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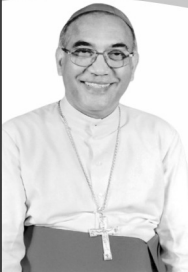
— June 29, 2025 —



Most Rev. Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

Today, as you celebrate the feast of your holy patrons, Saints Peter and Paul, we give thanks for your leadership and dedication. May the virtues that defined their extraordinary ministries continue to inspire and strengthen you in your role as our Bishop. May your leadership reflect the very essence of the apostles you are named after – a firm foundation of faith and a dynamic commitment to spreading the Gospel.

Happy Feast Day!



Happy Birthday

— June 21, 2025 —



Most Rev. Aloysius Paul D'Souza
Bishop Emeritus of Mangalore

A most joyous and blessed day to you! On your birthday, we are doubly blessed to celebrate also the feast day of your patron, St. Aloysius Gonzaga.

We remember with gratitude your years of dedicated service as the Bishop of Mangalore, your unwavering faith, and your pastoral care that touched so many lives. Your legacy continues to inspire us all.

BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR JUNE 2025

3	09.00 a.m.	<i>Lectio Brevis</i> , St Joseph's Seminary, Jeppu
5	09.30 a.m.	Inauguration and Blessing of the Presbytery, Vamanjoor
7	10.00 a.m.	Annual General Body Meeting, DCCW, Roshni Nilaya
7-8		Pastoral Visit, Manela
13	06.00 p.m.	Feast of St Antony, Milagres
14-15		Pastoral Visit, Mariashram
23-24		Junior Clergy, Ongoing Formation, Pastoral Centre
26	09.30 a.m.	Council of Priests, Bishop's House
27	05.30 p.m.	Sacred Heart Feast, Cloistered Carmel.

Bishop Meets in the Forenoon:

Diocesan Clergy, 18; Religious Men and Women, 19;
Lay Faithful, 25.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR JUNE 2025

Papal Intention for June: The Missionary Intention for June is to pray for the world that it may grow in compassion. This month is dedicated to the devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a Heart that moves with compassion. Jesus, meek and humble of heart, desires that we too be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate. The Heart of Jesus is our best teacher to acquire the skills of showing compassion to our fellow human beings and to all creation. May we all pray that each of us cultivates a personal relationship with Jesus, our hope, leading to a more compassionate world.

The Month of June helps us to lift our gaze towards the divinity and humanity of Jesus, with the solemnities related to his Most Holy Body and Blood and the Most Sacred Heart, given to us in

the Holy Eucharist. Carlo Acutis called the Eucharist “my highway to heaven,” and he did all in his power to make the real presence of Jesus known. Many teenagers and youth are attracted towards his personality. I earnestly recommend that greater emphasis be given to the centrality of Eucharist in the life of young men and women, taking the inspiration from Carlo Acutis. May the Eucharistic Lord make our hearts like unto his heart. Please invite everyone to pray for peace in the world.

Jubilee of Communication: On June 1, 2025, on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, we celebrate the 59th World Day of Social Communication. Pope Francis had highlighted that “Too often today, communication generates not hope, but fear and despair, prejudice and resentment, fanaticism and even hatred.” As Christians, the whole Church is invited to “disarm” fake, false and aggressive communication by enkindling hope, and all forms of communication must generate hope: “A communication capable of speaking to the heart, arousing not passionate reactions of defensiveness and anger, but attitudes of openness and friendship. A communication capable of focusing on beauty and hope even in the midst of apparently desperate situations, and generating commitment, empathy and concern for others.” St Peter invites Christians: “Share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts” (cf. 1 Pet 3:15-16). This year of Jubilee, with the theme of “Pilgrims of Hope” should be lived through this month by generating hope in every heart. Let us “tell stories steeped in hope,” and be “concerned about our common destiny and strive to write together the history of our future.”

Ongoing Formation for the Junior Clergy: On 23 and 24 June, the Junior Clergy will have input sessions and reflection on the Final Documents of the Synod on Synodality and also of the XXXVI Plenary Assembly of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India, held at Bhubaneswar. The latter, titled *Pilgrims of Hope: Discerning the Synodal Path*, is the outcome of the reflection on the Final Document, *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*. Please read these two documents as part of the preparation so that we may have a

fruitful discussion to plan the implementation of the Synodal Document. The Holy See has asked us to give an account of what we have done in implementing the synodal teaching. All priests and faithful are earnestly invited to read the above documents and discuss how we are going to implement the synodal conclusions. The ongoing formation will help the younger clergy to develop practical ways to reap the fruit of the synodal reflections in the parishes.

Retreat in July: The first batch of Retreat will be held at the Pastoral Centre from 6 to July 11. The Rector of St Pius X Seminary, Goregaon, Rev. Fr Gilbert D’Lima, is the preacher. The Lord says: “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while” (Mk 6: 30-31). May the Lord grant you true rest in the Spirit during those days of intense spiritual nourishment. Kindly enrol your names with the Director of the Pastoral Institute, Fr Santhosh Rodrigues, by the end of June.

Pray for Pope Leo: Every era poses its own challenges, and people look towards the Pope for inspiration and courage in dealing with matters of faith and morals. An anti-Christian attitude is growing in different parts of the world. People tend to abandon God and the Church. In such a situation, Pope Leo has the great task of lifting the spirit of lukewarm Christians and confirming the faith of all. We express our union with the Supreme Pontiff during the Eucharist. We need to pray for him during the Prayers of the Faithful, Angelus, Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration. These days, there are queries as to how to mention the name of the Pope during the Eucharist. After consultation, the Konkani Regional Commission decided to use the name “Leo” without translating it into our own language, and it is to be said without adding the numeral (XIV). Thus, uniformity is maintained all over the diocese.

A Word of Gratitude: By the end of July 2025, all the transfers of the clergy will take place. Our people love the Priests and are grateful to them for the spiritual accompaniment they give to the Christian Faithful, especially to children in catechesis, to youth in their struggles, and to the elderly and sick in their pain and

suffering. Priests render their valuable service in Parishes and Institutions. Whenever some changes take place, people expect some fresh air to blow into the Church. Dear brother priests, I sincerely thank you for your generous dedication and service in the places of your appointment. During pastoral visits, people express gratitude for giving them the priests who walk with them, sympathise with them and accompany them. I thank all the priests who are on transfer this year, and one who retires. May the Lord bless you abundantly and protect you.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, bless all of us.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

PRIEST PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

1. V. Rev. Victor D'Souza, Parish Priest of Infant Jesus Church, Bantwal, appointed Vicar Forane, Bantwal Vicariate, with effect from June 1, 2025, as per the "Decree on the Office of Vicar Forane and His Role in the Vicariate," promulgated on August 27, 2020 (cf. *Inter Nos*, September 2020, pp. 155-168).
2. Rev. Fr Rohith D'Costa, Director, Mangala Jyothi-DBCLC, Shanthi Kiran, Bajjodi, with effect from July 8, 2025.
3. Rev. Fr Vijay Machado is relieved of his responsibilities as Director of Mangala-Jyothi, effective July 9, 2025, and will be fully available to serve as the Executive Secretary of the CCBI Commission for Catechetics (Faith Formation), a position he has held since September 2023.
4. Rev. Fr Peter D'Souza, CMF, appointed Parish Priest of St. Lawrence Church, Bola, effective June 2, 2025.
5. Rev. Fr Frederick Correa, CMF, Parish Priest of St. Lawrence Church, Bola, relieved from his office to return to his Province after the new Parish Priest is installed.

6. Rev. Fr Dominic Sequeira, SDB, appointed the Parish Priest of Holy Cross Church, Pavur, effective June 2, 2025.
7. Rev. Fr Maria Julian, SDB, Parish Priest of Holy Cross Church, Pavur, relieved from his office to return to his Province upon the installation of the new Parish Priest.

NEW RECTOR TO ST JOSEPH'S SEMINARY, JEPPI

I am very happy to communicate to you the good news that, taking into account the *terna* of candidates proposed by the Board of Administration (which was based on the suggestive votes of the formation staff of the Seminary), the Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelisation has issued the decree (Prot. 1732/25 dated June 1, 2025) selecting, nominating, and constituting Rev. Rajesh Melvin Rosario as Rector of St Joseph's Interdiocesan Seminary, Jeppu, with all the rights and faculties the office enjoys as per canonical norms and special instructions of the Dicastery.

The new Rector will formally assume office on June 3, 2025, by making the Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity (cf. can. 833) before me during the Holy Mass at 9:00 a.m., which will mark the reopening of the Seminary for the new Academic (Formation) Year. He will be proclaimed Rector at the *Lectio Brevis* immediately following the Mass.

Together with the Bishops of the Board of Administration, I offer my sincere congratulations to Rev. Rajesh Rosario on his appointment as Rector. It is my prayer that the Lord will grant him the wisdom, grace, and strength necessary to be a true 'father to the seminarians and an elder brother to his co-formators and the seminary staff', keeping in mind that "the seminarians are to be formed with three specific characteristics: (a) love for Christ, (b) love for their Diocese of origin and, thus, love for evangelisation; and (c) intense communion with the Universal Church and the Roman Pontiff" (Dicastery for Evangelization, Letter to Rev. Rajesh Rosario, May 19, 2025, No. 1732/25).

As we look forward to the new chapter under the leadership of Very Rev. Rajesh Melvin Rosario, we would be remiss not to

express our profound gratitude to the Very Rev. Ronald Antony Serrao, our outgoing Rector. For the past six years, he has dedicated himself wholeheartedly to the vital ministry of pastoral leadership and the formation of seminarians in St Joseph's Interdiocesan Seminary. We deeply value the numerous pastoral and formative initiatives he so diligently conceived and implemented. We are confident that the seeds of faith, knowledge, and pastoral zeal sown under his leadership will continue to blossom and bear abundant fruit through the dedicated ministry of the priests who have been nurtured and formed in this Seminary during his time as Rector.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
*Bishop of Mangalore and
Chairman, Board of Administration*

REMINDER:

UPDATE TO THE NEW DIRECTORY 2025-2026

In the May issue of *Inter Nos*, we informed you that the new Diocesan Directory is scheduled for publication in the first week of July 2025. We have requested all Parish Priests and Religious Superiors to submit any updated information or corrections for their entries.

Please review the existing Directory for your parishes, institutions, and religious houses to verify the accuracy of the information. For contact numbers, provide only the primary phone number. Double-check all phone, email, and website addresses. When submitting, indicate only the changes, updates, or corrections, along with the corresponding page number(s) from the current Directory.

Kindly submit all changes and corrections for the Diocesan Directory via email to bp.mangalorediocese@gmail.com by the deadline of **June 15, 2025**. We regret that late submissions cannot be accommodated. Your prompt attention and cooperation in this important matter are sincerely appreciated.

- **Chancellor**

ONGOING FORMATION FOR JUNIOR CLERGY

Participants : Priests ordained from 2016 to 2025.

Venue : Shanthi Kiran, Pastoral Institute, Bajjodi

Date & Time : June 23, 2025, 9:15 a.m. to June 24, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Resource Persons:

1. June 23, 2025 – 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Praveen Joy Saldanha

Topic : *The Proclamation of the Gospel is them Mainstay of Priestly Ministry.*

2. June 23, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Msgr Maxim L. Noronha

Topic : *The Decrees and Policies of the Diocese of Mangalore.*

3. June 24, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Francis Rodrigues

Topic : *History of the Diocese of Mangalore.*

4. June 24, 2025 – 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Most Rev. Peter Paul Saldanha

Topic : *We are Called to Continue the Legacy of Pope Francis through our Priestly Ministry.*

Attendance at the ongoing formation programme is obligatory. If you are unable to attend for a valid reason, please inform the Bishop and obtain an exemption.

Kindly confirm your participation by June 21, 2025 (a WhatsApp message is appreciated) to help us ensure proper arrangements and avoid any food wastage or shortage.

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Fr Santhosh Rodrigues
Director, Pastoral Institute

**UNITED IN FAITH, COMMUNION AND MISSION:
THE MANGALORE DIOCESE'S DEVOUT HOMAGE
TO POPE LEO XIV
ON HIS ELECTION AND INAUGURATION OF
PETRINE MINISTRY**

From the shores of the Arabian Sea, the Diocese of Mangalore offers its deepest respect and unwavering devotion. We recognise in Pope Leo XIV the living embodiment of the Vicar of Christ, the Successor of St Peter, the shepherd entrusted with the care of Christ's flock, the Supreme Pontiff, and the spiritual guide for all humanity.

We humbly beseech the Almighty to shower Pope Leo XIV with grace, wisdom, and fortitude as he navigates the complexities of our world. May his words inspire, his actions uplift, and his presence radiate the love of Christ to every corner of the earth. In steadfast communion with the Universal Church, we pledge our obedience and unwavering support. We commit to actively participating in the Church's mission, striving to build a society where justice, compassion, and reconciliation prevail.

We humbly invoke the powerful intercession of our esteemed patrons: Saint Joseph, the protector of our diocese and a model of humble service and unwavering faith, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our tender intercessor. May their prayers ascend to the Throne of Grace, shielding His Holiness from all adversity, illuminating his path with wisdom, and sustaining him in his sacred mission. We entrust him to their loving care, confident that their heavenly patronage will bring abundant blessings upon his ministry and the entire Church.

The Cardinals in Conclave elected Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost as the 267th Bishop of Rome on May 8, 2025. He assumed the name Leo XIV. The election sparked great excitement and anticipation, as the new Holy Father is the first U.S.-born Pope, the first from the Augustinian Order, and the first naturalized citizen of Peru, where he served as a missionary

and later as a Bishop, before holding the position of Successor of St. Peter. “Peace be with all of you!” were Pope Leo XIV’s initial words to the crowds awaiting his first public appearance.

Robert Francis Prevost, now Pope Leo XIV, was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois. He entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.) in Saint Louis, within the Province of Our Lady of Good Counsel of Chicago, on September 1, 1977. He made his first profession on September 2, 1978, and his solemn vows on August 29, 1981.

At the age of 27, his superiors sent Prevost to Rome to study Canon Law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum). He obtained his licentiate in 1984. The following year, while preparing his doctoral thesis, he was sent to the Augustinian mission in Chulucanas, Piura, Peru (1985–1986). In 1987, he defended his doctoral thesis, “The Role of the Local Prior in the Order of Saint Augustine,” and was subsequently appointed vocation director and missions director of the Augustinian Province of “Mother of Good Counsel” in Olympia Fields, Illinois (USA).

In 1988, Prevost began his mission in Peru, directing the joint formation project for Augustinian candidates from the vicariates of Chulucanas, Iquitos, and Apurímac. Over eleven years, he served as Prior of the community (1988–1992), formation director (1988–1998), and instructor for professed members (1992–1998). Simultaneously, within the Archdiocese of Trujillo, he acted as Judicial Vicar (1989–1998) and taught Canon Law, Patristics, and Moral Theology at the Major Seminary “San Carlos y San Marcelo.” During this period, he also provided pastoral care at Our Lady Mother of the Church (later established as Saint Rita Parish, 1988–1999) in a poor suburb of the city and served as parish administrator of Our Lady of Monserrat (1992–1999).

In 1999, he was elected Provincial Prior of the Augustinian Province of “Mother of Good Counsel” in Chicago. Two and a half years later, the Ordinary General Chapter of the Order of

Saint Augustine elected him Prior General, confirming him for a second term in 2007. Thus, he served as the head (Prior General) of the Augustinians for two consecutive terms.

On November 3, 2014, Pope Francis appointed him Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Chiclayo, elevating him to the episcopal dignity as Titular Bishop of Sufar. He was ordained Bishop on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in the Cathedral of Saint Mary. His episcopal motto is *In Illo uno unum* - words pronounced by Saint Augustine in a sermon on Psalm 127, explaining that “although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one.” On September 26, 2015, Pope Francis appointed him Bishop of Chiclayo, in Peru. In March 2018, he was elected second vice-president of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference.

On July 13, 2019, Pope Francis appointed him a member of the Congregation for the Clergy and, in 2020, a member of the Congregation for Bishops, as well as Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Callao. On January 30, 2023, the Pope called him to Rome as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, promoting him to the rank of Archbishop.

Pope Francis created him Cardinal in the Consistory of September 30, 2023. As head of the Dicastery, he participated in the Pope’s most recent Apostolic Journeys and in both the first and second sessions of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on synodality, held in Rome from October 4 to 29, 2023, and from October 2 to 27, 2024, respectively.

On October 4, 2023, Pope Francis appointed him a member of the Dicasteries for Evangelization (Section for First Evangelization and New Particular Churches), for the Doctrine of the Faith, for the Eastern Churches, for the Clergy, for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, for Culture and Education, for Legislative Texts, and of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State.

Pope Leo XIV, elected on May 8, 2025, joyously began his Petrine Ministry, inaugurating it officially with Mass in Saint Peter's Square on Sunday, May 18. In his homily at the Mass of Inauguration, the Pope stated, "The ministry of Peter is distinguished precisely by this self-sacrificing love, because the Church of Rome presides in charity, and its true authority is the charity of Christ. It is never a question of capturing others by force, by religious propaganda, or by means of power. Instead, it is always and only a question of loving as Jesus did."

In this context, our "homage" signifies the Diocese of Mangalore's public expression of deep respect, honor, and loyalty towards the new Pope, Leo XIV. It is a way of acknowledging his sacred role and pledging our support and obedience. Furthermore, it is an acceptance of the invitation he extended to all Christians on the inauguration of his pontificate: to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit, so that we might build a Church "founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made 'restless' by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity."

Viva il Papa! - Long live the Pope!

Quotes from Pope Leo XIV before he became Pope

"The Bishop is not supposed to be a little prince sitting in his kingdom. But rather called authentically to be humble, to be close to the people he serves, to walk with them, to suffer with them, and to look for ways that he can better live the Gospel message in the midst of his people."

"We are often preoccupied with teaching doctrine, the way of living our faith, but we risk forgetting that our first task is to teach what it means to know Jesus Christ and to bear witness to our closeness to the Lord. This comes first: to communicate the beauty of the faith, the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus. It means that we ourselves are living it and sharing this experience."

"The fundamental thing for every disciple of Christ is humility" (Prevost centered the Christian life on humility. This was not merely personal advice, but his ecclesial vision. For him, humility was not just a virtue; it was the foundation for leadership, evangelization, and discipleship).

CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION (CBE)		
SSLC Results 2024-2025 of High Schools under the CBE		
(Dakshina Kannada and Udupi)		
No.	School Name	Percentage
1.	St Rita English Medium School, Cascia	100%
2.	St Jude English Medium School, Pakshikere	100%
3.	St Anns English Medium School, Kelarai	100%
4.	Saverapura English Medium School, Sampaje	100%
5.	St Patrick English Medium School, Siddakatte	100%
6.	St Anns English Medium School, Kadaba	100%
7.	Mount Carmel English Medium School, Shirthady	100%
8.	Loretto English Medium School, Loretto	100%
9.	Anugraha English Medium School, Ujire	100%
10.	St Lawrence English Medium School, Bondel	100%
11.	Infant Mary English Medium School, Katipalla	100%
12.	St Peter Claver English Medium School, Arva	100%
13.	Infant Jesus English Medium School, Modankap	100%
14.	St Mary's English Medium School, Uppinangady	100%
15.	Holy Spirit English Medium School, Mukka	100%
16.	St Joseph English Medium School, Sullia	100%
17.	St Joseph English Medium School, Kulshekar	100%
18.	Holy Family English Medium School, Surathkal	99.21%
19.	St Victors Girls High School, Puttur	99.13%
20.	Sacred Heart English Medium School, Madanthyar	98.61%
21.	Holy Redeemer English Medium School, Belthangady	98.46%
22.	Deva Matha English Medium School, Amtoor	98.15%
23.	Nithyadar English Medium School, Nithyadarnagar	98.15%

24.	St Ignatius English Medium School, Paladka	98.14%
25.	St Paul English Medium School, Naravi	97.29%
26.	St Thomas English Medium School, Alangar	97.02%
27.	St Sebastian English Medium School, Permannur	96.87%
28.	Holy Saviour English Medium School, Agrar	96.7%
29.	St Rita English Medium School, Vittal	95.91%
30.	Naravi High School, Naravi	95.31%
31.	St Aloysius English Medium School, Urwa	95.23%
32.	Pompei High School, Urwa	92.68%
33.	St Lawrence High School, Vijayadka	92.59%
34.	St Joseph PU College (High School Sec.) Bajpe	90.48%
35.	St Sebastian High School, Pemannur	90%
36.	St Joachim High School, Kadaba	88.23%
37.	St Philomena High School, Puttur	82.72%
38.	Cascia High School, Mangalore	80.95%
39.	Padua High School, Nanthur	80.5%
40.	Kulur High School, Kulur	78.94%
41.	Sacred Heart PU College (High School Sec.) Madanthyar	74.04%
42.	Rosario High School, Mangalore	66.6%
High Schools in Udupi		
1.	St Lawrence High School, Moodubelle	96.8%
2.	St John High School, Shankerpura	95.74%
3.	St Mary's High School, Kundapura	92.68%
4.	St Joseph High School, Belman	90.20%
5.	Milagres High School, Kallianpur	85.41%
6.	St Lawrence High School, Attur	83.33%
7.	St Mary's PU College, (High School Sec.) Shirva	81.08%
8.	St Mary's High School, Udupi	80.64%

Results of Pre-University Colleges under the CBE for 2024-2025		
No.	College Name	Percentage
1	Sacred Heart Pre-University College, Madanthyar	95.25%
2	Padua Pre-University College, Mangalore	95%
3	St. Joachim's P.U.College, Kadaba	93.69%
4	St. Philomena P.U.College, Darbe, Puttur	93.59%
5	St. Antony P.U.College, Naravi	92.16%
6	Pompei Pre-University College, Kirem, Aikala	92.02%
7	Milagres Pre-University College, Mangalore	90%
8	St. Sebastian Pre-University College, Permannur	85%
9	Anugraha P.U.College, Ujire.	82%
10	St. Joseph's Pre-University College, Bajpe	79.5%

Pope Francis on Education

“Education is, above all, an act of hope in those before us (...), in their possibilities to change and contribute to the renewal of society ... Education is a choral work, which always requires collaboration and networking; never remain alone, avoid self-referentiality” (Pope Francis, Addressed to Participants in a Conference in Madrid on the Church's Commitment in Education, February 2024).

“Education cannot be neutral. It is either positive or negative; either it enriches or it impoverishes; either it enables a person to grow or it lessens, even corrupts him. The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. And this occurs through a rich path made up of many ingredients. This is why there are so many subjects — because development is the results of different elements that act together and stimulate intelligence, knowledge, the emotions, the body, and so on.”

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. Programmes in June:

- 1/8 : Inauguration of the Catechetical Year – Parish Level
- 1 : Newly Selected Catechists/Teachers Training, Mangala Jyothi
- 1 : Adult Catechesis on Liturgy and Lectors' Training, Manjeshwar
- 1 : Catechists Training, Bangalore
- 8 : Catechists Training, Karwar
- 10-11 : Catechetical Course, Goa (CCBI)
- 15 : Newly Selected Extraordinary Ministers' Training, Mangala Jyothi
- 21-24: Catechists Training and YOUCAT, Gulbarga
- 27-28: Catechists and VE Teachers Training, Madikeri
- 29 : YOUCAT Training, ICYM, Mangalore Diocese
- 30-July 5: Catechetical Course, Seminary

II. Commission for Catechetics - Information

1. New Catechetical Year 2024: The new Catechetical Year commences on June 1, 2025. We've sent you the inaugural service details in a PDF via our WhatsApp group. A comprehensive bulletin containing all relevant information has also been posted to you and is available on our website. The theme for the Jubilee Year:

‘ಭಾವಾರ್ಥಾಚ್ಛಿ ಶಿಕೊವ್ಲೆನ್, ಭರ್ವಶಾನ್ ಭರುನ್’

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

- Importance of Prayer: Personal and Communitarian
- Personal and Community Bible Reading
- Active Participation in the Eucharistic Liturgy
- Family Values
- Respect for Parents and Senior Citizens

- Monthly Confessions
- Community and Missionary Life
- Healthy Relationship
- Responsible Use of Media

2. Catechetical Resources for Catechists: Our Sunday Catechism follows a Bible-based syllabus. In addition to these textbooks, we encourage catechists to utilise our newly published Value Education series and the school catechism textbooks as supplementary resources. We also strongly recommend establishing a Catechetical and Liturgical Library in your parish to ensure students have easy access to relevant books.

3. Mandatory Online Student Registration: Just like last year, all student details (I Std. to X Std.) must be registered online by visiting www.mangalajyothi.com, then navigating to “parish login” and “Sunday Catechism students data.” This is a mandatory process and needs to be completed by July 15, 2025. If you need assistance, please ask your coordinator. For any queries, contact the Mangala Jyothi office, Department of Faith Formation, at 7019522940.

4. Training for New Catechists: A special training session for newly selected catechists and those who haven't yet received training will be held at Mangala Jyothi on June 1, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The programme includes Mass. The registration fee is Rs. 150/-. Please register participants by May 29, 2025. All attendees will receive a certificate.

This comprehensive training will cover:

- Methodology of teaching catechism
- Audio-visual techniques in catechesis
- First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechesis methodology
- Introduction to catechetical resources (Bible, CCC, YOUCAT, DOCAT)

5. Availability of Catechism Textbooks & Materials: All Sunday/School Catechism and Value Education textbooks, along with other catechetical materials, are available at the Mangala Jyothi Book Stall. Every student must possess a copy of a personal Bible

and the relevant textbook. Please ensure all parents and students are informed of this requirement.

6. Mangala Jyothi Bulletin and Circulars: A separate bulletin/circular, including details for the inaugural service and other vital information regarding Catechetics, Liturgy, and Bible apostolate, was sent to all heads of institutions and parish priests by May 27, 2025. This is an official document, not just a magazine, so please preserve your copy in the office file.

7. School Catechism and Value Education 2025: School Catechism and Value Education are mandatory in our diocese for all schools under diocesan and religious congregations. As the in-charge of the catechetical apostolate, it is the parish priest's responsibility to ensure that Catechism and Value Education are organised in all educational institutions within their jurisdiction. We have noted that some institutions are not conducting these classes for all grades but only for Grades VII and X. Please give urgent attention to this ministry and ensure that all students have their Catechism/Value Education textbooks by June 10, 2025.

8. Catechetical Year 2024-25 Annual Report: Deanery priest coordinators are requested to submit their annual report for Catechetical Year 2024-25 to the Mangala Jyothi office by June 20, 2025. Rev. Deans, please appoint new priest coordinators in your respective deaneries if the previous one has been transferred or if the position is currently vacant.

9. Deanery-wise Catechism Teachers' Orientation & Follow-up: Deanery priest catechism coordinators are requested to organise at least one follow-up program annually. This program should include an annual evaluation, experience sharing, an introduction to new catechetical documents, and other relevant aspects of catechesis. All teachers in the deanery must gather at least once a year.

10. YOUCAT Ministry and Youth Faith Formation: The faith formation of our youth is paramount. We encourage youth animators, ICYM units, priests, and religious to integrate YOUCAT study into

their meetings. Please encourage PUC students, especially YCS units and other youth members, to acquire a YOUCAT copy and YBible. Studying one question from YOUCAT is recommended for every meeting. For assistance or training for your youth group, please get in touch with the Director, Mangala Jyothi.

Additional tips for youth faith formation include:

- Youth Mass (at least once every two months)
- Special adoration for youth issues
- Youth Rosary
- Spiritual formation initiatives for youth

III. Commission for Liturgy - Information:

1. Extraordinary Ministers' Training: The training programme for the newly selected extraordinary ministers will be held on June 15, 2025, at Mangala Jyothi from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration fee Rs. 150/-. Please register the names of the participants before June 13, 2025.

Please note that it is the responsibility of the parish priest to select suitable candidates for this important ministry. Do not ask for volunteers or allow the Vice President of the Parish Pastoral Council to select candidates for this ministry. The eligibility criteria are as follows: age 40 years for admission and 65 years for retirement. (Religious sisters are exempted). But the training and faculty from the Bishop is mandatory for all, even to the religious brothers and sisters. For more information, refer *Inter Nos* of May 2025.

2. Online Registration (Reminder): You are requested to update the extraordinary ministers' data online regularly (Name, age, qualification, etc.) on our website www.mangalajyothi.com/parishlogin/extraordinaryministersdata.

3. Maintenance of Files (Reminder): All the parish priests are requested to maintain a separate file for the extraordinary ministers. Please collect the photocopy of the certificates from the members. Some ministers do not have revised faculty; hence, you are requested to obtain the faculty from the Bishop again. Some have lost their

certificates; in this case, we will be issuing new certificates provided they re-attend the follow-up programmes.

III. Books and other Items available at our Stall:

- ಪವಿತ್ರ ಅತ್ಯಾಚಿಂ ಭರಪ್, ರು. 70/- (Konkani, Kannada & English)
- ಪೆಂತೆಕೊಸ್ತ್ ಸಂಭ್ರಮುಂಯಾ - ನವೆನ್ ಪೆಂತೆಕೊಸ್ತ್ ಪರ್ಟ್ ತಯಾರಾಯ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್
- ಪಾಪಾ ಫ್ರಾನ್ಸಿಸ್ - ಜಿವಿತ್ ಆನಿ ಶಿಕೊವ್ಣ್. ಮೋಲ್ ರು. 70/-
- ಜಿಣ್ಯೆಚಿಂ ಜಾಳಾಂ, ಭರ್ವಶಾಚ್ಯೆ ತಡಿರ್ - ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ್ ಬರಾಂ - ಮೋಲ್ ರು. 150/-
- ಭಾವಾರ್ಥಾಚಿ ದಿವ್ವಿ - ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ್ ನಾಟ್ಯುಳೆ
- ದಿಲೆಕ್ಟೆ ನೊಸ್ - ತಾಣೆಂ ಆಮ್ಚೊ ಮೋಗ್ ಕೆಲಾ - ಪಾಪಾ ಫ್ರಾನ್ಸಿಸಾಚಿಂ ವಿಶ್ವಪತ್ರ
- English Missal - Altar Edition
- Konkani Bible, large - display edition
- Latin/English Hymns in Konkani with music
- *Antiqua et Nova* - AI and Human Intelligence
- Missal - English & Kannada, Konkani (reprint edition)
- Lectionary - Konkani, English & Kannada
- Pope Francis - Encyclical Letter - *Dilexit Nos*
- XXXVI Plenary Assembly - Final Document - Pilgrims of Hope: Discerning the Synodal Path

IV. Other Items available at our Stall:

- Various types of Crucifix and statues
- First Holy Communion candles, crown, veil, rosary, scapular & certificates
- Mass Candles, superior quality Hosts & Particles, Incense
- Votive and Mud'dhom candles
- Church articles (Liturgical)
- Clergy shirts / T-shirts (Production by Mangala Jyothi)
- Mass vestments, albs, surplice, stoles, chalice, ciborium, etc.

- Director, Mangala Jyothi

COMMISSION FOR BIBLE

1. **‘EMMAUS’: Monthly Bible Convention** at Holy Cross Church, Cordel, on June 20 2025 from 4.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. in association with Mangalore Diocesan Service Communion (MDSC).

2. Bible Classes:

a) Our Lady Queen of the Universe Church, Ranipura
Topic: Bible Classes on the Gospel of Mark – “*Mark’s Gospel as a Story*” – will be held for the parishioners and other enthusiastic faithful of the deanery in Konkani.

Date: 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 June 2025;

Sundays from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Venue: Church Premises, Ranipura.

b) Holy Cross Church, Cordel.

Topic: Bible Classes on the Gospel of Matthew – “*God With Us*” – will be held for the parishioners and other enthusiastic faithful of the deanery in Konkani.

Date: 07, 14, 21, 28, 29 June 2025 and July 5 2025

Saturdays from 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Church Hall, Cordel.

3. To encourage people to read and study the Bible, a monthly online Bible Quiz has been organised. Please encourage people to participate in it. The Monthly Bible Quiz June 2025 (Online) on the Book of Exodus and the Gospel of Mark will be held on June 28, 2025, from 8.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. The online link will be circulated from June 1 2025.

- **Fr Vincent Sequeira**

Secretary, Bible Commission

In an interview with the Augustinian Order, the future Pope Leo XIV emphasized the enduring nature of the Church’s mission: “The mission of the Church has been the same for 2000 years, when Jesus Christ said: ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...’ We have to announce the good news of the Kingdom of God at the same time that we understand what the Church is in its universal reality.”

PROGRAMMES OF CODP

- 03.06.2025 : KROSS Regional governing board meeting in CODP
 08.06.2025 : SHG Federation evaluation meeting in Neermarga
 10.06.2025 : Training in Media and Communication at Moodbidri
 14.06.2025 : Women Empowerment Program Field Staff meeting in CODP
 20.06.2025 : Training in Book-keeping at Talapady
 23.06.2025 : Training on Free Legal Services in Sheni
 24.06.2025 : Awareness on Women's Rights in Bela
 25.06.2025 : Awareness on Global Warming in Talapady
 30.06.2025 : Training on Convection and Listening in Bajpe

Information to the Parish Priests:

- a) Child Sponsorship Programme (CSP):** Preparation of APR (Annual Progress Report) along with sponsored family and child.
- b) Educare (interest-free loan):** Please send Educare loan applications with your recommendations by 31.10.2025.
- c) Lenten Campaign 2025:** Reminder to remit your Lenten Collection amount to CODP. Kindly intimate to CODP office for issuance of receipt.

Out of **124** Parishes, we have received Lenten Collections from **49** Parishes. These collections were received from parishioners on Easter (April 20, 2025). We request the remaining Parishes to urge their parishioners to submit their Lenten envelopes to the Church at the earliest. This will allow us to consolidate the Lenten Collection 2025 for budgeting purposes, specifically for housing and other charity initiatives. We have proposed 40-45 lakhs for housing and 40 lakhs for medical and education.

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d) Diocesan CODP Golden Jubilee Housing Project: For the construction of new houses, Rs 1,74,40,000/- and for house repairs, Rs 32,56,000/- was sanctioned by CODP. The last date to receive applications for housing is **30.06.2025**.

	New House Beneficiaries	House Repair Beneficiaries
Application Received	305	150
Completed Houses	157	87
Rejected Applications	43	13
Pending Applications	105	50

- **Fr Vincent D'Souza**
Secretary, CODP

Selected Excerpts from Pope Leo XIV

“I chose to take the name Leo XIV. There are different reasons for this, but mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic Encyclical *Rerum Novarum* addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defence of human dignity, justice and labour” (Address to the College of Cardinals, May 10, 2025).

“Therefore, your service, with the words you use and the style you adopt, is crucial. As you know, communication is not only the transmission of information, but it is also the creation of a culture, of human and digital environments that become spaces for dialogue and discussion. In looking at how technology is developing, this mission becomes ever more necessary. I am thinking in particular of artificial intelligence, with its immense potential, which nevertheless requires responsibility and discernment in order to ensure that it can be used for the good of all, so that it can benefit all of humanity. This responsibility concerns everyone in proportion to his or her age and role in society” (Address to the Representatives of the Media, May 12, 2025).

THE 75TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

- Rev. Valerian M. D'Souza, St Zuze Vaz Home, is celebrating his 75th birthday anniversary on 27.06.2025.

Happy 75th Birthday! May this special day be filled with the warmth and joy you have brought to so many throughout your years of dedicated ministry.

Wishing you a blessed and peaceful retirement.

May you be filled with joy and contentment.

SEMINARIANS IN REGENCY

- 1) Flexon Lester Lobo, a seminarian for the Diocese of Mangalore, is appointed as regent at the Pastoral Institute, Shanthi Kiran, Bajjodi, with effect from June 02, 2025.
 - 2) Ashton D'Souza, a seminarian for the Diocese of Udupi, is appointed as regent at Gladsom Home for Students, Mangalore, with effect from May 31, 2025.
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