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Holy Father's Intention for the Month: For Migrants Fleeing Their Homes: We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

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

Warm welcome to all Priests, Sisters and Brothers who are newly joining the Missions and Parishes. We wish you a fruitful ministry. Thanks to all who served this diocese for the past several years and now leaving on a transfer. We remain ever grateful to all of you dear reverend Fathers and Sisters and wish you all the best in your new assignment.

We are stepping into 20th year of our service in this diocese. Let's give thanks to God for his great blessings. I appeal to all Mission Directors/Parish Priests to hold an hour of Adoration in all the Missions & Parishes on Sunday 2nd June or Friday 7th June giving thanks to the Lord for all His blessings and invoking His blessings on our Mission Diocese in the coming year.

1. Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - *Corpus Christi* (June 02): The Corpus Christi Feast, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is observed on the Sunday 2nd June. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is a profound celebration of the Eucharist as the real presence of Christ, the memorial of his saving sacrifice, and the source of unity for the Church. The Corpus Christi feast is an important celebration in the Catholic Church, highlighting the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of the faithful.

2. Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 07): The Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. The term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, his person divine and human love of the Son of God. The Feast focuses on the immense love and mercy of Jesus for all people in the world. Jesus' Heart symbolizes His compassion, forgiveness, and unconditional love for humanity. Let's teach our people to consecrate their families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

3. Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist (June 24): The Solemnity of John's birth is celebrated as a solemnity because his birth is seen as a day of triumph and joy, foreshadowing the coming of Christ. This feast is an opportunity for us to reflect on our Call to prepare our hearts and lives for the Lord's service.

It is also the day when our Diocese was erected (2005) by Pope Benedict XVI who also appointed me as the first Bishop of this new Diocese. May God be praised for all that He has done for me in this diocese.

4. Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles (June 29): The Solemnity honors the martyrdom and significant contributions of two prominent apostles St Peter and St Paul. It serves as a reminder of the Church's roots and unbroken succession of faith from the apostles to the present day. This solemnity also invites us to reflect on the courage, commitment, and selflessness of St Peter and St Paul and emulate their virtues in our own lives.

5. New PPC/PFC: Hope by now all have completed the election process in Wards/Villages. I am glad some of you have succeeded in conducting election to PPC, Village Pastoral Committee (VPC) by voting. Please send me the list of elected and nominated PPC members at the earliest before the election of the Vice-president and Secretary for approval. Remember to conduct the election to PPC, PFC by Ballot and not by consensus. You may send the names by WhatsApp. The new PPC will take oath of office on **Sunday 9th June.**

Dear Fathers I consider it a golden opportunity to share your responsibilities with the new PPC members and help them grow as responsible leaders of the community in villages, wards and at parish level. Please guide and motivate them to collaborate with you in all the pastoral activities at the parish and also in villages.

6. Deanery level Mission Orientation Programmes:

Deanery	Date	Place	Time
Bidar Deanery	14.06.2024	ORBIT	09:30 AM
Gulbarga Deanery	15.06.2024	Cathedral	02:00 PM
Vijayapura Deanery	16.06.2024	St Anne Church	09:00AM

All the Parish Priests, Mission Directors, Superiors of the religious communities and new members are expected to be present. Other members of your Teams are also welcome. Rev. Fr Richard Quadros SVD a veteran missionary will share his rich experience with us. Please do not miss this Orientation Programme as it would definitely set the tone for mission work in your respective places.

7. Catechism: Takes prime place in our pastoral programmes. Please see that catechism is organized for children and youth in all Sundays at the parish and on weekdays in villages from Sunday 2nd June.

8. Parish/Mission Pastoral Plan 2024-25: I wish you plan for the year 2024-25 at the earliest, not later than Sunday 16th and send me a copy by 20th June along with your report of last year.

I urge you to prepare the Parish Plan for the year in a synodal way through 'Conversation in the Spirit' allowing all the members to speak, arriving at a consensus on what you are going to do under each of the commissions. The Holy Spirit will lead you in this discernment process. Make a plan that gives importance to the essentials to enhance faith experience, unity and witness of the communities.

9. Report of Mission Centres (2023-24): Please submit your annual report of the various Faith Formation activities in your mission center during the year. Let the report contain information on Village visits, Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmations, Pre-Cana Programmes, Marriages, Marriage Enrichment Programmes (MEP), Faith

Formation Camps, MCA activities, Youth Activities, any other activities along with few photographs and statistics. Please submit the soft copy to chanceryglb@gmail.com. This is needed for us to prepare the consolidated report of the Diocese.

10. Study of Vatican II Documents: As a preparation for the celebration of the Jubilee Year, 'Premavani', the diocesan Commission for Social Communication is presenting a programme every fortnight from 15 June 2024 onwards on YouTube Channel. The programme presented in a dialogue form (in Kannada language) is on 4 important documents of the Vatican II, namely;

- a) Constitution on Sacred Liturgy - *Sacrosanctum Concilium*
- b) Dogmatic Constitution on the Church - *Lumen Gentium*
- c) Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation - *Dei Verbum*
- d) Pastoral Constitution on Church in the Modern World - *Gaudium et Spes*

Please watch these programmes and also give publicity to this programme by forwarding the link to all the groups in the parish. Thanks for all the priests and religious for studying these documents and presenting them to us through YouTube Channel. Please give us a feed back too.

The first episode will be streamed on **15.06.2024** on the theme "Second Vatican Council - History and Meaning for the Church", presented by the Bishop and hosted by Fr Roshan D' Souza. The second episode will be streamed on **30.06.2024** on the theme "Revelation as the Word of God", presented by Mons. Stany Lobo and hosted by Fr Roshan D' Souza.

11. Admissions to Schools and Colleges: As the new Academic Year begins, it is important that our children and youth get admitted to good schools and colleges. As a policy, all catholic schools will give admission to the catholic children giving 50% fee concession to the poor. The diocese encourages all poor students to join job oriented courses or degree offering 50% of the fees as a study loan.

I kindly request your assistance in providing proper guidance and motivation to the children, ensuring they have the best opportunities for their education. It has been observed that in many places, Catholic parents are not cooperating by paying even the 50% of the fees they are responsible for. I request you to make announcement in the church and inform them about this concession. Please note, further concessions will only be considered for exceptional cases.

12. Request for Updating the Information: Dear Superiors of all the Men and Women Religious Communities, kindly furnish the Community Details 2024-25 (Format enclosed herewith) to the Bishop's Office by 15th June.

13. 'Sinchana' June-2024 (Monthly Magazine) is ready. Please make publicity and get as many as subscribers as possible.

Hearty Welcome to the Diocese

Rev. Fr Christopher SJ, Assistant Priest, Christ the King Church, Ujini.
Rev. Fr Joseph Vaz Monteiro SJ, Parish Priest, St Anne Church, Vijayapura
Rev. Fr Stanislaus D' Souza SAC, Director, Muchalamba Mission
Rev. Fr George Negomias A., Assistant Priest, Holy Redeemer Church, Bhalki
Bro. Royston Fernandes, Regent
Congregation of the Helpers of the Mount Rosary Sisters, Aland
Missionaries of the Divine Mercy of Christ Sisters, Bhalki
Franciscan missionaries of Mary Sisters, Divine Mercy Mission Afzalpur

Priests Transfers and New Assignments - 2024 (Continues..)

No.	Name	To	w.e.f
07	Fr Abishek Moses	Asst. Priest, St Joseph Church, Bidar	17.05.2024
08	Fr Vijaya Kanikyaraj	Mission coordinator, Humnabad	02.06.2024
09	Fr Clevan Gomes	Mission coordinator, Santpur	02.06.2024
10	Fr George Negomias A	Asst. Priest, Holy Redeemer Church, Bhalki	31.06.2024

New Commission Secretaries - 2024

No.	Name	To	w.e.f
01	Fr Lawrence Arun	Commission for Laity	02.06.2024
02	Fr Salvadore Fernandes	Commission for Family Life	02.06.2024
03	Fr David Antony	Commission for SC/ST and Justice & Peace	02.06.2024
04	Sr Rita Maria AC	Commission for Women	01.06.2024

SSLC 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. Let's continue our efforts of imparting value based education to our students and make them responsible citizens of this nation. May God bless you all.

Sl. No.	Name of the School	Result (%)
1	Sneha Sadan, Kankal	100
2	Loyola School, Sindagi	100
3	RNDM School, Almel	100
4	Deepalaya School, Santpur	100
5	Sneha Sangam School, Vijayapur	99.00
6	Prerana School, Shorapur	98.50
7	St Anne School, Basavakalyan	97.00
8	Premanjali Convent School, Ujini	96.67
9	St Mary School, Kotnoor	96.55
10	Loyola Eng. Med. School, Vijayapura	96.29
11	Anugraha School, Halbarga	96.00
12	Bethany High School, Kalaburagi	94.59
13	Vidya Jyothi School, Hulsoor	94.28
14	St Joseph Eng. Med. School, Kalaburagi	93.00
15	Sacred Heart English Medium High School, Talikote	92.30
16	St Joseph Kan. Med. School, Bidar	90.00
17	St Mary School, Cathedral	89.43
18	Bethany School, Humnabad	88.88
19	St Peter School, Shahapur	88.46
20	Don Bosco School, Bablad	87.00
21	St Joseph English Medium School, Bidar	86.41
22	Mount Carmel School, Shahabad	86.14
23	St Ambrose School, Wadi	86.00
24	St Joseph Kan. Med. School, Kalaburagi	83.33
25	Bethany Kan. Med. School, Chittapur	80.00
26	Bethany Eng. Med. School, Chittapur	75.00
27	Divya Jyothi High School, Bhalki	42.85

Commissions Speak:

Sponsorship Programme: 'Goodwill' Mission Group is ready to sponsor studies of poor children with a yearly scholarship of Rs 9,000/- (upto High School level) only. Those of you who want to take this benefit for your students please contact Fr Vincent Thoras. All those who obtained benefit are also expected to apply once again for this year. The marks card and 3 photographs are to be submitted along with application.

- Fr Vincent Thoras, Coordinator, Sponsorship Programme

Commission for Proclamation & Evangelization: MCA animators training programs at Zonal level is scheduled on June 22.06.2024 for Aurad Zone at Santpur, 23.06.2024 for Bhalki Zone at Bhalki, 29.06.2024 for Basavakalyan Zone at Hulsoor and 30.06.2024 for Humanabad Zone at ORBIT.

- Fr Abhishek Moses, Secretary, Commission for Proclamation & Evangelization

Commission for Social Communications: Kindly transfer the magazine subscription fees collected for the year 2023-24 to the Diocesan Account. Also request you to gather the postal addresses of the subscribers for the year 2024-25. This information will allow us to efficiently send the magazine directly to their homes via postal mail. The subscription amount of this year will be Rs 150.00/- including the postal charges. We also request the superiors of the religious houses to subscribe the same.

- Fr Roshan D' Souza, Secretary, Commission for Social Communications

Commission for Education: Teachers' orientation for GDES schools is scheduled on **03.06.2024** at Sugyan, Gulbarga for St Mary Cathedral, St Mary Kotnoor, St Thomas Shahabad, St Peter Shahapur, St Mary Aland, Little flower, Chincholli.

On **04.06.2024** at Talikote for Hebbal and Talikote schools.

On **05.06.2024** at Bidar for St Joseph Institutions, Bidar, Sacred Heart, Bidar, Holy Cross, Santhpur, Divya Jyothi, Bhalki, Milagres school, Chitguppa)

The timing for all sessions is from **9:30 AM to 4:30 PM**. Resource Person: Fr Joyson Vas SJ, Dharwad.

There is a Training Program by Rev. Fr (Dr) Francis Assisi Almeida from KRCE Bangalore for HMs, Principals, Coordinators, and selected teachers from different schools. It'll be held at two locations: Bishop House, Gulbarga on 13th June 2024 (for Gulbarga Deanery) and at St Joseph's School, Bidar, on 14th June 2024 (for Bidar Deanery). Kindly mark these dates and be present.

- Fr Steevan Veigas, Secretary, Commission for Education

Commission for Youth: ICYM office bearers, and animators training programme will be on 22-23 June 2024 at Sugyan, Pastoral Centre, Gulbarga.

YSM office bearers training programme and YSM DEXCO Election is scheduled on 29.06.2024, Saturday at Mother of Divine Grace Cathedral, Gulbarga.

- Fr Sachin Christy, Secretary, Commission for Youth

BISHOP'S PROGRAMME: JUNE 2024

- 01 - Meeting with Auditors
02 - Mass at Aland
- Mass at Kaudiyal (*Kristashrama*)
03 - Visit to Halbarga Mission
06 - Visit to Sedam Mission
12 - Sevasangama - GB Meeting
13 - 14 - Teachers' Orientation Programme by the
Regional Secretary for Education
14-16 - Mission Orientation Programmes at Bidar,
Gulbarga and Vijayapura
18 - Visit to Hebbal Mission
20 - Proclamation Commission - Regional Meeting

Kripalaya, Bishop's House
01 June 2024



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Bishop of Gulbarga

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR FATHERS AND SISTERS

01	Sr Arogya Mary BS, Chittapur	12	Sr Leena D' Costa SCSC, Zalki
01	Sr Benny FMM, Udhaal	15	Sr Kavitha Lobo BS, Chittapur
02	Sr Juliana Pereira hmr, Aland	18	Sr Hrudaya Mary JMJ, Devaea Hippargi
06	Sr Gloria Maria Crasta SCCG, Kankal	19	Fr Sunil Andrade, Ujini
07	Sr Reshma Francis D'Souza UFS, Shorapur	20	Sr Susan Joseph SJC, Vijayapura
08	Sr Leena Saldanha SCCG, Kankal	21	Fr Sandeep Goveas OCD, Kadaganchi
10	Sr Margaret Kumar SCB, Muchalamba	21	Fr Philip Raj Joseph Sch, Shorapur
10	Br Bala Swamy SHJ, Shahapur	21	Sr Maria Vanitha Ferrao UFS, Shorapur
10	Sr Precinta SMMI, Talmadige	28	Sr Pramila SCCG, Muddebihal
11	Fr Christopher Xavier SJ, Ujini	30	Fr Roshan Pinto SJ, Sirnoor

NECROLOGY

Mrs Annamma (93 Years),

M/o Fr Tomy Chirackal SDB, entered into the eternal rest on 03 May 2024.

May He receive her in His Eternal abode.

Our heartfelt condolences to dear Fr Tomy SDB and all his family members

Mr Augustine (38),

Brother of Sr Stella SMMI, Thalnadige, entered into the eternal rest on 17 May 2024.

May He receive him in His Eternal abode.

Our heartfelt condolences to dear Sr Stella SMMI and all her family members

News May 2024

Career Guidance Camp at ORBIT (May 11, 2024): Career Guidance Camp was held on 11th May 2024 at Orbit, drawing 79 enthusiastic youth participants. The event, organized under the guidance of Rev. Fr Roshan Pinto SJ and the Divine Grace Hospital team from Bangalore, covered a range of pivotal topics aimed at shaping the future careers of the attendees.

Carmel Garments Kadaganchi Unit Inaugurated (May 14, 2024): The new unit of Carmel Garments, part of the Carmel Garments Jagaluru, was inaugurated on 14th May 2024. Rev. Fr Stany Lobo, Vicar Genral, who led the ceremony, cut the ribbons and blessed the centre. The inauguration was attended by the reverend Fathers of the Carmelite community Kadaganchi, staff of Mount Carmel Kadaganchi and many women from the village, celebrating the new addition to their community. This is a significant step forward for local employment.

Inauguration and Blessing of 'Maria Nilaya' Convent at Aland (May 15, 2024): The new convent 'Maria Nilaya' of the Sisters of the Mount Rosary was inaugurated and blessed on 15th May 2024 by the Bishop. The event featured a Thanksgiving Mass, marking the beginning of the sisters' ministry at the new location. The Bishop prayed for the sisters and extended his best wishes for their ministry in Aland. The inauguration signifies a new chapter for the Sisters of the Mount Rosary as they commence their work in the community, supported by the Bishop's blessings and prayers.

Silver Jubilee Year Inauguration and Blessings at Ujini (May 18, 2024): The Silver Jubilee Year of the Christ the King Church was inaugurated alongside the blessings of the newly constructed Samudaya Bhavan and the renovated presbytery on 18th May 2024. The event was led by the Bishop, in the presence of many dignitaries. The event marked a significant milestone for the community to celebrate the accomplishments and the beginning of the Jubilee Year.

Blessing of the new house of Franciscan Sisters at Afzalpur (May 25, 2024): The new house of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary Sisters at Divine Mercy Mission, Afzalpur was inaugurated and blessed on 25th May 2024 by the Bishop. The event preceded Thanksgiving Mass, marking the beginning of the sisters' ministry in Afzalpur. The Bishop prayed for the sisters, officially welcomed them to the diocese, and extended his best wishes for their ministry.

MC Sisters were welcomed to the Bhalki Mission (May 26, 2024): The Sisters of the Missionaries of Divine Mercy of Christ (MC) were warmly welcomed on 26th May 2024, to the Bhalki Mission by the Bishop which marked the beginning of their ministry in the diocese. Bishop then prayed for the sisters and for their service in the Bhalki Mission. The day was a new chapter for the MC Sisters as they commence their ministry at the new location.

Study Vatican II Documents on Gulbarga Diocese YouTube Channel

Vol.	Date	TITLE	By
1	15.06.2024	THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL	Bishop
2	30.06.2024	REVELATION AS THE WORD OF GOD	Mons Stany Lobo
3	15.07.2024	TRADITION	Fr Frederick
4	30.07.2024	INSPIRATION	Fr Deepak Furtado
5	15.08.2024	SACRED SCRIPTURE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Fr Joseph Praveen
6	30.08.2024	THE LITURGY IN THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH	Fr Gerald Sagar
7	15.09.2024	SACRED SCRIPTURE IN THE LITURGY	Fr Clary
8	30.09.2024	LIVING THE LITURGY IN THE PARISH	Fr David
9	15.10.2024	THE EUCHARISTIC MYSTERY	Fr Roque D' Souza
10	30.10.2024	THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS	Dn Regironald
11	15.11.2024	THE SACRAMENTS	Fr Santhosh Bapu
12	30.11.2024	SUNDAY	Fr Steevan Veigas
13	15.12.2024	THE SPECIAL SEASONS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR	Dn Francis
14	30.12.2024	MUSIC AND LITURGY	Dn Arone vas
15	15.01.2025	THE BEAUTY OF CHRISTIAN LITURGY	Fr Lawrence Arun
16	30.01.2025	THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH	Fr Maxim M. SJ
17	15.02.2025	IMAGES OF THE CHURCH	Fr Lawrence CSC
18	28.02.2025	THE PEOPLE OF GOD	Fr Sunil Andrade
19	15.03.2025	THE CHURCH FOR EVANGELISATION	Fr Abhishek
20	30.03.2025	THE POPE, BISHOPS, PRIESTS AND DEACONS	Fr Sachin Christy
21	15.04.2025	THE LAITY	Fr Mark
22	30.04.2025	LIVING THE WAY OF JESUS	Fr Vincent Thoras
23	15.05.2025	HOLINESS AS A UNIVERSAL VOCATION	Fr Vincent Pereira
24	30.05.2025	PILGRIM CHURCH AND HEAVENLY CHURCH	Fr Cleevan Gomes
25	15.06.2025	MARY THE FIRST OF BELIEVERS	Fr David D' Souza
26	30.06.2025	THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD	Fr Roshan
27	15.07.2025	THE GREAT THEME OF THE MEANING OF LIFE	Fr Anil Crasta
28	30.07.2025	THE SOCIETY OF MEN	Fr Wilson F.
29	15.08.2025	AUTONOMY AND SERVICE	Fr Victor Vas
30	30.08.2025	THE FAMILY	Fr Salvadore F.
31	15.09.2025	CULTURE	Bishop
32	30.09.2025	ECONOMY AND FINANCE	Fr Frederick
33	15.10.2025	POLITICS	Fr Stany Lobo
34	30.10.2025	THE PROCESS OF DIALOGUE	Fr Robert Crasta
35	15.11.2025	PEACE	Fr James Paul SDB