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**PAPAL INTENTION:** For a Church open to everyone: We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in Preaching the Gospel. May the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of Synodality.

Dear Brother Priests, Sisters and Lay Faithful, Jai Christ!

The National Director of Pontifical Mission Society in his letter says: “This year’s MISSION SUNDAY is very special because of various jubilees: We celebrate the Quadricentennial (400th Anniversary) of the foundation of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples; the Bicentenary of the founding of the Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of the Faith (POPF); and the Centenary of the “Pontifical” designation of three of the four Pontifical Mission Societies (The Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of the Faith, The Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood & The Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle). This is also the year that the Church beatified our beloved foundress, Blessed Pauline Marie Jaricot in Lyon, France this past May 22nd. These milestones are great incentives for all of us to continue with renewed zeal and commitment in missionary animation and financial support. The Holy Father’s message for the World Mission Day 2022 with the chosen theme, reminds us of our joyful mission commitment: YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES (Acts 1:8). Pope reflects on three key phrases, namely -

- ‘You shall be my witnesses,’ - The call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ;
- the ends of the earth,’ - The perennial relevance of a mission of universal evangelization;
- ‘You will receive power’ from the Holy Spirit – The significance of being strengthened and guided by the Spirit.

We request you dear Fathers, Sisters and Lay Brethren, for a more meaningful and creative celebration of this world event in our parishes and institutions, to ignite the spirit of mission in all our people. Let it help us not to forget the baptismal commitment towards Missionary Charity through prayers and generous contribution to the Universal Solidarity Fund, as is needed for our Mission and the World Mission. At this juncture, let us also pray for the International PMS that supports our diocese for its maintenance.

Jathra Utsav 2022 and Ruby Jubilee of Bidar Mission: Due to unavoidable reasons we have anticipated our Jathra Utsav to 4-6 November 2022. I am glad various committees of the Jathra are working on full swing and getting ready for the Jubilee Event. Please don’t take a chance in all your preparations. Let all things go on beautifully well and make it a memorable event for all who participate in this mission festival. Please be ready to help the various committees, particularly in organizing spiritual activities like confessions, praying over people and counseling. A separate Circular is issued on Jathra Utsav attached to this Circular. Please read it out to people during Sunday Announcements.

You are aware, to mark the Ruby Jubilee we will be publishing a Souvenir containing articles of information on all the Parishes, Missions, Communities and Institutions in the Diocese. The Souvenir Committee has started functioning under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Santhosh Baapu. (9448790575). I request you prepare your article (one or two pages only) about your mission centre or institution and submit it as soon as possible. Your articles must contain the vision, mission statements, the beginning and growth and the ministry at present at your Parish, Mission, Institution or Community with necessary Statistics, dates and photographs of persons who toiled , of the institutions and activities. Kindly send the soft copies of the articles along with photos to the email: [sinchanamonthly@gmail.com](mailto:sinchanamonthly@gmail.com). Those of you in Vijayapura Deanery are requested to send the articles and photos to Sr Irene Tauro, Talikote. (Cell 9108677539 email: [ictauro62@gmail.com](mailto:ictauro62@gmail.com)). Kindly submit the articles and photos as early as possible, latest by mid-October 2022. You are also welcome to write articles about your mission life and experience.

On behalf of the Souvenir committee, I request all the institutions to sponsor a page of Advertisement paying a minimum of Rs. Five Thousand to the following Account.

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This would help the Souvenir publication. Please be generous.

I hope by now you have received the Jathra prayer and handbill for Jathra-Utsav 22. Please introduce and pray this Prayer after communion at Sunday Mass. For the time being until Jathra gets over, we'll stop praying the prayer for the Synod. We'll resume it after the Jathra. There will be a digital visual presentation on the Journey of our Diocese at the Jathra Utsav. Fr. Roshan D' Souza, Secretary of the Commission for Communication will do the needful in this regard. Please cooperate.

[October month dedicated to Mary, our Lady of Rosary:](#) Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she". Pope Francis has invited all the faithful to recite the Holy Rosary, that "sweet chain that links heaven and earth", during the month of October. The Rosary stands revealed as a dynamic teacher and nurturer of Christian faith, morality, and spiritual perfection, fostering in various ways faith, hope, charity, and other virtues, and mediating special graces, all to the end that we may become more and more like unto Christ. Kindly promote prayer of Rosary in the church and families.

I am glad, Kristashrama, Kaudiyal, is holding **Japasarotsava** during the month of October reciting over 500 Rosaries. Kindly encourage people to attend. People are invited to send prayer intentions to the Director. I urge you to join the Team at Christashrama along with your people and make **Japasarotsava** a great faith experience for our people!

[Jeevan Jyothi Camp:](#) Jeevan Jyothi camp will be organized at Bhalki on 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> October for the students of 10<sup>th</sup> and PUC. Please encourage our catholic students of Std X, PUC I & II to attend this camp. It is an important camp where we motivate our students to take Jesus as their life partner, guide, Lord and Savior. Parish Priests, please see that all your students participate in it. The certificate they are given in this camp is a very important document required in all the future needs.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Preparation: A Gentle reminder to all Parish Priests to make use of the October *Dasara* Holidays to prepare children for the first Holy Communion. Also, you may please make use of *Diwali* Holidays (4 full days) for preparing children for Confirmation.

Communion distribution: As our people do not seem to receive Holy Communion with clean hands and proper devotion, and also to avoid non-catholics receiving the Communion, I request the priests to revert back to our former custom of serving the Holy Communion on the tongue. Thank God, Corona is over. All people, including the Sisters, should receive Holy Communion devoutly on the tongue as before. Priests are not permitted to administer communion in both species.

Deanery Recollection/Review is to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> for Vijayapura Deanery, on 6<sup>th</sup> at Bhalki for Bidar Deanery and on 8<sup>th</sup> for Gulbarga Deanery at the Cathedral,

Feast of St Theresa of the Child Jesus, the Little Flower, Patroness of the Missions, (Oct1): From a very young age little Therese had a great desire and zeal for the missions. Her physical life on earth was anchored to the cloister, but her missionary heart was burning with zeal for souls in the distant mission lands. The Church honours her today as the Patroness of the missionaries. Let us imitate her zeal for the missions and also teach our children to be little missionaries like her.

Gandhi Jayanthi – a Day of Prayer for the Nation, 2<sup>nd</sup> October: On this day as we pay our respect to the Father of the Nation, the Great Soul(Mahatma) of our country, his invaluable contribution to India's freedom through the path-breaking principle of Ahimsa. Mahatma Gandhi was just not the Father of our Nation, but an inspiration and motivation to the entire world. As we remember him today let us pray Peace and Harmony in India. *The United Christian Prayer for India (UCPI)* invites all of us to hold a Inter-denominational Prayer meeting inviting local officials and leaders on this day of National importance.

#### **COMMISSIONS SPEAK:**

Review of DPP: Secretaries, kindly submit your half yearly Report. We have the Diocesan Pastoral Plan Review on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Kindly submit the soft copy of your commission's half yearly report by 10<sup>th</sup> October to: [vicargeneralglb@gmail.com](mailto:vicargeneralglb@gmail.com)

Rev. Fr Stany Lobo, Coordinator for DPP.

Women Commission: On 23rd October training on Women Rights at Shahabad Parish  
- Sr. Nancy Lobo FMM, Secretary for Women Commission.

Basic Ecclesial Communities: There is an Immersion Program of BEC on 17 – 21 October at KRPC/KROSS, Bangalore. It's a residential program in Kannada open to Priests, religious and the Laity. Those who are willing to take part, please contact me. - Fr. Clary, Secretary for BEC

#### Youth Commission:

Jeevan Jyothi camp for the catholic students of Std X, PUC I & II: will be held on 7 – 9Oct 2022 at Bhalki. All are expected to reach the venue with all personal belongings such as blanket, towel, soap, tooth paste, brush etc, a note book and pen by 6.00p.m on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. Parish Priest, please send the list of candidates attending by 5<sup>th</sup> October. It is good one of you accompany the children to Bhalki.

Regional Youth Convention (22 - 25): will take place at Christ College, Bangalore on 22-25<sup>th</sup> October with the theme: *SPRINGS – Called to be free, to Grow and to Serve*. I request the Parish Priests/ Mission Directors to register the names of only the active ICYM members. Participants will bear all the expenses except one way train fare. Expenses: Registration fees: Rs.500/- and one way train fare.

Volleyball and Throw Ball Tournament: On the occasion of Bhalki Jathra, Volleyball and Throw Ball tournaments are organized in Zones. Please prepare your teams. Semifinals and Finals will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> October at Bhalki.

Volunteers for Bhalki Jathra: We require around 60 volunteers for the Jathra. So I request each Mission to send at least 5 youth for this service. They should be available for two days of the celebration. To facilitate their involvement, a training programme will be organized on 30<sup>th</sup> October at Bhalki.

Soft Skill Training(Computer basics, spoken English): Three month skill training programme is organized by Don Bosco at Bangalore. It is a free training - only they will have to pay Rs.1000/- for food and lodging and the travel expenses. If you find deserving youth(Boys and Girls), we'll try to get concession even for hostel fees. Course begins on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

ICYM Registration Forms: Some Parishes/Mission Centers have started submitting the forms. I request you to submit the photocopy, keeping the original in the Parish Office. Also, I request all the Parish Priests to organize a full day of animation programme for the Youth in the Parish before December 2022. I will be happy to facilitate the program with resource persons.

- Fr. Christuraj SDB, Secretary for the commission for Youth.


Prison Ministry of India will hold the 6<sup>th</sup> State Conference on Prison Ministry on the Theme: Reform to Re-integrate “-Be mindful of prisoners, as if you were with them in chains and the same for those who are suffering (Hebrews 13:3) at SANNIDHI, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Shimoga. on 4 - 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Those of you willing to participate please contact the Secretary.

- Sr. Asumpta B.S. Secretary for Prison Ministry

### **Bishop's Programme - October 2022**

1	KUCF Meeting Gulbarga
5	GDES – GB Meeting at 3:00 pm
7-8	Jeevan Jyothi Camp, Jathra Meeting
13	New Priest's gathering at Kripalaya
14	DPP Review
15	Programme for Novices of St Joseph Shamberi Sisters
16-17	Pastoral Visit Cathedral Parish
19-20	Village Visits – Alur,Borgi, Laxmi Nagar, Mahraj Wadi Kandugol
22-23	Regional Youth Convention.

Kripalaya, Bishop's House  
01-10-2022

  
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### Obituary:

Mr. Havappa father of Sr. Jyothi SRA Ujini church passed away on 15<sup>th</sup> November. May his Soul rest in Peace! Hearty condolence to the family.

### In the News:

- [Feast of St Mother Theresa, the patroness of ORBIT](#), a Blood Donation Camp was organized at ORBIT, Humnabad on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022. Fr. Stany Lobo Vicar General of Gulbarga Diocese, Mr Rajshekar D Patil MLA Humnabad, Mr. Rahim khan MLA Bidar. Mr. Manjunath Panchal, Dr. Nagnath CMO of Humnabad and Sr. Leena ICYM Coordinator, Dr. Sathish, Blood Bank Bidar, Mr. Laxman Rambulla, former District Minister of Bidar and Mr. Siddrama were present on this occasion. Thanks to Fr. Victor Vas and Team.
- [Feast of St Theresa of Kolkota at Mother Theresa Hospital](#) was meaningfully celebrated with several Doctors, Humanitarian Foundations, Medical and Health Personnel coming together at Mother Theresa Charitable Hospital, Gulbarga on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Free physiotherapy treatment (by Dr Swapna Patil), Care of wounds and Spinal injuries (Good Sam foundation Mr. David and team) Early Cancer detection (Dr Kulkarni and team through PVV trust) were held for the benefit of the poor people. Thanks to Fr Vincent Pereira, Director MTCH and Team.
- [All Karnataka United Christian Forum for Human Rights – N.E. Zone held seminars on Anti-Conversion Law](#) for all Priests, Pastors, and Religious of Bidar, Gulbarga, and Yadgir on 16-18<sup>th</sup> Sept. Rev Fr Francis Assisi D' Almeida, an Advocate and Regional Secretary for Education Commission was the resource person who was well appreciated by all the participants of the day. Bishop Robert in his presidential address spoke on the urgency of unity among all churches at this critical juncture.
- [NUDINAMANA Programme](#): In loving memory of late Rev. Fr Benjamin D'Souza NUDINAMANA Programme was held at Satyanubhava Centre, Basavakalyan on 19<sup>th</sup> September under the leadership of Fr George Lobo, Director, assisted by Fr Clary, Mr Arjun Kanak, Fr Sagar and B. Kalyan team members. A short documentary film was displayed on the life of Fr Benjamin. Thereafter, a good number of religious and other prominent leaders of other faiths expressed their love and deep sentiments on losing a dedicated soul in Society, the founder of Satyanubhava Centre, Basava Kalyan.
- [Parish Family Cell training](#) was successfully held at the Cathedral and Bhalki mission on 24-25 September 2022 by the Family Commission. Mr Leslie Arauz, the Regional Deputy Secretary of the Family Commission was the resource person in both places who spoke on the importance of family cells in the Parish. Bishop in his introductory remarks spoke on family as the church in miniature and requested Parishes to begin the family cell apostolate. Fr Lawrence Arun, Family Commission Secretary organized the event beautifully.
- [Congratulation to Fr. Santhosh Dias](#) on his appointment as the Rotary District Chief Secretary for the year 2023-24 for the Rotary District 3160 which consists 12 revenue Districts of Karnataka and Telangana. Congratulations to you Fr. Santhosh.
- [Blessing of Infant Jesus Chapel, Horandi village, Kamal Nagar](#): Great moment of Joy for our people on 20<sup>th</sup> September as they are blessed with New Chapel. Bishop Robert Miranda blessed the Chapel in the presence of a large gathering and prominent people in the village. Thanks a lot for our generous donors in the Good Will Mission Group. We acknowledge and appreciate the love that you have for the Mission. We appreciate the hard work of Fr David and the Team.



- [Blessing of the the newly built St Mary Hospital, Jewargi](#): The newly built St Mary Hospital was blessed and inaugurated by Bishop Robert at Jewargi town on 24<sup>th</sup> November in the presence Bro Ravi, the Superior General, Bro Bhagyanathen, the Provincial Superior and other Brothers of the Sacred Heart Brothers' Congregation. May the new Hospital bring healing and consolation to all the suffering brothers and sisters in and around Jewargi town.
- [Sacred Heart Church, Bidar declared an Independent \(Quasi\)Parish](#): The Bishop declared the Sacred Heart Church as a independent Quasi Parish during the Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. Hearty Congratulations to all the parishioners at the Sacred Heart Church as their long felt need has been fulfilled. Thanks to all who worked for it, especially Fr. Wilson and St. Joseph Parish, Bidar. All the best to Fr. John Paul, the new PP and his Team.
- [Inauguration of Bidar Catholic Association](#): took place on this day Sept 25<sup>th</sup> with a good motivational talk by Fr Santhosh Dias and the Bishop speaking on the Memorandum and By laws of the Association to be formed. Besides a number of priests 58 lay leaders from all over Bidar were present. The members present were unanimous on their decision to form an association. The following office bearers were elected: Mr. Suresh Jamgi - President, Mrs Shanta Sunder -Vice president, Mrs Jhansi Sunil - Secretary, Yohan- deputy Sec, Mr Praveen Paul - Treasurer, Ms Glory Sam-Deputy Treasurer, Mrs Rekha Santpur, Mr Balaji Bhalki, Mr Mahadev Muchalamb, Ms Rebecca Ujini, - as the Executive Body members, Fr Wilson - Advisor. Hearty congratulations to all. All the Best to our Lay people especially to the elected office bearers.
- [Blessing of the First Carmelite Monastery in the Diocese - 'Carmel Sannidhi'](#) – at Carmelgiri, Kadeganchi: The Bishop blessed 'Carmel Sannidhi' the newly built Carmelite Monastery on 27 September 2022 assisted by V Rev Fr George Santumayor, Provincial Superior, Previous Provincials Fr Dominic, Fr Archibald and many Carmelite and other Fathers blessed and inaugurated A good number of sisters and lay faithful also participated in this joyful event. The provincial outlined the origins and development of the Kadaganchi Mission in his concluding programme. Bishop exhorted the Religious to be prophetic signs in the diocese and assured his help. Thanks to Fr Ligoury Crasta OCD Superior and the team for the programme.

### Happy Birthday to you all !!!

DATE	BIRTHDAY BABIES	DATE	BIRTHDAY BABIES
<b>3</b>	Sr. Anitha Lobo SSPS, Gulbarga	<b>23</b>	Sr. Neetha Alva SCSC, Zalki
<b>8</b>	Sr. Maria D'souza, SRA, Ujini	<b>24</b>	Sr. Shanthi Mary SJT, Bijapur
<b>11</b>	Sr. Chandrakala SHM, Sedam	<b>27</b>	Fr. Roque N. D'Souza, Bhalki
<b>11</b>	Fr. Francis Menezes SJ, Vijayapura	<b>27</b>	Sr. Francina Csst, Kalaburagi
<b>15</b>	Sr. Arogya Mary UFS, Vijayapura	<b>27</b>	Sr. Edna D,Mello, B. Kalyan
<b>17</b>	Sr Dr Treasa Terrance JMJ (MTCH)	<b>27</b>	Sr. Sumi Sakar SCCG, Bhalki
<b>17</b>	Sr. Nirmala Joseph SCCG, Kankal	<b>31</b>	Sr. Snehal SRA, Santhpur
<b>21</b>	Sr. Maria Menezes SAP, B.Kalyan	<b>31</b>	Bro. Jeyaprakash SHJ , Shahapur
<b>23</b>	Fr. Kiran Pashant SJ	<b>31</b>	Sr. Lucy D'Souza UFS, Shorapur