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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR JUNE 2023

- 3 09.00 a.m. *Lectio Brevis*, St Joseph Seminary
3-4 Pastoral Visit, Nityadharnagar
5 03.00 p.m. Diaconate, St Joseph Seminary
7-8 Clergy Ongoing Formation, Pastoral Centre
10-11 Pastoral Visit, Kinnigoli
13 06.00 p.m. Post Centenary Silver Jubilee, St Antony Shrine, Milagres
17-18 Pastoral Visit, Thodambila
22 09.00 a.m. Council of Priests, Bishop's House
24-25 Pastoral Visit, Puttur
28 09.00 a.m. Diocesan Pastoral Council, Bishop's House
05.00 p.m. Confirmation, Milagres
29 09.00 a.m. CRI Meeting, St Aloysius College
04.00 p.m. Confirmation at Agrar

Bishop Meets in the Forenoon:

Diocesan Clergy, 20; Religious Priests and Sisters, 21;

Lay Faithful, 30.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR JUNE 2023

Papal Missionary Intention for June: Pope Francis invites us to pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way for the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families. Many are tortured, physically and mentally in families, work places, and in detentions. The Pope says: "Torturing a person is a grave sin". June 26 marks the United Nations' International Day in Support of the victims of torture. Every human being, whatever crime he/she has committed, is still loved by God, who has created him/her in his image and likeness. May better sense prevail among men and women when they deal with those who are arrested and those in prisons and lockups. Let our hearts vibrate with those who suffer pain.

The Month of June has solemnities of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Both the Solemnities remind us of the humanity and divinity of Jesus. With Jesus' divinity, the Most Holy Trinity is revealed and celebrated. Furthermore, we have the Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist and Saints Peter and Paul. Rarely so many Solemnities are celebrated in one month. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ reminds us to have the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives. Let us develop the Eucharistic Consciousness. May the Eucharistic Lord give us a true shape according to his Heart.

Urgent Appeal from Manipur: Archbishop of Imphal, Most Rev. Dr Dominic Lumon has made an urgent plea to help the people of Manipur. We have already circulated the Account number and name of the Bank through WhatsApp in the Diocesan Official Group. Priests and Religious from Parishes and Institutions can send financial help through the Diocese of Mangalore, clearly indicating the purpose of the transfer so that we can forward the amount to the Archdiocesan Emergency Relief Fund. Our helping hand will certainly console our suffering brethren. Individuals,

who want to send it directly, can send it to the account given below.

A/C Name: DSSS – Archdiocesan Emergency Relief Fund,

A/C No. 920020064712698;

IFSC Code: UTIB0000657, Axis Bank, Imphal Branch.

Let us pray that the violence may cease and peace and harmony prevail.

Ongoing Formation for Clergy: Here is a gentle reminder to all the Priests to participate in the formative programme to be held on 7 and 8 June at the Pastoral Institute, on *Fundamentals of Public Relations*. This topic has great relevance today. We are called to build a web of relationships. Even evangelization takes place in the one-to-one encounter. This soft skill is highly valued, and as Priests, we need it all the more to deal with people from all walks of life. It is obligatory for the Priests ordained from 2013 onwards up to 2023 to participate in this programme. Others are welcome to join and profit from the same. Mr Amith Prabhu is the Resource Person.

Golden Jubilee Housing Project Committee: I have formed a Committee to oversee the Housing Project of the Diocese of Mangalore under the aegis of the Canara Organization of Development and Peace (CODP). The members are Rev. Fr Vincent D’Souza (Convenor), Mr Stephen Pinto, Mr Dolphy D’Souza, Mr Gabriel Joe Coelho, Mrs Irine Rebello, Mr Francis D’Cunha and Mr Louis Pinto. The Committee will facilitate the execution of the project. Whenever they visit the Parishes, kindly welcome them and give your utmost support.

Retreat in July: As has already been announced, the first batch of Retreat will be held at the Pastoral Centre from 9 to 14 July. Kindly enrol your names by the end of June with the Director of the Pastoral Institute, Fr Santhosh Rodrigues. The Archbishop of Agra, Most Rev. Dr Raphy Manjaly, would be the preacher.

May the Lord who says: “I will give you rest”, grant us true rest in the Spirit during those days of intense spiritual nourishment.

Ordination of Deacons: We are immensely grateful to God for our three seminarians - Norman John Mathias from Kuppepadvu, Pradeep Clarence Rodrigues from Ferar, and Lanson Maxim Pinto from Fajir – who will be receiving the Ordination to Diaconate on 5 June 2023, in St Joseph’s Seminary Jeppu. A deacon is called to exercise a threefold *diakonia*: that of the Word, the Eucharist, and the poor. There exists a vital interdependence in the ministries of liturgy, word, and charity. The ministry becomes fully diaconal and unified when, above and beyond the ministry at the pulpit and the altar, it also includes direct service to the poor and needy. In other words, the deacon’s rightful and necessary place is at the altar, pulpit, and street. I earnestly ask you to pray for the three candidates for the diaconate. May God bless them and our diocese with more vocations to Priesthood and religious life.

The Joy of Giving: By June 5, 2023, all the clergy transfers will have taken place. I am sure our people are grateful to the Priests who rendered their valuable service in their Parishes and Institutions. Whenever some changes occur, we expect fresh air to blow in to refresh the atmosphere. Dear Brother Priests, your presence is essential for running a Parish. I have heard many wonderful things being said about our Priests. So many of you have put their hearts and souls into the betterment of the spiritual and material welfare of the Parish. You have given yourselves without counting the cost. I thank all the Priests who have had a transfer this year for willingly taking up the new place of ministry, and those who retired after their life-long service. I am sure your hearts bubble up with joy that you could give your best in the previous place. May God be praised through your self-donation and grant you his grace to do your best in the new assignment.

Organ Donation: We know that many people die of organ failure. We can save many lives if adequate care is taken to donate organs when a person experiences clinical death, that is, when the brain does not function any more. All over the world, great awareness is brought about by organ donation. We are earnestly invited to spread awareness about organ donation so that we can save many more lives. There are official websites that are open to enrolling prospective organ donors. Let us make a pledge to donate our organs after our death. Donating some organs, like kidneys, can save an individual's life. Organ donation is a noble act that needs to be promoted. May this month, in which we celebrate the self-donation of Our Lord through his Most Holy Body and Blood and Most Sacred Heart, urge us to donate ourselves.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless all of us.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

PRIESTS' ASSIGNMENTS

1. Rev. Fr Dominic C. Vas, OCD, Parish Priest, Infant Mary Church, Bajjodi, with effect from 04 June 2023.
2. Rev. Fr Bernard Rodrigues, SVD, Parish Priest, St Ann Church, Nala, with effect from 05 June 2023.
3. V. Rev. Walter D'Mello, Vicar Forane, Mangalore East Vicariate (Belthangady), with effect from 06 June 2023.
4. Rev. Fr Anil Avild Lobo, Parochial Administrator, St Francis Assisi Church, Nainad, with effect from 14 June 2023.
5. Rev. Fr Rocky Ravi Fernandes, Principal, St Mary's College, Bela, with effect from 15 June 2023.

***Happy Birthday To
Bishop Aloysius P. D'souza***

You belong to those kinds of pastors who are willing to sacrifice everything for the good of the Church and the glory of God. God bless you with many more years of health and happiness as you celebrate your birthday. Amidst all the pressures and challenges of the bishopric, you never forgot to be human. We wish this special day brings to your life full of joy, fulfilment, and success.

***Happy Patronal Feast To
Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha***

The Church observes the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on 29 June. It's also the patronal feast of Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha as he bears the name of these two great saints.

Dear Bishop, on the commemoration day of your heavenly namesake, we pray that through the intercession of your heavenly patrons may you know the grace of the Father, the love of Christ, the power of the Spirit in a profound and present way. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW BISHOP THE MOST REV. JOACHIM WALDER

Pope Francis appointed Fr Joachim Walder, priest of the diocese of Aizawl, as the Auxiliary Bishop of Aizawl in northeast India. This news was officially made public on 30 March 2023. He was ordained a Bishop on 28 May 2023. We congratulate him and wish him the best in his episcopal ministry.

Bishop Joachim Walder was born on 20 April 1956, at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Nirkan, in Mangalore diocese. He joined St. Joseph's Seminary, Mangalore, in 1973 and completed his minor seminary studies in 1976. After that, he studied philosophy and BA at Christ King College, Shillong, and studied theology at Papal Seminary, Pune. On 26 April 1986, he was ordained a priest at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Nirkan. He held the following positions after his ordination and until he was nominated Bishop: Assistant Parish Priest, Parish Priest, Principal, Dean of Silchar Region, Assam, Episcopal Vicar of Barak Valley Region, Diocese of Aizawl.

DECREE REVISING THE ALLOWANCE TO THE PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF MANGALORE

The revision of the monthly allowance for Priests of the Diocese of Mangalore was done in August 2013, and then after 7 years, taking into account the various factors that call for at least a nominal increase, from 01 January 2020, it was enhanced by Rs 500.00. At the Pastoral Consultation of the Clergy held on 30 March 2023 many Priests made a genuine proposal to increase the monthly allowance of Priests. It was proposed that the Vicars Forane serve as the committee to study the matter and recommend the manner and quantum of the enhancement. Accordingly, Vicars Forane met on 14 April 2023 to discuss the matter and recommended that the Bishop increase the monthly allowance and travel allowance by Rs 1000.00. Taking into account the recommendation of the Vicars Forane, Vicar General, and Procurator, I am pleased to issue the following decree:

Effective from the month of **June 2023**, the monthly remuneration of priests shall be enhanced by Rs 1000.00 and the travel allowance by Rs 1000.00 per month. Besides, the additional allowance to the Vicar General, Episcopal Vicar, and Judicial Vicar, which was Rs 500.00 per month, is enhanced by Rs 500.00. The revised allowance becomes applicable from June 2023 and therefore, the allowance for May 2023 shall be drawn as per the previous norm or amount.

Accordingly, the following chart/table:

No.		Current Amount	From June 2023
1	From Ordination till 5 years complete	5500.00	6500.00
2	From 6 to 15 years in the priesthood	6000.00	7000.00
	From 16 to 25 years	6500.00	7500.00
	From 26 years till retirement	7000.00	8000.00
	Post retirement	5500.00	6500.00
3	Travel Allowance for priests in active ministry, whether in parish, institutions and teaching	2000.00	3000.00
4	Additional Allowance to VG, EV & JV and Vicars Forane	500.00	1000.00

We understand that the 'raise' or enhancement made in the allowance may not be high, but considering all other factors, it is nevertheless a significant amount. It signifies the Priests' ministry as not a career and reminds us that the priestly life calls for living a life of voluntary poverty and simplicity because it gives birth to greater confidence in God and keeps out worldliness. As St Paul, the minister of Christ and his Gospel, let us be able to declare: "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and

every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want” (Phil 4:11-12).

Given from the Episcopal Office, Bishop’s House, Kodialbail, Mangalore on 31 May 2023.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

SCC COMMISSION

1. ಫಿರ್ಗಜ್ ಲ್ಹಾನ್ ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಂವ್ ಸಮುದಾಯ್ ಆಯೋಗಾಚ್ಯಾ ಸಂಚಾಲಕಾಂಚೊ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನ್
- ಅ. ಜುಲಾಯ್ 02, 2023 ಆಯ್ತಾರಾ ಲೊರೆಟ್ಟೊ ಸಭಾಭವನಾಂತ್. ಬಂಟ್ವಾಳ್, ವಿಟ್ಟಿ, ಬೆಳ್ತಂಗಡಿ, ಮೂಡಬಿದ್ರಿ ಆನಿ ಪುತ್ತೂರ್ ವಾರಾಡ್ಯಾಂಚಾ, ಸಂಚಾಲಕ್ ಆನಿ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಂನಿ ಭಾಗ್ ಘೆಂವ್ಚೆಂ.
- ಆ. ಅಗಸ್ಟ್ 06, 2023 ಆಯ್ತಾರಾ ಸಾಂತ್ ಆಂತೊನ್ ಅಸೊ ಸಭಾಭವನ್ ಜೆಪ್ಪು, ಎಪಿಸ್ಕೊಪಲ್ ಸಿಟಿ, ಸಿಟಿ, ಪೆಜಾರ್, ಸುರತ್ಕಲ್, ಪೆರ್ಮನ್ಸೂರ್, ಕಿರೆಂ, ಬೆಳಾ ವಾರಾಡ್ಯಾಂಚಾ, ಸಂಚಾಲಕ್ ಆನಿ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಂನಿ ಭಾಗ್ ಘೆಂವ್ಚೆಂ.
2. Deanery BEC Directors, in consultation with the Deans, will organize ‘ವಾರಾಡೊ ಲ್ಹಾನ್ ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಂವ್ ಸಮುದಾಯ್ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನ್’ between August 2023 to May 2024.

- Fr Joachim Fernandes

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. Programmes for June 2023

- 4 or 11 : Inauguration of the Catechetical Year – Parish Level
- 4 : Newly selected catechists’ training, Mangala Jyothi
- 5-10 : Catechetics/YOUCAT classes, Darshan Inst. of Theology, Bangalore
- 11 : Deanery level Catechists follow up meeting

II. Commission for Catechetics - Information

1. New Catechetical Year 2023: The new catechetical year begins on June 04, 2023. You can also begin the year on 11 June 2023. The inaugural service is already sent to you in a pdf form through the WhatsApp group. The same is uploaded in our website. The theme of the year 'ಆಯ್ತಾರಾಚಿಂ ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಂವ್ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ್, ಬರಿಂ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂ ಬಾಂದುಂಕ್ ಪ್ರೇರಣ್'.

Key elements to be focused on during the catechism classes this year are as follows:

- Importance of family prayer and Rosary
- Personal and community Bible reading
- Active participation in the Eucharistic Liturgy
- Family values
- Respect for parents and senior citizens
- Monthly confessions
- Community and missionary life
- Healthy relationship

2. Catechetical Material for Catechists: We have Bible based syllabus for Sunday Catechism. Apart from these text books we request the catechists to refer our newly published value education series text books and also school catechism text books. Please have a copy of these books in your parish library.

3. Registration of Student Data Online: Like previous years, this year too, you are requested to register students details online by visiting www.mangalajyothi.com / parish login / Sunday Catechism students data. It is mandatory. Kindly complete the process (from I Std. to X Std.) before 30th June 2023. You can request the coordinator to do the needful. If you have queries, contact Mangala Jyothi office, Department of Catechetics - 8277937784

4. Newly Selected Catechist's Training: The training for the newly selected Catechists and for those who have not undergone any training yet, will be held at Mangala Jyothi on 4 June 2023 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mass is included in this programme.

Registration fee Rs. 130/-. Kindly register the names of the participants before 25th May 2023. The certificate will be given to all the participants.

This training includes: a) Methodology of teaching catechism b) Audio visual techniques in catechesis c) First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechesis methodology d) Introduction to resources of catechesis (Bible, CCC, YOUCAT, DOCAT)

5. Sunday / School Catechism Text Books: The Sunday / School Catechism as well as Value Education textbooks and all the catechetical materials, are available at Mangala Jyothi Book Stall. Every student must possess a copy of their personal Bible and the Text Book. Kindly inform all the parents/students.

6. Mangala Jyothi Bulletin and Circulars: We will be issuing separate bulletins/circulars to all the heads of the institutions as well as to the parish priests by 30th May 2023. It includes inaugural service and other important information related to Catechetics, Liturgy and Bible apostolate. Please note it is not just a magazine, therefore kindly preserve the copy in the office file.

7. School Catechism and Value Education 2023: School Catechism and Value Education is mandatory in our diocese for all the schools that come under the diocese and religious congregations. Every parish priest is in charge of the catechetical apostolate. Hence it is the responsibility of the parish priest to see Catechism and Value Education are organized in the educational institution under his jurisdiction. However, it has come to our notice that some institutions are not conducting catechism or value education for all classes except for VII and X. Kindly give attention to this ministry.

In 2023, we will have a new value education syllabus and Text Books for English medium schools. The books have been published at the national level (CCBI). This process is initiated by Mangala Jyothi in the year 2019. The books are available at Mangala Jyothi, and they are given at a subsidized rate. The translation of the book into Kannada is in progress.

Please see that all the students will be having the textbooks (catechism/value education) by June 10, 2023.

8. Report of Catechetical Year 2022-23: The deanery priest coordinators are requested to send the annual report to Mangala Jyothi office before 20 June 2023. Rev. Deans are requested to appoint new priest coordinators in your respective deaneries if the previous one is transferred or if you have not appointed them yet.

9. Deanery-wise Follow-up - Catechism Teachers' Orientation: The deanery priest catechism coordinator is requested to organize at least one follow-up programme in a year. This programme includes an annual evaluation, experience sharing, introduction to new catechetical documents and other new aspects related to catechesis. It is also important for all the teachers of the deanery to come together in a year.

10. YOUCAT Ministry and Study: Faith formation of the youth is the need of the hour. I request youth animators/priests/religious to introduce the YOUCAT study in their meetings. Kindly encourage PUC as well as other youth members of your parish, to possess a YOUCAT copy and YBible. It is recommended to study one question from YOUCAT in every meeting.

If you need any assistance or training for your youth group, kindly contact the Director, Mangala Jyothi (Associate Coordinator, YOUCAT India). Other tips for youth faith formation: Youth Mass (at least once in two months), special adoration for youth issues, Youth Rosary, Spiritual formation of Youth.

III. Commission for Liturgy - Information:

1. Extraordinary Ministers' Training: The training programme for the newly selected extraordinary ministers will be held on 18 June 2023 at Mangala Jyothi from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration fee Rs. 130/-. Please register the names of the participants before 15 June 2023.

Please note that it is the responsibility of the parish priest to select suitable candidates for this important ministry. Do not ask

for volunteers or allow the vice president to select candidates for this ministry. The eligibility criteria - age 40 years for admission and 65 years for retirement (Religious sisters are exempted). But the training and faculty from the Bishop are mandatory for all, even the religious brothers and sisters.

2. Online Registration (Reminder): You are requested to update the extraordinary ministers' data online regularly (Name, age, qualification, etc.) in our website [www.mangalajyothi.com/parish login/extraordinary ministers data](http://www.mangalajyothi.com/parish_login/extraordinary_ministers_data).

3. Maintenance of File (Reminder): All Parish Priests are requested to maintain a separate file for the extraordinary ministers. Please collect the photocopy of the certificates from the members. Some ministers do not have revised faculty. Hence you are requested to obtain the faculty from the Bishop again. Some have lost their certificates; we will issue new certificates in this case provided they need to re-attend the follow-up programmes.

IV. Commission for Bible - Information:

Updates regarding Bible/NT Printing: Bible stock is getting over. We have placed an order for printing of the Bible and New Testament. Since there is a paper crisis and delay in import, the copies may be available in September. Kindly co-operate.

IV. New Arrivals and other Books / Items Available:

1. Jesucha Povitr Kalzachem Bhokthipon
2. Amcha Somia Jesu Kristache Amolic Rogoth
3. Sunday/School Catechism textbooks and pictures
4. Value Education books (English) - new series - Std 1st to PUC
5. All types of Liturgical / Religious articles, Host & Particles, Candles, Incense, Statues, Chasibles, Albs, Altar Cloths, Chalice, Ciborium, and so on, are available at our stall.

- Director, Mangala Jyothi

DIOCESAN BIBLICAL COMMISSION

1. The Biblical Commission of the Diocese of Mangalore, in association with Ephphatha Biblical Centre, Mangala Jyothi, will organize the following Bible Course in Konkani for Priests, religious and laity:

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“ಮಾರ್ಕಾಚಿ ಸುವಾರ್ತಾ - ಏಕ್ ಕಥಾನಕ್”: ಮಾರ್ಕಾಚ್ಯೆ ಸುವಾರ್ತೆಚಿಂ ಗುಂಡ್ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ್ - ಯಾಜಕ್, ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ್ ಆನಿ ಲಾಯಿಕಾಂಕ್.

ದೀಸ್ : 2023 ಜುಲಾಯ್ 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

ವೇಳ್ : ಸನ್ವಾರಾ ಸಾಂಜೆರ್ 3.00 ಥಾಪ್ನ್ 6.00 ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್

ಜಾಗೊ : ಗೊವ್ಳಿಕ್ ಕೇಂದ್ರ್ ಸಭಾಸಾಲ್, ಬಜ್ಜೋಡಿ, ಮಂಗ್ಳೂರ್

“Marks Gospel as a Story”: An In-depth Study of the Gospel of Mark

On 2023 July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, on Five Saturdays 3.00 pm -6.00 pm at Pastoral Centre, Shanthi Kiran, Bajjodi, Mangalore.

ನೊಂದಾವಣ್ ಕರುಂಕ್ ನಿಮಾಣಿ ತಾರಿಕ್: 26 ಜೂನ್ 2023

ಶಿಕ್ವಾ ಭಾಸ್: ಕೊಂಕ್ಣಿ

ನೊಂದಾವಣ್ ತಾಸ್: 500 ರುಪಯ್

ನೊಂದಾವಣ್ ಕರುಂಕ್ ವಾಟ್ಸಾಪ್ ಕರಾ: 9844763634 (ಫಾ. ಎನ್)

ವಾ ಇಮೇಯ್ಲ್ ಕರಾ: ephphathabiblicalcentre@outlook.com

All the Parish Priests are kindly requested to announce the above course in your parishes so that your parishioners may benefit from this course.

2. The Biblical Commission of the Diocese of Mangalore, in association with Ephphatha Biblical Centre, Mangala Jyothi and the **Biblical Commissions of the Parishes of the Vicariate of Puttur**, will organize the following Bible Course in Konkani for Priests, religious and laity:

ಎಫ್ಫಾಥಾ ಬಿಬ್ಲಿಕಲ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್, ದಿಯೆಸೆಜೆಚೊ ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಪುಸ್ತಕಾಚೊ ಆಯೋಗ್ ಆನಿ ಪುತ್ತೂರ್ ವಾರಾಡ್ಯಾಚ್ಯಾ ಫಿರ್ಗಜಾಂಚೆ ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಪುಸ್ತಕಾಚೆ ಆಯೋಗ್ ಸಾಂಗಾತಾ ಮೆಳುನ್ ಮಾಂಡುನ್ ಹಾಡ್ತಾತ್:

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“To Proclaim the Good News to the Poor” - An In-depth Study of the Gospel of Luke.

On 2023 July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 on Five Sundays 3.00 pm -6.00 pm at Mai de Deus Church Hall, Puttur.

“ದುರ್ಬಳ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಬರಿ ಖಬರ್ ಪರ್ಗಟ್ ಕರುಂಕ್” - ಲುಕಾಚ್ಯೆ ಸುವಾರ್ತೆಚಿಂ ಗೂಂಡ್ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ್ - ಯಾಜಕ್, ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ್ ಆನಿ ಲಾಯಿಕಾಂಕ್

ದೀಸ್ : 2023 ಜುಲಾಯ್ 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

ವೇಳೆ : ಆಯ್ತಾರಾ ಸಾಂಜೆರ್ 3.00 ಥಾವ್ನ್ 6.00 ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್

ಜಾಗೊ : ಮಾಯ್ ದೆ ದೆವ್ರುಸ್ ಇಗರ್ಜೆಚಿಂ ಸಭಾಸಾಲ್, ಪುತ್ತೂರ್

ನೊಂದಾವಣ್ ಕರುಂಕ್ ನಿಮಾಣಿ ತಾರಿಕ್: 26 ಜೂನ್ 2023

ಶಿಕ್ಷಾ ಭಾಸ್: ಕೊಂಕ್ಣಿ

ನೊಂದಾವಣ್ ಕರುಂಕ್ ಫಿರ್ಗಜ್ ವಿಗಾರಾಕ್ ವಾ ಫಿರ್ಗಜ್ ಪವಿತ್ರ ಪುಸ್ತಕ್ ಆಯೋಗ್ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಕ್ ಸಂಪಕ್ ಕರಾ.

All the Parish Priests of the Vicariate of Puttur are kindly requested to announce the above course in your parishes so that your parishioners may benefit from this course.

- **Fr Vincent Sequeira**

Secretary, Biblical Commission



The words of the Sacred Scripture were not written to remain imprisoned on papyrus, parchment or paper, but to be received by a person who prays, making them blossom in his or her heart. The Word of God goes to the heart. The *Catechism* affirms that: “prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture” — the Bible should not be read like a novel, it must be accompanied by prayer —”so that a dialogue takes place between God and man” (no. 2653). – Pope Francis to Wednesday Audience on Jan. 27, 2021.

PROGRAMMES OF CODP

- 05.06.2023 : KROSS Governing Board meet at Bengaluru
 06.06.2023 : Training in Constitutional Rights at Moodbidri
 09.06.2023 : Training in Organic farming and Kitchen garden at Fajir
 10.06.2023 : Training in Poultry and Goat rearing at Vijayadka
 11.06.2023 : Training in Panchayath Raj at Seethangoli
 20.06.2023 : Training in Gender equality at Vorkady
 22.06.2023 : Training in Organic farming and Kitchen garden at Arkula
 23.06.2023 : Training in Rights-Based Approach at Talapady
 24.06.2023 : Training in Gender equality at Talapady and Awareness on Govt Schemes at Bela
 25.06.2023 : Celebration of World Environment Day at Saya
 26.06.2023 : Training in Panchayath Raj at Kayyar & Kumbala, Gender equality at Bajpe and Celebration of World Environment Day at Shenai
 27.06.2023 : Training in Documentation at Kannatipara and Celebration of World Environment Day at Bela
 28.06.2023 : Training in Gender equality at Manjeshwar, Health & hygiene at Talapady and Celebration of World Environment Day at Kumbdaje

I. Details of Lenten Collection of 2023 received between 22 April & 23 May 2023

Parish/ Institution/ Individuals	Contribution received		Parish/ Institution/ Individuals	Contribution received	
	2022	2023		2022	2023
Cathedral	26,365	57,650	Bajal	93,620	91,330
Agrar	50,657	50,000	Bajjodi	57,570	56,340
Allipade	41,000	31,610	Ankeeta M. Jacob, Bajjodi		2,500
Ammembal	26,030	36,640			
Anegudde	17,550	19,060	Bantwal - Modankap	96,620	95,820
Badyar	34,034	41,541	Bellore	54,300	78,960

Bondel	2,45,540	2,31,690	Naravi	49,215	62,000
Borimar	42,000	34,000	Neermarga	1,59,662	86,140
Delanthabettu	8,500	10,870	Nellyady	8,200	7,000
Derebail	94,520	100,880	Nidpalli	28,525	22,050
Fajir	1,13,930	1,06,130	Omzoor	94,510	1,07,050
Gardady	25,585	35,720	Pakshikere	32,880	41,270
Gurpur	54,615	77,130	Paldane	40,000	71,150
Indubettu	22,075	21,800	Permude	44,000	60,900
Kadaba	15,370	12,035	Pezar	25,110	21,900
Kateel	53,970	55,135	Puttur	1,30,800	1,80,670
Kayyar	26,100	31,660	Ranipura	32,810	30,900
Kelarai	70,300	80,200	Sampaje	5,010	2,300
Komangala	12,100	9,600	Shakthinagar	38,220	38,890
Kulur	38,800	40,050	Shirtady	81,600	66,200
Kumbla	41,250	29,010	Sullia	18,300	24,350
Lawrence Nagar			Surathkal	1,90,700	1,90,895
Permude	12,290	12,160	Taccode	46,840	66,105
Maniampare	5,400	8,970	Thodambila	31,620	40,280
Manjeshwar	23,940	38,085	Thokur	16,210	25,000
Manjotti	25,000	40,000	Ujire	83,200	67,000
Mariashram	37,375	41,140	Ukkinadka	18,380	13,395
Maril	24,970	20,350	Uppinangady	38,100	61,536
Mogarnad	29,150	91,380	Urwa	1,44,750	1,15,680
Moodbidri			Valencia	2,66,790	2,56,416
Alangar	65,050	67,000	Venur	38,340	52,050
Mudipu	45,465	54,790	Vittal	37,830	57,390
Mukka	44,030	38,740	Vorkady	27,000	31,160
Nainadu	50,070	41,830	Fr Muller Ch.		
Nala	6,650	4,850	Institutions	53,094	50,020

<p><i>Dear Fathers, Kindly mention the name of your Church/ Convent / Institute and Place when you send your Lenten contribution through NEFT/Bank transfer, and also remember to intimate CODP thereafter. Thank you.</i></p>	Convents			
	Carmel, Modankap			5,000
	Daughters of St Paul, Bejai		2,000	2,000
	Maryhill, Bondel			10,000
	RMI Conv., Kulshekar		5,000	5,000
	JMJ Conv., Kadaba			5,000
	St Joseph Patrao Hosp., Puttur			8,000
	Our Lady of Dolours, Karopady			2,000

II Diocesan CODP Golden Jubilee Housing Project / Other Charitable Purposes

We gratefully acknowledge the large-hearted generosity of the parishioners and the pastoral concern shown by the parish priests towards the cause of charity to the poor of the Diocese of Mangalore. Please note the Bishop has constituted the CODP Jubilee Housing Committee. This month we will inform you of the selection of the beneficiaries, procedures and mode of disbursal of the amount sanctioned.

III Educare Loan

Educare is inviting applications from eligible students for the year 2023-24 w.e.f. 1 June 2023. Applications are to be submitted online through our website www.codpeducare.in and hard copy of the application is to be submitted at CODP with all the requested documents either directly or by post. For Guidelines/Criteria/ other details, kindly refer the above cited website. **Educare Contact Nos. 94805 11580 and 0824-2221109**

– **Director, CODP**

PASTORAL NOTES ON INFANT BAPTISM AND GODPARENTS

All Catholics (even if one of the parties to a marriage is a Catholic) who exchange marriage vows before civil officials or non-Catholic ministers are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church, because the Catholic party is bound to observe the canonical form of marriage. If a Catholic marries civilly or without the canonical form and is living with his or her spouse, such a person forfeits some rights in the Church on account of his irregular status of marriage.

Catholics who have married civilly or without the canonical form, in violation of Church norms, are not permitted to receive Holy Communion. Furthermore, because they chose to 'marry' outside the Church and that their marriage is invalid, there is a question about their acceptance of the Church's teaching on marriage and

family and the practice of their faith. This restricts their ability to present the children born of this marriage for baptism. This situation presents a pastoral challenge and opportunity for the Parish Priest to assist such people in correcting their irregular marriage situation and accompanying them on their journey to a valid marriage (whether sacramental or natural) and family life.

In today's situation, when parents come to schedule their child's baptism, it is difficult to know whether they are validly married before the Church. Besides, some approach their priests, asking to baptize their child merely for social reasons and without any consideration for faith, sacrament, or religious motive. This context obliges a priest to have a pastoral dialogue with the parents of the child to be baptized and provide guidance to rectify the marital situation, impart religious instruction, and prepare them spiritually and liturgically for the sacramental event of their child.

The experience of some priests shows that the cases of persons in civil marriage requesting baptism for their child are on the increase, and some of them have even lied to the priests, asserting they are married in the Church. The situation has caused some scandal or wonderment in the parish and sent the wrong message that irrespective of the faith and practise of the parents, children are baptized without having any hope of a Catholic upbringing. Therefore, in addition to following the canonical norms on infant baptism, priests should pay attention to the following:

1. When the Parish Priest is unsure about the current status of the child's parents' marriage, he must obtain their marriage certificate.
2. Parents must be parishioners who attend Sunday Mass on a regular basis and are known to practise their faith.
3. If the parents are not parishioners, they should seek a letter from their Parish Priest stating that they are his parishioners and attesting to their valid marriage and faith practice.
4. If the parents are in a mixed marriage (one is a catholic and other a baptized non-Catholic), both should make a written request to baptize the child in the Catholic Church.

5. It is recommended that they present the child's original birth certificate (civil) as this may aid in the entry relating to the child's date of birth and name, thus avoiding discrepancies between the data in the civil and ecclesiastical documents/ registers. It is essential to ensure that the child's and parents' names agree with the civil documents; the parents' names should be the same for all of their children.
6. A seminar or instruction session for parents and godparents would help with faith formation and prevent people from viewing the sacrament as a 'procedural or administrative matter' and the priest as a manager of an organization rather than a pastor.
7. The irregular marital status of parents does not constitute a reason for denying baptism to their children, but it becomes a cause to delay or defer the baptism. If parents are not practising the faith or have no intention of living a Catholic life in accordance with the Gospel, baptism is postponed until they are committed to rectifying their situation, practising the faith, and removing the risk of scandal. Thus, baptism is not denied here but only delayed or postponed unless the child is in danger of death. When a parent's marital and faith status is incompatible with the Catholic understanding of sacramental marriage, the Parish Priest should guide and assist them in entering into proper sacramental marriage, which may require seeking a declaration of nullity from the Church of their previous marriage.

Concerning Baptismal Godparents (Sponsors - *Patrini*): According to No. 1255 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the role of the godfather and godmother is important in the unfolding of the grace of baptism. Therefore, it requires that they "must be firm believers, able and ready to help the newly baptized on the road of Christian life. Their task is a truly ecclesial function (*officium*)". This is the Church's way of saying that being a godparent is a true ministry in the Church, not just an honour. Canon 872-874 of the Code of Canon Law contains specific norms on godparents. In addition to these, we must consider the following issues that arise in this context:

1. There is to be only one male godfather, or one female godmother, or one of each. If two godparents are chosen, they must be of the opposite sex, with one serving as the godmother and one as the godfather. By specifying this, an analogy is made between natural parenthood and spiritual parenthood. They do not have to be married to each other. However, if they are married, they must be married in the Church, even if only one functions as a godparent. More than two godparents are not permitted.
2. A godparent must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received Holy Communion and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on, and should have completed sixteen years of age. Neither the father nor the mother of the child can function as godparents.
3. A Catholic who has left the Church by a formal act may not be a godparent. A non-practising Catholic may be admitted as a godparent only if the Parish Priest can determine that the person is in the process of returning to the regular practice of the faith.
4. While a non-Christian (not baptized) can't serve as a godparent, a non-Catholic whose baptism is recognized by the Catholic Church as valid may serve as a Christian *witness (testis)* to the baptism together with a godparent who must be Catholic and who meets the above requirements since a godparent is above all responsible for the spiritual upbringing of the child. A non-Catholic could not fulfil this requirement. A non-baptized person cannot serve as a godparent or a Christian witness.
5. If godparents are not parishioners and are unknown to the Parish Priest, it is preferable that they obtain a letter from their parish stating that they are qualified to serve as godparents.
6. The previous *Code of Canon Law* (1917) imposed a general prohibition on priests and religious acting as godparents. A religious could only be a godparent if there

was an urgent need and approval from superiors, while a deacon or priest needed the Bishop's permission. However, the *Code of Canon Law* of 1983 removed most of these restrictions. Yet, if a particular religious institute (congregation) or diocese has placed restrictions or conditions on their religious or priests acting as godparents, these norms must be followed.

7. When a priest performs the baptism, he should not simultaneously assume the godfather's role. In other words, a priest or deacon may serve as a godfather at baptism, provided he is not the minister of the sacrament.
8. If a family cannot find someone suitable to be a godparent or does not want to have someone suggested by the Parish Priest, then the absence of one will not affect the validity or liceity of the infant's baptism. Canon 872 mentions, "Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a godparent (sponsor)..." . Thus, godparents are not a strict requirement for an infant to be baptized in ordinary situations.
9. The names of godparents cannot be substituted in the Baptismal Register because they are not on good terms with the godchild's family or have passed away. It is something analogous to the witnesses for marriage or the celebrant of sacraments. Facts cannot be changed.
10. If the godparent is unable to attend the baptism ceremony for serious reasons, such as illness or being abroad, he or she may have a proxy. However, the proxy is not a "substitute" or "additional" godparent. The proxy is someone authorized to act and speak in place of the godparent during the ceremony. It is advisable that at least one actual godparent be present at the ceremony. The parents do not appoint a stand-in (proxy) for their chosen godparent. The real godparent must give the mandate to the proxy in writing, indicating his eligibility according to church norms and consent to serve as a godparent and fulfil the responsibilities.

The proxy must, in writing, accept the mandate and present it to the Parish Priest, who should ascertain that the godparents and proxies fulfil the requirements of the church norms. In the Baptism Register, the names of the actual godparents and the proxies are inscribed, but the proxy must be identified as such in the register. While issuing the certificate, only the names of godparents are noted.

- Rev. Victor G. D'Souza
Chancellor

A REMINDER CONCERNING THE DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2023-2024

Intending to bring out the new Diocesan Directory in July, we wrote in the *Inter Nos* of May 2023 (p. 114), requesting all Parish Priests and Religious Superiors to send us updated information or corrections. We thank the Priests and Religious who have done the needful as requested. Once again, we request others to submit the changes/corrections to be made in the Diocesan Directory by June 20, 2023, at the latest, as sought in the previous *Inter Nos*. Kindly send them by email: bp.mangaloredioocese@gmail.com

It is not possible to include late submissions in the Directory. Thanks in advance for your prompt attention and cooperation.

- Chancellor

SEMINARIANS ASSIGNED FOR REGENCY

1. Blany Thomas Fernandes to Gladsom Home for Students, Bolar.
2. Melroy Francis D'Souza to St Anthony Parish, Naravi.
3. Johnson Crasta to Pastoral Institute, Bajjodi.

GOLDEN AND DIAMOND BIRTHDAYS

Rev. Ronald Lobo, Chaplain, Fr Mullers Charitable Institutions, celebrates his 50th birthday on 19.06.2023.

Rev. Richard D'Souza, Socius, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Suratkal, celebrates his 50th birthday on 23.06.2023.

Rev. Albert Crasta, St Pius X Church, Parish Priest, Piusnagar, celebrates his 60th birthday on 23.06.2023.

We wish you a wonderful birthday. May God give you the power, courage, knowledge, and wisdom to continue proclaiming His Gospel through your life and priestly ministry.

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