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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY 2024

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| 2 | 10.30 | a.m. | General Body Meeting of CBE, Bishop's House |
| 6 | 04.30 | p.m. | Confirmation, Maril Parish |
| 7 | 03.30 | p.m. | Mass and Eucharistic Procession |
| 9 | 04.30 | p.m. | Evaluation of the Eucharistic Procession, Bishop's House |
| 13-14 | | | Pastoral Visit, Bolkunje |
| 15 | 09.30 | | BEC Diocesan Service Team Meeting, Pastoral Centre |
| | 03.30 | p.m. | ICEL online Meeting |
| 16 | 04.30 | p.m. | Diocesan Finance Council Meeting |
| 17-18 | | | Clergy Ongoing Formation, Pastoral Centre |
| 20-21 | | | Pastoral Visit, Ujire |
| 23 | 03.30 | p.m. | Ordination at Infant Jesus Shrine, Bikarnakatte |
| 25 | 10.00 | a.m. | Festal Mass, Karkal, Attur |
| 26 | 05.00 | p.m. | Silver Jubilee, Lourdes Central School, Bejai |
| 26 | 04.30 | p.m. | Silver Jubilee, Bambil Parish |

27-28	Pastoral Visit, Ferar
29-09	February CCBI, CBCI and Board Meeting, St Peter's Seminary, Bangalore

Bishop Meets in the Forenoon:

Religious men and women, 10; Lay faithful, 11;
Diocesan Clergy, 23

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR JANUARY 2024

Papal Intention for January: Pope Francis invites the whole Church to pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of diversity of charisms and richness of different traditions within the Church. In its Letter *Iuvenescit Ecclesia* (16.05.2016), the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith highlighted the gifts the Lord has poured within the Church. Newer ecclesial groups and movements have been taking up the task of evangelisation around the world, thanks to these charisms. These have been “a great source of renewal for the Church and for the urgent ‘pastoral and missionary conversion’ of all ecclesial life” (n. 2). The whole Church must make a concerted effort with the help of the Holy Spirit to discern the authentic charisms given by the Holy Spirit and the richness of the traditions. Let us think and feel with the Church (*sentire cum ecclesia*) to identify the Lord's work amid us and support the spread of the Gospel through our prayer.

Eucharistic Procession, 7 January 2023: On the Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord, we are taking the Eucharistic Procession in the last 80 years. Eucharist draws us together as one family to give witness to Lord's living presence among us. The *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches about Eucharist: “It is a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet, in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us” (n. 271). The Eucharist contains the entire spiritual riches of the Church since the Church has no other spiritual riches apart from Jesus

Christ and that which was given to her by him. The Eucharistic Procession marks our devotion and love towards the Eucharist. I request the Parish Priests to encourage the people to participate in this great event.

Year of Prayer in View of Jubilee 2025: Pope Francis has already declared that 2024 will be a year of preparation for the Jubilee of our Lord. Together with the study of the 4 Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council, let us also learn to pray unceasingly and intensely for the Jubilee throughout the year 2024, by organising various prayer meetings and Eucharistic Adoration. It is also opportune to learn different forms of spirituality and methods of prayer, especially the *Lectio divina* (*Verbum Domini*, nn. 86-87), which is based on the devout reading of the Word of God. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, in Part IV, deals with the Prayer in Christian life, together with the Prayer our Lord taught us. This is an important resource which we must use profusely to delve deeply into the life of prayer and thus prepare ourselves to meet our Lord celebrating his Jubilee.

Unity Octave, 18-25 January: The Christian unity is of significant importance, especially in today' world. Prayer Octave for Christian Unity is celebrated worldwide since many years especially in our seminaries and theological institutes. This year, the theme for Prayer for Christian Unity is, "*You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself*" (Luke 10:27). I appeal to you to pray earnestly for Christian unity involving the members of the Ecumenical Commission in your parish.

Word of God Sunday, 21 January 2024: In *Aperuit Illis* (30.09.2019), Pope Francis declared the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as the Word of God Sunday (n. 3). He invites us to treat the Word of God with special honour. The Pope says: "This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. The Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity" (n. 3). All Christians consider the Word of God as a lamp

to their steps. The Word of God is our great treasure. Let us not bury it unused. The priests should give attention to proclaim the Word of God with faith, explain its efficacy in reading it and listening to it devoutly (cf. *Dei Verbum* n. 1). Let us remind our people constantly to continue the Biblothion, the race of regular reading of the Word of God.

Ecumenical Sunday, 28 January 2024: Pope Francis says: “We Christians bring peace and grace as a treasure to be offered to the world, but these gifts can bear fruit only when Christians live and work together in harmony”. I recommend that we work at bringing greater collaboration and promoting unity through common prayer with the mainline Churches in our vicinity. Along with them, you may also invite Syro-Malabar (diocese of Belthangady) and Syro-Malankara (diocese of Puttur) Churches. The diocesan Secretary for Ecumenism will send you a list of non-Catholic mainline Churches within our diocese and a prayer service in Konkani / Kannada / English. Let us make this occasion a step towards witnessing the unity prayed for by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wish you all a Joy filled and blessed New Year 2024. May the Lord accompany you in every moment of your life.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

OPPORTUNITY FOR A PLENARY INDULGENCE

On the occasion of the Centenary Celebration of the Congregation of the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master, the Apostolic Penitentiary by virtue of the special faculties entrusted to it by the Holy Father, has granted the Plenary Indulgence, which can be obtained from November 21, 2023, until March 25, 2024, under the usual conditions (Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father) by those faithful who are truly penitent, who visit in

pilgrimage the sacred place (chapel) belonging to the above named Congregation and there at least spend a suitable time in pious meditation to be concluded with the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and invocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Blessed Founder James Alberione.

The Plenary Indulgence can also be obtained by the elderly, the sick and those who, for serious reasons, are unable to leave their house, who are completely free from any affection for sin and who intend to fulfil as soon as possible the three conditions (to make Sacramental Confession, to take part in Eucharistic Communion and to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father), if they spiritually unite themselves to the Jubilee Celebrations and offer to the merciful God their prayers, their pains and their sufferings in their lives. I recommend that our faithful take advantage of this special spiritual opportunity by fulfilling the necessary conditions within the prescribed time frame.

ANNUAL MISSION STATISTICS - 2023

The Annual Mission Statistics Sheets / Forms for the year 2023 will be sent to Parish Priests and Superiors of Religious Houses (Men and Women), and you will receive them by January 8, 2024. If you do not receive them by that date, please collect them from the reception desk at the Bishop's House, Kodialbail.

Please update the statistics of your parish/institution, fill in the correct details in the columns/spaces provided in the forms and return them to the Chancery as soon as possible. The completed forms must reach the Chancery **before February 15, 2024**. Please check and then complete the information to reflect the true situation of the parish/institution.

Each diocese must send the data on mission statistics to the Holy See within the prescribed time limits. For this reason, we ask the Parish Priests to remind the heads of religious convents or houses in their parishes to send the completed forms to the Office of the Chancery by the date mentioned above.

PASTORAL INSTITUTE

SHANTHI KIRAN - BAJJODI

Ongoing Formation Programme for the Clergy

Topic : “Study on the Four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council”

Resource Person: Rev. Fr Yesu Karunanidhi
National Coordinator of the Jubilee

Place : Shanthi Kiran, Pastoral Institute

Date : 17 and 18 January 2024

Time : 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

17 December 2024 Vicariates	18 December 2024 Vicariates
Episcopal City Mangalore City Pezar Surathkal Vittal	Bela Belthangady Bantwal Kirem Permannur Puttur Moodbidri

1. Kindly Mark your Calendar and be present for this important programme.
2. If you are unable to attend the programme on the day assigned to your deanery, please let us know by 15 January 2024 - to avoid a shortage or wastage of food.

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EARMARKED COLLECTIONS FROM PARISHES REMITTED TO BISHOPS HOUSE

No	PARISH	Mundy Thursday	Good Friday	Pro Arria	Soc. of St. Peter Ap.	On going Formation	Comm union India	Peters Pence	Monthi Feast	Mission Sunday	Christ the King
1	Rosario Cathedral	19654	39639	10655	12650	14570	5340	16580	25090	290000	14870
2	Adyapady	2040	2410	2014	1234	1515	815	1452	2445	38106	1100
3	Agrar	18906	42143	12571	10662	15369	7057	11108	15855	250000	11000
4	Allipade	7600	16832	6196	6313	7668	4855	7540	14295	126000	7550
5	Ammemba	10930	23300	9080	9200	11950	5650	9680	14480	140250	9450
6	Anegudde	1962	3132	2976	1803	1547	1322	2335	4188	35000	1634
7	Angelore	51875	114506	27087	31909	30335	23733	28936	32700	432260	28023
8	Arva	6130	14780	5304	5214	4467	3314	4512	12055	103272	5366
9	Ashoknagar	32200	56156	16913	22144	19528	13451	25753	35075	330460	20516
10	Badyar	7252	14985	4055	4585	4765	4755	4656	9875	200100	4255
11	Bajal	19502	35882	12582	12082	12448	8742	16041	21701	113937	13270
12	Bajjodi	16130	24318	8380	11289	8066	7670	11417	13451	108012	10875
13	Bajpe	36480	78438	30047	21420	20970	15686	23920	22590	254715	22330
14	Bambil	4112	10786	3356	3156	3892	3760	3912	6303	30862	4440
15	Bannur	9974	20760	11394	8873	8072	4670	8880	17467	91288	7938

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16	Bantwal	39180	76315	23789	23834	25394	20005	24776	29777	281432	24390
17	Bejai	72671	119560	20020	43490	48160	35210	55740	76491	1616683	50348
18	Bela	15708	50988	15133	17291	16555	9327	14296	21469	204500	16508
19	Belloor	7599	15966	6295	6443	6005	4003	7000	8050	210010	6330
20	Belthangady	25127	38235	20014	19885	30790	21854	20163	27293	350000	17457
21	Belvai	5922	12788	6830	5475	5621	4055	6226	8442	101310	6430
22	Bendur	117480	180460	60988	63646	72980	40700	58705	68560	621221	87157
23	Bola	3762	6217	4167	4659	4644	2287	4230		25348	3429
24	Bolkunje	6291	20130	4348	5330	6452	7687	5995	12102	57832	4384
25	Bondel	69610	91000	37100	33050	34865	29450	35453	45390	746882	31200
26	Borimar	5840	16300	4500	4500	4500	2230	4600	7200	115000	4700
27	Bovikana	1472	2952	1436	1890	2038	730	1752	2045	37152	1985
28	Cascia	15726	32055	10686	12049	11386	8740	13515	24105	120034	12250
29	Cordel	102963	90985	65347	66840	69873	50502	65387	103598	573270	59290
30	Derebail	57735	102557	44033	36552	49822	27871	37807	45535	900509	30345
31	Delanthabettu	3034	4246	2890	2128	2265	1599	2280	4010	22438	2255

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32	Eliarpadav	7060	19310	5360	5000	4290	2920	5930	8830	45450	4450
33	Fajir	16330	30554	17173	17963	13908	8975	15545	25247	406754	15690
34	Farla	9151	16208	7980	8270	8374	5848	7792	11910	114013	8446
35	Ferar	10115	40880	8175	8275	8625	8135	9145	18335	81130	10230
36	Fermai	7850	17000	8784	6134	5728	4663	5725	8157	82705	6467
37	Gantalkatte	5219	10208	4576	4462	4379	3807	4583	5902	101185	7158
38	Gardady	3700	8430	3000	3600	3620	1960	3720	5050	60138	
39	Gurpur	16914	45401	15443	14811	14884	9739	16513	25625	151936	15487
40	Hosabettu	10530	31680	6170	6625	6730	6035	6560	14460	102505	7390
41	Indubettu	2568	4592	1835	5300	3225	2800	3750	7300	150500	2850
42	Jeppu	33539	59910	9705	9807	11832	8902	10319	21086	245000	12400
43	Kadaba	2450	5254	1709	1144	2088	681	1661	4205	33250	1864
44	Karady	4584	12110	5779	5875	5155	3015	6295	10985	56308	5586
45	Kasargod	5590	10211	5730	4724	5530	2495	4355	4999	85634	6207
46	Kateel	5730	10114	4010	4291	4554	3992	5620	8595	90140	5030
47	Katipalla	19395	49036	10724	13584	14563	10625	14558	31248	317455	12714

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48	Kayyar	8006	16895	11140	11994	13318	7797	12700	16191	94000	13450
49	Kelarai	24110	59942	21427	22041	20686	10547	18203	31036	380000	19694
50	Kinnigoli	25910	45987	24058	19556	22322	17235	22537	25532	1107347	17633
51	Kirem	16460	53078	18848	14970	19675	12730	14180	24955	276620	22210
52	Kokkada	4521	9829	3134	2522	4423	1857	3868	9077	60000	5705
53	Kollangana	6197	14526	6692	5489	6207	3073	6566	7264	112108	5409
54	Komangala	1690	2240	720	920	820	916	955	1830	20100	1354
55	Kulur	12310	33620	11600	20280	19630	13385	24189	27145	178382	10551
56	Kumbala	5627	12052	4119	3518	4761	3910	4649	4985	184175	5230
57	Kuppepadav	8095	14631	4489	4792	4798	3020	4858	10082	125454	4632
58	Lawrencenagar	3742	6223	4194	4781	4172	2542	4072	4416	39155	4531
59	Loreto	19779	53319	14054	13910	14992	13533	14555	30110	472175	12640
60	Madanthayar	26117	63127	19079	24992	24816	13894	21586	58180	650000	22932
61	Manela	6830	9745	6325	6009	5160	3537	4556	8670	124373	6665
62	Maniyampare	2140	5194	4528	4086	4108	1170	4617	5052	55871	3525
63	Manjeshwar	6971	15460	7100	8020	8575	5660	9380	14465	153738	9412

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64	Manjotie	4665	6310	3600	5500	3560	3100	4240	6580	35000	3480
65	Mariashram	7457	10955	5044	4818	5466	4985	7203	10966	187428	5783
66	Maril	10216	22459	7457	8658	7844	4214	7160	17364	58277	8797
67	Milagres	70860	88220	63600	64340	59720	43870	61100	74580	1620000	61230
68	Miyapadav	4688	14116	6307	7107	6407	3210	7376	9602	50775	6567
69	Mogarnad	14471	45443	12592	19825	23515	14845	18661	32131	514616	17544
70	Moodbidri-Alangar	13380	24307	10815	10422	10370	6554	11102	18385	273000	10569
71	Moodbidri-Town	31760	60184	16864	15178	19882	11387	19228	20030	317475	19270
72	Mudipu	11359	16233	6783	7374	9135	4742	7879	12185	158150	7000
73	Mukka	4720	10742	6286	3704	4423	3335	3521	9207	87107	5111
74	Mulky	11117	25160	8714	8950	12678	11824	9000	12620	107916	10131
75	Naimadu	6100	11540	7250	5882	7223	4232	6160	7750	98300	6304
76	Nala	2516	2637	1474	2134	2521	1783	2103	3490	40100	1900
77	Narampady	13200	20200	10300	11180	10712	8146	11708	15500	435000	10840
78	Naravi	7131	16842	7718	7046	5972	4486	5241	13104	185000	6124
79	Neermarga	31293	39914	16602	16704	15771	16657	16805	33687	159916	20592

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80	Neerude	16166	27523	7336	8240	8367	5668	8347	15817	90822	10807
81	Nellikar	3060	5695	2020	3550	1935	1290	1975	2885	38370	2411
82	Nellyady	2730	4945	1860	2420	2730	1120	3028	3715	40100	2610
83	Niddodi	10970	20500	11350	6860	7560	7020	6900	10980	165455	6610
84	Nidpally	2325	3425	2450	2820	2845	1180	2887	4443	69647	2306
85	Nirkan	6200	14120	4850	4120	3690	2790	4200	9300	41850	3910
86	Nithyadarnagar	11093	24014	5392	6236	5904	6687	7904	14104	79107	7036
87	Omzoor	20962	27919	11364	12639	11961	9305	16427	24291	191368	17132
88	Pakshikere	11582	24829	5495	6457	6901	6958	5728	14278	160275	6003
89	Paladka	9461	18986	6650	7000	9185	7072	7100	15760	65070	7000
90	Paldane	18185	27085	13195	14476	14704	11480	15785	26090	175475	14752
91	Panir	18380	40922	13042	14600	13442	9180	14035	16879	276735	14081
92	Panja	4600	5960	4415	1570	1990	845	2000	4870	42000	1520
93	Pavur	1939	4354	1926	1671	2263	1110	2049	3585	29939	2017
94	Pavur Uliya	615	840	605	570	402	599	490	650	1200	600
95	Permannur	45000	90090	30280	28210	30130	21120	30100	60060	300300	30110

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96	Permude	16970	25560	5920	12728	6896	7940	7160	14679	166900	8000.50
97	Peruvai	3929	8709	4524	5178	5414	2733	5222	8755	76495	5766
98	Pezar	4917	12345	3140	3144	3998	1780	3785	7725	79632	3372
99	Puttur	27945	97069	23338	23813	26628	15905	26800	43203	850000	27472
100	Ranipura	17043	40266	11232	9845	11936	6919	14880	26448	115000	16122
101	Salethur	2680	8103	3456	3798	3692	2630	3987	7000	83765	3207
102	Sampaje	2020	4500	1730	2160	2018	1640	1970	2750	36250	2080
103	Sampige	7034	13786	4195	4665	5400	3030	4660	9400	312600	4540
104	Saverapura	3070	5220	2200	2900	2980	1810	2780	6230	31100	3180
105	Shakthinagar	9255	19618	7512	6165	5778	4310	9306	14633	52916	9158
106	Shambur	5260	7552	3270	3580	4392	2382	3119	3224	35000	3106
107	Shirthady	10420	24720	7838	9275	8864	5908	8560	11393	185200	8938
108	Siddakatte	11052	23694	8149	8990	8600	5273	7347	16883	75257	9680
109	Sullia	3965	9150	5080	4700	5825	2990	5150	7170	75720	5810
110	Surathkal	26691	44309	23383	27066	38394	15124	31925	36864	248816	26491
111	Taccode	9994	42084	9172	8443	6348	6350	8480	16330	207463	7261

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112	Thannirbavi	3885	5170	1980	1770	1780	4680	3140	6320	27040	2660
113	Thodambila	8299	18711	6093	5914	6523	4257	6042	8225	85673	6107
114	Thokur	5093	13089	5007	3293	4014	3950	3853	8970	186275	3445
115	Ujire	9573	26441	7816	8300	7495	4541	7355	16714	157000	8929
116	Ukkimadka	3201	5270	2897	2450	2950	2890	2874	3293	40090	3074
117	Uppinangady	10559	11860	4612	4531	5085	3750	5570	9590	131110	5115
118	Urwa	50404	84173	38191	37039	34155	27842	40767	57910	326400	42598
119	Valencia	44131	70975	30848	39878	34448	22827	37409	53857	923856	37791
120	Vamadapadav	5830	11916	6377	4973	5129	3460	5269	10536	53000	5091
121	Vamanjoor	52657	81788	26692	27638	22288	20414	29749	50890	450000	25651
122	Venur	7797	21208	6094	6420	5500	3274	8060	9417	110811	6960
123	Vittal	15444	23315	8611	8575	10151	6975	8693	14056	157342	9330
124	Vorkady	20164	20662	13245	13793	12711	10057	15349	21807	200000	20949
125	Anthonykatte	6850	10277	2843	2720	1687	2280	1950	6235	-	1590
126	Bellare	1777	3777	2035	2150	1680	1300	2720	4930	52000	2212
127	Kodialbail Chapel	2950	4850	3935	925	3700	950	5175	5250	3915	534

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. Programmes for January 2024

- 2-11 : CCBI - Catechetical Commission office
- 6 : VII & X Std. School Catechism / VE Annual Exam
- 7 : Online Catechetical course class 1
- 7 : Liturgy Animation - Diocesan Eucharistic Procession
- 14 : Online Catechetical course class 2
- 14 : Adult Catechesis on liturgy and sacraments, Lectors training, Talapady parish
- 16-17 : Evaluation of the Answer scripts (VII & X Std.), MJ
- 21-26 : St Lawrence Basilica Attur - ministry and stall
- 28 : Adult Catechesis - Bola Parish
- 29-Feb 2 : Konkani Missal work - 3rd phase - Goa

II. Commission for Catechetics:

1. **VII & X Std. Catechism and VE exams:** The Diocesan level VII & X Std. Catechism, as well as VE exams, will be conducted on Saturday, 06 January 2024, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. For details, refer to our website www.mangalajyothi.com or Mangala Jyothi Bulletin, December 2023 issue.

2. **Sunday Catechism Annual Exams 2024:**

Exam date: 18-02-2024, morning hours.

Mangala Jyothi is preparing common question papers for the annual exams (Std. IV to X). The question paper pattern has already been published in our December bulletin issue. A copy of the question paper (Std. IV to X) will be sent to Deanery Priest Coordinators and Deans of the respective deaneries by 15 February 2024. Hence, Parish Priests are requested to collect the question papers from them. You are free to modify the question paper according to your situation or syllabus if necessary. Please do not change the date of the examination.

- 3. Parish / Diocesan level Catechism Day:** You are requested to organise Catechism Day at the parish level either on 25 February or in March or at your convenience. The diocesan level Value Education Day will be celebrated on 2 March 2024, Saturday, from 3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. at Cordel Parish, Frad Saib Hall. Also, the diocesan level Catechism Day and Golden Jubilee of Mangala Jyothi will be celebrated on 3 March 2024, Sunday from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. at Kulshekar Church/Frad Saib Hall. You are cordially invited to the programme.
- 4. New Value Education series:** In the year 2023, we have already introduced a new syllabus and Textbooks for the schools. The books have been published at the national level (CCBI). We have requested the publishers to provide us the books at a lower price. The publishers have agreed to the same. The revised price of VE series 2024 will be intimated to you soon.

As directed by CCBI, the schools under diocesan or religious administration are asked to use only the textbooks published by CCBI.

III. Books and other Items available at our Stall:

Ordo 2024 / Ordo Stand; ಕಥೋಲಿಕ್ ಪಂಚಾಂಗ್ 2024; Missal - English & Kannada, Konkani (reprint edition); Lectionary - Konkani, English & Kannada; Mass Candles, Hosts and particles; Incense; First Holy Communion candles, crown, veil, Rosary, scapular & Certificates; Confirmation Certificates; Clergy shirts; All kinds of church and religious articles; Mass vestments, albs, surplice, chalice, ciborium etc. Catechetical, Liturgical, Biblical and Spiritual books.

IV. Information: There will be a Mangala Jyothi stall during the annual festival of St Lawrence Basilica in Attur. There is a provision for renewal of subscriptions to Jesuchi Suvantha and Devacha Sobdacho Sombram. Please inform your parishioners.

V. Jubilee Year - Year of Prayer 2024: Themes for adult catechesis based on CCC (especially during the Lenten retreat.) You can give these themes to the retreat preachers.

1. What is a faith experience?
2. How can we know God's will?
3. Is Jesus still speaking to us today?
4. Who is Jesus? Is Jesus truly the Son of God?
5. The role of the Holy Spirit in our life.
6. One Holy Catholic, Apostolic Church and the role of the Catholic Church in the modern world?
7. Why form Small Christian Communities?
8. Why should we have a personal and community devotion to Mary?
9. How can we believe in mysteries of faith?
10. How was the Trinity revealed to us?
11. Should we always rely on God's providence?
12. Does the devil really exist?
13. Sin and its consequences.
14. Effects of Sacraments in our life.
15. How to form one's conscience? Why do we need to go for confession?
16. Sacrament of Marriage - commitment, spirituality, celibacy
17. Various vocations in the church.
18. Why is Sunday called the Lord's day? Full, Active and Conscious participation in the Eucharist.
19. Impact of Baptism and Confirmation.
20. Social justice in the world.
21. Option for the poor.
22. Resurrection, Life after death.
23. Faith life of children and youth in the family.
24. Should we pray to Christ or to the Father?
25. Is prayer really indispensable?
26. Articles of Our Father prayer
27. Why doesn't God answer our prayers?
28. What are the best methods of the prayer?
29. Happiness in the midst of trials.
30. Ten Commandments and love
31. Why read the Bible?
32. How can the Word of God inspire our family life?
33. Listening to God

For more details, refer to Adult Catechism - Volume I - III, published by CCBI and also refer CCC, CCCC, YOUCAT, DOCAT.

- **Director, Mangala Jyothi**

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY AND BIBLE CLASSES

A. Word of God Sunday

Pope Francis, on 30 September 2019, the liturgical Memorial of Saint Jerome through the Apostolic Letter *Aperuit Illis* instituted the Word of God Sunday and declared that the Third Sunday of the Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This liturgical year it falls on 21 January 2024. The theme suggested by CCBI for the Sunday of the Word of God is “**Remain in My Word**” “ಪುಜ್ಯ ಉತ್ತರಾಂತ ರಾವಾ.”

We are urged to celebrate this Sunday as the true festival of the Word of God. Some of the activities that could be organised in the parishes and institutions are as follows:

1. In the Eucharistic celebration, the sacred text be enthroned in order to focus the attention of the assembly on the normative value of God’s word (*Aperuit Illis*, 3).
2. Giving a Bible, or one of its books, to the entire assembly as a way of showing the importance of learning how to read, appreciate and pray daily with sacred Scripture, especially through the practice of lectio divina word (*Aperuit Illis*, 3).
3. Bible Quiz,
4. Bible reading sessions,
4. Bible Exhibition,
5. Biblical model-making competitions or Seminars,
6. Bible Housie-Housie,
7. Biblical storytelling,
8. Biblical Characters Fancy Dress,
9. Biblical Evening with Biblical Skits, enacting of biblical passages, songs, dances,
10. Bible manuscript-writing competitions, biblical drawing competitions, chart making, etc.,
11. Bible Study sessions,
12. Biblical Film screening.

This list can continue. These and other similar activities can be organised for the faithful of all age groups.

Diocesan Level Bible Quiz: The Commission for Bible will organise a Diocesan Level Online Bible Quiz in the *Gospel of John and the Letters of John in Konkani and English on 26 January 2024, evening from 8.00 p.m. to 08.30 p.m.* Please encourage the faithful to prepare for the Quiz and participate.

B. Announcement of Bible Classes

Commission for Bible, Diocese of Mangalore, is happy to announce the following Bible Classes in Konkanni for Priests, religious, and Lay Faithful. Parish priests are humbly requested to make this known to the people:

1. Diocesan Level Bible Class:

Topic : “So that you may believe” – An In-depth Study of the Gospel of John. “ತುಮಿ ಸತ್ಯಾನ್ವೈ ಖಾತಿರ್” – ಜುವಾಂವ್ಚೆ ಸುವಾರ್ತೆಚೆರ್ ಗುಂಡಾಯೆನ್ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ್

Dates : 2024 February 03, 10, 17, 24, March 02, 09, 16
Seven Saturdays from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Venue: Ephphatha Biblical Centre, Pastoral Centre Hall, Shanthi Kiran, Bajjodi

To register contact - Ephphatha Biblical Centre, ಎಪ್ಪಾಥಾ ಬಿಬ್ಲಿಕಲ್ ಸೆಂಟರ್, 9844763634.

2. Permannur (St Zuze Vaz) Deanery Level Bible Class:

Topic : “I will be with you always” – An In-depth Study of the Gospel of Matthew. “ಹಾಂವ್ ಸದಾಂಕಾಳ್ ತುಮ್ಚೆ ಸಂಗಿಂ ಆಸ್ಲೊಂ” – ಮಾತೆವಾಚೆ ಸುವಾರ್ತೆಚೆರ್ ಗುಂಡಾಯೆನ್ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ್

Dates : 2024 February 18, 25, March 03, 10, 17
Five Sundays from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Venue: Permannur Church Hall

To register, contact the respective Parish Priests or the Secretary of the Commission for Bible of the Parish.

– Secretary, Commission for Bible

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.

PROGRAMMES OF CODP

- 05.01.2024 : Christmas celebration in Fajir
- 07.01.2024 : Training on Government Schemes in Nanthoor
- 14.01.2024 : Training on the Right to Information Act in Seethangoli,
Training on Convection and Listening in Bakrabail
- 20.01.2024 : Awareness on Drug Abuse in Kumble,
Training on Environment Protection and Government Schemes in Kokkada,
Training on Convection and Listening in Vorkady
- 21.01.2024 : Training on Panchayath Raj in Kalathur
- 22.01.2024 : Training on the Right to Information Act in Sheni and Shanthipalla
- 23.01.2024 : Strengthening of Gender Sensitivity teams in Talapady, FAEE (The Foundation for Advancement of Excellence in Education), USA visit to CODP
- 24.01.2024 : Visit of Child Sponsorship Agency donors from Joy for Kids, Belgium
- 25.01.2024 : Training on Inspired Approach to Community Development, Visit of Child Sponsorship Agency donors from Joy for Kids, Belgium
- 26.01.2024 : Training on Plastic Waste Management in Puttur,
Training on Convection and Listening in Manjeshwar
- 27.01.2024 : Training on Panchayath Raj in Modankap
- 28.01.2024 : Training on Government Schemes in Balepuni,
Training on Natural Resource Management in Saya
- 29.01.2024 : Training on the Right to Information Act in Kumdaje

***Important Information to Parish Priests and Beneficiaries of CODP Golden Jubilee Diocesan Housing Project:** Kindly note that all the applicants who have not yet submitted their documents and have not started the work shall be postponed to the next financial year. These applications will not be considered for the 2023 budget.

– Director, CODP

LITURGY QUESTION OF MASS CONFUSION: GO FORTH OR STAY BACK?

General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) states: “When the Prayer after Communion is concluded, brief announcements should be made to the people, if there are any” (no. 166). If there is a Deacon who assists at Mass, “once the Prayer after Communion has been said, the Deacon makes brief announcements to the people, if indeed any need to be made, unless the Priest prefers to do this himself” (no. 184).

Whether a Priest or Deacon makes the announcements, the GIRM requires that they be brief. For this reason, this is not the time for a second homily. Not everything needs to be announced. According to Nick Wagner, “The best announcements last no longer than thirty seconds each. That is the length of most television commercials, and it is the length of most parishioners’ attention spans for advertisements, no matter how worthy.” People feel abused when we Priests do not respect their time. Liturgy is abused when, at the end of the celebration, people focus and talk only about this non-liturgical part and not about the message and experience of the liturgy they have celebrated.

When the GIRM instructs that short announcements be made after the prayer following Communion, we know that in many parishes, Priests prefer to do this after the Concluding Rites. This practice also seems legitimate and pastorally adequate. Liturgically, however, if it is done without knowing what the Priest has just said before making the announcements, it leaves much room for confusion at Mass or Mass confusion!

Let me explain: The Priest says at the Concluding Rites: (a) “Go forth, the Mass is ended”; (b) “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord”; (c) “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life”; or a plain and simple (d) “Go in peace.” The common thread between these four phrases is the command to “**go**”. This means that all the ministers and all the faithful are to depart in peace. They “go back to doing good works, praising and blessing God,” until they

gather for Eucharist again (GIRM 90c). The command to go refers to the urgency of the mission.

However, the act of the Priest giving another contradictory command to “please sit” for the announcements after having dismissed the assembly with the command to “go” is self-contradictory and blatantly puzzling. The command to go (ವಜಾ) and then, in the same breath, the command to sit (ಬಸಾ) or stay back shows the glaring lack of attention of the Priest to his own words. He is saying one thing mechanically and without thinking about it while he really wants another thing! Would not what Jesus said when he sacrificed his life on the Cross - “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing” - also apply to the Priests if they behave in a similar way in the liturgical celebrations? It doesn’t seem right to hold people hostage after the final blessing and liturgical dismissal, forcing them to listen to a bunch of extra-liturgical stuff and telling them to stay back when the Priest has actually asked them to go or leave!

Is there a way out? In my considered opinion, yes. After the final blessing, but without giving the dismissal command, the Priest may ask the assembly to sit down for the announcements, if they last more than a minute, and at the end, ask the assembly to stand and give the dismissal command as in the Roman Missal, such as “Go in peace” or “Go forth, the Mass is ended”. This order also seems reasonable and meaningful. The announcements introduced at this point in time would be in harmony with the principle: say what you mean and mean what you say.

When the directness between our ritual words and actions breaks down, we end up with an infinite regress of signs and words. There should be no room for betraying the signs or for betraying the meaning of the words. A dissonance between words and signs/actions is found when Judas uses a kiss as a sign to arrest Jesus. What we say and what we mean or do in the liturgy should be aligned. Striving for honesty between our different signs must be a primary quality of liturgy. In a word, good liturgy should do what it says and say what it does.

– **Rev. Victor George D’Souza**

THE ALTAR IS NOT A STAGE!

[The following Communication was issued by the Episcopal Curia of the Diocese of Lucera Troia in Italy on 3 December 2023, to be followed in the said diocese. It is published here for the attention of the priests and faithful of our diocese, since it remains valid everywhere]

The altar is not a stage! In a time like ours, in which anonymity seems to spread more and more, it is not uncommon to meet people in a sometimes neurotic search for visibility.

It is, therefore, more than appropriate to call for the discretion required by liturgical actions and sacred spaces, starting with the altar.

The altar is not a stage from which the many devotees of our churches can exhibit their religious inspiration.

The altar is not a stage for administrators and politicians to indulge in rhetorical and inappropriate “rallies”. Institutional interventions are welcome as long as they are based on moderation and common sense.

The altar is not a stage from which children present their “artistic” abilities to the boast of their parents.

The altar is not, not even for priests, a stage to show themselves, obscuring the mystery and person of Jesus, who remains the centre and foundation of our faith, as well as the only true redeemer of the world.

The saying attributed to Ignatius of Loyola applies to everyone who, addressing his brothers, loved to say: *Remember that the Messiah already exists; he is only one, and it is not you.* (From <https://diocesiluceraTroia.it/laltare-non-e-un-palcoscenico/>)

The 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1. Rev. Sylvester D Costa, Parish Priest, Immaculate Conception Church, Mulki, celebrates his 60th birthday (*shahti poorthi*) on 28.01.2024.
2. Rev. Aloysius D Souza, St Zuze Vas Home, Jeppu, celebrates his 99th birthday-anniversary or the 100th birthday on 29.01.2024.

On your special day, may you be blessed with good health, happiness, and continued strength to serve the Lord. We celebrate not only your birthday but also your unwavering dedication to God's work. May your life continue to be a beacon of faith and hope. Happy Birthday!

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