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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST 2020

06	3.00	p.m.	Conferral of Diaconate, St Joseph Seminary, Jeppu
10	3.30	p.m.	Governing Board Meeting, SJEC
11	3.30	p.m.	Governing Board Meeting, CBE
12	10.00	a.m.	General Body Meeting, CODP
18	3.30	p.m.	Ordination at Allipade
26	10.00	a.m.	General Body Meeting, CBE
28	5.00	p.m.	Governing Board Meeting, FMCI.



BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR AUGUST 2020

The Month of August brings to our memory the Transfiguration of Our Lord, the Independence of our motherland and the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother. The three events are well connected. While Transfiguration is a prophecy, Assumption is the fulfillment, and Independence or freedom is its symbol. Here the political freedom points to the much-desired spiritual freedom which guarantees freedom from fear, from corruption and points at the final divinization.

Transfiguration of Our Lord (August 6): The mystery of the glorification of the body was anticipated in the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus. It is traditionally acknowledged to have taken place on Mount Tabor, a high mountain, where God the Father spoke about his beloved Son and disciples beheld his glory. We are constantly challenged to climb the mountain of holiness and at the same time challenged to face the real life.

Assumption of Mary: Mother Mary, Mother of hope, experienced true freedom from death and corruption with her Assumption into heaven. She is the new star, the star of freedom, of new hope and of a new vision for us. When Pope Pius XII began the inquiry into what the People of God believed regarding bodily Assumption of Mary, he asked two questions to the Bishops of the whole world in his letter *Deiparae Virginis Mariae* sent on May 1, 1946: "Do you, venerable brethren, in your outstanding wisdom and prudence, judge that the bodily Assumption of the Blessed Virgin can be proposed and defined as a dogma of faith? Do you, with your clergy and people, desire it?" The sense of faith (*sensus fidei*), shown through the "outstanding agreement of the Catholic prelates and the faithful" is the fruit of the promptings of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. This agreement of both pastors and faithful paved the way for the definition of the dogma of Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven. God guides the Church through the Holy Spirit and this is a wonderful example for acknowledging that God is working in us and through us. Let

us pray that the Holy Spirit bring to fulfillment in us what Mary experienced.

Independence of India (August 15): India reached tremendous experience of freedom when the Union Jack was lowered and the Tricolour was unfurled. Jawaharlal Nehru, our first Prime Minister, in his famous speech, *India's tryst with destiny*, said: "A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance." The Indian nation will find its soul's utterance when one acquires freedom from fear, corruption and ill will. Nehru foresaw that a narrow-minded people cannot be really free: "We cannot encourage communalism or narrow-mindedness, for no nation can be great whose people are narrow in thought or in action." In these times of great crisis, may the Lord free us from narrow mindedness so that our spirits may find true utterance.

***Communio India* Sunday:** The Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) has resolved to join hands and share the resources every year so that the poorer dioceses could be financially helped in their development. In various dioceses *Communio India* is celebrated on the first Sunday of Advent. However, in our diocese we celebrate it on August 15. The purposes of *Communio India* are (1) to build a culture of sharing in order to express solidarity with our needy brothers and sisters in the country. (2) to encourage our faithful to pray and help the missions and the missionaries and to promote missionary vocations. (3) to inspire our lay faithful to work in mission areas as lay missionaries. The CCBI in its circular says: "It should not only be a day of prayer but also a day of awareness to enable us to become missionary disciples." Last year, thanks to the generous donation of our people, we sent Rs. 7,37,272.00 for this cause. I sincerely thank all those who contributed towards *Communio India*.

Laudato Sí Year: On 24 May 2020, on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the encyclical *Laudato Sí* after praying the

Regina Coeli Pope Francis invited everyone to take part in the *Laudato Si* Year. The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has drawn up a programme to make this year fruitful. The year runs from 24 May 2020 until 24 May 2021. We have already heard the call of the *Laudato Si* Committee to conserve water (*Jalabandhan*). We shall send the report about our efforts at conservation of natural resources of the earth to the above Dicastery. Any other activity you promote in the parishes and institutions, kindly inform the *Laudato Si* committee. Let us intently listen to the cry of the earth and of the poor.

Old Age Plan: As we grow old, we become more and more susceptible to sickness and the medical and other needs demand immediate attention. Though we have the PAF to cater to the medical needs of diocesan priests, it is depleting day by day. Taking into account the needs of old age, and since the priests do not have any Provident Fund, some Fathers suggested that we should have an Old Age Plan. On July 24, 2020 during the meeting of the Council of Priests, this point was proposed and there was an overwhelming positive response. Accordingly, it was decided that every priest of our diocese contributes a minimum of Rs 5000/- every year, other than the annual contribution to the PAF. The amount is to be sent to the Diocese of Mangalore.

Ordination of Deacons: On August 6, five of our seminarians will be ordained deacons at St Joseph Seminary, Jeppu. It will be a moment of joy to see young men ready to dedicate themselves to the affairs of the Lord. The deacons upon whom hands are imposed “not unto the priesthood, but unto a ministry of service” bring before our eyes the life of Christ himself, who came to serve and not to be served. Dedicated to duties of charity and of administration, deacons must be mindful of the admonition of Blessed Polycarp: “Be merciful, diligent, walking according to the truth of the Lord, who became the servant of all” (LG 29). May our deacons imbibe the spirit of Christ and live by his example. Let us pray for them to remain steadfast in their commitment.

Vocation Promotion: The students are waiting for the S.S.L.C. results and during adolescence they also seriously think of their future and make life's choices. During this crucial time, if they find a good mentor, they would be able to identify what God wants them to do. I request the Fathers, Sisters and Brothers to counsel young men who are ready to serve the Lord and his people. We too can live our spiritual fatherhood by promoting vocations. The fruitfulness of our priestly life can be measured in the way we inspire the youngsters.

Care for the Sick and Needy: The Covid-19 situation is aggravating and people are going through hardships. Many have lost their jobs and depression is increasing. The economy is in doldrums. Let us join hands, dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers, and come to the aid of our people and be at their service. Please find out the needs of the poor and sick and attend to them. This is not the time to close ourselves in but go out to the existential peripheries and bring the Good News of Our Lord through concrete action. Mobilize the youth to be the Gospel bearers.

Mass and Adoration: In order to implore God for his protection from the deadly disease, priests are requested to use the *Masses for Sick* (English Missal, n. 45; Konkani Missal, nn. 32 A and B) and *For Any Need* (English Missal, nn. 48 A and B; Konkani Missal, nn. 38 A and B). On the occasion of the Transfiguration of Our Lord and Assumption of Our Blessed Mother, please organize special prayers and adoration, keeping in mind, the safety measures.

May the month of August bring in us true sense of freedom and real desire for holiness as the occasions also lend themselves for our God-orientedness.

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Bishop of Mangalore

ANNUAL RETREATS – (BATCH I AND II)

We could not hold the **1st Batch** of Annual Retreat of 2020, scheduled to be held in July 2020, because of the Covid-19 lockdown. It is now rescheduled to be held from Sunday evening on **29 November 2020 to the noon of Friday 4th December 2020** at the Pastoral Institute, Bajjodi. The preacher of this retreat will be Rev. Fr Gregory Pinto SVD.

The **2nd Batch** of Annual Retreat was usually held in the Seminary. But this year, the Seminary is not re-opened until now because of the prevailing situation of the pandemic. The seminarians may not have the Christmas holidays this year, if the Seminary re-opens any time this year. So, as of now, this **2nd Batch** of Annual Retreat will be held at the Pastoral Institute, from Sunday evening on **6th December 2020 till noon of Friday 11th December 2020**. If there is no possibility of re-opening the Seminary until the end of this calendar year, there may be a possibility of having this retreat shifted to the Seminary, which will be intimated to you later. The preacher of this **2nd batch** of retreat will be Rev. Fr Joy Painadath.

Please register your names to any of these retreats with the Director of Pastoral Institute, Bajjodi.

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CONCERNING CMA DEFICIT

In the context of the financial crunch felt by some Priests on CMA due to the precarious situation caused by Covid-19 pandemic, in order to address the problem, we had given specific directives for April, May and June months. We extend the same provision for the months of **July, August and September 2020**.

Consequently, we bring to your attention once gain the following directives issued in our circular dated May 20, 2020 and ask you to adhere to them:

1. If a Parish Priest hasn't been able to meet the expenses of CMA during the aforesaid lockdown period, he may draw the actual deficit amount from the church account.
2. Deficit of CMA (inclusive of cook's salary) claimed/drawn from the Parish account should not exceed Rs 10,000/- per month where there is one Priest, and Rs 15,000/- per month, where there is more than one Priest. Parish Priests may draw the deficit from the church, and maintain proper bills.
3. As regards the heads/title under accounting/ledger entries for the deficit amount drawn, consult the CA.
4. The decision of the Bishop as regards this provision should be communicated to the Parish Finance Committee.
5. The amount drawn from the parish is subject to the scrutiny of the PFC and CA as regards accounting.
6. Where there is no possibility of claiming the deficit from the parish, please refer the matter to the Bishop.
7. Parish Priests are earnestly directed to minimize the expenses and even examine honestly the food items/habits to see if they reflect simplicity and incorporate austerity, especially at this point of time.
8. As usual, the CMA accounts should be sent to the Procurator for scrutiny.

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INTRODUCING THE NEW PRIESTS OF MANGALORE DIOCESE

Three happy deacons – Lancy D’Souza, Steevan Coutinho and William D’Souza - of Mangalore diocese completed one leg of their vocational journey and prepared to start the next as they were ordained to the Presbyterate on Thursday 23.7.2020 in St Joseph’s Church, Jeppu, Mangalore. Precautions against spreading the novel coronavirus didn’t dampen the spirits of the deacons nor of their families and friends. Safety requirements to prevent spread of the virus controlled the celebration. Limits on the number of people who could attend were in place, social distancing was practiced, faces covered with masks and hand sanitizer was generously used. Thirty priests and seventy lay faithful participated in the event. Vicars Forane and the members of the College of Consultors were among the priests to represent the diocesan presbyterium. Now we introduce you to the newest priests of the diocese:

Rev. Lancy D’Souza of Christ the King Parish, Manela, was born on October 1, 1987. He is the son of Daniel and Ermis D’Souza, and has a younger brother. Lancy did his high school studies in Shri Devi High School, Punacha; PUC in St Philomena PU College Puttur; and college studies (B.A.) in S.D.M. College, Honnavar. His hobbies include drawing, reading, volleyball, football, and listening to music. He had his regency at St Philomena College, Puttur and diaconal ministry at Holy Cross Church, Cordel. Lancy has indicated his aptitude to family apostolate, SCC, and children’s catechesis. His motto: “I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine” (Is 43:1).

Rev. Steevan Joel Coutinho of St Jude Thaddaeus Parish, Pakshikere, was born on September 5, 1989. Mark and Stella Coutinho are his parents; he has an older brother and a younger sister. Steevan had his high school education in Shri Narayana Guru English Medium School, Mulki; PUC at Shri Narayana Guru P.U. College, Mulki. He did his graduate studies (BBM) at

Pompei College, Aikala (Kirem). Before his admission to St Pius X Seminary, Mumbai, he worked for a year as process analyst at Deutsche Bank. He counts reading, studying scriptures, athletics and gardening among his hobbies. He did his two-year regency in Mangalore-Same Mission in Same Diocese, Tanzania, and diaconal ministry at St Sebastian Church, Permannur. His motto is from Lk 1:38: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Rev. William D'Souza of St Francis Xavier Parish, Indubettu, was born on June 25, 1991. He is the son of Joseph and Emiliana D'Souza. William, the youngest in the family has 2 sisters (who are now religious) and 2 brothers older to him. He had his high school studies at Government School, Nada; PUC at SDM College, Ujire, and College studies (B.Com) at Sacred Heart College, Madanthyar. Music, reading and games are among his hobbies. He desires to minister in village parishes, serve poor families and work in SCCs. He did his regency at St Antony's Church, Naravi and diaconal ministry at Our Lady Queen of the Universe Church, Ranipura. His inspirational motto: "You did not choose me, I chose you" (Jon 15:16).

We congratulate and wish our new priests all the best in their ministry and life. May their lives be focused on God but centered by the people God gives them to serve. Pope Francis invites every priest to be a source of blessing for his people. The anointing which he receives at his ordination is not meant just for himself – it is to flow through him to those he serves. As Pope Francis said at his first Chrism Mass, "A good priest can be recognised by the way his people are anointed... when our people are anointed with the oil of gladness, it is obvious: for example, when they leave Mass looking as if they have heard good news." May God the Father renew in us the Spirit of holiness with whom we have been anointed.

- Chancellor

Priests' Transfers and Assignments – 2020 (II)

No.	Name	From	To	Date
1	Fr Ronald D'Souza	Director, ICYM	P.P. Gantalkatte	27.7.2020
2	Fr Jesudas D'Costa	P.P. Gantalkatte	P.P. Nainadu	28.7.2020
3	Fr Santhosh Menezes	P.P. Nainadu	Chaplain, Mt Rosary, Moodbidri-Alangar	29.7.2020
4	Fr Rithesh Rodrigues	St. Philomena, Puttur	P.P. Kollangana	27.7.2020
5	Fr Daniel D'Souza	P.P. Kollangana	P.P. Siddakatte	28.7.2020
6	Fr Antony Lasrado	P.P. Siddakatte	P.P. Nithyadarnagar	29.7.2020
7	Fr Elias D'Souza (Jr)	P.P. Nithyadarnagar	Parochial Admin. Thannirbavi	30.7.2020
8	Fr Alban Rodrigues	Parochial Admin. Thannirbavi	Administrator St Anthony's, Jeppu	31.7.2020
9	Fr Joseph Cardoza	SJEC, Vamanjoor	P.P. Belthangady	08.8.2020
10	Fr Bonaventure Nazareth	P.P. Belthangady	P.P. Milagres	10.8.2020
11	Fr Joseph J. Lobo	P.P. Milagres	Leave	11.8.2020
12	Fr Roque D'Sa	Seminary	P.P. Valencia	27.7.2020
13	Fr James D'Souza	P.P. Valencia	P.P. Vamanjoor	28.7.2020
14	Fr Cyprian Pinto	P.P. Vamanjoor	P.P. Permannur	29.7.2020
15	Fr John Baptist Saldanha	P.P. Permannur	P.P. Bejai	30.7.2020
16	Fr Wilson D'Souza	P.P. Bejai	Chaplain, Little Sisters of the Poor, Maroli	31.7.2020
17	Fr Jayaprakash D'Souza	Little Sisters	P.P. Ranipura	27.7.2020
18	Fr Santhosh D'Souza	P.P. Ranipura	Socius, Pakshikere	06.8.2020
19	Fr Paul D'Souza	P.P. Maniampare	Parochial Admin. Anegudde	29.7.2020
20	Fr Arun Wilson Lobo	Parochial Admin. Anegudde	Returns to reside at Naravi and continues as Principal	30.7.2020
21	Fr Jason Joseph Lobo	Asst P.P. Urwa	P.P. Nidpalli	27.7.2020
22	Fr John D'Souza	P.P. Nidpalli	P.P. Eliarpadavu	28.7.2020
23	Fr Gilbert D'Souza	P.P. Eliarpadavu	P.P. Bolkunje	29.7.2020
24	Fr Michael D'Silva	P.P. Bolkunje	P.P. Ammembal	30.7.2020
25	Fr Lawrence Mascarenhas	P.P. Ammembal	P.P. Puttur	31.7.2020
26	Fr Alfred Pinto	P.P. Puttur	P.P. Cathedral	01.8.2020
27	Fr John Baptist Crasta	P.P. Cathedral	Sp. Director, Fr Muller, Deralakatte	03.8.2020
28	Fr Ivan Michael Rodrigues	P.P. Paladka	P.P. Vittal	27.7.2020
29	Fr Eric Crasta	P.P. Vittal	P.P. Cascia	28.7.2020
30	Fr Harold Mascarenhas	P.P. Cascia	P.P. Shirtady	29.7.2020
31	Fr Francis Crasta	P.P. Shirtady	P.P. Loreto	30.7.2020
32	Fr. Elias D'Souza (Sr)	P.P. Loretto	P.P. Paladka	29.7.2020
33	Fr Anil Avild Lobo	Shanthi Kiran, Bajjodi	Teaching, St Mary's College, Bela, Paroch. Administrator Maniampare	23.7.2020 28.7.2020

34	Fr Ashok Rayan Crasta	St Mary's College, Bela	Lecturer and Warden, St Philomena, Puttur	24.7.2020
35	Fr Arun Lobo	Res. Valencia	Director, Friendship House, Talapady	15.7.2020
36	Fr Paul Crasta	HM, Kelarai, Res. Paldane	P.P. Sampaje	27.7.2020
37	Fr Naveen Prakash Pinto	P.P. and H.M., Sampaje	Principal, Udaya School, Manjeshwar; Priest-in-Charge, Komangala	28.7.2020
38	Fr Melwyn Lobo	Udaya School, Manjeshwar & Priest-in-charge, Komangala	H.M. Bantwal	30.7.2020
39	Fr Joswin Praveen D'Souza	Asst P.P. Valencia	For Studies (Licentiate in Philosophy)	10.8.2020
40	Fr Flavian Rajkiran Lobo	Asst P.P. Cathedral	Asst P.P. Angelore	27.7.2020
41	Fr Denzil Lobo	Asst P.P. Angelore	For Studies (Licentiate in Canon Law)	25.7.2020
42	Fr Rahul Dexter D'Souza	Asst P.P. Pakshikere	Asst P.P. Urwa	24.7.2020
43	Fr Rohan Lobo	Resident, SJIA Workshop, Jeppu	Resident, St Joseph the Worker Vamanjoor	30.7.2020
44	Fr Vinod Lobo	Socius, Bejai	Socius, Cathedral	03.8.2020
45	Fr Claudy Stany Vas SAC	P.P. Farla	Relieved as P.P.	03.8.2020
46	Fr John Prakash Pereira SAC		P.P. Farla	03.8.2020
47	Fr Roshan John Lopes SAC	P.P. Ukkinadka	Relieved as P.P.	10.8.2020
48	Fr Wilson Clywet Lobo SAC		P.P. Ukkinadka	10.8.2020
49	Fr Rocky Fernandes	Principal, Rosario College	Parochial Admin. Mariashram; Principal, Permannur College	01.9.2020
50	Fr Edwin Mascarenhas	Parochial Admin. Mariashram; Principal, Permannur	Socius, Valencia	02.9.2020
51	Fr William D'Souza	New Priest	Asst P.P. Kinnigoli	10.8.2020
52	Fr Stephen Joel Coutinho	New Priest	Asst P.P. Madanthayar	10.8.2020
53	Fr Lancy D'Souza	New Priest	Asst P.P. Valencia	10.8.2020

PROPOSED DRAFT OF THE REVISED CMA POLICY AND MASS ACCOUNT FOR STUDY AND SUGGESTIONS

Dear Rev. Fathers,

You are aware that as a corollary to the Special Consultation on Financial Administration held on March 16, 2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and the proposal made by the Council of Priests held in the afternoon on the day, a committee was formed to study and revise the Mass Offering Accounts and CMA Policies currently in existence in our diocese. The committee consists of the following members: Msgr. Maxim L. Noronha (Vicar General); Fr. Victor Vijay Lobo, (Convener), Fr. Antony Shera, Fr. Bonaventure Nazareth, Fr. Valerian S. Dsouza, Fr. Mathew Vas, and Fr. William Menezes. This committee has made elaborate study on the matter by consulting a few dioceses and experts and presented the draft policy to the Bishop.

Now I am placing this Draft of the renewed CMA policy and accounting of Mass Offering in the Diocese of Mangalore and invite all priests incardinated to the diocese to go through it. In fact, this draft was presented to the Council of Priests on 24 July, 2020 which suggested for a wider consultation. **The Vicars Forane** are requested to have discussion on the draft **in the deanery meetings** and send to the Procurator the observations and suggestions **by September 30, 2020** the latest. The revised draft is as follows:

I. Clergy Maintenance:

1. The Income to the Diocesan Clergy Maintenance Account (DCMA) will be from the 25% Sunday Collection, 100% Mite Box collection, the Certificate charges from the Parishes, 100% offertory collection of all the Masses on the feast of Christmas, and the freewill offerings received in the context of pastoral/sacramental ministry, such as Baptisms, Weddings, new house/vehicle blessings, annual house blessings.

2. In the Parishes, the Sunday collection has to be credited to the Parish account under two separate heads. A) 75% collection – Contribution from the People to the Parish. B. 25% collection towards DCMA. The 25% will be treated the same as the Earmarked Collection and has to be sent to DCMA maintained in the Bishop's House, on a quarterly basis.
3. 100% Mite box collections has to be credited to the Parish Account under the head–Mite Box collection. This 100% will be treated the same like Earmarked Collection and has to be sent to the DCMA, on a quarterly basis.
4. Both these collections should be counted by a team of at least three members, chosen either by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) or Parish Finance Council (PFC). The amount received should be documented denomination-wise and the Statement has to be signed by the team and countersigned by the Parish Priest. While sending the CMA returns, the Parish Priest should send the copy of these statements to the Procurator.
5. Certificate charges collected and the freewill offerings received in the context of pastoral ministry are to be credited to the Parish account once a month or quarterly, issuing one receipt under the head - Contribution to DCMA
6. At the end of every month or quarterly, the CMA statement has to be prepared by the Parish Priest in the format given by the Diocese.
7. This Statement has to be sent to the Procurator to claim the deficit.
8. An upper limit for the food expenditure including the cook's salary has to be fixed, which will be reviewed periodically.
9. Cook's salary has to be fixed as per the number of Priests and the working hours. If the cook is also rendering his/her service to the Church, then a certain amount has to be paid

from the Parish account both to reduce the burden on CMA and give the just wages.

10. While claiming the deficit, the one Mass Stipend per day, per priest, has to be considered i.e. deduction has to be done in the CMA statement itself before claiming deficit from the DCMA.
11. Board (food) expenses of Regents, Sunday Ministry Seminarians, Deacons are to be drawn from the Parish Account.
12. (a) Boarders, adopted students, employees, such as, office staff, sacristan, attenders do not include in the CMA
(b) Parish Feasts and parochial celebratory/thanksgiving dinner/party/personal celebrations are not part of the CMA
(c) Alcoholic drinks/beverages are excluded from the CMA.

Food Expenses: The committee proposed uniform amount for food expenses, per priest per month, and to be calculated according to the number of Priests in a Parish. Considering the CMA returns of the previous years, it is proposed to fix the upper limit for the food expenses @ Rs 8000/- per priest per month (Rs 266/- per day).

Cook's Salary: The Cook's salary is to be fixed as per the hours of work. If the cook is rendering service in the Parish, a portion of the salary is to be paid from the Parish account. Where there is one Priest and if the Cook is full timer, then the Cook gets Rs.7000 per month from the CMA and Rs. 4000/- from the Parish, so that the total salary would be Rs 11000/- or the actual whichever is lower. Where there are two Priests, Rs.10000/- is to be drawn from CMA and Rs. 2000/- from the Parish so that the total would be Rs.12000/- or the actual whichever is lower. Where there are more than 2 Priests, the Cook's salary would be Rs.12000/- or the actual whichever is lower.

Monthly Food Expenses and Cook's Salary Table

No of Priests	Food Expenses	Cook's Salary	Maximum limit for CMA	Additional Cook's salary from Parish account	Cook's total salary payable
1	8000	7000	15000	4000	11000
2	$8000 \times 2 = 16000$	$5000 \times 2 = 10000$	26000	2000	12000
3	$8000 \times 3 = 24000$	$4000 \times 3 = 12000$	36000	NIL	12000
4	$8000 \times 4 = 32000$	$3000 \times 4 = 12000$	44000	NIL	12000
5	$8000 \times 5 = 40000$	$2400 \times 5 = 12000$	52000	NIL	12000

II. Mass Offering:

1. A separate bank account for the Mass Offering and a Ledger are to be maintained in the Parish. The Mass Account is to be named as 'Mass Offering Account of Parish. Mass stipends collected are to be deposited in the bank.
2. A receipt is to be issued for the Mass Offerings collected from the faithful. A separate receipt book is to be printed for the Mass Offering account. While entering the Mass Offering in the Official Mass Diary, the serial number of receipt also is to be entered henceforth. A sample format for the receipt is given below.
3. At the end of each month, Mass Offerings for the offered Masses in the whole month, at the rate of one Mass Offering (Stipend) per day, are to be withdrawn by the Individual Priest by cheque and the entire amount has to be contributed for the CMA.
4. The Offerings (stipends) of the Binated, Clubbed and the Non-Fixed or Unoffered Masses with details of number of Masses has to be sent to the Procurator's Office at the Bishop's House, on a quarterly basis.
5. The Pro-Populo and Legacy Masses are to be fixed in the beginning of the year. An equivalent amount of stipend for

those Masses is to be withdrawn from the Parish Account by making a voucher and should be deposited into the Mass offering account. A receipt from the Mass Offering account has to be issued. Both the voucher and the receipt have to be kept together in the Church account. Simultaneously, the entry for Pro-Populo Masses and Legacy Masses must be entered in the Mass Register at the beginning of the year.

6. The maintenance of Official Mass Diary is to be uniform in the whole Diocese. A sample format for the Mass Diary is given below.

Formats for (a) CMA Returns (b) Official Receipt for Mass Offering (c) Official Mass Diary are given below.

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Formats for CMA Returns:

Where there is one Priest

Diocese of Mangalore

Diocesan Clergy Maintenance Account			
Parish:	Financial year:		
Month			
Food Expenses			
Cook's Salary (Actual or Rs 7000 whichever is lower)			
Total Expenditure			
Less: Mass Stipend			
Deficit			
Final Claim			
Name and Signature			

Where there are more Priests

Diocese of Mangalore

Diocesan Clergy Maintenance Account			
Parish:	Financial year:		
Month			
Food Expenses			
Cook's Salary (refer to the Chart)			
Total Expenditure			
CMA expenditure per head (Total Expenditure divided by Number of Priests)			
Priest 1			
Expenditure Per Head			
Less: Mass Stipend			
Final Claim (Refer to the Chart)			
Total of 3 Months claim			
Name and Signature :			
Priest 2			
Expenditure Per Head			
Less: Mass Stipend			
Final Claim (Refer to the Chart)			
Total of 3 Months claim			
Name and Signature :			
Priest 3			
Expenditure Per Head			
Less: Mass Stipend			
Final Claim (Refer to the Chart)			
Total of 3 Months claim			
Name and Signature :			

Format for the Official Receipt for Mass Offering

Diocese of Mangalore Parish Mass Offering Account			
No: 0000		Date:	
Received with thanks			
From			
Ward/Place			
Rupees		Towards	
Masses	Amount	No	To be celebrated on
Nuptial, Jubilee and Celebrations	500		
Sunday's	300		
Weekdays (Fixed)	200		
Normative (Non-Fixed)	150		
By Cash/Cheque No.		Bank:	
Rs	Parish Priest		

DIOCESE OF MANGALORE

Report of COVID-19 Response: From March 24 to July 15, 2020

Sl. No.	Name of Organization/Parish/NGO	Amount Published in <i>Internos</i> of July, 2020	Addition	TOTAL
1	Parishes/Associations in Mangalore Diocese	83,52,500.00	8,39,956.00	91,92,456.00
2	Bishop's House, Mangalore	5,90,000.00	46,638.00	6,36,638.00
3	CODP, Diocesan NGO	6,00,000.00	10,26,037.00	16,26,037.00
4	Apostolic Carmel Sisters in Mangalore	8,32,400.00		8,32,400.00
5	Bethany Sisters in Mangalore	4,15,000.00		4,15,000.00
6	Ursuline Franciscan Sisters Mangalore	1,00,000.00	15,32,980.00	16,32,980.00
7	OCD Fathers from Infant Jesus Shrine	7,00,000.00		7,00,000.00
8	Society of Jesus St. Aloysius College	20,00,000.00		20,00,000.00
9	Capuchin Fathers (OFM Cap) Mangalore	1,20,000.00		1,20,000.00
10	Dominican Fathers Mangalore	1,25,000.00		1,25,000.00
11	White Doves NGO Mangalore	12,97,000.00	1,09,990.00	14,06,990.00
12	Snehalaya NGO Kasargod/Mangalore	1,17,000.00	9,14,840.00	10,31,840.00
13	Karunalaya NGO Mangalore	1,20,000.00		1,20,000.00
14	Fr Muller Charitable Hospital & Institutions	1,00,000.00		1,00,000.00
15	St Antony Charitable Inst.	1,87,500.00		1,87,500.00
16	Lay People and well wishers	11,00,000.00		11,00,000.00
17	St Joseph Seminary, Jeppu	27,000.00		27,000.00
18	Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Mangalore Central Council	30,89,992.00		30,89,992.00

19	SRA Sisters Mangalore	---	2,03,472.00	2,03,472.00
20	Sisters of Charity Mangalore	---	9,38,750.00	9,38,750.00
21	Vimukti Society, Dayalbagh	---	8,16,669.00	8,16,669.00
	TOTAL		1,98,73,392.00	64,29,332.00
				2,63,02,724.00

The parishes, religious congregations, institutions, NGOs run by the Diocese and individual persons and various associations joined hands to alleviate the sufferings of the people during the lockdown period by providing food packets, grocery kits, PPE kits, masks, gloves and sanitizers in Dakshina Kannada and Kasargod districts. Other than providing above, they have also given shelter to the migrant workers in the school premises and community halls. Awareness programme are conducted. The hospitals have given services to the poor sick people with minimum of costs.

PROGRAMMES OF CODP

- 12.08.2020 : - CODP Board of Directors and General Body Meeting at CODP, Mangaluru.
 - ISD Trust meet at CODP-ISD, Mangaluru
- 23.08.2020 : Inauguration of the 64th EDC batch in Shanthi Hall, CODP, Mangaluru.
- Director, CODP**

SEMISESQUICENTENNIAL (75TH) BIRTHDAY

Rev. William Barboza, St Zuze Vaz Home, Jeppu, celebrates his 75th birthday on 30.08.2020.

Seven and a half decades look incredibly good on you! May good health, joy and happiness never depart your world as you commemorate this Big Day. May the Lord's blessings continue to be with you, and may His words continue to move you from strength to strength. Happy 75th birthday!

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2020-21

In the November *Inter Nos*, we had expressed our hope to bring out the new Diocesan Directory soon after the annual transfers and pastoral assignments are completed (p. 37). We had requested the Parish Priests to send us the necessary corrections/changes to be incorporated in the new Directory. We are thankful to Parish Priests and Religious Superiors who have done it. We are aware that the information/details/data in the current Directory requires updating and correction.

Once again, we request the Parish Priests to check the current Directory under the parish/institutions they are serving in and to send us the changes/corrections to be done in the new Directory. However, transfers and appointments made this year by the Bishop will be incorporated and these need not be sent. In addition, we request the Parish Priest to inform the heads of religious houses/institutions within their pastoral territory to communicate to us the changes/corrections or take initiative to collect and forward them. Please submit the changes/corrections **to the Chancery by August 22, 2020** the latest.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2020

Here am I, send me (Is 6:8)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to express my gratitude to God for the commitment with which the Church throughout the world carried out the Extraordinary Missionary Month last October. I am convinced that it stimulated missionary conversion in many communities on the path indicated by the theme: “Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World”.

In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of

the calling of the prophet Isaiah: “Here am I, send me” (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord’s question: “Whom shall I send?” (ibid.). This invitation from God’s merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis. “Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying ‘We are perishing’ (v. 38), so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this” (Meditation in Saint Peter’s Square, 27 March 2020). We are indeed frightened, disoriented and afraid. Pain and death make us experience our human frailty, but at the same time remind us of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil. In this context, the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others.

In the sacrifice of the cross, where the mission of Jesus is fully accomplished (cf. Jn 19:28-30), God shows us that his love is for each and every one of us (cf. Jn 19:26-27). He asks us to be personally willing to be sent, because he himself is Love, love that is always “on mission”, always reaching out in order to give life. Out of his love for us, God the Father sent his Son Jesus (cf. Jn 3:16). Jesus is the Father’s Missionary: his life and ministry reveal his total obedience to the Father’s will (cf. Jn 4:34; 6:38; 8:12-30; Heb 10:5-10). Jesus, crucified and risen for us, draws us in turn into his mission of love, and with his Spirit which enlivens the Church, he makes us his disciples and sends us on a mission to the world and to its peoples.

“The mission, the ‘Church on the move’, is not a programme, an enterprise to be carried out by sheer force of will. It is Christ who makes the Church go out of herself. In the mission of evangelization, you move because the Holy Spirit pushes you, and carries you” (*Senza di Lui non possiamo fare nulla: Essere missionari oggi nel mondo. Una conversazione con*

Gianni Valente, Libreria Editrice Vaticana: San Paolo, 2019, 16-17). God always loves us first and with this love comes to us and calls us. Our personal vocation comes from the fact that we are sons and daughters of God in the Church, his family, brothers and sisters in that love that Jesus has shown us. All, however, have a human dignity founded on the divine invitation to be children of God and to become, in the sacrament of Baptism and in the freedom of faith, what they have always been in the heart of God.

Life itself, as a gift freely received, is implicitly an invitation to this gift of self: it is a seed which, in the baptized, will blossom as a response of love in marriage or in virginity for the kingdom of God. Human life is born of the love of God, grows in love and tends towards love. No one is excluded from the love of God, and in the holy sacrifice of Jesus his Son on the cross, God conquered sin and death (cf. Rom 8:31-39). For God, evil – even sin – becomes a challenge to respond with even greater love (cf. Mt 5:38-48; Lk 22:33-34). In the Paschal Mystery, divine mercy heals our wounded humanity and is poured out upon the whole universe. The Church, the universal sacrament of God's love for the world, continues the mission of Jesus in history and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness of faith and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and in this way touch and transform hearts, minds, bodies, societies and cultures in every place and time.

Mission is a free and conscious response to God's call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in his Church. Let us ask ourselves: are we prepared to welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to listen to the call to mission, whether in our life as married couples or as consecrated persons or those called to the ordained ministry, and in all the everyday events of life? Are we willing to be sent forth at any time or place to witness to our faith in God the merciful Father, to proclaim the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ, to share the divine life of the Holy Spirit by building up the Church? Are we, like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, ready to be completely at the service of God's will (cf. Lk 1:38)? This interior openness is essential if we are to say to God: "Here

am I, Lord, send me” (cf. Is 6:8). And this, not in the abstract, but in this chapter of the life of the Church and of history.

Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic also represents a challenge for the Church’s mission. Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us. The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us. Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God. Far from increasing mistrust and indifference, this situation should make us even more attentive to our way of relating to others. And prayer, in which God touches and moves our hearts, should make us ever more open to the need of our brothers and sisters for dignity and freedom, as well as our responsibility to care for all creation. The impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday. In all of this, God’s question: “Whom shall I send?” is addressed once more to us and awaits a generous and convincing response: “Here am I, send me!” (Is 6:8). God continues to look for those whom he can send forth into the world and to the nations to bear witness to his love, his deliverance from sin and death, his liberation from evil (cf. Mt 9:35-38; Lk 10:1-12).

The celebration of World Mission Day is also an occasion for reaffirming how prayer, reflection and the material help of your offerings are so many opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church. The charity expressed in the collections that take place during the liturgical celebrations of the third Sunday of October is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all.

May the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization and Comforter of the Afflicted, missionary disciple of her Son Jesus, continue to intercede for us and sustain us.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2020, Solemnity of Pentecost.

Francis

OBITUARY

- Mrs Severine Noronha (90), mother of Rev. Felix Noronha, Chaplain, Snehalaya, Pavor, passed away on July 4, 2020; her funeral service and burial took place on July 6, 2020 at Derebail.
 - Mrs Helen Pinto (73), mother of Rev. Clifford Pinto, Asst Parish Priest and Headmaster, St Lawrence, Bondel, passed away of July 8, 2020; her funeral service and burial took place on July 9, 2020 at Niddodi.
 - Mr Basil Crasta (84), father of Rev. Francis Crasta, Parish Priest Loretto, passed away on July 31, 2020; funeral service and burial on August 2, 2020 at Arva.
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