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Holy Father's Intention for the Month: For a Shared Mission: We pray that the Church may continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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

1. The message of the Holy Father Pope Francis for World Mission Day 2024: Pope Francis' 2024 World Mission Day message is centered on the theme of inviting everyone to God's banquet, inspired by the Gospel parable of the wedding feast (Mt 22:9). He highlights two key aspects of evangelization: the call to "go out" and to "invite." The Pope emphasizes that the Church's mission is tireless and universal, requiring all Christians to engage in spreading the Gospel with joy, respect, and compassion. He reminds missionaries of their important role and thanks them for their dedication. The message also underscores the eschatological dimension of the mission, linking the invitation to God's Kingdom with the celebration of the Eucharist. Pope Francis calls for renewed missionary zeal, especially in a world marked by consumerism and division, urging Christians to proclaim the joy of salvation to all. He stresses the inclusiveness of God's invitation, which extends to everyone, especially the marginalized. The mission of evangelization should be marked by synodality, meaning cooperation within the Church. Finally, he invokes Mary's intercession for the success of the Church's evangelizing mission.

The Mission Sunday will be celebrated this year on 20th October 2024. I sincerely appreciate the enthusiasm and dedication each of you consistently shows in making Mission Sunday meaningful every year. As I extend my gratitude for last year's contributions, I also encourage you to inspire your parishioners once again this year to generously support the missions through their prayers, sacrifices, and offerings.

2. Jathra Utsav 2024: The preparations for the Jathra Utsav 2024 are progressing on full swing. Various committees are actively involved in organizing the Event. Everyone is doing their best to ensure everything runs smoothly. Enclosed is the list and order of competitions provided by the Cultural Programme Committee. We encourage everyone to participate fully, whether by contributing their family collections, individual donations, or sponsoring specific items. It is also crucial to motivate our mission and parish communities to engage in this faith-centered event, which will undoubtedly bring blessings to each of us in the diocese. Competitions and Events for children will be held in early January next year preparing them to celebrate their feast: Feast of Infant Jesus on 14th January 2025. As always, the offertory collection on the first Sunday of November has been set aside for Jathra 2024. If you need any further information or clarifications, do not hesitate to reach out to the Convener of the Jathra Utsav - Fr Roque N. D' Souza (Mob: 9845833657)

3. Clergy Recollection: Is scheduled for the 3rd and 4th of October. The program will commence at 05:00 PM on the 3rd October and conclude later that evening. The following day will feature an important session led by the auditor, focusing on the proper management of parish records and financial accounts. We also will have sessions on planning the Jubilee 2025 and on property matters.

4. The Second Session of the Synodal Assembly: The Second Session of the Synod on Synodality begins on 2nd October and ends on 27th October. Let us remember to pray the prayer for the synod every day after the Mass on the days of the Synod and support the Holy Father and the Assembly with our prayers.

5. Month of the Holy Rosary: The month of October is dedicated to praying the Rosary. The liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7 each year. The Rosary, named after the "Crown of Roses," represents a spiritual offering, where each recitation of the Hail Mary is like presenting a rose to the Virgin Mary. Completing a full Rosary is Equivalent to crafting a crown of roses, a tribute to her. Praying the Rosary is a meaningful way to strengthen our faith and safeguard ourselves in a secular world. The Mysteries provide a focus for our reflection, centering on key events in the lives of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Each Mystery offers a unique spiritual goal for us to contemplate during our prayers. This month presents an ideal opportunity to educate our faithful about the importance of the Rosary in nurturing the Christian life and to encourage them to pray it daily with their families. I urge Parish Priests/Mission Directors to organize community Rosaries, either in the church or in front of a Grotto of Our Lady. I encourage all MCA children to take initiative in leading the Rosary in families within their ward or village.

6. Jeevan Jyothi Camp: The Jeevan Jyothi Camp holds great significance in the faith journey of SSLC students, coming at a crucial stage in their lives. It is essential to guide our children not only in the values taught by Christ, but also to provide them with a deep, meaningful experience of faith. This camp is designed specifically for that purpose. Let's ensure that all SSLC students attend the Jeevan Jyothi Camp, which will be held in Bhalki from October 10th to 13th. The certificate they receive from the camp will serve as an important document for their future endeavors. Please send the list of participants from your parish to Fr Sachin Christy, the Coordinator of Jeevan Jyothi Camp (Mob: 97434 25461).

7. Youth Retreat: A retreat for the youth will be held on 18th - 20th at St Joseph's School, Bidar. Fr Roman Pinto, Shimoga will animate the group. Kindly make sure, all the youth from your parish/mission participate in this annual retreat. Please remind them to carry the YouCat Bible with them as they come for the retreat. Also, please send the list of participants to Fr Sachin Christy, Youth Director (Mob: 97434 25461).

8. Preparations for First Holy Communion and Confirmation: I invite the parish priest to hold at least a week long residential camp for the First Holy Communion and a full three days camp for Confirmation candidates during the October holidays (From 10th - 20th October 2024) and prepare the children well for the Sacraments. Please see that children learn by heart all the basic prayers and catechism well.

9. Study of Vatican II Documents: The ninth episode will be streamed on 15.10.2024 on the theme "The Eucharistic Mystery", presented by Fr Roque N. D' Souza. The tenth episode will be streamed on 30.10.2024 on the theme "The Liturgy of the Hours", presented by Dn Regironald Pinto. Please send the link to your friends. Let all the people benefit from these talks.

10. Feast of St Theresa of the Child Jesus, the Little Flower, Patroness of the Missions, (Oct 01): St Therese of the Child Jesus is honored as the patron saint of missions because she demonstrated the profound impact of prayer and became a spiritual companion to missionaries. From a young age, she had a burning desire to spread the Gospel across the

globe. Though illness kept her within the walls of her monastery as a Cloistered Contemplative Nun, she supported missionaries by writing letters, praying fervently, and offering sacrifices on their behalf. She teaches us the importance of speaking to God, reflecting inwardly, and striving to become our best selves. St Therese believed that life's hardships can bring us closer to God, and even the smallest acts of kindness can lead us toward Him. As we serve this mission diocese, we are called to follow her example, embracing her passion for mission work and dedication to spiritual growth.

11. Gandhi Jayanthi – a Day of Prayer for the Nation, (Oct 02): we honor the Father of the Nation, the Great Soul (Mahatma) of our country, we reflect on Mahatma Gandhi's priceless contribution to India's freedom, achieved through his principles of Truth and Ahimsa (non-violence). Gandhi was not only the Father of our Nation but also a source of inspiration and motivation for the entire world. As we commemorate his birthday, let us come together in prayer for peace and harmony in India. The United Christian Forum for Human Rights calls upon everyone to join in an inter-denominational prayer meeting, inviting local leaders and officials to mark this significant day for our nation.

12. Clergy Annual Retreat:

The annual retreat for clergy 2024 is scheduled from 17th to 22nd November 2024. Please mark these dates in your calendar and ensure that you keep this time reserved for the retreat.

Commissions Speak:

Commission for Liturgy:

1. Training for altar servers and lectors will take place at the Cathedral on October 13, 2024.
2. Altar servers' training is scheduled for October 31, 2024, in Santhpur.
3. A training and evaluation session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held in ORBIT on October 26, 2024.

- Fr Gerald Sagar, Secretary, Commission for Liturgy

Commission for BEC: The BEC/SCC Animators Training Program for the Gulbarga Deanery is scheduled for Sunday, 20th October 2024, at the Mother of Divine Grace Cathedral, Gulbarga. The session will begin at 9:30 AM and conclude at 12:30 PM.

- Fr Clary D' Souza, Secretary, Commission for BEC

Commission for Youth:

1. An advanced capacity-building training program will be held from October 3rd to 6th at ORBIT, Humnabad.
2. Jeevan Jyothi camp will be held from 10th to 13th October 2024 at Bhalki.
3. Youth retreat is scheduled for October 18th - 20th, 2024, at St Joseph's Church, Bidar.

- Fr Sachin Christy, Secretary, Commission for Youth

Commission for Social Communications: Artificial intelligence tools are being introduced as teaching aids for school teachers. Please book your classes well in advance. (Mob: 81054 73029)

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

Sponsorship Programme: School fees for the children for the academic year 2024-2025 will be distributed starting from October 10th. All Directors, Parish Priests, and Headmasters/Headmistresses are kindly requested to be present personally to hand over the cheques to the children. Directors are also requested to prepare and maintain an updated list of needy children to ensure continued support for their education.

- Fr Vincent Thoras, Secretary, Sponsorship Programme.

BISHOP'S PROGRAMME: OCTOBER 2024

- 02 - KUCFHR Meeting
- 03 - Clergy Recollection
- 04 - Input Session on Accounts by the Auditor.
- 06 - PPC Training, Jalasangi
- 09 - Diocesan Finance Committee Meeting
- 10 - Mass at Jeevan Jyothi Camp, Bhalki
- 11 - Mass at *Magis* Meet
- GDES GB Meeting
- 12 - 18 - Visit of Mr Martin Michalzick and Group, Germany
- 20 - Mass for the Youth at Youth Retreat, Bidar
- 23 - Proclamation Regional Meeting
- 24 - Board Meeting Bangalore Seminary
- 25 - KRCBC Training Programme
- 26 - *Jathra* Preparation Meeting - II
- 27 - Mission Sunday, Cathedral

Kripalaya, Bishop's House
01 October 2024



† Robert Miranda
Bishop of Gulbarga

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR FATHERS AND SISTERS

02	Fr Kuriakose SDB, <i>Kalaburagi</i>	21	Sr Maria Menezes SAP, <i>Kaudiyal</i>
03	Sr Anita Lobo SSpS, <i>Kalaburagi</i>	22	Fr William Selvaraj CSC, <i>Afzalpur</i>
04	Sr Daisy Maria BS, <i>Chittapur</i>	23	Fr Kiran Pashan SJ, <i>Vijayapura</i>
05	Sr Maria Swarupa AC, <i>Bidar</i>	23	Sr Neeta Alva SCSC, <i>Zalki</i>
07	Sr Pavana BS, <i>Jalasangi</i>	27	Sr Edna D' Mello SAP, <i>Kaudiyal</i>
08	Sr Celine D' Souza SCCG, <i>Kalaburagi</i>	27	Fr William Miranda OCD, <i>Kadaganchi</i>
11	Sr Chandrakala, SHM, <i>Sedam</i>	27	Fr Roque N. D' Souza, <i>Bhalki</i>
11	Fr Francis Menezes SJ, <i>Vijayapura</i>	27	Sr Sumi Sarkar Sccg SCCG, <i>Bhalki</i>
14	Sr Leena J. SCB, <i>Muchalamba</i>	27	Sr Francina CstT, <i>Kalaburagi</i>
15	Sr Rosaline D' Souza hmr, <i>Aland</i>	28	Sr Marylit CSS, <i>Kalaburagi</i>
15	Sr Arogya Mary UFS, <i>Vijayapura</i>	28	Sr Lilly Vas RNDM, <i>Santpur</i>
17	Sr Nirmala Joseph SCCG, <i>Kankal</i>	28	Sr Dayana DSS, <i>Halbarga</i>
18	Bro. Sachin Monteiro, <i>Kripalaya</i>	31	Bro. Jeya prakash SHJ, <i>Shahapur</i>
19	Fr Stanislaus D' Souza, SAC, <i>Muchalamba</i>	31	Sr Lucy D'Souza UFS, <i>Shorapur</i>

News September 2024

Blessing and Inauguration of St Sebastian Chapel at Ekhaspur Wadi, Bhalki (September 01, 2024): On the 01st of September 2024, a momentous occasion unfolded in the diocese as Bishop inaugurated the newly built St Sebastian Chapel at Ekhaspurwadi, marking a significant milestone in the spiritual journey of the faithful of Bhalki Mission. Bishop blessed the chapel and offered prayers for the faithful gathered. An inter-religious meet followed the Eucharistic celebration. The youth enacted the life and death of St Sebastian beautifully well. The Bishop congratulated Fr Roque D' Souza, the Bhalki Mission Team, and all the faithful of the village for their dedicated efforts in bringing this sacred chapel to completion, praising their collaborative spirit and devotion.

Blood Donation Camp at ORBIT, Humnabad (September 03, 2024): As a tribute to Mother Teresa, the patron saint of ORBIT Humnabad, a successful blood donation camp was organized on September 3rd, 2024, by ORBIT Humnabad in collaboration with the youth of the Gulbarga Diocese. The event fostered a strong sense of community and service, attracting 79 donors who contributed to the noble cause with ease and confidence.

Mother Theresa Hospital celebrated its Patroness Day (September 05, 2024): On Mother Teresa Day, MTC Hospital marked the occasion with a special Mass led by the Bishop on September 05, who prayed for the inmates, employees, and beneficiaries of the institution. The celebration, infused with love and compassion, was further highlighted by the generous support of Mrs. Janet, through which educational materials were distributed to 76 differently-abled children, benefiting a total of 100 students. The event honored Mother Teresa's legacy of selfless service and care for the marginalized, leaving a lasting impact on the community.

Blessing and Inauguration of Chapel at Madergaon, Jalasangi (September 05, 2024): The newly constructed St Theresa of Kolkata Chapel in Madergaon, part of the Jalasangi mission, was blessed in a solemn ceremony on 5th September 2024. The Bishop led the blessing and celebrated the Mass. In his speech Bishop expressed deep gratitude for the tireless efforts of Fr Vincent Thoras and his team in making the chapel a reality. The local community participated devoutly in the celebration, marking a significant milestone for the village.

Yuvaspandana, MCA Animators and Lectors Training Held at Wadi (September 22, 2024): The Yuvaspandana 2024, MCA Animators and Lectors Training program, took place at St Anne's Church, Wadi, on 22 September 2024 and brought together participants from the Shahabad, Chitapur, and Wadi parishes. The event began with a time of adoration, followed by a talk on the theme "Me and My Community (The Church)." Training sessions were conducted for MCA animators as well as for lectors, with a focus on liturgical guidelines. A total of 35 members took part in the program, enhancing their skills and knowledge in service to the Church.

Blessing and Inauguration Chapel at Hosalli, Talmadige (September 28, 2024): On September 28, 2024, Bishop blessed the Holy Spirit Chapel in Hosalli (Shmitabad) during a ceremonial event attended by neighbouring priests, religious, and members of the local community, including Catholics from neighboring villages. The Goodwill Mission Group was honored as special guests at the occasion. In his speech, Bishop Robert expressed gratitude to the Goodwill Mission Group, Fr George SCJ and his team. The blessing of the chapel marked a significant moment for the community, strengthening their spiritual bonds and commitment to faith.

		ACTIVITIES/ COMPETITIONS ON THE OCCASION OF BHALKI JATHRA - 2024			
		DEANERY LEVEL COMPETITIONS AT BHALKI- 5TH OCT. 11.00 AM			
Category	Section	Programme	Theme	Time	Participants Winners
ICYM	Boys	Speech	ಕ್ರೈಸ್ತ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭರವಸೆಯ ಯುವಕರಾಗೋಣವೇ ಸಮಾಜದಲ್ಲಿ ಮತಾಂಧತೆಯ ಪ್ರಭಾವ	6 Minutes	1
		Mime	ಸಮಾಜದ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನನ್ನ ಪಾತ್ರ	8 Minutes	10-12
		Gospel Enactment	Jesus Cleansing the Temple, Sower, Miracles Jesus	10 Minutes	10-15
		Drawing	ನಾನು ಕಂಡ ನನ್ನ ಭವಿಷ್ಯ	1 Hour	1
	Girls	Dance	ಕ್ರೈಸ್ತ ನೀತಿಗಳು/ ಹಾಡುಗಳು	5 Minutes	8-10
ELDER		Speech	ಕ್ರೈಸ್ತ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭರವಸೆಯ ಯುವಕರಾಗೋಣವೇ ಸಮಾಜದಲ್ಲಿ ಮತಾಂಧತೆಯ ಪ್ರಭಾವ	6 Minutes	1
		Drawing	ನಾನು ಕಂಡ ನನ್ನ ಭವಿಷ್ಯ	1 Hour	1
	MEN	ಹಗ್ಗ ಜಗ್ಗಾಟ್	ಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಭಕ್ತಾದಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ 27-10-2024		8
	Women	ಜಾನಪದ ನೃತ್ಯ	(ಮೌಖಿಕ ಅಥವಾ ರೆಕೋರ್ಡ್ ಹಾಡು)	6 Minutes	10
GUIDELINES			To the Directors/ Parish Priests		
Competitions to be held at Bhalki on 5th Oct. 11.00 am.			Kindly send the names of toppers		
All the Zonal level first Prize Winners shall compete			1. SSLC- 80%		
Lunch and refreshments shall be provided.			2. PUC - 80%		
You are to arrange all the material, costumes required for your programme.			3. Degree & PG- 75%		
Songs to be given in pendrive			with xerox copy of Marks Card		
No remix, no language barriers but time matters a lot.			Last minute names will not be entertained, kindly note.		
			Fr. Abishek Moses & Team		
Any clarification should be done in advance to the Cultural Team			Cultural Committee- Bhalki Jathra, 9481541478, 8762051956		