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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR JULY 2024

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| 1 | 05.00 p.m. | Inauguration of the Academic Year of St Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bangalore |
| 2-25 | | ICEL Meeting, Washington, D.C. and Visits |
| 27-28 | | Pastoral Visit, Gurpur |
| 29 | 09.30 a.m. | A.G.M., Catholic Health Association of India, at CODP |
| 30 | 11.00 a.m. | General Body Meeting, C.B.E., Bishop's House |
| 31 | 09.30 a.m. | Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting, Bishop's House |

Please Note: The Bishop meets Priests, Religious and Lay Faithful from 29 to 31 July in the afternoon, with appointments only.



“God is alive, and he needs people to serve him and bring him to others. It does make sense to become a priest: the world needs priests, pastors, today, tomorrow and always, until the end of time” (Pope Benedict XVI, Letter to seminarians, October 18, 2010). “The Church, both before and after the Vatican Council II, was and is the same Church: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic, journeying on through time.” (Pope Benedict XVI, Speech, December 22, 2005).

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR JULY 2024

Papal Intention for July: Pope Francis invites us to pray specially for the sick as we offer pastoral care to them. The prayer must be focused on asking God to confer his power to those who receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and their loved ones. It thus becomes ever more the visible sign of compassion and hope for all. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "This assistance from the Lord by the power of his Spirit is meant to lead the sick person to healing of the soul, but also of the body if such is God's will" (CCC 1520). As a preparation for the final journey, "this last anointing fortifies the end of our earthly life like a solid rampart for the final struggles before entering the Father's house" (1523).

Laudato Sì Sunday: On 7 July 2024: This year, we have truly experienced a hot summer, and in many parts of India and abroad, people were dying of heat waves and scarcity of drinking water. We cannot be insensitive to this painful situation. We can do yeoman service to people by planting saplings, doing water harvesting and making our surroundings plastic-free zones. In our diocese, we celebrate *Laudato Sì* Sunday on 7 July as a special event to protect the environment and to take care of Mother Earth. Let us join hands with the people of goodwill to promote a healthy atmosphere around us. Let us pray that the Lord send sufficient rain for cultivation and for all the basic needs.

Annual Retreat: This year, the Retreat for the first batch will be held at the Pastoral Centre from **7 to 12 July 2024**. Kindly register your names by **5 July**. The Retreat Preacher is Rev. Fr Jacob Parappally, MSFS. Professor Parappally holds a doctorate in theology from Germany and has long teaching experience in systematic theology at various institutes in India and abroad. He is the Chief-editor of Journal of Indian Theology.

He has published several books and scholarly articles. He was the President of the Indian Theological Association. We welcome our Retreat Preacher cordially. I invite the priests to make the best use of this time of prayer and reflection.

Building and Updating Parish Websites: It has been brought to our notice that in our diocese, 35 Parishes have active Websites, 19 Parishes have inactive Websites, and 70 Parishes have no Websites. In this digital world, people search for authentic and updated information regarding our Parishes and institutions, and sometimes they get disillusioned when they find outdated information or no information at all. A Website is the “virtual face” of any institution. In today’s digital age, a robust online presence is crucial for effective communication, outreach and community engagement. There is an offer from the Diocesan Commission for Social Communication. On **Wednesday, 17 July**, a workshop is scheduled to train the members of the Commission for Social Communication to empower the Parish teams in order to build zero-cost Websites and to update them regularly. Practical guidance and resources will be provided to the Parish teams at the Pastoral Centre. Parish Priests are requested to send at least two persons each to get trained to maintain effective Websites and thereby achieve the objective of the Commission. For more information, contact the Secretary, Fr Anil Ivan Fernandes.

Pope’s Message for the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly: Pope Francis has chosen a line from Psalm 71 — “Do not cast me off in my old age” — as the theme for the 2024 celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. He says, they are “the firm foundation” on which “new” stones can rest in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. *1 Peter 2:5*). The Holy Father laments that “nowadays many women and men seek personal fulfilment in a life as independent as possible and detached from other people.” He observes,

“The passage from ‘us’ to ‘me’ is one of the most evident signs of our times.” The Holy Father concludes with an appeal: “In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say ‘I will not abandon you’, and to set out on a different path.” Let the celebration on 28 July be an inspiration to love and appreciate the grandparents and the elderly.

Ongoing Formation for Clergy: On 20 and 21 August 2024, the clergy will have the ongoing formation. Very Rev. Fr Dionysius Vaz, S.J, Provincial of Jesuits of Karnataka, is the resource person. The venue is the Pastoral Centre. The theme is “Living our Priesthood in these challenging times”. The theme is connected to the stressful challenges the priests face in pastoral care. If you are unable to attend the course on the scheduled date, kindly inform the Director of the Pastoral Centre. He has indicated the dates marked for the different deaneries.

Revised Pastoral Plan (2024-2026): The Pastoral Plan is revised under the leadership of the Coordinator, Fr Faustine Lobo. The Secretaries of various Commissions, with their team members, have worked hard to bring greater clarity to the vision and mission, goals and objectives of each Commission. The revised Pastoral Plan will be released on 31 July 2024 during the Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting. I hope greater efforts will be taken to understand the dynamics of the Commissions so that one Pastoral Plan is executed in the whole diocese.

Study of the Church Documents: Though this year is declared as the Year of Prayer, we have not forgotten that it is also the Year of Studying the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council. I request the Vicars Forane to organize the workshops for the Parish Pastoral Councils of the Deanery to understand the impact of these fundamental documents and reflect on how

they are an inspiration to live our Christian commitment to the proclamation of the Gospel with greater zeal. Till Pope Francis inaugurates the Jubilee Year on 24 December 2024 in the Vatican Basilica, we have ample time to study and reflect on these precious documents. Each month could be dedicated to one document, e.g., in July on Church (*Lumen Gentium*), in August on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*), in September on Sacred Liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*), and in October on the Church in the Modern World (*Gaudium et Spes*). Then, the participants will realize that “The Church, in the Word of God, celebrates the Mysteries of Christ for the Salvation of the World”.

May the Lord bless every family, the elderly and the earth, our common home.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

CORRIGENDUM TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF PRIESTS

In the Preamble of the Constitution, the ninth line of the third paragraph (on p. 114 of the *Inter Nos*) should read as “the Letter of the Congregation of the **Clergy** on the Council of Priests” instead of “the Letter of the Congregation of the Congregation...”.

Article XII (on p. 121 of the *Inter Nos*), under no. 1, should read “When the term of the council of Priests, which lasts **3** years, ...” in the place of “When the term of the council of Priests, which lasts 5 years, ...”.

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Bishop of Mangalore

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Rev. Fr Alban D'Silva is appointed as Socius, Our Lady of Remedies Church, Kirem, with effect from June 24, 2024.

Rev. Fr Monohar D'Souza is appointed as Quasi-Parochial Administrator, Infant Jesus Church, Pavor-Uliya, with effect from June 24, 2024.

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Bishop of Mangalore

NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2024-25

We thank the Parish Priests and Superiors of Religious Convents who have submitted to the Chancery by June 20, 2024 the changes that need to be incorporated in the new Directory under their respective parishes/institutions. For others who haven't notified us of any changes, it will be assumed that the information about their parishes/institutions is correct and does not need to be changed. The copies of the New Directory will be available from **July 8, 2024** at the Reception Desk, Bishop's House, Kodialbail and Mangala Jyothi, Bajjodi.

THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF PRIESTS

The first meeting of the newly constituted Council of Priests of the Diocese of Mangalore will be held on Thursday, **August 1 2024, at 9.15 a.m.** in the Conference Hall of the Bishop's House. All the members are kindly requested to attend the meeting without fail.

Agenda

- 09.15 Arrival
- 9.30 Prayer
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Follow-up

- 9.45 Election of the new Secretary and members of the Agenda Committee Study of the new Statues of the Council of Priests
Review of some key issues of the Pastoral Consultation
Any other Matter
- 12.20 Bishop's Message
- 12.30 Lunch

- Rev. Fr Joseph Martis
Secretary

PROGRAMMES OF CODP

- 02.07.2024 : Awareness on Global Warming in Moodbidri
03.07.2024 : CODP Office and Field Staff Training in CODP
16.07.2024 : CODP Office and Field Staff Training in CODP
17.07.2024 : Training on Leadership in Manjeshwar
19.07.2024 : Field Staff meeting with the Practicum Students
24.07.2024 : Self Help Groups Evaluation
25.07.2024 : Training on Panchayath Raj and Awareness on Health in Talapady
26.07.2024 : Women Empowerment Programme monitoring and evaluation
28.07.2024 : Training on Leadership in Manjeshwar
29.07.2024 : Training on Constitutional Rights in Bajpe

*Educare Loan Application process begins for the Year 2024-25

– **Director, CODP**



“We are called to live not as one without others, above or against others, but with and for others” (Pope Francis, May 22, 2017).

ONGOING FORMATION PROGRAMME FOR THE CLERGY

Topic : “Living our Priesthood in Challenging Times”

Resource Person: V. Rev. Fr Dionysius Vaz, SJ
Provincial, Karnataka Province

Place : Shanthi Kiran, Pastoral Institute

Date : **20 and 21 August 2024**

Time : 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

20 August 2024 Vicariates	21 August 2024 Vicariates
Mangalore City Moodbidri Bantwal Pezar Bela Vittal	Episcopal City Surathkal Kirem Permannur Puttur Belthangady

Participation in the ongoing formation programme is mandatory. If you are unable to attend the programme on the day assigned to your Vicariate and wish to change the day of your participation, please inform us (WhatsApp message is appreciated) by **August 18, 2024** to avoid wastage or shortage of food.

Contact: Fr Santhosh Rodrigues : 9845833648
Bro. Melrick Dsouza : 9901396133
Ms Reshma Lobo : 7259731630

Fr Santhosh Rodrigues
Director, Pastoral Institute

Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

THE CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION

MSGR LESLIE SHENOY SCHOLARSHIP

The Catholic Board of Education, Diocese of Mangalore, is a registered society that manages the educational institutions established by the diocese. Most of these educational institutions are located in the rural areas and provide education to students who are economically poor. We have nearly 53,000 students, and many of them, especially in rural areas, find it difficult to pay school fees. Therefore, the Catholic Board of Education had a plan to establish a scholarship fund to help deserving students.

When this need was placed before Msgr Leslie Shenoy, he immediately responded positively and donated Rupees one crore (1 crore) towards this project in September 2022. The Catholic Board of Education is grateful to him and prays that God may bless him with good health and peace of mind.

This year (2024-2025), the first batch of deserving students will receive scholarships from this fund. Information on the eligibility criteria for the scholarship and the application form for the scholarship is provided below.

Eligibility for Scholarship

1. The 'Merit cum Need Scholarship' is meant for all Catholic students studying in I PUC in institutions under the management of the 'Catholic Board of Education'.
2. The eligibility criteria for this scholarship are as follows:
 - a) The students who apply for the 'Merit cum Need Scholarship', who are currently studying in **Arts**, **Commerce**, and **Science**, should have secured 60%, 70% and 80% and above in 10th std to be qualified for each of the disciplines respectively.
 - b) The students should be from poor economic backgrounds.
 - c) Incomplete applications will not be considered.

3. Documents to be submitted:
 - a) A sealed recommendation letter from the parish priest.
 - b) Income certificate issued by the competent government authorities.
 - c) A copy of the marks card of the 10th std examination.
4. The hard copy of the duly filled application should reach the C.B.E. office before **July 20, 2024.**

(NB: *The application forms will be available in the P.U. College offices under the management of C.B.E.*)

- Secretary, CBE

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL COMMUNICATION

Dear Parish Priests, kindly encourage your Parish Convenors and Media Team Members to attend a workshop on building and maintaining zero-cost websites for the parishes. This initiative aims to enhance the digital presence of our parishes and improve communication within our community. We thank you for your support.

Event Details:

Date : Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Time : 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Venue : Shanthi Kiran Hall, Bajjodi, Mangalore

*For more details and to confirm attendance, please contact:
9844274720, 8277937790.*

– Fr Anil Ivan Fernandes

Secretary

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. Programmes for July

- 1-5 : CCBI Office - Training of Catechists, Delhi
- 7 : Sunday Catechism Coordinators' annual meeting and evaluation, Mangala Jyothi
- 8 : School Catechism / VE Coordinators' annual meeting and evaluation, Mangala Jyothi
- 8 : Lectors' training, Urwa Parish
- 10 : Ongoing Formation of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Cordel
- 11 : YOUCAT session - St Joseph Seminary
- 20-23: YOUCAT ministry classes, St Joseph Seminary
- 21 : Adult Catechesis – Liturgy, Lectors and Choir Training, Permude
- 21 : Deanery Catechism teachers' ongoing formation, Permannur
- 24-25: Catechetical Ministry - Training for priests of Shimoga Diocese
- 29-31: YOUCAT ToT - Bangalore

II. Commission for Catechetics - Information

1. Priest Catechism and Liturgy Coordinators at the Deanery Level: Deans of the respective deaneries are requested to appoint a Priest Coordinator for Liturgy as well as for Catechetical Ministry if they have not been appointed yet. Please complete the process by 30 July 2024.

The Priest Coordinator will take care of Liturgy and Catechetical Ministry at the Deanery level. He will organize

- a) Follow-up seminars for Deanery level catechism teachers;
- b) Collect reports from the parish coordinators at the end of the

year; c) Choir members' or other required liturgical training at the deanery level in consultation with the Mangala Jyothi team.

2. Registration of Students' data online: You (parish catechism coordinators) 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 15 July 2024 if you have not completed it yet.** If you have not received the user id and password, kindly contact 8277937784 or info@mangalajyothi.com

3. Newly selected Catechists' Training: This year, we have trained 111 newly selected catechists and issued the certificates. I thank all the parish priests and coordinators for taking a special interest in the catechetical apostolate.

4. YOUCAT Ministry: I request all the Y.C.S. units, as well as ICYM units, to appoint YOUCAT representatives to carry out YOUCAT study and ministry. Y.C.S. and ICYM Diocesan Directors will guide you in this aspect.

5. YOUCAT for Kids and Adult Catechism:

As informed last year, CCBI has published Adult Catechism books in 3 volumes, which contain necessary adult catechetical material based on various themes. Also, the YOUCAT Foundation has released an Indian edition of kids catechism. These books are very useful and resourceful. We recommend that every parish has one set of books in its catechetical library. The books are available at the Mangala Jyothi stall. The books are provided at a discounted price.

6. Diocesan level Co-ordinators' Meeting:

a) Sunday Catechism Coordinators meeting and evaluation: on 07-07-2024 Sunday, 8.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. (Sunday Mass included), and no Registration fee.

b) School Catechism Coordinators/VE Teachers' representatives meeting and evaluation: on 08-07-2023 Monday, 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m., no Registration fee.

Please communicate the above message to the coordinators, and the last date to register the participants' names is 5 July 2024.

III. Commission for Liturgy-Information:

1. Extraordinary Ministry: We have trained 171 newly selected Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion this year. Please follow the following guidelines very strictly.

Note:

1. The Parish Priest is the authorized person to select the candidates, not the Vice President or P.P.C. Only the Diocesan Bishop can appoint the candidates for this ministry. Extraordinary ministry is of a distinct and sacred nature, unlike other duties. It is not a duty but a service. Therefore, select or nominate the candidates only if necessary. Priority should be given to religious sisters.
2. Age Criteria: 40 for admission and 65 for retirement from ministry (Religious persons exempted), which does not mean the person will distribute the communion till they retire. For the exercise of this ministry, periodic renewal of faculty from the Bishop is necessary.
3. To exercise this ministry, adequate training, certificate, and installation are essential.
4. Once they are appointed and have received the faculty, please enrol their details online by visiting <https://www.mangalajyothi.com/admin/parishlogin.php> or contact our office. Online registration is mandatory hereafter.
5. Maintain a separate file for this ministry and keep a photocopy of their training certificate, not the original.

6. Installation Rite is given in the handbook. Please keep one handbook in the official file
7. Insignia is to be worn by the Extraordinary Ministers of distribution of Holy Communion, including religious sisters
8. If the faculty of the existing members is not renewed, kindly write to the Bishop seeking the renewal. Renewal of faculty is essential. After the renewal, it should be entered in the online portal.

IV. New arrivals and other items available at our stall:

- * Little Whispers with God - Prayer book for children
- Rs. 60/-
- * ಜೆಜು ಮ್ಹಜೊ ಇಷ್ಟ್ - ಲ್ಹಾನಾ ಭುರ್ಗ್ಯಾಂಚೆಂ ಮಾಗ್ಣ್ಯಾ ಪುಸ್ತಕ್
- ರು. 60/-
- * YOUCAT for Kids - Rs. 450/-
- * ಆಮಿ ಭಾವಾಡ್ತಿ - YCS text book (Konkani and English)
- Rs. 80/-
- * ಮರಿಯೆ ಸಂಗಿಂ ಜೆಜು ಸರ್ಶಿಂ - ರು. 100/-
- * DIRECTORY 2024 - Mangalore Diocese (available from 8 July).
- * Superior quality hosts, particles, Mass candles, mudthom candles, votive candles, scented candles, candle stands, ciborium, chalice, cruets, thurible, incense, charcoal, Mass vestments, clergy shirts, statues, rosaries and all kinds of catechetical, biblical and liturgical books are available at Mangala Jyothi store.

- Director, Mangala Jyothi

COMMISSION FOR BIBLE

Programmes for the upcoming months:

1. *“Suvantha Shikyam”* (Let’s study the Gospels):
Marathon Bible Classes on the Gospel of Matthew and Luke:
Place : Holy Redeemer Church, Derebail - Church Hall
Date : 04 June 2024 to 27 August 2024,
every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7.30 p.m.
2. Vicariate-Level Bible Classes at Kasargod Vicariate (Southern Vicariate):
Bible Classes on the Gospel of Matthew, “God with Us,”
for the Priests, Religious, and Laity.
Venue : St Monica Church, Kumbala - Church Hall
Date : 2024, July 06, 13, 20, 27, and August 03.
On Five Saturdays from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
3. Vicariate-Level Bible Classes at Vittal Vicariate (St John Paul II Vicariate):
Bible Classes on the Gospel of Matthew, “God With Us,”
for the Priests, Religious, and Laity.
Venue : Our Lady of Dolours Church, Vittal - Church Hall
Date : 2024, July 07, 14, 21, 28, and August 04.
On Five Sundays from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
4. *“Vatek Divo”*: Ward-Level Bible Quiz
Place : St Francis Xavier Parish, Bejai
Date : 28 July 2024 and 04 August 2024.
5. Visit of the Regional Secretary for the Commission for Bible, Bangalore, to Ephphatha Biblical Centre, Shanthi Kiran, Bajjodi, Mangalore on 17 July 2024.
6. ‘Parish Bible Commission Secretaries Meet’ at Shanthi Kiran Bajjodi, Mangalore, on 11 August 2024.

- Fr Vincent Sequeira, Secretary

R.I.P

- Mr John Albert D'Souza (82 years), father of Rev. Fr Robert D'Souza, Parish Priest, Allipade, passed away on June 18 2024. His funeral took place on June 19, 2024 at Infant Jesus Church, Vamadapadavu.



The Catholic Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This year it is July 28. Pope Francis has chosen the theme from Psalm 71:9 “Do not cast me off in my old age”. It is the ‘prayer of an elderly person’, which reminds us that loneliness is, unfortunately, a widespread reality that affects many elderly people. They are often victims of the throwaway culture and considered a burden on society. Faced with this reality, families and the ecclesial community are called to be at the forefront of promoting a culture of encounter, creating spaces for sharing, listening, offering support and affection.

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