



# DIOCESE OF GULBARGA

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**Popes intention for the Month:** We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Dear Rev Fathers, Sisters and Lay faithful, Jai Christ!

I take this opportunity to wish you all my dear Brother Priests a very Happy Feast of our Patron St. John Marie Vianney. I feel happy to see you my brother priests working with great devotion and commitment in various parishes, missions and institutions, and I believe you carry a great sense of fulfillment. Thank you for your selfless service which has made our diocese a vibrant Mission Diocese. I also thank God for all the Religious women who are collaborating with us. I pray for each one of you that you may always experience the Joy and peace everyday of your life. Inspired by St. John Marie Vianney and patron, let us work for our people and pray for their conversion. Set the people's hearts aflame through hearing confessions, preaching, devoutly celebrating the Eucharist, visiting families, organizing catechism classes for children etc. I wish the Sisters and PPC members will organize people to greet their parish priests on that day 4<sup>th</sup> of August or on the nearest Sunday.

### **Important Programmes in the Month of August:**

Aug 4, 6-7- Recollection / Review at Bhalki, Kalaburagi and Vijayapura.

Aug 9 - Training Pgm - BEC & Communication and Mass Media for Priests & Religious

Aug 18 - Anniversary – Diocese / Bishop's Episcopal Ordination.

Aug 20 - (9:30) Seminar on NEP for all HMs/Managers, General Body Meeting (2:30pm)

Aug 27 - Sannidhi Programme for Youth at Kawdial

Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting: The Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on August 13 Saturday at 2.30 P.M. All the Members elected, nominated and ex-officio are expected to be present for the meeting.

Clergy Recollection: The Clergy Recollection will be organized on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> Those who are not able to reach on 31<sup>st</sup> morning by 9:30am, are welcome to come on the previous day that is August 30 to Sugyan in the evening. Rev Fr Francis Menezes SJ, the Mission Superior of Vijayapura Deanery has kindly consented to be the resource person.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15th August): The Whole Church is in praise of the Creator for the Glorious Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary was preserved from the stain of sin at her birth and in life she fulfilled her mission faithfully. God was pleased to receive her into Heaven Body and Soul and crown her as Queen of Heaven and Earth. This feast of our Lady makes us aware of the challenges of our Christian life and invites us to faithfully carry out God's plan in our life. Let us seek the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary in our day to day life and remain blessed.

75<sup>th</sup> Independence of our Country (15<sup>th</sup> August): We are completing 75 years of Independence of our Nation. We are all proud of this great freedom moment for which thousands of people sacrificed their precious lives. Today our country is passing through a difficult phase. The Secular fabric of our country is at stake. Life of common people has been hit by price rise, unemployment, corruption and insecurity. Let the celebration of this great Event make us committed to strengthen our relationship with people of all faiths to work for unity and prosperity of the country. I suggest as proposed by the Forum for Peace and Inter-religious Peace and Harmony. We display a banner of all great leaders who fought for the Independence of the country in all our mission centres, parishes and institutions. We will send you the design of digital banner to your Whatsapp No.

Anniversary of the Diocese (18<sup>th</sup> August): Our Diocese will be completing 17 years on 18<sup>th</sup> August, the day the diocese was formally inaugurated. The Lord has blessed this diocese. Let us all joyously continue to serve the mission and help our people grow in faith. It is also the day of my Episcopal Ordination. I gratefully acknowledge the support and cooperation of yours at all times during the past 17 years. Do pray for me that I may continue to guide and serve this mission diocese according to God's will.

Justice Sunday (21<sup>st</sup> August): We are aware, our brethren belonging to SC/ST and minority groups suffer injustice everyday of their life. Let this Sunday celebration remind us of our responsibility to alleviate their suffering and work for Justice in our society particularly for the SCST and minority groups in the society.

Seminar on Basic Ecclesial Communities and Communication: In order to get to know the dynamics and importance of BEC, full day training programme for all priests and religious (Superiors) is organized at Cathedral on 9<sup>th</sup> August. I earnestly request all the priests and Superior of communities to attend this programme as we would be getting very valuable information/training on the use of Mass Media in our pastoral work and also the latest update on BEC's trainings which is very essential in our parish/mission life. Fr Joachim Fernandes and Rev Fr Sudeep MSFS the Regional Secretary for Social Communications will animate the programme.

### **COMMISSIONS SPEAK:**

#### Education Commission

Seminar on New Education Policy (NEP) and Preparedness : A Seminar on NEP and preparedness will be held at Sugyan - Diocesan Pastoral Centre on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 9:30am. All the HM's, Principals and Managers of Schools run by the Diocese and the Religious are expected to be present. Fr. Assisi D' Almieda, the Regional Secretary of Education Commission will enlighten us on NEP and our preparedness. He will also answer our problems on department requirements. Please do not miss the programme

- Fr. Steevan Veigas, Secretary, Education Commission.

#### Youth Commission

1. Youth Cross Journey: As part of the Regional Youth Convention, We will be receiving the Cross on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August at the Cathedral Parish. The Cross will also be taken to a few places like Kaudiyal, Sacred Heart Church, Bidar etc, I request you send the president of the ICYM unit from your parish/mission for this special programme. If you feel that the welcoming the Cross into your Parish/Mission will help the youth, we will be happy to carry the cross to your parish also. Please let me know the date, and we will arrange accordingly.

2. National Youth Sunday will be celebrated on 14th August 2022. Please do organize some special programme for the youth to mark this day. As said above, to mark this day, the journey of Cross will be inaugurated at the Cathedral, Gulbarga.
3. Sannidhi -Night Vigil Service for the youth will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at Kaudiyal. Please encourage the youth to participate in this programme. The service begins at 6.00 pm on 27<sup>th</sup> evening and concludes by 6.00 am the following morning (28<sup>th</sup>).
4. Bible Quiz: Bible quiz will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Four from each center can participate in the quiz competition. First Prize : Rs. 6,000/- Second Prize : 3,000/- and two consolation Prize : Rs. 1000/-
5. Training Programme for Youth Animators: will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Please mark the date. Fr. Gilbert Choodal SDB will be the resource person.

- Fr. Nilagal Christuraj SDB, Secretary, Youth Commission

Family Commission: is organizing PRE-CANA Programme on September 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> at ORBIT (from 9:30am 6<sup>th</sup> to 4:30pm on 7<sup>th</sup>). Please announce the same in your parish and let me know the number of candidates from your Parish/Center for the course.

-Fr Lawrence Arun, Secretary for the Family Commission

Prison Ministry: Prison Ministry Sunday is celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> of August. Special liturgy will be sent to you in advance. Please note, the Core committee Members of the Prison Ministry Commission will have a meeting at Cathedral Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> August at 3 p.m. Please be present. Thanks to you all the prison Ministry Volunteers, Priests and Religious for your excellent work.


-Sr. Assumpta B.S, Coordinator, Prison Ministry

Commission for Social Communication: will organise Media Awareness programmes and talks on the following dates. I request the HMs or those in-charge to organize the classes accordingly: 06 -Gyana Priya High school, Basavakalyan, 17- Secred Heart School, Talikote, 18 - St Alphonsa School, Hebbal K, 19 Prerana High school, Shorapur, 20 - St. Peter's School 26 Anugraha High school, Halbarga

### Bishop's Programme in August 2022

- 2 - KUCF Meeting.
- 3 - Inter religious Forum meeting.
- 7 - Visit to Yadgir Mission
- 8 - Visit to Shahapur School
- 9 - Seminar on BEC and Communication for Priests and Religious.
- 11 - Visit of the General Superior / Provincial UFS
- 12 - GDES – Governing Body Meeting.
- 13 - Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting.
- 14 - Youth Sunday- Cathedral, Gulbarga.
- 15 - Independence Day.
- 17 - Regional Meeting, B'lore – Proclamation Commission.
- 18 - Anniversary of the Diocese/Episcopal Ordination.
- 20 - GDES – General Body Meeting.
- 21-22 - Pastoral Visit – Santpur.
- 28-29 Pastoral Visit – Shahabad Parish.

Kripalaya – Bishop's House  
Date 1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2022

  
† **Robert Miranda**  
Bishop of Gulbarga

Episcopal Ordination Anniversary: we the Clergy, Religious and the Faithful assure our dear bishop our prayers. The Lord may bless him with good health, peace and joy. Bishop will offer thanks giving Eucharist on 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Cathedral.

-Rev. Fr. Stany Lobo, Vicar General, Gulbarga Diocese

### **Necrology:**

- Sylvester Crasta, (88 years), beloved father of Fr Robert Crasta, Director of Talikote Mission passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> July.
  - Mr Chowrappa (age 80) beloved Father of Sr. Maria SAB, Shahabad, passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> July May the Lord grant them a place in his heavenly abode.
- Hearty condolences to Fr Robert Crasta, Sr. Maria SAB and all the members of the bereaved families.

### **In the News:**

- Media Awareness Program For High School Students: Commission for Social Communication organized an awareness program on Social Media for High School and PUC students on 1<sup>st</sup> July at Premanjali School, Ujini and Deepalaya School, Santhpur. Fr Clevan Gomes and Fr Roshan D'Souza conducted this programme. Students and Staff attentively participated and benefited from the programme.
- MCA (Missionary Childhood Association) Animator's Training Program at Bhalki (30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.): Bishop Robert Miranda and Fr Gerald Sagar, the director of MCA were the resource persons of the day who shared the information on History of MCA, the role of the MCA Animators, and suggested some practical activities for the year 2022-23. There were 57 participants actively took part in the session. Similar training was also held at Gulbarga deanery.
- Ruby Jubilee Celebration of Bidar Mission at St. Joseph's Church, Bidar (4<sup>th</sup> July): Ruby Jubilee celebration began thanking the Lord for all the blessings received before the Eucharist, followed by the Solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by the Bishop. There was also a stage programme held at St. Joseph Church community Hall during which he growth of the Bidar Mission was displayed by a PPT. Several dignitaries of the city graced the event. The first families who assisted the mission in the initial stage in 1982 and thereafter were honored in the presence of a large gathering. Fr Wilson Fernandes the Parish Priest, and the Team organized the event meaningfully.
- Awareness Program on Gender Policy of the Catholic Church at ORBIT (9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July): Women Commission organized an orientation and awareness program on Gender Policy of the Catholic Church at ORBIT, Humnabad and Cathedral. Bishop Robert Miranda spoke on the Gender Policy of the church and explained the Vission, Mission, and Objectives of the Women Commission in the Diocese. Similar programme was also held at the Gulbarga deanery.
- The Deanery Level Pastoral Council Meetings at Vijayapura, Gulbarga and Bhalki (10<sup>th</sup> July): The Deanery Level Pastoral Councils met on the 10 July 2022 at three places: Bidar, Gulbarga and Vijayapura. The Deans moderated the meeting with a agenda: Lay leadership and Parish Pastoral Plans as expressed in the Synodal Meetings. There was good response and participation by the members from all parishes.
- Lay Evangelizers Meet at Bhalki (17<sup>th</sup> July): Lay Evangelizers training programme was organized at Yesu Nilaya, Bhalki for the purpose of sharing mission experiences and services of Lay Evangelisers in the Church. Fr Gerald Sagar, the Commission Secretary

and Fr George Lobo, Director of Kristahram, Kaudiyal, guided the Lay Evangelizers to share the experiences which mutually strengthened them to carry out the mission more effectively. 24 Lay Evangelizers participated.

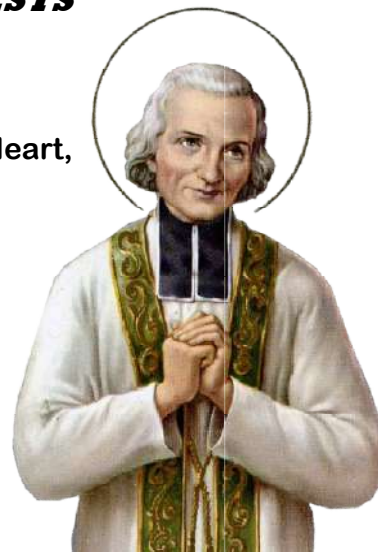
- Deanery Level Training Program on Basic Ecclesial Community (16-17<sup>th</sup> July):\_Deanery-level training on the Basic Ecclesial Communities was held in Gulbarga and Bijapur, respectively, on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July. The Regional Secretary of BEC, Rev Fr George Vincent Lobo, provided insight into the topic. Fr. Santhosh Dais Dean of the Gulbarga Deanery and St Ann Church Parish Priest Rev Fr James SJ delivered Inaugural Messages.
- ICYM office bearers training at Sugyan (17<sup>th</sup> July): was held at Sugyan - the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Rev Fr Robert Rodrigues SJ from St Xavier Institute, Sirnoor was the resource person of the day. Youth members had a good interactive session. Fr Kristu Raj SDB, the Youth Director guided the youth office bearers and facilitated the whole programme. Over 40 ICYM leaders participated in the day long programme.
- Capacity Building Program for Youth (22-24<sup>th</sup> July): The Indian Social Institute, Bangalore Team and Youth Commission organized three days capacity building and training for our Youth from 22-24 July. In all, 33 Youth from different places attended this program at Sugyan - Pastoral Centre of the Diocese. This program has empowered our youth to develop an analytical mind towards various issues that are affecting our society today. The ISI Unit Director Rev Fr Balaraj S.J, Mr Shujayathulla and Mr Manohar were the resource persons. The Youth Director Fr Nilagal Christu Raj SDB facilitated the program on all the three days. We appreciate our youth who actively took part in the program. All the youth appreciated the programme.
- The Inauguration and Blessing of the new Convent building of the Holy Cross Sisters cum Children's Home at Zalki, Vijayapura took place on 25 July. Bishop Robert Miranda blessed the building and offered the thanksgiving Eucharist, He appreciated the generous services of the Holy Cross Sisters very specially among the differently able children in the past four years under very difficult circumstances. The Jesuit Mission Superior Rev Fr Francis Menezes S.J preached a meaningful homily. Thanks to Sr Neeta Alva the Superior and her team for their tireless loving service to the differently able children. Now they have a home of their own. May God bless their mission work.
- Feast of St Anne Parish Vijayapura (24<sup>th</sup> July): The Annual feast was celebrated at St Anne Church Vijayapura. The Bishop presided over the Eucharistic Celebration and administered the sacrament of Confirmation. Priests and Religious of the deanery were present in good number. The Vijayapura Mission team expressed gratitude to the Bishop and all others. Thanks to Mission Superior Fr Francis Menezes S.J and Parish Priest Fr James Gonsalves S.J and the PPC for organizing the programme so well.
- Feast of St Anne Church Wadi (26<sup>th</sup> July): The annual feast of Wadi Church was celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> July. Fr Roshan D'Souza Parish Priest took all the initiatives to celebrate the Feast in a very meaningful manner. He organized two days retreat for the parish community. Thanks to the Parish Priest and the Team members there.
- Feast of St. Alphonsa at Hebbal Mission (28<sup>th</sup> July) was celebrated meaningfully on 28<sup>th</sup> July. The Bishop presided at the Eucharistic Celebration and preached a meaningful homily. The mission completes 10 years this year. The priests and sisters from the neighboring parishes were present. Thanks to Fr. Deepak and Team for their great contribution to the mission.
- Feast of Shahapur Mission was solemnly celebrated on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June on the feast of St. Peter and Paul the Apostles

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU DEAR FATHERS AND SISTERS

DATE	NAMES	DATE	NAMES
2	Fr Anand Prabhu SJ, Gulbarga	19	Sr. Susheela SAB, Aland
2	Sr. Anita Shanti BS, Chittapur	19	Fr. Stany Govias, Shahabad
3	Sr. Jevita Pais UFS, Vijayapura	20	Sr. Beena Yallurkar SCCG, Talikote
4	Sr. Maria Reetha AC, Bidar	20	Sr. Vijaya Joseph SCCG, Kankal
4	Sr Sangita Soreng SSpS, Ekamba	22	Sr. Veronica G UFS, Vijayapura
6	Fr. Keezhathan Sebastian SDB, Yadgir	23	Sr. Jayashree BS
8	Sr. Leera Mondonca SCCG, Kankal	24	Sr. Vincy SMMI, Thalmadige
8	Sr Graacy Vegias UFS, Sindagi	26	Fr. David, Kamalnagar
9	Fr. David D'Souza	26	Fr. Lwarence Arun, Santhpur
13	Sr. Benigna BS, Gulbarga	28	Sr. Avelin Souz BS, Chittapur
13	Sr. Helen Misquith RNDM, Santhpur	27	Sr. Binita Soreng RNDM, Santhpur
15	Sr. Assumpta BS, Gulbarga	28	Sr. Ashly DSS, Halbarga
15	Fr. Roshan Dsouza, CSC, Afzalpur	28	Sr. Leena Bennis BS, Humnabad
15	Sr. Reema SRA, Santhpur	31	Fr. James Gonsalvez SJ, Vijayapura
18	Fr. Aloysius Santiago	31	Sr. Angeline Sequeira
18	Fr. Clary D'Souza, Bhalki		

### ***A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS***

O Jesus, eternal Priest,  
keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart,  
where none may touch them.  
Keep unstained their anointed hands,  
which daily touch Your Sacred Body.  
Keep unsullied their lips,  
daily purpled with your Precious Blood.  
Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,  
sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.  
Let Your holy love surround them and  
shield them from the world's contagion.  
Bless their labors with abundant fruit and  
may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in  
heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.



*Prayer is to our soul what rain is to the soil. Fertilize the soil ever so richly, it will remain barren unless fed by frequent rains.*

**-ST. JOHN MARIE VIANNEY**

***Happy Feast to you dear Brother Priests, Thank you for your cooperation,  
your Commitment and Service to the Lord and the Community.***