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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR MARCH 2023

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| 1-3 | | Project Cycle Management Training,
Pastoral Centre, Bajjodi |
| 4-5 | | Pastoral Visit, Bantwal |
| 6-10 | | Bishops' Retreat, Mysore |
| 11-12 | | Pastoral Visit, Bajpe |
| 13 | 07.30 a.m. | Mass, Founder's Day, FMCI |
| 21 | 10.00 a.m. | Concetta Hospital Trust Meeting |
| 23 | 05.00 p.m. | Governing Board Meeting, FMCI |
| 24 | 04.00 p.m. | College Day, SJEC |
| 25-26 | | Pastoral Visit, Kulur |
| 27 | 04.30 p.m. | Diocesan Finance Council Meeting |
| 30 | 09.00 a.m. | Pastoral Consultation, St Antony's Ashram |
| | 03.00 p.m. | Recollection at the Cathedral |
| | 05.00 p.m. | Chrism Mass |
| 31 | 07.30 a.m. | Graduation Day Mass, FMCI |
| | 02.30 p.m. | Graduation Ceremony of Allied Health
Sciences, FMCI |

Bishop Meets in the Forenoon:

Religious men and women, 23; Diocesan Clergy, 24; Laity, 28.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH 2023

Papal Intention for March: In this month, Pope Francis invites us to pray for the victims of abuse from the members of the Church. He desires that the victims find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering. The members of the Church must take all the precautions with the utmost care not to hurt children and vulnerable adults. The Church must take proactive measures and adequate steps to ward off the menace of abuse at any time. How can the Church who is called “an expert in humanity”, be the cause for such deep wounds? She must do everything possible for humanity so that every person truly finds the authentic meaning of life. St Irenaeus said: “*Gloria Dei vivens homo*”: the human person who fully lives his or her dignity gives glory to God, who has given this dignity to men and women. Let our prayers rise to heaven that the Lord may help us to come to the aid of the victims of abuse and care for them.

Pope Francis' Message for Lent: Meditating on the Transfiguration experience, Pope Francis invites the whole Church, during this Lenten season to have the synodal perspective. Amid ordinary and boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend “a high mountain” in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline – *ascesis* – as God's holy people. Both the journey of penance and the synodal journey demand effort, sacrifice and concentration. They have the joy of Transfiguration as the goal, both personal and ecclesial. God's grace and our efforts must go hand in hand; thereby we acquire the knowledge of the Master and experience his salvific love.

The Pope focuses on two ways reflected in the Transfiguration scene. The first is to heed the voice heard at the mountaintop: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him”. When we journey together with others in the Lenten *ascesis*, we must give priority *to listen* to the Word of God, proclaimed during the liturgical celebrations, meditated in our communities and in our private reading. The Lord will reveal his will and our mission in the service of the Kingdom if we attentively listen to Jesus. The Supreme Pontiff affirms: “listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the

Church. Such mutual listening in some phases is the primary goal, but it remains always indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church". Listening lovingly could be taken as Lenten practice of penance.

In the second way, the Pope insists that we, like Peter, James and John, fall prostrate before the Lord both in fear and in adoration. We are invited not to "take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions". These days, there is a tendency to go after the miraculous and extraordinary, but Jesus always proposes that the joy of Resurrection awaits those who are ready to walk with him on the way of the Cross. He never promises miracles to attract people to himself. Instead, he places the Resurrection as our goal and Transfiguration as its preview, and everything else will find its own place. Naturally, then, almsgiving, prayer and fasting will also be meaningful to us.

Pray for Pope Francis: On 13 March, Pope Francis completes 10 years after his election as the Supreme Pastor of the Church. At every discourse, he has one request to make: "Please do not forget to pray for me". He deeply trusts in the power of intercession and sets himself as a wonderful example of humbly asking for prayers. Prayers of intercession are precious, and Pope Francis teaches us, by his example, that the Lord hears the cry of his people. Therefore, let us pray intensely for our beloved Pope, who desires our participation in his ministry through our prayerful support and let us intercede for one another.

St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and of our Diocese: This year, the Solemnity of St Joseph is celebrated on 20 March. In his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis underscores the tenderness with which St Joseph cared for Mary and Jesus. As a tender and loving father, St Joseph loves us too and teaches us that "Tenderness is the best way to touch the frailty within us. Pointing fingers and judging others are frequently signs of an inability to accept our own weaknesses, our own frailty. Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser (cf. Rev 12:10). That is why it is so important to encounter God's mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we experience his truth and tenderness" (n. 2). In this month, as

we walk through the Lenten practices to ascend to the mountain of holiness, let St Joseph teach us to tenderly love one another. May the Sacrament of Reconciliation be a wonderful occasion to experience God's tenderness and mercy towards us.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord: The great mystery of incarnation, which we recall every day, at least thrice, during the *Angelus*, reminds us of the centrality of God becoming man. From this day of Annunciation, 25 March, Christmas is nine months away. Already, in the Lenten Season, we contemplate the birth of our Saviour. May the Church bell that invites for prayer of *Angelus* in the morning, noon and in the evening, be a call for us to contemplate the mystery of God's incarnation and our own divinisation.

Message of the Conference of the Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI): Through the recently concluded CCBI meeting, with the theme, "Telling the Story of Jesus in our Context: The Synodal Way" held on January 24-30, 2023, at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bangalore, the Bishops invite all the faithful to recount the story of Jesus in our context. The synodal path we have begun traversing is the framework, in which we can encounter many co-pilgrims who desire to know Jesus, love him and be loved by him. The Bishops place before us the importance of the family in telling the story of Jesus. As we have dedicated this year to families, this message is meaningful to us: "This love of God is lived and experienced first and foremost in the family, where the story of Jesus is recounted by grandparents and parents to their children in various ways, by reading Bible stories, praying together and participating in popular devotions". Parents must be encouraged to narrate to children the stories from the Bible, and the message of the parables so that they get deeply rooted in faith. Further, the CCBI also highlighted the importance of the Basic Ecclesial Communities in telling the story of Jesus. There we read and meditate on the Word of God and get down to action after listening to the Word. May these two intimate realities be effective instruments to make Christ known and loved.

✠ **Peter Paul Saldanha**
Bishop of Mangalore

CLERGY PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS

- 1) Rev. Fr Noel Mascarenhas, CSsR, is appointed Parish Priest, St Francis Xavier Church, Saverapura, with effect from 17 February 2023.
- 2) Rev. Fr Balthazar Pinto, OFM, is appointed Parish Priest, St Anthony Church, Bannur, with effect from Saturday, 18 February 2023.

PASTORAL CONSULTATION - 2023

Dear Rev. Fathers, the Diocesan Pastoral Consultation will take place on Thursday, 30 March 2023, at St Antony's Institutions, Jeppu. All priests, deacons of the Diocese of Mangalore, and religious priests in active ministry, whether as superiors or serving in institutions and parishes, will participate in this Consultation. The Consultation will focus on Pastoral issues/problems. The afternoon programme will be held at the Rosario Cathedral.

Programme

09.00	a.m.	Arrival, Registration
09.15	a.m.	Prayer, Welcome
09.30	a.m.	Pastoral Issues - Session One
10.30	a.m.	Tea Break
10.50	a.m.	Pastoral Issues - Session Two
12.15	p.m.	Bishop's Message
12.45	p.m.	Lunch
02.45	p.m.	Tea at Rosario Cathedral
03.00	p.m.	Recollection talk (Animator: Fr Chetan Lobo, OFM Cap.)
03.40	p.m.	Confessions (Adoration)
05.00	p.m.	Chrism Mass

I invite and urge all Priests to participate actively in this diocesan event.

V. Rev. Fr Joseph Martis
Secretary, Council of Priests

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

SUMMER VACATION PROGRAMMME FOR THE SEMINARIANS - 2023

- 1) Regional Course for the I and II-year Theology students begins from the evening of 30 April till 7 May noon at Pastoral Institute, Mangalore.
- 2) The Regency period concludes on 30 April 2023.
- 3) Konkani course and Spiritual Animation for the Propaedeutic year, Philosophy and Regency students begin from the evening of 7 May till 10 May evening at Pastoral Institute, Mangalore.
- 4) The exposure programme for Propaedeutic, Philosophy, Regents and I, II and III Theology students will be from 8 a.m. on 11 May till 2.30 p.m. on 12 May:
 - Visiting Suratkal and Pezar Deanery parishes.
 - Overnight stay at Kripa Sadhana, Bajpe.
- 5) Bishop and/or Vicar General will meet all the seminarians together at Kripa Sadhana.
- 6) By way of information, the deacons of Mangalore Diocese will have their Ordination to Priesthood on 20 April at 3 p.m. at the Rosario Cathedral Church. In addition, summer camps in parishes will take place in April.

- Vicar General

BUDGET FOR 2023-2024

Dear Rev. Fathers, while preparing the budget of your Church for 2023-2024, please keep the following in mind:

1. Please prepare the budget for the coming year 2023-2024 together with the Finance Council in March 2023, approve it in the finance council and send it to the Bishop for approval, latest by 5 April 2023. Please use the format given below while preparing the budget for Income and Expenditure separately.

2. The budget should be prepared in five columns as follows:
 1) Items, 2) Actual of 2021-2022, 3) Budgeted for 2022-2023, 4) Actual of 2022-2023 up to Dec. 2022 and 5) Budget for 2023-2024.

Items*	Actual of 2021-22	Budgeted for 2022-23	Actual of 2022-23 up to Dec. 2022	Budget for 2023-2024
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***Items for the Budget of the Church**

(Use only those items applicable to your Church)

Income	Expenditure
Receipts from Properties and Investments:	Salaries to church employees
Rent from Shops/Buildings let out	Wages
Rent from house buildings let out	Land tax
Rent collected from grounds/open area	House tax
Rent from Parish Hall	Allowance to Priests:
Moolageni Received	
Chalageni Received	
Annuity Received	Allowance to Parish Priest
Interest Income	Allowance to Asst. Priest I
	Allowance to Asst. Priest II
Interest Received from SB A/c	T.A. to Parish Priest
Interest from Fixed Deposits:	T.A. to Asst. Priest I
Church (legacy, capital, general fund etc.)	T.A. to Asst. Priest II
ii) Dividend on shares	Holiday Allowance to Parish Priest
iii) Charity funds:	Holiday Allowance to Asst. Priest I
KCWA Fund	Holiday Allowance to Asst. Priest II
b) Medical Fund:	Church Requisites:
c) Poor Students Edn. Fund	
d) Housing Fund	

iv) Choir Fund	Mass wine
v) Interest from Arrears of Rent	Liturgical books
vi) Interest on refund of Income tax	Church linen & Vestments
Agriculture Income	Religious Obligations:
Voluntary Contributions:	Pro-populo Mass
	Legacy Masses
Sunday Collections (75%)	
DCMF (25%)	Repairs & Maintenance:
Mite Box Collection	Church Building
Annual (Kaido) Contributions	Parochial House
Donations:	Cemetery
Church	Garden
Education Fund	Furniture
Medical Fund	Electrical Installations
Housing Fund	Computer(electronics)
Any other (Specify):	Generator (fuel/oil etc.)
i)	Machinery & Equipment
ii)	Garden
Feast Collections:	Administrative Expenses:
Parish Feast	Electricity charges
Christmas	Water Charges
Nativity of B.V.M.	Postage & Courier
Holy Week	Printing & Stationery
Any other (specify):	Telephone
i)	Conveyance charges
ii)	Newspaper & periodicals
Other Collections:	Bank charges
	Audit fees
Selection of graves	Professional charges
Tolling of bells	Legal charges
Illumination & decoration	Cable & Internet charges
Sale of old materials (Scrap, newspaper etc.)	Website

Serthi collection	Meeting (refreshments) expenses
Other collections (specify):	Staff welfare fund
i)	Miscellaneous
ii)	Hall expenses
	Serthi expenses
Capital Income:	Agriculture Expenses
	Festivals and Celebrations
	Parish Feast
	Christmas
	Nativity of B.V.M.
	Holy Week
	Any Other (specify)
	i)
	ii)
	Activities (Social & Religious):
	Youth Activity
	Catechism Day
	Choir expenses
	Sodality
	Pastoral Commissions
	Other activities (specify):
	i)
	ii)
	Donations & Contributions:
	Diocesan Central Pool Fund (DCPF)
	Priests Aid Fund
	Parish Union
	DCMF
	Charity:
	Alms/Charity (25%)
	Education Aid
	Medical Aid
	Housing Aid

	Any other: Specify:
	i)
	ii)
	Capital Expenditure:
	Building
	Furniture
	Electrical Installations
	Vessels & Utensils
	Machinery
	Any other: Specify:
	i)
	ii)
Total	Total

Date:


Parish Priest**Vice President****Secretary**

FROM THE PROCURATOR'S OFFICE

- 1) A reminder to the Parish Priests to pay all the earmarked collections and other dues (D.C.M.F. till February 2023, Clubbed & Binated Mass stipends, D.C.P., P.A.F.) from the Parish for the year 2022-23 by **15 March 2023**.
- 2) The Parish Priests are requested to send the DCMF claims/ returns up to February 2023 by the **10 March 2023**.
- 3) The PAF members are requested to claim their medical bills of the Financial Year 2022-23 (up to February 28th 2023) by 10 March 2023.
- 4) The Parish Priests are requested to reconcile the Mass Account with the Mass Register as on 31 March.

- 5) In case there are Normative Masses, Binated and Clubbed Mass stipends in the Parishes, the same has to be remitted to the Diocese.
- 6) Priests who have not paid the personal annual contributions of Rs. 3000 each or more to Priests' Aid Fund and Retired Priests Fund are urged to pay by 15 March 2023.

– **Procurator**

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CENTRE

Dear Rev. Fathers, we are in the season of Lent. It is a time of grace when the people of God turn to the Father of mercies, seeking his divine mercy. We are living in challenging times and facing challenges to our Faith, Family relationships, Christian values, and our very existence as a minority community.

The leaders in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in our Diocese have decided to hold 2-3 hours of intercessory prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in every parish of our Diocese. It will be held between the first week of Lent and the feast of Pentecost (only once during this period). I will be accompanying the team for the Intercessory Prayers in your parish, and when I cannot be present, a Priest will be deputed for the team to assist and guide it and the faithful.

Kindly welcome the team members when they approach you for the same and fix a day and time for your parish.

Please announce the day and time during all the Masses on the previous Sunday and encourage the faithful to attend.

Contact Details: Kevan : 6362753873; Elias Coelho: 99802 96946; Dolphy Lobo: 9845114717.

- **Rev. Fr Melwyn Noronha, Director**
Catholic Charismatic Renewal

TOWARDS THE FORMATION OF THE VICARIATE PASTORAL COUNCIL AND DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Now that the new councils have been formed in all the parishes, I request all Parish Priests to submit the names of the Vice Presidents, Secretaries of the Parish Pastoral Council, Coordinator of the Commissions in the Parish and the Varado Representative to the respective Vicar Forane by the end of March.

The Vicar Forane will convene a meeting of the new Vicariate Pastoral Council before the end of April to elect the Secretary of the Vicariate Pastoral Council and representatives for the Diocesan Pastoral Council in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution (Nos. 5:11 and 5:12), and will send their names, postal addresses, mobile/WhatsApp numbers, and, if available, email addresses to the Vicar General by 10 May 2023.

Parish Priests will send the details **to the Vicar Forane** in the following format by **30 March 2023**:

NAME OF THE PARISH: **PLACE:**

Sl. No.	Designation	Name	Postal Address & Email	Mobile No.	WhatsApp No.
1	Parish Priest				
2	Asst. Parish Priest				
3	Priests serving in CBE School				
4	Other Priests appointed by the Bishop for the Pastoral Work				
5	Superior of the Religious House				

6	Vice-President of PPC				
7	Secretary of PPC				
8	Coordinator of Commissions in the Parish				
9	Vicariate Representative from the Parish				
10	Honorary Members, if any (5:4.7)				

**Add rows as per requirement*

Date:

Seal

Parish Priest

Vicars Forane will send the details of the **Representatives for the Diocesan Pastoral Council** to the **Vicar General** in the following format by **10 May 2023**:

NAME OF THE VICARIATE:

Sl. No.	Designation	Name	Postal Address & Email	Mobile No.	WhatsApp No.
1	Vicar Forane				
2	Priest Representative				
3	Secretary of Vicariate Pastoral Council				
4	Vicariate Lay Representative				
5	Honorary Members, if any (6:4.7.1)				

**Add rows as per requirement*

Date:

Vicar Forane

POINTS TO CONSIDER WHILE ISSUING RECOMMENDATION LETTERS FOR CHARITY

Dear Rev. Fathers, some of you recommend parishioners for charity towards medical, housing, and educational needs to the Bishop. Naturally, we help financially with whatever amount is available to deserving persons. But, identifying the deserving individuals is difficult until the genuine circumstances are disclosed in the appeals written to the Bishop requesting charity. Hence, when you recommend such appeals, we advise that you adhere to the following guidelines:

1. The request letter of the person seeking charity/assistance should have the following: the full postal address, the mobile number, the Parish and the ward name. The name should be the same as in the bank account.
2. The financial situation of the family and the explanation of the need or justification for assistance should be clearly stated in the appeal letter.
3. The estimated total cost (amount) of the need is also to be mentioned. For example, the cost of medical treatment, the total cost of the house repair/building anew (size of the house in square feet), total fees for educational purposes including other expenses etc.
4. The Parish Priest need not write a separate letter, but he must confirm the facts and the reasons stated in the appeal and write on it a note of recommendation to the Bishop, with his signature and the seal of the church.
5. Please encourage those in need to take advantage of all government assistance schemes or programmes and urge the parish community to help its members like the early Christian community.

- Vicar General

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. Programme for March 2023

- 2-4 : Adult Catechesis: Parish Retreat, Shakthi Nagar Parish
- 5 : Honouring of the Top Scorers, X Std Catechism Examination, Mangala Jyothi.
- 6 : Honouring of the Top Scorers, X Std V.E. Examination, Mangala Jyothi
- 7-9 : YOUCAT Basics works, Bangalore
- 14 : Catechesis on Liturgy and Lectors Training, Milagres Parish
- 15 : Extraordinary Ministers' Training, Milagres Parish
- 15 : Introduction to Liturgy, Class, Bethany Sisters – Bajpe
- 16-18 : Adult Catechesis: Parish Retreat, Angelore Parish
- 19 : Liturgical Catechesis/Choir training, Bovikana Parish
- 19 : Extraordinary Ministers' Reflection, Moodbidri Deanery
- 20-23 : Adult Catechesis: Parish Retreat, Suratkal Parish
- 24-26 : Adult Catechesis: Parish Retreat, Vorkady Parish
- 27-29 : Adult Catechesis: Parish Retreat, Thodambila Parish
- 30 : Chrism Mass – Liturgical Animation/Pastoral Consultation Day

II. Information:

A. Commission for Liturgy:

1. Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers: Kindly organise 3 hours of reflection for extraordinary ministers at the deanery or parish level (If the number is more) during the Lenten season. The reflection includes talk, adoration, confession and evaluation of their ministry. You are free to call a priest of your

choice for the recollection. But please inform us through mail or WhatsApp message the following aspects: Name of the preacher, date, deanery, parish & number of participants or download the format from our website, fill and email it to us at info@mangalajyothi.com Also, kindly do not combine the training of newly selected Extraordinary Ministers with the recollection.

You can organise training for the newly selected Extraordinary ministers at the Deanery level, or you can send the candidates for training at the diocesan level, which will be held in June 2023.

2. Enrolment of Extraordinary Ministers' Data Online (Reminder):

Hereafter enrolment of Extraordinary Ministers' data (online) is mandatory. Some parishes have already done it. Those who have not completed it, please do the needful before 31 March 2023. In order to issue certificates and check other details such as training/faculty renewal etc., online registration is required. For more details, visit our website www.mangalajyothi.com/parishlogin/Extraordinary_ministersdata or contact our office at 0824 2215747. Please maintain a separate file for this ministry at the parish office.

B. Commission for Catechetics:

1. Evaluation and Annual Report of Catechetical Ministry 2022-23

- Every parish priest along with the coordinator and catechists is requested to conduct the annual evaluation of the catechetical ministry by 20 March 2023. Please refer Mangala Jyothi Circular bulletin December 2022 issue for the format.
- Parish coordinators are requested to send the report to your deanery priest coordinator by 30 March 2023. The contact list is available in the bulletin or on our website.

- Deanery Priest Coordinators are requested to collect the annual evaluation reports from each parish of the respective Deanery by 30 March 2023. Then the consolidated report is to be sent to us before 30 April 2022. Download the format from our website, fill and email to us at info@mangalajyothi.com

2. Diocesan Level Catechism and Value Education Day 2023:

Mangala Jyothi will be conducting diocesan level Catechism Day and Value Education day on 05 and 06 March 2023 from 09 a.m. to 02 p.m. at Pastoral Institute, Jyothi Nivas Hall I. The top scorers of X std students will be felicitated on these days. I am happy to inform you that Mangala Jyothi will be completing 50 years of service in the year 2023. We will be inaugurating the Golden Jubilee Year on 05 March 2023. You are cordially invited to the programme.

3. New Value Education Series 2023:

As per the request of students, teachers, and priests, we had initiated the process of preparing the new series of Value Education books in the year 2019. Teachers of ten schools of our diocese have done the initial draft. Then we had selected teachers from 6 schools to rework the text. The books are now published at the national level by CCBI in collaboration with ATC. I'm grateful to the editorial board and all those who have contributed towards this publication. Please inform all the Heads of your schools to order the books well in advance, i.e., before March 2023. Order forms will be sent to them soon.

Catechism and Value Education are mandatory for all the students of our school. However, we have noted that some schools are not conducting this course. Some are conducting the classes only for VII and X. Hence, I request all the correspondents to

give attention to this issue and ensure that all the schools organise the catechism and value education in your jurisdiction. Let us not hesitate to impart faith as well as value education to our students because it is our primary responsibility.

4. New Catechetical Year 2023:

New catechetical year begins on 04 June 2023. Hence inauguration of the activities will be held on that day. More details will be sent to you soon.

5. YOUCAT Ministry:

We have already introduced YOUCAT book and its relevance to the 210 youth representatives of the diocese at DYC. We have asked them to spare 15 minutes during their meeting and use at least one question and answer from the YOUCAT for the study. Kindly encourage the youth to possess a copy of the YOUCAT, which is available in Konkani and English at our store. Konkani version is made available at the subsidised rate of Rs 200/-. YOUCAT strengthens the faith of the youth, and also it has answers to their existential issues. YOUCAT daily app is also available now for the android system. It includes daily YOUCAT question-answer, YBIBLE passage, and an inspiration quote. Young married couples can also use it. Please inform all the youth and young couples of your parish. Soon we will begin YOUCAT network study groups and other related activities for the youth of our diocese.

III. Mangala Jyothi office remains closed on 20 March 2023 on the occasion of the feast of St Joseph.

- Director, Mangala Jyothi

PROGRAMMES OF CODP

- 01.03.2023 to
 03.03.2023 : Seminar on Development and Project Management at Pastoral Institute, Bajjodi
- 02.03.2023 : Training in Tailoring at Narampady
- 04.03.2023 : Training in Tailoring at Puttur
- 05.03.2023 : Training in plastic waste management at Puttur
- 07.03.2023 : Follow-up meet with unorganized labourers at Rosario Cathedral
- 10.03.2023 : Women's Day celebration at Fajir and Moodbidri
- 11.03.2023 : Women's Day celebration at Vijayadka
- 12.03.2023 : - Women's Day celebration at Bajpe and CODP-ISD
 - Training in herbal medicines at Kumbbla
- 16.03.2023 : - Visit to CODP by Regional Secretary of Commission for Labour
 - Cleanliness drive at Nagari School
- 25.03.2023 : - Training in organic agriculture and kitchen gardening at Mavinakatte
 - Women's Day celebration and Cleanliness drive at Modankap
 - Training in poultry and goat rearing at Kinnigoly
- 27.03.2023 : - Training in herbal medicines at Seethangoli
 - Training in Women's Reservation Bill at Kayyar
 - Cleanliness drive at Marpanadka
- 28.03.2023 : - Women's Day celebration at Bela
 - Training in Women's Reservation Bill at Kannattipara

- Director, CODP

MANGALORE DIOCESE - CODP HOUSING PROJECT

Golden Jubilee Year of CODP: Guidelines from CODP Diocesan Building Programme Committee to Select the apt Beneficiaries for the Programme:

1. The area of the house to be constructed will be 650-700 sq feet
2. Those who have their own land shall be given preference with supporting documents.
3. CODP will provide 3 plans and estimates, including a plan for the tiled roof. Following are the three plans:
4. Plan 1 - Tiled house with steel roof - cost 7 lakhs
Plan 2 - 661 sq feet - cost 8 lakhs
Plan 3 - 700 sq feet - cost 8,47,201 } Terrace
5. From one parish maximum of one application can be submitted
6. An application can also be submitted for repair work
7. Applicant should have a minimum of 3 to 3.5 cents own land.
8. While constructing the house, the beneficiary seeks help from the Parish, local people, government or relatives. Through "Shramadhan" cost reduction is to be planned.
9. The Diocese of Mangalore, with the support of donours, will provide 51% of the funds for construction of the house and the balance should be provided by the applicant through different sources.
10. The application submitted by the applicant to the government should accompany the application given to the Jubilee Building Committee.
11. The beneficiary is selected by the Parish Priest, who will submit the applications after checking all the details with their recommendation to the Jubilee Building Committee.

12. The final approval of the application will be by the Jubilee Building Committee.
13. For repair of the house, the committee will check the need and cost details by visiting the house.
14. Separate applications for repair works (two) can be given.
15. Parish Priest or duly delegated committee should be responsible for all contact and communication.
16. Applications are called from the families of Mangalore Diocese only.

✱ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

ಮಂಗಳೂರ್ ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿ ತರ್ಫೆನ್ ಸಿಬಿಡಿಪಿ ಬಾಂಗ್ರಾಲ್ಯಾ ಜುಬ್ಲಿವಾ
ಸಂದರ್ಭಿಂ ದುರ್ಬಲ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಘರಾಂ ಬಾಂದ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಶಿಂ
ಜೊಕ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಗರ್ಜೆವಂತಾಂಕ್ ವಿಂಚುನ್ ಕಾಡುಂಕ್ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶನ್

1. 650 - 700 sq feet ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತೆಚಿ ಘರ್ಚಿ ನಕ್ಸಾ ಆಸಜೆ.
2. ಸ್ಟಂತ್ ಜಾಗೊ ದಾಖ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಸಮೇತ್ ಆಸ್ಲ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಪ್ರಾಮುಖ್ಯತಾ
3. ಬಾಂದ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಘರಾಚ್ಯೆ ನಕ್ಷೆಚೆ ತೀನ್ ನಮೂನೆ (plan) ಆನಿ ತಾಕಾ
ಗರ್ಜ್ ಪಡ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಖರ್ಚಾಚಿ ವಳೆರಿ ದಿತಲ್ಯಾಂವ್.
4. Plan 1 - ನಳ್ಯಾಚಿಂ ಘರ್ ಲೊಂಕ್ಡಾಚೆ ಪಕ್ಕಾಸ್ 7 lakhs
Plan 2 - 661 sq feet 8 lakhs } Terrace
Plan 3 - 700 sq feet 8,47,201 }
5. ಎಕ್ಲೆ ಇಗರ್ಜೆ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ಏಕ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಮಾತ್ ಲೆಕಾಕ್ ಘೆತಾಂವ್
6. ಘರ್ ದುರಸ್ತಿಕ್ಯಾಯಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ದಿವ್ತೆ
7. ಉಣ್ಯಾರ್ 3 ಥಾವ್ನ್ 3.5 ಸೆಂಟ್ ಜಾಗೊ ಆಸಜೆ.
8. ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಮುಳಾಂ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ಸರ್ಕಾರಾ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ವ
ಕುಟ್ಮಾ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ಮೆಳ್ಚಿ ಕುಮೊಕ್ ಲೆಕಾಕ್ ಧರ್ಚಿ 'ಶ್ರಮದಾನ' ಕರ್ಚೆ
ವರ್ವಿಂ ಖರ್ಚ್ ಉಣೊ ಕರುಂಕ್ ಗುಮನ್ ದಿಂವ್ಚೆಂ.
9. ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ಆನಿ ವಿವಿಧ್ ದಾನಿಂ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ಜಮೊ ಕೆಲ್ಲ್ಯಾ
ಐವಜಾ ಪೈಕಿ 51% ಐವಜ್ ದಿತಲ್ಯಾಂವ್. ಬಾಕಿ ಉರುಲ್ಲೊ 49%
ಐವಜ್ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರಾನ್ ವಿವಿಧ್ ಮುಳಾಂ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ಜಮೊ ಕರಿಜೆ.
10. ಸರ್ಕಾರಾಕ್ ದಿಲ್ಲೆ ಅರ್ಜೆಚೆ ಪ್ರತಿ ಸಾಂಗಾತಾ ಧಾಡ್ಚಿ.

11. ಅರ್ಜಿ ಫಿರ್ಗಜ್ ವಿಗಾರಾ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ವಿಗಾರಾನ್ ಪರಿಶೀಲನ್ ಕರುನ್ ಮಂಜೂರ್ ಕರ್ಚೆ ಖಾತಿರ್ ಸಿಬಡಿಪಿ ಜುಬ್ಲೆವ್ ಸಮಿತಿಚ್ಯಾ ಬಾಂದ್ಪಾ ಸಮಿತಿಕ್ ದಾಡ್ಲೆ.
12. ಮಂಜೂರ್ ಕರ್ಚೆ ಅಂತಿಮ್ ನಿರ್ಧಾರ್ ಆನಿ ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ ಸಿಬಡಿಪಿ ಜುಬ್ಲೆವ್ ಘರ್ ಬಾಂದ್ಪಾ ಸಮಿತಿಚೊ.
13. ದುರಸ್ತೆಕ್ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನ್ ದಿಲಾಂ ತರ್ ಸಿಬಡಿಪಿ ಜುಬ್ಲೆವ್ ಸಮಿತಿನ್ ಪರಿಶೀಲನ್ ಕರ್ಚೆಂ, ಜಾಗ್ಯಾಚಿ ಭೆಟ್ ಕರ್ಚಿ.
14. ಘರ್ ದುರಸ್ತೆಕ್ ವಿಂಗಡ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಜಾಯ್. ಗರಿಷ್ಟ್ ದೋನ್ ಅಚ್ಯೊ ಫಾಲ್ಟೆತ್.
15. ಘರಾಚೆಂ ಪಂಚಾಂಗ್ ಫಾಲುಂಕ್ ಸೂಕ್ತ್ ಸಮತಟ್ ಜಾಗೊ ಆಯ್ತೊ ಕರ್ನ್ ದಿಂವ್ಚೆಂ ಕಾಮ್ ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರಾಚೆಂ.
16. ಫಿರ್ಗಜ್ ವಿಗಾರ್ ವಾ ತಾಚೆ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ಅಧಿಕೃತ್ ನಮಿಯಾರ್ಲೆ ಸಮಿತಿನ್ ಸಿಬಡಿಪಿ ಜುಬ್ಲೆವ್ ಬಾಂದ್ಪಾ ಸಮಿತಿ ಸಾಂಗಾತಾ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ್ ದವರ್ಚೊ.
17. ಹೆಂ ಯೋಜನ್ ಮಂಗ್ಳುರ್ ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿಚ್ಯಾ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂಕ್ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸೀಮಿತ್.

CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF INDIA

XXXIV PLENARY ASSEMBLY

**Theme: ‘Telling the Story of Jesus in our Context:
The Synodal Way’**

January 24-30, 2023, St. John’s National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru.

MESSAGE

We, the members of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI), came together for the 34th Plenary Assembly from 24 to 30 January 2023, at St. John’s National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru. We prayed, reflected on and discussed the theme: ‘Telling the Story of Jesus in our Context: The Synodal Way.’

The Church, as the People of God, is the icon of the Holy Trinity, called to live in communion of love by participating in the one mission which emanates from the Triune God. The Apostle John

testifies: *“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life ... we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life ...”* (1 John 1:1-2). This calls for a personal encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ, which itself urges us to live and joyfully share the Good News in our context. Christ commissioned his Apostles: *“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation”* (Mark 16:15). The Church continues this mission, living it by her words and deeds. This Good News is Jesus Christ himself, in whom God’s love in all its fullness is manifested to the whole of humanity. The Church, in the midst of her ups and downs, lights and shadows, successes and struggles, has striven to be faithful in bearing witness to this love of God in our beloved Motherland.

Down the centuries, millions have been attracted to the person of Jesus Christ and his salvific message and have become his followers. Through them the story of Jesus is told and retold, fulfilling what the Church has been proclaiming from the very beginning: *“Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him”* (Acts 10:34-35).

This love of God is lived and experienced first and foremost in the family, where the story of Jesus is recounted by grandparents and parents to their children in various ways, by reading Bible stories, praying together and participating in popular devotions. The faith life is further nourished and sustained in the larger family of the parish, where the celebration of the Holy Eucharist occupies the central place. The proclamation and the breaking of the word play an essential and prominent role in all the liturgical celebrations. The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament in which the community is being transformed into the body of Christ, where *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus”* (Galatians 3:28).

The story of Jesus is read, lived and shared in a dynamic manner and in a synodal way in the Basic Ecclesial Communities (BEC). The Gospel sharing in the BECs (also known as SCCs/BCCs) strengthens the bonds of communion and leads the members to bear witness in society.

Witnessing to the love of Christ, the Church in India has substantially contributed to nation-building, especially through her engagement in the fields of education, healthcare and social uplift. Standing firm on the teachings of Christ, the Church has always upheld the dignity of the human person, stood for a just society, promoted peace and harmony and cared for the weak, the suffering and the deprived sections of society.

From the very beginning, ordained ministers, along with women and men in consecrated life and ably supported by catechists, have been serving their communities both within and outside the Church, through committed pastoral care. The participatory bodies and lay associations foster communion and involvement of the members of the body of Christ in the mission of the Church.

The Catholic Church in India recognises the changing circumstances and growing challenges she has to face, but has never ceased to tell the story of Jesus. A few challenges have been identified:

- Changing social conditions and the excessive use of social media, mobiles and internet have placed enormous pressure on the harmonious life of families.
- Addictions to drugs, alcohol and pornography are ruining the lives of many young adults, causing disruptions within families and in society.
- Poverty and inhuman living conditions deprive a substantial part of our population of equitable opportunity and dignity of life, creating uncertainties about their future.
- Massive displacement of peoples, loss of land and fishing rights in the name of industrial and corporate development result in forced migration, dispossession, loss of livelihood and further marginalisation.

- Greed and consumeristic life styles are eroding the life of faith and centrality of prayer.
- Some civil legislations and policies often seriously hamper pastoral engagements of the Church in India.
- Misuse of anti-conversion laws in some States and false propaganda about ‘forced conversions’ are discouraging and hindering the life and service of the Christian community. This calls into question the Constitutional rights of the minorities.
- The growing culture of intolerance, hatred and even violent attacks on Christians in some quarters is a matter of grave concern to Christians in India.

In the present context, the story of Jesus needs to be told even more courageously, creatively and authentically, considering that the Good News is to be proclaimed in season and out of season (cf. 2 Timothy 4:2). Assured by the words of Jesus: *“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world”* (John 16:33), we continue to tell the story of Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that God loves everyone unconditionally.

Following the Synodal Way, let us:

- Accompany youth and families so that faith is deepened, family prayer is nurtured, and the bonds of communion are strengthened; also, foster respect for life from the moment of conception to natural death.
- As grandparents, parents and elders, continue to transmit the story of Jesus to the younger generations.
- As pastors and consecrated persons, take more seriously our responsibility to care for families, individuals and all to whom we are sent.
- Promote, foster and sustain BECs in all our parishes.
- Utilise the occasion of celebrations of the Eucharist and Sacraments to catechise and tell the story of Jesus in a meaningful way so that the people may experience the Lord in their lives.

- Stand in solidarity with those affected by persecution, displacement, discrimination and marginalisation.
- Make it our mission to protect and preserve mother earth (which Pope Francis has described as our ‘common home’ in *Laudato Si*), by employing all means at our disposal to promote eco-friendly lifestyles at all levels.
- Basing ourselves on the shared faith of all Christians, shun all fundamentalism and unitedly tell the story of love, justice and human fraternity.
- Join all our brothers and sisters, irrespective of caste, creed and language, to continue building our Nation, based on our Constitutional values in which justice, liberty, equality and fraternity reign supreme.
- Make efforts to uphold the secular ethos of our Nation with a preferential option for the deprived sections of our society, to ensure the integral development of all.

As we journey towards the celebration of the Synod in 2023-2024 and look forward to the Jubilee Year 2025, may all our efforts help us to be credible witnesses of Jesus Christ, while we continue joyfully to share his story.

On the occasion of the 74th Republic Day of our Nation, we pray for God’s abundant blessings on our Motherland India. May Mary, our blessed Mother, who received, treasured and shared the Word, never cease to intercede for all her children.

Given on Monday, 30 January 2023, the anniversary of the martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi – National Peace Day.

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“The goal of fasting is inner unity. This means hearing, but not with the ear; hearing, but not with the understanding; it is hearing with the spirit, with your whole being”

(Thomas Merton).

R.I.P.

- Sr Benedicta Antoinette Machado, SCB (86 years), St Charles Convent, Belgaum, sister of Rev. Fr Victor Machado (Sr), Chaplain, The Little Sisters of the Poor, Maroli, Kulshekar, passed away on 27.01.2023. Her funeral was held on 29.01.2023 in Belgaum.
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