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“Jubilee-2025, invites believers to experience God's love and mercy through spiritual reflection, pilgrimage & renewal”

POPE FRANCIS

BISHOP'S DESK

Dear Fathers and Sisters,

In September, I had the profound privilege of participating in the New Bishops' Renewal Programme in Rome, alongside 114 fellow bishops from Africa and Asia. This enriching experience culminated in an audience with His Holiness Pope Francis, where each bishop had the distinct honor of sharing their diocese's aspirations, concerns & triumphs. I humbly presented the vibrant tapestry of our diocese to His Holiness, who graciously bestowed his blessing upon our entire community. Pope Francis was particularly heartened to learn about the flourishing vocations in our diocese, responding to me with his signature thumbs up and emphasizing the vital importance of integral formation for our seminarians, empowering them to thrive in the Lord's vineyard.

2. As we approach the threshold of **Jubilee 2025**, our diocese has engaged in meticulous planning and discernment through various official bodies. By December 15, 2024, we will finalize the celebration details and each family will receive a comprehensive guide, outlining our collective journey toward spiritual growth, unity, and

evangelization. Let us strive to make Jubilee- 2025 a radiant tribute to God's glory, fostering spiritual growth, unity, and evangelization.

3. As we embark on **Advent's joyous journey**, culminating in Christmas, I extend warmest wishes for a peaceful, love-filled, and spiritually enriching festive season. May Emmanuel dwell in your hearts, filling you with hope, joy and love. May this sacred time rejuvenate spirits and foster brotherhood in your community. May it inspire you to radiate God's love to those around you.

4. Our diocese has commissioned **Roshni Nilaya**, School of Social Work M'lore, to conduct a comprehensive socio economic, faith based, pastoral & skill based survey. When the survey team reaches out to you, I kindly request that you accommodate and collaborate with them to ensure the veracity of the data collected. **Thank you for your dedication and service. May God continue to bless and guide you.**

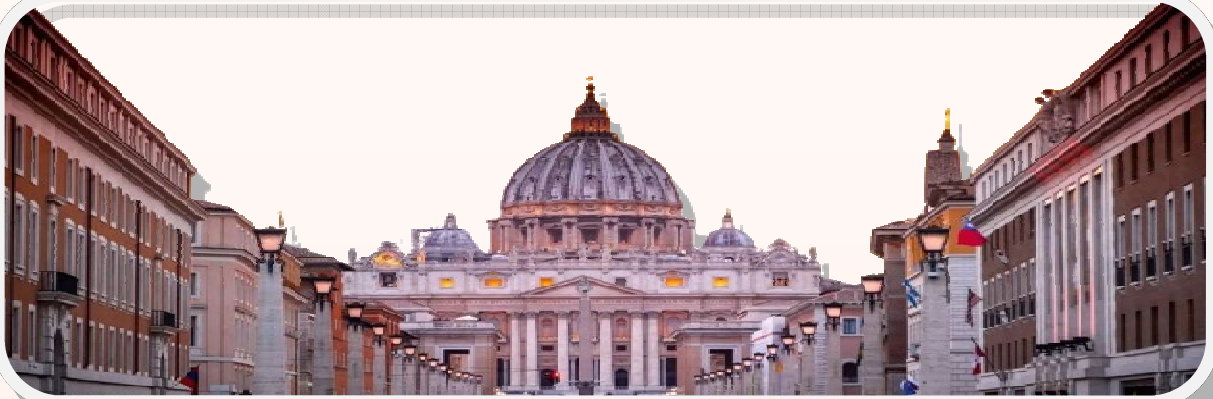
Doming Dias

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Intention of Pope Francis for the month of November.

For anyone who has lost a child: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Sublime moments with Pope Francis



2. FEASTS & SOLEMNITIES

November 1, All Saints day

The Feast of All Saints, celebrated on First November, honours all Christian saints and martyrs, known and unknown, who have attained heaven. Originating in the seventh century, Pope Boniface IV dedicated the Roman Pantheon to the Blessed Virgin Mary and all martyrs, and over time, the celebration expanded to include all saints. The day reminds Christians of the communion of saints, unity among believers across time and space, and celebrates lives of extraordinary faith, courage, and devotion.

November 2, All souls day

All Souls' Day is a significant tradition in the Catholic Church and other Christian denominations. This day honours and remembers loved ones who have passed away, acknowledging the connection between the living and the deceased. Originating in the eleventh century, All Souls' Day was established by Odilo, Abbot of Cluny, to pray for deceased monks, later expanding to include all faithful departed. The day recognizes souls in Purgatory awaiting Heaven, offers prayers and sacrifices for their purification, affirms resurrection and eternal life, and strengthens family bonds beyond death. All Souls' Day reminds us that death is a transition, not an end, and that love and memories transcend life and death. We pray for the deceased, seeking comfort, hope, and unity in our shared humanity, saying "*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*"

Solemnity of Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King, celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, emphasizes Jesus Christ's dominion over all creation. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, this solemnity asserts Christ's sovereignty over all nations and peoples, countering secularism and nationalism, and promoting unity among Christians. This feast affirms Christ's authority over heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18), recognizes His reign in individual hearts and societies, and anticipates His second coming.

As we honour Christ's reign, let us renew our commitment to His kingdom of love, justice, and mercy. May Christ's kingdom reign in our hearts, guiding our actions and decisions. May we build a world where the hungry are fed, the naked are clothed, and the marginalized are uplifted. As we look forward to Christ's second coming, let us remain vigilant, faithful, and hopeful. May Christ, our King, reign in our lives, now and forever.

Blessed season of Advent

As we embark on the sacred journey of Advent, may this season of hope, peace, and joy illuminate our path, preparing our hearts and minds for the miraculous birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the radiant spirit of Christmas, infused with love, kindness, and generosity, transform our lives, filling every moment with grace, happiness, and warmth. As we eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth, may our faith be renewed, our hearts overflow with joy, and our communities be blessed with peace, harmony, and togetherness. May the soft glow of candles, the sweet fragrance of evergreens, and the joyful sounds of carols surround us, reminding us of the profound beauty and significance of this special time. Wishing you a blessed Advent, a joyous, merry Christmas, and a New Year filled with cherished moments, cherished traditions, and the unwavering love of family, friends and the divine.

Jubilee year –2025

Pope Francis has announced the Jubilee Year 2025, an extraordinary celebration of hope, faith, and love. The key dates to remember

Dec 24, 2024

Opening of the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica.

Dec 29, 2024

Opening of Saint John Lateran's Holy Door.

Jan 01, 2025

Opening of Saint Mary Major's Holy Door.

Jan 05, 2025

Opening of St Paul Outside the Walls' Holy Door
Pope Francis' Message: Rediscover patience, hope, and simplicity. Be signs of hope for those in hardship, especially prisoners. This Jubilee Year invites believers to experience God's love and mercy through spiritual reflection, pilgrimage, and renewal. As we embark on this Jubilee journey, may we find strength in our shared humanity and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. CHRONICLES

1. Training of Trainers (TOT)

The Training of Trainers (TOT) for the Marriage Preparation Course was conducted on September 1, 2024 at Puneeth Sadan, Karwar. The aim was to prepare priests and the laity to effectively deliver Marriage Preparation Courses within the diocese. This training was led by Mr Leslie Arouza, the Director of the Family Commission, Diocese of Udipi.

2. Marriage Preparation Course

The Marriage Preparation Course was organized by the Diocesan Family Commission at DPC Hall, Shirwad, from 13 -15 September with 33 participants attending the three-day event. The course aimed to provide a thorough understanding of the various dimensions of marriage journey, driven by their shared values and commitment to making a positive difference in the community.

3. Leadership Training Program for Deanery Youth Office bearers

A leadership training programme for deanery office bearers was held on 22 September 2024 at Holy Rosary Convent, Honavar. There were 53 participants. Fr. Peter Mendonca was the chief guest. The sessions were led by Fr Silvan, the youth director, along with DEXCO members. Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by Vicar General Fr. Richard Rodrigues, marking a reflective and spiritual end to the program.

4. Formation & Training Workshop

On 22 Sep 2024, one day formation & training workshop was conducted by SSVP Central Council, Karwar, at St. Anthony School Hall, Sirsi. Fr. Sebastian Pinto, Spiritual Director, SSVP, Brother Walter Matris, West Indian Regional Coordinator, spoke on Formation. Later, Bro conducted a workshop on handling the accounts. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Pinto presided over the program and offered the Holy Mass.

5. Jubilate Deo – Kajubag Deanery Youth Cultural Event :

On 29 September 2024, the Kajubag Deanery hosted its much-anticipated cultural event, **Jubilate Deo**, at Sadashivgad Parish Hall, with the participation of 140 youth. The event was organized by Fr Wilson D'souza, the Deanery Youth Co-ordinator. The opening session was led by Fr Nirmal Miranda, who spoke on the theme, "Youth are Pilgrims of Hope." The second session was led by Fr. Silvan Rodrigues, the Diocesan Youth Director. The event was well-attended by deanery priests. Jubilate Deo was a resounding success.

6. Jubilee 2025 Planning Committee Meeting :

On 9th October 2024, the Jubilee 2025 Planning Committee held a meeting at Puneeth Sadan, Karwar. The meeting commenced with a prayer video led by Fr Stewart Fernandes, Communication Director, followed by welcome address by Fr Richard Rodrigues. Bishop Duming Dias delivered a keynote speech emphasizing the significance of the Jubilee, leading to fruitful discussions on planning and organizing the upcoming celebrations.

7. Annual Renewal of Extraordinary Ministers :

The Liturgical Commission conducted a one-day seminar for the annual renewal of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. It was held at Infant Jesus Parish Hall on 13 October 2024 in Prabhatnagar. It was well attended by 131 participants from various parishes of Bhatkal, Honavar and Kumta deaneries. Catechesis was given on the progress of the Synodal journey by Fr. Nirmal. He also made a special expose of the *Sacrosanctum Concilium* at the occasion. The event ended with a solemn Eucharistic celebration, presided over by the Dean of Honnavar Deanery, Rev. Fr. Thomas Fernandes.

4 . ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.Youth Programme for Sirsi Deanery:

The Programme on "*Empowering Tomorrow*" for the youth of Sirsi Deanery is scheduled for November 1, 2024 at St Anthony's Community Hall, Sirsi from 9am to 4pm.

2. Youth Programme for Honnavar Deanery : The Director for Youth and the Deanery Coordinator for youth will hold various Online Competitions in November and December 2024 .

3. Seminar on Strategic Pastoral Planning : A Seminar on Strategic Pastoral Planning for the College of Consultors, Members of Senate, Deans, Commission Directors and CRI office Bearers will be held on 4 November, at Puneeth Sadan, Shirwad from 10 am to 4 pm. **Most Rev. Gerald Lobo**, the Chairman for the CCBI Pastoral Plan Facilitation Committee is the resource person.

4. Women Commission Executive Meet: The Women commission will hold an Executive Members' Meet in Karwar on 5 Nov 2024.

5. Pastoral Plan 2025 : A meeting of the Commission Directors is scheduled on November 5, 2024 at Puneeth Sadan, Shirwad from 9.30 am to 4 pm. The Pastoral Plan Implementation committee members include the Vicar General, Deans, Commission Directors, Senate Secretary and CRI representatives .

6. Young Clergy Meet: There will be a gathering of Young Clergy on Nov 6, 2024 at Puneeth Sadan from 10 am to 4 pm. Priests ordained from 2013 shall be present for the meet.

7. Ordination to Priesthood: The Diocese is blessed with 3 deacons viz- Dn Anil Rodrigues, Dn Francis Fernandes and Dn Milton Souza. They will be ordained on November 11, 2024 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Assumption, Kajubag, Karwar.

8. Deanery Meeting: The Deanery Clergy Meeting and Recollection will be held in the respective deaneries on 13 and 14 Nov, 2024.

9. Marriage Enrichment Programme: The Marriage Enrichment Programme for Haliyal Deanery is scheduled for November 17, 2024 at Our Lady of Miracles Church, Haliyal.

10. Altar Boys' Programme : The Altar Boys' Programme for Kajubag Deanery is scheduled on November 17, 2024 at St. Joseph's School, Karwar. The details will be communicated to the Deanery priests by the Deanery Coordinator in charge of the Altar Boys.

11. Marriage Preparation Course: Those who are preparing to get married will have the Marriage Preparation Course from 22 to 24 November 2024 and 6 to 8 December 2024 at Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Shirwad, Karwar.

12. 39th World Youth Day: The 39th World Youth Day will be celebrated in all the Parishes on 24 November 2024. Liturgy, Pope's Message and other material will be sent to the Parish Priests by the ICYM Director, Rev. Fr Silvan Rodrigues.

13. Youth Programme: A special Youth Programme, "*Cultural Fest*" for Kumta Deanery is tentatively scheduled for 8 December 2024 at St. John the Baptist Church Hall, Kumta from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. The details will be furnished well in advance by the ICYM Director.

14. Clergy Meeting & Christmas Celebration: The Clergy Meeting cum Christmas Celebration shall begin on 11 December 2024 in the evening with vespers and end on 12 December 2024.

15. Christmas Mass: A solemn mass on the occasion of the Nativity of Our Lord will be celebrated at Our Lady of Assumption, Kajubag, Karwar by Bp Duming Dias.

16. Solemn Inauguration of Jubilee 2025: A solemn inauguration of Jubilee 2025 will be held at Our Lady of Assumption, Kajubag, Karwar and at the same time, the Jubilee 2025 will be inaugurated at all parishes on the same day.



6. BISHOP'S ITINERARY

In the month of November

- 02. 5.00 pm , Cemetery Mass, Shirwad
- 04. 10.00am , Seminar on Strategic Pastoral Plan, Bishop's House
- 05. 10.00 am, Meeting of Commission Directors. Preparing Pastoral Plan for Karwar
- 06. 10.00 am ,Young Clergy Meeting
- 09. 10.30am St Anthony's Feast, Sirsi
- 10. 9.30am Confirmation, Manki
- 11. 10am, Priestly Ordination, Kajubagh
- 12. 10am, Christ the King Feast, Jog Falls
- 13-14 Deanery Meeting
- 16. 10am, Holy Cross Church Feast, Dharwar
- 17. 10am Confirmation, Head Bunder
- 18. 9.30am Confirmation, Hadinbal
- 19. 10.30am Silver Jubilee of St Joseph the Worker Church, Ambewadi
- 24 9am Confirmation, Kajubagh
- 25 9.30am Confirmation, Yellapur
6pm Confirmation, Yedoga
- 27-28 Diocesan Platinum Jubilee, Bellari

In the month of December

- 01. 10am Confirmation, Mirjan
- 05. 10am Final Profession, SRA, Mangalore
5.30pm Seminary Day, St Joseph's Seminary, Mangalore
- 08. 8.30am Confirmation, Mallapur
5.30pm Mary Immaculate Feast, Bdv
- 10 St Francis Xavier Feast, Makazhana, Goa
- 11-12 Clergy Meeting
- 15 3pm Nuptial Mass, Navi Mumbai
- 18 4.30pm St Anthony's School , Sirsi
- 19 5pm Ecumenical Christmas Celebration
- 27 10am Confirmation, Baad
- 29 Inauguration of the Jubilee 2025, Kajubagh

7. BIRTHDAYS

In the month of November

- 01. Fr. Alwyn Patrick D'Sa
- 03. Fr. Joachim Fernandes
Fr. Justin D'Souza
- 09. Fr. Raymond Fernandes
- 10. Fr. Inacio Angelo D'souza Sfx
- 13. Fr. Peter Carneiro
- 18. Fr. Wilson D'souza
- 22. Fr. Vincent Jaison A. Sj
- 25. Fr. Luis Esquinas Pajuelo
- 26. Fr. Johnson Pinto SJ
- 28. Fr. Stany D'Souza
- 29. Fr. Jerald D'Souza SJ

In the month of December

- 06. Fr. Nirmal Kumar Miranda
- 07. Fr. Ambrose Fernandes
- 08. Fr. Anil Sunil D'Souza Cap
Fr. Alexinho Rodrigues SDB
Fr. Intru Pinto
- 11. Fr. Oscar Galindo
- 17. Fr. Simon Lobo SAC
- 18. Fr. Chinna Rao
- 19. Fr. Dominic Quadras
- 24. Fr. Gabriel Monis
- 30. Fr. Shabas Crasta OCD

8. TO THE HEAVENLY ABODE

Mrs. Mary D'Souza, mother of Fr. Edwin D'Souza , **Mrs. Celestine Martis**, sister of Fr. Benjamin D'Souza, **Lita D'Souza**, sister of late Fr. Nevil D'Souza, **Mr Constance Pinto** father of Fr Wilson Pinto were called to the heavenly abode . May their souls rest in peace. We offer our condolences to the bereaved family members of **Fr Edwin D'Souza**, **Fr Benjamin D'Souza** and **Fr Wilson Pinto**. *May the Almighty be your refuge and strength.*

Pope's Intention for the month of December

For pilgrims of hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.