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world may believe”**

John 17:21

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The HOLY FATHER'S Monthly Intentions

JANUARY

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary & respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

FEBRUARY

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



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Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers & Sisters,

1. NEW YEAR GREETINGS, SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD:

The life of Jesus begins with Mary. Therefore, it is appropriate that we begin the New Year with a Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. In 1974, Pope Paul VI restored the feast to being a part of the Christmas season by fixing the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God to 1st of January. On this Solemnity, the Church adores the Saviour and venerates His glorious Mother.



On this first day of the New Year, let us ask Mary, Mother of God for the grace to know Jesus more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more closely so that this year may be a truly Happy New Year! As we begin this New Year 2019, let us pray that the good Lord will grant Peace and Prosperity in our Country and make each and every one of us a beacon of blessings to each other.

2. YEAR OF YOUTH

Let us dedicate this Year-2019 as a *YEAR OF YOUTH* with the Theme - *“The Youth belong to the Church and the Church belongs to them”* in the Diocese. The Synod on Youth has given ample views and means to guide the youth and their participation in the Universal Church. During this year, let us concentrate on youth to

Year of Youth-2019



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bring them close to God and to the Church - to build communities of faith in our families, parishes and institutions. The Youth commission already had a youth programme last year in different zones and the result was good. Youth is strength. We the priests, religious and laity need to get involved totally in Youth ministry throughout our Diocese, and make them involve in the Church activities, including to some extent in Church Administration too. Let us help each other in faith formation of youth to grow well personally in accordance to the Sacred Scriptures and the Magisterium. Let them have the spirit and attitude of service. Let us support and encourage them.

The Ordinary Synod of Bishops held last year October 3rd to 28th 2018, high-lighted the theme “The Youth, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.” The synod fathers focused on “Recognizing; interpreting; and choosing.” The Bishops felt that the youth have a great potential for mission and evangelization in the Church.

You will find, the Letter from the Synod Fathers to young people in the Annexure - 1 of this bulletin.

3. APPLICATION TO MINOR SEMINARY:

The application to Mysore Diocesan Minor Seminary is invited. The candidates who are going to write SSLC, II PUC & above examinations can apply. Parish Priests have a greater responsibility to recommend candidates from good and practicing Catholic families and who are well motivated for priesthood. We are recruiting application well in advance. Hence applications can be sought from Rev. Fr. Patrick Xavier, Rector, St. Mary’s Seminary, Mysuru and sent to him before 30th January 2019. Parish Priests and Correspondents of Education Institutions are requested to make necessary announcements in the Parish /Institutions.



4. CHRISTIAN UNITY OCTAVE JANUARY 18th-25th 2019:

Every year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that *"They may be one so that the world may believe"* (John 17:21). Traditionally the week of prayer is celebrated every year between 18th-25th January. The text for the liturgy is jointly published by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the WCC.

It will be good and effective, if every parish can organize short programme in parish and institutions level. I request all the faithful to take part in the ecumenical service and pray together for the unity of our Christian brothers and sisters. Unless we Christians are united in the given scenario, we will not be able to face the forth coming challenges that are on our way. Let us treat the brothers and sisters of every Christian sect and denomination with love and respect. Let us have dialogue with them and be united in the spirit of Christ.

You will find more details for the celebration of Liturgy in the Annexure – 2 of this bulletin.



5. CHARISMATIC CONVENTION:

The Mysore Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services (MDCCRS) is organizing a mega Catholic Charismatic Convention/Retreat *"Emmaus"* in the evening hours from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm from 21st to 24th February 2019 at St. Philomena's High School



Grounds, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru. This spiritual programme is the need of the hour to pray for our Country and all our needs. The preachers will be Rev. Fathers from Hyderabad and Kadappa in Andra Pradesh.

Rev. Fr. Jinto Thomas MoC will be the Chief Co-ordinator and Rev. Fr. Maria Xavier will be the Co-ordinator of this Convention. Kindly pray for the success of this renewal programme and co-operate with your presence and participation. Let us all spiritually benefit with God's blessings for our spiritual life.

6. REPUBLIC DAY:

As we celebrate the Republic Day of our nation on January 26th, let us thank God for the gift of our nation, the noble men and women of our Country in the past. Let us ask for the grace of God to all the political leaders and bureaucrats, so that they may be inspired by patriotic values in building a nation with peace, fraternity and harmony.



7. WORLD PEACE DAY:

Every year, 1st of January is observed as World Peace Day. *Good politics is at the service of peace* is the theme for the 52nd World Day of Peace to be observed on January 1st, 2019. In India the same is observed on 30th of January since it is the Martyr's Day. It is the anniversary of the assassination of the Father of our Nation – Mahatma Gandhiji. Every year, we have a public function at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Mysuru to commemorate the great sacrifice of the Father of our Nation and the freedom fighters to get liberty to us and to pray for World Peace. Let us be the ambassadors of peace in our families and communities, and bring Christian joy in the life of others. Let us pray specially on that day for peace in individuals, family, society and in world at large.



The message of the Holy Father Pope Francis you will find in the Annexure – 3 of this bulletin.

8. YOUNG CLERGY MEET:

As announced in the previous Clergy Conference, the Diocesan Clergy who have not completed five years of ordination will have an on-going priestly formation in Prashantha Nilaya, Mysuru on 5th and 6th of February



2019. The meeting begins at 09.30 am on 5th and ends at 4.30 pm on 6th Feb 2019. This meeting will be interesting and enriching for priestly ministry. I request all the diocesan priests who have not completed five years of ordination to attend the same without fail.

9. WORLD DAY OF THE SICK – 2019:

Every year, the World Day of the Sick is celebrated on 11th February, on the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is a special time of prayer, sharing and offering one's own sufferings to the Lord. Let us remember all the sick people, especially those who are poor and not able to afford for medical treatment, and pray for them. Let us not forget to share what we have with the poor and needy. Let us see the face of Jesus in them. Let us visit the sick often and be their hope and consolation, and pray for their recovery.



N.B: While administering the Communion to the sick, let us make sure the family members participate in the prayer reverently.

10. KODAGU RELIEF FUND:

In continuation to our previous report in the MDB 06/2018, Nov-Dec 2018, you will find the details of the activities done by the Diocese of Mysore with the co-operation of Organization for the development of the People (ODP)



for the relief of Flood Disaster in Kodagu, from 24th November to 28th December 2018, and the list of donors, in the Annexure – 4 of this bulletin.

11. FUND RAISING FOR KODAGU RELIEF IN BENGALURU:

Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, the Archbishop of Bangalore has taken keen interest to raise additional funds towards Kodagu Relief Works in our Diocese in collaboration with ODP and BMSS, and other secular agencies. A fund raising Musical Concert is organized at St. Joseph's Indian High School, Bengaluru on Sunday 27th Jan 2019 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Popular artist like Sonu Nigam and others will perform in this fund raising Concert. In addition, a souvenir with pictures, reports and articles about Kodagu Disaster will be released during the fund raising Event in Bengaluru. Contribution by way of advertisements will be raised towards the same. Rev. Msgr. Leslie Moras, Rev. Fr. Staney D'Almeida, Rev. Fr. Madalai Muthu, Rev. Fr. Bernard Prakash, Rev. Fr. Vincent Monteiro, Rev. Fr. Vijay Kumar and their team will be co-coordinating with regard to the fund raising Concert and Souvenir. Please co-operate by your encouragement and contribution towards the same. Let us keep this concert in our prayers for its success.



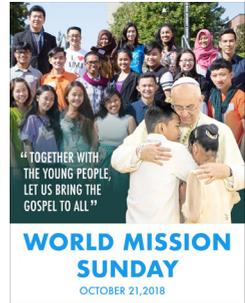
12. REMINDERS:

a) ANNUAL STATISTICS:

Every Year each Diocese has to send the Annual Statistics to Vatican by the last week of January. Hence I request you to make arrangements to prepare the forms (A-J) and send them by 15th of January 2018 in two copies to the Chancellor, Bishop's House, Mysuru.

b) MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

I request all the Parish Priests and Heads of the Institutions to send the Mission Sunday Collections by 15th of January. Let the Institutions too contribute for the same. Please send the total amount to the account 'Mission Sunday' and in turn we will forward the same to Pontifical Mission Society.



c) MEDICAL BILLS:

We request the Diocesan priests to use the insurance card when you get hospitalized for the medical treatment with due information to Bishop/Procurator. It covers a total amount of rupees 2 lakhs. Other medical expenses and bills are to be sent for clearance immediately or on monthly basis. Kindly co-operate. Please do not accumulate for more than a month. Self-sufficient Parishes/Institutions are supposed to maintain medical expenses themselves after benefitting from the provisions of insurance.



d) LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR:

As we all know that the Little Sisters of the Poor, Mysuru are rendering their full support and help to take care of the elderly poor *who have no means of supporting themselves*. Recently, it is noticed that some of the Priests are recommending elders with big pensions and property to the Home for the aged. We are told not to recommend those from the well-to-do background, because the charism of the Congregation is to take care of only the poor and downtrodden. You can recommend them to other places where such aged people are taken care for cost.



e) ENROLMENT OF NAME IN THE VOTERS LIST:

As we all know about the forth-coming elections, we need to bring awareness of the same to our people. It is the right and duty of every citizen of the country who is above 18 years to vote. Kindly announce in your parishes and institutes regarding the enrolment of names in the Voters List.

Let the people check and make sure that their names are found in the official voters list. Kindly encourage the faithful to make use of this opportunity. Please contact ODP and the Diocesan Commission in-charge fathers (Chief Co-ordinator and Laity Commission) who will guide you with regard to this.



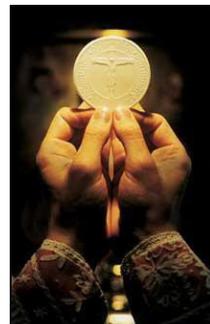
f) FILM SHOOTING IN THE CHURCH/SHRINE:

Church/Shrine/Chapel is a sacred place of divine worship. Therefore shooting movies or any other videos for commercial purposes are strictly prohibited inside any Church/Shrine/Chapel of our Diocese. Even for shooting in the facade or out-side premises of the Church, the parish priest has to contact the Bishop with a written request letter. The Bishop MAY permit to shoot film in the campus, after going through the synopsis/context of the scene in the film. Kindly contact the diocesan authority immediately, if such circumstances arise.



g) HOLY MASS AND CON-CELEBRATION:

In our Christian life, liturgical celebrations bring us grace of God. To make this celebration as a Divine experience the liturgical animator plays a major role. All liturgical norms are to be followed in accordance with the Roman Liturgical Calendar and GIRM. It is better to have good co-ordination between the parish priests, religious communities



and laity with regard to the arrangements for liturgical celebrations to make our liturgy vibrant and God experiencing one to foster the faith of people.

During the Holy Eucharistic Celebration, con-celebrants are to join from the beginning of the Holy Mass. No priest is allowed to join the con-celebration in between, in case of late arrival. He can join the congregation without vesting.

Mass timings and language for the common Masses in the Parish Churches has to be kept up without any alteration. Any change of regular mass timings has to be brought to the notice of Bishop and written permission has to be obtained. Holy Mass cannot be offered in houses. In case of need, like for the very sick/aged, written permission of the Bishop is required. Special masses can be given at any suitable time and language as per the need of the people.

13. INFORMATION:

- a) Rev. Fr. John Bosco who was in PNG as a missionary, after intense medical treatment there, he has returned to the Diocese few months back. He is yet under medical treatment. Recently he is residing at Cascades Estate, Yercaud in Salem.
- b) Rev. Fr. Christy Sam is on medical treatment, residing at Prashantha Nilaya, Mysuru. Presently Rev. Fr. Roxan Thomas Baros, Secretary to Bishop is taking care of St. Anthony's Church, Gayathripuram. St. Anthony's Institutions in Gayathripuram is under the care of Rev. Fr. Vijay Kumar, Secretary of MDES.
- c) Very Rev. Fr. N. S. Marie Joseph, residing at Prashantha Nilaya is under medical treatment at St. John's Hospital, Bengaluru.

Let us visit the sick priests and keep them in our prayers for their speedy recovery.

- d) **SNEHA KIRAN MYSORE SPASTIC SOCIETY:**
Donations received towards establishing a Residential facility for Special need children at Ganangoor Village (from 8th of October to 31th of December 2018)



Sl No.	Names	Amount
	Donations Previously Received	5,62,750.00
01	Hemalatha Memorial Trust, Dharmapuri	15,000.00
02	Mr.Dorai Raj Domnic James, Koramangala, Bangalore	5,500.00
03	Rev. Fr. Edward Saldana, St. Anthony's Church, Suntikoppa	35,250.00
04	Rev. Sr. Jayamary Sebastian, Konankatte, Kodagu	2,000.00
	Sub Total	57,750.00
	Total Donation received	6,20,500.00

I thank the above mentioned donors for their generosity. May God bless you.

14. THANKS AND WISHES

a) Thanks for Wishes: In view of Christmas, Rev. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and Laity visited and wished me. Several sent greetings and wishes for Christmas and New Year. Thanks for the same, especially for your prayers and co-operation. My prayers and blessings for you all.



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BISHOP OF MYSORE



b) Mysore Diocesan Education Society: On 10th of November 2018, the Meritorious Catholic Students and Mysore Diocesan Institutions who received 100% results were honoured with certificates and cash prizes. I thank and congratulate Rev. Fr. Vijay Kumar – Secretary of MDES and his team for the meticulous arrangements, and for the success of the program. Let us encourage our students to excel well in education.



c) Migrants Commission: On 25th of November 2018, the Migrants Commission in the Diocese arranged a get-together programme for the migrants in St. Philomena's College premises. It was attended by more than 400 Catholics who are from different

parts of India and also from Africa and other Countries but residing in our Diocese. The purpose of this get-together is in line with Pope Francis to bring together all the migrants that they may feel oneness with the church, to reach out to them in the celebration of sacraments in their own languages and to make them feel that the Church is with them. They will be taken care by the religious who have worked in their area and background.



I congratulate and thank Very Rev. Fr. Dominic Vaz OCD, the Secretary of the Diocesan Migrants Commission and his team, for the planning and bringing the migrants together and taking initiative to cater to the spiritual needs of them. Let us give pastoral and spiritual care to them in our places.

d) Recollection for the Formees and Formators:

Recollection for the formees and formators of various religious congregations was arranged by the Rev. Fr. Herald Christopher Crasta MSFS on 1st December 2018 at Villa St. Joseph, Jettihundi, Mysuru and preached by the



Bishop. It was attended by nearly 200 members from various formation houses. I congratulate the initiative taken by Rev. Fr. Christopher and his team, wish them all the best for the ministry. Let this kind of coming together continue, especially for formees and formators every year.

e) Infant Jesus Charity Home, Bangalore: Infant Jesus Charity Home was started by Late. Rev. Fr. Valerian Tauro, a priest of the Diocese of Mysore years back. After his demise in 2012, some priests from Diocese and religious took care of the home under the

guidance of Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Antony Vazhapilly, the then Bishop of Mysore. There were some issues and confusions. All these are solved by the grace of God. On 2nd December, Rev. Fr. Shibu Cheriyankunnel MoC was installed as the Director of the Infant Jesus Charity Home under the



Diocese of Mysore. I wish all the best and fruitful ministry for him.

f) Christmas get-together

by UCF: On 19th December 2018, the United Christian Forum – Mysuru Zone arranged a Christmas get-together of all Christian denominations and few Non-Christians. It was held at St. Philomena’s Indoor Stadium, Mysuru.



There were nearly 100 members from each Church totalling nearly 600 members, who attended the programme. More than 100 Non-Christian representatives were also invited to share their joy with fellowship. I congratulate and thank Rev. Msgr. C. Rayappa, Rev. Fr. Stanislaus Manickam, Rev. Fr. Arul Selva Kumar and all the organizers for the beautiful programme. Let us relate well with other Churches and faith in unity.

g) Mysore Diocesan Seminarians

Get-together : On 26th December 2018, Mysore Diocesan Seminarians came together to celebrate Christmas and it was held at St. Mary’s Minor Seminary, Mysuru. I thank and congratulate Rev. Fr. Patrick Xavier and his team for arranging the same. It was a time to know and experience each other’s fellowship - both of major and minor seminarians.



15. BLESSINGS & INAUGURATIONS:

a) Suntikoppa: On 8th November 2018, a renovated Convent building of Ursuline Franciscan Sisters was blessed and inaugurated in Suntikoppa. I congratulate and thank the Provincial Superior, and community members for the beautiful Convent building. May God bless their ministry.



b) Nanjangud : On 16th November 2018, the Congregation of Apostolic Carmel celebrated the Golden Jubilee of both the Convent and the School at Nanjangud. I congratulate the religious congregation and the community members for their witnessing life and service in Mysore Diocese.



c) Shanthipura : On 17th November 2018, the Congregation of Ursuline Sisters of Franciscans celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Shanthi Convent and School at Shanthipura. I congratulate the religious congregation and community members for their committed rural service in Mysore Diocese.



d) N. R. Mohalla: On 23rd November 2018, the renovated Chapel of Petraniketan Convent of Dina Sevana Sabha Congregation at Mysuru was blessed and inaugurated. I congratulate and thank the Provincial Superior and the community members for the renovation work with the help of the Minority Funds. I thank them for their co-operation with the Diocese of Mysore.



e) Martalli : On 24th of November 2018, a new Presbytery, School Building and the Shopping Complex was blessed and inaugurated at Martalli. I congratulate and thank Rev. Fr. Joseph Packiaraj -Parish Priest, the donors and the team for the same.



f) Pushpagiri: The project of new buildings of Infant Jesus Institutions and St. Anne's Convent at Pushpagiri in Mysuru was initiated few years back in the new place, next to existing Infant Jesus Church in exchange



for the existing buildings. These arrangements were earlier made in request to the Bharathiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Ltd., to the Diocese of Mysore. Already the new convent was blessed last year. On 5th December 2018, the new building for the Infant Jesus Institutions was blessed and inaugurated. I congratulate and thank Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Anthony Vazhapilly, Bishop Emeritus, for his role in implementation of this project. A word of thanks to Rev. Fr. John Sequeira, Rev. Fr. Thomas Becket D'Souza, Rev. Fr. James Dominic, Rev. Fr. Vincent Monteiro, Rev. Fr. Vijay Kumar, Rev. Fr. George Deepak and their team for the same. We thank the BRBNML for their support and help for the completion of the project.

g) Rammanahalli : On 5th December 2018, foundation stone was laid for the construction of Thejomaya De Addiction Centre and Divine Mercy Mysore Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Centre at Rammanahalli. I wish Rev. Fr. Jinto Thomas MoC all the best for the completion of the



project. These centres will be of a great help to the people for psycho-spiritual benefit in our Diocese.

h) Hinkal : On 9th December 2018, Notre Dame P U College building of the Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame was blessed and inaugurated at Hinkal. I congratulate and thank the Provincial Superior and the community members for the new College building and the educational service that they are rendering in Mysore Diocese.



i) Bannimantap : On 21st December 2018, a new building of St. Joseph's College /School of Nursing was blessed and inaugurated at Bannimantap, Mysuru. I congratulate and thank Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Antony Vazhapilly – Bishop Emeritus and his team for initiating this project. Rev. Fr. George Martiz organised well the inauguration programme.



j) K. R. Nagar : On 22nd December 2018, the Congregation of Bethany Sisters celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Bethany Convent and the School at K. R. Nagar. I congratulate the religious congregation and community members for their committed educational service in Mysore Diocese.



k) Cowdalli : On 24th of December 2018, the renovated Chapels of Karunalaya - Home for the Aged and Kripanilaya Convent of DSS Congregation at Cowdalli was blessed and inaugurated. I congratulate and thank the Provincial Superior and the community members for

the renovation work with the help of the Minority Funds. I thank them for their service that they are rendering in Mysore Diocese.

16. BIRTH DAYS:

The following priests of our Diocese have their Birthdays during the months of January and February. Our Prayerful wishes to them.

JANUARY

- 01 - Rev. Fr. Vijay Kumar & Rev. Fr. Roxan Thomas Baros
- 02 - Rev. Fr. Benedict J. R. Gomes
- 04 - Rev. Fr. J. Anthonappa
- 09 - Rev. Fr. Prashanth Kumar
- 12 - Rev. Fr. Vijeth Martin
- 13 - Rev. Fr. Stephen Joseph & Rev. Fr. David CM
- 15 - Rev. Fr. M. Christopher
- 16 - Rev. Fr. Charles Noronha
- 18 - Rev. Fr. John Peter Rego & Rev. Fr. Rony Ravi Kumar
- 21 - Rev. Fr. Vincent D'Souza & Rev. Fr. Christopher Sagayaraj
- 23 - Rev. Fr. Tenny Kurian

FEBRUARY

- 02 - Rev. Fr. Cyril D'Souza
- 08 - Rev. Fr. Denis D'Souza
- 11 - Rev. Fr. Alfred John Mendonca & Rev. Fr. Anthony Raj R
- 12 - Rev. Fr. Jebamalai Muthu
- 14 - Rev. Fr. Valentine R. Kumar
- 15 - Rev. Fr. John G. D'Cunha & Rev. Fr. Paul D'Sa MoC
- 20 - Rev. Fr. Joseph D'Mello
- 22 - Rev. Fr. L. Santiago
- 27 - Most Rev. Dr. K. A. William
(Birthday & Episcopal Ordination Day)

We also wish a happy birthday to all the Religious fathers, brothers and sisters who celebrate their birthdays in the month of January and February.

17. NECROLOGY :

We fondly remember the Mysore Diocesan Priests on their death anniversary during the month of January and February. With gratitude we pray for the departed for their service.

JANUARY

03-01- 2012	Rev. Fr. Felix J. Tauro
09-01-1970	Rev. Fr. Cornelius Lobo
10-01-1987	Rev. Fr. Albert Gonsalves
18-01-1970	Rev. Fr. Ignatius H. Lobo
27-01-1964	Most Rev. Dr. Rene Feuga

FEBRUARY

14-02-2015	Rev. Fr. Michael Gonsalvez
16-02-2000	Rev. Fr. Joseph Jaunet
18-02-2000	Rev. Fr. Peter Penven
23-02-1979	Rev. Fr. Freeman Joseph
28-02-1999	Rev. Fr. F. Michael

We also pray for the departed souls of religious priests, brothers and sisters on their death anniversary in the month of January and February for their service in our Diocese.



18. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2019:

January – 2019

- 04 - Holy Mass at St. Mary's Minor Seminary, Bannimantap
- 05 - St. Anthony's Institutions Annual Day, K R Nagar
- 07 - 14th CCBI Meeting Chennai
- 15 - Holy Mass at Pushpashram, Mysuru
- 16 - St. Joseph's Hospital Trust Meeting
- 20 - Festive Mass at Infant Jesus Cathedral, Hinkal, Mysuru
- 22 - Graduation & Lamp Lighting Ceremony,
St. Joseph's Nursing College, Bannimantap
- 22 - Festive Mass at Prabodhana, Mysuru
- 23 - Diocesan Priests Council Meeting, Mysuru
- 24 - Confirmation, St. James Church, Shanthipura
- 25 - Festive Mass at O. L. of Victories Church, Somwarpet
- 27 - Kodagu Relief Fund Raising Concert, Bengaluru
- 28 - Blessing & Inauguration of New Bishop's House
& Minor Seminary, Puttur
- 29 - Cluster Correspondents Meeting, Mysuru
- 30 - World Peace Day Celebration, Cathedral, Mysuru

February – 2019

- 01 - KRBC- Liturgy Sub Committee (Common Hymns) Meeting
- 02 - Final Profession, Sisters of Sacred Sciences, Mysuru
- 02to04 - Pastoral visit, St. Antony's Church, Ponnampet
- 05 & 06- Young Clergy Meet, Mysuru
- 06 - Holy Mass at St. Mary's Minor Seminary, Mysuru
- 10 - First Holy Communion, Cathedral
- 12 - Felicitation to New Bishop Rozario Menezes, Virajpet
- 13 - St. Joseph's Hospital Trust Meeting
- 16 - Blessings of Mount Carmel Syro Malabar Church, Mysuru

- 17 - Retreat Mass, Legion of Mary, Mysuru
- 17 - Blessing & Inauguration of New Church of Holy Cross at Maradiyur
- 20&21 - St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Board Meeting, Bangalore
- 22 - KRCBC Meeting, Bangalore
- 22 - MDCCRS Holy Mass, St. Philomena's High School, Mysuru
- 23 - Chapter Inauguration Mass, Petraniketan, Mysuru
- 23&24 - Pastoral visit, O.L. of Perpetual Succour Parish, Kuvempunagar
- 26 - Cluster Correspondent Meeting, Mysuru
- 27 - Fellowship Gathering, St. Philomena's Indoor Stadium and Holy Mass at Cathedral, Mysuru

Sd/-

✠ Most Rev. Dr. K. A. William

Bishop of Mysore



Annexure – 1

LETTER FROM THE SYNOD FATHERS TO YOUNG PEOPLE XV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

We the Synod Fathers now address you, young people of the world, with a word of hope, trust and consolation. In these days, we have gathered together to hear the voice of Jesus, “the eternally young Christ”, and to recognize in Him your many voices, your shouts of exultation, your cries, and your moments of silence.

We are familiar with your inner searching, the joys and hopes, the pain and anguish that make up your longings. Now we want you to hear a word from us: we wish to be sharers in your joy, so that your expectations may come to life. We are certain that with your enthusiasm for life, you will be ready to get involved so that your dreams may be realized and take shape in your history.

Our weaknesses should not deter you; our frailties and sins must not be an obstacle for your trust. The Church is your mother; she does not abandon you; she is ready to accompany you on new roads, on higher paths where the winds of the Spirit blow stronger - sweeping away the mists of indifference, superficiality and discouragement.

When the world that God so loved, that he gave us his only Son, Jesus, is focused on material things, on short-term successes, on pleasures, and when the world crushes the weakest, you must help it to rise up again and to turn its gaze towards love, beauty, truth and justice once more.

For a month, we have walked together with some of you and with many others who have been united to us through prayer and affection. We wish to continue the journey now in every part of the earth where the Lord Jesus sends us as missionary disciples.

The Church and the world urgently need your enthusiasm. Be sure to make the most fragile people, the poor and those wounded by life your traveling companions.

You are the present; be a brighter future. 28th October 2018

Annexure -2

Justice and only justice you shall pursue (Deuteronomy 16:18-20) THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - 2019

INTRODUCTION

Today is the 2nd Sunday of the Ordinary time and the Church in India celebrates it as “Ecumenism Sunday.” Ecumenism is a movement among Christians towards unity. The Church through today’s liturgy calls on us to pray for unity among Christians. We are in “The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,” January 18-25.

Various reasons in history have separated Christians from each other but Churches today have come to underline the baptismal unity, the fundamental bond that unites us with Christ as one Body. Every Church is sad about the divisions and craves for unity. While the modern ecumenical movement was the initiative of our protestant brethren, Roman Catholic Church is intensively active since Vatican II which declared that “restoration of unity among all Christians is one of (its) principal concerns” (UR.1). Let us join the Christians worldwide during this ‘Week of Prayer for Christian Unity’ and in a special way today in this Eucharistic celebration for the gift of unity, especially in India for the credible witnessing to the Gospel.

The Church in Indonesia is asking for our prayers so that they may all be united to fight the various types of injustice that has beset their country. Let us rise them up in our prayers during this Mass.

Selfishness and pride have divided and fragmented the church. Let us ask forgiveness for our shortcomings that have contributed to the separation and aloofness, and for our failure to take necessary steps to reconcile with our separated Christian brethren.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS

Today is the 2nd Sunday in the Ordinary Time. The readings proper of the day are retained except for the First reading where an

option is offered (Deuteronomy 16: 18-20) as it is the passage chosen for this year's biblical theme for "The Week of Prayer for the Christian Unity."

First Reading: Is 62: 1-5

Today's first reading is from the Servant's Song where the Messiah vows to continue proclaiming salvation and intercede for Jerusalem. The Lord will avenge wrong done to his people. The Lord will forgive his people, give her a new name and marry her – a biblical imagery expressing the covenantal relationship between God and His people – the spousal metaphor. In the New Testament this metaphor is used to describe the relation between Christ who is the bridegroom and the church his bride. Divisions in the church are on account of our sins which have caused violence and bloodshed as Christians fought among themselves and in recent years an unprecedented persecution of Christians. Christians should repent like the people of Israel and reconcile. The Lord will raise his church up. She will then be "a bride beautifully dressed for her husband" as described in the book of Revelations. The relationship between this couple will be very intimate, for the bridegroom will not only be her husband but also builder.

Or

Deuteronomy 16: 18-20

Moses appointed judges to administer justice. They were expected to be persons fair and impartial. They were not to pervert justice either by bribe or by influences. They were to follow justice and justice alone. Injustice is one of the serious sins for which the Israelites were punished (Cf. Amos). Injustice is the root cause of most of today's conflicts. Justice is a requirement for peace in the world. Injustice also feeds our divisions. Christians, especially the leaders in the Church, must unite against injustice and facilitate the ushering in of Peace - the gift of the risen Christ.

Second Reading: 1 Cor. 12: 4-11

In today's 2nd reading we hear Paul insisting that there are different kinds of gifts, different kinds of services and different kinds of working all for the building up of the Body of Christ. Vatican II in *Lumen Gentium*⁸, recognizes that "many elements of sanctification and of truth are found outside of its (Roman Catholic) visible structure. These elements, as gifts belonging to the Church of Christ, are forces impelling toward catholic unity." These gifts are from the Holy Spirit, single source, and they are to be shared with each other for the building up of the Body of Christ. Every church has something to offer us. We shall pray for the grace of humility to recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in other Churches and accept His gifts bestowed to other churches, and at the same time, for the generosity to share our gifts with them.

Gospel: Jn 2:1-12

The 'joy of heaven' is expressed in the imagery of the wedding feast of the Lamb (Rev. 19: 6-9) and Jesus speaks of the invitation to the wedding feast in the Gospels. He began his ministry with the invitation, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." His first miracle was at the wedding feast of Cana where he turned water into wine. Wine is the sign of joy. Conversion and reconciliation between churches should precede the proclamation of the Gospel. The "Joy of the Gospel" has to be shared at every cost. The invitation to banquet is open to everyone but we need messengers to reach the invitation.

POINTS FOR HOMILY

Introduction to each reading given above, and the "Forward" in the beginning of this booklet could be developed for the homily. A few more points are given here:

The people of the Old Testament committed sins and broke the spousal covenant with God and brought punishment upon themselves. Sin of selfishness and pride have caused divisions in the church, the spousal relationship is damaged. The weakness that stems from our disunity has emboldened our enemy to hurt us. (Pope Francis says,

“Those who kill do not ask to which church we belong, they kill because we are Christians.” We are united in the ecumenism of blood.)

Eucharistic banquet that we participate in is the foretaste of the wedding banquet of the Lamb in heaven. No meal is a joyful experience if our dear ones are not present. The absence of our separated brethren at the Eucharistic table should hurt us – if it does not, we lack something vital. Wounds stop hurting when dead, but we are emphatically alive. The nostalgia for our separated brethren who are not with us here at Eucharist should grow stronger. The wedding feast is ready but our joy is incomplete – our brethren are not at table.

Mother Mary senses the situation at the wedding and instantly rushes to help. This reveals our Heavenly Mother. Her natural response was to turn to her Son for help in addressing a crisis. Jesus heeded to her by turning water into wine. Isaiah and Jeremiah speak of messianic banquet where there would be abundant wine, superior wine (Is 25: 6; Jer 31:12).

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters unity is a Grace which only God can grant us through the Holy Spirit. Gathered around the altar on this Ecumenism Sunday let us implore our loving Father for the gift of unity in the Body of His only begotten Son.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Pope Francis who as the successor of Peter is nostalgically going after our separated brethren yearning for the joy of their embrace. May God bless him with good health and continue to bless his ministry to unity. We pray to the Lord:

May the words of Pope Francis at the WCC centre at Geneva on the occasion of its 70th anniversary last June, “I have desired to come here, a pilgrim in quest of unity and peace. I thank God because here I have found you, brothers and sisters already making this same journey,” inspire all our church leaders and each one of us to earnestly seek unity. We pray to the Lord:

We pray for the world ecumenical organizations like, World Council of Churches, Anglican Communion, Lutheran World Federation, World Methodist Council, World Communion of Reformed Churches, World Evangelical Alliance etc., and similar unions of churches in our country that their efforts for unity may be fruitful. We pray to the Lord:

We pray for the Church in India that we may through prayer and fraternal dialogue overcome the difference inherited from the west and come to appreciate each other's gifts and work unitedly as one Body of Christ for the noble cause of the Gospel. We pray to the Lord:

We pray for our national and state governments and all the other leaders that they develop a genuine concern for and compassion towards their less privileged countrymen. May their commitment towards the spirit of secularism and democracy enshrined in our constitution be their beacon light in the service of the nation. We pray to the Lord:

We heed the prayer request of the Churches in Indonesia for unity among themselves to fight various types of injustices that are present in their country. Through their united efforts, may justice, peace and prosperity for all be established. We pray to the Lord:

We pray for our brethren persecuted all over the world for their profession of faith in Christ. May the Spirit of God touch the hearts of the persecutors and convert them as Saul to Paul, and may God sustain those being persecuted with His grace to bear witness to Him as St. Stephen did. Let us pray to the Lord:

Celebrant: Loving Father, Hear the prayers of your children imploring you on behalf of all the churches for the gift of unity in the Mystical Body of your Son. Grant us the earnestness to seek our separated brethren and embrace them so that our Eucharistic banquet is complete. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.

People: Amen

Annexure - 3

Organization for the Development of People (ODP)

Kodagu Flood Disaster : Extension Report – 3

24.11.2018 to 28.12.2018

Activity Points :

1. Land for Housing
2. Planning & Monitoring Meeting
3. Visit of Caritas India & Team
4. Visit & Contribution of Sisters from Mangalore
5. Planning of Fund Raising
6. Government help
7. Follow up of proposals

DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES DONE

1. Land for Housing

The Diocese of Mysore, under the able leadership and guidance of Bishop – Rev. Dr. K. A. William – has identified 3 acres of land for housing of flood affected families, in Hattihole of Kodagu district, which is about 15 Kms from Madikeri town. The land is worth about Rs.30,00,000/- (Thirty lakhs only).

Planning for the landscaping of same is under progress through a well experienced technical team, consisting of – engineers, landscapers, geologists and others. It is presently planned to provide to the needy families – with a 40 ft. x 60 ft. of plot in this 3 acres of land. The technical team is also ensuring that the land will not be affected by floods in future – by planning measures for the same.

A legal team is also looking into all legal matters connected with the land, for getting the required permissions from the concerned district authorities of the administration.

2. Planning & Monitoring Meeting

The Curia and representatives of the Steering Committee, along with the Dean of Kodagu, met to discuss about the work done for the relief of Kodagu flood disaster families and particularly on speeding up the progress of relief measures.



3. Visit of Caritas India & Team

On 14th December, 2018, Mr. Robert D'Souza of Caritas India, along with Mr. Mahesh of United Ways and 4 representatives from KPHG Company visited Kodagu to review the situation and get first-hand information on people's requirements. They visited 4 schools which were damaged and needed repairs. In the afternoon, they visited Kalloor village to review the watershed measures planned for the area.



4. Visit & Contribution of Sisters from Mangalore

Two sisters from Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore, Sr. Gorretti and Sr. Coleen, met Fr. Mendonca in Kodagu, made a list of 40 poor and deserving families, whose houses had collapsed or been broken in the floods, and provided each family with a cheque of Rs. 8000/- for food and other immediate essential needs.

5. Government help

In collaboration with the ODP field staff, the following government aid has been mobilised for our severely affected SHG members –

- In Nellidukere and Bettadakadu - 25 families got Rs. 3,800/ each from the GP
- In Chamundeshwarinagar - 14 families got Rs. 5,200/ each from the TP
- In Indiranagar - 16 families got Rs. 40,000/- each from the TP
- In Nelludikere - 5 families got Rs. 75,000/- each from the GP
- In various areas - 27 families got Rs. 3,82,700/- in various

Amounts, ranging from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 30,000/- each from the GPs

6. Planning for Fund Raising

Director of ODP, Rev. Fr. Staney D'Almeda, representing the Diocese of Mysore, attended 3 meetings in the Archdiocese of Bangalore, along with the Archbishop and the Archdiocesan Steering Committee representatives to plan for fund raising initiatives.

As a result, a Musical Concert is planned by the famous singer Shri Sonu Nigam and team, in collaboration with M/s Olive Hill Media Pvt. Ltd. on 27th January, 2019, at the St. Josephs' Indian High School grounds, from 6.00 p.m. to 10.00 pm.



A Souvenir will also be released on this day (27/01/2019) for which a Souvenir Committee has been formed, consisting of – Rev. Msgr. Leslie Moras, Rev. Fr. Vincent Monteiro, Rev. Fr. Dominic Vaz (CRI President), Rev. Fr. Vijay Kumar, Rev. Fr. Bernard Prakash, Rev. Fr. Staney D'Almeda and Rev. Fr. Madalai Muthu.

The Souvenir Committee will seek support from the Diocesan and secular institutions through Advertisement Contributions in the Souvenir.

7. Follow up of proposals

Caritas India has sanctioned the Cash Transfer proposal for 78 families – for a sum of Rs. 15,00,000. Before sending the amount they wanted beneficiary details and signatures in 3 Formats – which has been sent to them. Their support is expected.



**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR
KODAGU DISASTER RELIEF FUND**

(26th October - 31st December 2018)

A. DIOCESAN CLERGY:

NAME OF THE DIOCESAN CLERGY	AMOUNT
REV. FR. VINCENT FERNANDES	1000.00
REV. FR. RAYMOND	1000.00
REV. FR. ANTHONY RAJ J	2000.00
TOTAL	Rs. 4,000.00

B. PARISHES:

NAME OF THE PARISH	AMOUNT
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Maddur	8,122.00
DIVINE MERCY CHURCH, Sathagalli	30,038.00
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, P. G. Palya	45,000.00
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH, Somwarpet	1,12,473.20
ST. ANTONY'S CHURCH, Suntikoppa	1,82,140.00
TOTAL	3,77,773.20

C. RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES:

SOUMYA SADAN, Sahukarhundi	500.00
HOLY CROSS CONVENT, Hanur	1,000.00
DAUGHTERS OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, Sahukarhundi	1,000.00
HOLY CROSS CONVENT, Prakashpalya	2,000.00
MONTFORT FARM, Mysuru	2,000.00
O. L. V. CONVENT, Somwarpet	9,997.05
ST. JOSEPH'S ASHRAM, Devarapura	10,000.00
TOTAL	26,497.05

D. INSTITUTIONS:

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION	AMOUNT
SHANTHI PRIYA SCHOOL, Jampanahalli (MR.PRASANNA)	2,000.00
AIDED MATHEW HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL, Jakkalli	3,240.00
ST. PHILOMENA'S KANNADA LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL, Mysuru	5,000.00
ST. JOSEPH'S KANNADA LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL, Mysuru	5,800.00
ST. PHILOMENA'S HIGHER PRIMARY & HIGH SCHOOL, Nagavalli	6,700.00
ST. JOSEPH'S HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL, Mysuru	8,595.00
ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, Somwarpet	10,180.00
ST. JOSEPH'S P. U. COLLEGE, Somwarpet	10,635.00
ST. JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL, Somwarpet	12,175.00
ST. JOSEPH'S DEGREE COLLEGE, Somwarpet	12,510.00
ST. PHILOMENA'S I.T.I, Mysuru	24,120.00
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CAMPUS SCHOOLS UNAIDED STAFF, Mysuru	26,648.00
ST. MARY'S ENGLISH HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL, Mysuru	46,024.00
ST. PHILOMENA'S HIGH SCHOOL, Mysuru	64,908.00
TOTAL	2,38,535.00

E. RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS:

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY, ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL, Belwadi	7,500.00
GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL, Ammathi	20,000.00
JYOTHI NIVAS SCHOOL, Srirangapatna	25,000.00
TOTAL	52,500.00

F. OTHERS:

NAME	AMOUNT
KONKANI CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, Mysuru	1,00,000.00
KARNATAKA REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF RELIGIOUS, Bangalore	5,00,000.00
TAMILNADU SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY, Trichy	20,00,000.00
TOTAL	26,00,000.00

G. OTHER DIOCESE

DIOCESE OF GULBARGA	40,000.00
ARCHDIOCESE OF BOMBAY	5,00,000.00
DIOCESE OF CHIKMAGALUR	5,21,500.00
ARCHDIOCESE OF DELHI THRO' CHETANALAYA	10,00,000.00
TOTAL	20,61,500.00

F. UNKNOWN:

Unknown remittances in the Bank	06,25,489.14
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TOTAL COLLECTIONS RECEIVED:

A. Diocesan Clergy	48,000.00
B. Parishes	3,77,773.20
C. Religious Communities	26,497.05
D. Institutions	2,38,535.00
E. Religious Institutions	52,500.00
F. Others	46,61,500.00
G. Unknown	6,25,489.14
Total	Rs. 60,30,294.39

CONSOLIDATION OF COLLECTIONS RECEIVED TILL 25.10.2018:

A. Diocesan Clergy	2,47,580.10
B. Parishes	25,81,958.20
C. Religious Communities	22,30,937.05
D. Institutions	21,57,516.00
E. Religious Institutions	5,56,888.00
F. Others	1,38,18,500.00
G. Unknown	6,25,489.14
Total	Rs. 2,21,18,868.49

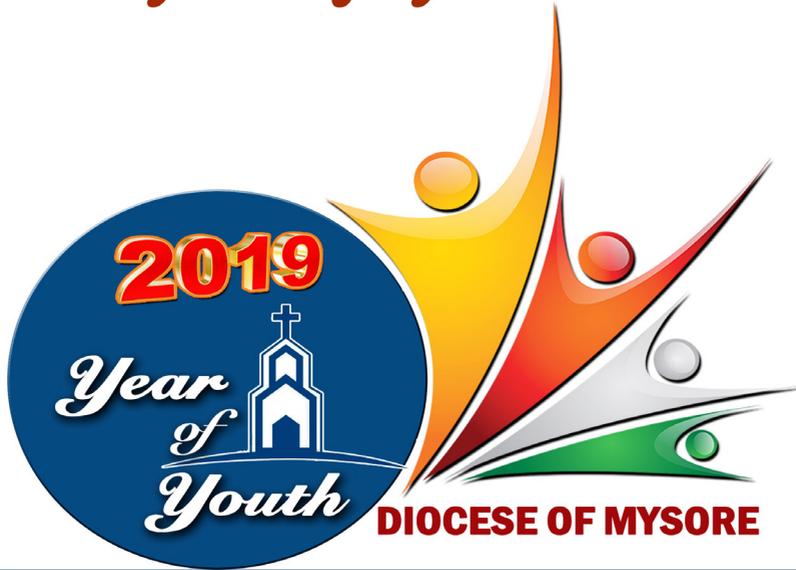
Payments:

1. Purchase of Auto	-	1,87,647.00
2. Nirmala Bhavan School, Hattihole, Kodagu	-	5,00,000.00
Total	-	6,87,647.00
Balance	-	2,14,31,221.49





Year of Youth-2019



**“The Youth belong to the Church
& the Church belongs to them”**

*Remember your creator
in the days of your youth.*

Ecclesiastes 12:1



Our Lady of LOURDES - Pray for us

