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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR DECEMBER 2025

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| 1 | 10.00 a.m. | Inauguration & Blessing of Casualty Block, L.M. Pinto Hospital, Badyar |
| 2 | 09.00 a.m. | Mass & Blessing of the School Building, Post-Centenary Ruby Jubilee, St Joseph AUP School, Vorkady |
| | 04.00 p.m. | Shanthi Kiran Society, Pastoral Institute Trust Meeting, Bishop's House |
| 3 | 03.00 p.m. | Sarva Matha Sammelan, Mangalore University |
| 4 | 10.00 a.m. | Twin Jubilees, SRA Sisters, Vamanjoor |
| | 05.30 p.m. | Seminary Day |
| 5 | 10.30 a.m. | Festal Mass, St Joseph Vaz Shrine, Mudipu |
| | 03.30 p.m. | Gathering of Catholic Lawyers and Laity Commission, Sambhram Hall |
| 6 | 10.00 a.m. | Final Profession of A.C. Sisters, Maryhill |
| | 05.00 p.m. | Inauguration and Blessing of Presbytery, Nala |
| 7 | 05.30 p.m. | Festal Mass, Pompei Shrine, Urwa |
| 7-12 | | Retreat, St Joseph Seminary |
| 12 | 05.00 p.m. | Mass and Blessing of the New Cemetery, Thodambila |
| 13-14 | | Pastoral Visit, Cordel Parish |
| 16 | 09.30 a.m. | Training of Trainers, Towards a Synodal Church, Pastoral Institute |

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| 17 | 10.00 a.m. | Concetta Hospital Trust Meeting, Bishop's House |
| 18 | 04.00 p.m. | CODP Governing Board Meeting, Bishop's House |
| 19 | 09.15 a.m. | Council of Priests Meeting, Bishop's House |
| 21 | 12.00 p.m. | Christmas with the Specially Abled, Cordel |
| | 05.00 p.m. | Christmas at St Antony Ashram |
| 22 | 09.30 a.m. | Blessing of the Renovated Church, Ujire |
| 23 | 09.00 a.m. | Post-Centenary Golden Jubilee, St Aloysius Kan. Med. School, Urwa |
| | 12.00 p.m. | Christmas with the Media, Bishop's House |
| 24 | 07.15 p.m. | Christmas Mass, Cathedral |
| 25 | 06.00 a.m. | Christmas Mass at St Antony Shrine, Jeppu |
| | 05.30 p.m. | Bandhutva Christmas, Kinnigoly |
| 26 | 07.00 p.m. | Bandhutva Christmas, Bishop's House |
| 28 | 08.00 p.m. | Closure of the Jubilee Year, Cathedral |
| 31 | 05.00 p.m. | Confirmation, Mogarnad Parish |
| 01 Jan | 03.00 p.m. | Post-Bicentenary Golden Jubilee, Mogarnad |

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR DECEMBER 2025

Papal Intention for December: The Pope invites us to pray for Christians in areas of war or conflict, so that Christians in these conflict-ridden places become the seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope. In fact, the presence of Christians, the followers of the Prince of Peace, is meant to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. While in the early Church the conflicts became occasions to fill people with hope through the proclamation of the Gospel, so too may these difficult times be occasions to fill people with hope and meaning.

Retreat: As announced earlier, we shall have the Retreat for the second batch at St Joseph's Inter-Diocesan Seminary, Jeppu, from 7 to 12 December. Retreat is the time to look at our God and look into our hearts. It is time to withdraw from the distractions of the world; it is an opportunity for priests to examine their consciences deeply; it is a moment to renew fervour for prayer, study, and pastoral charity; it is an essential defence against the growing dangers that draw us away from God and others. It is certainly an efficacious remedy to priestly lukewarmness. Please come to benefit much from this sacred time of prayer and reflection. Please do not forget to bring your personal Mass Diary. The Auxiliary Bishop of Delhi, Most Rev. Deepak Tauro, will lead us into prayer.

Training for Trainers towards a Synodal Church (16 December 2025): The General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops has asked all Bishops to form a team of facilitators to implement the Synodal Final Document. We have to integrate the Synodal insights into our Pastoral Plan and involve as many as possible to make our local Church truly a synodal Church. We need to prepare the yearly plan for each parish at the beginning of the Calendar Year and implement the Synodal insights. The Indian Latin Bishops have chosen Bishop Gerald Isaac Lobo to guide the implementation of the Final Document. Those trained, in turn, will train the newly formed Parish Pastoral Councils. The Participants are already informed about the training programme, and you will find the necessary information in this volume of the *Inter Nos*. Please do not miss it.

Closing of the Jubilee Year: On Sunday, 28 December, on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we close the Year of Ordinary Jubilee in the Cathedral at the Mass to be celebrated at 8.00 a.m. The following elements should receive special prominence: the decorated Jubilee Cross as the central symbol; the Prayer of the Faithful, reflecting the year's spiritual journey; the presentation of gifts, including offerings for the poor, as a sign of ongoing charity, and solidarity inspired by Jubilee spirit; Communion under both kinds, signifying the fullness of the

Eucharistic banquet; a hymn of thanksgiving after Communion; a prayer over the people and Solemn Blessing recalling Jubilee theme: Pilgrims of Hope.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for all the initiatives you have undertaken at the Parish/Deanery Level. ***Please send three key events, initiatives, or programmes you have conducted, along with a few representative photographs (high resolution preferred), to the Diocesan Contact Persons***, Fr Joseph Martis and Mr John D'Silva, by email. We have to forward a few important events with photographs to the national Coordinator. My sincere thanks to Fr Joseph Martis and Mr John D'Silva for assisting us as Contact Persons, coordinating with the national Coordinator. I thank all the Priests, Religious and Lay Faithful for organising various events. Furthermore, I am deeply indebted to those responsible for the places of pilgrimage marked for this year. Sincere thanks to each and every one of you for making this Jubilee Year a graceful experience.

Christmas Celebration: Every year, the month of December reminds us of the great event in human history: God becoming man. "By his incarnation, he, the Son of God has, in a certain way, united himself with each man". Jesus discloses to us, not only "the Father and of his love", but also "fully reveals man to himself and brings to light his most high calling". Kindly make it a special point to celebrate Christmas with the poor, the neglected, and abandoned so that we become the cause of their joy. May their drudgery be alleviated, and may the Lord give them happiness through us. We truly believe that in the hearts of all men and women of good will, "grace is active invisibly... For since Christ died for all, and since all men are in fact called to one and the same destiny, which is divine, we must hold that the Holy Spirit offers to all the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery" (GS 22). As you organise Bandhutva Christmas, which I ardently recommend to each Parish, please highlight how Jesus brings meaning to our broken and conflict-ridden world by loving us to the end.

Diocesan Eucharistic Procession: On January 4, 2026, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord and hold the Diocesan Eucharistic Procession. All clergy, religious, and lay faithful are encouraged to participate in the procession (Mass at Milagres Church at 3:30 p.m., followed by a Eucharistic procession to Rosario Cathedral). I also request all Parish Priests to motivate and encourage the faithful of your parish to join the procession and to pray for the whole Church and our Diocese before the Eucharistic Lord. To allow everyone to participate fully in this celebration, please refrain from scheduling any afternoon programmes.

Wish you a Happy Christmas and a Joy-filled New Year 2026.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

GUIDELINES FOR PARISH PRIESTS ON IMPLEMENTING PARISH DATA SOFTWARE IN THE DIOCESE OF MANGALORE

Since 2000, the priests of our diocese, in the context of advancements in the digital sphere and recognising gaps in the current office management system, have acknowledged the critical need for a comprehensive data management system for our parishes—specifically to handle documentation, certificates, and related administrative requirements. Although numerous discussions and ambitious proposals regarding the project’s scope have taken place over the years, progress toward implementation has remained slow.

To address this need, and following consultation with the College of Consultors, a new committee was established. Beginning in January 2025, the committee thoroughly explored practical and sustainable approaches for developing a viable system. Upon completing its mandate, the committee presented its detailed findings and recommendations to the Bishop.

The Bishop has since reviewed the material in consultation with a group of advisors/consultors, refined specific aspects of the proposal, and granted final approval. This approved project is now being presented to the Parish Priests and their collaborators for immediate implementation.

With the aim of assisting, motivating, and encouraging all Parish Priests to implement this project through the installation of the new parish management software, we are pleased to provide the following information and directives:

1. Provider of the Software and Services

The software and services will be provided by Soverdia Educational Company Pvt. Ltd., whose registered office is at the SVD Provincial House, Mumbai, and which operates under the authority of the Provincial Superior of the India Mumbai Province.

Currently, Fr. Donald D'Souza, SVD, serves as Director, and Fr. Evan J. Gomes, SVD, serves as the ERP Coordinator, responsible for developing and managing all software programmes.

The Company will be responsible for the deployment, installation, and maintenance of the My Diocese ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) software for the parishes of the diocese, in accordance with the agreement between the Diocese and the Company/Provincial.

2. Modules Contained in the “My Diocese” Software

The My Diocese software includes the following modules:

- 1) ‘My Diocese’ Dashboard with Statistics
- 2) Family Records
- 3) Sacramental Records (Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Marriage, Funeral)
- 4) Donation Management
- 5) Family Contribution Tracking
- 6) Council Records
- 7) Inventory Records
- 8) Budget Module
- 9) SMS and App Notification Module

- 10) Parish Calendar
- 11) Daily Readings in App
- 12) Parish File Register
- 13) Cemetery Management
- 14) Mass Intentions
- 15) Commissions / Associations Module
- 16) Programmes and Reporting Module
- 17) Hall Management Module
- 18) Chronicles Module

3. Cost/Rate for Services

3.1 Initial Setup and Software Cost: The initial setup, configuration, and software cost for the “My Diocese” Software, to be used as a web portal and mobile application, including one year of maintenance support, is Rs. 8,000.

3.2 Annual Maintenance Charges: After the first year, the annual maintenance charge for software, mobile app, upgrades, support, training, and general maintenance will be Rs. 2,000 per parish, provided that a minimum of 85 parishes install the My Diocese Software in the first year.

If fewer than 85 parishes install the software in the first year, the annual maintenance charge per parish will be Rs. 4,000.

3.3 Increment in Maintenance Charges: After three years from installation, the annual maintenance charges will increase by 10% every three years.

3.4 Optional Additional Services: Parishes wishing to avail of optional additional services, such as online Razorpay Payment Gateway Integration and Tally Support, will be charged an additional Rs. 4,000 per year.

Parish Priests are encouraged to consult knowledgeable persons regarding the advantages and disadvantages of these optional services before opting in.

4. Importing Data from Previous Software

Some parishes have been using Flexi software, which is now considered outdated and may be experiencing operational

issues (or any other software). It is strongly recommended that parishes download their data from Flexi in Excel format and send it to Fr Evan J. Gomes, SVD, ERP Coordinator, for import into the My Diocese Software during installation. This will prevent the need to re-enter data manually and ensure a smooth transition to the new system.

Parishes are urged to complete this process as soon as possible, before the old software becomes inoperative and data retrieval becomes impossible.

For parishes that have not previously installed any software, data entry will need to be done after installing the new My Diocese Software. A simple methodology for data collection and entry will be provided to each parish upon installation.

5. Contact for Software Installation and Maintenance

Parish Priests are instructed to contact Rev. Fr Evan J. Gomes, SVD, ERP Coordinator, at Ph: 9482185327, at the earliest opportunity so that the installation can be completed by the end of January 2026.

Parish Priests are encouraged to contact Fr Evan Gomes for expert guidance, practical insights, and tailored solutions to meet the specific needs of their parish. This support will ensure the smooth and effective implementation and operation of the software.

Please note that this software requires an active internet connection to function. Parishes without current internet access are advised to arrange connectivity prior to installing and using the software.

Parishes and users who have already installed the software are requested to contact Fr Evan Gomes to receive the latest updates and access all new features. Users will be required to pay only the annual maintenance charges.

6. Training Sessions and Advanced Information

Training sessions will be organised after the software has been installed. Each Parish Priest, along with one or two staff

members from the parish office, is required to participate in these hands-on training sessions. At least one participant from each parish should bring a laptop to facilitate practical learning.

Since training sessions will only be conducted for parishes that have purchased and installed the My Diocese Software, and because a sufficient number of parishes must install the software to make training viable, all Parish Priests are directed to contact Fr Evan J. Gomes, SVD, at the earliest (by January 2026) to ensure the timely organisation of these sessions.

7. Contact Person from the Diocese

Rev. Fr Walter D'Souza, Parish Priest, Bendur, who served as the Convenor of the Committee for the Diocesan Software Application Programme, has kindly consented to offer initial guidance to Parish Priests. Those seeking guidance or clarification regarding the software or its implementation may contact him directly.

8. Directive to All Parishes of the Diocese

All Parish Priests are directed to install and begin using the My Diocese Software in their parishes by February 2026. Timely installation is important, as maintenance and service costs will double if fewer than 85 parishes install the software, as per the agreement with the provider.

The uniform use of the same software across all parishes is essential for reasons including standardisation, diocesan approval, cost efficiency, training, and effective data management and administration. Additionally, since the agreement is with the diocese, all parishes will benefit from upgrades or enhancements approved by the Bishop. In other words, this software will be under diocesan supervision, and any changes or upgrades will be carried out only with the requisite approval.

It is essential that all priests, especially Parish Priests, continue to grow in computer and digital literacy, so that their ministry may remain vibrant, effective, and pastorally close to the faithful in this rapidly evolving digital age. Embracing the

tools of our time is not merely a technical necessity—it is a faithful expression of our pastoral responsibility.

Specialised parish and diocesan software, along with other digital tools, provides valuable support for our pastoral mission. These resources help ease administrative burdens, strengthen the organisation of parish life, and enable the Church to offer 21st-century pastoral and administrative services marked by efficiency, transparency, and genuine care for the communities entrusted to us.

I am confident that this long-awaited project will now be successfully implemented and effectively utilised in all the parishes of our diocese, as outlined above, thereby strengthening both our administrative and pastoral work. In this context, I earnestly seek the goodwill, support, and cooperation of all priests, so that together we may serve the faithful with greater efficiency, care, and dedication.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

EXCARDINATION OF REV. FR JOSEPH LOBO

In accordance with the canonical procedures, Rev. Fr Joseph Jerald Lobo, who had formally petitioned for excardination from the Diocese of Mangalore in February 2024, with the intention of incardination into the Diocese of Rockville Centre (USA), was granted the decree of excardination on September 15, 2025.

Having duly discerned that Fr Lobo “will be useful for ministry in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, for the good of the Church and the salvation of souls,” the Most Rev. Bishop of Rockville Centre, in conformity with the provisions of canon law, has formally incardinated him into his diocese effective September 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

The Diocese of Mangalore expresses its sincere gratitude to Rev. Fr Joseph J. Lobo for his priestly ministry and faithful

service to the people of God during his years in this diocese. We deeply appreciate the support, collaboration, and goodwill he has extended towards various diocesan initiatives. As he now continues his priestly ministry in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, we assure him of our prayers, and look forward to his continued goodwill, prayerful support, and enduring closeness to the Diocese of Mangalore, both spiritually and in shared collaboration for the good of the Church.

ANNUAL MISSION STATISTICS – 2025

The Annual Mission Statistics Sheets/Forms for the year 2025 (January to December) will be sent to all Parish Priests and Superiors of Religious Houses (Men and Women). You are expected to receive them by December 10, 2025. If, for any reason, you do not receive the forms by that date, please collect them from the Reception Desk at the Bishop's House, Kodialbail.

We earnestly request you to update the statistics of your parish or institution, carefully fill in the correct details in the spaces provided, and return the completed forms to the Chancery at the earliest possible. All completed forms **must reach the Chancery on or before January 20, 2026**. Please verify the relevant registers and records to ensure that the information provided accurately reflects the true situation of your parish or institution.

Each diocese is required to submit its annual mission statistics to the Holy See by the end of January every year. In view of this, we request all Parish Priests to kindly remind the Superiors of Religious Convents or Houses within their respective parishes to send in their completed forms to the Chancery Office by the deadline mentioned above.

We deeply appreciate your cooperation and diligence in helping us compile accurate data that truly represents the missionary life and activity of our diocese, enabling us to submit the report to the Holy See within the prescribed timeframe.

- Chancellor

THE COUNCIL OF PRIESTS

The Meeting of the Council of Priests will be held on Friday, **December 19, 2025**, at the Bishop's House. The meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. and will conclude with lunch. All members are requested to attend.

- Rev. Fr Joseph Martis
Secretary

PARISH UNION OF THE DIOCESE OF MANGALORE

(Registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI, 1860. No. 2/1921-22)

Bishops House, Kodialbail, Mangalore - 575003

25.11.2025

Notice for the General Body Meeting

Dear Member, This is to inform you that the Annual General Body Meeting of the Parish Union of the Diocese of Mangalore will be held on December 11, 2025, at St Joseph Seminary, Jeppu, at 3.45 p.m. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1) Welcome by the Chairman
- 2) Receiving and adopting the accounts of the financial year 2024-25
- 3) Appointment of the auditor for the financial year 2025-26
- 4) Any other matter with the permission of the chair
- 5) Vote of thanks

By the order of the Governing Body

Sd/- (Rev. Fr Louis Jagadish Pinto)
Secretary

FROM THE PROCURATOR'S OFFICE

A reminder to all Parish Priests to remit, by **December 10, 2025**, all earmarked collections and other dues (including D.C.M.F.), as well as Surplus Masses and Clubbed & Binated Mass stipends up to November 2025, from the Parish Account. The list will be published in the next issue of *Inter Nos*.

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION-2025

The Parish Priests and Institution Heads are requested to remit the Mission Sunday Collection 2025 to the Procurator's Office by **December 10, 2025**. The list of contributions will be published in the next issue of *Raknno Weekly*.

- Fr Harry Dsouza
Director, Pontifical Mission Aid Societies

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

Ongoing Formation on the Implementation of the Pastoral Plan 2026-2028

As part of our continuing efforts to prepare for the effective implementation of the Pastoral Plan 2026-2028, an Ongoing Formation Programme has been arranged for all TOT (Training of Trainers) members of our Diocese. We are privileged to have Most Rev. Dr Gerald Isaac Lobo, the Bishop of Udupi and Chairman of the CCBI Pastoral Plan Facilitation Committee, who will lead this important session.

Date : Tuesday, December 16, 2025

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

Venue : Pastoral Institute, Bajjodi

This formation session is intended for the following group:

1. Diocesan Secretaries of the 22 Pastoral Commissions
2. Members of the Diocesan Synodal Facilitation Team (Refer to *Inter Nos*, September 2025, p. 180).
3. Vicar Foranes
4. Three Priests from each Deanery

All concerned members are kindly requested to attend punctually and participate wholeheartedly in this important formation programme.

Rev. Fr Naveen Pinto Coordinator, Pastoral Commissions	Most Rev. Dr Peter Paul Saldanha Bishop of Mangalore
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BASIC ECCLESIAL COMMUNITIES (BECs)

Programmes in December

1. 07 Dec 2025 - Parish Community Day, Ferar
2. 14 Dec 2025 - Parish Level BEC Training Programme, Vittal

Note to Priests: *The BEC Ward Meeting Handbook*, released by our Bishop at the Diocesan-Level BEC Convention held in August 2025 at Cordel, offers simple and practical guidance to make every ward meeting more meaningful and participative. Kindly encourage your parishioners to obtain a copy and make regular use of it in their ward gatherings. Price: Rs. 25.

- Rev. Sunil George D'Souza

Director, BEC

COMMISSION FOR BIBLE

1. **Monthly Bible Quiz:** To encourage people to read and study the Bible, a monthly online bible quiz has been organised. It falls on the last Saturday of each month. You are kindly requested to encourage people to participate in this initiative. **The monthly Bible Quiz for December 2025 (Online) on the Book of Ruth and II Corinthians will be held on December 27, 2025, from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** The online link will be circulated from 01 December 2025.
2. You are requested to participate in the Bible Symposium jointly organised by CCBI Commission for Bible & NBCLC on the theme **The Bible Text in Its Context in the Digital and AI Age** on 04-05 December 2025 at NBCLC, Bangalore, for Priests, Religious and Laity. Also, encourage the interested laity of your parish to participate. For details, contact the Secretary – 9844763634.
3. Celebration of the Word of God and Solemn Vespers at St Anne Church, Thottam on December 09, 2025.
4. The 7th Sunday of the Word of God will be celebrated on January 25, 2026 (the third Sunday in Ordinary Time). The day's liturgy and resource material with the theme will be

sent to the parishes in the First week of January. Let us prepare to celebrate this Sunday meaningfully with various biblical activities.

- Rev. Fr Vincent Sequeira
Secretary, Commission for Bible

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. Programmes:

- 5-7 : St Joseph Vaz Shrine Feast, Mudipu - Liturgy Animation
- 7 : Our Lady of Pompei Shrine, Urwa feast - Liturgy Animation
- 28 : Closing ceremony of Jubilee Year, Rosario Cathedral

II. Commission for Liturgy:

1. Liturgical guidelines during Advent/Christmas season:

On November 30, 2025, we begin the Advent season. For the past four years, we have been observing the custom of blessing the Advent Wreath on the First Sunday of Advent. The five candles on the wreath symbolise the meaning of both the first and second coming of Jesus. From 1st to 16th December, we reflect on the second coming of Christ, and from 17th to 24th December, we focus on His first coming. This period serves as an immediate preparation for Christmas.

To facilitate catechesis during this liturgical season, Mangala Jyothi has published a Christmas Novena book titled Emmanuel, which contains the rite of blessing of the Christmas wreath, nine days of reflections, and the Novena prayer. For copies, please contact Mangala Jyothi. For liturgical guidelines during the seasons of Advent and Christmas, please refer to the *Ordo 2025-26*, pages 6-40, 46-47, 50, and 56-57.

Sundays of Advent – Liturgy: During the Sundays of Advent, no other celebrations are permitted, including funeral Masses. Kindly observe the Advent Sunday liturgy faithfully.

Ritual Masses are not permitted on any of the Sundays of Advent, nor on Saturdays after 4:00 p.m. in our diocese. On

weekdays during Advent, Ritual Masses are permitted unless the day is a solemnity.

III. Commission for Catechetics

1. Mangala Jyothi Bulletin / Circulars - December 2025:

Mangala Jyothi Bulletin will be sent to all the priests, co-coordinators and heads of the institution. It includes all the necessary information on Catechetics and Liturgy, as well as a calendar of catechism classes and events for the year 2026-27. Kindly review the book and pass on the necessary information to the concerned persons.

2. The Diocesan Level School Catechism / VE Examinations for VII and X Std. will be held on January 3, 2026, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. For more details, refer to the bulletin or our website.

IV. New Books available at our Stall:

- * ದಿಲಿಕ್ವಿತ್ ತೆ, ಹಾಂವೆಂ ತುಮ್ಚೆ ಮೋಗ್ ಕೆಲಾ, ಆಪೊಸ್ತಲಿಕ್ ಶಿಕೊವ್ಣ್
- * ಸಾಂ ದೇವಸಹಾಯಮ್, ಲಾಯಿಕಾಂಚೊ ಪಾತ್ರ್ಯೊನ್
- * ಡಿಜಿಟಲ್ ಆಪೊಸ್ತಲ್ - ಸಾಂ ಕಾರ್ಲೊ ಅಕುತಿಸ್
- * *ORDO, 2025-26*
- * 'ಜೆಜು ಮೊಗಾಳಾ' - ಆರಾಧನಾಚೆಂ ನವೆಂ ಪುಸ್ತಕ್
- * ಶೆಗುಣಾಂಚೊ ಗುಲೊಬ್ - ಮರಿಯಾಳ್ ನಿಯಾಳಾಚ್ಯೊ ಬತ್ತೀಸ್ ಪಾಕ್ಳೊ
- * ಶೆಂಬರ್ ಕಂತಿಗೊ - ಪುನರ್ಭಾಷೆ
- * ಇಮ್ಮಾನುವೆಲ್, ಕ್ರಿಸ್ಮಸ್ ನವೆನಾಚೆಂ ಪುಸ್ತಕ್
- * Advent Candles and Wreath (of all sizes)

V. Religious / Liturgical Items available at our Stall:

See the previous *Inter Nos*

VI Other information

1. Items related to the Christmas Season:

Items related to the Christmas Season, such as cribs, stars, Christmas trees, decorations, cards, and candles, will be available at our store at discounted prices. If your parish requires these items in bulk, especially stars, kindly place the orders well in advance. We will be providing these items to you at a discounted price. For all orders, please contact 0824-6666612 or 7022584120 or sales@mangalajyothi.com

Please inform your parishioners about Mangala Jyothi, the religious articles store.

2. There will be a Mangala Jyothi stall at St Joseph Vaz Shrine feast, Mudipu (December 5-7) and during Our Lady of Pompei Shrine Feast, Urwa (December 7)
3. Associations like ICYM, YCS are welcome to have small stalls at the parish level. We will provide the items at a reasonable price. All these units will be given special commissions for selling the items.
4. **Office holidays:** December 24, 25 and January 1.

- Rev. Fr Rohith D'Costa

Director, Mangala Jyothi

CODP PROGRAMMES

- 02.12.2025 : Training on Gender Equality and Justice in Moodbidri
- 10.12.2025 : Awareness on Women Rights in Kotekar
- 14.12.2025 : Awareness on Government Schemes and Facilities in Salethur
- 18.12.2025 : CODP Governing Board Meeting in Bishop's House
- 20.12.2025 : Training on Strengthening of Mahasangha/Okkuta in Talapady
- 22.12.2025 : Training on Strengthening of Mahasangha/Okkuta in Bela, Christmas Celebration in CODP
- 23.12.2025 : Christmas Celebration in CODP
- 23.12.2025 : Training on Gender Equality and Justice and Christmas celebration in Shen
- 26.12.2025 : Evaluation meeting of Women Empowerment Programme Field Staff in CODP
- 29.12.2025 : Training on Panchayath Raj in Bajpe
- 30.12.2025 : Training on Community-based development in Talapady, Child Sponsorship Programme Christmas Get Together for Beneficiary Children in CODP

- Rev. Fr Vincent DSouza

Secretary, CODP

ದಿ ಬಾಪ್ ಡೆನಿಸ್ ಸೊಜಾಕ್ ಶ್ರದ್ಧಾಂಜಲಿ

“ಬೆಸಾಂವ್ ದಿಯಾ ಫಾದರ್. ಹಾಂವ್ ಫಾಲ್ಯಾಂ ಭಾಯ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಗಾಂವಾಕ್ ವೊಚುಂಕ್ ಭಾಯ್ರ್ ಸರ್ಲೊಂ ಫಾದರ್. ವೆಚ್ಯಾ ಪಯ್ಲೆಂ ಇಗರ್ಜೆಚಿ ಭೆಟ್ ಕರ್ಯಾಂ ಆನಿ ತುಮ್ಚೆಂ ಬೆಸಾಂವ್ ಮಾಗ್ಯಾಂ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ಆಯ್ಲೊಂ” ಮ್ಹಣಾಲೊ ತೊ ಏಕ್ ತರ್ನಾಟೊ. “ದೆವಾಚೆಂ ಬೆಸಾಂವ್ ತುಕಾ. ಭೋವ್ ಬರೆಂ, ಆಫಿಸಾಕ್ ಯೇ. ಅಳೆ, ಹೆ ತುಕಾ ಮ್ಹಜ್ಯಾ ಲೆಕಾರ್ ಎರ್ಪೊರ್ಟಾಕ್ ವೊಚುಂಕ್ ಕಾರಾಚೆಂ ಬಾಡೆಂ” - ಅಶೆಂ ಮ್ಹಣುನ್ ಕಷ್ಟತಲ್ಯಾ, ತಶೆಂ ದುಬ್ಳ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಥೊಡೆ ಪಾವ್ತಿಂ ಪುಲ್ ದೀವ್ನ್, ಆನಿ ಥೊಡೆ ಪಾವ್ತಿಂ ಪುಲಾಚಿ ಪಾಕ್ಳಿ ದೀವ್ನ್, ತ್ಯಾ ಎಕಾ ಭಾಗೆವಂತ್ ಯಾಜಕಾನ್ ಕುಮಕ್ ಕೆಲ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಸಬಾರ್ ದೃಷ್ಟಾಂತಾಂ ಭಿತರ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಎಕ್ಲಾಕ್ ಕೆಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಮಕ್ ಮ್ಹಜ್ಯಾ ದೊಳ್ಳಾಂನಿ ಪಳೆವ್ನ್ ಆನಿ ಕಾನಾನ್ ಆಯ್ಕುನ್ ಧಾದೊಶಿ ಜಾಲ್ಲೆಂ ಏಕ್ ಸನ್ನಿವೇಶ್. ದುಬ್ಳ್ಯಾಂಚಿಂ ದುಖಾಂ ಪುಸುನ್, “ದುಬ್ಳ್ಯಾಂಚೊ ಪಾದ್ರಾಬ್”, “ದುಬ್ಳ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಆಧಾರ್ ದಿಂವ್ಚ್ಯಾ ಸಾಂ. ವಿಶೆಂತ್ ಪಾವ್ಲಾ ಸಭೆಚೊ, ಮ್ಹಣ್ಣೆ ಆಪ್ಲೆಂ ಸೆವಾ ದಿಲ್ಲಾ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಂತ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಹ್ಯಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಚೊ ಮೊರ್ತಾ ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್ಲೊ ಉದಾರ್ ಪೋಷಕ್ ಪಾದ್ರಾಬ್” ಮ್ಹಣ್ ನಾಂವಾಡ್ಲೊ ದಿ ಬಾಪ್ ಡೆನಿಸ್ ತೊ ಭಾಗೆವಂತ್ ಯಾಜಕ್!

ತೊ ಜಾಗತಿಕ್ ದುಬ್ಳ್ಯಾಂಚ್ಯಾ ಆಯ್ತಾರಾಚ್ಯಾ ಆಚರಣಾಚೊ ನವೊ ದೀಸ್ ಉದೆಂವ್ಚ್ಯಾ ವೆಳಾರಾಚ್, ದೆವಾಚೆ ಖುಶೆಕ್ ಖಾಲ್ತಿಮಾನ್ ಫಾಲ್ನ್ ಆಪ್ಲೊ ಅತ್ಮೊ ದೆವಾಚ್ಯಾ ಹಾತಾಂತ್ ಒಪುನ್ ದಿತಾ. ಹ್ಯಾ ವಗ್ತಾ ತಾಚ್ಯಾ ಮೊರ್ನಾ ಥಂಯ್ ದೂಖ್ ಪಾಂವ್ಚ್ಯಾ ಆಮ್ಚೆ ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿಚ್ಯಾ ಗೊವ್ಳಿಬಾಪಾಕ್, ನಿವೃತ್ತ ಗೊವ್ಳಿಬಾಪಾಕ್, ಗುಲ್ಬರ್ಗಾ ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿಚ್ಯಾ ಗೊವ್ಳಿಬಾಪಾಕ್, ಬಾಪ್ ಡೆನಿಸಾಚ್ಯಾ ಭಾವ್ ಯಾಜಕ್ ಬಾಪ್ ವಾಲೇರಿಯಾನ್ ಆನಿ ಭಯ್ಲೆ ಸೆಲಿನ್, ಬೆಥನಿ, ಹಿಕಾ ಆನಿ ತಾಚ್ಯಾ ಕುಟ್ಮಾಚ್ಯಾಂಕ್, ತಾಚ್ಯಾ ಮೊರ್ನಾ ಥಂಯ್ ದೂಖ್ ಉಚಾರ್ಚ್ಯಾ ಸರ್ವಾಂಕ್ ಭುಜವಣೆಚಿಂ ದೋನ್ ಉತ್ರಾಂ ಉಚಾರುಂಕ್ ಆನಿ ಬಾಪ್ ಡೆನಿಸಾಚ್ಯಾ ಅತ್ಮಾಕ್ ಶ್ರದ್ಧಾಂಜಲಿ ಭೆಟೊಂವ್ಕ್ ಹಾಂವ್ ಉಬೊ ಆಸಾಂ.

ಬಾಪ್ ಡೆನಿಸ್ ತೊಡಂಬಿಲ್ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಂತ್ (ಆದಿಂ ಮೊಡಂಕಾಪ್) 1935 ಫೆಬ್ರವರಿ 15 ವೆರ್ ಜಲ್ಮಲ್ಲೊ. ತಾಚಿಂ ವ್ಹಡಿಲಾಂ ದಿ ಪಾವ್ಲಾ ಡಿಸೋಜ ಆನಿ ದಿ ಮೇರಿ ಮಾಗ್ಗಲಿನ್ ನೊರೊನ್ಹಾ. ತಾಂಚೆಂ ಕುಟುಂಬ್ ಭೋವ್ ವ್ಹಡ್ಲೆಂ. ತೆರಾ ಜಣಾಂ ಭುರ್ಗ್ಯಾಂ ಭಿತರ್, ಜಿವಂತ್ ಉರ್ಲಲ್ಯಾ 8 ಜಣಾಂ ಭುರ್ಗ್ಯಾಂ ಪೈಕಿ ತೆಗಾಂ ಭಾವಾಂಚೊ ಆನಿ ಚವ್ಗಾಂ ಭಯ್ಣಾಂಚೊ ಮೊಗಾಚೊ ಭಾವ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ತೊ ವಾಡ್ಲೊ. ತಾಂಚೆ ಪೈಕಿ ಏಕ್ ಯಾಜಕ್ ಭಾವ್ ಆನಿ ತೆಗಾಂ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ್ ಭಯ್ಣಾಂಚೊ ಸಾಂಗಾತ್ ಜೊಡ್ಲಲ್ಯಾ ತಾಣೆಂ, ದಶೆಂಬರ್ 04, 1961 ವ್ಯಾ ವರ್ಸಾ ಯಾಜಕೀ ದೀಕ್ಷಾ ಜೊಡ್ಲಿ. ಶಿರ್ವಾಂ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಂತ್ ಸಹಾಯಾಕ್

ಆನಿ ಉಪ್ರಾಂತ್ ಪಾಂಬೂರ್, ಬೊಂದೆಲ್, ನಿಡ್ಕೊಡಿ, ಮುಕ್ಕಾಮಾರ್, ಕಾಸ್ಸಿಯಾ, ಸುರತ್ಕಲ್ ಆನಿ ಸಂಪಿಗೆ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಂತ್ ಲಾಂಬ್ ವರ್ಸಾಂಚಿ ಯಾಜಕೀ ನಿಸ್ತಾರ್ಥಿ ಸೆವಾ ದೀವ್ನ್, 2010 ವರ್ಸಾ ಕ್ರಿಯಾಳ್ ಯಾಜಕೀ ಸೆವೆ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ತೊ ನಿವೃತ್ತ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಥೊಡಿಂ ವರ್ಸಾಂ ಆಪ್ಲಿ ಅತ್ತಿಕ್ ಸೆವಾ ಗೊವ್ಳಿಕ್ ನಿವಾಸಾಂತ್ ದಿತಾಚ್, ಪಾಟ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಥೊಡ್ಯಾ ವರ್ಸಾಂ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ತೊ ಸಾಂ. ಜುಜೆ ವಾಚ್ ನಿವೃತ್ತ್ ಯಾಜಕಾಂಚ್ಯಾ ಘರಾಂತ್ ವಸ್ತಿ ಕರ್ತಾಲೊ. ಕಾಲ್ ಆಯ್ತಾರಾಚ್ಯಾ ಫಾಂತ್ಯಾರ್ ತಾಚ್ಯಾ ಸಂಸಾರಿ ಜಿವಿತಾಕ್ ಆನಿ ಆಪ್ಲ್ಯಾ 91 ವರ್ಸಾಂಚ್ಯಾ ಉತಾರ್ ಪ್ರಾಯೆಕ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಆದೆವ್ನ್ ಮಾಗ್ಲೊ. 64 ವರ್ಸಾಂಚಿ ತಾಚಿ ಭೋವ್ ಸೊಭಿತ್ ಆನಿ ಫಳಾಭರಿತ್ ಯಾಜಕೀ ಜಿಣೀ. “ಜೊ ದಾನ್ ದಿತಾ ತಾಕಾ ಲಾಂಬ್ ಆವ್ಕ್ ಲಾಭ್ತಲೆಂ” - ತೊಬಿತಾಚ್ಯಾ ಗ್ರಂಥಾಂತ್ಲಿಂ 12:9 ಹಿಂ ಉತ್ರಾಂ ತಾಚಿ ಜಿಣ್ಯೆಂತ್ ಖಿರಿಂ ಜಾಲ್ಯಾಂತ್.

ಬಾಪ್ ಡೆನಿಸ್ ಏಕ್ ಶಾತಿವಂತ್, ಧೈರಾಧೀಕ್, ಆಪ್ಲೆಂ ಚಿಂತ್ಲಲೆಂ ಕಾಮ್ ಶೆವೊಟಾಕ್ ಪಾವೊಂವ್ಚೊ, ಏಕ್ ಭಾಗೆವಂತ್, ಮಾಗ್ಣ್ಯಾಚೊ ಆನಿ ಶಿಸ್ತೆಚೊ ಯಾಜಕ್. ವಾವ್ರಾಂತ್ ತೊ ಭೋವ್ ಸುಡ್ನಡಿತ್ ಆನಿ ಪೆಲ್ಯಾ ಸೆವೆಂತ್ ಭೋವ್ ಉರ್ಬೆವಂತ್. ದಾಕ್ಲ್ಯಾಕ್: ಶಿರ್ವಾಂತ್ ಸಹಾಯಕ್ ಯಾಜಕ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಆಸ್ತಾನಾಂಚ್, ಸೆಜಾಚ್ಯಾ ಪಾಂಬೂರಾಂತ್ ನವ್ಯಾ ಇಗರ್ಜೆಚ್ಯಾ ಬಾಂದ್ವಾ ಕಾಮಾಚಿ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ ಹಾತಿಂ ಘೆವ್ನ್, ತ್ಯಾ ವಾವ್ರಾಂತ್ ತೊ ಇತ್ಲೊ ಮೆತೆರ್ ಜಾಲ್ಲೊ, ಆಪ್ಲೆಂಚ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಫಾತೊರೀ ವಾವಯಿಲ್ಲೆ ಆಸಾತ್. ತಾಚ್ಯಾ ಹ್ಯಾ ಖಿಳ್ತೆ ನಾಸ್ಲಲ್ಯಾ ವಾವ್ರಾಕ್ ವ್ಹಡಿಲಾಂನಿ ಉಪ್ರಾಂತ್ ತಾಕಾ ತೆಚ್ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಕ್ ಪಯ್ಲೊ ವಿಗಾರ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ನೆಮ್ಲೊ. ಥಂಯ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಜೊಡ್ಲೊ ವಾವ್ರಾಚೊ ಅನ್ವೊಗ್ ಆನಿ ಗೊವ್ಳಿಕ್ ಸೆವೆಚೊ ಪರ್ಮಳ್ ಉಪ್ರಾಂತ್ ಬೊಂದೆಲ್ಚಿ ವಿಸ್ತಾರ್ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಂತ್ ವಿಗಾರ್ ಜಾತಾನಾ ತಾಕಾ ಫಾಯ್ದ್ಯಾಚೊಚ್ ಜಾಲೊ ಆನಿ ತಾಚ್ಯಾ ಮುಖೆಲ್ಪಣಾರ್ ಬೊಂದೆಲಾಂತ್ ಏಕ್ ನವೆಂ ದೇವ್‌ಮಂದಿರ್ ಉಬೆಂ ಜಾಲೆಂ. ಆಪ್ಲೆ ಸೆವೆ ಆವ್ದೆಂತ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ಮಂದಿರಾಂ, ಯಾಜಕಾಂಕ್ ವಸ್ತೆ ಘರಾಂ, ಘಾಂಟಿಚಿ ಥೋರ್, ಇಸ್ಕೊಲಾಂ ಆನಿ ದೊರೆ-ಅಸಲಿಂ ಭೌತಿಕ್ ಭಾಂದ್ವಾಂ ಮಾತ್ ನ್ಹಯ್ ಆಸ್ತಾಂ, ಅಪ್ಲೆಂ ಗೊವ್ಳಿಕ್ ಸೆವಾ ದಿಲ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಫಿರ್ಗಜಾಂನಿ ಲೊಕಾಚ್ಯಾ ಕಾಳ್ಜಾಂನಿ ಮಂದಿರಾಂ ಭಾಂದ್ಲ್ಯಾಂತ್. ದೆಕುನ್ ವರ್ಸಾಂ ಉತರ್ಯಾರೀ ಥಂಯ್ಚೊ ಲೋಕ್ ತಾಚೊ ಉಗ್ಡಾಸ್ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸ್ಲೊ. ಹೊ ಉಗ್ಡಾಸ್ ತವಳ್ ತವಳ್ ತಾಚಿ ಭೆಟ್ ಕರ್ನ್ ತಿಂ ಜಿವೊ ದವರ್ತಾಲಿಂ. ತಿಂ ಭೆಟೊಂಕ್ ಆಯಿಲ್ಲ್ಯಾ ವೆಳಾರ್ ತಾಂಚಿಂ ನಾಂವಾಂ ಉಲ್ಲೇಕ್ ಕರ್ನ್ ಉಲೊಂವ್ಚೆಂ ತಾಚಿ ಉಗ್ಡಾಸಾಚಿ ಸಕತ್ ಕಿತ್ತಿ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ಪರ್ಗಟ್ತಾಲಿ. ಥೊಡ್ಯಾಚ್ ತೆಂಪಾ ಆದಿಂ ಹ್ಯಾ ಉತಾರ್ ಪ್ರಾಯೆರೀ ತಾಣೆಂ ಸೆವಾ ದಿಲ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಪಯ್ಲೆಲ್ಯಾ ನಿಡ್ಕೊಡಿ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಕ್ ಭೆಟ್ ದಿಲಿ ಆನಿ ಥಂಯ್ಚ್ಯಾ ಲೊಕಾನ್ ದಿಂಬ್ಯೆರ್ ಪಡೊನ್ ತಾಚಿ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ಬೆಸಾಂವ್ ಘೆತ್ಲೆಂ.

ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಂತ್ ತಾಚ್ಯಾ ಗೊವ್ಳಿಕ್ ವಾವ್ರಾಂತ್, ಇಸಾಯಿಯಾ ಪ್ರವಾದ್ಯಾನ್ ಪ್ರವಾದ್ ಕೆಲ್ಲೆ ಪರಿಂ, “ತೊ ಬೋಬ್ ಮಾಚೊ ನಾ ವಾ ಆಪ್ಲೆ ತಾಳೊ ಉಬಾಚೊ ನಾ, ಚಿಂಜ್ಲೊ ಚಿವೊ ತೊ ಮೊಡ್ಲೊ ನಾ, ಮಿಣ್ಣೆಣ್ಣಿ ವಾತ್ ತೊ ಪಾಲ್ವೊಂಚೊ ನಾ” (ಇಸಾ.42:3). ತಿತ್ತೆಂ ಸಾಧೆಂ ಆನಿ ಮೊವಾಳ್ ತಾಚೆಂ ಉಲೊವ್ಣೆಂ. ಸಹಾಯಾಕ್ ಯಾಜಕಾಂಕ್ ತೊ ಖರೊಚ್ ಏಕ್ ವ್ಹಡ್ಲೊ ಭಾವ್. ತಾಂಚ್ಯಾ ಗೊವ್ಳಿಕ್ ವಾವ್ರಾಕ್ ತೊ ಪುರ್ತೊ ಸಹಕಾರ್ ಆನಿ ತೆ ಥಂಯ್-ಹಾಂಗಾ ಚುಕ್ಲಲ್ಯಾ ವೆಳಾರ್ ಗುಪಿತ್ ಆನಿ ಮೊಗಾನ್ ತಾಚೆ ತಿದ್ದಣ್. ಗೊವ್ಳಿಕ್ ವಾವ್ರಾಂತ್ ಕಠೀಣ್ ಪಂಥಾಹ್ವಾನಾಂ ತಾಕಾ ಮೆಳ್‌ಲ್ಲ್ಯಾ ವೆಳಾರ್ ತಾಚೊ ಭಾವಾರ್ಥ್ ಆನಿ ತಾಚೆಂ ಮಾಗ್ಣೆಂ ತಾಕಾ ವಿಶೇಸ್ ಬಳ್ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ತಾಣೆಂ ದಾಕೊವ್ನ್ ದಿಲ್ಲೆಂ ಆಸಾ ಆನಿ ಅಸಲ್ಯಾ ಪಂಥಾಹ್ವಾನಾಂನಿ ತಾಣೆಂ ಧೈರಾನ್ ಮೆಟಾಂ ಕಾಡ್ನ್ ಯಶಸ್ವಿ ಜೊಡುಲ್ಲಿಯಿ ಆಸಾ. ಕುಡಿಂತ್ ಬಳ್ ಉಣೆಂ ಜಾತಾ ಪರ್ಯಾಂತಿ ತಾಚ್ಯಾ ಆದ್ಲ್ಯಾ ತ್ಯಾ ಬುಲ್ಲೆಚ್ ಬೈಕಾರ್ ಸವಾರೀ ಕರ್ಚಿ ತಾಚೆ ಶಾತೆಕ್ ಆನಿ ಉರ್ಬೆಕ್ ಧರ್ಲೊ ಏಕ್ ಅಸೊಬ್ ಮ್ಹಣ್ತೆ.

ಮೊಗಾಳ್ ಬಾಪ್ ಡೆನಿಸ್, ತುಮ್ಮಿ ಜಿಣಿ ಆನಿ ತುಮ್ಮಿ ತಿ ಶಾತಿ, ಪುಲಾಬರೀ ಸೊಭೀತ್ ಆನಿ ಪರ್ಮಳಿತ್. ತುಮ್ಮಾ 91 ವರ್ಸಾಂಚ್ಯಾ ಹ್ಯಾ ಲಾಂಬ್ ಜಿವಿತಾಂತ್ ಆನಿ 64 ವರ್ಸಾಂಚ್ಯಾ ಯಾಜಕೀ ಜಿವಿತಾಂತ್ ತುಮ್ಮಿ ಪಿಕಯಿಲ್ಲೆಂ ಆನಿ ಜೊಡ್ಲೆಂ ವ್ಹರ್ತೆಂ ಏಕ್ ದಿವೆಂ, ಅಜ್ ಆಮಾ ಸರ್ವಾಂಕ್ ತೆಂ ಸೊಡ್ನ್ ಗೆಲ್ಯಾತ್. ತುಮ್ಮಿ ಏಕ್ ಸಾಧೆ, ನಿತಳ್ ಆನಿ ಮಾಗ್ಣ್ಯಾಚೆ ಯಾಜಕ್. ಬರೊ ಏಕ್ ಫಿರ್ಗಜ್ ಯಾಜಕ್ (an excellent Pastor). ದೆಕುನ್ ತುಮ್ಮಾ ಹ್ಯಾ ಬರ್ಯಾ ಆನಿ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ್ ಜಾಂವ್ಕ್ ಪೆಚಾಡ್ಲೆ ಜಿಣ್ಯಕ್ ಸೊಮಿ ಆಜ್ ತುಮ್ಮಾಂ ಸಾಂಗುನ್ ಆಸಾ: “ಶಹಭಾಸ್, ಬರ್ಯಾ ಆನಿ ಪಾತ್ಯೆಣೆಚ್ಯಾ ಚಾಕ್ರಾ... ಯೆ ತುಜ್ಯಾ ಧನಿಯಾಚ್ಯಾ ಸಂತೊಸಾಂತ್ ವಾಂಟಿಲಿ ಜಾ”. ತುಮ್ಮಾ ಬರೆ ಜಿಣ್ಯೆಚೆಂ ಇನಾಮ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಸೊಮ್ಯಾಚ್ಯಾ ರಾಜಾಂತ್ ಸಾಸ್ಣಾಕ್ ಆನಂದ್ ಭೊಗಾ. ತೊಚ್ ಸೊಮಿ ಆಪ್ಲಿ ಕಾಕುಳ್ ತುಮ್ಮೆರ್ ವೊತುಂ, ತುಮ್ಮೊ ಅತ್ಮೊ ನಿತಳ್ ಕರುಂ ಆನಿ ಏಕ್ ದೀಸ್ ದೆವಾ ಆಮ್ಚ್ಯಾ ಬಾಪಾಕ್ ರೂಪ್ ರೂಪ್ ಪಳೆಂವ್ಚೆಂ ಭಾಗ್ ತೊ ತುಮ್ಮಾಂ ಫಾವೊ ಕರುಂ. ಪರತ್ ಆಮಿ ಸರ್ಗಾರ್ ಸಾಂಗಾತಾ ಮೆಳ್ತಾ ಪರ್ಯಾಂತ್ ಆದೇವ್ನ್ ತುಮ್ಮಾಂ ಮೊಗಾಳ್ ಬಾಪ್ ಡೆನಿಸ್!

ಸಾಸ್ಣಾಚೊ ವಿಶೆವ್ ದೀ ತಾಕಾ ಏ ಸೊಮ್ಯಾ ಆನಿ ನಿರಂತರ್ ಪ್ರಕಾಸ್ ತಾಚೆರ್ ಘಂಕೊಂದಿಂ. ಸಮಾಧಾನಾನ್ ತಾಚೊ ಅತ್ಮೊ ವಿಶೆವ್ ಘೆಂವ್ಪಿ. ಆಮೆನ್.

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THE HEART OF PRIESTLY FELLOWSHIP: LIFE TOGETHER IN THE RECTORY

The life we share as priests is a profound gift to the Church. Called to live in the image of Christ, who gathered His disciples around Him as friends and co-workers, we too are invited to form communities marked by fraternity, charity, and mutual support. With this in mind, the following reflections and guidelines are presented to foster fraternity and shared life among priests in our presbyteries or rectories.

1. Foundations of Priestly Life in Common

When priests embrace community life, their priestly identity is strengthened, material concerns are placed in proper perspective, and the temptation toward individualism yields to deeply personal and supportive relationships. Common prayer, shared reflection, and ongoing study—elements that should never be absent from priestly life—greatly assist in forming a priestly spirituality that is incarnate in the rhythm of daily living.

In this light, it is strongly recommended that priests residing in the same rectory gather regularly for prayer and mutual spiritual support (cf. can. 280). Fostering a spirit of communion, shared prayer, and collaborative pastoral activity strengthens their witness to sacramental brotherhood and contributes to more effective evangelisation.

Living in common also provides opportunities for ongoing human and pastoral formation. Regular fraternal discussions, evaluation of pastoral projects, and shared reflection on parish life help priests grow in wisdom, balance, and pastoral sensitivity. Community life thus becomes a context for continuing formation in charity and leadership.

2. Principles for Community Living in the Rectory

Priests who share a rectory should recognise that it is not the domain of any one individual but their common home. As a shared living space, the rectory should foster an environment that respects privacy and maintains clear boundaries between public and private areas. Relationships among priests living together

ought to be marked by charity, mutual encouragement, and the practice of fraternal correction.

As in any shared household, disagreements may arise. Priests are encouraged to address concerns promptly through respectful and honest dialogue. Charity, patience, and a willingness to listen should guide all interactions. When necessary, the Parish Priest or another priest may assist in facilitating peaceful resolutions.

Priests living together should also support one another in maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle. Good habits of nutrition, exercise, rest, and recreation contribute to the well-being of each priest and strengthen the unity of the household.

3. Responsibilities of the Parish Priest

The Parish Priest is ultimately responsible for the rectory, just as he is for the pastoral care of the parish. All priests living in the rectory should regard him as their elder brother and guide.

Decisions concerning common life—such as meal arrangements, laundry, and general household duties—should be made in consultation with the priests residing there, reflecting their shared fraternity and unity.

The Parish Priest must also ensure that parish and liturgical schedules are organised to allow priests adequate opportunity to plan for retreats, absences, and vacation periods. Advance scheduling is essential so that each priest is fully aware of his upcoming responsibilities.

4. Stewardship, Simplicity, and the Material Environment

While the rectory should provide a comfortable and dignified living space, any form of ostentation or display of wealth is strictly prohibited. This norm reflects both the Church's commitment to simplicity and its dedication to serving people of every social and economic background (cf. can. 282).

5. Staff, Confidentiality, and Household Conduct

Respect and sensitivity must be shown toward all non-clerical members of the rectory household—such as the cook, housekeeper, and office staff—while recognising that the rectory is primarily the home of the priests assigned to live there.

All priests serving in the parish should have access, as needed and where available, to secretarial assistance for work related to their parochial duties. The areas of responsibility for each member of the parish staff should be clearly defined and understood by everyone living or working in the rectory.

Household staff are expected to maintain strict confidentiality in all matters pertaining to the rectory. This includes, but is not limited to, information regarding counselling sessions, pastoral appointments, sacramental records, and any other personal or sensitive matters encountered in the course of their work. Respecting confidentiality is essential to safeguard the trust placed in the clergy and staff, to protect the privacy of parishioners, and to uphold the integrity of the pastoral mission of the Church.

6. Safeguarding and Protection of Minors

It is generally inadvisable for minors to be present in any part of the rectory other than public areas. Furthermore, the employment or engagement of minors—defined as individuals eighteen years of age or younger—in rectories or parish offices is strictly prohibited.

- Bishop of Mangalore

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Rev. Fr Lancy Joel Saldanha, Principal, St Mary's Central School, Kinnigoli, completes **50 years** on December 20, 2025.

Rev. Fr Sunil Joseph Veigas, Rector, St Antony Shrine, Kerekatte, completes **50 years** on December 23, 2025.

Rev. Fr Alban D'Souza (Sr), St Zuze Vaz Home, Jeppu, completes **75 years** on December 13, 2025.

Happy Birthday, dear Rev. Fathers. May Christ continue to be your strength and your joy in every step of your priestly mission. We pray that the Holy Spirit renews your courage, deepens your wisdom, and fills your pastoral ministry with hope, compassion, and fruitful service to God's people.

R.I.P.

- Mr Pradeep Aranha (44 years), nephew of Rev. Fr Peter Aranha, Parish Priest of Nellikar, passed away on October 29, 2025. His funeral took place on October 31, 2025, at St Ignatius Loyola Church, Paladka.
 - Mr Paul Lobo (87 years), father of Rev. Fr Rohan Lobo, Parish Priest of Taccode, passed away on November 6, 2025. His funeral took place on November 7, 2025, at the Holy Redeemer Church, Belthangady.
 - Mr Sebastian Paul Crasta (71 years), father of Rev. Fr Kenneth Crasta, Asst Director, St Joseph Engineering College, Vamanjoor, passed away on November 9, 2025. His funeral took place on November 10, 2025, at St Francis Xavier Church, Bejai.
 - Rev. Fr Denis D'Souza (91 years), St Zuze Vaz Home, Jeppu, passed away on November 16, 2025. His funeral took place on November 17, 2025, at St Vincent Ferrer Church, Valencia.
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