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HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION: We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Dear Rev Fathers, Sisters and Lay faithful, Jai Christ! Greetings of Peace in the Lord! Hearty welcome to all of you dear Fathers, Sisters, Brothers joining us the Gulbarga Diocese this June. We wish you a very fruitful stay and a rich mission experience. My sincere thanks to your Provincial Superiors, for their special concern for this mission diocese. I thank God for giving us two new priests: Fr. Sachin Christi and Fr. Abhishek Moses. We warmly welcome them to the diocese. I also take this opportunity to express deep gratitude to all the Priests, Sisters, and Brothers who served this diocese and now called to serve the Lord in other places. May God bless you abundantly.

Pope announces 2 new Cardinals from India: His Grace Filipe Neri Ferrão (69), Metropolitan Archbishop of Goa and Daman and the President of the CCBI and His grace Anthony Poola (60) Archbishop of Hyderabad are elevated as Cardinals by Pope Francis on Sunday, 29th May 2022. It is indeed joyous news for all of us and the Indian Catholic Church. As we thank God for their elevation, we congratulate them and assure our prayers for a great leadership from them in the Indian church and Society.

Mission Orientation Programme: is organized Deanery wise. For Bidar Deanery it is on Saturday 11th at Yesu Nilaya, Bhalki at 9:00 am, for Gulbarga Deanery on Sunday 12th at 10:30 am at Sugyan, and for Vijayapura Deanery on Sunday 19th at St. Ann Church Vijayapura. As this programme will explain our mission approach and the thrust areas of our mission work here this year, it is important and mandatory for all. I request all the Parish Priest, Mission Directors and the Superiors of the Religious houses to attend this programme. All others also are welcome. Your presence will make a difference for us on that day and for you all through your days of service here. We pray for the fresh outpouring of the Spirit that we may be effective evangelisers working as one family. Very Rev. Fr. Praveen D'Souza, Provincial Superior of the Congregation of Franciscans has kindly consented to be the resource person of the day. Kindly mark these dates in your calendar. The diocese will soon publish the Year Plan as well as the Directory of the Diocese. Please send the requested information at the earliest, by 10th June.

Parish/Mission Centre Pastoral Plan: Every parish/mission centre should have a year plan. The copy of the Year Plan will soon be in your hands. Keeping room for the diocesan level programmes, all Mission Directors/Parish Priests along with the PPT and PPC shall prepare the Year Plan 2022-23 latest by 15th of June. Remember the saying, 'well begun is half done!'

As the new Academic Year begins, it is important that our children and youth get admitted to good school and colleges. The diocese, as you know will give admission to all catholic children and also gives 50% concession to the poor. I request you dear Fathers, sisters to give proper guidance and motivation to the children and see that they are well placed in the society tomorrow.

The Good Will Mission Group has approved 6 coaching centres in villages. Those of you who wish to start a coaching centre shall ensure the following: A group of at least 30-60 children attending the tuition classes(list of names), request letter from the parents, identify a good reliable tuition teacher, a place for the teacher to stay, and ensure supervision at least once a week. First come, first served. The classes should begin by 15th June. I also thank the Good Will Mission Group members for sponsoring the studies of 72 children this year.

Feasts and Solemnities in the month of June: We are glad to begin the mission calendar year in this month of June full of feasts and solemnities, namely, Pentecost Celebration (5th June), Feast of the Holy Trinity (12th June), Corpus Christi (19th June), Nativity of St John the Baptist (23 June), Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (24th), Feast of St Peter and Paul (29th June). As we celebrate these feasts and solemnities with due reverence, may they fill us with abundant divine graces to serve the Lord faithfully.

Sankalpa Study Home: for Boys and Girls (Std VIII-X) will soon be started for our intelligent and talented Catholic children at Gulbarga. During their study the children will be trained and motivated to aim at Civil Services. Please speak to the children about these programmes and motivate them. Please pray for the success of these programmes.

Sacred heart Apostolic School: is started at our Minor Seminary Sirnoor, Gulbarga. I am glad 6 Candidates have responded to the Lords Call and joined us

Training Youth on Leadership Skill ('Social Inclusion & Democracy'):

This training is to provide our Youth an easy access to broaden their intellectual horizon and sharpen their leadership skills and develop a humane perspective so that they can effectively play the role of organic intellectuals for their communities in their areas. Democratisation of knowledge, deeper appreciation of the Constitutional provisions, strengthening local governance, developing democratic culture and promoting inclusive approach to human development are some of the primary objectives of this unit. This training will be organised by the ' INDIAN SOCIAL INSTITUTE' Bangalore. You may have noticed that we have problems in villages only where we do not have good leaders.

We need good leaders in our villages, parishes and missions. Therefore dear Fathers and Youth animators, please identify four candidates (2 boy + 2 girls), who will dedicate their time for the community welfare. Training will be only for three days in every four months only for two years. Please cooperate with Rev Fr. Christuraj N SDB and Rev. Fr. Sunil Mankare who will coordinate this Programme. We need to finalise the list of participants by at least 15th June. Directors, please hurry up to do the needful in this regard.

Ruby Anniversary of 'Bidar Mission': Bidar mission completes 40 years on 17th June. It was on this day the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus the Bidar Mission was started. We know, the Lord has done marvels for us through this mission venture of the diocese of Mangalore. We gratefully remember late Bishop Basil S D' Souza for taking up this mission, Bishop Emeritus Aloysius Paul D' Souza for continuing the good work until it became a diocese. Priests, sisters and Brothers who worked in this mission in the last 40 years. I invite all of you to organize Eucharistic Adoration and Thanksgiving on Friday 17th to thank the Lord for the gift of Bidar Mission that paved the way to Gulbarga Diocese. So also, let's thank God for all the blessings on Bidar Mission and the Diocese on Friday 24th, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Request to update the information: Superiors of all the Religious Communities are kindly requested to furnish the information about new members of the community for our records and for the New Directory in press now. The format is sent to you. Please do so at the earliest and not later than 10th June. Please submit the soft copy to chancery@gmail.com.

Report of Mission Centres:

Please submit a brief report of the various Faith Formation activities in your mission center during the year. Let the report contain information on Village visits, Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmations, Pre-Cana Prgm, Marriages, Marriage Enrichment Programmes (MEP), Faith formation Camps, MCA activities, Youth Activities, any other faith formation activities along with few photographs and statistics. Please submit the soft copy to chancery@gmail.com. This is needed for us to prepare the consolidated report of the Diocese. Please Co-operate.

A note for the Superiors of the Religious Houses : I am glad, most of you are attending deanery and diocesan level Recollection & Review meetings. But there are a few who do not attend any meeting except perhaps the Chrism Mass. So, kindly note, here after it is mandatory for all the Superiors of the Religious houses to attend the above meetings. Those who cannot for a good reason will send their first assistants (and not just one of the members).

Welcome to Regent Brothers: Yeshwant Udoji, Arun Rodrigues and Manoj Francis who are placed at Santpur, ORBIT and Ujini respectively. We wish them fruitful regency.

Welcome to Sr Stella Mendonca who has volunteered to come and serve this diocese. She has been appointed designate Coordinator of Sponsorship Programme. Hearty welcome to her. Please extend your generous cooperation to her. (Phone No: 9480446029)

Commissions Speak:

Yuva Chetana:

- Yuva Mahotsava 22: Due to the ongoing degree exams the event was postponed. The next possible date will be made known to you at the earliest.
- Awareness on Drug Addiction: In collaboration with the ORBIT we will be conducting awareness program on Drug Addiction in your centers. Please fix a date and inform the youth office.
- Inauguration of ICYM: Next month, 3rd July 2022 is the official day for inaugurating ICYM with new members. Therefore encourage all the youth to register and become active member of the movement. Please do have a meaningful celebration. On the same day you are requested to prepare the action plan for the 2022 -2023 and submit by 7th July. Please do prepare the Action Plan based on the Youth commission Plan in the diocese.
- Annual Report: Please do submit your Annual report at the earliest. The best report will be rewarded.
- Young Student Movement (YSM): I request the superiors and HM's to initiate the YSM in your schools. I will be visiting each school in the coming days. In preparation for the inauguration of YSM in your esteemed school, please appoint two animators and send me their names and phone numbers. Please do form the unit and if possible have it on 15th June.

Commission for Catechism: Request the Parish Priest to begin the Sunday Catechism classes by Sunday 12th June. Mission Directors and Parish Priests, please see that the text books are distributed at your place for all children. The diocese will make it available at an affordable price for all the children. Please make sure, all the children buy the catechism books at your mission. Please note, very soon there will be a training programme for the Catechism teachers on 2nd and 3rd July as marked in the Year Plan of the diocese

Commission for the Social Communication:

Dear School Managers, H.M and Principals, Commission for Media and Social Communication is organizing a training program on the Critical usage of Social Media for High School and College Students in our Catholic schools. It will be held especially on Saturdays. Fr Roshan D'Souza and Fr Clevan Gomes will approach you well in advance, please make proper arrangements.

S.S.L.C Results 2021-22

St. Mary School, Kotnoor 100%	Premanjali School Ujini, (Kan) 100%
St. Joseph School (Kan), Bidar 100%	Bethany School (Eng), Chitapur 98.04%
St. Joseph School, (End) Bidar 100%	Berny Public School, (Eng) Jewargi 98%
Loyola Yomiuri, Vijayapura (Eng) 100%	Helen's school, Chincholli 97.87%
Loyola School, Vijayapura (Kan) 100%	St Ambrose School, (Eng) Wadi 97.39%
Mt Carmel School, Shahabad 100%	Bethany School, Chittapur (Kan) 96.04%
Prerana School Shorapur (Eng) 100%	St. Joseph Convent, Gulbarga (Eng) 95.21%
Vidya Jyothi School Hulsoor, Bidar 100%	St. Mary School, Gulbarga 94%
Gyan Priya, B.Kalyan (Eng) 100%	St. Joseph Convent, Gulbarga (kan) 91.21%
Divya Jyothi, Bhalki (Kan) 100%	Sacred Heart, Talikote 91%
Bethany School, Humnabad 100%	St Peter's School Shahapur 88.18%
Nirmalalaya, Almel 100%	Don Bosco, Yadgir 86%
Sneha Sadan, Kanakal (Eng) 100%	Sneha Sangama, Vijayapura 84%

Hearty Congratulations to all the Managers, Principals, Staff and Students for this best ever result! May God be praised. Let's selflessly continue our efforts of imparting value based education to our students and make them responsible citizens of this nation.

Bishop's Programme , June 2022

- 1 Inauguration of the Apostolic School
- 2 Inauguration of the Sankalpa Study Home
- 3 Inauguration of the St Mary School (Pre-Primary) Aland
- 4-5 FKCA Programme Bangalore
- 7-8 Pastoral Planning (Bhalki, Santpur and Ujini)
- 8 Aurad Mission Pastoral and Social Development Meeting
- 10 Pastoral Planning (Itga, Talmadgi)
- 10 Jubilee Mass – Wadi
- 11 Mission Orientation Programme – Bhalki (Bidar Deanery)
- 12 Mission Orientation Programme – Sugyan (Gulbarga Deanery)
- 13 Pastoral Plan (Kristashrama, Muchalamb, Hulsoor)
- 16 Orientation for New Members – Sacred Heart Jesus Church, Bidar
- 18 Orientation for New Members – Sugyan, Gulbarga
- 19 Mission Orientation Programme – Vijayapura Deanery
- 25 Neo Catechumen - Confirmation

PRIESTS' TRANSFERS

Sl. No	Names	To	W.E.F
1.	Fr. John B Gannot MSFS	Ass. P P - St. Joseph Church, Bidar	28-5-2022
2.	Fr. Abhishek Moses	Asst P.P – Bhalki Mission	17-06-2022
3.	Fr. Sachin Chisti	Asst P.P - Ujini Mission	17-06-2022
4.	Fr. Richard Stanley (B' lore)	Asst. Director – Santpur Mission	01-07-2022
5.	Fr. Maria Antony M. (B' lore)	Asst. Director - Ekamba Mission	01-07-2022
6.	Fr. Faustine Crasta	Asst. Director – Kaudiyal Mission	06-06-2022

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Date	Name	Date	Name
01	Sr. Mary Magdeline BS, Chittapur	18	Sr. Lissy SJC, Vijayapur
01	Sr. Prameela D'Souza, Shahapur	19	Fr. Sunil Andrade, Ujini
05	Sr. Arogyamma UFS, Kawdiyal	20	Sr. Mable D'Souza SCB, Hulsoor
06	Sr. Gloria Crasta SCCG, Muddebihal	21	Sr. Maria Ferrao, UFS, Shorapur
08	Sr. Leena Saldanha SCCG, Kankal	21	Fr. Sandeep OCD, Kadaganchi
10	Bro. S. Balasamy SHJ	22	Dn. Arone Vas, Bishop's House
10	Sr. Margaret Kumar SCB, Hulsoor	22	Sr. Reeta D'Souza SCSC, Zalki
15	Fr. James Paul SDB, Chikpet	22	Fr. John B. Gannot MSFS, Bidar
15	Sr. Kavita BS, Chittapur	30	Sr. Amala SCCG, Gulbarga
18	Fr. Johnson Lopes, Gulbarga		

Necrology:

- Mr. Vincent Lobo (63 years) father of Bro Ancy Vion Lobo passed away on 4th May.
- Mr. Maxiam D'Souza (94 years) father of Sr. Pramila D'Souza went to his eternal abode on 8th May.
- Mr. Lazarus D'Souza (90 yrs) father of Fr Clary D'Souza went to his heavenly bliss on May 9th.
- Mr. Sunil Crasta (45 yrs) brother of Fr. Anil Crasta joined the heavenly abode on 22nd May.

May they all Rest in Peace. Hearty Condolences to you Rev Fathers, Sisters and Brother, and also members of the bereaved family.

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Kripalaya, Bishop's House
Date: 31-05-2022

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In News:

- Prerana and Sankalpa (Educational) camps: We appreciate the hard work of all the Parish Priests, Directors, Sisters and other lay staff in organizing Faith- formation camp, Prerana and Sankalpa (Educational) camps in last April-May. God Bless You. The good number of participants in all these camps only shows the great enthusiasm and interest of our children to know more about Jesus, and also improve in studies.
- Foundation stone blessed for St Mary School, Aland (Aland-Sholapur Rd) by the Bishop on May 4th 2022. The Vicar General Fr. Stany Lobo, Fr Anil Prasad, the Director of the Aland Mission, Sr. Rosin SAB, Superior of the St. Ann's Convent and Fr. Santhosh Baapu, were present for the event.
- Family Life Commission organized PRE-CANA programme on 10th of May at ORBIT and 15 candidates benefited from this programme.
- Hearty congratulations dear Fr. Sachin Christy and Fr. Abhishek Moses who were ordained priests to the diocese of Gulbarga on 13th of May. Bishop Robert Miranda ordained them at St Antony Shrine, Dornahalli, Mysoor. We welcome the new priests to the diocese.
- Fr. Anil Prasad assumed office as the Coordinator of KRPPIC at Bangalore on 27th of May 2022. Hearty congratulations to Fr. Anil Prasad. We pray that God fill you with knowledge and wisdom to facilitate implementation of the Karnataka Regional Pastoral Plan in all the dioceses of Karnataka.