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Popes prayer intention for the Month: We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

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

Thank you dear Fathers and Sisters for your participation in all the mission orientation programmes. I am sure, that exercise and the Prayer and Recollection day was a good start for us. Your enthusiastic presence and cooperation means a lot for me. Hope by now, all the missions and parishes have their plans for the year. Please send me a copy of the same to our office at the earliest.

[The Council of Priests Meeting – 13th July](#)

Due to KRCBC meeting on 5-8 July, we had to change the dates of our programmes in the diocese. Accordingly, we will be having the Council of Priests' meeting and Consultors meeting on Wednesday 13th July at 10.00 am and 2.30 pm respectively. The agenda will be sent by the secretary to all the members in time. You are welcome to suggest any other issue or problems that that you feel these bodies should take note of and deliberate.

[Deanery Pastoral Council Meeting – 10th July:](#)

As per our Year Plan, the deanery Pastoral Council Meeting is to be held on Sunday 10th July. The Deans shall convene this meeting in their respective deanery on the theme: Lay Leadership. The summary of the Synodal consultation on Lay leadership will be discussed at this meeting and they shall make suitable suggestions which again will be taken up at the Council of Priests at its meeting on the 13th July

[Monthly Recollection:](#) Dear Fathers and Sisters Monthly recollection of the Clergy and Religious Priests (Superiors) will be held on Thursday on 14th July. The Programme will begin at 9:30 sharp and will end at 1:30 followed by lunch. I expect the superiors of the Religious community to be present too. Those of you who are not able to reach in time on Thursday are welcome to stay at Sugyan on the previous evening you may please complete your accounts and other works leisurely. You are dearly welcome to Kripalaya always. Kindly inform Mons. Stany Lobo and Dn. Aron.

[Educational Loan for College Studies:](#) You are aware that we have offered to pay the college fees as Educational Loan for students seeking admission in catholic colleges to degree, diploma or other professional courses. This special benefit of paying the college fees is only for the poor catholic students whose parents are landless laborers or who do not have a fixed income. I hope our youth will come forward to take up education in a Catholic College which ensures a good exposure to our youth, quality teaching and also their Christian upbringing. They will certainly know their potential better, grow in self-confidence and will be better prepared to face their future. As you promote them for studies in catholic colleges please

remember to make sure the student has passed with 70 percent marks, well motivated and needs support, faithful to the church. Make sure also they enroll themselves to the college paying 25percent of the college fees (which will be refunded to them by the end of the year. It is advisable that the Parish Priests/Students desiring to study contact the Youth Director who will suggest the placement as he is in touch with different colleges and technical training institutes. He will also work for concessions in fees. Parish Priests shall issue the Recommendation letter only after he makes sure all the norms of GDES are fulfilled. The Parish Priests/Directors shall send all the Applications of the students to the Secretary GDES along with all the required documents.(marks card copy, Adhar card copy, SCST/ income certificate, affidavit and the recommendation letter) as early as possible and before the colleges close admissions.

Last but not the least, I feel our youth will not come forward to take up this offer unless you, Fathers and Sisters motivate and guide them. But it's worth doing so especially for the sake of those well motivated ones. Please reach out to them. Let's do for them whatever is possible and see that they are well pleased. Please announce this provision during the coming Sunday Announcement

[Feast of St. Thomas - July 3:](#) India our motherland is indeed blessed to have been evangelized by St Thomas, one of the twelve Apostles of Jesus. St Thomas preached the Gospel to India and died a martyr on our soil. When Jesus' life was at risk by returning to Judea after Lazarus had died, the Apostle Thomas courageously told his fellow disciples they should go with Jesus, no matter what the danger (John 11:16). It is an invitation for us to be ready to give ourselves to the mission of the Lord in this present situation. Let us take the example of St. Thomas the apostle as we work in different mission places, seek his intercession for the smooth running of our mission works.

This day is also observed as the ***Indian Christian Day:*** This declaration, the Indian Christian Day (Yeshu Bhakti Divas) as an annual day of remembrance, is for all the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, of Indian origin, to celebrate the person and message of JESUS CHRIST brought to India in 52 AD by St. Thomas the Apostle one of his twelve disciples. This day, historically observed as St. Thomas Day, commemorates the martyrdom of the Apostle in 72 AD near Chennai. In observing this day as Indian Christian Day as followers of the Lord Jesus, let us preserve our identity within the Indian cultural heritage, uniting with all who wish to celebrate, irrespective of language, custom, creed, region or religion. Please make proper announcements about the importance of this day to all your people.

[Feast of St. James – July 25:](#) St. James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. He had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemani. He was the first apostle to die a martyr's death. We emulate his zeal and courage in following Christ in spreading the faith in difficult times.

[Feast of St Joachim and St. Ann – July 26 :](#) This feast in honour of the parents of our Blessed Mother Mary as per the good advice of the Holy Father Pope Francis is to be celebrated honouring our elderly people in a meaningful way and they feel the love and care of their children and grandchildren. I invite the Youth of the parish to take initiative and celebrate the feast with great love and gratitude to our grandparents.

[Saint Alphonsa Muttathupadathu – July 28](#): She is a Syro-Malabar Catholic and Franciscan Religious nun, first woman and second person of Indian origin canonized as a Saint. She was locally known as Alphonsa Amma, suffered most of her life due to different sickness, but she offered everything to God. Let us thank God for this great saint who is the inspiration for many of us to live a dedicated life in all the limitations.

[Norms to deal against sexual abuse of the minors and other vulnerables](#) : You are aware the church observes zero tolerance against anyone committing sexual abuse of the minors and the vulnerable in our institutions and church premises. It is made mandatory to serve the staff in our institutions the norms and guidelines that deal with such crimes. These have been sent to you earlier through the Circular. It is now available in the print form. You may please collect the copies that you need, explain to the staff and obtain their commitment with their signature in the prescribed form. The copies are available at the Chancery office as well as GDES office.

Warm welcome to Fr Richard Stanly and Fr Maria Antony from Bangalore Arch diocese who have come to serve this mission diocese. We wish them a very fruitful service. They will be serving in Santpur and Ujini missions from 1st July onwards. Thanks to the Arch Bishop Peter Machado for his concern for this mission diocese.

Warm Welcome to Fr Arthur Pais who is appointed Presbyter of the *Missio Ad Gentes* families of the Neo-catechumenal Way, Kalaburagi. Thanks to Fr. Johnson for all his kind services in our Diocese. Presently serving *Missio Ad Gentes* community at Hubli.

Hearty Congratulations to all the Principals, Managers, the Staff and Students for the excellent results you have obtained in PUC exams. May God bless you all.

Commissions Speak:

Youth Commission:

Dear Fathers, Sisters and Youth Animator,

- Action Plan for the year 2022 – 2023: Please make of the Diocesan Year Plan for preparing the youth action plan. Please make sure these four programmes are part of the action plan: Advent recollection, Lenten retreat, and Sports Day and Bhajan vigil services. Let us encourage our youth to plan and participate in Liturgy every second Sunday of the month.
- As we have already begun our new academic year, I request you all to inaugurate the ICYM unit in your parishes preferably on 3rd July 2022. Inauguration can be done by welcoming the new members into the ICYM family.
- Please do Elect the new officer bearers for the year 2022 -2023 and conduct the handing over ceremony.
- If you have appointed a new youth animator, please do inform us so that we can update all the activities.
- On 10th of July we have the Youth Leaders Training program, please encourage the office bearers, President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary to participate without fail.
- Please make sure that the Annual Report of ICYM is kept in the office file.
- 24th July 2022 is celebrated as Grand Parents Day. Youth can organize a special programme for the elderly.
- Directors please note, in collaboration with ORBIT, we are creating awareness on drug abuse. Please take advantage of this programme.

- World Youth Day: The next World Youth Day will be celebrated in Lisbon from 1st Aug to 6th August 2023 on the theme “Mary arose and went with haste (Lk. 1:39)”. Please do inform our youth especially those who can afford. The registration has already began.
- Regional Youth Convention is scheduled for 21 – 24 October 2022 in Bangalore hosted by the Diocese of Mandya. Please plan for this great event; I am sure participants will have a great experience. As per the plan the youth will be accommodated in catholic families in an around Christ College.

- Rev Fr. Christhu Raj Nilagal, Secretary for Youth Commission

Commission for Social Communication will organise Media Awareness programmes on the following dates:

- 2nd July Premanjali School, Ujini and Deepalaya school, Santhpur
 5th July Helen's High Schools and PU , chincholli
 9th July Divyajyothi School, Bhalki
 16th July Bethany School, Humnabad

Requesting the HM and Principals to organize the classes accordingly.

Rev Fr. Roshan D’Souza, Secretary for the Social Communication

Evangelisation Commission: A) MCA Animators training for Gulbarga deanery on Saturday 9th at 2pm in the Cathedral premises. B) Lay Evangizers meeting of Bidar deanery on Sunday 16th at 10 am in Bhalki.

Fr. Gerald Sagar, Secretary

Justice and Peace Commission: On 25th July all the Core Group members of Peace and Justice will come together at Kawdial and pray and reflect and evolve a plan for the commission.

Fr George Lobo, Secretary

Women Commission: From Women's commission 2 trainings in July

9th July ORBIT, and 23rd July Sugyan. Theme - Gender Policy of the Catholic Church

Sr. Nancy FMM, Secretary.

DPP Coordinator’s Message: Once again I remind the Commission Secretaries to go through the Year Plan of the diocese and plan well for your Commission. Your service means much for the diocese in implementing the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Please send me the soft copy of the Plan for your commission.

Happy Birthday

Date	Birthday Babies	Date	Birthday Babies
1	Fr. Arun Lobo SJ, Vijayapura	16	Sr. Adrian SRA, Santhpur
4	Sr. Asha Deep Soreng SSpS, Ekamba	19	Sr. Gracy Ulahannan SSA, Wadi
6	Sr. Sandra Maria BS, Chittapur	22	Sr. Prashanthi Monis SRA, Ujini
7	Fr. Anil Crasta, Ekamba	24	Sr Patsy D Souza SCCG, Kalaburagi
9	Sr. Rosin SAB, Aland	26	Sr. Esther Rani JMJ, Vijayapura
10	Sr. Joanna Coelho SCCG, Talikote	27	Sr. Sunitha D’souza SCB, Hulsoor
11	Sr. Anupama CSST, Shahabad	27	Sr. Anita Harnodkar SHM, Sedam
11	Sr. Berna SMMI, Talmadige	27	Sr. Mary Josphin SCB, Hulsoor
12	Sr. Sylvia Sequeira SRA, Ujini	29	Fr. Sachin Christi, Ujini
16	Fr. A Jim Jose SDB, Yadgir	31	Sr. Shareena BS, Humnabad

Bishop's Programme for the month of July

1	GB Meeting ORBIT/ Sevasangam
3	Ruby Jubilee Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Bidar
5-8	KRCBC Meeting
10-11	Pastoral Visit- Santpur Mission
13 (10 am)	Council of Priest's Meeting
(3 pm)	Consultor's Meeting
14	Clergy Recollection
16	Mass at Mt. Carmel (Shahabad School)
17-18	Pastoral Visit- Talmadgi Mission
20	Visist to Bhalki – School Village Visit – Nideban
21	Visit to Bidar Schools
22	Visit to Chincholi Mission
24	Mass at St. Ann's Church (Feast), Bijapur
25	Blessing of the Holy Cross Convent, Zalki

Yours in the Lord,



† **Robert Miranda**
Bishop of Gulbarga

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Bishop's House

In the News:

- We've started Sacred Heart Apostolic School at our Minor Seminary on 1st of June 2022. Let's pray that these little boys may one day become the Lord's Anointed Ones serving this diocese as priests. We wish all the best to Fr. David D'Souza and Students.
- Sankalpa Study Home (For Girls and Boys) was inaugurated At Sugyan on 2nd June. It's a program aimed at promoting the clever children to Civil Services. We hope and pray these children may one day enter into Civil Services and be the Light of Christ in the world. All the best to Fr. Steevan P Veigas as the coordinator of this Programme.
- The Mission Orientation Programme this year was organized Deanery wise. For Bidar Deanery it was on Saturday 11th at Yesu Nilaya, Bhalki, for Gulbarga Deanery, on Sunday 12th at Sugyan, and for Vijayapura Deanery on Sunday 19th at St. Ann Church Vijayapura. Very Rev. Fr. Praveen D'Souza, Provincial Superior of the Congregation of Franciscans was the resource person of the day on 11th and 12th. I thank all the Parish Priests, Deans, the Mission Directors and the Superiors of the Religious houses for attending this programme.
- Mission Orientation Program for the newcomers (Priests, Sisters, and Brothers) to Bidar Deanery was held at Sacred Heart Church, Bidar, on Thursday 16 June 2022. The Bishop described the growth of the Diocese from its very inception. . Rev Fr. Stany Lobo, Vicar General gave insight into the pastoral plan of the diocese. Fr Gerald Sagar insisted on

knowing the people and their culture in order to serve as better missionaries. Fr Clary D'Souza shared on the essence of the mission and our dynamics.

- Young Students Movement (YSM) Animators and Leaders' Training: took place at Sugyan, the Diocesan Pastoral Centre at Kotnoor on 24 – 25 June 2022. 98 YSM students and 20 animators were introduced to the essence and purpose of the YSM in schools. A number of sessions were given by eminent resource persons for both students and animators, including icebreakers, games, and action songs. Fr Anil D'Sa, Youth Director of the Archdiocese of Bangalore and Asian Chaplin for YCS/YSM, and Rev Fr. Christuraj SDB, the diocesan youth director were the resource persons for the event. At the inaugural session the Bishop encouraged the students to participate actively in studies, in YSM and all other extra-curricular activities in the school.
- Decennial Celebration of Muchalamba Mission: St. Joseph the Worker Church, Muchalamba celebrated its 20th Anniversary of the Mission Centre on 26 June 2022 with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Bishop, concelebrated by Fr. Mark Dsouza SAC, the Director, Rev. Prashant Kumar, the Assistant Director, Fr. Victor Martis, the Provincial Consultor, and Fr. Carlos Luis, the Mission Secretary of ABVM Province of the Pallottines and a good number of the deanery priests and religious. In memory of the event, Sadbhavana Vedike- St. Joseph's Cultural Programm Stage was inaugurated by Fr Victor Martis, the Provincial Consultor and Blessed by the Bishop. During the stage programme the people who built the stage were honored. The bishop congratulated Fr Mark, the Director. He also explained and reminded the people of the work put in by the missionaries in the past 20 years and urged the people to be grateful to God for them. In his speech he remembered with gratitude Fr Victor Machado, Fr. Joseph Rodrigues and other who worked hard for the growth of this mission. He also wished that the Mission Centre would continue to do many good works in the future too.
- The Mother of Divine Grace Cathedral, Gulbarga, celebrated the parish Feast and the 9th anniversary of dedication of the Cathedral on Sunday, 26 June 2022. The Vicar General of Gulbarga Diocese, Mons. Stany Lobo celebrated Holy Eucharist and preached the Word of God. Priests, Sisters, and Faithful from Gulbarga Deanery were present in good number. Food was served to everyone as part of the celebration.

A grand parent is one who strengthens you with prayer, blesses you with love and encourages you with hope.



Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try.

FAILURE
SUCCESS

