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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR MARCH 2021

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| 3 | 05.00 | p.m. | Confirmation at Saverapura Parish |
| 6-7 | | | Pastoral Visit, Madanthyar Parish |
| 8 | 10.00 | a.m. | Women's Day, CODP |
| 9 | 10.00 | a.m. | Concetta Hospital Trust Meeting |
| | 05.00 | p.m. | Governing Board Meeting, FMCI |
| | 09.30 | a.m. | College Managing Committee Meeting,
Puttur |
| 10 | 04.30 | p.m. | Confirmation at Bejai Parish |
| 11 | 09.00 | a.m. | Governing Board Meeting, St Joseph
Seminary |
| 13 | 04.30 | p.m. | Confirmation at Paldane Parish |
| 14 | 10.00 | a.m. | Annual General Body Meeting, DCCW |
| 14-17 | | | Bishops' Retreat, Ryshivana |
| 19 | 11.00 | a.m. | Feast of St Joseph, St Joseph Seminary |
| 20-22 | | | Pastoral Visit, Cordel Parish |
| 24 | 09.00 | a.m. | Pastoral Consultation, St Joseph Seminary |
| | 03.00 | p.m. | Recollection, Cathedral |
| | 05.00 | p.m. | Chrism Mass, Cathedral |
| 25 | 04.30 | p.m. | Diocesan Finance Council Meeting,
Bishop's House |
| 28 | 08.00 | a.m. | Palm Sunday, Cathedral |
| | 04.00 | p.m. | Inauguration of ICYM House for the
Poor, Permannur |
| 30 | 04.30 | p.m. | Way of the Cross, Pezar Parish |

Bishop Meets in the forenoon:

Lay Faithful, 13; Diocesan Clergy, 18, Religious Priests
and Sisters, 23.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH 2021

- 1. Solemnity of St Joseph and Inauguration of *Amoris Laetitia* Family:** On the day of the Solemnity of St Joseph, 19 March 2021, Pope Francis inaugurates the Year of *Amoris Laetitia* Family. We shall inaugurate it at St Joseph's Seminary on the same day. The Diocesan Family Commission has prepared a programme for the whole year. A few salient points were presented during the Meeting of Council of Priests held on 13 January 2021. Every Parish Pastoral Council is hereby earnestly requested to inaugurate the special year on 21 March 2021 and organise programmes for the benefit of the families, especially to understand the divine plan by drawing inspiration from the Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*. The Year of St Joseph with the document *Patris Corde* is a precious tool to value the role of the father in the life of children. We can combine the insights from both the documents to plan adequately to celebrate the joy of the family.
- 2. Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis:** 19 March is the Anniversary of the installation of Pope Francis. We specially pray for him and for his intentions, particularly during the Liturgy. The Lord has been gracious to grant us the Roman Pontiff, the successor of Peter, as a sign of unity and communion.
- 3. World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:** Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. This year, it will be celebrated on 25 July 2021. The pastoral care of the elderly is a priority that can no longer be postponed by any Christian community. In the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, the Holy Father reminds us that no one is saved alone. The role of grandparents and the elderly is

precious to us as they bind us with the past generation and lead us to the future. They make the wisdom of the ancients available to us. The African saying goes like this: “What the elders see while sitting, the young ones standing on their toes won’t see”. Thanks to the knowledge they have accumulated, elders can easily perceive things that younger people can’t, no matter how hard they try, according to this proverb. May this day help us consider the worth of the elderly and save them from the “throw away” culture.

4. The Pastoral Consultation, Recollection and Chrism Mass: As it has been already announced in the *Inter Nos* of February, the Pastoral Consultation will be held on 24 March 2021 in the C.M. Hall, St Joseph’s Seminary and in the afternoon, the clergy will have the recollection at the Cathedral, guided by Fr Charles Serrao OCD. Confessions will be arranged. The papal intention of this month is about the Sacrament of Reconciliation that facilitates the experience of the mercy of God. We have a wonderful opportunity to experience the merciful love of God towards each one of us, however weak and sinful we are. The Chrism Mass will follow, which provides us with the opportunity to express the unity of the presbyterate.

5. Care during the Holy Week Celebrations: The whole humanity is suffering and the Holy Week is a precious occasion to connect our sufferings with that of Christ. The pandemic is not under control yet. Everyday the news tells us about the new cases of contagion. The new wave of the mutated virus is threatening the lives of many in different parts of the world. Let us constantly remind the faithful to wear the masks and keep the social distance, especially during the Holy Week Ceremonies. Adequate provision must be made so that our people are protected from the contagion. Wish you all a fruitful Lenten season and a wonderful Holy Week and Blessed Easter.

May the Risen Lord guide and bless all the families on the earth.

6. Silver Jubilee of the Episcopal Ordination of Emeritus Bishop Aloysius Paul D’Souza: This year, on 15 May, Bishop Emeritus is completing 25 years of his episcopal ordination. We have been blessed by his episcopal ministry as the Auxiliary Bishop for nearly 6 months, and as the Bishop of the Local Church for about 22 years. We have a great reason and occasion to rejoice with him. Kindly mark the date in your diary so that we have the celebration of the Silver Jubilee to rejoice with him and to thank God for the gift of Bishop Aloysius. The place and time of the Holy Eucharist and Felicitation will be made known in the next month’s *Inter Nos*.

7. Lenten Campaign and Housing Needs: One of our constant preoccupations is helping the poor families repair their houses before the onset of the rainy season. The Diocesan Bodies have been discussing to finalise a way to attend to the housing needs in a systematic way for a long term solution. However, to attend to the immediate need, quite a few Parish Priests, Religious and Lay faithful have been coordinating, offering Shramadhan, collecting funds, and offering one’s own resources to help the brethren in need. Their service is worthy of imitation. This year, the collection of the Lenten campaign could be utilised primarily for this need. However, other needs cannot be neglected. I request the Parish Priests to inspire our people to join hands to attend to the poor in the Parishes by helping them repair the houses. We are aware that the resources are depleting in the hands of the people. However, whatever the faithful give, we shall share it with the needy to alleviate their suffering.

I wish each and every one a fruitful Lenten Season and Joyful Easter.

A SPECIAL YEAR TO BEAR WITNESS TO FAMILY LOVE

The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life is proposing spiritual, pastoral and cultural initiatives to accompany families in the face of contemporary challenges. These initiatives are designed to support parishes, dioceses, universities and ecclesial associations in celebrating the Year “*Amoris Laetitia* Family” Pope Francis has announced. This way, the Pope intends to reach out to all ecclesial communities throughout the world, encouraging each person to be a witness of family love.

On 19 March 2021, the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (on the joy and beauty of familial love), Pope Francis will inaugurate the Year “*Amoris Laetitia* Family” which will conclude on 26 June 2022 on the occasion of the X World Meeting of Families in Rome. The Holy Father will be present for the meeting.

The Objectives of the Year *Amoris Laetitia* Family: The Year “*Amoris Laetitia* Family” is intended to spread the message of *Amoris Laetitia*. In this exhortation, we can find the objectives of the Year. For example:

- 1) To share the content of the exhortation more widely, in order to help people experience the Gospel of the family as a joy that fills hearts and lives (AL 200).
- 2) To help families discover and experience both the joy of having a gift, and of being a gift for the Church and society so that every family becomes ‘a light in the darkness of the world’ (AL 66).
- 3) To proclaim the precious value of the sacrament of marriage, which contains in itself a transforming power of human love (AL 203).
- 3) To enable families to become active agents of the family apostolate (AL 200).

- 4) To make young people aware of the importance of formation in the truth of love and in the gift of self.
- 5) To broaden the vision and action of pastoral care for the family during the Year, so that it can become more transversal and include all family members, including married couples, children and young people, the elderly, and those in difficult family situations.

Concrete Proposals and Suggestions Based on *Amoris Laetitia*:

- 1) Helping the engaged and newly married couples by organising remote, proximate and immediate marriage preparation programmes and offering accompaniment through the married couples at diocesan and parish levels (AL 205-222).
- 2) Fostering awareness and accompaniment of spouses to dedicate themselves to prayer and spiritual development so that they dedicate their time of the matrimonial sacrament (AL 58ff; 223-230).
- 3) Educating parents by organising meetings regarding modern trends of life so that they give quality time for their children and understand where children are in their journey (AL 172ff; 259-290).
- 4) Promoting meetings for reflection and discussion on the beauty of family life. Creating well-established networks of pastors and families who can accompany couples struggling in life (AL 32ff; 89ff).
- 5) Enhancing the accompaniment of couples in crisis (AL 232ff).
- 6) Involving married couples in parish and diocesan level so that they help in the formation of pastoral workers, seminarians and priests (AL 86-88) and foster reciprocity between family and the Church (AL 200).

- 7) Taking up the initiatives to promote missionary vocation in families (AL 201; 230; 324).
- 8) Involving people of every age-group in the pastoral activities to care for the elderly and fight against the “throw away” culture (AL 191-193).
- 9) Incorporating youth ministry in pastoral activities through discussion regarding marriage, family life, chastity, openness to life, use of social media and give special attention to children (AL 40).
- 10) Encouraging preparation for the X World Meeting of Families through catechetical itineraries and prepare them closer to meet the Holy Father.
- 11) Carrying out initiatives to heal the wounded families so that they discern their vocation right from their baptism (AL 50; 241ff; 291ff).
- 12) Organising meetings in parishes involving all groups to deepen the study of *Amoris Laetitia* to raise awareness of the concrete pastoral opportunities (AL 199ff).

Based on the suggestions given by the Dicastery for Laity, the Diocesan Commission for Family has composed a list of activities for the coming year. The Parish Priests are earnestly requested to involve the Parish Pastoral Council to chalk out programmes for the whole year using the directives given here. Kindly preach at least one homily per month on the topics of family. The Commission will provide material to facilitate the preaching on the various relevant topics. Please organise training programmes for the various components of the family so that the family life is enriched. The services of the Commission for Family can be availed, and even the resource persons from the Region could be invited at the deanery level. Let us value the priceless gift of the family, for we all have come from families and we are members of the one Family of God, the Church and the whole humanity.

AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY YEAR
19.03.2021 – 26.06.2022

Month & Year	Activity	<i>Amoris Laetitia</i> Ref:
19 Mar 2021	Inauguration of <i>Amoris Laetitia</i> Year at the Diocesan Level at St. Joseph's Seminary, Jeppu	
21 Mar 2021	Inauguration of <i>Amoris Laetitia</i> Year in Parishes	
April	Married Couples Day (1 to 5 Years)	72-75, 217
May	Mothers Day	169, 172-175
June	Married Couples Day (6 to 15 Years)	217, 222, 226
July	Elders Day (Senior Citizens)	191-193
August	Youth Day (16 to 28 Years)	158, 293
September	Girl Child Day	80-84
October	Widow & Widowers Day	231-240
November	Children Day (1 to 15 Years)	260, 263-273
December	Family Day	188, 194-198, 315-322
January 2022	Married Couples Day (16 to 25 Years)	217, 219, 315-322
February	Single Parents Day	241, 172-175
March	Fathers Day	55, 172-175, 176-179
April	Wounded Families Day	231, 239, 240-241, 247, 253-258
May	Married Couples Day (25 years and above)	315-322
June 2022	Family Year - Closing	

DECREE CONCERNING CLERGY MAINTENANCE FUND

Preamble

Vatican II says that “Priests deserve to receive an equitable remuneration, because ‘the labourer is worthy of his hire,’ (Lk 10:7) and ‘the Lord directed that those who preach the Gospel should have their living from the Gospel (1 Cor 9:14)” (*Presbyterorum Ordinis*, no. 20). This conciliar teaching finds expression in the Code of Canon Law. All clerics, whatever be the assignment they receive from the bishop since they dedicate to themselves to the ecclesiastical ministry, deserve a decent maintenance that also includes provision in time of infirmity, sickness or old age, so that they might continue to exercise their ministerial service, requiring the total giving of themselves and their time, in serenity and complete liberty (cf. can. 281).

Decent maintenance, first of all, involves making a provision for the board and lodge; secondly, the allowances needed for personal upkeep; thirdly, the security in retirement, and fourthly, taking care of health needs in times of illness. In the Diocese of Mangalore, the fourth one is taken care of by the Priest Aid Fund; the third one by St Zuze Vaz Home/Senior Priests’ Home; the second one through the provision of monthly allowance (*congrua remuneratio*). But the first one has two elements: the board and the lodge. While each parish unit or the institution where the Priests serve takes care of the lodging, the Clergy Maintenance Account/Fund takes care of the board, namely, the *mensa / commensal* in presbyteries and the concomitant expenses (Preamble, Decree Concerning CMA, December 27, 1989).

The Clergy Maintenance System in the Diocese of Mangalore in its present form began with effect from January 01, 1971. It is unique compared to the system in other dioceses, as ours is based on the common concern and the common pool system.

The system has several advantages, but the system also has faced some crises due to some factors, which caused the CMA expenditure to outweigh the income. The cooperation of Priests, the corrective measures, and timely revision of the CMA norms have contributed to the better functioning of the system.

This year we complete 50 years of the CMA system in the Diocese. Several changes have taken place over the years, including changes in the Income Tax rules. We needed to accommodate the changes by making due modifications in the norms relating to CMA. Accordingly, at the meeting of all the clergy of the Diocese of Mangalore held at Pastoral Institute, Bajjodi, on March 16, 2020, the purpose and need to revise the CMA norms was discussed and a committee to draft the revised norms was constituted. The proposed study draft prepared by the committee was discussed at the Vicariates and the Council of Priests. The final draft that incorporated the concerns and suggestions of the Priests was again presented to the Council of Priests on January 14, 2021. After some discussions and clarifications, the Council accepted the draft, which is now ready for promulgation.

Considering the need to bring in some modifications, primarily in the light of the changed norms relating to finances and income tax and insisting every member of the diocesan presbyterium on the need to adhere to the letter and spirit of the new norms for the efficient functioning of the CMA, on the recommendations of the Council of Priests, I am pleased to issue the following:

DECREE

The pooling system for maintenance of the Priests at the Parish and Diocesan Level set up by the Pastoral Letter dated November 14, 1970, and revised from time to time in the past years, shall continue as follows.

A. On the Parish Level:

1. The Following shall be the sources of income:
 - 1.1. One Mass stipend per day of all the Priests, except two intentions each month which are left free to each Priest. At the end of every month, the Priest should contribute this amount to the CMA.
 - 1.2. Free will offering received by Priests for the pastoral/ parochial and ministerial services in the parish (cann. 531; 551) shall be contributed to the CMA.
 - 1.3. Garden produce could be utilised for the *mensa*. But if the garden produce is sold, the proceeds should be accounted for in the Church Account, and not in the CMA.
 - 1.4. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the Offertory Collections on all the Sundays and Feast days except earmarked collections.

The Sunday Collection shall be credited to the Parish account under two separate heads in the following manner: A) 75% collection is receipted and credited as 'Contribution from the People to the Parish'. B) 25% of the collection receipted and credited as 'Contribution towards DCMF' (Diocesan Clergy Maintenance Fund). This 25% shall be treated the same as the Earmarked Collection and shall be sent every month to the DCMF maintained at the Bishop's House.

- 1.5. Cent per cent (100%) Mite Box collections shall be credited to the Parish Account under the head –'Mite Box Collection'. This 100% shall be treated the same as Earmarked Collection and shall be sent to the DCMA quarterly.
- 1.6. Cent per cent (100%) Offertory Collection at all Masses of Christmas, every year. This should be sent to the Bishop's House for the DCMF.

- 1.7. Cent percent (100%) Offertory Collection at all Masses of *Monthi Fest* (September 8), every year. This should be sent to the Bishop's House for the DCMF.

As a norm, all Sunday, Feast day, and Mite Box Collections should be counted by a team of three people chosen for the purpose. The amount received should be documented denomination-wise and the Statement has to be signed by the team and countersigned by the Parish Priest (see *Annexure* on p. 86).

2. *The following expenditure will be part of the CMA at Parish Level:*

- 2.1. Normal food expenses of the parish clergy, deacons, regents, seminarians, casual guests, deanery clergy meetings and the cook.
- 2.2. Cook's salary.

3. *The food expenses incurred for the following shall not form part of the expenditure of the CMA*

- 3.1. Boarders and employees of the parish.
- 3.2. Parish feast, and parish or deanery meetings with lay faithful.
- 3.3. Alcoholic drinks/beverages

4. At the end of the month, the Parish Priest should prepare the CMA statement (**Annexure-I**) and send it to the Procurator's Office along with the cheques of earmarked collections for the DCMF by the 10th of the following month.

5. On receiving the contribution from the parish, Procurator will pay the amount indicated in the voucher (**Annexure-II**). The cheques will be issued to the individual Priests claiming the deficit for CMA from the DCMF.

6. The surplus amount in the CMA at the end of the month, if any, shall be remitted to the Procurator's Office along

with the returns to enable the DCMF to meet the deficits of other units.

7. Even though the CMA account will not come under statutory audit in the parishes, Parish Priest should maintain the CMA Book and CMA vouchers. These are to be made available for scrutiny, if and when called for by concerned authorities.

8. *Concerning clergy maintenance accounting for parishes entrusted to clerical religious congregations:*

- 8.1. In parishes administered by religious Priests, the accounting procedure of 25% of the Sunday collection for CMA and mite box collection will be similar to other parishes. But the payment of the 25% Sunday collection and mite collection will be not be made to the Diocese. It should be made to their religious community account from where their food expenses are met. The payment has to be done in account payee cheques to the community account, and a receipt must be obtained for the same.
- 8.2. The parishes administered by the religious are to forward the 100% Offertory collection made at all the Christmas Masses and the Masses on *Monthi Fest* (Nativity of BVM) mentioned in art. 1.6 and 1.7 of these norms, to the Bishop's House for the DCMF.

2. On the Diocesan Level:

The Spirit of the *Unum Presbyterium* expressed by the spirit of sharing by all the members of the Presbyterium extends to clergy maintenance, which should be the concern of every Priest of the Diocese. Accordingly, the DCMF will function in the following ways:

- 2.1. The income to the DCMF will be from the 25% Sunday Collection, 100% Mite Box collection from the Parishes and the Offertory Collection every year made at all Masses of Christmas and *Monthi Fest*.

- 2.2. The Priests serving in the Institutions of the Diocese, where no CMA system is maintained and where their food expenditure is taken care of by the Institution itself, will contribute their Mass Offering/Stipend (after deducting 2 Mass Offerings/Stipends per month) to the DCMF.
- 2.3. The CMA of the Bishop's House is to be accounted separately as Bishop's House Kitchen Maintenance. The clergy residing at the Bishop's House shall follow the rules and directives as in other units. The Mass Offerings of the Priests at Bishop's House, income from garden produce and animal husbandry shall constitute the income for the DCMF. The deficit incurred, if any, on account of the diocesan meetings and the extra number of guests will be met by the Diocesan General Fund.
- 2.4. The Diocesan Procurator will be responsible for maintaining accounts, receiving the CMA returns, issuing reminders, receiving the contributions, and disbursing the CMA claims.
- 2.5. A three-member committee appointed by the Bishop will scrutinise the CMA returns and related accounts from time to time.
- 2.6. The CMA income and expenditure of all the Parishes/ Institutions will be published by the Diocesan Procurator annually.

Conclusion

Let me quote from the Bishop's Circular Letter dated May 18, 1971, to the Clergy of Mangalore: "All of us have accepted the principle that every Priest is to be maintained through these pooled resources so that he lives a standard of life in the simplicity of the Gospels and taking into consideration the standard of life of the people under his care. The purpose underlying those arrangements is to enable us to serve our people more efficiently. Let us not forget to edify our people by our way of living, in such a way that no one has a cause to point the

finger at us complaining that we live luxuriously or negligently.”

Let us remember that the principle of sharing and pooling resources requires every one of us to have concern for all the Priests in our Diocese and collaborate to make this system work successfully. Therefore, intelligent, sincere and diligent management of the clergy maintenance system is an obligation on all, as failure will burden the Diocese and deteriorate the sharing mechanism. We are all responsible to one another for the welfare of all.

I am happy that our Priests, with their dedication and love for the Diocese, are good at bestowing their cooperation and adherence to the policies. The renewed policy of the clergy maintenance is a modest attempt to lessen our preoccupation so that we are available to God's people and “the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honoured” (2 Thess 3:1). Let us seek inspiration from the life of St Paul, who said: “I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength” (Phil 4: 11-13).

The provisions of this Decree shall be reviewed from time to time by a committee constituted by the Bishop. If a revision or amendment is called for in the Decree, the Bishop has the right to do so after consulting the Council of Priests.

This Decree shall come into effect from the **1st April 2021**.

Given at Mangalore on February 22, 2021, Feast of the Chair of Peter the Apostle.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

(Annexure-I)
Format for CMA Statement

DIOCESAN CLERGY MAINTENANCE FUND (Diocese of Mangalore)			
Parish:		Month:	Year:
Income		Expenditure	
Mass Stipend		CMA Expenditure	
Other Income (free-will offering)			
Total		Total	
Deficit/Surplus		Signature (The Parish Priest)	

Kindly make the payment of the above claim as follows

(Annexure-II)
Format for Claiming the CMA Expenses from DCMF

DIOCESAN CLERGY MAINTENANCE FUND (Diocese of Mangalore)				
Voucher				
No	Name	Amount	Designation	Signature
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

NORMS ON ACCOUNTING MASS OFFERINGS (STIPENDS)

The Church provides adequate attention to the principle of responsibility and accountability about the celebration of Masses, and the amount of offerings (stipends) received towards their celebration (cann. 958; 955 §4; 1307 §2). These principles are inalienable. “A person obliged to celebrate and apply Mass for the intention of those who gave an offering is bound by the obligation even if the offerings received have been lost through no fault of his own” (can. 949). Priests need to be more attentive concerning offerings received at the time of celebrations of sacraments so as to uphold the dignity of the sacraments as they are not linked to money, and they are to demonstrate their integrity and honesty concerning the application of money received and follow the transparent approach to finances.

Considering the principles stated above, I direct all Priests to follow the procedure outlined below in the accounting of Mass Offerings:

1. A separate bank account for the Mass Offering (Stipend) and a Ledger are to be maintained in the Parish. The Mass Account is to be named as ‘Mass Offering Account of Parish’.
2. Mass stipends collected are to be deposited in the bank.
3. A receipt is to be issued for the Mass Offerings collected from the faithful. A separate receipt book is to be printed for the Mass Offering Account. (The format for the same is given below in **Annexure - I**). While entering the Mass Offering in the Official Mass Diary, the serial number of receipts also is to be entered henceforth.
4. Every Priest residing in the Parish/Institution is entitled for one Mass Stipend (Offering) per day for the Mass or Masses

offered. The Binated, Clubbed Mass Offerings, and the surplus Non-Fixed Unoffered Masses have to be sent every quarter to the Procurator's Office at the Bishop's House. When sending them, indicate the specific category/kind of Masses (binated, clubbed, unoffered), the number of Masses, and the amount/offering under each category.

5. The Priests are not permitted to distribute unoffered Mass intentions to any individual Priest/Parish/Diocese.
6. The Pro-Populo and Legacy Masses are to be fixed at the beginning of the year. An equivalent amount of offering/stipend for those Masses is to be withdrawn from the Parish Account by making a voucher. The amount should be *deposited into the Mass Offering Account*. A receipt from the Mass Offering Account has to be issued. Both the voucher and the receipt have to be kept together in the Church Account. Simultaneously, the entry for Pro-Populo Masses and Legacy Masses must be entered in the Mass Register at the beginning of the year.
7. 'Format for Official Mass Diary' given in *Inter Nos* (July 2020, pp. 139-141) may be followed by making changes with respect to the days and the number of Masses (clubbed Mass intentions) given in each parish.
8. The norms on this system of accounting/accountability become effective from **April 01, 2021**. All the Masses received to be celebrated from this date onwards should be receipted and credited to the Church as mentioned above, under the Mass Offering Account.

At the end of each month, Mass Offerings for the offered Masses in the whole month at the rate of one Mass Offering per day are to be withdrawn in favour of the individual Priest. He should contribute the entire amount (except the amount of two Mass offerings) to the CMA as per the Norms of Diocesan Clergy Maintenance Fund (DCMF).

We urge all Priests to hold the Sacrament of the Eucharist in highest honour, celebrate it with ardent devotion, and observe faithfully, all the norms concerning the celebration.

Given at Mangalore on February 22, 2021, Feast of the Chair of St Peter.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

(Annexure-I)

Format for the Official Receipt for Mass Offering

_____ PARISH			
Mass Offering Account			
No: 0000		Date:	
Received with thanks			
From _____			
Ward/Place _____			
Rupees _____ towards			
Masses	Amount	No.	To be celebrated on
Nuptial, Jubilee and Celebrations	500		
Sunday Mass	300		
Weekday Mass (Fixed)	200		
Weekdays (Non-Fixed)	150		
By Cash/Cheque No.		Bank:	
Rs		Parish Priest	

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ACCOUNTING

As the new system of accounting of Clergy Maintenance Account (CMA) and Mass offering is coming into effect, a few instructions are given here to understand the system. Kindly follow the indications given to do the accounting in the proper way.

ACCOUNTING OF CMA

A) For Sunday Collections:

- 1) One receipt must be passed for all the Sunday collections (except earmarked collections), mentioning clearly the bifurcation of Sunday collection: 75% for the Parish & 25% for the DCMF.

Example: If the Sunday collection of all Sunday Masses is Rs. 8848/- then the following receipt is to be passed in the Parish receipt book:

One receipt for Rs. 8848/- mentioning

- a) For the Parish: Rs. 6636/-
 - b) For the DCMF (earmarked): Rs. 2212/-
- 2) While making the receipt entry in the Cash Book, enter the receipt number and make two entries in the receipt side as mentioned in the above example.
 - 3) At the end of every month, 25% of all Sunday's collection earmarked for DCMF of that month has to be remitted to DCMF Account maintained in the Bishop's House. Remittance has to be made strictly in cheque or bank transfer in favour of the DIOCESE OF MANGALORE. In the case of bank transfer, kindly give the information to the Procurator's Office immediately with IMPS/UTR/NEFT Reference Number.
 - 4) There is no need to make a voucher for 25% of the Sunday collection while remitting to DCMF, since a separate receipt will be issued from the Procurator's Office.
 - 5) As the amount is submitted every month, at the year-end, the ledger balance in the 25% Sunday collection for DCMF will have the amount of the month of March only. This amount will appear as a liability in the Balance Sheet (if the DCMF collection of March is not paid).

B For Mite Box Collections:

- 1) Every month-end, the Mite Box collections are to be counted, and the receipt should be made as Mite Box Collection for DCMF.
- 2) The same will be remitted to the Procurator's Office to the DCMF Account. The remittance has to be made strictly in cheque or bank transfer in favour of the DIOCESE OF MANGALORE.

In both the above cases, the portion of the collection set aside for DCMF will not be treated as the income of the Parish, but a liability.

ACCOUNTING OF MASS OFFERING

- 1) The PAN for the Mass Offering Account will strictly be the PAN of the Parish.
- 2) The stipend is given to the Priests from the Mass Offering Account. In the case of Priests residing in the Parish, it should be paid only through account payee cheque every month. The same will have to be followed for a guest Priest if the amount totals up to Rs.10,000/- or more in a month.
- 3) The Binated, Clubbed Mass Offerings should be remitted directly to the Diocese quarterly, in account payee cheque or bank transfer in favour of the DIOCESE OF MANGALORE with IMPS/UTR/NEFT Reference Number.
- 4) When a Priest of a Parish offers additional Mass in a day outside the Parish, it becomes a Binated Mass. If he receives a stipend for the same, such a Binated stipend has to be paid by the Priest from his personal account to the Diocese, without bringing it into the Parish account.
- 5) The unoffered Masses (normative Masses) remaining in the Parish Mass Offering Account should be sent to the Diocese through an account payee cheque or through bank transfer to MASS OFFERING ACCOUNT.

- 6) The Mass Offering Account ledger balance and the unoffered Mass intentions have to tally with each other at the end of every month.
- 7) The Mass Offering in the Parish account will be treated as liability.
- 8) The bank interest earned in Mass Offering Account has to be transferred to Parish General Account after deducting bank charges, if any, in that account.
- 9) If there are not enough Mass intentions in the Parish, a Priest may take Mass intentions from the Diocese. These Mass intentions will be given to him personally and not to the Parish. Therefore, the Mass intentions received from an outside source like Diocese must be taken by the Priest in his individual capacity and he should not bring them to the Parish Mass Offering Account. The record of these Mass intentions should be reflected in the Personal Mass Diary of an individual Priest.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS

These general instructions on accounting are given for all the Parishes (including Sub-stations / Chapels / Shrines) and Institutions of the Diocese of Mangalore based on the latest changes in the Income Tax rules and other taxation / legal policies. These are to be followed without fail in order to comply with the present government policies.

1. The following documents in original are always to be kept in the custody of the Parish Priest or Parish Office or Head of the Institute:
 - a) 12 A/12 AA/12 AB registration certificate
 - b) Trust Deed
 - c) PAN
 - d) 80 G certificate (if applicable)
 - e) FCRA certificate (if applicable)
 - f) GST registration
 - g) Land documents

- h) Fixed Deposit certificates & F.D. Register
 - i) Cheque books
 - j) Account Books & related documents
 - k) Inventory Book & Stock Register
 - l) Any other documents of legal implications
2. All bank accounts of the Parish/Institutions must be linked to the PAN of the Parish/Institutions only.
 3. The PAN, Mobile Number, and the Email of the Priest should not be linked to the account of the Parish/Institute and vice versa.
 4. Due to the demand of online tax payments and other online transactions, it is advisable to have one Bank account with online transaction facility, with limited required balance.
 5. For Income Tax or GST returns or for any banking and any online transactions, only the Parish/Institute mobile number and Parish/Institute Email ID must be used.
 6. All receipts in the receipt books must be pre-numbered. To the extent possible, request the donors to give the donations to the Church in account payee cheques or bank transfers. In the case of cash receipts, donor's PAN or full name and address is required (at least location, Pin code, and ward name must be written). This information is required in case of Income Tax queries.
 7. In the case of cash donations above Rs.10,000/-, kindly obtain the PAN/Aadhaar of the donor
 8. When making a donation to an Institution, Parishes or Organisations, ensure that beneficiary has 12A/12AA/12AB.
 9. In the case of Sunday/Feast day, Mite Box collections, or any other (anonymous) cash collections, the counting has to be done by a team of three people chosen for the purpose. The amount counted should be documented denomination-wise and the statement has to be signed by the team and countersigned by the Parish Priest. This statement has to be filed separately and maintained like any other voucher files or receipts (Format in **Annexure - I** below).

10. In the case of payments, the payment vouchers or bills are to be authenticated by the Parish Priest by affixing his signature. The Parish Priest and the Vice President have to sign the cash book every month-end indicating the date of signature.
11. No cash payments above Rs 9999/- are allowed. As far as possible, it is advised that even smaller payments must be made in account payee cheque or bank transfer. Therefore, maintain a low balance of cash in hand, which has proven to be healthy practice always.
12. In the case of Charity (25% of Sunday collection), the amount has to be spent from the Church account itself. Charity book can be maintained, but the entries have to be made as and when the Charities are actually made. Care must be taken to keep track of the Charity given so that it does not exceed the actual available amount.
13. It is advisable to computerise the accounts (preferably through Tally software). Printout of the Cash Book has to be taken at the end of every month and duly signed by Parish Priest and Vice President, and date of signature is to be mentioned.
14. Inventory, Fixed Deposit and Stock registers are to be compulsorily maintained and updated regularly in all Parishes. The same must be authenticated with the seal and the signature of the Parish Priest every year, and date of signature is to be mentioned.
15. Internal audit as per Diocesan norms is compulsory for all Parishes. The Internal Auditors report file is to be maintained in Parish office, and a copy should be sent to the Diocese with annual returns.
16. The list of earmarked collections is published in the Ordo every year. The Parish Priests should announce the same on the previous Sunday encouraging people to contribute generously, explaining to them properly the purpose for which it will be utilised. These collections do not become Income

of the Parish nor can they be used for any other purpose, irrespective of the fact that whether the collection is made in the Parish administered by the Religious or the Diocesan Parish Priest. The earmarked collections should be remitted to the Diocesan Procurator's Office within 15 days by NEFT/IMPS/RTGS.

Considering this fact, any earmarked collections, made by the Faithful in any Parishes, Shrines, Chapels or Institutions, administered by the Religious Congregations or by the Diocese should be sent to the universal or local Church, through the Diocesan Procurator (Refer Bishop's Circular no. 2/2002 published in *Inter Nos* of February 2002, pages 16 and 17).

17. At the time of transfers:

- a) The outgoing Parish Priests are advised to maintain zero cash-in-hand balance.
 - avoid last-minute transactions
 - deposit all cash balances in the respective bank accounts
 - keep the records and papers ready for the bank account transfers
- b) Mobile numbers and Email ID used for bank transactions must strictly be of the Parish/Institute
- c) There shall be no scope for any priest to claim any parish/institution/ecclesiastical authority his 'personal money' advanced without the written authorisation from the Bishop towards any project or administration. In the event of any claim, the unauthorised advance, even if there it exists, shall be deemed as donation (cf. *Inter Nos*, September 2019, p. 233).
- d) The new Parish Priest has to check whether all the original documents mentioned in point no.1 is available in the Parish office and update the bank accounts with new KYC and signature immediately.

- Bishop of Mangalore

(Annexure -I)

COLLECTION ACCOUNT (ಇಜ್ಮೂಲ್ ಲೇಕ್)**Date of Collection (ದಾನ್ ಜಮೊ ಕೆಲ್ಲಿ ತಾರಿಕ್):**

Currency Notes/ನೋಟ್			Coins/ಪಾವ್ಲೆಟ್		
Notes/ ನೋಟ್	Counts/ ಸಂಖ್ಯೊ	Total/ ಜಮೊ	Coins/ ಪಾವ್ಲೆಟ್	Counts/ ಸಂಖ್ಯೊ	Total/ ಜಮೊ
2000			10		
1000			5		
500			2		
200			1		
100			0.50		
50					
20					
10					
5					
2					
1					
Total Counts/ಒಟ್ಟು ಜಮೊ			Total Counts/ಒಟ್ಟು ಜಮೊ		
Total Notes /ಒಟ್ಟು ನೋಟ್					
Total Coins/ ಒಟ್ಟು ಪಾವ್ಲೆಟ್					
Total Collection/ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಣಿಕೆ					
Date of Counting/ಲೇಕ್ ಕೆಲ್ಲಿ ತಾರಿಕ್:					
Members of the Team/ಲೇಕ್-ಪಂಗಡ್ಚೆ ಸಾಂದೆ					
	Name/ನಾಂವ್		Signature/ದಸ್ಕತ್		
1					
2					
3					

Total amount _____ has been received/ಅಯ್ವಜ್ ಸ್ವಿಕಾರ್ ಕೆಲಾ.

Parish Priest/ವಿಗಾರ್

PASTORAL CONSULTATION - 2021

Dear Rev. Fathers, the diocesan Pastoral Consultation will take place on Wednesday, 24th March 2021, at Joseph's Seminary, in the C.M. Hall. All Priests and Deacons of the Diocese of Mangalore Diocese, and religious Priests in active ministry, whether as superiors or serving in institutions and parishes will participate in this Consultation. The first part of the Consultation will focus on the practical ways of executing the diocesan Pastoral Plan in our parishes. In the second part, we shall have two sessions dedicated to pastoral issues. In the first session, we will discuss Liturgy matters, and in the second session, issues concerning Educational Apostolate. The afternoon programme will be held at the Rosario Cathedral: Recollection talk, Confession and Chrism Mass. The programme is as follows:

Date : Wednesday, **24 March 2021**.

Place : St Joseph's Seminary, Jeppu, (C.M. Hall).

Programme

- 09.00 a.m. Arrival, Registration.
- 09.15 a.m. Prayer, Welcome.
- 09.30 a.m. Session One: Pastoral Planning: Practical Points:
Fr Joseph Martis & Fr Paul Rego.
- 10.30 a.m. Tea Break.
- 10.45 a.m. Pastoral Issues - I: Moderator: Fr Bonaventure Nazareth.
- 11.45 a.m. Pastoral Issues - II: Moderator: Fr Alwyn Serrao.
- 12.30 p.m. Bishop's Message.
- 12.45 p.m. Felicitation to the Jubilarians.
- 01.00 p.m. Lunch.
- 02.45 p.m. Tea at Rosario Cathedral.
- 03.00 p.m. Recollection Talk: Fr Charles Serrao, O.C.D.
- 03.30 p.m. Confessions (Adoration).
- 05.00 p.m. Chrism Mass.

I invite and urge all Priests to participate actively in this diocesan event.

V. Rev. Fr Joseph Martis
Secretary, Council of Priests

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

THE NOMINATED MEMBERS IN THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL 2020-2022

I have nominated the following persons to the Diocesan Pastoral Council 2020-2022:

1. Mr M. P. Noronha, Cordel
2. Mr Naveen D'Souza, Bajjodi
3. Mr Joylus D'Souza, Taccode
4. Mr John D'Silva, Rosario Cathedral
5. Mr Stany Alvares, Bondel
6. Mr Raju Stephen D'Souza, Kumbbla
7. Mr Anil Lobo, Valencia
8. Mr Stephen Quadros, Gurpur
9. Mr Norbert Lobo, Bendur
10. Ms Shalet Pinto, Kinnigoli
11. Ms Pinky Vijetha D'Souza, Moodubidri
12. Mr Jerald D'Costa, Siddakatte
13. Ms Jean Lavina Monteiro, Manjeshwar
14. Rev. Fr Eric Crasta, Cacia
15. Sr Laveena D'Silva UMI, Bondel

As per the Constitution of the Diocese of Mangalore (No. 5:4.3.2) the above members become the members of the Deanery Pastoral Council.

– Bishop of Mangalore



The washing of the feet and the sacrament of the Eucharist: two expressions of one and the same mystery of love entrusted to the disciples, so that, Jesus says, “as I have done... so also must you do” (John 13:15) and “Do this in memory of me” (Lk. 22:19).

LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2021

01.01.2021

Dear Rev. Fathers and Rev. Sisters,

I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year 2021. After a year that proved not so good due to pandemic, we begin the new year with optimism and hope. Many of the Parish Priests begin their annual house blessings in the month of January. Many collect the Lenten campaign sacrifice during this annual house blessing. This Lenten campaign is a practice in our Diocese for more than 36 years.

Last year (2020), despite the difficult times caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, we collected Rs 13,04,492/- for the cause of “local mission/charity “till December 2020. We thank all priests and sisters who have contributed to the cause. The collected amount is utilised for the said purpose.

This year we continue the same mode of collection as last year. Instead of the raffle, we shall be giving Lenten Campaign 2021 envelopes with “My Lenten Sacrifice” written on them. Please hand over the envelopes to the families and encourage them to contribute generously as per the blessings they received from the Lord. The Parish Priests are to collect the envelopes from the families, and the whole collected amount is to be remitted to CODP for local charity. I have asked CODP to do the needful.

Here, local mission/charity means helping the sick, helping to construct the houses of the poor, helping the poor girls for marriage, helping the poor students for study, helping poor farmers, etc.

Therefore, I request all the Parish Priests and Religious heads to motivate our people to contribute generously during this Lent. The Lord loves the cheerful giver. May the Lord who suffered for us on the Cross enable us to see him in the suffering brothers and sisters.

I thank you for your goodwill and implore God’s blessings upon you.

Yours sincerely in Our Lord,

Most Rev. Peter Paul Saldanha

Bishop of Mangalore

ON PREPARING THE BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

Dear Rev. Fathers, while you prepare the budget of your Church for 2021-2022, please keep the following in mind:

1. Please prepare the budget for the coming year 2021-2022 together with the Parish Finance Council (PFC) by the end of March 2021. Get it approved by the PFC and send it to the Bishop, latest by April 10, 2021, for approval. Please use the following format while preparing the budget for Income and Expenditure separately:

Items	Actuals 2019-20	Budgeted for 2020-21	Actuals of 2020-21 up to Dec. 2020	Budget for 2021-2022

2. Please remember the items like earmarked collections, permanent grave reservation fees, any capital income and expenditure do not become the items for the budget. Please prepare the budget using the following heads of items common for most of the parishes. You may add additional items applicable to your parish.



Leader and Boss: The Big Difference

The boss drives his men – the leader inspires them;
 The boss depends on authority – the leader on good will
 The boss evokes fear; the leader radiates love;
 The boss says “I” and the leader “we”
 The boss shows who is wrong; the leader, what is wrong
 The boss knows how it is done; the leader how to do it;
 The boss demands respect; and the leader commands respect.

SPECIMEN FOR PREPARING BUDGET OF THE PARISH

INCOME	EXPENDITURE
<p>Receipts from Properties and Investments</p> <p>Rent from Shops/Buildings let out:</p> <p>Rent from house buildings let out:</p> <p>Rent collected from grounds/open area:</p> <p>Rent from Parish Hall:</p> <p>Moolageni Received:</p> <p>Chalageni Received:</p> <p>Annuity Received:</p> <p>Interest Income</p> <p>Interest Received from SB A/c:</p> <p>Interest from Fixed Deposits:</p> <p>i) Church (legacy, capital fund, general fund etc.) :</p> <p>ii) Charity Funds -</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) KCWA Fund:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) Medical Fund:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c) Poor Students Edn. Fund:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d) Housing Fund:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">e)</p> <p>iii) Choir Fund:</p> <p>iv) Interest from Arrears of Rent:</p> <p>v) Interest on refund of Income Tax:</p> <p>Income from Agriculture:</p> <p>Voluntary Contributions</p> <p>Sunday Collections:</p> <p>Annual (Kaido) Contributions:</p>	<p>Salary & Wages</p> <p>Salaries to church employees:</p> <p>Wages:</p> <p>Rates and Taxes</p> <p>Land tax:</p> <p>House/Building tax:</p> <p>Allowance to Priests</p> <p>Allowance to Parish Priest:</p> <p>Allowance to Asst. Priest I:</p> <p>Allowance to Asst. Priest II :</p> <p>T.A. to Parish Priest:</p> <p>T.A. to Asst. Priest I:</p> <p>T.A. to Asst. Priest II:</p> <p>Holiday Allowance to Parish Priest:</p> <p>Holiday Allowance to Asst. Priest I:</p> <p>Holiday Allowance to Asst. Priest II:</p> <p>Church requisites:</p> <p>(Hosts & Particles, candles, incense, Mass wine, Liturgical books, Church linen & vestments etc.)</p> <p>Religious Obligations:</p> <p>Pro-populo Masses:</p> <p>Legacy Masses:</p> <p>Repairs & Maintenance:</p> <p>(Church building, furniture, electrical installations, computer (electronics), generator (fuel/oil etc.), machinery & equipment, Presbytery building, cemetery, garden hall expenses, etc.)</p> <p>Agriculture Expenses:</p> <p>Administrative Expenses:</p> <p>(Electricity/water charges, postage & courier, printing & stationery, telephone,</p>

SPECIMEN FOR PREPARING BUDGET OF THE PARISH

INCOME	EXPENDITURE
<p>Donations:</p> <p>Feast Collections-</p> <p>1) Parish Feast:</p> <p>2) Christmas:</p> <p>3) Nativity of B.V.M. :</p> <p>4) Holy Week:</p> <p>5) Any other (specify)</p> <p>Other Collections</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Selection of graves:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Lights and decoration:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Tolling of Bells:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Sale of old materials (newspapers etc.) :</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Serthi collection:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Certificate charges</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Sale of votive candles</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Any other (specify):</p>	<p>conveyance charges, newspaper & periodicals, bank charges, audit fees, professional charges, legal charges, cable & internet charges, meeting (refreshments) expenses, staff welfare fund etc.)</p> <p>Festivals and Celebrations</p> <p>1) Parish Feast:</p> <p>2) Christmas:</p> <p>3) Nativity of B.V.M. :</p> <p>4) Holy Week:</p> <p>5) Any other (specify):</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>Youth Activity:</p> <p>Catechism Day:</p> <p>Choir Expenses:</p> <p>Other Activities (specify):</p> <p>Donations & Contributions</p> <p>Diocesan Central Pool Fund (DCP):</p> <p>Priests Aid Fund:</p> <p>Parish Union:</p> <p>Charity</p> <p>Alms/Charity:</p> <p>Education Aid:</p> <p>Medical Aid:</p> <p>Housing Aid:</p> <p>Marriage Aid:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Capital Expenditure</p> <p>Building:</p> <p>Furniture:</p> <p>Electrical Installations:</p> <p>Vessels & Utensils:</p> <p>Machinery:</p>

- Vicar General

FROM THE PROCURATOR'S OFFICE

- 1) All the Parishes are requested to submit all the pending earmarked collections of financial year 2020-21 by the 15th of March 2021. Payment has to be made only by cheque or bank transfer to **Diocese of Mangalore, Karnataka Bank, Kodialbail Branch, IFSC: KARB0000475, Account no.: 4762500100102401**. Kindly refer the Ordo and check your earmarked collections.
- 2) Many Parishes have not yet paid the D.C.P. (3% & 10%), P.A.F. (1%) and Parish Union contributions. Kindly pay the dues by 15th March 2021. Payment has to be made by cheque or bank transfer. Bank details are as follows:
 - a) D.C.P. Contributions to **Diocese of Mangalore, Karnataka Bank, Kodialbail Branch, IFSC: KARB0000475, Account no.: 4762500100102401**.
 - b) P.A.F. Contributions to **Priest Aid Fund, Indian Overseas Bank, Hampankatta Branch, IFSC: IOBA0000029, Account no.: 00290100000285**.
 - c) Parish Union Contributions to **Parish Union of the Diocese of Mangalore**.
- 3) If there are any unoffered, binated or clubbed Mass stipends, kindly submit them to the Bishop's House at the earliest.
- 4) The Parish Priests and Diocesan institutions are requested to submit the C.M.A. returns for the year 2020 by 15th March 2021. The C.M.A. returns are to be submitted even though CMA deficit was not claimed from the Diocese.
- 5) As informed earlier (*Inter Nos* December 2020 page 249), the P.A.F. members must submit the medical bills of financial year 2020-21 by 25th March 2021. Later any medical bills of financial year 2020-21 will not be honoured. Only those medical bills incurred after 25th March 2021 could be claimed in the next financial year. Therefore, the members are requested to co-operate.

- 6) Most of the members have cleared the PAF dues, after the previous reminder in *Inter Nos* of December 2020. We are grateful to them. Still annual subscriptions are due from some more members, kindly clear all the dues by 15th March 2021.

**ECCLESIASTICAL TRIBUNAL OF THE
DIOCESE OF MANGALORE**

Statistical Summary of Cases for the Year 2020

A. First Instance Cases	
1. Cases awaiting completion as on 01-01-2020	50
2. Petitions registered during 2020	47
Total number of petitions as on 31-12-2020	97
Cases completed during 2020	
1. Fr Valerian Frank	02
2. Fr Walter D'Mello	71
3. Cases withdrawn	01
Total number of petitions disposed	74
Cases awaiting completion as on 31-12-2020	
Cases awaiting completion with:	
Fr Valerian Frank – 00; Fr Walter D'Mello - 23	23
Defenders of the Bond	
1. First Instance: Fr Naveen Pinto: 73	
B. Second Instance Cases	
1. Cases pending as on 01-01-2020	00
2. Cases received during 2020	02
Total number of cases at hand as on 31-12-2020	02

Fr. Walter D'Mello, Judicial Vicar

PROGRAMMES OF CODP

- 08.03.2021 : Women's Day celebration and Felicitation to newly elected Gram Panchayat members in CODP-ISD
- 12.03.2021 : Cleanliness Drive at Fajir
- 13.03.2021 : - Women's Day celebration by Prajna and Madhura Mahasanghas at Vorkady
- Training on organic farming and kitchen garden at Vijayadka
- 16.03.2021 : Inauguration of Tailoring class at Chelairu
- 22.03.2021 : - Women's Day celebration by Sangama and Samrudhi Mahasanghas at Shantipalla
- Women's Day celebration by Jeevan Jyothi Mahasanghaand Awareness on POCSO Act at Kayyar
- 23.03.2021 : Women's Day celebration by Mathrushree Mahasangha at Kayyar
- 25.03.2021 : Women's Day celebration and Cleanliness drive at Bannur
- 27.03.2021 : Women's Day celebration and Cleanliness drive at Modankap
- 28.03.2021 : Sparsha - Competition on Cooking without Fire at Pakshikere

– **Director, CODP**



“Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism.”

- Pope Benedict XVI

REPAYMENT OF THE EDUCARE LOAN

Dear Parish Priests,

Educare, started in 2013 by a Mangalorean NRI, has helped 2856 students in Mangalore and Udupi Dioceses. Rs. 21.59 crores have been disbursed so far as an interest-free loan, up to January 2021 through the kind services of CODP. This money is to be revolved in order to continue the programme.

I am told that many Parish Priests and Parish Pastoral Councils do their best to select eligible and most needy candidates. Their role in motivating the students to repay the loan is also equally appreciated. However, still that there a few beneficiaries in some parishes where the rate of repayment is low.

I request the Parish Priests of these parishes to take extra efforts to ensure prompt repayments. It is through the recommendation of the Parish Priests these loans were given. Prompt repayment is not only a gesture of justice but also is charity towards other needy students. Only when there is prompt and full repayment, the donour will feel satisfied and happy to go ahead with the programme. Therefore, I earnestly request Parish Priests concerned, to urge the beneficiaries to co-operate positively with the Educare programme with your pro-active measures of contacting and motivating the defaulters. Thank you.

- **Bishop of Mangalore**

PLATINUM BIRTHDAY

Rev. Wilfred Gonsalves, St Zuze Vaz Home, Jeppu, celebrates his 75th birthday on 04.03.2021.

Age is strictly a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter. May God give you: For every storm, a rainbow; For every tear, a smile; For every care, a promise; And a blessing in each trial! Happy Birthday!

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. Programme for March 2021:

- 1-3 : Parish Retreat - Mulki
- 7 : Liturgy Seminar
- 7 : Extraordinary Ministers Recollection - Moodbidri Deanery
- 11 : Lectors Training - Belman
- 14 : Liturgy Seminar - Angelore
- 14 : Extraordinary Ministers Training - Mogarnad Deanery
- 15-17 : Parish Retreat - Milagres Kallianpur
- 19-21 : Parish Retreat - Manjeshwar
- 21 : Catechism Teachers Training - Manjeshwar
- 21-23 : Parish Retreat - Maril
- 2 4 : Mass of the Chrism - Liturgy animation

II. Information:

A. Commission for Liturgy:

Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers: You are requested to organize a 3-hour recollection for extraordinary ministers at the deanery level or parish level (if the number is more) during Lenten season. The recollection includes talk, adoration, confession and evaluation of their ministry. You are free to call a priest of your choice for the recollection. But please inform us through mail or WhatsApp message the following aspects: Name of the preacher, date, deanery, parish & the number of participants.

III. New Arrivals and Other Books:

1. ಜೆಜುಚೊ ಖುರಿಸ್ ಆಮ್ಚೊ ಭರ್ವಸೊ - ಖುರ್ನಾವಾಟ್
2. ಸಂಸಾರಾರ್ ಸರ್ಗಿಂಚೊ ಪ್ರಕಾಸ್ - ವೀಸ್ ಲಾಯಿಕ್ ಸಾಂತಾಂಚಿ ಜಿಣಿ
3. ಕಾಲ್ವರಿ ಪಯಾಣ - ಕನ್ನಡ ಖುರ್ನಾವಾಟ್
4. ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಪುಸ್ತಕಾಂತ್ಲಿಂ ನಾಂವಾಂ (Names in the Bible)
5. ಸರ್ಲಲ್ಯಾಂ ಖಾತಿರ್ ಮಾಗ್ಣ್ಯಾವಿಧಿ (Revised edition)
6. ದಿಸ್ವಡ್ಲೆಂ ಸಾಂತಾ ಭಕ್ತಾಂಚೊ ಸಾಂಗಾತ್ (Revised edition)
7. Call to Serve Him - Handbook for Altar Servers (Revised edition)
8. Mass Candles, superior quality Hosts & Particles, Incense are available at Mangala Jyothi stall.

- Director, Mangala Jyothi

CLUTTER IN THE CHURCH

Jesus removes the clutter and cleans the temple. People and priests had lost their focus because of the clutter: (a) people were buying and selling in the temple. Originally the market place was outside but gradually entered into the temple itself (b) Gentiles needed Jewish money for buying sacrifices and they were now exploited with a fee for the exchange. The prayer place had cluttered with things and people robbing the gentiles financially (c) the temple had become a shortcut for people to pass through the city. The court of the Gentiles was used as a shortcut to carry things and Jesus stopped them. The purpose of the temple? What it has become now? (Mk 11:17).

Many of our churches have become cluttered. So cluttered that people have a difficult time encountering the simple and powerful message of Christ. So cluttered that many people are busy doing church instead of being the church. Someone remarked: “We are not seeing spiritual transformation in the lives of the people. We have become content being busy.” People are losing ground not *despite* our overabundance of activity but *because* of it.

Ministry schizophrenia is not a clinical disease, and you will not find it in psychology books, but it is present in many churches. It is plaguing the local churches, and it occurs when people try to blend all models into one. Philosophy behind each model varies and various philosophies collide and the schizophrenia happens – multiple identities, multiple directions, and multiple church personalities! People are pulled away. Oneness is lost – of spirit, mind, faith of the gospel (Phil 1:27). If the clutter is not removed, the focus is lost. We would pay attention to the clutter and not the gospel; we lose focus on god and begin to worship the clutter (From: Thom S. Rainer and Eric Geiger, *Simple Church: Returning to God’s Process for Making Disciples*, Nashville, TN, Broadman and Holman Publishers, 2006).

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