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“ Let us go forth to bring to everyone the invitation of the King, our Saviour. Holy Mary, Star of Evangelization, pray for us! ”

POPE FRANCIS

BISHOP'S DESK

Dear Fathers and Sisters,

As we joyfully mark the glorious Nativity of our beloved Mother Mary, the Mother of God, I am filled with gratitude and delight to share with you the joys of our recent spiritual endeavours.

Our clergy retreat was a serene oasis of reflection & rejuvenation, where we drank from the fountain of God's love and rediscovered our calling, emerging refreshed & revitalized for the ministry ahead. The tranquillity of the retreat setting and the warmth of our brotherly bond created a sacred space for our spiritual growth.

On the feast of the Nativity of Mary, let us honour the miraculous birth of the one who bore the Light of the World, and we are reminded of the boundless grace and mercy that flows from her motherly heart. Mary's birthday is a beacon of hope and joy, illuminating the path of our faith journey. May we be inspired by her unwavering faith, her selfless love, and her unshakeable trust in God's plan.

I pay tribute to dedicated educators on Teachers' Day. The devoted teachers of the diocese embody the spirit of Mary, guiding their students with patience, kindness, and compassion. I wish all my teachers a Happy teachers' day.

Mission Sunday stirs us to embrace the universal call to evangelization, inspired by Mary's fiat, which reverberated throughout the ages, calling us to proclaim the Gospel with courage and compassion. As we respond to this call, we become instruments of God's love, sharing the Good News with a world longing for hope and redemption. I congratulate you on the resounding success of Mission Sunday 2023! Let us build on this momentum and strive for even greater heights this year. May our collective efforts inspire a brighter future for all. May God bless us all, and may Mother Mary's loving intercession guide us on our journey.

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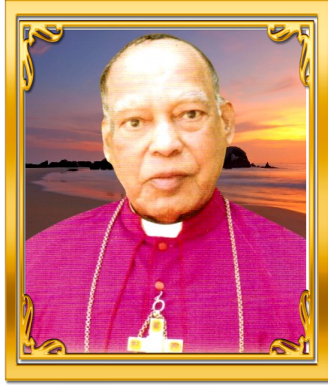
+ Duming Dias

Intention of Pope Francis for the month of September.

'For the cry of the Earth'

We pray that, each one of us will hear and take to heart, the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

OBITUARY



Archbishop Emeritus Alphonsus Mathias

Born : 22 .06. 1928

Ordained: 24.08.1954

Bishop of Chikmagalur: 16.11.1963

Archbishop of Bangalore: 12.09.1986

Died : 10.07.2024

Most Rev. Alphonsus Mathias, Archbishop Emeritus of Bangalore Archdiocese, breathed his last on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at the ripe age of 96, surrounded by the love and prayers of his flock. His remarkable life, spanning nearly a century, was a testament to his unwavering dedication to the Lord, the Church, and humanity.

Born on June 22, 1928, in Pangala, Karnataka, Archbishop Mathias embarked on his priestly journey on August 24, 1954. His subsequent appointment as the first Bishop of Chikmagalur on November 16, 1963, marked the beginning of a remarkable tenure that would span 23 years, nurturing the diocese with unwavering commitment. As Archbishop of Bangalore from September 12, 1986, to March 24, 1998, he spearheaded a new era of growth, fostering a culture of inclusivity, education, and social responsibility.

His presidency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) in 1989 and 1993 accentuated his national stature as a champion of interfaith dialogue and social justice.

Archbishop Alphonsus Mathias's life and ministry were characterized by a profound commitment to the Church and society. His contributions as the Bishop of Chikmagalur, Archbishop of Bangalore, and a leader in the Indian and global Church were monumental. He navigated the complexities of a rapidly changing world with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering faith. His legacy is one of transformation, not just in the institutions he led, but in the countless lives he impacted through his pastoral care, educational initiatives, healthcare services, and social justice efforts.

In commemorating Archbishop Alphonsus Mathias, we celebrate a life dedicated to the service of God and humanity. His example continues to inspire clergy, religious, and lay people to strive for a Church that is inclusive, compassionate, and responsive to the needs of the times. His vision for a vibrant, dynamic, and socially engaged Church remains a guiding light for future generations.

As we bid farewell to this extraordinary individual, we take comfort in knowing that his spirit will continue to guide and inspire us. **May his soul rest in eternal peace.**

Mission Sunday - Oct 20, 2024

Go & Invite Everyone to the Banquet ! (Essence of the message of Pope Francis)

Pope for the Mission Sunday emphasizes the importance of evangelization and missionary work, reflecting on the parable of the wedding banquet (Mt 22:1-14). He highlights three key aspects:

Go and invite! Mission as a tireless invitation to the Lord's banquet.

To the marriage feast : The ultimate salvation in the Kingdom of God.

Everyone: Universal mission, calling all individuals to encounter and recognize each other as brothers and sisters. Pope encourages a fully synodal and missionary Church, promoting close missionary cooperation and the service of the Pontifical Mission Societies, and concludes by imploring Mary's maternal intercession for the evangelizing mission.

2. FEASTS & SOLEMNITIES

Sep 8: Nativity of blessed virgin Mary :

Today, we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. This feast commemorates the birth of Mary, the chosen one, destined to bear the Son of God. As we reflect on Mary's life, we are reminded of her extraordinary virtues her humility, obedience, and unwavering trust in God's plan. Her fiat, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord," (Lk 1:38) is a powerful example of surrender and devotion. As Pope Francis said, 'Mary is the woman of faith, the woman who believes, the woman who entrusts herself to God. She is the Mother of the Church, and our Mother, too'. May Mary's birth inspire us to renew our commitment to discipleship, to follow her example of faith, hope, and charity. May we, like Mary, be open to God's will and strive to become instruments of His love and mercy. Let us pray to Mary, the Mother of God, to intercede for us, that we may grow in holiness and become worthy disciples of her Son.

Oct 4 : St Francis Of Assisi :

St. Francis of Assisi is a shining example of Christian discipleship and a patron saint of creation. Francis' life was marked by simplicity, humility, and a deep love for God and His creatures. As we reflect on Francis' life, we are reminded of his unwavering commitment to living the Gospel. He shows us that true joy and peace come from living simply, loving deeply, and caring for all creation. As Pope Francis said, "St. Francis of Assisi is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically." May St. Francis' feast inspire us to embrace a simpler way of life, to care for the poor and vulnerable, and to be stewards of creation. May his prayer, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace," be our guiding prayer. Let us pray to St. Francis, that we may follow his example and become instruments of peace and love in our world.

October 7: Our Lady of Rosary:

"The Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies us, it is a prayer that we can pray anywhere, at any time." Pope Francis. Today, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, a powerful reminder of the importance of prayer and devotion to our Blessed Mother.

The Rosary, a timeless and universal prayer, has been a source of comfort, strength, and guidance for countless generations of Christians. As we reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary, we are drawn into the life of Christ and the experiences of Mary, His Mother. We ponder the joys, sorrows, and triumphs of their lives, and we ask for their intercession and guidance. "May this feast inspire us to deepen our devotion to our Lady and to pray the Rosary with faith, hope, and love. May we, like Mary, be open to God's will and trust in His providence.

3. CHRONICLES

1. Young Clergy Seminar

A seminar was held for a gathering of 40 young priests and 5 deacons on 9th July 2024, at Puneeth Sadan, Shirwad. Rev. Dr Francis Serrao, Bishop of Shimoga, conveyed a message that resonated the profound importance of prayer and the transformative power of personal encounters with God.

2. ICYM ,DEXCO Meeting

A meeting of the Diocesan Dexco team Led by Fr. Silvan Rodrigues, the Youth Director, was held at Diocese Pastoral Centre on 10th July 2024. Bp. Duming Dias presided over the meeting. Looking ahead, the Diocesan Dexco team is poised to embark on a transformative journey, driven by their shared values and commitment to making a positive difference in the community.

3. Bishop Duming Dias Visited Flood Affected Places

The monsoon escalated havoc in the coastal district of Karwar diocese. In Gundibala, Hadinbal, Kavoor, Chendia and many other places unexpected volumes of water submerged the roads and land. There were landslides in many places of the Karwar Diocese. Bishop Duming Dias visited all the flood affected places along with Fr. Thomas Fernandes and Fr. Wilson Noronha. The desire of the visitors was to reach out to the needy in love and service.

4. Distribution Of Food Kits To Flood-Affected Families

In a remarkable display of leadership and compassion, the Diocese of Karwar, under the guidance of Bishop Duming Dias and Karwar Diocesan Development Council (KDCC) spearheaded the distribution of food kits to families devastated by the recent floods. Charitable organization Caritas India & well-wisher Mr George Fernandes showed their generous heart, by which the diocese could provide food kits to the affected. Fr Steven Dsouza, Fr Silvan Rodrigues, Fr Stewart Fernandes, Fr Edwin Dsouza and his Parishioners of Our Lady of Piety Church Kone-Karwar and Volunteers worked tirelessly to meet this end.

5. Death Anniversary of Bishop William D'Mello : Bishop Duming Dias along with Priests, Religious and the faithful of the Cathedral Parish, celebrated the Requiem mass in commemoration of the 13th Death Anniversary of Bishop William Leonardo D'Mello, the First bishop of the Diocese of Karwar. The Requiem Mass was a testament to the bishop's enduring memory.

6. One-Day seminar for all the Catechism Teachers at Haliyal Parish : 21 July, 2024, Diocesan Catechetical Commission conducted one-day seminar for all the catechism teachers of the Parish and School of Haliyal deanery under the leadership of Fr Felix Lobo the deanery coordinator and the Dean. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Raymond Fernandes, the dean. Fr. Ronald D'Souza beautifully emphasized the importance of role of catechism teachers in nurturing the faith of young minds. Fr. Felix then systematically presented the *Sacro Sancto Concilium* as a preparation towards the Jubilee 2025.

7. Seminar for the extra ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Ministry in Sirsi deanery was held on 21 July, 2024. 49 members participated. Rev. Fr Valento Fernandes presented *Sacro Sancto Concilium* as a preparation for the Jubilee 2025, The Dean Rev. Fr. Anacletus D'Mello addressed the participants and inspired them to be good in word and deed in their parishes.

8. Priests' Annual Retreat

The Annual Retreat for the Priests of the Diocese of Karwar was held from the 4th to the 10th of August 2024 at Puneet Sadan, Shirwad. This year's retreat was a deep enriching experience, with a focus on the theme **"Renewing our Priesthood."** The retreat was led by Fr. Freddy D'Silva, SJ. The retreat concluded on the 10th of August with solemn thanksgiving mass celebrated by the Bishop of Karwar.

9. Celebration of New Beginnings

The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate established a new community at Maria Sadan, Puneeth Sadan campus for the Hospital Ministry at Maria Magnoflora Hospital.

The House was blessed and the sisters were welcomed in the presence of the FSI Superior General along with her Councilor and the Provincial on the occasion of the feast day of Our Lady of the Assumption.

10. Seminar for the teachers and extraordinary ministers of holy communion

Diocesan Catechetical Commission conducted a one-day seminar on 18 August 2024 for all the Catechism teachers in the Parish of Kone and Kajubag deanery. It was well attended by Religious sisters and lay faithful around 83 members in total participated.

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Jerome D'Souza, the Dean of Kone Deanery. Fr. Stany Pinto beautifully presented an expose of *Sacro Sancto Concilium*. The EMHC members too benefitted from this seminar as an aid to their renewal of the mandate.

11. Marriage Enrichment Programme

Diocesan Family Commission organized Marriage Enrichment Programme in Sirsi Deanery on 18 August 2024. It was well attended by 71 participants from various parishes within the deanery.

The resource persons were Mrs. Irene Rebello and Mr. Anil D'Cunha, with the theme Balancing Family life and career and the family as an image of the Holy Trinity.

12. General Body Meeting Of CRI : General Body Meeting of CRI Karwar Unit was held at Puneeth Sadan on **25 August 2024**, with the theme: Role of Religious in Combating Human Trafficking. The resource person for the day was Sr. Philomena AASC. It was well attended by Religious of the Karwar Diocese. Bishop Duming Dias addressed the gathering and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. The General Elections were also held.

13 . St. Vincent De Paul: The Central Committee of SVP met Bishop Most Rev. Duming Dias on **26 August 2024** at Puneeth Sadan. Two members of the Regional Team were present. Bishop initiated the proceedings. Mr. Samson Briefed about the existence of SVP and Bishop promised his Support and blessing to re-vitalize SVP in the Diocese.

4 . ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Bishops' Renewal Programme

I have been invited to participate in the **New Bishops' Renewal Programme** in Rome, Italy, from **10 to 23 September, 2024**. This program, organized by the Vatican, offers a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal, theological reflection, and fraternal communion with fellow bishops from around the world. During my absence, I have designated **Msgr. Richard Rodrigues** as the point of contact for any emergencies that may arise. Please do not hesitate to reach out to him. if you require urgent attention.

1. New Vicar General Of Karwar Diocese: **Rev. Fr Richard Rodrigues** is appointed as the new Vicar General of the Diocese. This significant appointment was made by His Excellency, Bishop Duming Dias, in recognition of his exemplary service and dedication to the Church.

2. Novena of Monthi Feast : This year Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady is celebrated on **September 7, 2024**. Because, “the Day of the Lord takes precedence over all the feasts”. Hence we begin the Novena on **29th of August**. Novena themes have been already distributed. Keeping *Sacro Sanctum Concilium* as the central theme we will expose the document to our people.

3. Monti Feast/ Girl Child Day: Being a girl, every child is capable of becoming a sister, partner, companion and a mother. On the Monthi feast we pray in a special way for our society that the women may be given due respect. May Mother Mary continue to protect them and enable them to live in dignity.

4. Training of Trainees: Family Commission has organized a TOT seminar at Puneeth Sadan, Shirwad from 10am to 4.30pm on **September 1,2024**. We need more people to get trained and help one another in the mission of the church.

5. Deanery Meeting : The bimonthly deanery meetings shall be held on **11 and 12 of Sept 2024** in the respective deaneries. A few agenda points shall be sent to you well in advance.

6. Marriage Preparation Course: To those who are preparing to get married, this course scheduled for **September 13-15 & October 18-20** will enable them to equip them with tips and guidelines for a harmonious married life.

7. Training Seminar for the youth Co ordinators and Office bearers of all the Deaneries on **Sep 22, 2024** at Holy Rosary School, Honnavar from 9.30am to 4.30 pm. Program of the day will be sent to the Deanery Youth Co-ordinators by the Youth Director. Training seminar for the Kajubag Deanery youth, is scheduled for **Sep 29, 2024** at Sadasshivgad Parish Hall, from 9.30 am -4.30 pm.

8. EMHC Renewal Seminar of Honavar, Kumta & Bhatkal Deaneries is Scheduled for **October 13, 2024**.

9. Clergy Meeting -october 2024 : We shall have the Clergy Meeting beginning in the evening of **9 October 2024** and shall conclude with lunch on **10 October 2024**. Meeting begins with Vespers on Wednesday **9 October 2024 at 7pm .**

INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

We pray that, the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal life style, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting participation, communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

6. BISHOP'S ITINERARY

In the month of September

- 04: Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee, Sagar
 07: 5.30pm, Holy Eucharist, Harihar
 08: 10am, Feast Mass, Harihar
 Feast Mass, Old Town, Bhadravathi
 09: 3pm, St Peter's Board Meeting, B'lore
 10-23: Visit to Rome
 23-26: KRCBC Meeting, Bangalore
 27: Diaconate, RMC, Bangalore
 30: 10.30am, Holy Cross Minor Seminary,

In the month of October

- 06: 10am, Confirmation, Joida
 07: 5.30pm, Grotto Blessing, Mass, Banavasi
 09-10: Clergy Meeting, Puneeth Sadan
 11: 9.30am, Confirmation, Gundibal
 12: Nuptial Mass, Lower Kasakod
 13: 9.30am, Confirmation, Samsi
 15: 11am, Feast Mass, Old Dandeli
 17: 10am, Feast Mass, Lower Kasarkod
 19: 11am, Holy Cross Feast, Shirwad
 20: Confirmation, Kumta
 27: Holy Spirit Mass, Potta, Kerala.
 30: Jubilee Mass, Shimoga
 31: 10am, Confirmation, Chendia

7. BIRTHDAYS

In the month September

01. Fr. Peter Mendoca OFM
 02. Fr. William D'Souza
 Fr. Gregory D'Souza
 03. **Most Rev. Bp Duming Dias**
 Fr. Alwyn Cardoza
 Fr. Edwin Paul D'Souza

05. Fr. Lawrence D'Souza
 06. Fr. Francis Miranda
 08. Fr. Anthony D'Souza
 09. Fr. Wilson Fernandes
 11. Fr. Michael Pinto (Jr.)
 Fr. Ceynon Gonsalves
 12. Fr. Valerian Sequiera
 15. Fr. Sachin D'Souza
 Fr. Vijayaraju S. SJ
 18. Fr. Hosten D'Souza
 23. Fr. Lino Lopes SDB
 24. Fr. Roshan Lobo SJ
 28. Fr. Patric Lobo SJ
 Fr. Bryan Jones
 30. Fr. Paschal Rodrigues

In the month of October

- 01 Fr. Vinilwilfred Vijay
 Fr. Adrian Czereski
 02 Fr. Stephan D'Souza
 04 Fr. Edwin Monis Cap
 06 Fr. Benson Fernandes
 07 Fr. Marcus Tauro
 09 Fr. John Hayes
 11 Fr. Francis Menezes SJ
 13 Fr. Crysostom Rodrigues
 Fr. Edward Savio
 Fr. Wesley Paul
 15 Fr. John Fernandes
 16 Fr. Alex Fernandes
 19 Fr. Anacletus D'Mello
 20 Fr. Ignatius D'Souza
 22 Fr. Lawrence Pereira
 Fr. John Rodrigues
 27 Fr. Leo Florence SJ
 Fr. Samuel Fernandes
 31 Fr. Jerome D'Souza

8. TO THE HEAVENLY ABODE

Mr Philip Herald D'Souza brother of **Fr Jerome D'Souza**, was called to the heavenly abode on 24 July 2024. We offer our condolences to the bereaved family members of Fr Jerome D'Souza. May the Almighty be their refuge and strength.



It is Not how much you do, but
 how much love you put into
 what you do, that counts.

HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY



**HAPPY BIRTH-
 DAY MAMA MARY
 HAPPY FEAST**