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HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Dear Rev Fathers, Sisters and Lay faithful, Jai Christ! Greetings of Peace in the Lord! I thank every one of you for your greetings and good wishes on the occasion of Easter, and on my Birthday. I believe, you had a joyful Easter. May the Peace and the Joy of the Risen Lord be with you always. I was happy to spend a few days in Czech Republic which helped over 1500 poor children of our diocese in the past 25 years. I was able to convey our heartfelt gratitude to them for being supportive for the education of our children. Thanks for your prayers.

KARNATAKA ASSEMBLY ELECTION: The Karnataka State will go to polls on May 10th. Counting day will be on 13th. We as citizens have a constitutional duty to elect the right leaders irrespective of caste creed or religion who stand for secularism and constitutional values. Let us remind ourselves the importance of this day that we all exercise our rights without fear or favour. Let us motivate our people also to exercise their franchise on that day. We pray that a good Government may be formed and all people may experience peace prosperity and brotherhood.

THE MONTH OF MAY AND DEVOTION OF ROSARY: The devotion to Mother Mary in the month of May is a popular tradition in the Catholic Church. It is commonly known as "May Crowning," where the faithful honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Mary is a powerful intercessor who can help bring our prayers to Jesus and advocate for us before God. Let us promote the 'May Devotion' and pray for the various intentions of the particular mission and the Diocese. Let us also encourage our people to pray the Rosary in their families. May be, the MCA children can pray the Rosary daily, each time for one or two families in the village.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: (21st May) the Feast of Ascension of our Lord is celebrated 40 days after Easter, after his Resurrection. The Ascension of the Lord marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission and the beginning of the new era of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension of the Lord is also seen as a foreshadowing of the Second Coming of Christ, when he will return to us in glory to judge the living and the dead.

PENTECOST SUNDAY (28th MAY) Pentecost marks the era of the Holy Spirit powerfully present in the church and also the birth of the church, the new people of God chosen from all the nations. The Spirit is ever present in the church satisfying every soul that thirsts, showering bountiful blessings and charisms keeping the church ever vibrant. Let's celebrate the Pentecost with due faith and solemnity and with a desire for fresh outpouring of the Spirit in all the church. Please organize vigil service or night adoration wherever possible. We shall specially surrender our mission to the

Spirit. Pope's intention for the month reminds us of our responsibilities of placing our charisms at the service of the needs of the world. It is reminding us all that our Vision is a Spirit – filled, Spirit -led Community of radical disciples.

VISITATION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: (31st May) According to the Gospel of Luke (1:39-56), Mary, who had just learned that she has conceived through the Holy Spirit, traveled to visit her cousin Elizabeth in a town in the hill country of Judea. When Mary arrived and greeted Elizabeth, John the Baptist leaped in Elizabeth's womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" Mary responded with the Magnificat, a hymn of praise to God. The Visitation is an important event in the life of Mary and in the history of salvation, as it illustrates her humility, obedience, and faithfulness to God.

ADMISSION TO SCHOOLS AND HOSTELS: Let us be concerned about the Education of the poor catholic children in the villages who do not have access to good Catholic education. Kindly motivate all the parents to admit the children to Catholic schools and hostels that they may be brought up in Catholic faith. After proper scrutiny, issue a proper recommendation letter to the HMs and Hostel Managers mentioning the amount the parents agree to pay at the time of admission. Let us take care that our children are admitted to hostels before 31st May, so that the remaining seats can be allotted to other Christians seeking admission in our schools. If your students (VIII – X, PUC, Degree, ITI, Deploma, Nursing and B.Ed) need GDES support, make the student write an application and forward them to the Secretary, GDES, before 15th July with your recommendation. Encourage youth to go for professional and skill trainings (ITI, Diploma, BSc, BCom, B pharmacy, Nursing etc) thereafter we may not be helping the youth who seek only a degree that makes them only non employable.

As per the Education Policy of the Church in India, catholic children shall not be denied admission in any of our schools. While admitting children to schools for 1st Standard, please motivate the parents to trust in God and admit them as Christians so that they can avail Christian minority scholarships. Please note, 50% concession of school and hostel fees (and no further concession!) is to be given for the poor having no fixed salary. This policy of concession to poor Catholic children must be observed by all – the Diocesan and Religious Institutions. I request all those who run the Study Homes to employ a good warden/teacher to take care of the children. Make it mandatory for Children/Students who seek financial help in our institutions to submit written applications.

HEARTY THANKS TO: We profusely thank all those who have for the past many years have served this mission diocese. Especially, Fr Stany Goveas, Fr James Gonsalves SJ, Fr. Vinod Paul SJ, Fr. Jithin C SDB, Fr. John Muttathuparambil SDB, Fr. Nilagal Christuraj SDB, Fr. Madapillil Jins SDB, Fr. Ligoury Crasta OCD, Fr. Anoop Fernandes OCD, Fr Richard Stanely, Fr Maria Anthony, Fr John Gannot MSFS, Fr Oliver, Fr Aloysius Santiago SDB and many sisters leaving on transfer. May the experience of mission life in this diocese be a happy and lasting memory for them. May the Lord continue to bless their future ministry.

THANKS TO Regents Bros. Manoj, Arun Rodrigues and Yeshwant Udoji for a year of valuable service and experience they had in your respective places.

THANKS TO our Seminarians, who spent a month of their holidays serving the missions. Their ministry has indeed enriched them and helped our people particularly the children and the youth.

REQUEST FOR UPDATING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: The Parish Priests, Mission Directors, and Superiors of all the Religious Communities are kindly requested to furnish the following details to the Bishop's office by 25th May so that we publish them in the next Circular.

- The names of the members
- The birth-dates of all the members in the Team/community
- Contact number, e-mail ID and change of Address, if any

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr. Santhosh Dias and Fr. Clary D'Souza on their completion of 25 years of priestly life. Both of them have given their best for this mission diocese. Their Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee celebration will be on 6th May at the Cathedral. We thank them for their dedicated service in our Diocese. May the Lord continue to bless and guide them in their missionary works. You are cordially invited for the celebration.

THE DIOCESAN MISSION CALENDAR AND ACTION PLAN: is getting ready. We request all the Commission Secretaries to submit their Action Plans for 2023-24 immediately

-Fr. Stany Lobo, Coordinator, DPP

EAR MARKED COLLECTIONS: Kindly submit ear marked collections before the end of May to the office.

- Fr Fredrick D'Souza, Procurator

COMMISSIONS SPEAK:

The Commission for Catechism: Please order the number of Catechism and Value Education books. Please make sure that all children may buy a copy of it. Please inform the children and parents.

Fr. David D'Souza, Secretary

Family Commission: PRE-CANA Programme will be held on the 6 and 7th (Saturday and Sunday) at ORBIT. The programme will begin on Saturday 9:30 am and end on Sunday 4:30 pm. Please let me know the number of candidates attending from your Parish/Mission Center.

- Fr Lawrence Arun, Secretary, Family Commission

Necrology:

- Mrs Theresa D'Souza, (82) mother of Fr Robert Crasta, Talikote, passed away on 11th April 2023.
- Mrs. Monthina Martha (92) beloved Mother of Sr. Benita Gonsalves SCCG (Kankal), Sr. Vinny Gonsalves SSpS (Ekamba), passed away on 27th April 2023. May their soul rest in the heavenly abode. Heartly Condolences to Fr. Robert Crasta, Sr. Benita Gonsalves SCCG and Sr. Vinny Gonsalves SSpS (Ekamba) and all members of their family.

TRANSFERS AND NEW ASSIGNMENTS – 2023

Sl. No	Names	To	W.E.F
1.	Fr Prashant Sequiera SJ	Parish Priest, St Ann Church, Vijayapura	07-5-2023
2.	Fr Sunil Mankare	Parish Priest, Mary Pawada Mathe, Itga	12-5-2023
3.	Fr Gerald Sagar	Parish Priest, St Thomas Church, Shahabad	14-5-2023
4.	Fr. Arogyadas SAC	Director, St. Antony's Church, Hulsoor	14-5-2023
5.	Fr. Sachin Christy	Asst Director, Maria Ashram, Jalasangi	16-5-2023
6.	Fr. John Crasta SJ	HM /Manager, Divya Jyothi School, Bhalki	20-5-2023
7.	Fr. Steevan Veigas	Parish Priest, St. Peter's Church, Shahapur	11-6-2023
8.	Fr. Clewon D Gomes	Asst Director, Holy Cross Mission, Santpur	12-6-2023
9.	Fr. David D'souza	Director, Shorapur – Hebbal Mission	14-6-2023
10.	Fr. Deepak Furtado	Rector, Sacred Heart Apostolic School	15-6-2023
11.	Fr Stany Goveas	Back to Mangalore Diocese	
12.	Fr James Gonsalves SJ	Back to the Province	

Kripalaya, Bishop House
6-05-2023

† **Robert Miranda**
Bishop of Gulbarga

In News

- In collaboration with ORBIT, SPARSHA -2023, summer camp for HIV infected children was held on 21-24th. 45 Children participated in this camp.
- Faith Formation Camps were well organized in all the Mission Centers/ Parishes on 2-9th April. Thanks to Parish Priests and Team members for helping our children to grow in Christian Faith. I was very happy to note the enthusiasm of the children as well as the Team members. Let us continue to guide the children and help them grow in faith.
- Sankalpa Camp for High School students held at Sugyan from 11th to 30th. Children (89) of Std VII- X from all over the diocese took part. The Programme was well organised. The Team had lot of appreciation for the children for their active participation. Thanks to Fr. Steevan Veigas and Team.

PUC RESULTS: We congratulate the Managers and HMs & Staff members of all institutions who have worked hard to achieve these good result. May God bless them all. Keep it up

1. ST JOSEPH PU COLLEGE. BIDAR	94.11%
2. ST XAVIER PU COLLEGE SIRNOOR	95.00%
3. ST MARY PU COLLEGE CHURCH KALABURAGI.	80.00%
4. ST JOSEPH PU CONVENT COLLEGE KALABURAGI.	85.00%
5. LOYOLA PU COLLEGE VIJAYAPURA	99.00%
6. ST DON BOSCO PU COLLEGE YADAGIRI	93.33%

HAPPY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

DATE OF ORDINATION	NAMES OF THE PRIESTS
01-05-2018	Fr. Deepak Furtado,
01-05-2018	Fr. Roshan D'Souza,
04-05-1978	Bp. Robert Miranda, Bishop
04-05-2010	Fr. Vincent Balraj Cap
10-05-1990	Msgr Stany Lobo, Bishop's House
11-05-1979	Fr. Stany Goveas, Shahabad
15-05-2011	Fr. John Paul CPPS, Bhalki
15-05-2012	Bro. Jeya Prakash SHJ
19-05-2006	Fr. Ligoury Crasta OCD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DATE	BIRTHDAY BABIES	DATE	BIRTHDAY BABIES
01	Sr Sofia Maria D Souza SCCG	17	Sr. Lydia Cutinha UFS, Shahapur
01	Sr. Lucilda JMJ	17	Fr. Praveen K.J SDB, Yadgir
02	Sr. Mea Josephine SCCG, MTCH	17	Fr. Alwyn D'Souza SJ, Sidagi
02	Sr. Pricilla BS, Jalasangi Mission	19	Sr. Reshma SRA, Santpur
05	Sr. Irene D Sa UFS, Vijayapra	19	Sr. Marita D'Almeida UFS,Shorapur
07	Sr. Winnifred D'Souza SCCG, MTCH	19	Sr.Harshiths Crasta SRA, Ujini
11	Sr. Florence D'Souza, Kankal	20	Sr. Saleth Mary FMM, Chincholi
10	Sr. Joseph Amalarubini	22	Fr. Teyol Machado SJ, Vijayapur
13	Sr. Rita Mendonca FMM, Udbal	23	Sr.Jeevalath DSS, Halbarga
13	Fr. Prashanth OFM Cap , Halbarga	22	Fr. Vincent Balaraj Cap, Halbarga
13	Sr Renita SRA, Santhpur	23	Sr. Freda AC, Bidar Mission
14	Sr. Bridgit D'silva SCCG, Bhalki	24	Sr Christine Noronha AC, Bidar
13	Theresa D'Souza SAP, Kawdiyal	24	Sr. Sangeetha Fargos, Kaudiyal
14	Sr. Justine D'Silva SCCG, Kankal	26	Sr. Arputha FMM, Chincholli
15	Sr. Julie Kalarikkal SJC	27	Sr. Teresa UFS, Kawdiyal
16	Fr. Vimal Andrew SDB, Chikpet	29	Sr. Luiza Fernandes SCCG
		31	Sr. Lincy Antony, Yadgir