

A decorative banner for the Archdiocese of Bangalore. It features a blue background with white ornate scrollwork at the top and bottom. On the left is the coat of arms of the archdiocese. In the center, the word "Circular" is written in large white letters on a blue background, with "Archdiocese of Bangalore" below it in white on a blue oval. On the right is a black and white illustration of St. John Maria Vianney holding a cross. Below the title, contact information is provided: "Archbishop's House, Post Office Box No. 2, 75 Miller's Road, Benson Town Post, Bengaluru - 560046. Phone : 23330438, Fax : 080-23531600 Email: archbishop@bangalorearchdiocese.com, Web : www.banglorearchdiocese.com". At the bottom, "No. 135" and "AUGUST 2015" are written in white.

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**No. 135** **AUGUST 2015**

Dear Rev. Fathers / Sisters / Brothers / Lay Faithful,

## **1. ST. JOHN MARIA VIANNEY... MAN OF GOD... MAN OF THE COMMUNITY...**

On 4th August 2015 we are celebrating the feast of St. John Maria Vianney, the Patron of Priests.

I wish each one of you, my dear brother priests, a very happy feast of St. John Marie Vianney.

I pray for the each one of you on this day, (and always too!) to grow in deeper experience of the Joy of the Priesthood everyday of your life. Let our life be that 'fragrant offering' most pleasing to the Lord as we offer the joys and sufferings of our people along with the host and wine we offer every day. Let us renew our commitment to Lord's service after the example of our Patron and become persons with vision overcoming obstacles and perform deeds that seem impossible.

He remains a shining example to all the priests of all the times. St. John Maria Vianney is known for his deep God-Experience. He loved God and put his full trust in God. He was sent to Ars to put love of God in the hearts of the faithful there. He knew that it was above all in the confessional that God's love and mercy are manifested. Hence, he devoted himself to the ministry of reconciliation. Vianney's life and ministry made the little village parish of Ars a privileged

place of God-man encounter and reconciliation. By deep prayer life he kept God the Centre of his life and ministry. Vianney realized that priesthood is the love of the heart of Christ. Christ's love is manifested in a special way on the cross and in the Eucharist.

A priest is not his own, he is Christ's own, he is community's own. It is the Eucharist that makes the priest Christ's own and community's own. Vianney made the Eucharist the centre of his life and he built the Eucharistic community in his parish. Imitating the example of our heavenly patron, let us keep the Eucharist the centre of our lives and devote ourselves to the service of the community. Celebrating the Eucharist with the faithful and for the faithful in a meaningful and effective manner should be the primary concern of each of us.

Let us lead a Eucharistic life and build our parish by helping the faithful live the realities which the Eucharist signifies, namely, love, unity, service, solidarity, caring, sharing, sacrifice and self sacrifice. May Mary, the Mother of priests, help us remain close to God through deep prayer life and close to our community. May she also help us follow the good example of St. John Maria Vianney, and inspire us to renew our pastoral commitments.

## **2. PAPAL PARENTING GUIDE: FRANCIS DELIVERS HIS OWN HOW-TO FOR FAMILIES**

Pope Francis knows the family is made up of real people living in the real world, which is why he often gives down-to-earth advice.

The Catholic Church has long taught that the family is a school of humanity – the first and best place to learn about love and respect. In fact, a healthy society relies on citizens who learn love, responsibility, loyalty, acceptance of others and solidarity from their family relationships, Pope Francis has said.

The Pope, a former teacher, has, in a way, been handing today's families detailed lesson plans, offering guidance in what actually

needs to be done. The world Synod of Bishops on the family, which the Pope has convoked for October, also is expected to deliver concrete guidelines for the pastoral care of the family and its members.

By devoting his general audience talks to the family since last December, as well as making the family a key topic of other speeches and homilies, Pope Francis has been offering concrete and, at times, colourful advice, which will give people gathering for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in September, and plenty of materials are being shared on the importance of families in today's world.

He doesn't begin with a textbook concept or picture-perfect ideal everyone needs to magically become an exact replica of. The family is a real institution made up of very human, and therefore, limited members who need real help.

With examples from his own life and the real lives of others, he points to what is happening "on the ground" and then builds a pastoral plan – what would God's response be to this reality.

"Sometimes the plates will fly," the Pope said. But "after the storm has passed," things have to be worked out as soon as possible, "with a word, a gesture," so no one ends up "isolated in this bitter broth of our resentment."

Other similarly practical advice he has given couples: play with your kids more, stop the swearing, be more affectionate and always say, "Please," "May I" and "Thank you." Moms and dads must lead the way, he says; they are the most influential role models for their kids.

He has told youngsters to go out, discover the world and "build everything together, do everything with love, everything is possible and faith is an event always to be proclaimed."

“Remind your parents, brothers and sisters and peers that it is beautiful to love one another and that misunderstandings can be overcome, because when we are united with Jesus everything is possible,” he said.

Giving advice to grandparents, the Pope has said that families and kids need their prayers, wisdom and gifts to give them the encouragement, hope and faith they often lack in today’s chaotic world.

“We older people can remind ambitious young people that a life without love is barren. We can tell fearful young people that worrying about the future can be overcome. We can teach young people who are in love with themselves too much that there is more joy in giving than receiving,” he told his fellow seniors in March 2015. The Pope’s dream is that families challenge today’s throwaway culture with “the overflowing joy of a new embrace between young and old people.”

“Imagine how much our world would change if each one of us began right here and now and seriously took care of ourselves and generously took care of our relationship with God and our neighbour,” he told Vatican employees and their families before Christmas last year.

The Holy Family is still the perennial role model for families, the Pope has said. Mothers can mirror the same love and attention Mary had for her son, and fathers can exemplify the patience and understanding of Joseph who did everything to support and protect his family.

The real secret, he said, is just to “welcome Jesus, listen to him, speak to him, take care of him, protect him and grow with him” like Mary and Joseph did, and “that is how the world will become better.”

### **3. PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY – 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

“The Prison Pastoral care is a church ministry in favour of those who are directly or indirectly affected by the reality of prison, that is why it seeks to encounter people deprived of their relatives, the prison officers and even the members of the justice administration (Judicial System), because they all form what we call an enclosed world/system.

Prison Pastoral Care is to show the love of God, the love that changes the hearts of many in the prisons, giving them a chance to transform their lives and impact the world of crimes, with the world of love. It is the same love that transforms enemies into friends, love that turns fear into trust.

I appreciate and thank all of you involved in prison ministry for reviving the lives of prisoners. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen addressing the prisoners once said: “Dear brothers. all of us are guilty. Only the difference is that you are caught and I am not” Therefore, let us pray that those in prison may receive strength and courage to accept life, especially through the Prison Ministry the brethren behind bars.

I strongly appeal to all of you to be generous at the out-door collections, which will be made on 9<sup>th</sup> August. This Prison Ministry in our Archdiocese depends entirely on our initiative, assistance and financial support.

### **4. THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most joyful liturgical Solemnities. The Church on earth and the Church in Heaven join in the infinite glory of God, who welcomes gloriously the mother of His Son body and soul into heaven. Let us ask her to purify us: to free us from every evil, starting with sin in its various forms. We are pilgrims on this earth, here below, where it is our vocation to journey on towards Heaven, now bound for experiencing God in the beauty of the creatures.

The Assumption became a feast day celebrated by the Church every year on August 15. What it brings to mind is the height to which the Church has elevated this special woman. The teaching that, at the end of her earthly course, Mary was assumed into heavenly glory, body and soul, was dogmatically defined by Pius XII on November 1, 1950 in *Munificentissimus Deus*. More than 500.000 people were packed into Saint Peter's Square that day.

Mary's passage into Heaven is called the "Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary" (*Assumptio Beatae Mariae Virginis*). The Assumption of Mary has two purposes. The first is that we celebrate the happy departure of Mary from this physical life on Earth. The second purpose is the assumption of her body into Heaven. We firmly believe that from the first moment of her conception Mary was free of all sin, including Original Sin, by a special favor of almighty God. The Archangel Gabriel recognized her as "full of grace," "blessed among women" and "one with the Lord."

A feast that sets before the eyes of the Church and of all mankind the image and the consoling proof of the fulfillment of their final hope, namely, that this full glorification is the destiny of all those whom Christ has made His brothers, having "flesh and blood in common with them" (Heb. 2:14; cf. Gal. 4:4)

As we celebrate on the 15<sup>th</sup> August, the solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin and our Independence Day, I request you to exhort the people to pray for the unity, integrity and prosperity of our nation through the intercession of Our Lady of Assumption. I wish all of you:

A happy Mother Mary's Feast and also a joyful Independence Day Celebration!

## **5. INDEPENDENCE DAY**

We will be celebrating on 15<sup>th</sup> August the 68th anniversary of our country's Independence. On the same day, we rejoice in a special

way, celebrating the solemnity of the Glorious Assumption of Mary, our Heavenly Mother. We are really happy and humbly proud that we are Indians, and that we are citizens of independent India.

India is stepping into 69<sup>th</sup> year of its journey as free India. While we count the progress made, we are also saddened to see and hear various kinds of evils affecting its citizens. The continuous atrocities on girl children and women are on the increase. Was this the dream of our freedom fighters? Dear brothers and sisters, we who serve our people through the various apostolates and very especially through educational institutions have a vital role to play towards the true freedom of our country where everybody holds their head high and walks without fear. Let us pray with Rabindranath Tagore, a great mystic “Into that Heaven of freedom my Father, let my country awake”.

Sixty eight years ago, India got political freedom from foreign rule. On 15th August 1947, India got *de facto* and *de jure* freedom for self-governance. Patriotic and courageous Indians, men and women under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation, had suffered much and even sacrificed their lives for this political freedom.

India is blessed with rich natural resources. People speak different languages, follow different religious beliefs and practices and belong to different cultural backgrounds. There is a beautiful unity in diversity. For the past 68 years, India has seen tremendous developments in science and technologies, in trade and industries. There is also a big growth in the population. India is one of the fast developing countries in the world.

How is independent India doing? Is India really and fully free? Is India free from corruption, crimes, violence, indiscipline, inefficiency, poverty, hunger, illiteracy, unemployment, discrimination, unjust systems and oppressive structures? Is human life in India valued as God’s precious gift? Are human rights protected in India? Do women and girl children feel safe and secure in India? A simple analysis of

the Indian realities in the economic, social, moral and spiritual spheres prove that India does not enjoy real and full freedom.

“There is enough for everyone’s need, but not for everyone’s greed.” said Mahatma Gandhi. Unfortunately, the various resources in India are not equitably distributed. There is too much in the hands of a few and too little in the hands of many. Every day the rich become richer and the poor become poorer. Everyday thousands of children die of malnutrition; thousands of poor people die of hunger and lack of medical care. Right to life involves also right to nutritious food, clean water, decent dress and healthy surroundings. Greed and selfishness are the two important factors that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Economic freedom begins by eradicating, or at least by reducing, poverty and hunger. Concern for the poor, caring for the poor and sharing our wealth with the poor is the best way to work for economic freedom.

Every human person is called to live with the God-given dignity. Every human person should enjoy equality of dignity and equal opportunities for education, employment and promotion. Unjust systems, oppressive structures and discriminating factors are real hindrance to social freedom.

The real crises facing our country today are not political and economic, but moral and spiritual. All-pervasive corruption, dishonesty, insincerity, irresponsibility, lack of transparency and accountability, falsehood, violence, crimes against human dignity, human life, human rights seriously hinder moral and spiritual freedom.

Freedom is not meant to do anything one wants. Freedom is meant to be good and to do good; to be right and to do right. Freedom should enable us to do our duties perfectly well for our families, our society and our nation.

Mahatma Gandhi used the values of Truth and non-violence (Satya and Ahimsa) to get political freedom for our country. In our struggle for full, real and true freedom, along with these two values,

we should also include the spiritual values of Renunciation and Service (Tyaga and Seva) and above all Love (Prema).

Our Lord Jesus Christ is Love and Truth. He is the supreme model of non-violence, renunciation and service. Human persons can enjoy full and true freedom only in Christ and through Christ. Loving our enemies, doing good to those who do harm to us, overcoming evil through good is possible only with the light and strength of the Gospel of Christ. By perfectly living the eternal and supreme values of the Gospel, such as, Love, Truth, Justice, Peace, Unity, solidarity, equality, fraternity, forgiveness, kindness, compassion, Caring, Sharing, Non-violence, Renunciation and selfless service, we Indians can enjoy true, full and real freedom such as political, economic, social, moral and spiritual. Let us live the values of the Gospel. Let us enjoy the joy and peace of the Gospel and share them with others. With Mary let us carry the Lord Jesus Christ to the heart of India and bring India to the feet of Christ.

## **6. SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF ‘MISSION AD GENTES’**

The Neo Catechumenal Way is a movement of faith renewal in the Church that began during the Vatican II. Brother Francis Kiko and Sister Carmin, both lay persons, moved by the Spirit built communities of faith gathering people, families in particular, for an intense adult catechesis leading to a total renewal and committed Christian life. The movement that has now spread all over the world is known as the Neo-Catechumenal Way in the Church. Liturgy, Word of God and Community life are the essentials that unite the members of this movement, who having undergone the full catechesis offer themselves for ‘Mission ad Gentes’, a call of the Vatican II. Taking as a call from the Lord, Families take a radical decision of commitment to spreading the Good News by moving out of their home towns to a place where there is no Christian presence.

Our Archdiocese is blessed to have the Mission ad Gentes of the Neo Catechumenal Way, a group of three families, with their

Presbyter, Rev. Fr. J.A. Edward Savio, are presently staying at Kodigehalli in the Parish limits of Holy Trinity Church, Sahakaranagar.

## 7. THE 6<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL MAGNIFICAT PRAISE AND WORSHIP PRAYER MEETING

Magnificat, a Praise and Worship Prayer Meeting, will be held on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015 from 4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Boys' High School, Museum Road, Bangalore. This prayer meeting will be led by Members of the Divine Retreat Centre, Rev. Fr Joseph Arimpur, VC from Chalakudy, Potta along with Fr. Stan Fortuna ofm, (USA), Bro Jude Antoine from Malaysia, and empowered gospel band from Malaysia will conduct praise and worship

This programme will start with the Holy Eucharist at 3.30 p.m. sharp. May I request all Priests, Religious Men and Women and very specially the Lay People to attend this meeting in large numbers.

## 8. TRANSFERS & APPOINTMENTS

Sl. No.	Name	To	Designation	Date	Installed by
1.	Fr Johnson smm	Christha Prabhalaya Epiphany Church Jayanagar	Asst. Parish Priest	07.08.2015	
2.	Fr. Moses smm	St. Anthony's Church Kavalbyrasandra	Asst. Parish Priest	01.08.2015	
3.	Fr. Selvaraj Madalai Muthu, smm	Nativity Church Vidyaranya- pura	Asst. Parish Priest	01.08.2015	
4.	Fr. Maria Selvan	Holy Family Church – Ramamurthy Nagar	Parochial Adminis- trator	02.08.2015	V. Rev. Fr. Aurulappa Dean T.C. Palya

## 9. EDITOR IN CHIEF AND EDITORS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESAN MONTHLY MAGAZINES

The following Priests have been appointed to be in charge of the TABOR Magazines from 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2015:

Rev. Fr. Martin Anthony: Editor in chief of *Tabor Vani* (Kannada Monthly) and

*The Tabor Kirana* (English Monthly) Mob: 9449827767

Rev. Fr. Arun Santhosh: Editor for *Tabor Vani*. Mob: 9964729728

Rev. Fr. Adrian F.C. Mascarenhas: Editor for *The Tabor Kirana*. Mob: 9984845580

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## 10. INFORMATION

### i. Deanery Meetings

I have directed the Deans at the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June to conduct the Deanery Meetings regularly once in two months. They were advised to fix the dates of the meetings for the whole year and invite the Religious of the Deanery at least for one meeting in a year.

The next meeting of the Deanery to be conducted in August in all the Deaneries and to discuss on the Theme: *Family* (in view of the forthcoming Synod). The timing could be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The religious representatives of the Deanery are also expected to attend this meeting. In the Deanery meetings, there should be an input Session, Adoration, time for Confession and some time for discussing the problems faced by the Parishes and the possible solutions. These meetings can be done on rotation basis, in different Parishes within the deanery.

It was also proposed to the Deans to invite the different Commission Secretaries for input sessions and to take their help for

Parishes. It was suggested at the meeting that if we take a particular theme in all the Deaneries for discussion, it would be mutually beneficial and for the Archdiocese.

The Deans are requested to send a brief report of their Deanery meetings to the Archbishop and also to the Vicar General in charge of the Deanery.

## **ii. Orientation-cum-Consultation Meeting on *Laudato si***

We all know that Pope Francis released his Second Encyclical on the environment, “Laudato Si’, on Care for Our Common Home” on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2015. It is considered to be one of the popular Encyclicals published by the Popes. It is our responsibility to read this document with diligence, to develop spiritual bonding with the environment and to take the utmost care for its rightful utilization and careful preservation. Many people assume that conservative Christian values are to exploit nature without regard to the consequences. But Pope Francis disagrees. “Safeguard Creation,” the Pope said, “because if we destroy Creation, Creation will destroy us! Never forget this!”

At the Meetings of the Priests’ Council and the Archdiocesan Commissions held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July respectively, it was proposed to organize an Orientation-cum-Consultation Meeting on this Encyclical to familiarize ourselves with this Document and also to chalk out a few concrete action plans in the Archdiocese in response to the clarion call given by His Holiness in his encyclical.

And, therefore, I have invited the Members of the College of Consultors, Deans, Secretaries of the Archdiocesan Commissions and the Office bearers of the Lay Associations, CRI Archdiocesan and Units’ Animators, and a few other invitees to this Orientation-cum-Consultation Meeting convened on *Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015 from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at Paalanaa Bhavana* (Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre) adjacent to the Archbishop’s House.

Based on the proposals and out-come of the Meeting, some concrete action plans will be drawn up to implement the proposals of

His Holiness in our parishes/institutions/communities. Please attend this meeting without fail and give your valuable suggestions to make this Encyclical very beneficial to one and all in our Archdiocese.

**iii. Consecrated Life: A Call to bear Joyful Witness to the Gospel**

Heeding to the Clarion Call of Pope Francis, to mark the Year of Consecrated Life, St. Peter's Pontifical Institute, Malleswaram West, Bangalore - 560 055, organizes a Seminar for the Religious Fathers, Brothers & Sisters on Consecrated Life: A Call to bear Joyful Witness to the Gospel to be held on *9th August 2015, from 09.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary*. We the President, Staff and Students of St. Peter's cordially invite you for the Seminar. Come Let us celebrate our Vocation and Mission!

**iv. Junior Clergy Seminar at Paalanaa Bhavana**

An Orientation–cum–Pastoral Motivational Seminar for the Junior Clergy of the Archdiocese has been organized on *18<sup>th</sup> August from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Paalanaa Bhavana*. All our Junior Clergy (Ten Years Priests) are expected to attend this meeting without fail; and they are also requested to bring the revised Pastoral Handbook along with them.

**v. Honouring the Students who achieved Academic Excellence**

Students who secured 80% and above marks in the S.S.L.C. & PUC examinations in the year 2014-2015 will be honoured on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 at 4.00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

The ABE will organize this Function. The Heads of the ABE Schools/PU Colleges are requested to send the names of all the Catholic students who secured more than 80% marks in the previous final examination to the ABE Secretary. And those who wish to sponsor the prizes for the meritorious students may also contact:

The Secretary  
Archdiocesan Board of Education (ABE)  
Paalanaa Bhavana, Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre  
No. 5 Nandidurg Road, Jayamahal Extention  
Bengaluru - 560 046      Tel: 2333 3050

## **vi. Annual Financial Returns**

Keeping accurate and up-to-date accounts and submitting the account in time is a serious obligation of the parish priests and heads of the institutions.

The forms for the Annual Returns have already been sent to the Archdiocesan parishes and institutions. The Parish Priests and the Heads of the Institutions are requested to fill in those forms and send them to the Finance Office at the earliest. This would facilitate our Archdiocesan Auditors to prepare the Statements of Accounts to be filed with the Income Tax Department.

## **vii. BBMP Elections**

There will be BBMP elections soon. I know a lot of efforts are being made to bring about the awareness among the people to exercise their right to vote and to opt to be the candidates to become Members (Councillors) of the BBMP. We need to represent in the BBMP and work for the welfare of the society.

## **viii. The Sunday Catechism**

I am happy to know that this year the Sunday Catechism has been revitalised in all our Parishes. Catholic students from Std. I to XII should attend the catechism classes regularly. Without the faith formation in our institutions, the education imparted to children in our institutions remains incomplete. Therefore, we request parish priests and school managers to ensure that faith formation classes are conducted regularly and systematically. Well-motivated Parish Catechetical Teams are to be formed in our parishes and institutions in order to ensure proper faith formation. Enlisting services of adults who are into charismatic renewal would be a great help in faith formation.

There could be defaulters in attending the catechism classes. It is necessary that the parish clergy and the religious visit the homes of such students. Mere announcement in the church may not get desired results. In today's context, catechism plays an important role.

If any child loses catechism, there are no possibilities of imparting catechism to such children later on. I would consider the teaching of catechism is more important ministry on the part of the clergy and religious than anything else.

**ix. Novena starts at St. Mary’s Shrine Basilica/Church**

In preparation for the Feast of St. Mary’s Shrine Basilica, the Flag Hoisting will be done on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. I exhort all the Archdiocesan priests and religious priests to come to the Basilica in large numbers during the Novena Days and help the Basilican Clergy in administrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation and offering the Holy Masses. It would help the devotees to celebrate Mother Mary’s Feast more spiritually and meaningfully.

**x. Archdiocesan Directory – 2015-2016**

The process of compilation of the Archdiocesan Directory 2015-2016 is in its final stage. We are already in the month of August and since transfers and appointments are over, we need to get ready with our Directory soon. Hence, it is an earnest request to all of you to send any addition or deletion of your parish/institution/community to the Chancellor by 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2015. Otherwise the information already printed in the Directory of 2015-2016 will be reprinted.

**xi. Transfers and Thereafter**

My earnest appeal to all those Parish Priests who took charge of the parishes recently are:

- To visit all the families in the parish and to update the Parish Census/Family Records.
- To go through all the registers and documents and familiarize themselves with them.
- To see if the accounts are audited and all returns are filed; if not to do the needful within the stipulated time.
- To study the property/land documents in detail and to personally visit those sites.

- To get all the bank accounts operable and to keep updating constantly.
- To get into the habit of writing the accounts regularly.
- To consult their predecessors in case of any doubt.

If there are any difficulties in this regard, they are requested to contact the Chancellor/Financial Administrator/Administrator of legal-rent-property.

Before initiating any new project or works/changes in the parish/institution, please refer and seek the advice of the Archbishop. Once you obtain the written permission from the Archbishop, let the project or works be kept before the Parish Assembly / Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. Let the people have a say in all these works.

The cash book has to be signed at the end of every month by the Parish Priest and Finance Committee Secretary. Before signing, let him go through all the bills, vouchers and receipts. Please ensure transparency and impeccable accountability, in order to uphold the highest traditions of the Church exemplified by Pope Francis. Let the finance committee go through the accounts periodically.

If these instructions are not followed and the admonitions are neglected, there could be a scope for misunderstanding, doubts and confusion in the minds of the people. The minutes of finance committee should be sent to the Archbishop for approval. Since monies belong to the Archdiocese/Parish/Institution, we are only the stewards and trustees. I strongly recommend to you to be very careful in initiating and carrying out the projects in the parishes or institutions.

Likewise, the ABE institutions are expected to maintain the accounts and keep them open to the ABE the officials and auditors.

## **xii. Death of Fr. S. Thomaiair**

With profound grief, I condole the death of our beloved Rev. Fr. Thomaiair who died on Friday, 24th July 2015 at 8:43 p.m. in Yangon, Myanmar.

Rev. Fr. Thomaïar was born on 11.07.1951 at Muthuvijayapuram, Ramanathapuram Dist., Tamil Nadu. His parents were Mr. Susai and Mrs. Savariammal. Out of 6 children (4 boys and 2 girls), Fr. Thomaïar was the fifth child. His parents and eldest brother have already gone to their eternal reward. After his high school studies in his home town, he joined the Archdiocese of Bangalore to have his priestly formation at St. Mary's Minor Seminary and at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore. He was ordained a priest on 5th June, 1978 at Ascension Church, Bangalore, by the late Archbishop Packiam Arokiaswamy.

In his 37 years of priestly ministry, Fr Thomaïar had served in the St Patrick's Church, Brigade Road; Ss Peter and Paul Church, Rayapuram; Infant Jesus Church, Viveknagar; St Rita's Church, Kunigal; Good Shepherd Church, Murphy Town; St Theresa's Church, Robertsonpet- KGF; Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Tumkur; Mother of Mines Church, Oorgam and Holy Family Church, Ramamurthyagar in the Bangalore Archdiocese.

Fr Thomaïar was a priest with zeal and enthusiasm. He accepted his appointments cheerfully and worked with priestly zeal and commitment. He was known for his humble demeanor and simple lifestyle. He was a very jovial person and reached to the poor and needy in his priestly ministry.

He did not have any major health problem, except that he had some heart related health issues a few years back, and no one expected his death would come so soon. He died as he lived: *in faith, hope and love*. He was well prepared for his death as he was in retreat on 24<sup>th</sup> July having the desert experience according to St. Charles de Foucauld's spirituality.

In the death of Fr. S. Thomaïar, we have lost a senior priest of our Archdiocese. Let us continue to pray for the repose of his soul in gratitude to God for all the services that he had rendered to all of us in the Archdiocese.

On behalf of all my Priests, Religious and the Faithful, I express my heartfelt sympathies to the brothers and sisters, relatives and friends of the late Fr. S. Thomaiaar. May the Lord grant them the strength and courage to bear this irreparable loss.

The Funeral Service was conducted at Sacred Heart's Church – Richmond Road, followed by the Burial at Sacred Heart's Priests' Cemetery on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

All the Priests of the Archdiocese of Bangalore are requested to offer 3 Masses for the repose of the soul of Rev. Fr. S. Thomaiaar.

## 11. A REQUEST FOR YOUR PRAYERS

On August 10, 2015 I will be celebrating my 74th Birthday, and on August 20, 2015 the feast of my patronal saint, St. Bernard. While thanking God for the gift of life and the opportunities he has given me to shepherd the flock entrusted to me in this Archdiocese, I also thank him for your love and affection to me. As you are well aware, it is not easy to shoulder this burden without the blessings and grace of God, and your support and cooperation.

I will remember you and pray for you in a special way on these days. I will always remain grateful to you for your cooperation and assistance in my pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese. And I also take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers and goodwill.

With every good wish and God's blessings,

Yours sincerely,



✠ **Bernard Moras**  
*Archbishop of Bangalore*

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF  
JULY 2015**

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**1) CLERGY SECURITY FUND**

1	06.07.15	Rev. Fr Maria Selvam	Ramamurthy Nagar	8,000.00
2	15.07.15	Rev. Fr Joseph Francis. B	Malleshwaram	4,000.00
3	15.07.15	Rev. Fr Francis Xavier	Indiranagar	5,000.00
4	27.07.15	Rev. Fr Victor Emmanuel	Coromandel, KGF	4,000.00
5	27.07.15	Rev. Fr Christopher Gerald White	T.C Palya	26,000.00

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**2) SOCIETY OF ST PETER, APOSTLE dated 23.09.2014**

(To be forwarded to Rome towards the up keep of Seminarians in the whole world)

1	16.07.15	St Rita's Church	Kanakapura	1,450.00
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**3) MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS Dated 19.10.2014**

(To be forwarded to Rome, towards universal Mission Works)

1	18.07.15	St John The Baptist's Church	Vijayanagar	7,246.00
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**4) HOLY SEE MAINTENANCE Dated 16.11.2014**

(To be sent to Rome to the maintenance of the holy see)

1	27.07.15	St Peter's Church	Rustumbagh	17,580.00
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**5) HOLY CHILDHOOD COLLECTION Dated 08.02.2015**

(To be Sent to Rome)

1	09.07.15	Good Shepherd Church	Murphy Town	11,747.00
2	18.07.15	St John The Baptist's Church	Vijayanagar	4,291.00

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**6) HUNGER AND DISEASE CAMPAIGN Dated 29.03.2015**

(To be sent to Caritas, Delhi)

1	10.07.15	St Patrick's Church	Brigade Road	43,585.00
2	18.07.15	St John The Baptist's Church	Vijayanagar	5,128.00

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**7) HOLY LANDS COLLECTIONS dated 03.04.2015****(To be Sent to Rome )**

1	01.07.15	St Francis De Sales Church	Malur	890.00
2	01.07.15	Immaculate Conception Church	Railway Colony	6,200.00
3	18.07.15	St John The Baptist's Church	Vijayanagar	6,390.00
4	31.07.15	Immaculate Conception Church	Kolar	4,020.00

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**8) EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTIONS dated 05.04.2015****(Towards extension of Mission works in our Archdiocese)**

1	01.07.15	Immaculate Conception Church	Railway Colony	6,770.00
2	31.07.15	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	Kolar	2,260.00

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**9) VOCATION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS dated 26.04.2015****(For the Maintenance of Major and Minor Seminarians of our Archdiocese)**

1	01.07.15	Immaculate Conception Church	Railway Colony	4,910.00
2	16.07.15	St Rita's Church	Kanakapura	1,200.00
3	18.07.15	St John The Baptist's Church	Vijayanagar	4,118.00
4	23.07.15	Nithyadhara Mathe Church	Srinivasapura	200.00
5	31.07.15	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	Kolar	1,030.00

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**10) PETER'S PENCE COLLECTIONS dated 28.06.2015****(To be sent to Rome towards Holy Father's Charities)**

1	01.07.15	Immaculate Conception Church	Railway Colony	5,110.00
2	03.07.15	Annunciation Church	Nandi Durga Road	3,519.00
3	03.07.15	St Theresa's Church	Robertsonpet K.G.F	6,360.00
4	08.07.15	St Michaels Church	Shanthi Nagar	3,652.00
5	09.07.15	Assumption Church	Rajajinagar	16,695.00

6	10.07.15	St Patrick's Church	Brigade Road	1,06,080.00
7	11.07.15	Infant Jesus Shrine	Viveknagar	96,440.00
8	13.07.15	St Mary's Basilica	Shivajinagar	48,325.00
9	13.07.15	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Lourdunagar	6,800.00
10	14.07.15	St Francis Xavier Church	Chikka Kammanahalli	3,796.00
11	14.07.15	St Anthony's Church	Nelamangala	2,505.00
12	15.07.15	Sacred Heart Church	Sidlaghatta	360.00
13	15.07.15	St Joseph's Church	Chinthamani	1,005.00
14	15.07.15	Christ The King Church	Byrathi	4,920.00
15	16.07.15	Holy Rosary Church	Venkatala/Yelahanka	18,067.00
16	17.07.15	Ascension Church	Da Costa Layout	62,610.00
17	17.07.15	St. John The Evangelist Church	J.C Nagar	16,280.00
18	18.07.15	Holy Trinity Church	Sahakarnagar	10,640.00
19	18.07.15	St Peter's Church	Rustumbagh	24,870.00
20	18.07.15	St John The Baptist's Church	Vijayanagar	3,674.00
21	23.07.15	Nithyadhara Mathe Church	Srinivasapura	200.00
22	27.07.15	St Thomas Church	Jalahalli	500.00
23	29.07.15	St Joseph's Church	Solur	450.00
24	29.07.15	St Anthony's Church	Magadi	500.00
25	30.07.15	St Joseph's Church	Channapatna	2,445.00
26	31.07.15	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	Kolar	3,270.00

**11) CATHOLIC INFORMATION BUREAU (C.I.B) dated 12.07.2015  
(For the spread of Good News in the Archdiocese of Bangalore)**

1	13.07.15	St Theresa's Church	J.C Road	4,246.00
2	13.07.15	Our Lady Of Lourdes Church	Lourdunagar	6,000.00
3	14.07.15	St Francis De Sales Church	Malur	920.00
4	14.07.15	St Francis Xavier Church	Chikka Kammanahalli	3,760.00

5	14.07.15	Immaculate Conception Church	Railway Colony	3,500.00
6	15.07.15	Sacred Heart Church	Sidlaghatta	350.00
7	15.07.15	St Joseph's Church	Chinthamani	1,373.00
8	15.07.15	Assumption Church	Rajajinagar	16,110.00
9	15.07.15	Christ The King Church	Byrathi	4,465.00
10	15.07.15	St Theresa's Church	Robertsonpet KGF	8,820.00
11	16.07.15	St Patrick's Church	Brigade Road	1,07,920.00
12	16.07.15	St Rita's Church	Kanakapura	1,050.00
13	16.07.15	St Anthony's Church	Guddadahalli	6,525.00
14	16.07.15	Holy Rosary Church	Venkatala/Yelahanka	21,410.00
15	17.07.15	St. John The Evangelist Church	J.C Nagar	20,270.00
16	18.07.15	Holy Trinity Church	Sahakarnagar	10,100.00
17	18.07.15	St Peter's Church	Rustumbagh	20,240.00
18	20.07.15	St. Michaels Church	Shanthinagar	5,672.00
19	23.07.15	St Anthony's Church	Gangodanahalli	4,476.00
20	23.07.15	Nithyadhara Mathe Church	Srinivasapura	200.00
21	24.07.15	Mary Immaculate Convent	Wilson Garden	1,500.00
22	27.07.15	St Thomas Church	Jalahalli	500.00
23	27.07.15	St Anne's Church	Marathahalli	7,000.00
24	29.07.15	St Joseph's Church	Solur	520.00
25	29.07.15	St Anthony's Church	Magadi	390.00
26	29.07.15	Our Lady of Vailankanni Church	Yelahanka New Town	10,757.00
27	31.07.15	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	Kolar	1,570.00
28	31.07.15	St. Joseph's Church	Lingarajapuram	7,326.00