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## Diocese Level MCA Convention 9-11 February 2024

**Theme:** ಯೇಸು ನನಗಾಗಿ, ನಾನು ಯಾರಿಗಾಗಿ?

### Objectives:

1. Make the children realize their Call to become Evangelizers.
2. To motivate the children to love and serve the church.
3. To motivate children to contribute their mite for the lesser privileged children.
4. Vocation promotion.
5. Exposure with other MCA Groups.

Dear Rev. Fathers, Sisters and MCA children,

We are happy to announce MCA children's convention at the diocese level on 9-11 February 2024 at Bhalki Mission for all MCA children in the diocese. On the Second day of the Convention, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February Bro. Regi Ronald and Bro. Francis will be ordained Deacons during the Eucharistic celebration at 10:30 AM. This is a blessing also for our children as they would be witnessing for the first time the Diaconate Ceremony. We request your whole hearted support in mobilizing the children and bring them to the venue, and take them back to their villages after the 'finale'.

I welcome all of you dear Fathers and Sister to be present on the occasion specially for the Diaconate Ceremony and make our brothers happy. The MCA children will be presenting their talents on the same day evening at 5:30 p.m. followed by a fellowship meal at 8:00 PM with children. Your presence dear Mission Directors/Parish Priests, Sisters at the 'Agape' will be the climax of the programme. Please be present.

The MCA convention will take place under the leadership of Fr Abhishek, the Secretary of Evangelization and Proclamation and Team (Sr Mable CBS, Sr Harshitha SRA, Sr Jenny UFS, Sr Jenita AC, Sr Pushpa SJC, Sr Vijaya SCCG, Sr Priya AC, Fr John Paul Cpps, Fr Sachin Christy, Bro Melwyn Fernandes, Fr Roque D' Souza, Fr Clary D' Souza, Fr Arogyadas SAC and sisters).

## **Responsibilities:**

- Accommodation & food – Fr Roque & team
- Sound system – Fr Arogyadas SAC
- Food arrangements – Fr David
- Infant Jesus procession – Fr Sachin
- Registration & Inauguration – Bhalki & Basavakalya zone (Sr Vijaya & Sr Mable)
- Liturgy – Humanabad zone (Sr Jenny, Sr Janne & Sr Vincy)
- Action songs - Br Melwin, Sr Suma & Sr Pushpa
- Cultural Programme Incharge – Aurad Zone ( Sr Harshitha, Br Melwin)
- Concluding programme – Bidar Zone ( Sr Janita, Sr Priya & Sr Pushpa)

We request all the Parish Priest/Mission Directors and Sisters to cooperate by motivating the children, bring them to the venue and by your presence for the Diaconate Ceremony, the cultural programme of the children and the fellowship meal thereafter on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Please note the following:**

- ❖ Only VII to X Standard children shall participate in this event. Please inform the Coordinator the number and names of children participating in the event at least 2 days (on and before 7<sup>th</sup> February) before the event.
- ❖ The MCA Group leaders will bring along with them their savings (mite box) to offer it to the Lord during the offertory at the concluding Mass.
- ❖ Each zone is given an activity to be presented at the cultural programme. Please help children to prepare the best way.
- ❖ Each Zone will help the children for the Grand Infant Jesus procession with its own creativity.
- ❖ Children from every zone are given a theme to enact the life of one saint (15 minutes). So also, from every zone there will be one child performing Bible Patana, speech on, 'The saint I love most' (3 minutes each). Due to time constraint, Parish Priests are requested to share the above items among your parishes or mission centres in consensus.
- ❖ There will be prize given to the best MCA group in the parish and also the best Lay Animator. The Parish Priests are requested to select and send their names before 7<sup>th</sup> February.

**Criteria for selecting the best MCA:** Regular meetings, active in liturgy, church service and programmes, savings, able office bearers (leadership) and overall performance.

**Criteria to select the best Lay Animator:** Commitment to MCA ministry, ability to motivate MCA Group, Children's attachment to the animator. This is only to encourage the Lay animators. So if you don't have any, you may drop this proposal.

- ❖ As the event requires your support, please cooperate and take up the any service requested by the Coordinator.

## Time Table

### Friday 09.02.2024

6.00 pm	: Arrival
6.00 pm	: Registration
6.45 pm	: Rosary – Bidar Zone Sr Priya
7- 8.30pm	: Adoration & preparation for Confession – Fr Clary
8.30 pm	: Supper
9.30 pm	: Theme Song & Action songs
10.00 pm	: Night Prayer - Fr Abhishek

### Saturday 10.02.2024

5.30 am	: Rising
6.30 am	: Morning Prayer & Meditation - Bro. Melwin
6.50-7.20	: Mission of Jesus- call of the Apostles up to the present time
8.00 am	: Breakfast
8.30- 9.30	: Jesus called me
9.30- 10.30	: Free time
10.30 -1.00	: Eucharistic celebration – Diaconate Ordination & felicitation
1.00 pm	: Lunch
2.00 – 3.00	: Jesus called me
3.00 – 4.00	: Bible Quiz
3.30 – 4.30	: Church in the Diocese of Gulbarga
4.30 pm	: Tea
4.30 pm	: Preparation for Cultural programme
5.30-8.00	: Cultural programme
8.00 pm	: Rosary
8.30 pm	: Agape
9.30 pm	: Theme Song & Action songs
10.00 pm	: Night prayer – Bro. Reji Ronald

### Sunday 11.02.2024

5.30 am	: Rising
6.30 am	: Morning Prayer & Rosary
7.30 am	: Duty
8.00 am	: Breakfast
8.30 am	: Session by Fr Maxim
9.30 am	: Preparation for procession
10.00 am	: Infant Jesus procession
10.45 am	: Eucharistic celebration
12.30 pm	: Concluding programme
1.00 pm	: Lunch/Departure