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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR OCTOBER 2025

1	10.00	a.m.	Mass at St Joseph Church, Jeppu, CRI and
			Diocesan Clergy
3	10.30	a.m.	Diaconate, St Joseph Monastery, Bikarnakatte
4	10.00	a.m.	Presbyteral Ordination, Fatima Retreat House
5	10.00	a.m.	Educare Motivation Programme, Holy Rosary
			Cathedral Hall
	06.00	p.m.	Rachana Awards, Milagres Hall
6	09.30	a.m.	Meeting New Priests, Pastoral Centre
7			Installation Ceremony of the Bishop of Mysore
9	10.00	a.m.	S.F.O. Jubilee Mass, St Ann's Friary
10	09.30	a.m.	Governing Board Meeting, St Joseph
			Workshop, and Shanthi Kendra
11-12			Pastoral Visit, Badyar Parish
13	06.30	a.m.	Conferring of Ministries of Lector and Acolyte,
			St Joseph Seminary
	04.30	p.m.	Confirmation, Milagres Church
14	03.30	p.m.	Diaconate, St Joseph Seminary, Jeppu
15-31			ICEL Meeting in Washington, D.C. and other
			Visits

Bishop Meets in the Forenoon:

The Bishop Meets Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful only with Appointments.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER 2025

Papal Intention for October: The Holy Father invited the whole Church to pray for the collaboration between different faith-traditions, that these may work together to defend and promote justice, peace and human fraternity. We cannot expect peace in the world unless there is peace and understanding among religious traditions. Let us pray for good understanding between religions, so that peace and justice may be established in the world.

Month of the Holy Rosary: In this month of the Rosary, please recommend the praying of the Rosary in families, various associations and houses. A plenary indulgence may be granted to those who recite the Rosary together in a family, church, or religious community or as a pious fraternity. In other circumstances, a partial Indulgence is granted (cf. Enchiridion of Indulgences, 1999 edition, n. 17). On the first Sunday of October, a Prayer to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii, composed by Blessed Bartolo Longo, can also be recited.

Mission Sunday: This year, Mission Sunday is celebrated on October 19. The theme chosen for this year is: "Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples". Jesus "became the divine Missionary of hope, the supreme model of all those down the centuries who carry out their own God-given mission, even amid extreme trials". In the most technologically advanced nations, "proximity" is disappearing: "we are all interconnected, but not related". The Gospel, experienced in the life of a community, can restore us to a whole, healthy, redeemed humanity. The Pope invites us to pay special attention to the poorest and weakest, the sick, the elderly and those excluded from materialistic and consumerist society. Let this day not pass without a special moment with the most vulnerable, to whom we may become the harbingers of Good News. Let us not forget that prayer is the primary missionary activity and at the same time "the first strength of hope" (Pope Francis, Catechesis, May 20, 2020).

Diaconal Ordination: Five Candidates will be ordained as Deacons for the Diocese of Mangalore on October 14, 2025, at 3.30 p.m. in the Chapel of St Joseph Interdiocesan Seminary. Bro. Jeevan D'Souza (Bela), Bro. Loyd Rohan D'Souza (Madanthyar), Bro. Joel Monteiro (Cordel), Bro. Denzil Rodrigues (Nainad), and Bro. Avil Santhumayor (Shirtady) are the new ordinandis. I warmly invite you to participate in the Ordination ceremony and pray for the new Deacons, that they may be zealous men who proclaim the Gospel and bring people to Jesus. This month, there are ordinations of the Carmelites and Jesuits. Let us pray for them too.

Patron of the Laity in India, St Lazarus Devasahayam: The Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments has conceded to the request of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) to declare St Lazarus Devasahayam as the Patron of the Laity in India through a decree dated July 16, 2025 and the same will be solemnly announced on October 15, 2025 at St Mary's Cathedral, Varanasi, when the CCBI Commission for Laity will be holding its annual national meeting of the Diocesan Secretaries and Regional Secretaries. May our devotion to St Lazarus Devasahayam help the laity to an ever greater love of God, practice of faith and service in the Church and in society.

New Bishop for Mysore Diocese: Most Rev. Francis Serrao, Bishop of Shimoga, is appointed as the Bishop of Mysore, and the Installation ceremony will be held on 7.10.2025. Let us pray for Bishop Francis and for the Lay Faithful, Clergy, Religious of the Diocese of Mysore; also remember in your prayers the Diocese of Shimoga that the Lord may give it a Shepherd according to his heart.

Wish you a Happy Feast of the Holy Rosary. May Mother Mary intercede for us.

♣ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

SOME GUIDELINES CONCERNING THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

In today's digital age, social media is a powerful tool for communication, evangelisation, and community building. The Church cannot ignore it. Pope Benedict XVI aptly described it as the "digital continent," a space where we must bring Christ's teachings. Social media presents a significant opportunity to share the Gospel, but it also comes with a serious responsibility. Clergy and religious are called to uphold their sacred vocation in all interactions, both online and offline. Ultimately, social media should serve as a missionary tool, not a distraction. It should foster genuine community and consistently uphold the dignity of our calling (CCBI, Social Media Engagement: SOPs for the Catholic Church in India, A White Paper (Draft) circulated on July 16, 2025).

Canon Law recognises mass media as a vital tool for the Church's mission while also establishing a framework of authority and responsibility (cf. cann. 822-832). It encourages the use of media for evangelisation, emphasises the role of Bishops in ensuring doctrinal soundness, and places a moral obligation on all the faithful to use media in a way that promotes Christian values and avoids spiritual harm.

In this perspective, and taking into consideration the good of the clergy and the faithful, I am pleased to issue these guidelines to the clergy and religious in the diocese:

- 1) All who work for the Church, particularly the clergy, must remember that they are considered "public persons" who speak for the Church in almost every setting. Everyone who works in and for the Church should exercise sound judgment and common sense when engaging with social media.
- 2) The online presence of priests is an extension of their pastoral ministry. It's essential to ensure all content reflects Christ's love and compassion. Priests should avoid using social media

for self-promotion; instead, they should focus on being authentic witnesses. "We are not present in social media to "sell a product." We are not advertising, but communicating life, the life that was given to us in Christ. Therefore, every Christian must be careful not to proselytise, but give witness." (Dicastery for Communication, *Towards Full Presence: A Pastoral Reflection on Engagement with Social Media*, May 28, 2023, no. 77).

- 3) All posts and comments should reflect Christian charity and a respect for the truth. They should remain on topic and presume the goodwill of other participants - both those who post and those who comment. Discussion should take place primarily from a faith perspective. Extensive conversations via social media should be avoided.
- 4) Social media should not be used to express partisan or political speech or opinions of any kind. One must avoid digital gossip, be mindful of the temptation to share or comment on unverified news or rumours that could harm others' reputations. Priests and others should be aware that their "likes" or browser history may be accessible to others, including the general public, so they must exercise care to avoid giving scandal to others. Everyone should be extremely careful when making negative or critical remarks about any person or office, whether ecclesiastical, civil, governmental, or otherwise.
- 5) No advertising or financial profit may be associated with any personal or public social media page of a priest without the express written permission of the local Ordinary. As ambassadors of Christ, priests and religious must strictly avoid promoting any commercial activity on their social media channels unless approved by an ecclesiastical authority for a specific mission. Commercialisation contradicts the mission of the Church.
- 6) If any priest knowingly communicates privately with a minor as a part of his or her duties for or on behalf of the parish/

- ministry, steps must be taken to send the minor's parent/guardian the same communication content, not necessarily via the same technology.
- 7) Any communication that may be perceived as having sexual overtones is strictly prohibited. Do not respond to any such messages, especially those from minors; if any such communication is received, retain a copy of any inappropriate communication and notify the relevant superiors.
- 8) Avoid anything that could cause scandal to the faithful, the Church, the diocese, or its leadership. This includes inappropriate references to alcohol, endorsements of unsuitable music or movies, inappropriate language or dress, and expressions of opinions that contradict the teachings of the Catholic Church. This prohibition extends to the posting of photographs or comments of any kind.
- 9) Priests should exercise discretion when communicating on platforms like WhatsApp, especially during early mornings and late nights, which are viewed as sacred times for prayer, Mass, and meditation. Messaging or forwarding videos, news items, or similar content—unless absolutely necessary—during these hours could raise concerns about their spiritual maturity and reliance on media. Remember that these messages will have timestamps attached to them. To maintain a positive image of spiritual leadership and community trust, priests are encouraged to refrain from sending messages during these times, as recipients may interpret the timestamps as reflecting the priest's priorities.
- 10) The cassock and religious habit are not simply garments; they are visible signs of consecration to God. As priests and religious, our outward appearance reflects our inward commitment to Christ and His Church. We are not merely servants of the altar but also witnesses of Christ's love, and this should be reflected in our appearance. Therefore, performances, dancing, or other similar activities while in cassocks and religious habits are not encouraged.

11) Encourage a digital detox by dedicating a day each week or fortnight to disconnect completely from social media. This practice helps strike a healthy balance and should be promoted in both the parish and school communities. "In educational or work environments as well as in families and communities, there is a growing need to detach ourselves from digital devices. "Silence" in this case can be compared to a "digital detox", which is not simply a withdrawal but rather a way to engage more deeply with God and with others." (Dicastery for Communication, *Towards Full Presence*, no. 35).

The advice of St. Paul, "All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful" (1 Cor 6:12), is highly pertinent. The unnecessary use of social media can drain one's energy and lead to specific obsessions and compulsions — spending endless hours on WhatsApp, Facebook, or Twitter — leaving little time and energy for people and ministry. From a spiritual perspective, addiction is a deep-seated form of idolatry, as what we are addicted to unconsciously becomes our false god, to whom we devote most of our time and energy. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Mt 6:21).

Given at the Bishop's House on September 25, 2025.

₩ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

PASTORAL INSTITUTE

The Pastoral Orientation Programme for priests ordained in 2024 and 2025 will be held at the Pastoral Centre, Bajjodi, from October 6, 2025 (9:00 a.m.) to October 9, 2025 (1:00 p.m.). All priests ordained in these two years are required to attend this programme without fail.

- Rev. Santhosh Rodrigues **Director**

BASIC ECCLESIAL COMMUNITIES (BEC)

Programmes in October

02 Oct 2025: City Deanery Level BEC Training Programme,

Bendur

05 Oct 2025: Parish Level BEC Training Programme, Bolkunje

Parish

05 Oct 2025: Parish Community Day, Thodambila Parish

12 Oct 2025: Parish Level BEC Training Programme, Arva

Parish

19 Oct 2025: Parish Level BEC Training Programme,

Kollangana Parish

26 Oct 2025: Parish Level BEC Training Programme, Mulky

Parish

Kindly Note: We are pleased to inform you that a new **BEC Handbook** has been published. It is strongly recommended that every participant in ward meetings have a personal copy. Beyond this, the handbook also makes a meaningful and faith-filled gift for occasions such as jubilees, anniversaries, Month's Mind, or annual Masses, serving as a lasting spiritual remembrance.

The **Mangala Jyothi stall** will make these handbooks available and can also personalise them with a photo or a customised note, should a family desire it. We sincerely count on your kind support in encouraging and promoting this valuable resource in your parishes.

- Rev. Sunil George D'Souza

Director, BEC

"Let us disarm words and we will help to disarm the world" (Address of Pope Leo XIV to Representatives of the Media, May 12, 2025). The Pope is urging us to recognise the power of language. Words can escalate conflict or foster peace. By removing aggression, prejudice and hatred from our communication, we help dismantle the foundations of broader social and political violence. Peace begins with what we say and how we say it.

COMMISSION FOR BIBLE

1. An exclusive study session for priests on the Word of God is organised on October 23, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Theme: Miracles in Matthew as Signs of the Kingdom: A Contextual Reading of Matthew 8-9.

Resource Person: Rev Dr Naveen Rebello SVD, Scripture Professor at *Jnana-Deepa*, Pune.

Venue: St Antony's, Jeppu, Mangalore.

Register @ 9844763634

 'EMMAUS': Monthly Bible Convention at Holy Cross Church, Cordel on October 19, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in association with Mangalore Diocesan Service Communion (MDSC).

Theme: From Listening to the Word to Mission

3. Bible Classes:

St Francis Xavier Church, Ferar.

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: October 05, 12, 19, 26

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

Venue: Church Hall, Ferar.

4. To encourage people to read and study the Bible, a monthly online bible quiz has been organised. We kindly request that you encourage people to participate in this initiative. Monthly Bible Quiz October 2025 (Online) on the Book of Joshua and St Paul's Letter to the Romans will be held on October 25, 2025 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The online link will be circulated from October 01, 2025.

- Rev. Vincent Sequeira Secretary, Commission for Bible

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. Programmes for October

05 : Eucharistic Catechesis, Bajpe

: Adult Catechesis, Attur

07: Eucharistic Catechesis, Madanthyar

14: Animating of the Liturgy for the Diaconate, Seminary

II. Commission for Catechetics

1. Catechist's Day: November 9

Pope Francis, through his apostolic letter *Antiquum Ministerium*, has directed leaders to recognise the catechists in the Church in a special manner by instituting the lay ministry of catechists. St Charles Borromeo is the Patron of catechists. The Church honours this saint and commemorates his memory on November 4. In light of the document *Antiquum Ministerium*, we celebrate this day in our diocese on Sunday, November 9, as Catechists' Day. I request the Parish Priests to celebrate this day in their parishes in a unique way. On this day, recognise the identity of lay catechists and catechise the people regarding the importance of lay ministry in the Church. Kindly involve the PPC.

Tips for Celebration:

- Introduction before Mass requesting the congregation to pray for the catechists
- Mention the importance of the catechists in the Church and their recognition
- Add one or two intentions during the Universal Prayer
- Honouring of catechists by PPC/Children/Parents

3. Catechism Class Days 2nd Term:

October 12, 19, 26 = 3 days

November 9 (Catechists' Day), 9, 16, 23, 30 = 4 days

December 14, 21 = 2 days

January 04, 11, 18, 25 = 4 days

February 1, 8 (Annual Exams), 15/22 (Catechism Day)

March 1 (Diocesan Level Catechism Day)

IV. New Books available at our Stall:

- * ಡಿಜಿಟಲ್ ಆಮೊಸ್ತಲ್ ಸಾಂ ಕಾರ್ಲೊ ಅಕುತಿಸ್ (ನವೆಂ ಮಸ್ತಕ್)
- * ORDO, 2025-26
- * 'ಜೆಜು ಮೊಗಾಳಾ' ಆರಾಧನಾಚೆಂ ನವೆಂ ಮಸ್ತಕ್
- ಶೆಗುಣಾಂಚೊ ಗುಲೊಬ್ ಮರಿಯಾಳ್ ನಿಯಾಳಾಚ್ಯೊ ಬತ್ತೀಸ್ ಪಾಕ್ಟ್ಯೊ – ನವೆಂ ಮಸ್ತಕ್
- * Mangalore Directory 2025-26

V. Liturgical Items available at the Stall:

- * Various types of crucifixes and statues
- First Holy Communion candles, crown, veil, Rosary, scapular
 & Certificates, Confirmation Certificates
- * Mass Candles, Hosts & Particles, Incense
- * Votive, Mud'dhom and Decorative candles
- * Church articles (Liturgical)
- * Clergy shirts / T Shirts (Production by Mangala Jyothi)
- * Mass vestments, albs, surplice, stoles, chalice, ciborium, etc.

Revised timings of MANGALA JYOTHI Religious Books and Articles Store Timings

Monday to Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- Director, Mangala Jyothi

PROGRAMMES OF CODP

02.10.2025: Child Sponsorship Programme October Camp for Beneficiaries in CODP

05.10.2025: Health Camp in Talapady, Educare Endowment Fund 2nd Motivation Programme in Rosario Church Hall

06.10.2025: Women Empowerment Programme - District Level Federation Meeting in CODP

- 09.10.2025: Women Empowerment Programme Cluster Lever Training in CODP
- 10.10.2025: Women Empowerment Programme Cluster Lever Training in Awareness on Government Schemes and Facilities in Talapady and Kotekar, Training on Gender Equality and Justice in Fajir and Mudungarkatte School
- 20.10.2025: Training on Community-based Development in Talapady
- 25.10.2025: Training on Gender Equality and Justice in Fajir, Bandhavya Federation - Awareness on Special Intensive Revision in CODP
- 27.10.2025: Training on Gender Equality and Justice in Sheni
- 28.10.2025: Training on Strengthening of Okkuta in Bela

- Rev. Vincent Dsouza **Secretary, CODP**

THE CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF INDIA (CCBI)

CIRCULAR LETTER

Ref: CCBI/CIR-77 September 20, 2025

To All Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious, Catechists and Lay Faithful of the Latin Catholic Church in India

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

It gives me great joy to inform you that the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, having examined the petition made by the CCBI, has graciously confirmed Saint Lazarus Devasahayam as the Patron of the Laity in India, through a Decree, Prot. N. 215/25, dated 16 July 2025.

This joyful news will be solemnly announced on 15 October 2025, during the Eucharistic Celebration at St. Mary's Cathedral, Varanasi, where the CCBI Commission for Laity will be holding its Annual National Meeting with the Diocesan Secretaries and Regional Secretaries of Laity Commissions from across the Dioceses in our country.

I request all the Archbishops, Bishops, Parish Priests, Religious and Laity in the Dioceses and Parishes to signal this historical moment with fitting celebrations, to commemorate with due reverence the Patronage of St. Lazarus Devasahayam over the Laity in India.

May our devotion to Saint Lazarus Devasahayam lead the People of God in India to an ever greater love of God, practice of the faith and service in the Church and in society. In due time, the CCBI Commission for Laity will provide you with more information and details regarding the celebrations on 15 October 2025.

Invoking God's abundant blessings on you and particularly on the Laity in India,

Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrão President, Conference of Catholic Bishops of India Archbishop of Goa and Daman

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Rev. Edwin Santhosh Monis, Parish Priest of Christ the King Church, Venur, completes **50 years** on October 4, 2025.

Rev. Edwin Vincent Correa, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Fatima Church, Miyapadavu, completes **50 years** on October 27, 2025.

Rev. Sunil Kumar D'Souza, St Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore, completes **50 years** on October 27, 2025.

Rev. Gerald Francis Pinto, Socius, Milagres Church, Mangalore, completes **60 years** on October 30, 2025.

Rev. Francis Xavier Gomes, St. Zuze Vaz Home, Jeppu, completes **75 years** on October 15, 2025.

The years have turned, a sacred sign, a milestone in your faithful life, For service blessed, and love divine, you've stood as a true guiding light.

> May God's own grace and gentle hand, guide every year that lies ahead, Across this life and promised land, with peace and joy, His love has spread.

ಮೊಗಾಚಿ ಶ್ರದ್ದಾಂಜಅ ಬಾ ವಿನ್ಸೆಂಟ್ ಫ್ರಾನ್ಸಿಸ್ ಮೊಂತೇರೊ

ಹಾಂವ್ಚ್ ತೊ ಸರ್ಗಿಂ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ದೆಂವುನ್ ಆಯ್ಲೊಲೊ ಜಿವೊ ಉಂಡೊ ಹೊ ಉಂಡೊ ಖಾತಾ ತೊ ಸಾಸ್ಲಾಕ್ ಜಿಯೆತಲೊ (ಜುವಾಂವ್ 6:51)

ಸೊಮ್ಯಾನ್ ಸಾಂಗ್ ಲ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಉತ್ರಾಂಕ್ ಸರಿ ಜಾವ್ನ್ 44 ವರ್ಸಾಂ ಯಾಜಕಿ ಜಿವಿತ್ ಜಿಯೆವ್ನ್ – ಹಜಾರಾಂಗಟ್ಲ್ಯಾನ್ ಮಿಸಾಂ ಭೆಟವ್ನ್ ಆಪ್ಲೆಂ ತ್ಯಾ ಜಿವ್ಯಾ ಉಂಡ್ಯಾಕ್ ಸ್ವೀಕಾರ್ ಕೆಲಾ ಮಾತ್ರ್ ನ್ಹಂಯ್, ತಾಣೆಂ ತೊಹೆರಾಂಕಿ ವಾಂಟ್ಲಾ. ಅಶಂ ಆಸ್ತಾಂ, ಸೊಮ್ಯಾಚಾ ಉತ್ರಾಂ ಪ್ರಕಾರ್ (ಜುವಾಂವ್ 6:51), ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ಸೆಂಟ್ ಫ್ರಾನ್ಸಿಸ್ ಮೊಂತೆರ್ ಆಜ್ ಬಾಪಾಚಾ ಘರಾ ಸಾಸ್ಲಾಕ್ ಜಿಯೆಂವ್ಕ್ ಗೆಲಾ.

ಆಮ್ಕಾಂ ತಾಚಾ ಮೊಗಾಚ್ಯಾಂಕ್, ತೊ ಇಲ್ಲೆಂ ವೆಗ್ಗಿಂಚ್ ಗೆಲಾ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ಚಿಂತುನ್ ದೂಖ್ ಭೊಗ್ತಾ. ಪೂಣ್ ಪಾಟ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಥೊಡ್ಯಾ ದಿಸಾನಿಂ ತಾಣೆಂ ಭೊಗ್ ಲ್ಲಿ ತಿ ದೂಖ್ ಪಳತಾನಾ, ದೆವಾನ್ ತಾಕಾ ಆನಿಕೀ ಭೊಗುಂಕ್ ಆಸ್ಟ್ಯಾ ಚಡಿತ್ ದುಖಾಂತ್ಲೆ ನಿವಾರ್ಲೆಂ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ಆಮ್ಕಾಂ ಆತಾಂ ಸಮ್ಮತಾ.

ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ಸ್ಗಿ ಆನಿ ಮುಖಾರ್ ಆಮ್ಚೆಂ ಸಾಂಗಾತಾ ನಾಂ. ತಾಚಾ ಮರ್ಣಾಂ ವರ್ವಿಂ ದಿಯೆಸಿಜಿಕ್ ವರ್ತೊ ನಷ್ಟ್ ಜಾಲಾ. ಯಾಜಕಾಂಕ್ ಏಕ್ ಮೊಗಾಳ್ ಸಾಂಗಾತಿ ಯಾಜಕ್ ನಾಂ ಜಾಲಾ. ಕುಟ್ಮಾಚಾಂಕ್ ಭಾವಾ– ಭಯ್ಲಿಂಕ್, ನಾತ್ರಾಂಕ್ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂತ್ಲೊ ಏಕ್ ಮೊಗಾಳ್ ಯಾಜಕ್ ನಾಂ ಜಾಲಾ. ತಾಣೆಂ ಸೆವಾ ದಿಲ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಫಿರ್ಗಜಾಂನಿ, ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಂಚ್ಯಾ ಸರ್ವಾಂಕ್ ಏಕ್ ಮೊಗಾಳ್ ಗೊವ್ಳಿ ನಾಂ ಜಾಲಾ. ಏಕಾ ರಿತಿನ್ ತಾಚಾ ಮರ್ಣಾಂ ವರ್ವಿಂ ಆಮ್ಕಾಂ ಸರ್ವಾಂಕ್ ನಷ್ಟ್ ಜಾಲಾ ಆನಿ ದೂಖ್ ಭೊಗ್ತಾ. ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ಸಿಕ್ ಸಾಸ್ಟಾಜೊ ವಿಷಯ್ ಲಾಭಯ್ ಆನಿ ಆಮ್ಕಾಂ ಸರ್ವಾಂಕ್ ಭಜಾವಣ್ ಪಾಟಯ್ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ಆಮಿಂ ಮಾಗ್ಬೆಂ.

ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ನಿಚಿ ಜಿಣಿ ಆನಿ ಸೆವಾ:

ಅಂಜೆಲೊರ್ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಂತ್ 1954ವ್ಯಾ ಇಸ್ವೆಂತ್ ಜುಲಾಯಿ 24 ತಾರಿಖೆರ್ ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ಸಿ ಜಲ್ಮಾಲೊ. ರೈಮಂಡ್ ಮೊಂತೆರ್ ಆನಿ ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಿನ್ ಮೊಂತೆರ್ ತಾಚಿಂ ಮಾಂಯ್–ಬಾಪ್. ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂತ್ ತಿಂ ಧಾ ಜಣಾಂ ಭುರ್ಗಿಂ: ಮಾಲ್ಫಡಿ ಸಿಸ್ಟರ್ ಯುಮ್ಲಾಲಿಯಾ, ಉಪ್ರಾಂತ್ ವಿಲ್ಮಾಂ. ಹೆಂ ತಾಚಾ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂ ಸಂಗಿ ಆಸ್ಟ್ರೇಲಿಯಾಂತ್ ವಸ್ತ್ರಿ ಕರ್ನ್ನ್ ಆಸಾ. ತಾಚೆ ಉಪ್ರಾಂತ್ಲಿಂ ಸಿಸ್ಟರ್ ಈಡಲ್ಬರ್ಗ ಆನಿ ಸಿಸ್ಟರ್ ಎಮೆಲಿಟಾ, ತಾಂಚೆ ಉಪ್ರಾಂತ್ ಲೆನ್ಸಿ ಮೊಂತೆರ್. ಹೊ ತಾಚಾ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂ ಸಂಗಿ ಆಂಜೆಲೊರಾಂತ್ ವಸ್ತ್ರಿ ಕರ್ನ್ನ್ ಅಸಾ. ತಾಚಾ ಉಪ್ರಾಂತ್ ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ಸಿ. ಆನಿ ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ಸಿ ಉಪ್ರಾಂತ್ ತಾಚಿ ನಿಮಾಣಿ ಭಯ್ಣ ಫ್ಲೊಸ್ಸಿ. ಹಿ ಉರ್ವಾಂತ್ ವಸ್ತ್ರಿ ಕರ್ತಾ. ಏಕ್ ದೆವೊತ್ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಂತ್ ತೆಗಾಂ ಭಯ್ಲಿಂ ಆರ್ಸುಲಾಯ್ನ್ ಮೆಳಾಂತ್ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ್ ಆನಿಂ ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ಸಿ ಮಂಗ್ಳುರ್ ದಿಯೆಸಿಜಿಚೊ ಯಾಜಕ್.

ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ಸಿ ತಾಚೆಂ ಧಾವಿ ಕ್ಲಾಸ್ ಶಿಕಾಪ್ ಸಂಪೊವ್ನ್, 1971 ಇಸ್ವೆಂತ್ ಮಂಗ್ಳುರ್ಚ್ವಾ ಸಾಂ ಜುಜೆ ಸೆಮಿನರಿಂತ್ ಭರ್ತಿ ಜಾಲೊ. 1981 ಇಸ್ವೆಚ್ಯಾ ಎಪ್ರಿಲ್ 22 ತಾರೀಕೆರ್, ತವಳ್ಚಾ ಗೊವ್ಬಿ ಬಾಪ್ ಅಧಿಕ್ ಮಾನಾಧಿಕ್ ಬಾಜಿಲ್ ಸಾಲ್ವೊದೊರ್ ಸೊಜಾ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಯಾಜಾಕೀ ದೀಕ್ಷಾ ಘೆತ್ಲಿ.

1981 ಥಾವ್ನ್ 1983 ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಕಿರೆಂ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಂತ್ ಸಹಾಯಕ್ ವಿಗಾರ್. 1983 ಥಾವ್ನ್ 1984 ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಸಾಂ ಅಂತೊನ್ ಆಸ್ರ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಸಹಾಯಕ್ ದಿರೆಕ್ಕೊರ್.

1984 ಥಾವ್ನ್ 1987 ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್ ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿಚ್ಯಾ ಐಸಿವೈಎಮ್/ವೈಸಿಯಸ್/ ವೈಎಸ್ಎಮ್ ಹಾಚೊ ದಿರೆಕ್ತೊರ್.

1987 ಥಾವ್ನ್ 1989 ಮ್ಹಣಾಸರ್ ಹಾಂಚೊ ಪ್ರಾಂತೀಯ್ ದಿರೆಕ್ತೊರ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಸೆವಾ.

1989 ಥಾವ್ನ್ 1995 ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್ ವೈಸಿಯಸ್/ವೈಎಸ್ಎಮ್ ಹಾಚೊ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ್ ದಿರೆಕ್ತೊರ್. 1995 ಥಾವ್ನ್ 2002 ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಪಾಂಗ್ಳಾ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಂತ್ ವಿಗಾರ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಸೆವಾ.

2002 ಥಾವ್ನ್ 2004 ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿಚಾ ಗೊವ್ಳಿಕ್ ಕೇಂದ್ರಾಚೊ ದಿರೆಕ್ತೊರ್.

2004 ಇಸ್ವೆಂತ್ ತಾಕಾ ವೈಸಿಎಸ್ಚೊ ಏಷೀಯನ್ ಚಾಪ್ಲೆನ್ ಕೆಲೊ. ತ್ಯಾಚ್ ವೆಳಾರ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಫಿಲಿಪ್ಪಿನ್ಸಾಂತ್ ಉಂಚ್ಲೆ ಶಿಕಾಪ್ ಕೆಲೆಂ.

2006 ಥಾವ್ನ್ 2014 ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್ ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿಚಾ ಗೊವ್ಳಿಕ್ ಕೇಂದ್ರಾಚೊ ದುಸ್ರೆ ಪಾವ್ನಿಂ ದಿರೆಕ್ಕೊರ್ ಜಾಲೊ.

2014 ಥಾವ್ನ್ 2018 ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಕಿನ್ನಿಗೋಳಿ ಫಿರ್ಗಜ್ ವಿಗಾರ್.

2018 ಥಾವ್ಸ್ 2024 ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಬೆಂದುರ್ ಫಿರ್ಗಜ್ ವಿಗಾರ್.

2024 ಇಸ್ವೆಂತ್ ಮುಕ್ಕ ಫಿರ್ಗಜ್ ವಿಗಾರ್ ಜಾಂವ್ಕ್ ಆಸ್ಲ್ಲೊ, ಪೂಣ್ 2024 ವರ್ಸಾಚಾ ಭಾಗೆವಂತ್ ಹಪ್ತ್ಯಾಂತ್, ತಾಕಾ ಕ್ಯಾನ್ಸರಾಚಿ ಪಿಡಾ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ಕಳಿತ್ ಜಾಲೆಂ. ಅಶೆಂ ತಾಣೆಂ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಕ್ ಆನಿ ಉಪ್ರಾಂತ್ ಜುಜೆ ವಾಜ್ ಘರಾಕ್ ಭರ್ತಿ ಜಾಯ್ಲಯ್ ಪಡ್ಲೆಂ.

ಪೋರ್ಚ್ ಮೇಯಾಂತ್ ಭಲಾಯ್ಕಿ ಸುದ್ರೊನ್ ಆಯಿಲ್ಲೆ ಬರಿಂ ದಿಸ್ಲೆಂ. ಕೊಣಾಚೊಯಿ ಆಧಾರ್ ನಾಸ್ತಾನಾ ತಾಣೆಂ ಚಲೊಂಕ್ ಸುರು ಕೆಲೆಂ. ಪೂಣ್ ಕ್ರಮೆಣ್ ಬಳ್ ಉಣೆಂ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಆಯ್ಲೆಂ. ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಕ್ ಭರ್ತಿ ಜಾಲೊ. ಹ್ಯಾಚ್ ಆಗೋಸ್ತಾಚಾ 29 ತಾರೀಕೆರ್ ಸುಕ್ರಾರಾ ಸಕಾಳಿಂಚ್ಯಾ ಸಾಧಾರಣ್ 9 ವೊರಾರ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಸಂಸಾರಾಕ್ ಆದೇವ್ಸ್ ಮಾಗ್ಲೊ. ಆಜ್ ತಾಕಾ ಅಂತೀಮ್ ವಿದಾಯ್ ಪಾಟಂವ್ಕ್ ಆಮಿಂ ಆಯ್ಲ್ಯಾಂವ್.

ತಾಚೆ ಥಂಯ್ ಆಮಿಂ ಕಿತೆಂ ದೆಕ್ಲಾಂ:

- 1. ಏಕ್ ಮಾಗ್ಣ್ಯಾಚೊ ಪಾದ್ರ್ಯಾಬ್: ಸದಾಂಚೆಂ ಮಾಗ್ಗೆಂ/ಮೀಸ್ ತೊ ಕರ್ತಾಲೊ. ತಾಚಾ ಮಾಗ್ಣ್ಯಾನ್, ತೊ ಸಬಾರಾಂಚಾ ಪರಿವರ್ತನಾಕ್ ಕಾರಣ್ ಜಾಲಾ.
- 2. ಏಕ್ ಬರೊ ಗೊವ್ಳಿ: ತಾಣೆಂ ಸೆವಾ ದಿಲ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಕಿರೆಂ, ಕಿನ್ನಿಗೋಳಿ, ಪಾಂಗ್ಳಾ ಆನಿ ಬೆಂದುರ್ ಫಿರ್ಗಜ್ಗಾರಾಂಕ್ ಹಾಚೊ ಅನ್ಪೋಗ್ ಆಸಾ. ಲ್ಹಾನಾಂ– ವ್ಹಡಾಂ, ಪ್ರಾಯೆಸ್ತ್ ಆನಿಂ ಪಿಡೆಸ್ತಾಂಕ್ ಸರ್ವಾಂಕ್ ತಾಚಿ ಸೆವಾ ಲಾಭ್ಲ್ಯಾ.
- 3. ಏಕ್ ಬರೊ ಆಡಳ್ತೆದಾರ್: ಸಬಾರ್ ವರ್ಸಾಂ ಗೊವ್ಳಿ ಬಾಪಾಂಚೊ ಕನ್ಸಲ್ಟರ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಸೆವಾ ದಿಲ್ಯಾ. ಸೆನೆಟ್ ಸಭೆಚೊ ಸಾಂದೊ ಜಾಲಾ. ಗೊವ್ಳಿಕ್ ಕೇಂದ್ರಾಚೊ ದಿರೆಕ್ತೊರ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಆಸ್ತಾನಾ, ಯಾಜಕಾಂಕ್ 'ongoing formation' – ಹಾಚಿ ಮಾಂಡಾವಾಳ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಘಾಲ್ಲಿ ಆಸಾ.
- 4. ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ಸಿ ಏಕ್ ಉತ್ತಮ್ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶಕ್/ಮುಖೆಲಿ: ತೊ ಆಸ್ಲ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಫಿರ್ಗಜಾಂನಿ ಆನಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥ್ಯಾನಿಂ ಸರ್ವಾಂಕ್ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಯುವಜಣಾಂಕ್ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶನ್ ದೀವ್ನ್ ಸಾರ್ಕ್ಯಾ ವಾಟೆಕ್ ಹಾಡ್ಲಲಂ ಆಸಾ.

- 5. ಉದಾರ್ ಮನಾಚೊ ಆನಿ ಕಾಳ್ಜಾಚೊ ಯಾಜಕ್: ಕಿತ್ಲೆಶ್ಯಾ ತರ್ನಾಟ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಶಿಕ್ಷಾಕ್ ಕುಮಕ್ ಕೆಲ್ಲಿ ಆಸಾ. ಪಿಡೆಸ್ತಾಂಕ್ ಕುಮಕ್ ದಿಲ್ಯಾ. ಘರ್ ನಾತ್ಲ್ಲ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಘರಾಕ್ ಕುಮಕ್ ಕೆಲ್ಲಿ ಆಸಾ.
- 6. ಸೊಮ್ಯಾಚಾ ಮಿಸಾಂವಾಂತ್ ತಾಕಾ ವಿಶೇಷ್ ಆಸಕ್ತ್: ಆಫ್ರಿಕಾಚಾ ಸಾಮೆ ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿಂತ್ ಮಿಸಾಂವ್ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ್ ಕರ್ತಾನಾ ಪಾದ್ರ್ಯಾಬಾಚಿ ಭಯ್ಣ್ ಸಿಸ್ಟರ್ ಈಡಲ್ ಬರ್ಗ ತ್ಯಾ ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿಂತ್ ಆಸ್ಲ್ಲ್. ಹಿಚಾ ಸಂಗಿಂ, ತಾಚೊಯಿ ಸಹಕಾರ್ ಆಸ್ ಲ್ಲೊ. ಆಮ್ಜಾ ಆದ್ಲೆ ಗೊವ್ಳಿ ಬಾಪಾ ಸಾಂಗಾತಾ ಜಾಯ್ತೆ ಪಾಪ್ಪಿಂ ಸಾಮೆಕ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಪಯ್ಣ್ ಕೆಲಾಂ. ತಾಚೊ ವಾವ್ರ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ದಿಲಾ.
- 7. ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ಸಿ ಮನ್ಯಾಂಚೊ ಮೊಗಿ: ಕೊಣಿಂ ಮೆಳೊದಿಂತ್, ಜಾಂವ್ ತಿಂ ಪ್ರಾಯ್ವಂತ್, ಭುರ್ಗಿಂ, ಯುವಜಣ್. ಏಕ್ ಪಾವ್ಪಿಂ ಭೆಟ್ಲ್ಯಾರ್, ತಾಂಚೊ ತೊ ಉಡಾಸ್ ದವರ್ತಾಲೊ. ತಾಕಾ ಮೊಸ್ತು ಉಲಯ್ಜಯ್. ತೊ ಈಷ್ಟಾಗತ್ ಕರ್ತಾಲೊ ಮಾತ್ರ್ ನ್ಹಯ್, ತಿ ಈಷ್ಟಾಗತ್ ಸಾಂಬಾಳ್ತಾಲೊ.

ಆಜ್ ದೆವಾನ್ ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ಸಿಕ್ ತಾಚೆ ಸರ್ಶಿಂ ಆಪಯ್ಲಾಂ. ದೆವಾಚೆ ಉತ್ರಾಂ ತಾಕಾ ಆಯ್ಕಲ್ಯಾಂತ್: "ಶಹಬ್ಬಾಸ್ ಬರ್ಯಾ ಆನಿಂ ಪಾತ್ಯೆಣೆಚ್ಯಾ ಚಾಕ್ರಾ, ಲ್ಹಾನ್ ಸಂಗ್ತಿನಿಂ ತುಂ ಪಾತ್ಯೆಣೆಚೊ ಜಾಲೊಯ್. ದೆಕುನ್ ವ್ಹಡ್ ಸಂಗ್ತಿಂಚಿ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ ಹಾಂವ್ ತುಕಾ ದಿತಾಲೊಂ. ಯೆ, ತುಜಾ ಧನಿಯಾಚಾ ಸಂತೊಸಾಂತ್ ವಾಂಟೆಲಿ ಜಾ." ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ಸಿ ಆಮ್ಚೆಂ ಸಾಂಗಾತಾ ನಾಂ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ದೂಖ್ ಭೊಗ್ತಾ. ಪೂಣ್ ಖಂಡಿತ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್, ಆಜ್ ಬಾಪಾಚಾ ಘರಾ ಆಸೊನ್, ತೊ ಆಮ್ಚೆ ಖಾತಿರ್ ದೆವಾಲಾಗಿಂ ವಿನಂತಿ ಕರ್ತಾ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ಪಾತ್ಯೆತಾಂವ್. ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿಚೊ ಏಕ್ ಬರೊ ಯಾಜಕ್ ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ಸೆಂಟ್ ಫ್ರಾನ್ಸಿಸ್ ಮೊಂತೆರ್ ದೆವಾದೀನ್ ಜಾಲಾ. ಗೊವ್ಫಿ ಬಾಪಾಂಕ್ ಆನಿ ಸರ್ವ್ ಯಾಜಕಾಂಕ್ ಹಾಂವ್ ಭುಜಾವಣ್ ಪಾಠಯ್ತಾಂ. ಮೊಂತೇರೊ ಗೆಲ್ಯಾ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಕ್ ನಶ್ಟ್ ಜಾಲಾ ಆನಿ ದೂಖ್ ಭೊಗ್ತಾ. ಗೊವ್ಳಿ ಬಾಪಾಂಚಾ ಆನಿ ಯಾಜಕಾಂಚಾ ತರ್ಫೆನ್, ತಾಚಾ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಚ್ಯಾ ಸಾಂದ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಹಾಂವ್ ಭುಜಾವಣ್ ಪಾಠಯ್ತಾಂ.

ಬಾಪ್ ವಿನ್ಸಿ, ಆಮ್ಕಾಂ ಸೊಡ್ನ್, ತುಂ ಮುಖಾರ್ ಗೆಲಾಯ್. ತುಕಾ ಆಮಿಂ ಆದೇವ್ಸ್ ಮಾಗ್ತಾಂವ್. ಆದೇವ್ಸ್ ಆಮಿಂ ಪರತ್ ಮೆಳ್ತಾ ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್. ಸಾಸ್ಣಾಚೊ ವಿಶೆವ್ ದೀ ತಾಕಾ ಎ ಸೊಮಿಯಾ ಆನಿ ನಿರಂತರ್ ಪ್ರಕಾಸ್ ತಾಚೆರ್ ಫಾಂಕಯ್ ಆನಿ ಸಮಾಧಾನೆನ್ ತಾಚೊ ಅತ್ಮೊ ವಿಶೆವ್ ಫೆಂವ್ದಿ. ಆಮೆನ್.

> – **ಬಾಪ್ ಆ್ಯಂಟನಿ ಎಮ್. ಶೆರಾ** ವಿಗಾರ್, ಮುಲ್ಕಿ

GENERAL AUDIENCE OF POPE LEO XIV

(on September 3, 2025)

Theme: "I thirst" (Jn 19:28)

(Part of the Cycle of Catechesis for the 2025 Jubilee Year) Dear brothers and sisters,

At the heart of the account of the Passion, in the most luminous and at the same time darkest moment of Jesus' life, the Gospel of John gives us two words that contain an immense mystery: "I thirst" (19:28), and immediately afterwards: "It is finished" (19:30). These are his last words, but they are filled with a whole lifetime, revealing the meaning of the entire existence of the Son of God. On the cross, Jesus does not appear as a victorious hero, but as a supplicant for love. He does not proclaim, condemn or defend himself. He humbly asks for what he, alone, cannot give to himself in any way.

The thirst of the Crucified Lord is not only the physiological need of a tortured body. It is also, and above all, the expression of a profound desire: that of love, of relationship, of communion. It is the silent cry of a God who, having wished to share everything of our human condition, also lets himself be overcome by this thirst. A God who is not ashamed to beg for a sip, because in that gesture he tells us that love, in order to be true, must also learn to ask and not only to give.

I thirst, says Jesus, and in this way he manifests his humanity and also ours. None of us can be self-sufficient. No one can save themselves. Life is "fulfilled" not when we are strong, but when we learn how to receive. It is precisely at that moment, after receiving from unknown hands a sponge soaked in vinegar, that Jesus proclaims: It is finished. Love has made itself needy, and precisely for this reason, it has accomplished its work.

This is the Christian paradox: God saves not by doing, but by letting himself do. Not by defeating evil with force, but by accepting the weakness of love to the very end. On the cross, Jesus teaches us that man does not realise himself in power, but in trustful openness to others, even when they are hostile and enemies. Salvation is not found in autonomy, but in humbly recognising one's own need and in being able to express it freely.

The fulfilment of our humanity in God's plan is not an act of strength, but a gesture of trust. Jesus does not save with a dramatic twist, but by asking for something that he cannot give himself. And it is here that the door to true hope opens: if even the Son of God chose not to be self-sufficient, then our thirst too – for love, for meaning, for justice – is a sign not of failure, but of truth.

This truth, seemingly so simple, is difficult to accept. We live in a time that rewards self-sufficiency, efficiency, performance. And yet the Gospel shows us that the measure of our humanity is not given by what we can achieve, but by our ability to let ourselves be loved and, when necessary, even helped.

Jesus saves us by showing us that asking is not unworthy, but liberating. It is the way out of the hiddenness of sin, so as to re-enter the space of communion. Ever since the beginning, sin has begotten shame. But forgiveness – real forgiveness – is born when we can face up to our need and no longer fear rejection.

Jesus' thirst on the cross is therefore ours too. It is the cry of a wounded humanity that seeks living water. And this thirst does not lead us away from God, but rather unites us with him. If we have the courage to acknowledge it, we can discover that even our fragility is a bridge towards heaven. It is precisely in asking – not in possessing – that a way of freedom opens up, because we cease to pretend to be self-sufficient.

In fraternity, in the simple life, in the art of asking without shame and offering without ulterior motives, a joy is born that the world does not know. A joy that restores us to the original truth of our being: we are creatures made to give and receive love.

Dear brothers and sisters, in Christ's thirst we can recognise all of our own thirst. And to learn that there is nothing more human, nothing more divine, than being able to say: *I need.* Let us not be afraid to ask, especially when it seems to us that we do not deserve. Let us not be ashamed to reach out our hand. It is right there, in that humble gesture, that salvation hides. \Box

R.I.P.

- Rev. Fr Vincent Francis Monteiro (71 years), St Zuze Vaz Home, Jeppu, passed away on August 29, 2025. His funeral and burial rites took place on August 31, 2025, at St Vincent Ferrer Church, Valencia.
- Mr Louis D'Souza (75 years), father of Rev. Fr Melwyn John D'Souza, Parish Priest, Panja, passed away on September 9, 2025. His funeral and burial rites took place on September 10, 2025, at St Lawrence Church, Maniampare.
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