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BISHOP OF GULBARGA

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HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION: We pray for Health Care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Dear Rev Fathers, Sisters and Lay faithful, Jai Christ! Greetings of Peace in the Lord!

CHRISM MASS: will be celebrated on Thursday, 7th April 2022 at 05.00p.m in the Cathedral. It is a blessed occasion we come together, particularly the priests along with the Bishop united in Christ the High Priest to bless the Oil of Chrism and Oil of Catechumen and Oil of Anointing the Sick. Please exhort all the religious and the lay faithful to attend the Mass...

It is also a day of Prayer and Recollection for all the Priests and the Religious. Rev. Dr. Joseph Titus, Professor of Scripture has kindly consented to be the Resource Person of the day. Hence, the programme of the day begins with the Prayer at 10.00 a.m sharp and ends with the Chrism Mass at 05.00 p.m. I expect all of you to be present. Just as we have prepared our people, let us spiritually prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Paschal Triduum.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM (Holy Week)

The Paschal Triduum begins at sunset on Holy Thursday when Christ accomplishes the work of Redemption and enters into the glory. We commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord observing the Solemn Liturgy of the Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council remind us of the extraordinary significance of the Triduum: "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his Paschal Mystery: Dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life." Please read diligently the instructions given in the ORDO as well as the Missal before you celebrate the Easter Triduum, and your liturgy of TRIDUUM will become meaningful, beautiful and according to the mind of the church. Wish you all a meaningful Paschal Triduum

Family Blessing during Easter: The practice of House Blessing is a beautiful tradition preserved for centuries in the Church. Visiting the parishioners in their homes during the Easter time, the Parish Priest represents the Risen Lord meeting his people in the families bringing forgiveness, Peace and hope of a new life with the Lord. I request all Parish Priests to begin Family Blessings soon after Easter and complete the same during the Easter Season.

DIOCESAN SYNOD: As announced before, the Diocesan Synod will take place at the Cathedral on Thursday, 21st April 2022. The programme of the day will begin at 09.30 a.m and will end with Eucharistic Celebration followed by lunch at 02.00p.m. I invite all the

priests, superiors of the religious communities and Vice-president and Secretaries of the Mission Centres and Parishes to be present.

The Diocese is planning two important new initiatives the success of which will depend on your involvement and cooperation. They are:

(A) **Apostolic School** at Sacred Heart Minor Seminary, Sirnoor: We welcome children (Std 8th to 10th) who have aptitude to become a priest to join the Sacred Heart Apostolic School (Minor Seminary). We need your help to identify at least one candidate from your parish/mission centre. Please keep this need of the diocese in mind. Please promote Vocations by personally speaking to the children from good families about their willingness to become priests and also their parents. When you have finalized, please inform Fr David D'Souza to do the follow up. I expect at least one candidate from each of your missions/parishes. Boys who have completed SSLC, PUC and degree and wish to become priests may be directed to meet me Along with the parents on Sunday 8th MAY 2022.

(B) **SANKALPA Hostel** in view of promoting children to Civil Services: Children with exceptional intelligence (A+) in all the subjects will be accepted at the SANKALPA Hostel at the GDES, Bishop House Campus to be given all the soft skills and motivation to achieve their heart's ambition for minimum fees. More of it will be explained to you in the next Circular. Please popularize these programmes among the people and children. Please contact Fr Stevan Veigas for further details (mob 9449273504).

SUMMER CAMPS 2022: After a long break we are glad to organise the summer camps and make our children's Summer Holidays fruitful. I request the Directors/Parish Priests to organise these camps. For want of personnel and other infra-structure facilities, you are free to join other centres. You are expected to get the budget approved before you take up the following activities:

1. FAITH FORMATION CAMP to be held at your Missions/Parishes on 9 - 17 April 2022 for all children from Std IV to IX. The Commission for the Catechetics will be circulating the daily time-table along the lessons and other teaching material of the Faith Formation Camp. These lessons provide you with only the required basic material. The teacher must study them, take pain to prepare the lessons suitable to the class one is teaching adding his or her faith experience. You can enrich the lesson by giving better examples, adding appropriate songs, action songs, dramatization etc. Make your lessons more and more experiential and let it be a joyful faith experience for our children receiving the knowledge of faith, values and convictions.

2. PRERANA camp (April 18-30): is aimed at giving a boost to all children to look forward to studying next academic year well prepared. It is an opportunity especially for children going to government schools. You are welcome to hold Prerana Camp for all children from Std 1 to 9th desiring to study especially those deprived of good education in their villages. The afternoon time can be utilized to help children to write, read, dance, act, games etc.,. Let there be Prayer, Bhajans, Mass and Rosary every day. Include some educative films too. Please engage good teachers and able Camp Masters. Again, please get the budget approved before you begin the camp.

3. SANKALPA CAMP (April 21 - May 9): will be organized only for A and A plus students of Std VIII, IX and X of the coming Academic Year. Please be consistent in promoting the

children to this Camp. It is meant children with higher intelligence capacity. Possibly, we'll promote them for civil services through the Sankalpa hostel at GDES. Please note, those not eligible will be sent back. Fr Stevan Veigas(mob 9449273504), Secretaary of GDES will give you further details.

Ministry for Brothers: Welcome to our Brothers studying in major seminaries in Mangalroe and Bangalore who have come for their summer ministry. We are sending them to the following missions for a month's ministry (April 1st to 30th April)

1. Christ the King Church, Ujini – Br. Joseph Prathviraj
2. Holy Cross Church, Santhpur – Br. Francis Anthony, Br. Stephen(Udipi Dioc)
3. Saint Paul's Mission, Ekamba – Br. Reginald Pinto
4. Maria Ashram, Jalasangi – Br. Ancy Vion Lobo and Br. Royston
5. Holy Redeemer Church, Bhalki – Br. Yashwant Udoji
6. Mary Pawada Matha, Itga – Br. Melwyn Fernandes
7. St. Anthony Church, Hulsoor – Br. Peter Avinash

Retreat at Christashrama, Kaudiyal: is resumed. Please encourage people to attend the retreat on 1st – 3rd of every month

From the Procurator: This year we will be having annual Audit of the the Diocesan accounts and the CDSB in the **1st week of May 2022**. Kindly submit the Parish/Mission Centre and Pre primary School accounts latest by 25th of April. While submitting your *Annual Accounts*, kindly submit all the required documents:

1. Receipt books,
2. Bills and vouchers (continue in the same file that you submitted for interim audit.
3. Bank statement – for 01-04-2021 to 31.03.2022
4. Tally Data – continue in the Tally of interim audit.
5. FD receipts – updated/renewed
6. Balance confirmation certificate from the bank as on 31-03-2022.
7. Cash Book.

Kindly note:

1. Write receipt for all the amount that you have received
2. The receipts of above 20000.00 should have the address of the donor (address to be put in the narration of the tally).
3. Number all the vouchers according to the number in Tally
4. Write the description of the payment in the voucher and in the narration clearly.
5. Do not make any correction or addition to the audited tally up to Dec2021.

Kindly cooperate with us in this matter.

Please update the inventory of the Parish /mission centre as on 31-03-2022 and submit along with the accounts.

Please prepare a budget for your Parish/Mission centre for the year 2022-23 and submit (format enclosed).

COMMISSIONS SPEAK:

Family Commission is organizing PRE-CANA Programme on the 2 – 3rd Sunday 4:30 pm at ORBIT. Please let me know the number of candidates from your Parish/Center for the course.

-Fr Lawrence Arun, Secretary for the Family Commission

Youth Commission:

1. Marriage Bureau: As intimated earlier our Marriage Bureau is happy to be at the service of our youth. Therefore to help our youth I am forwarding the Registration form and Terms and conditions. Considering the distance, the parish priest can receive the application. But very important the filled in application must be signed in front of the parish priest and submitted by the candidate and not through representative. As soon as the form is accepted please do intimate the office, we will make arrangement to receive the filled in application. Incomplete forms will be rejected. Please do announce in your centers and help our Catholics to make use of the facility. Please do feel free to call for any clarification. (Mob Fr Kristuraj SDB 9611813206/9470917958). You may also contact Fr Lawrence Arun (9686165018). Please download the application forms for your reference and use sent by e-mail

2. Way of the Cross by the Youth: Our youth will be organizing the Way of the Cross at Santhpur on Tuesday 12th of April at 3.00 – 7.00 p.m. I request you all to encourage the youth and all others to participate in this spiritual journey. It will be live acting by the youth of Ujini and Santhpur.

4. Youth Convention (Prathibahostva): is scheduled on 19 - 21st May 2022 at St. Joseph PU College, Bidar. Please do encourage and accompany the youth to this great event. More details will be sent to you later.

5. Season of Lent: We are in the season of Lent and I am happy that many centers are organizing spiritual activities for the youth. Please do inform me of the dates of special activities so that other centers can make use of the facility.

6. Skill Training for the Youth: Three months of free skill training are being organized at Bidar, Gulbarga and Bangalore. As we know from our experience that our youth lack motivation, so I request you to keep on reminding them of these opportunities. As of now only in Bangalore girls are given accommodation.

7. National Youth Convention: ICYM National Youth Convention will be held on 29th – 1st May at Ahmadabad, Gujarat. Please do pray for the success of the convention.

8. Visit the Centers: As we are at the end of our academic year 2021 – 2022, I will be happy to visit each center, the youth, especially the office bearers. Please do support me in the endeavour, if you organize it will be great. If not I will visit as time permits.

-Fr Kristuraj SDB, Secretary for the Youth Commission

BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF April 2022

1	Orientation on Summer Ministry to Seminarians
3- 4	Pastoral Visit to Bhalki
7	Recollection and Chrism Mass
10	Palm Sunday
12- 13	Visit to Faith Formation Camps
14-17	Easter Triduum - Cathedral
18-19	Visit to Bijapur Missions with Deacons
21	Diocesan Synod
24 - 25	Pastoral Visit – Santpur

Kripalaya, Bishop House
1st April 2022



† **Robert Miranda**
Bishop of Gulbarga

In the News:

Bible Patana 2022 (3rd -13th March): Together with the Bible Commission, Kristashrama, Kaudial the Diocesan Retreat Center organized Bible Patana, 11-days exercise involving reading and praying the whole Bible. It took place from March 3 to March 13, 2022.

Bala Milana 2022 (5th March): On 5 March 2022. Bala Milana, a day's motivational event under the Sponsorship Program was held at Infant Jesus Shrine, Bhalki. Beneficiary children from all the mission centers attended the event. Various competitions were held for the children including a dance, speech, skit, *rangoli* and drawing contest. Mr Dinakar from Bidar was the Chief Guest of the day motivated the children through his life experiences. The Bishop and Vicar General were also present on this special occasion motivating the children.

Women's Day Celebrations: were held all over the diocese at Bijapur, Gulbarga and Bidar promoting the cause of women. Thanks for the initiatives taken by our FBOs, Fathers and Sisters. It was a great step forward

Blessing And Inauguration Of St Ann Church, Wadi (13th March): The newly built St Ann Church Wadi was Blessed and Inaugurated by His Grace Peter Machado; Archbishop of Bangalore and Most Rev. Bishop Robert Miranda, Bishop of Gulbarga, on 13 March 2022. Congratulations to Fr. Wilbert Lobo, Sisters of St. Ann, Chennai and all the faithful. May God bless you. Thanks to the archdiocese of Bangalore for its generous contribution to this new church.

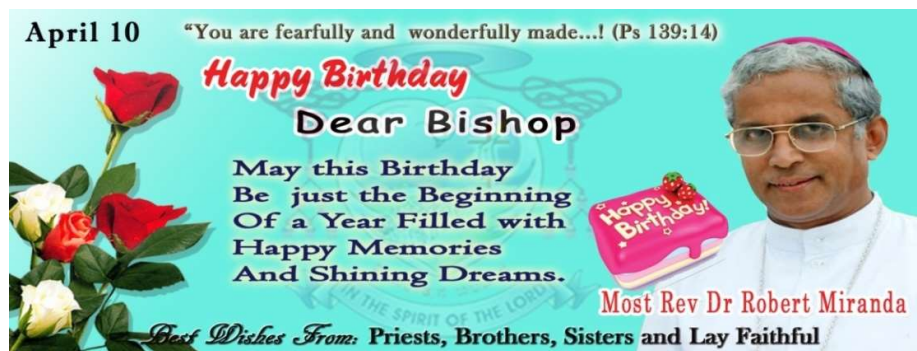
Celebration of the CRI day at Kalaburagi (19th March): CRI Unit Gulbarga had the joy of celebrating a programme on Consecrated Life, on 19th march, 2022 at Mother of Divine Grace Cathedral, Gulbarga under the leadership, of Rev. Fr. Lawrence D' Almeida, the President of CRI along with Sr. Reena the Secretary of the CRI unit, Gulbarga and all Zonal Presidents and Secretaries. There were 99 participants present for this gathering from Bidar, Gulbarga and Bijapur zone. Most Rev. Bishop Robert Michael Miranda, Bishop of Gulbarga Diocese, Fr. Stany Lobo the Vicar General, Fr. Santhosh, Parish Priest of the Cathedral were present on the occasion. Fr. Santhosh Fernandes SJ was the resource person of the day.

Deepalaya School Building Inaugurated and Blessed on 19th March at Santpur : in the presence of the Provincial Superior, Very Rev Sr Juliet SRA and Superior General Very Rev Sr Nandita Periera SRA who inaugurated the building and presided over the function. The Bishop who blessed the new building praised the initiative of the SRA sisters particularly in the field of education at Ujini and Santpur and requested the Parents to cooperate.

Blessing and Inauguration of Two New Chapels at Kamalnagar Mission (25th March)

St. Joseph Chapel, Kotgial and Christ King Chapel Ganeshpur, Mudhol were blessed and inaugurated on 25 March 2022 by the Bishop of Gulbarga. Together with the catechumens rejoicing and celebrating, many prominent leaders from all the communities were also present on this special occasion. It was indeed a beautiful and memorable event for the faithful of Kamalnagar Mission. We are immensely grateful to Goodwill Mission Group members - the Donors of these chapels. Thanks to Fr David for his tireless work in making ready these chapels. Thanks to Srs. Neela and Arogya for their hard work of preparing the people for these events.

Annual Evaluation of Diocesan Pastoral Plan (26th March) was held at Sugyan on Saturday, 26th March. The Regional Coordinator of KRPP Fr. Faustine Lobo facilitated the sessions. All the Commission Secretaries presented their Annual Reports. Thanks to all Secretaries for your invaluable service to the Diocese.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR FATHERS AND SISTERS

DATES	BIRTHDAY BABIES	DATES	BIRTHDAY BABIES
1	Sr. Reena Helvita Dsouza BS,	14	Sr. Amala FMM
2	Sr. Josephine SAB*	15	Fr. Wilbert
2	Sch. Nishanth Noronha SJ	16	Sr. Pushpa Eerketta CSJ
4	Sr. Roopa lakhra MSMHC	16	Sr. Veronica Fernandes SCCG
5	Fr. George Lobo	16	Br. Pruthvi Ryanal Rodrigues SJ
6	Sr. Maria Chrisette AC	24	Sr. Renita Pinto BS
6	Sr. Precilla Fernandes BS	24	Fr. Fredrick D'Souza
8	Sr. Conceptia Maria BS	24	Fr. Sunil Mankare
8	Sr. Reena BS*	25	Sr. Celestine Pinto SCCG
10	Sr. Sowmya Prakash CSST	25	Fr. Victor Anil Vas
10	Sr. Alphonsa SJC	27	Sr. Parimala JMJ
10	BP ROBERT MIRANDA	27	Fr. Gerald sagar
11	Sr. Deepa Pinto SRA	28	Sr Divya Reshma UFS*
12	Sr. Shobha Rani JMJ	29	Sr. Riving Kyndait RNDM
14	Sr Synthia D'mello UFS		

Ordination Anniversary

Fr. Anil Prasad	15.04.2007	Fr. Sunil Andrade	27.04.2006
Fr. Sandeep Goveas OCD	16.04.2015	Fr. Roque D'Souza	27.04.2006
Fr. Santhosh Bapu	17.04.2008	Fr. Stephen Veigas	27.04.2006
Fr. Clary D'Souza	20.04.1998	Fr. Robert Crasta	28.04.2009
Fr. Santhosh Dias	20.04.1998	Fr. Anil Crasta	28.04.2009
Fr. Cyril Lobo	23.04.2007	Fr. David D'Souza	28.04.2009
Fr. George Lobo	23.04.2007	Fr. Fredrick D'Souza	28.04.1994
Fr. Gerald Sagar	27.04.2003	Fr. Prashanth OFM Cap	29.04.2009

**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA CHRIST HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD
HE HAS RISEN TO DIE NO MORE**

WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY EASTER

