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## BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY 2024

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| 1-7   |            | CBCI Meetings, St John's Medical College Hospital, Bangalore      |
| 8-9   |            | Governing Board Meeting, St Peter's Pontifical Seminary           |
| 10    | 10.00 a.m. | Holy Mass, Silver Jubilee, Lourdes Central School, Bejai          |
| 11    | 08.45 a.m. | Belthangady Diocese, Silver Jubilee                               |
|       | 05.30 p.m. | Conferring of Sandesha Awards                                     |
| 12    | 10.30 a.m. | Sandesha Trust Meeting  |
| 15    | 09.00 a.m. | Governing Board Meeting, St Joseph's Seminary                     |
| 16-18 |            | Pastoral Visit, Bendur Parish                                     |
| 20    | 03.00 p.m. | Synod: Diocesan Phase, Bishop's House                             |
| 22    | 06.30 a.m. | Holy Mass, Provincial Chapter, Sisters of Charity, Belvedere      |
|       | 05.00 p.m. | Holy Mass, Catholic Charismatic Convention, Cordel Church Grounds |
| 23    | 05.00 p.m. | Governing Board Meeting, FMCI                                     |
| 24    | 09.00 a.m. | Graduation Ceremony, SJEC   |
| 24-25 |            | Pastoral Visit, Hospet Parish                                     |
| 28    | 04.00 p.m. | Thanksgiving Mass, St Aloysius College                            |
| 29    | 09.00 a.m. | NBCLC Governing Board Meeting at Puttur                           |

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

Diocesan Clergy, 20; Religious Men and Women, 24;  
Lay Faithful, 28

### **BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY 2024**

**Papal Intention for February:** Pope Francis invites us to pray for the terminally ill. Many families experience insurmountable difficulties in facing these tragedies, and many times, they feel they are left alone. However much they spend their resources, their hopes get shattered. As a community, we feel for them and help them in one way or the other. It has been our experience that many Basic Ecclesial Communities come forward to help the neighbours. It is indeed a kind gesture. Let us participate in the pain and suffering of our neighbours so that they receive necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

**February 2: Presentation of the Lord, Day of the Consecrated Life:** The feast day on which we celebrate Joseph and Mary presenting Baby Jesus in the temple is a special day for the Consecrated men and women. We owe much to our religious brothers and sisters. This is a wonderful occasion to recognise their services in our Parishes, in the Church, in the Institutions, in Catechesis, in accompanying families in their pain and bereavement, and in the Basic Ecclesial Communities. I heartily recommend that prayers be offered for the intentions of our brothers and sisters and that some get-togethers be organised to celebrate their presence. Consecrated brethren are a strong witness to the presence of Risen Lord and his Kingdom in our midst. I am sincerely grateful to them. May the Lord bless all the Religious men and women.

**Lenten Season begins:** On 14<sup>th</sup> of this month, we celebrate Ash Wednesday, and with that, we enter into contemplating the Passion of our Lord. Suffering is part of our daily life, and hardly anyone is exempt from suffering. Our Lord Jesus, by his Passion and Death, has shown us the salvific value of suffering. Suffering and Death finally lead to the joy of Easter. The *Ordo* gives clear

instructions regarding Mass and Liturgy of the Hours during this season. Let us use this season to contemplate deeply the mystery of our redemption. Parish Priests are requested to alert the faithful about the penitential character of the season, whether in Liturgy or in any community celebration.

**Logos, Banners and Decorations in the Sanctuary:** The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (*GIRM*) desires that the decoration and other items in the sanctuary be arranged with moderation and well-balanced dignity, especially by avoiding or limiting the use of objects that have no direct liturgical function as much as possible. Non-liturgical objects or artefacts in the sanctuary that obstruct the clear view of the assembly or hinder the faithful's concentration on the celebration of the sacred mystery itself should be avoided.

Although artistic banners or logos relating to faith events of the parish, Diocese, or universal Church may be used on the day of their unveiling or inauguration, it is best to avoid placing them in the sanctuary at other times as they have no role in the liturgical celebration and tend to draw attention away from the centrality of the celebration. These logos and banners, while not constituting liturgical objects or liturgical aids, could serve a catechetical purpose, but the sanctuary is not a catechetical classroom or display area. As a result, these objects should preferably be placed in some other suitable place outside the sanctuary.

Both beauty and simplicity demand careful attention to each piece of liturgical furniture or object, each decorative element, as well as to the whole ensemble so that there is no clutter and no crowding. These various objects and elements must be able to breathe and function without being smothered by excess.

**Second Phase of the Synod:** The General Secretary of the Synod has sent the synthesis of the Report of the first session, celebrated from 4<sup>th</sup> to 29 October 2023. Now, as a preparation for the second session, we are asked to hold discussions on this report with the help of the questions sent. We have organised a discussion on 20<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00 p.m. in the Bishop's House,

and around 33 people from different walks of life are selected as indicated by the instructions sent to us. Based on the observations, we are asked to prepare a summary in three pages to be sent to the Central Coordinator, and then a final synthesis will be sent to Rome. Let us pray that our Church becomes truly synodal, walking with one another to spread the Good News of Christ.

**Year of Learning and Prayer as Preparation for the Jubilee 2025:** The clergy of our Diocese already had the input session on the Jubilee and on the Four Constitutions of the Vatican II. We have learnt the method of Conversation in the Spirit in listening to one another, and thus listening to the Holy Spirit. Now, we need to revisit these documents in our Parishes to involve the Lay Faithful and Religious using the same method in discussing the insights of Vatican II for our times to grasp what the Council unveiled regarding Jesus Christ. Jesus is the point of departure of our journey, the path to be traversed, and the goal to arrive at the end of our earthly pilgrimage. Christ is our beginning, Christ is our life and our guide, Christ is our hope and our end. The Jubilee must facilitate our encounter and intimate relationship with Christ, from whom we come, for whom we live and unto whom we go. Let this study and all our efforts have one total end: Jesus Christ, our pride and joy. The 35 books prepared as a help for our discussion are available in Mangala Jyothi.

In this time of preparation, Pope Francis invites us to a “symphony” of prayer. Wish you a blessed year of Prayer. May you learn to live in the presence of the Lord.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha  
**Bishop of Mangalore**

## **REMINDER:**

### **ANNUAL MISSION STATISTICS - 2023**

We thank the Rev. Fathers and Sisters who have duly submitted their Annual Mission Statistics (Jan-Dec 2023) to the Chancery. We commend them for their diligence. Those Parishes and Religious Houses who have not yet submitted their duly completed

Mission Statistics for 2023, please do what is necessary to ensure that they reach the Chancery **before 15 February 2024**.

We kindly request Parish Priests to remind the heads of religious houses in their parishes to return the completed forms sent to them by the above date.

The Diocese is obliged to submit the diocesan data online to the Holy See by the end of February 2022. Therefore, this obligation makes it imperative that the deadline for submitting the completed forms must be met.

Please spare us the burden of calling and reminding you again. We need your cooperation, which we truly do value and for which we remain grateful.

– **Chancellor**

## **BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025**

Please have the Budget for the coming Financial Year 2024-2025 approved by the Bishop by the end of March 2024. The Budget Format and Budget Items are given in the Inter Nos of March 2023, pp. 58-62. Please follow them. The Budget should be approved by the Parish Finance Council and sent to the Bishop for approval before the middle of March.

## **REGARDING ANNUAL RETURNS OF 2023-2024**

The whole process of the audit of the annual accounts, the following procedure should be followed in succession:

1. The Internal Auditors should submit their Annual Report of the accounts for 2023-2024 at the beginning of the new financial year, 2024-2025.
2. Taking into account the Report of the Internal Auditor, the Parish Finance Council prepares the Receipts and Payments Account and the Parish Priest submits the annual accounts with all the necessary documents to the Chartered Accountant for audit.
3. The audited accounts (by the CA) should be presented to and approved by the Parish Finance Council (PFC).

4. The accounts approved by the PFC shall be submitted to the Parish Pastoral Council and shall be approved by the latter.
5. The accounts shall then be presented to the Parish Assembly during the Parish Assembly meeting or posted on the notice board after due notice has been given in the Sunday publication.
6. Finally, the annual accounts are submitted to the Bishop for his review, together with the reports of Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5 above and other appendices.

**Please Note:** The chartered accountants (CAs) have observed that requests for some changes cannot be accommodated once the audit process is completed on their part. Once the accounts have been uploaded to the Income Tax Department, it is not possible to revert the process. Therefore, the Internal Auditors and the Parish Finance Council should prepare the accounts carefully in the initial stages.

– Vicar General

## ECCLESIASTICAL TRIBUNAL OF THE DIOCESE OF MANGALORE

### Statistical Summary of Cases for the Year 2023

A. First Instance Cases	
1. Cases awaiting completion as on 01-01-2023	33
2. Petitions registered during 2023	88
Total number of petitions as on 31-12-2023	121
Cases completed during 2023	
1. Fr Naveen Pinto (1 death of Petitioner; 1 withdrawn; 1 Negative) (25+2+1)	28
2. Fr Walter D'Mello (1 case withdrawn) (38+1)	39
3. Fr Denzil Lobo (1 case withdrawn) (1+1)	02
Total number of petitions yet to be disposed	08
Cases awaiting completion as on 31-12-2023	44

Cases awaiting completion with:	
Fr Walter D'Mello 06    Fr Naveen Pinto – 24 Fr Denzil Lobo -14	
Defenders of the Bond	
1. First Instance:        Fr Daniel Veigas OP: 63 Fr Henry Sequeira: 01	
B. Second Instance Cases	
1. Cases pending as on 01-01-2023	00
2. Cases received during 2023	00
3. Cases completed during the year 2023	00
Total number of cases at hand as on 31-12-2023	00

- Fr Naveen Pinto  
**Judicial Vicar**

## **ICYM – DIOCESE OF MANGALORE**

### ***DIAFERENCE - 2024***

Date and Time : 11 February 2024, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Venue : St Aloysius PU College premise.

#### **Highlights of Diaference:**

1. Felicitation to ICYM Youth aged between 18-30, if they have started a private limited company, or if they have achieved a world record, or if they are employed in government jobs.
2. Sessions on over 20 topics of interest to the youth.
3. Deanery-wise cultural programmes
4. Holy Eucharist, especially for the youth.
5. Animations
6. Start-up stall exhibitions

Parish Priests are kindly requested to encourage their youth to participate in this mega event kindly.

- Fr Ashwin L Cardoza  
**Diocesan Youth Director**

## MANGALA JYOTHI

### I. Programmes / Events in February

- 1-2 : CCBI Catechetical Commission Office
- 3 : Inauguration of Konkani Bible Class - 5, Bajjodi
- 4 : Adult Catechesis on liturgy and sacraments,  
Lectors training, 9-10: Liturgy Class, Bethany Sisters,  
Bajpe
- 11 : Adult Catechesis on Liturgy and Sacraments, Lectors  
training
- 14-18 : Adult Catechesis - Parish Retreat, Belloor Parish
- 19-21 : CCBI Catechetical Commission Office
- 21-23 : ICA meeting and Conference, Mumbai
- 24-28 : CCBI Catechetical Commission Office
- 29 : Diocesan Catechetical Commission meeting

### II. Information:

#### A. Commission for Catechetics: Catechism Exams/Day

**1. Sunday Catechism classes:** You are requested to complete all catechism classes before 11 February 2024. Examinations must be conducted on 18 February. The syllabus for the examination is of the entire year. Remember, it is a faith evaluation exam, not on secular subjects.

You may organise a catechism day on 25 February or at your convenient date. Please complete the submission of all catechism students' data (online) before 10 March 2024 by visiting our website [www.mangalajyothi.com/parishlogin/allstudentsdata](http://www.mangalajyothi.com/parishlogin/allstudentsdata) (ignore the message if you have already completed the process).

**2. Diocesan level VE Day:** Diocesan level Value Education Day, which is scheduled for **2 March 2024, stands cancelled for technical and other reasons**. The Heads of the Institutions are requested to honour the Top Scorers at the institutional level. Hence, you are requested to collect the medals and certificates from the Mangala Jyothi office after the announcement of the results. Please communicate this information to the Heads of the Institutions (Both Diocesan and Religious) of your parish.



**3. Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Mangala Jyothi and Catechism Day:** Mangala Jyothi has completed its 50 years in 2023. As we thank the Lord for His blessings upon this institution, we have planned to celebrate the Jubilee on 3 March 2024. On that day, we will be honouring the Top scorers of VII and X Std. students (School level catechism annual exams). You are cordially invited to the programme. The celebrations will be held at Holy Cross Church premises at Kulshekar from 9.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. An Official Invitation will be sent to you soon.

**B. Commission for Liturgy:**

**1. Lenten season:** Kindly refer to *Ordo* pages 35-38, 72-74, 86-106, 110 for the liturgical guidelines

**2. Recollection and meeting of Extraordinary Ministers:** Lenten season is a grace-filled season and an important season to evaluate the ministry of extraordinary ministers. Hence, you are requested to organise a recollection and evaluation meeting for the extraordinary ministers at the deanery level in this season.

Please note that you are required to register the data of extraordinary ministers of your parish online by using our website. Some of the parishes have not registered the data. Kindly do the needful by 30 March 2024. For more information, contact Mangala Jyothi office.

**III. Books and other Items available at our Stall:**

Ordo 2024 & Ordo Stand; ಕಥೋಲಿಕ್ ಪಂಚಾಂಗ್ 2024

ಖುರ್ರಾವಾಟೆಚಿಂ ಪುಸ್ತಕಾಂ:

1. ಜಿಣಿಯೆಚಿ ಖುರ್ರಾವಾಟ್
2. ಖುರ್ರಾವಾಟೆಚೆಂ ಭಕ್ತಿಪಣ್
3. ಕುಟ್ಮಾಚಿ ಖುರ್ರಾವಾಟ್
4. ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಚೊ ಮೋಗ್

ಸರ್ಗಿಂಚಿಂ ಕಿರ್ಣಾಂ, ಬೈಬಲ್ ಆಧಾರಿತ್ ನಾಟ್ಯುಳೆ, ರು. 80/-; ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಆತ್ಮಾಚಿಂ ಭರಪ್, ರು. 70/-; Missal English & Kannada, Konkani (reprint edition); Lectionary - Konkani, English & Kannada; Clergy shirts (Production by Mangala Jyothi); All kinds of church and religious articles; Mass vestments, albs, surplice, chalice, ciborium, Catechetical, Liturgical, Biblical and Spiritual books, and so on.

- Director, Mangala Jyothi

## **CODP PROGRAMMES**

- 01.02.2024 : CODP Animator - Coordinator Meeting
- 02.02.2024 : Introduction to Self Help Group Formation at Kulur
- 04.02.2024 : Preparation of Jeevamrita (Bio Fertilizer) in Nanthoor
- 06.02.2024 : Exposure program for CODP Office and Field Staff
- 09.02.2024 : Training on Conflict Management in Moodbidri
- 10.02.2024 : Preparation of Jeevamrita (Bio Fertilizer), Preparation of Fish Oil in Karvatadka, Training on Plastic Waste Management in Vijayadka, Training on Conflict Management in Seethangoli
- 11.02.2024 : Training on Plastic Waste Management in Puttur
- 15.02.2024 : CODP Animator - Coordinator Meeting
- 17.02.2024 : Training on Conflict Management in Vorkady
- 18.02.2024 : Training on Plastic Waste Management in Kalathur
- 20.02.2024 : Preparation of Fish Oil in Pilankatte and Labour Colony
- 22.02.2024 : Governing Board members meeting at KROSS, Bengaluru
- 23.02.2024 : Awareness on Organic Farming and Kitchen Gardening in Manela
- 24.02.2024: Awareness on Organic Farming and Kitchen Gardening in Modankap
- 25.02.2024 : Training on Conflict Management in Varkady, Preparation of Jeevamrita (Bio Fertilizer) in Manvinakatte
- 26.02.2024 : Training on Conflict Management in Kumble and Bajpe
- 27.02.2024 : Training on Conflict Management in Talapady and Assaigoli

## I Information from CODP

### Bishop's Letter

#### *LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2024 - 'MY LENTEN SACRIFICE'*

Dear Rev. Fathers. Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have begun this year with optimism and hope. I wish you a happy New Year 2024. On 14 February, we begin the Lenten season. As in the past few years, and this year too, we have decided to set aside a major portion of our Lenten sacrifice for the housing project in our Diocese. Many Parish Priests collect the Lenten sacrifice during the annual house blessing. Some begin blessing the houses already in January.

- 1) In the year 2023, we collected Rs 76,79,445/- for the cause of "Diocesan mission/charity activities". We thank all the Lay Faithful, Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters who have contributed to the cause.
- 2) The collected amount is being utilised for the objectives of the campaign, namely housing, education, health, food, marriage of poor girls and medicine. In fact, a larger amount is set apart for housing from 2021.
- 3) As CODP approaches its Golden Jubilee in 2024, our objective is to assist 75 beneficiaries in constructing new houses. Over the previous three years, 1.39 crores had been set aside for housing projects.
- 4) We have disbursed Rs. 1,14,81,450/- from the income saved from the previous and current years for charity purposes in the year 2022-23.

<b>2022-23</b>	
Education	9,56,500.00
Housing	88,44,500.00
Medical	14,85,050.00
Family Maintenance	1,30,400.00
Marriage	65,000.00
Total	1,14,81,450.00

This year too, we shall distribute Lenten Campaign 2024 envelopes with, “My Lenten Sacrifice” written on them. Please hand over the envelopes to the families and encourage them to contribute generously as per the blessings they received from the Lord. I request the Parish Priests to collect the closed envelopes from the families, deposit the amount in the Parish Account and issue a cheque for the amount collected to CODP Mangalore.

The Lord loves the cheerful giver. May the Lord who suffered for us on the Cross enable us to recognise him in the suffering of the poor brothers and sisters.

Thanking you for your goodwill, I implore God’s blessings upon you.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha  
**Bishop of Mangalore**

In light of the Bishop’s Letter and as done previously, the Lenten Campaign will be towards ‘Local Mission/Charity’. Therefore, kindly note:

1. CODP is registered under 80G (IT exemption) of the Income Tax Act
2. Lenten contribution to CODP is to be credited to the respective Parish Bank Account. After this, the collective amount is to be transferred to the below-mentioned CODP Account through cheque/bank transfer/NEFT/RTGS.
3. In case of donours wanting to send donations individually to CODP, they can do so to the below-mentioned CODP Account through Cheque/Bank transfer/NEFT/RTGS.
4. Institutes and Convents remit their collection directly to CODP. We have posted the envelopes separately to them.

Account Name	CODP (Regd)
Bank Name	INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK
Branch	PADAVU
Account Number	157201000000015
IFS Code	IOBA0001572

**NOTE:** Please remember to intimate CODP as soon as you send your contribution through any of the above modes of transfer.

Considering the number of families in each parish and the amount of Lenten contribution received, we will be acknowledging the top parishes during CODP's Golden Jubilee celebration on 28 May 2024. Hence, kindly encourage your parishioners to contribute generously to the cause.

- **Director, CODP**

*“If Advent is the season par excellence that invites us to hope in the God-Who-Comes, Lent renews in us the hope in the One who made us pass from death to life. Both are seasons of purification – this is also indicated by the liturgical colour that they have in common – but in a special way Lent, fully oriented to the mystery of Redemption, is defined as the ‘path of true conversion’ (Pope Benedict XVI).*

## **ST JOSEPH ENGINEERING COLLEGE**

VAMANJOOR, MANGALURU

### **COMMON ENTRANCE TEST (CET) – 2024**

Registration and filling of the Application online for CET 2024 has commenced from 10.01.2024 till 10.02.2024. Last date to pay the application fees (online) 14.02.2024.

#### **EXAM SCHEDULE:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIMING</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>MARKS</b>
18.04.2024	Thursday	10.30 a.m. – 11.50 a.m.	Biology	60
		2.30 p.m. – 3.50 p.m.	Maths	60
19.04.2024	Friday	10.30 a.m. – 11.50 a.m.	Physics	60
		2.30 p.m. – 3.50 p.m.	Chemistry	60

Eligibility for OCI/PIO candidates for Government seats shall be as per the directions of the Government. Hence, OCI/PIO candidates are required to visit the KEA Website (<http://kea.kar.nic.in>) frequently for any updates.

Please encourage the students of your parish who have the desire to appear for the forthcoming CET-2024 entrance examinations for pursuing Engineering Education at St Joseph Engineering College.

- Fr Wilfred P. D'Souza  
**Director – SJEC**

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