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Holy Father's Intention for the Month: For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians: We pray that religious women and men and seminarians grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Dear Fathers, Sisters and brethren, *Jai Christ!*

I am profoundly grateful for the love, warmth, and kindness extended to me on my birthday. Your birthday wishes, through messages, calls and even visits truly touched my heart and made my special day even more memorable. I am humbled by the overwhelming participation in the thanksgiving mass, where we came together in prayer and celebration. Your presence and prayers filled me with immense joy. May God bless each of you abundantly for your kindness and may His love guide us always.

As I begin to write this Circular, my first thoughts are on the imminent general election. I urge all people to vote for a secular party that upholds the Constitution of the country and pledges to work for the welfare of all people without making any distinction of caste or creed. Given the current developments in the country, a great fear is expressed in the country and the world over whether there would be another election at all for us. Let us therefore, take utmost care to see everyone votes. Our people need to be told in detail the voting procedure.

I request all the Parish Priests and Mission Directors to call for an urgent meeting of all the PPC members and youth leaders and see that all people vote in their respective booths. Our PPC members and youth must have with them the list of voters of every booth which can be easily downloaded from the website <https://ceo.karnataka.gov.in/en>, if you press the booth number of the village/ward. It is also easy to get the individual voters' slip from the website <https://electoralsearch.eci.gov.in> by just entering the epic number found in your voter ID. Our leaders must spend the whole day for this work at the booth until all people have voted. Please work out a strategy and make sure all people have voted.

1. The Month of May and Devotion of Rosary: The Catholic Church has a deep-rooted tradition of honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May and promoting the devotion of the Rosary as a powerful means of contemplating the mysteries of Christ's life and drawing closer to God through the intercession of the Mother of God. 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 our diocese, all the missions, and specially for a new government at the centre that treats everyone equally and works for the good of all. I exhort you to encourage our people to pray the Rosary in their families. You may strongly motivate the MCA children to pray the Rosary daily, each time for one or two families in the village.

2. Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (May 12): The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is a significant event in the life of the Church, as it marks the culmination of Christ's earthly ministry and the beginning of a new phase in the history of salvation. The Feast of Ascension of our Lord is celebrated 40 days after Easter, after His Resurrection. This feast calls us to "set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth," as we journey towards the heavenly Jerusalem. It is a profound celebration of Christ's divinity, the hope of his return, and the invitation to live in communion with the glorified Lord, who reigns in heaven and intercedes for us before the Father.

3. Solemnity of the Pentecost Sunday (May 19): The Solemnity of Pentecost celebrates the Holy Spirit's role in establishing, renewing and empowering the Church to continue Christ's saving mission in the world. The Spirit's outpouring at Pentecost marks the birth and ongoing vitality of the Church. 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 Holy Spirit.

4. Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (May 26): The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity celebrates the central mystery of the Christian faith - the revelation of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three distinct Persons united in the one Godhead. This mystery is the foundation of the Church's communion and the source of its life and mission. The love, unity and joy in the relationship among the Father, Son and Holy Spirit should be the supreme model of our relationships within our Christian families. Our families become truly Christian when we live in a relationship of love with God and with others.

5. Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31): The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the visit of the Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, as recounted in the Gospel of Luke (1:39-56). This event holds deep theological significance and provides a model of Christian service and charity. After hearing from the Angel Gabriel about Elizabeth's pregnancy, Mary "sets out in haste" to visit and assist her elderly cousin. This demonstrates Mary's attitude of generous service and love for others. The Feast of the Visitation invites us to contemplate Mary's virtues of faith, charity, and service, and to strive to imitate them in our own lives.

New Admissions to Sacred Heart Minor Seminary

Missions Directors and Parish Priests, please promote vocations in your parish/mission.

Please check the family background and send your candidates for an interview on
13th or 14th May 2024
along with their parents with your recommendation letter

6. Thanks To Regents: Our sincere thanks to Bro Melwyn Fernandes and Bro Peter Avinash for a year of valuable service and experience they had in Santpur Mission and Shahabad Parish respectively.

7. Thanks to Our Seminarians: We thank all 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.

8. Request for Updating the 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

9. Election and Formation of the New Pastoral Councils: My gentle reminder to follow the instructions provided in my previous Circular no. 226 and uphold the rules outlined in the constitution book diligently. Our commitment to these procedures ensures a fair and transparent election process, reflecting the values of our community. I urge each of you to approach this responsibility with meticulous attention to detail so that you are blessed with a good PPC and good leaders at all levels. Your cooperation and dedication to these guidelines are instrumental in ensuring the integrity of our parish elections.

10. PUC Results: Congratulations to all the Managers, Principals and faculty members for your hard work and dedication, resulting in excellent outcomes for our students. Your commitment to education is truly commendable. May God bless you all.

Sl. No.	Name of the College	Result (%)
1	St Joseph PU College, Bidar	100%
2	St Mary PU College, Kalaburagi	100%
3	St Xavier PU College, Sirnoor	100%
4	Loyola PU College, Vijayapura	98%
5	Don Bosco PU College, Yadagiri	95%
6	St Joseph PU Convent College, Kalaburagi.	82%

Priests Transfers and New Assignments - 2024

No.	Name	To	w.e.f
01	Fr Clary D' Souza	Parish Priest, Sacred Heart Church, Bidar	12.05.2024
02	Fr Stanislaus D' Souza, SAC	Director, Muchalamba Mission	09.06.2024
03	Fr Josephvaz Monteiro, SJ	Parish Priest, St Anne's Church, Vijayapura	19.05.2024
04	Fr Salvadore Fernandes	Director, Halbarga Mission	15.05.2024
05	Fr Robin Pereira, MSFS	Asst. Priest, Cathedral, Gulbarga	14.05.2024
06	Fr Christopher, SJ	Asst. Priest, Christ the King Church, Ujini	25.05.2024

Hearty welcome to Fr Salvadore Fernandes who has successfully completed Diploma in Family Counseling. He resumes his ministry at Halbarga Mission as Director w.e.f. 15.05.2024.

Hearty Thanks: We profusely thank Fr John Paul CPPS, Fr Mark Arun Kumar SAC, Fr Prashanth Sequeira SJ, Fr Lazar Chethan, Fr Vincent Kumar, Fr Magimaidas and all the sisters who served this mission Diocese and 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.

Kripalaya, Bishop's House
01 May 2024



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Bishop of Gulbarga

From the Procurator: Please remit the Ear marked collections of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter and Lenten campaign by this month.

Those who have not submitted the account for audit, please submit immediately with all the required documents mentioned in the last circular.

Commissions Speak:

Commission for Youth: YUVACHETHANA is organizing a career guidance camp on May 11th 2024, from 09:30 AM to 04:00 PM at ORBIT, Humnabad. Please encourage students who have completed 10th, PUC and Degree, as well as those currently searching for the job.

- Fr Sachin Christy, Secretary, Commission for Youth

Commission for Education: Attention HMs/Principals, there's a training program by Rev. Dr Francis Assisi Almeida from KRCE Bangalore for HMs, Principals, Coordinators, and select teachers from different schools. It'll be held at two locations: Gulbarga Bishop House on June 13, 2024, and St Joseph's School, Bidar, on June 14, 2024. Kindly mark these dates.

- Fr Steevan Veigas, Secretary, Commission for Education

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR FATHERS AND SISTERS

01	Sr Sofia D Souza SCCG	17	Sr Lydia UFS
01	Fr Santhosh Walder SJ	18	Sr Manisha Ambatti MSMHC
03	Fr John Thomas SJ	19	Sr Reshma SRA
04	Fr Avinash Sahayaraj Scj	19	Sr Marita D'Almeida UFS
05	Sr Irene D'sa UFS	19	Sr Harshitha Crasta SRA
05	Fr Prashanth Sequeira SJ	20	Sr Saleth Mary FMM
06	Sr Arun Savio BS	22	Fr Teyol Machado SJ
07	Sr Betty Lobo SAP	22	Sr Mallika Lopes SCSC
07	Sr Stalin Mary SSA	23	Sr Jeevalatha DSS
11	Sr Florence D'Souza SCCG	24	Sr Christine Noronha AC
12	Fr Jith Joy SDB	24	Fr Maxim Misquith SJ
13	Sr Rita Mendonca FMM	25	Sr Jai Priyanka SSA
14	Sr Bridgit D'silva SCCG	26	Sr Arputha FMM
14	Sr Justine M. D'Silva SCCG	27	Fr Jins John SDB
15	Fr Lawrence Rodrigus OFM	29	Sr Luiza Fernandes SCCG
15	Sr Julie KM SJC	29	Sr Sharoline Perira SRA
16	Sr Eliza CSJ	29	Sr Sophia Pereira UFS
17	Fr Praveen KJ SDB	30	Sr Mareena DSS
17	Sr Simplina BS	31	Sr Lincy Antony MSMHC

HAPPY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY DEAR FATHERS

01	Fr Deepak Furtado	10	Fr Stany Lobo Vicar General
01	Fr Roshan D' Souza	13	Fr Abhishek Moses
04	† Robert Miranda (Priesthood)	13	Fr Sachin Christy
04	Fr Satish Kumar OFM	15	Fr John Paul CPPS
04	Fr Prasanna Kumar OFM	22	Fr Lawrence Rodrigus OFM Cap
08	Fr Arogya Das SAC		

News April 2024

Vocation Camp-2024 at Holy Redeemer Church, Bhalki (April 7-8): The Commission for Vocation and Formation organized 'Vocation Camp-2024' at Holy Redeemer Church, Bhalki, on April 7-8 with an aim to foster interest and awareness among boys regarding vocations within the Church. A total of 16 enthusiastic boys participated in the camp. The camp provided a platform for these young individuals to engage in meaningful discussions, interactive sessions, and activities centered around discerning their callings and understanding the significance of vocational paths.

Publication of PPC Constitution Book (April 10): On the auspicious occasion of the Bishop's birthday celebration on April 10th, a notable event unfolded as the PPC Constitution book was officially published. This significant publication encompasses the detailed guidelines and procedures governing the election process for members of the Parish Pastoral Council, a commitment to transparency, accountability, and procedural integrity in the selection and functioning of the Parish Pastoral Council, a pivotal body within the church community.

Inter-Religious Forum Celebrates *Eid ul-Fitr* with *Eid e Milap* Event (April 15): The Inter-Religious Forum for Peace and Harmony organized a vibrant celebration, *Eid e Milap*, to mark the joyous occasion of *Eid ul-Fitr* on April 15, 2024 at 6 PM at Cathedral Gulbarga. In his speech, the Bishop, the president of the forum, emphasized the importance of standing together in solidarity against intolerance, fostering a culture of coexistence, and promoting respect for all. This event served as a shining example of the power of unity in diversity, reaffirming the forum's dedication to fostering peace and harmony in Gulbarga and beyond.

Sankalpa Camp (April 11 -30): The Commission for Education (GDES) organized Sankalpa Camp at Sugyan, Diocesan Pastoral Centre from April 11 to April 30, aimed to promote children towards Civil Services. With 67 exceptionally intelligent students in attendance, the camp focused on imparting essential soft skills and motivation to pursue careers in Civil Services. Activities included educational sessions, soft skills development workshops, motivational talks, mock examinations, and individual mentoring. The camp achieved notable outcomes, including enhanced academic performance, improved soft skills, increased motivation, and positive feedback from participants.

NECROLOGY

Rev. Sr Noelle Marie, AC

Who devotedly served Bidar Mission, entered into eternal rest on 03 April 2024.
May He receive her in His Eternal abode.