಬಾ/ಭ. XXX           | ನೆಮ್ಲೆ ಯಾಜಕ್/ಹೆರ್ ಯಾಜಕ್<br>ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ್ ಘರಾಜೊ ವ್ಹಡಿಲ್/<br>ಕೊವೆಂತಾಚಿ ವ್ಹಡಿಲ್ಸ್ |             |        |
| <b>ಹುದ್ದಾ ಹಕ್ಕಾಚಿ ಸಾಂದೆ-ಅಪೊಸ್ತಲಿಕ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಆನಿ ಫಿರ್ಗಜ್ ಘಟಕಾಂ ಧಾವ್ನ್:<br/>(ಘಟನಾವಳಿ 2:4.2)</b> |                     |   |             |        |
| 5.  | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ XXX | ಲ್ಹಾ ಕ್ರಿ. ಸ. ಸಂಚಾಲಕ್/ಕಿ  |             |        |
| 6.  | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ XXX | ಸಾಂ. ವಿಶೆಂತ್ ಪಾವ್ಲ್ ಸಭಾ   |             |        |
| 7.  | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ XXX | ಕಥೊಲಿಕ್ ಸಭಾ   |             |        |
| 8.  | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ XXX | ಐ. ಸಿ. ವೈ. ಎಮ್.   |             |        |
| 9.  | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ XXX | ವೈ. ಸಿ. ಎಸ್. ಸಚೇತಕ್   |             |        |
| <b>ಹುದ್ದಾ ಹಕ್ಕಾನ್ - ವಾಡ್ಯಾಚಿ ಗುರ್ಕಾರ್: (ಘಟನಾವಳಿ 2:4.3)</b>                                  |                     |   |             |        |
| 10.   | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ XXX | ಇಗರ್ಲೆ ವಾಡೊ   |             |        |
| 11.   | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ XXX | ಸಾಂ. ಅಂತೊನ್ ವಾಡೊ  |             |        |

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| <b>ವಾಡ್ಯಾಚಿ ಚುನಾಯಿತ್ ಸಾಂದೆ: (ಘಟನಾವಳಿ 2:4.4)</b>    |                               |   |
| 12.  | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿXXX            | ಇಗರ್ಜೆ ವಾಡೊ   |
| 13.  | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿXXX            | ..  |
| 14.  | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿXXX            | ಸಾಂ. ಅಂತೊನ್ ವಾಡೊ  |
| 15.  | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿXXX            | ..  |
| <b>ಶಿಕ್ವಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಂಚಿ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿ: (ಘಟನಾವಳಿ 2:4.5)</b> |                               |   |
| 16.  | ಬಾ./ಭ./ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/<br>ಕುಮಾರಿXXX | ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕಾಂಚ್ಯಾ ಶಿಕ್ವಾ<br>ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಂಚೊ/ಚಿ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿ            |
| 17.  | ಬಾ./ಭ./ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/<br>ಕುಮಾರಿXXX | ಕಥೊಲಿಕ್ ಶಿಕ್ವಾ ಮಂಡಳಿಚ್ಯಾ<br>ಶಿಕ್ವಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಂಚೊ/ಚಿ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿ |
| <b>ನೇಮಕ್ ಸಾಂದೆ: (ಘಟನಾವಳಿ 2:4.6)</b>                |                               |   |
| 18.  | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿXXX            | ವಿಗಾರಾನ್ ನೇಮಕ್ ಕೆಲ್ಲೆ                                     |
| 19.  | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿXXX            | ..  |
| <b>ಗೌರವ್ ಸಾಂದೆ: (ಘಟನಾವಳಿ 2:4.7)</b>                |                               |   |
| 20.  | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿXXX            |   |

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| <b>ಗೊವ್ಳಿಕ್ ಪರಿಷದ್ ಹುದ್ದೆದಾರ್ ಆನಿ ವಿಂಚ್ಲಲೆ ಹೆರ್:</b>   |                         |                         |                        |                          |
| <b>ಹುದ್ದೆದಾರ್</b>  | <b>ನಾಂವ್ ಆನಿ ವಿಳಾಸ್</b> | <b>ಮೊಬಾಯ್ಲ<br/>ಸಂಖೊ</b> | <b>ಇಮೆಯ್ಲ<br/>ಸಂಖೊ</b> | <b>ವಾಟ್ಸಾಪ್<br/>ಸಂಖೊ</b> |
| ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ (2:9.2):   |                         |                         |                        |                          |
| ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ (2:9.3):  |                         |                         |                        |                          |
| ವಾರಡೊ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿ (2:16.3):  |                         |                         |                        |                          |
| ಕ. ಶಿಕ್ವಾ ಮಂಡಳಿಚಾ ಶಿಕ್ವಾ<br>ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಂಚಿ ಆಡಳ್ತಾ ಪರಿಷದಕ್<br>ಸಾಂದೊ (ಹೊ ಶಿಕ್ವಾ<br>ಆಯೊಗಾಂಚೊ<br>ಸಂಚಾಲಕ್) (2:16.4): |                         |                         |                        |                          |
| ಆಯೊಗಾಂಚೊ<br>ಸಂಯೊಜಕ್/ಕಿ (2:16.5):   |                         |                         |                        |                          |

| ಫಿರ್ಗಾಟ್ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ್ ಪರಿಷದ್: |                      |                          |                     |             |        |
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| ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.                 | ನಾಂವ್                | ಸಾಂದೆಪಣ್                 | ವಿಳಾಸ್ ಆನಿ ಮೊಬಾಯ್ಲಿ | ಜನನ್ ತಾರಿಕ್ | ಶಿಕಾಪ್ |
| 1.                       | ಬಾ. XXX              | ವಿಗಾರ್-ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ (3:4.1.1) |                     |             |        |
| 2.                       | ಬಾ. XXX              | ಸ. ವಿಗಾರ್ (3:4.1.2)      |                     |             |        |
| 3.                       | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ XXX  | ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ (3:4.1.3)      |                     |             |        |
| 4.                       | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ XXX  | ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ (3:4.1.4)     |                     |             |        |
| 5.                       | ಬಾ. XXX              | ಹೆಲ್ಪರ್ (3:4.1.5)        |                     |             |        |
| 6.                       | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ XXX  | ಜುನಿಯರ್ ಸಾಂದೊ (3:4.2)    |                     |             |        |
| 7.                       | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ XX   | ” (3:4.2)                |                     |             |        |
| 8.                       | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ XXX  | ನೆಮಕ್ ಸಾಂದೊ<br>” (3:4.3) |                     |             |        |
| 9.                       | ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ XX,, | ” (3:4.3)                |                     |             |        |

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ಇಗರ್ಜಿ ಮೊರ

ವಿಗಾರಾಚಿ ದಸ್ತತ್



*There is a figure that has always struck me: "the comfortable priest", a bit like the "monsieur l'abbé" of the French courts, an official. The official priest lives the priesthood as if it were a job. It is convenient, it has its own schedules. And so, as he grows, he turns into a "spinster", with many manic habits, becoming a daily neurotic. Be careful of this. Don't seek your own comfort; the priesthood is a sacred service to God, the service of which the Eucharist is the highest grade, a service to the community (Pope Francis, Audience with the Priests and Seminarians Studying in Rome, 26.10.2022).*



## LIST OF CONVENERS OF THE PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

As per the Constitution rule No. 2:16.2, please select the convener to each of the 21 commissions from the Parish Pastoral Council and form each commission as per 2:16.5 and 2:16.6 and then send the list of the conveners in the following format:

**ಫಿರ್ಗಚ್ ಗೂವ್ಕಿಕ್ ಪರಿಷದಚಿ ವಿವಿಧ್ ಆಯೋಗ್ 2023-2025**

ಫಿರ್ಗಚಿಚಿಂ ನಾಂವ್:

ಸಂಯೋಜಕ್:

ಮೊಬಾಯ್ಲ್ ಸಂಖೊ:

| ಘಟನಾವಳ್ ಸಂಖೊ | ಆಯೋಗ್                                     | ಸಂಚಾಲಕ್ | ಮೊಬಾಯ್ಲ್ |
|--------------|---|---------|----------|
| 12:17.1.1    | ದೇವ್ ಅಪವ್ಣೆ ಆನಿ ಯಾಜಕಿ ತರ್ಬೆತಿಚೊ ಆಯೋಗ್     |         |          |
| 12:17.1.2    | ಪವಿತ್ರ ಪುಸ್ತಕ್ ಆನಿ ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ್ ಆಯೋಗ್ |         |          |
| 12:17.1.3    | ಕುಟ್ಮಾ ಆಯೋಗ್                              |         |          |
| 12:17.1.4    | ಲಾಯಿಕ್ ಅಪೊಸ್ತಲಾದಿಚೊ ಆಯೋಗ್                 |         |          |
| 12:17.1.5    | ಸಮಾಜಿಕ್ ಉದಗತೆಚೊ ಆಯೋಗ್                     |         |          |
| 12:17.1.6    | ನೀತ್ ಆನಿ ಶಾರ್ಲೊ ಆಯೋಗ್                     |         |          |
| 12:17.1.7    | ಪರ್ಗಟ್ಣಿ ಆನಿ ಸುವಾರ್ತಾ ಪ್ರಸಾರಾಚೊ ಆಯೋಗ್     |         |          |
| 12:17.1.8    | ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ್ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಾಚೊ ಆಯೋಗ್                  |         |          |
| 12:17.1.9    | ಸ್ತ್ರಿಯಾಂಚೊ ಆಯೋಗ್                         |         |          |
| 12:17.1.10   | ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಂವ್ ಎಕ್ವಟಾಚೊ ಆಯೋಗ್                |         |          |
| 12:17.1.11   | ಅಂತರ್ ಧರ್ಮಿಕ್ ಸಂವಾದಾಚೊ ಆಯೋಗ್              |         |          |

| ಘಟನಾವಳಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ | ಆಯೋಗ್                               | ಸಂಚಾಲಕ | ಮೊಬಾಯ್ಲ್ |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| 12:17.1.12     | ಶಿಕ್ಷಾ ಆಯೋಗ್                        |        |          |
| 12:17.1.13     | ಯುವಜನಾಂಚೊ ಆಯೋಗ್                     |        |          |
| 12:17.1.14     | ದೇವ್‌ಸ್ತುತಿ ಆಯೋಗ್                   |        |          |
| 12:17.1.15     | ಭಲಾಯ್ಕೆ ಆಯೋಗ್                       |        |          |
| 12:17.1.16     | ವಾವ್ರಾಡ್ಯಾಂಚೊ ಆಯೋಗ್                 |        |          |
| 12:17.1.17     | ಲ್ಹಾನ್ ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಂವ್<br>ಸಮುದಾಯ್ ಆಯೋಗ್ |        |          |
| 12:17.1.18     | ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ್ ಜಾತ್/ಪಂಗಡ್ ಆಯೋಗ್          |        |          |
| 12:17.1.19     | ಭಳಾಂತರ್‌ಕಾರಾಂಚೊ ಆಯೋಗ್               |        |          |
| 12:17.1.20     | ಪರಿಸರ್ ಆಯೋಗ್                        |        |          |
| 12:17.1.21     | ವಿಶಿಷ್ಟ್ ಸಕ್ತಿಂಚೊ ಆಯೋಗ್             |        |          |

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## BIBLICAL COMMISSION, EPHPHATHA BIBLICAL CENTRE, MANGALA JYOTHI, DBCLC

**1. Bible Class - 2:** The Biblical Commission of our Diocese, in association with Ephphatha Biblical Centre, a unit of Mangala Jyothi, will be conducting bible classes on the Gospel of Luke from the second week of November 2022 for Five Saturdays. The classes will be held on November 12, 19, 26 and December 3, 10, from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm at SANDESHA, Nanthoor, Mangalore. The Parish Priests are kindly requested to make this known to the people and encourage them to participate. Since it coincides with Advent, this course will be a fitting preparation for Christmas. This course is designed in Konkanni and is suitable for priests, religious and laity. The following could be used to provide information regarding this course to the people:

ಮಂಗಳೂರು ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿಟೊ ಪವಿತ್ರ ಪುಸ್ತಕಾಚೊ ಆಯೋಗ್, “ದುರ್ಬಳ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಬರಿ ಖಬರ್ ಪರ್ಗಟ್ ಕರುಂಕ್” – ಲುಕಾಚ್ಯೆ ಸುವಾರ್ತೆಚಿಂ ಗುಂಡಾಯೆನ್ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ್ – ನಾಂವಾಖಾಲ್ ಯಾಜಕ್, ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ್ ಆನಿ ಲಾಯಿಕ್ ಭಾವಾಂ ಭಯ್ಣಿಂ ಖಾತಿರ್ ಕೊಂಕ್ಣಿ ಭಾಶೆಂತ್ ಬೈಬಲ್ ಕ್ಲಾಶಿ ಮಾಂಡುನ್ ಹಾಡ್ತಾ. ಪವಿತ್ರ ಪುಸ್ತಕ್ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ್ ಕರುಂಕ್ ಮನ್ ಆಸ್ಲಲ್ಯಾ ಕೊಣೆಂಯ್ ಹಾಂತುನ್ ಭಾಗ್ ಘೆವ್ಯತ್. ಹ್ಯೊ ಕ್ಲಾಶಿ, ಪಾಂಚ್ ಸನ್ವಾರಾಂನಿ, 2022 ನವೆಂಬರ್ 12, 19, 26 ಆನಿ ದಶೆಂಬರ್ 3, ಆನಿ 10ವೆರ್ ಸಾಂಜೆರ್ 3.00 ಥಾವ್ನ್ 6.00 ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್, ಸಂದೇಶ-ನಂತೂರ್ ಹಾಂಗಾಸರ್ ಚಲ್ತಲ್ಯೊ ಕೊರ್ಸಾಂತ್ ಭಾಗ್ ಘೆತಲ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಸರ್ತಿಫಿಕೆಟ್ ಲಾಭ್ತಲಿ. ತುರ್ತಾನ್ ತುಮ್ಮಿಂ ನಾಂವಾಂ ದಾಖಲ್ ಕರಾತ್. ನಾಂವಾ ದಾಖಲ್ ಕರುಂಕ್ ವಾಟ್ನಾಪ್ ಕರಾ ವಾ ಫೋನ್ ಕರಾ: 8277937784 (ಮಂಗಳಜ್ಯೋತಿ ದಪ್ತರ್), 9844763634 (ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ಸೆಂಟ್ ಸಿಕ್ವೇರಾ, ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಪವಿತ್ರ ಪುಸ್ತಕ್ ಆಯೋಗ್).

**2. Bible Class - 1 :** Puttur Deanery is organising bible classes on the Gospel of Matthew from the second week of November 2022 for Five Sundays. The classes will be held on November 13, 20, 27 and December 4, 11, from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm at Mai de Deus Church premises at Puttur.

### **3. The Sunday of the Word of God and Bible Week.**

As we know, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Ordinary Time is celebrated as the Word of God Sunday throughout the Church, and we will celebrate it on 22 January 2023. Over the last couple of years, it has not been easy to celebrate it on a grand scale. Therefore, I request you to keep this date in mind and begin preparations well in advance. Dedicating the entire week to the Word of God-related activities would be fantastic. The Word of God Sunday can be the culmination of these activities.

Pope Francis, while solemnly declaring “that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God” (*Aperuit Illis*, 3), has given the following concrete suggestions for its celebration:

The various communities will find their own ways to mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity. It is important, however, that in the Eucharistic celebration, the sacred text be enthroned, in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God’s word. On this Sunday, it would be particularly appropriate to highlight the proclamation

of the word of the Lord and to emphasise in the homily the honour that it is due. Bishops could celebrate the Rite of Installation of Lectors or a similar commissioning of readers, in order to bring out the importance of the proclamation of God's word in the liturgy. In this regard, renewed efforts should be made to provide members of the faithful with the training needed to be genuine proclaimers of the word, as is already the practice in the case of acolytes or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Pastors can also find ways of giving a Bible, or one of its books, to the entire assembly as a way of showing the importance of learning how to read, appreciate and pray daily with sacred Scripture, especially through the practice of *lectio divina*" (*Aperuit Illis*, 3).

Some of these suggestions of the Pope can be implemented throughout the year, as Pope himself says, "A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long one, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and the risen Lord. He continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers" (*Aperuit Illis*, 8).

We are planning to provide a small toolkit to assist in this regard to the parishes in December. However, I request the parishes to hold a meeting and well in advance plan for this Sunday. Along with the suggestions made by Pope himself, the following and other suitable activities could be planned at the parish level on Bible Sunday or in Bible Week:

1. Bible Quiz, 2. Bible reading sessions, 3. Bible Exhibition,
4. Biblical model-making competitions or Seminars, 5. Bible Housie-Housie, 6. Biblical storytelling, 7. Biblical Characters Fancy Dress, 8. Biblical Evening with Biblical Skits, enacting of biblical passages, songs, dances, 9. Bible manuscript-writing competitions and biblical drawing competitions, chart making etc., 10. Bible Study sessions, 11. Biblical Film screening, 12. ....This list can continue. These and other similar activities can be organised for the faithful of all age groups.

**- Fr Vincent Sequeira**  
Secretary-Biblical Commission

## **PROGRAMMES OF CODP**

- 06.11.2022 : Training on Plastic waste management to SHG members at CODP-ISD
- 08.11.2022 : Staff Exposure visit to Pilikula Nisarga Dhama, Vamanjuru
- 13.11.2022 : - Awareness on Government facilities at Kumbala  
- Training on Herbal medicine at Bakrabail  
- Training on Organic agriculture and Kitchen gardening at Bovikanam
- 15.11.2022 : Training on Existing Laws at Moodbidri
- 17.11.2022 : Training on Plastic waste management at Bannur
- 19.11.2022 : - Workshop on NRM to Staff by Mr Haridas, Caritas India at CODP-ISD  
- Training on Herbal medicine at Vorkady  
- Training on Plastic waste management to school children at Vogga
- 20.11.2022 : Training on Organic agriculture and Kitchen gardening at Kalthur
- 21.11.2022 : Visit by "SELCO" representatives to RUSEMP, Pakshikere
- 22.11.2022 : Awareness on Government schemes at Talapady
- 23.11.2022 : Training on Natural Resource Management at Bela
- 25.11.2022 : Training on Plastic waste management at Saya
- 26.11.2022 : Training on Natural Resource Management at Puttur
- 28.11.2022 : - Awareness on Government facilities at Kumbala  
- Promoting local leadership at Manjeshwara  
- Training on Existing Laws at Bajpe and Kayyar
- 29.11.2022 : Training on Government facilities at Kannatipara
- 30.11.2022 : Training on Plastic waste management to community people at Balepuni

### ***Activities planned for November 2022***

- 1) Interviews and Education loan disbursement to Educare students

- 2) Further trainings on bee-keeping
- 3) Classes on “Strategies and tips” to OET aspirants of health profession.

- **Director, CODP**

### SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

- Nov. 3: BEC Diocesan Service Team and Resource Team meeting at Shantikiran, Bajjody.
- Nov. 6: Need and Results of BECs, Kundapur Parish, Udupi Diocese
- Nov. 9-10: Orientation on BECs, Clergy and Religious Diocese of Karwar
- Nov. 20: BEC Day, Arva Parish
- Nov. 22: Karnataka Region Diocesan BEC Directors and Secretaries meet, Shantikiran, Bajjody.
- Nov. 28-30: BEC National Council Meeting, PAC Nagpur
- Dec. 1: BEC National Service and Resource Team meeting, PAC Nagpur

Please Note: *Amcho Samudai* - SCC Handbook is available in the SCC office and in Mangalajyoti. I request the Parish Priests to encourage all families to have a copy. Also, kindly see that all the Gurkars and SCC animators possess a copy of the handbook.

- **Fr Joachim Fernandes**  
SCC Director



*“Another thing that accompanies convenience is the “climbing” dimension, the climbing priests, who make a career. The climber is ultimately a traitor, not a servant. He seeks his own advantage and does nothing for others. Be careful not to confuse progress with climbing, because the climber is one who climbs, climbs, climbs and when he is up he shows himself. And the climber is never satisfied” (Pope Francis, Audience with the Priests and Seminarians Studying in Rome, 26.10.2022).*

## MANGALA JYOTHI

### I. Programmes in November Catechetical and Liturgical Programmes:

- 3-4 : YOUCAT BASICS, India/International authors' meeting
- 06 : Catechists' Day
- 13 : Adult Catechesis & Liturgy Seminar
- 13 : Adult Catechesis – Kinnigoli
- 17 : Catechesis for the Children - Sacraments, Anugraha Institutions, Ujire
- 20 : Adult Catechesis & Liturgy Seminar, Kinnigoli Parish
- 20 : Choir Representatives Training (Eng/Konk) - City & Episcopal Deanaries - Seminary
- 24 : Sunday Catechism Text book preparation committee meeting (Revised Syllabus)
- 27 : Adult Catechesis and Lectors' Training, Vittal
- 27 : Choir Training, Bantwal Deanery

### Biblical Programmes:

- 2-5 : Biblical Conference, Bangalore
- 12 : Bible Class, Mangala Jyothi (Sandesha)
- 13 : Bible Class, Puttur Parish
- 19 : Bible Class, Mangala Jyothi (Sandesha)
- 20 : Bible Class, Puttur Parish
- 26 : Bible Class, Mangala Jyothi (Sandesha)
- 27 : Bible Class, Puttur Parish

### II. Commission for Catechetics

- 1. Catechist's Day – 4 November:** St Charles Borromeo is the Patron of catechists. The Church celebrates his feast on November 4<sup>th</sup>. In our diocese we celebrate this day on 6<sup>th</sup> November, Sunday. I request the Parish Priests to celebrate this day as catechists' day in your parish in a unique way. Kindly involve the PPC.

**Tips for celebration:**

- \* Introduction before Mass – requesting congregation to pray for the catechists
- \* Mention importance of the catechists in the Church and their recognition (*Antiquum Ministerium*)
- \* Add one or two intentions during the intercessory prayer
- \* Honouring of catechists by PPC/Children/Parents

**III. Commission for Liturgy:**

1. **Advent Season & Blessing of Advent Wreath:** On 27 November 2022, we begin the advent season, which is very important in the Church's life. It is our responsibility to preserve the nature and importance of this season. On the first day of Advent, we have started the custom of blessing of Advent Wreath for the past two years. The five candles on the wreath signify the meaning of Jesus' second and first coming. From 27 November – December 16, we reflect on the second coming of Christ, and from 17-24 December, we reflect on the first coming. It is the time for immediate preparation for Christmas. To facilitate this celebration, Mangala Jyothi has published a Christmas Novena book – *Emmanuel* which contains the rite of blessing of Christmas wreath, 9 days of reflections and Novena prayer. For copies, contact Mangala Jyothi.
2. **Choir Members' Training (for Private Choirs/Eng/Konk) & City and Episcopal Deanery:** We will be organising a training programme for the choir representatives of English/Konkani, private choirs of the city (Choir Master, Musician and other 2 representatives) on 20 November 2022, Sunday at St Joseph Seminary, Mangalore from 02.30 pm to 05.30 pm. I request the Parish Priests of Episcopal City and City deanery to inform your choir members about this training. We will be issuing certificates for the participants. We are trying to register the names of the private choirs at Mangala Jyothi and will inform you later. Kindly register the names at Mangala Jyothi before 15 November 2022.



Once again, I request the Parish Priests not to allow choir masters or choir members to select the hymns that suit them. It is the responsibility of the priests to guide the choir. Furthermore, the hymns selected for any liturgical celebration must have the approval of the Bishop/Commission for Liturgy. For any assistance, contact Mangala Jyothi.

#### **IV. New Arrivals and Religious Items Available at Our Stall**

- 1) Liturgical Calendar - *ORDO*, 2022-23, Rs 130
- 2) Diocesan Directory: Mangalore, a few copies are available, Rs 70 – Discounted Price
- 3) Mass Candles, Votive candles, Murdom candles, Decorative candles, Hosts and Particles and other religious articles, candle stands, globes, sprinklers etc., are now available
- 4) Bibles - Konkani, Kannada, English, Devanagari, Romi, Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil
- 5) All kinds of prayer books, devotional, scriptural and spiritual books
- 6) Items required for Sanctuary and Altar are available
- 7) Mass vestments, purificator, corporal, lavabo
- 8) Varieties of Stars and Christmas items will be available from 27 November 2022 at a reasonable price
- 9) If any particular item is required for your parish/institution, you can contact us well in advance so that we can make arrangements for you
- 10) Diaries 2023

There will be a Mangala Jyothi Stall during St Joseph Vaz Shrine Feast, Mudipu (December 1-4).

**– Director, Mangala Jyothi**

## **VISITING MANGALORE-SAME MISSION – OUR MISSION/HOLY LAND IN AFRICA**

Who would have thought I would visit and see Mangalore-Africa Mission in Same Diocese, which is in Tanzania? Certainly, I did not. But it just so happened that during a meeting, the Bishop informed us that he would be visiting Same on the occasion of the Decennial Celebration of the Mission and asked if anyone of us would join him. Without much reflection, I said yes when he asked me if I would. Upon reflection, I thought, “I haven’t been to the Holy Land, although I could have, but now, why not to the Mission Land, which is as holy as the land where Jesus became incarnate and proclaimed the Good News urging his followers to “Go into the whole world”. He did not say, “Come to the land of my birth and death!”. In fact, Jesus was ‘sent’ by the Father as a missionary to the world, just as Jesus commanded his followers to “Go into the world”. I consider every mission land a holy land because it is where Jesus is made incarnate, alive and active beyond Nazareth, Galilee and Jerusalem. Therefore, I deem visiting our mission land in Same is on par with visiting Holy Land.

His Excellency Most Rev. Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore and I left the Bishop’s House for the airport at 6.15 pm on 10 October 2022 and reached our destination, Kifaru Church and Presbytery, at 5.45 pm on 11 October. Right away, a full schedule of activities, meetings, travel and various programmes got underway. Boys and girls from Rupert Children Home staged at 6.30 pm an hour-long programme on “Season of Creation”. These underprivileged kids - some of whom came from dysfunctional families – displayed their talents and innate abilities. One seventh-grade student provided a simultaneous translation of the Bishop’s message. We were stunned to discover that this youngster did not study in the English medium!

In the church vicinity, there exists Rupert Children Home started in 2018. It accommodates about 100 very poor children – boys and girls - of classes V, VI and VII. But they go to the local school. They are given all the facilities to stay; they receive

holistic formation and coaching to excel in their studies. The Mission has employed 4 teachers in the school so everyone can receive a top-notch education because the government school these students attend hardly has enough teachers. To ensure that the local area's under privileged children receive a high-quality education, the Mission also provides the salary of 2 other teachers it has employed in other government schools. What a paradox! Mission providing teachers and their salary in government schools to educate children!

With the inauguration of the Mission about 10 years ago, Kifaru, until then a sub-station, was constituted as the parish and handed over to the Society of Mangalore Africa Mission, and Rev. Hilary Lobo was installed as its Parish Priest (*Paroko* in Swahili language). Kifaru Parish is dedicated to Our Lady of Immaculate Conception (*Bikira Maria Mkingiwa Dhambiya Asili* literally means "Virgin Mary Protected from Original Sin"). It has four sub-stations – Kalimani, Jipe, Kileo, Kivisini. All our priests have taken up a sub-station and dedicate themselves to their pastoral work. These stations are very far apart and are not connected by a good road. Furthermore, our missionary priests have taken over Butu, a station 50 kilometres away from Kifaru. The parish pastoral ministry is amazing, with all of its facets, and the involvement of our priests with the local community is incredible.

The daily Mass at the Parish Church begins at 6 am, and all children from Rupert Home, their instructors, and Ursuline Convent sisters enthusiastically participate. The children's lovely singing to the drum beats, their slow, graceful, swaying gestures of the body and hands, and their booming loud response to the prayers is a beautiful sight to behold and experience. The children's "Amina" (*Amen* in Swahili) sounded like the thunder of heaven! If you believe 6 am is too early for a Mass with children, you should know that the Small Christian Community meetings take place at 6.30 am on Saturdays, and many people attend!

During our stay in the Mission, our Bishop blessed on three different days, nine new houses built for the poor and the Bishop of Same blessed the tenth house on the evening of the Decennial

Celebrations held on Sunday, October 16. It must not be forgotten that the Mission has constructed more homes for the needy and the impoverished over the past ten years. But these ten houses were blessed as part of celebrating the mission's tenth anniversary. They represent yet another legacy of the mission's service and joy-sharing with additional underprivileged people. The poverty of the people in the area and the lack of basic resources and facilities is an eye-opener for us. People struggle because the land is dry with hardly any rain in recent years and no possibility of cultivation. Houses do not have electricity, and the Mission has supplied more than 4000 solar lamps to poor families.

The establishment of the St. Joseph Boys' Science Secondary School represents a significant milestone in the Mission's history. This school has garnered national attention for its educational quality according to its motto, "Building Competence & Character," and its vision, "Integral Transformation Through Education." It has well-furnished classrooms, conducive dormitories, a well-ventilated and hygienic kitchen, a very good borewell connected to 15 thousand litres overhead water tanks with 24 hours running water system, electricity with a standby generator, Science Laboratory Complex and a Computer Lab. It boasts of having a committed faculty and 350 residential students. The school has ascended to unprecedented heights in less than ten years of existence. It is ranked first among the 22 secondary schools in Mwanga District, fourth among the 276 schools in the Kilimanjaro region, and 38th among the 3908 secondary schools in Tanzania as a whole.

We visited and spent four hours in the SJS Organic Farm of the Mission. It sprawls over 50 acres of land and has an Ecological Organic Agriculture (EOA) Centre for Excellence. This unit concentrates on Socio-Economic Mission through farming, training farmers and promoting ecology and environment as envisioned in *Laudato si*. It has several initiatives, such as Farming in God's Way. Pope Francis relates the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor; the earth's cry is no different than "the cry of the poor". Use of pesticides and chemical fertilisers, which poison

fields and the water table, gradually stop the earth from being useful for inhabitation, cultivation and production. This mission unit emphasises ecological education, ecological spirituality, community involvement, participatory action and family sustenance. The Farm has various field crops, horticulture, green leaf plants, fruit production, piggery poultry, fishery, cattle, bees, rabbits, organic manure, bio-pesticides and repellent products, low-cost rural technology units and so on. This Organic Farm that functions as a research and training centre has attracted the attention of the government, international organisations, NGOs, and universities. It is a novel and mega initiative.

On October 14, we paid a visit to the Bishop of Same and met with him, the Chancellor, and the Financial Administrator from 10 am until 1.30 pm. The Bishop offered his appreciation and assessment of the Mission and the ministry of our priests in his diocese. He expressed admiration for the great accomplishment in a short period. As regards his expectations and hope for more initiatives in the health sector and scholarships to the poor of the locality, we said that “we are the poor helping the poor” and have with us more generosity and dedication to offer than resources, and with this, we will do our best. We are thankful to the Bishop of Same, who welcomed us with amazing hospitality and a magnificent banquet following the meeting. We appreciate his encouragement to our brother priests, whom he considers his own.

The main emphasis of the tour was the Mission’s Decennial Celebration on October 16, which many of you may have seen on YouTube. The solemn eucharistic liturgy, which lasted until midday, started at 9.30 am with the welcoming of the bishops - Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha of Mangalore, Bishop Rogath Kimaryo of Same, and Bishop Emeritus Jacob Koda of Same. After a brief break of 30 minutes for refreshments, the Stage Programme commenced at 12.30 pm and ended at 3.30 pm with festive lunch for all. Politicians, business people, friends of the Mission, government officials – Diwan, MP, DC, representatives from other religions, priests, religious, and lay faithful participated

in the celebration. In fact, more than 1200 people attended the grand celebration.

Our only 'outing' during our mission trip was to the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest intact volcanic caldera in the world and an amazing destination for safaris as it is a paradise for wild animals with an area of 264 square kilometres. We need a special vehicle to traverse the area. In the middle of our safari in the Crater, the front tyre of our vehicle came out, and the vehicle rested on the tyre that lay flat on the ground. Had this 'accident' happened in a different place within the Crater, such as on a steep climb, downhill, or highway, we cannot say where we would have been! Our driver contacted the other vehicles via wireless service, and one tourist (a young man from Chile) came forward to offer us a return ride in the vehicle he hired. During lunch, Mr Charles Câmara from the Diocese of Stockholm, who was with us, was having a conversation with him and came to know that the young man from Chile was an entrepreneur with a software company who, for convenience, chose to visit Africa this year although he had the desire to visit India. On Mr Câmara's request, this fine young guy, though not a Christian, expressed a readiness to consider coming next year as a volunteer for two months to Mangalore-Africa Mission and providing instruction and essential skills in computer and software to the local youth. God can write straight on a crooked line. The 'accident' made way for 'a mission incidence' where a young man from Chile was drawn to Same Mission in Africa!

From 9.00 am to 12 noon on October 20, we met with the Mission Team (Frs Alwyn, Hilary, Victor, Joseph, George, and Jesudas). After lunch at 12.30 pm, we left Mangalore-Same Mission in Kifaru at 1.15 pm to head to Kilimanjaro Airport for our return trip. The following day, we reached the Bishop's House, Kodialbail, at about 12.20 pm, renewed and encouraged by what we heard, saw and experienced in the Mission our dear brother priests cared for. The Bishop has recounted their work and activities in his message for November, which I do not repeat. The Mangalore-Same Mission has accomplished more

than what meets the eye and reaches the ear. So great is our priests' generosity, commitment, and journey of faith in the mission land, that God could not let them alone but began to work miracles through them. The journey of 10 years in Same diocese at Kifaru Parish, Rupert Children Home, St Joseph Science Secondary School, SJS Organic Farm and Centre for Excellence, and many more great and small initiatives is nothing short of a journey of faith, grace and miracles. It is where faith, hope and charity have met: the **faith** of our brother priests to move to the land shown by the Bishops of Mangalore (Bishop Aloysius Paul and Bishop Peter Paul), the **hope** of the Bishop of Same and the African faithful to the ministry from our priests, and the **love/charity** of generous benefactors/patrons – the dioceses, individual and corporate donours, and the prayers of all.

What Fr Victor Machado wrote at the end of his 3 years of mission ministry echoes the feelings of all our priests in Same: “We had tough times in the Mission. But each time, the Lord intervened and came to our help. After each struggle, we came out strong; it has given us the experience to face future challenges. We have also made progress in reaching out to the needy through different programs, which gives us a sense of satisfaction in having a meaningful stay among the people over here. Surely, we have miles to go and promises to keep, but when God is with us, who can be against us?” (July 26, 2016)

Our priests in the Mission need encouragement and support – spiritual and economic - by which they will be able to do greater things for the glory of God and the good of his holy people. Their tremendous work amazes us and makes us ask: Would these priests have been able to do here in Mangalore what they have done in the Same Mission? The love of the Mission impels them, the encouragement received from people of goodwill inspires them, and God's grace strengthens them. Their ministry in the mission should inspire us to give to the mission! Some give by going to (work in) the missions, and others go by giving to the (works of) missions.

- **Rev. Victor George D'Souza**  
Chancellor

## **CAN A BISHOP CONCELEBRATE MASS WITH PRIEST (PRESBYTER) CELEBRANTS?**

*Whether it is permissible for a Bishop to concelebrate on the occasion of the jubilee of a certain Priest in a way that he takes a position among the Presbyters/Priests (just as concelebrants) and concedes the role of the principal celebrant to the Priest who is celebrating his jubilee?* This question was addressed to the Congregation for Divine Worship a few years ago, and their response was “NO” (*Notitiae*, 46[2009], p. 170).

In explaining its negative response, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments declared that the current liturgical norm has a theological premise based on the wisdom of the Fathers and supports with all evidence the necessity that the Bishop preside at the celebration, whether he celebrates the Eucharist or not. It quoted some passages from the *Ceremonial of Bishops (Caeremoniale Episcoporum)*, revised by the decree of Vatican II and published as *editio typica* in 1984 by the authority of Pope John Paul II. International Commission on English in the Liturgy (= ICEL) translated the Latin edition into English in 1989.

For example, no. 18 of the *Ceremonial of Bishops (=CB)* affirms that in every community of the altar gathered together under the Bishop as its sacred minister, the symbol of that charity and unity of the Mystical Body is shown. It is most fitting, therefore, that when the Bishop is present at a particular liturgical action, he, as the one signed with the fullness of the sacrament of Order, presides at the celebration. This is not done to increase the exterior solemnity of the rite but to signify the mystery of the Church in a more vivid light. It is fitting also that the Bishop should join presbyters with himself in the celebration.

Furthermore, in no. 175, the *CB* declares that for a just cause, he may be present at a Mass but not celebrate it, then he should preside at the celebration, at least by celebrating the liturgy of the word and blessing the people at the end. The current *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (= GIRM)*, under no. 92, reiterates this principle.



The diocesan Bishop has a number of opportunities to take part in Mass without concelebrating. Consider the case where a Bishop attends a Priest's parent's funeral or his jubilee anniversary Mass. Because the Bishop would be obliged to preside at the Mass, he will usually abstain from concelebrating in that situation. Then what options does he have when he intends to take part in the celebration of the Mass?

The *GIRM*) states in no. 112: "At a Mass celebrated by the Bishop or at which he presides without celebrating the Eucharist, the norms found in the *Caeremoniale Episcoporum* (*Ceremonial of Bishops*) should be observed." The norms provided in the *Ceremonial of Bishops* distinguish two distinct situations:

**The first** is the Mass, at which the *Bishop presides but not as celebrant*. This provision is discussed in the third chapter of the *CB*. In it, the Bishop is seen to preside and yet not the principal celebrant of the Eucharist. In this option, the following may be noted:

- a) The Bishop puts on an alb, and over it the pectoral cross, a stole, and a cope of the colour of the occasion. In the entrance procession, he walks behind the celebrant. He uses the cathedra or the presidential chair at the sanctuary. From the beginning of Mass until the end of the liturgy of the word, he follows the directives and rubrics of the Mass as usual (nn. 176-179).
- b) After the liturgy of the word is ended, the Priest celebrant makes a deep bow to the Bishop and proceeds to receive the gifts brought forward by the faithful or to the altar and begins the liturgy of the Eucharist in accordance with the Order of Mass. If there is incensation at the preparation of gifts, the Bishop is incensed after the celebrant. He remains at the cathedra/presidential chair until the epiclesis in the eucharistic prayer (nn. 180-181).
- c) From the epiclesis until after the elevation of the chalice – at the consecration – the Bishop kneels facing the altar at the prie-dieu/kneeler prepared for him at a convenient place in the sanctuary. After this, he stands once again at the chair (n. 182).

- d) If the Bishop receives communion, he takes the body and blood of the Lord at the altar, after the celebrant. He does not distribute the communion but remains seated at the chair or kneeling at the prie-dieu/kneeler. After the communion distribution and purification of the vessels are done, the Bishop prays the Prayer after Communion. Finally, he blesses the people in the usual way (nn. 183-184).

In the **second situation**, the *Bishop is present but does not preside*. It is described in no. 186. In this form, the Bishop does not preside in the manner described in the first situation. Instead, he participates in the Mass wearing mozzetta and rochet, and in the sanctuary, he remains in a place other than the cathedra or the presidential chair. Here we can envisage the following:

- a) In the entrance procession, the Bishop walks behind the celebrant, wearing what is known as choir dress (consisting of fuschia or purple coloured cassock, rochet or surplice, over it mozzetta, which is a small hooded cape extending to the elbows and buttoned in front and over the mozzetta a pectoral cross hung on a gold and green cord or a silver/gold chain), and skull-cap.
- b) In the sanctuary, he does not use the presidential chair/cathedra. Instead, he should sit in a place and prie-dieu prepared for him in the sanctuary in such a way it does not obscure the people's view of the altar or distract their attention away from it. If there is incensation at the preparation of gifts, the Bishop is incensed after the celebrant. According to Bishop Peter J. Elliott, "After the Prayer over the Offerings, the Bishop removes the skullcap and puts it on again during the purifications after the communion. If he wishes to receive Holy Communion, a stole should be provided" (*Ceremonies of the Modern Roman Rite*, San Francisco, St Ignatius Press, 2005, no. 523).
- c) According to *GIRM*, "... In particular cases and for a just cause, the Homily may even be given by a Bishop or a Priest who is present at the celebration but cannot concelebrate" (no. 66).

- d) On some occasions, there may be a combination of both modes of vesture, for example, if the Bishop is in choir dress but is to make the final commendation at a funeral. In this case, after communion, he removes the mozzetta and replaces it with the cope, stole and mitre in order to direct the prayers (Edward McNamara, “When a Bishop Doesn’t Concelebrate at a Mass” in ewtn.com).

The preeminent manifestation of the local Church is present when the Bishop celebrates the Eucharist, surrounded by his presbyters and ministers, and with the full, active participation of all God’s holy people. Thus a Eucharistic liturgy at which a Bishop is the principal celebrant takes on a special character and dignity.

While the theology and liturgy give a prominent role to the Bishop in celebrations where the faithful assemble by requiring him to serve as Presiding or Principal Celebrant, the liturgical norms also provide two other options for him to be present at the Mass without being the celebrant: (a) Bishop presides but does not celebrate; (b) Bishop is present but does not preside. The funeral of the parent of a Priest, a Mass to celebrate a Priest’s jubilee, or similar occasions in a Priest’s life are situations when one of the options could be used by the Bishop when he is present for the occasion.

**- Rev. Victor George D’Souza**  
Chancellor

## CLERGY APPOINTMENT

- 1) Rev. Fr Rupesh Ashok Madtha, Designate Editor, *Raknno*, is appointed Parochial Administrator, St Sebastian Church, Thokur, with effect from 13.10.2022.
- 2) Rev. Fr Rakesh Mathias, CSsR, is appointed Parochial Administrator, St Francis Xavier Church, Saverapura, with effect from 14.10.2022.
- 3) The following deacons of Mangalore Diocese are assigned the following parishes for diaconal ministry from 10.10.2022 till 10.04.2023:

- a) Deacon Lohith Ajay Mascarenhas - Holy Family Church, Omzoor.
- b) Deacon Avinash Lesly Pais - Holy Cross Church, Cordel.
- c) Deacon Robin Joyson Santhumayer - St Antony's Church, Kulur.

### **R.I.P.**

- Mrs Mornel Santhumayor (87 years), mother of Rev. Fr Francis Rodrigues, Parish Priest, Mary Help of Christians Church, Adyapady, expired on 09.10.2022. Her funeral took place on 10.10.2022 at Holy Rosary Church, Alangar.
  - Rev. Fr Gregory William Vas (81 years), St Zuze, Jeppu, expired on 26.10.2022. His funeral took place on 28.10.2022 at St Vincent Ferrer Church, Valencia.
  - Mr Casmir Sequeira (94 years), father of Rev. Fr Paul Sequeira, Parish Priest, Vorkady, passed away on 26.10.2022. His funeral was held on 29.10.2022 in St Antony's Church, Fermi.
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