

DIOCESES OF BELGAUM AND KARWAR



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BISHOP OF BELGAUM

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November 6, 2023

Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Lay Faithful.

I wish to repeat part of what I had communicated to you in my October Circular:

“Our Holy Mother Church is heading towards the Ordinary Jubilee marking 2025 years of the Birth of Jesus. The Holy Father will open the Jubilee Door at St. Peter’s Basilica, Rome on November 24, 2024. The theme chosen for the jubilee celebrations is ‘Pilgrims of Hope’ and its purpose is to celebrate Jesus, to celebrate the Church and to celebrate our faith. The CCBI National Facilitating Team has prepared a roadmap for the local churches in India. As a starting point, we have been asked to inaugurate the preparations for the Ordinary Jubilee 2025 starting from Sunday 26 November, 2023, the Solemnity of Christ the King. We can start reciting the Jubilee 2025 prayer in all the parishes and religious institutes from this day.”

Now we have to have the inauguration of the Jubilee Year at the Diocesan Level as well as in each of the Parishes.

The Following has been planned for the Inauguration of the Preparations for the Jubilee 2025, on November 26, 2023. Please discuss this at the Deanery meeting on 9 Nov. 2023:

In Belgaum:

In the Cathedral Church there will be **all day adoration** starting at 09.00 a.m. ending little before 5.00 p.m. At 5.00 p.m. there will be Eucharist celebrated at the end of which the Jubilee Logo will be unfurled and the a **Candle Light Eucharistic Procession at 6.00 p.m.** will be held wading through the streets of Camp which would return back to the Cathedral. Here the **Jubilee Prayer** will be recited for the first time and then the Benediction will take place. It would be laudable if all the city parishes and the parishes of the neighboring villages join the Cathedral both for the adoration as well the Candle Light procession.

I am aware that in some of the parishes the Prayer for the Synod is still being prayed. This may be replaced with the Jubilee Prayer from now on. **The Jubilee Prayer and the Logo are attached in the electronic version of the circular sent to you.**

In other places of the diocese, similar programs may be held in each of the parishes. The committee appointed for the purpose will send you further information as well as the prayers translated in Konkani and Kannada. You may contact **Rev. Fr. Joseph Castelino (Mob: +91 7090979734)** who heads the Committee for the purpose for further information in the matter.

In Karwar

In the Cathedral of the Assumption of Our Lady, the Adoration will take place between 5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. and at the end of which the Jubilee Logo will be unfurled and the a **Candle Light Eucharistic Procession at 6.00 p.m.** will be held wading through the streets of Karwar which

would end at Our Lady of Piety Church, Kone. Here, after the adoration, the **Jubilee Prayer** will be recited for the first time and then the Benediction will take place. I request all the priests, religious and the lay faithful of the parishes of Karwar city to join in this exercise to inaugurate the Preparations for the Jubilee 2025.

In other places of the diocese, similar programs may be held in each of the parishes. The committee appointed for the purpose will send you further information as well as the prayers translated in Konkani and Kannada. You may contact **Rev. Fr. Valerian Sequeira (Mob: +91 8618302313)** who heads the Committee for the purpose for further information in the matter.

You may discuss this matter in the Deanery meetings and plan accordingly.

I am giving below the 'Road Map' given by the CCBI for the Celebration of the Ordinary Jubilee 2025 in the Local Churches. This will help you to further plan the programs in the parishes and institutions.

<p>2023. YEAR OF THE COUNCIL Learn the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council: Dei Verbum, Sacrosanctum Concilium, Lumen Gentium, Gaudium et Spes</p>	<p>2024. YEAR OF PRAYER Let us be united to each other in prayer. Let us pray for each other in the Church and the World, being rooted in faith, expectant in hope, and enlivened in love.</p>	<p>2025. YEAR OF JUBILEE Pilgrimages to the Holy Door in Rome. Visits to the places where hope seems dim to light a candle of hope.</p>
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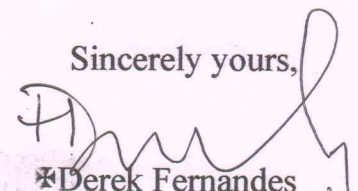
THREE YEARS OF LEARNING, PRAYING, AND JOURNEYING TOGETHER.
Let us take our Synodal Journey Further, as 'Pilgrims of Hope,' Revisiting the Dogmatic Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council and Reunited in Prayer.

<p>I. DISSEMINATION PHASE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 Sep 2023 to 25 Nov 2023. • Circular to the Local Churches, Parishes, Religious Institutes. • Creating Jubilee 2025-consciousness through advertisements, announcements and posters. • Establishing network and collaboration across the regions and the dioceses • Preparing the resources materials and promo materials for the year of the council, for the year of prayer, and for Jubilee 2025 	<p>II. PREPARATION PHASE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 Nov 2023 to 23 Nov 2024. • Inaugurating Jubilee 2025 preparations in the Local Churches on 26 November 2023 with flag hoist and Jubilee 2025 prayer recitation. • Jubilee 2025 logo on display. • The Local Churches could promote clergy retreats, reunions, seminars, workshops, recollections, CRI and other meetings based on the Conciliar documents; Parishes: novena themes based on the themes of the Second Vatican Council. • Observing the day of prayer (prayer as listening, adoration, intercession, and thanksgiving). 	<p>III. CELEBRATION PHASE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 Nov 2024 to 23 Nov 2025. • Opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica by the Holy Father on 24 November 2024. • Undertaking pilgrimages to Rome. • Encouraging pilgrimages to the Local and the National Shrines, and visits to the prisons, hospitals, old age homes, orphanages, for the elderly. • Initiating different levels of celebrations – pastoral, ecclesial, liturgical, academic, ecumenical & interfaith, and socio-cultural.
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Further information regarding the Jubilee 2025 will follow in due course of time. The Preparation and the Celebration Phases may also be discussed at the Deanery Meeting on the 9th Nov. 2023 and proposals may be sent to the Diocesan Contact persons mentioned above.

With Kind regards,

Sincerely yours,


 ✠Derek Fernandes
 Bishop of Belgaum
 Ap. Adm of Karwar



THE JUBILEE LOGO



The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.



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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have gifted us in
your son Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity
kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us, the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds
that make humanity and the cosmos rise
unto the confident expectation
of the new heavens and the new earth,
when with the powers of Evil overcome,
your glory shall be manifested eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
the yearning for heavenly treasures
and pour over all the earth
the joy and peace
of our Redeemer.
To you God blessed in eternity,
be praise and glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

Franciscus

To be recited from 26 November 2023, Solemnity of Christ the King.

