



Archdiocese of Bangalore

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

1. CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass reminds us of our oneness in Christ through Baptism and its holy anointing, made possible by the ministry of the Bishop and his priests. The Chrism Mass is also a key moment in which the unity of the Bishop with his priests (together, they form the presbyterate) is manifested and renewed. During the liturgy, deacons and priests also renew their vow of obedience to the local Bishop and their commitment to serve God's people. During this Mass, the Oils are blessed and distributed to the parishes of the Archdiocese for use in the coming year.

The following statement from the Second Vatican Council can help us understand the significance of the Chrism Mass for the Church:

"The Bishop is to be considered the high priest of his flock from whom the life of his people in Christ is in some way derived and on whom it in some way depends. Therefore, all should hold in the greatest esteem the liturgical life of the diocese centered around the bishop, especially in his cathedral church. They must be convinced that the principal manifestation of the Church consists in the full, active participation of all God's holy people in the same liturgical celebrations, especially in the same Eucharist, in one prayer, at one altar, at which the Bishop presides, surrounded by his college of priests and by his ministers."

(Second Vatican Council. Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium), No. 41)

This year, the Chrism Mass will be celebrated on 22nd March, 2018 at 5.00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The Archdiocesan Clergy and all the Religious Priests, especially those who are working in our parishes and institutions are expected to take part in it, and the people of God are also exhorted to participate in it.

I invite all Priests, Archdiocesan and religious, to concelebrate with me as sign of our priestly unity, solidarity and *unum presbyterium*. It is also the Day of Priests. I request all Parish Priests to announce to your parishioners about the Chrism Mass and its importance, and also invite them to participate in it in large numbers to pray for their Bishop and all priests rendering their priestly ministry for them in the Archdiocese.

The old oils should be burnt or poured into the Blessed Sacrament lamp. The Holy oils are not distributed on the same Day. The Oils will be made available at Paalanaa Bhavana from 23rd till 30th March. It is advisable that Parish Priests come personally to collect the Holy Oils. In case, they are unable to come, they can send the Catechist or someone else with a reference letter.

2. THE 24 HOURS ADORATION

As a part of the Lenten Exercise, Pope Francis invites all of us to observe 24 hours of Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on 9th March in all the parishes and chapels worldwide. If time is required to prepare, it can be organized on 10th March (24 hours continuously), (12 hours on each day from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.)

If the Mass is in the morning, Blessed Sacrament could be exposed after the Mass. And if the Mass is in the evening, then close the Adoration with the Benediction before the Holy Mass.

The “24 Hours for the Lord” initiative, which invites the entire Church community, is to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic Adoration. In 2018, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, “With you is forgiveness”, this will take place from Friday, 9 March to Saturday, 10 March. In each diocese, at least one church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

3. CONFESSORS SHALL NOT THREATEN, BUT BRING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pope Francis in his homily at Santa Marta said: "Like a father of a small child who has pulled a prank, and he has to correct him. If he approaches him with a stick, things will not go well", He has to approach him with trust and confidence."

A confessor is "**like a father of a small child who has pulled a prank, and he has to correct him. And he knows that if he approaches him with a stick in hand, things will not go well. He has to approach him with trust and confidence**", so spoke Pope Francis during the morning's Mass on 27 February 2018 at Casa Santa Marta. Then he warned, "**there are no threats in the confessional – only forgiveness**". Pope Francis recalls – as *Vatican News* reports – that Lent is a time that is "helpful for conversion," for growing close to God, for changing our life – and this is a grace we should ask for from the Lord.

The Bishop of Rome took cue from that day's First Reading from the book of Isaiah: it is a true "call to conversion", that shows us the special attitude Jesus takes with regard to our sins: "**He does not threaten," the Pope said, but instead, calls us "with kindness, gentleness, giving us confidence". "Come, let us reason together**" God said to the leaders of Sodom and the people of Gomorrah after having pointed out to them the evil they should avoid and the good they should do.

"The Lord says, 'Come now, let us reason together,' Let us talk for a while. **He doesn't frighten us.** He is like a father of a small child who has pulled a prank, and he has to correct him. And he knows that if he approaches him with a stick in hand, things will not go well. He has to approach him with trust and confidence. In this passage, this is how the Lord calls us: '**Come on, let's have a coffee together. Let's talk this over, let's discuss it. Don't be afraid, I'm not going to beat you.**' And since he knows his child is thinking 'But I did something wrong...'; he immediately [adds], '**Even if your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow. If they be crimson red, they may become like wool**'. Thus, just like the father confronting his young child, Jesus begins by inspiring trust and confidence to bring us to "forgiveness, and a change of heart."

Pope Francis recalls that Christ behaves in this way by calling Zacchaeus and Matthew, and He acts in this way in our lives, too. He shows us “**how to take a step forward along the path of conversion**”. Therefore “Let us thank the Lord for His goodness. He does not want to beat us and condemn us. He gave His life for us and this is His goodness. And He is always looking for a way to get to the heart. And when we priests, in the place of the Lord, have to hear confessions, we too should have this attitude of goodness. As the Lord says: ‘Come on, let us discuss this, it’s no problem, there is forgiveness.’ And from the beginning, there is no threat.”

Pope Francis shares at this point the experience of a cardinal confessor who, faced with sin that he understood were “big”, **he did not dwell on them too much but moved on, continuing the conversation:** “**And this opens the heart,**” the Pope emphasized, “and the other person feels at peace.” The Lord does the same with us, saying, “Come now, let us discuss it, let’s talk. Receive forgiveness. There is forgiveness”.

The Pontiff finally adds, “It is helpful to me to see this attitude of the Lord: the [attitude of a] father with the child who thinks he is big, that he is all grown up, and yet is only halfway there. And the Lord knows that all of us are halfway there, and often we need this, we need to hear these words: ‘**Come on, don’t be afraid, come. There is forgiveness.**’ And this encourages us. Go to the Lord with an open heart: He is the Father who is waiting for you.”

4. HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS

i) Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, we commemorate Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem before his crucifixion. As Jesus rode into the city on a small donkey, the Jews gathered around him, throwing cloaks and palm branches on the road and proclaiming praises as he passed by. So at Palm Sunday Mass, there is a blessing of palms which the faithful hold as they process into church. The blessed palms are later kept in the

home as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ. During Palm Sunday Mass, the Gospel account of the Passion of Christ is announced.

Palm Sunday is also celebrated as World Youth Day. The Holy Father's Message for this Special Day is printed in this Circular. (Pl. see Annexure II)

ii) **Holy Thursday**

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate a special Mass of the Lord's Supper that commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper. On the night before Jesus Christ was crucified, he changed bread and wine into his own Body and Blood, and he commanded the Apostles and their successors through the centuries to act in his stead and re-present this sacrifice.

So at every Mass, by way of transubstantiation, the bread and wine offered by the priest becomes Christ's Body and Blood again.

Just as Christ did for his 12 Apostles at the Last Supper and as he commanded them to do likewise, during the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the priest who represents Christ ceremoniously washes the feet of 12 people in the congregation.

After the Last Supper and before he was arrested and condemned to death, Jesus went to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, accompanied by two of the disciples. So after the Holy Thursday Mass, the remaining sacred hosts are carried out of the sanctuary to an "altar of repose," and the people go with the Eucharistic Christ in a procession to the altar of repose. People stay for a time, adoring the wondrous sacrament that Jesus instituted that day 2,000 years ago.

WASHING OF THE FEET (Published in Circular No. 142, March 2016)

Please see the following Decree by Cardinal Robert Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of Sacraments:

CONGREGATIO DE CULTU DIVINO ET DISCIPLINA SACRAMENTORUM

Prot. N. 87/15 DECREE

The restoration of Holy Week, with the decree Maxima Redemptionis nostrae mysteria (30 November 1955), granted the faculty for the washing of feet of twelve men during the Mass of the Lord's Supper after the reading of the Gospel according to John, where a pastoral reason recommended it, in order to Demonstrate in an almost representative way the humility and charity of Christ towards his disciples.

In the Roman Liturgy this rite was handed down with the name of the Mandatum of the Lord concerning fraternal charity from the words of Jesus (cf Jhn 13:34), which are sung in an Antiphon during the celebration.

In performing this rite Bishops and priests are invited to intimately conform themselves to Christ who came not to be served but to serve (Mt 20:28) and, compelled by charity to the end (Jn 31:1), to give his life for the salvation of the whole human race.

In order that the full meaning of this rite might be expressed to those who participate it seemed good to the Supreme Pontiff Pope Francis to vary the norm which is found in the rubrics of the Missale Romanum (p. 300 n. 11): The men who have been chosen are led by the ministers..., which therefore must be changed as follows: Those who are chosen from amongst the people of God are led by the ministers... (and consequently in the Caeremoniali Episcoporum no. 301 and n. 299b: seats for those chosen), so that pastors may select a small group of the faithful to represent the variety and the unity of each part of the people of God. Such small groups can be made up of men and women, and it is appropriate that they consist of people young and old, healthy and sick, clerics, consecrated men and women and laity.

This Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, in virtue of the faculties granted by the Supreme Pontiff, introduces this innovation into the liturgical books of the Roman Rite, reminding pastors of their responsibility to adequately

instruct both the chosen faithful as well as all others so that they may participate consciously, actively and fruitfully in the rite.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 6 January 2016, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Robert Card. Sarah

Prefect

Arthur Roche

Archbishop Secretary

It was proposed that the Parish Priests discuss this topic at their PPC meetings and take a pastoral decision to implement the call given by Pope Francis. As stated in the Decree, ‘pastors of their responsibility to adequately instruct both the chosen faithful as well as all others so that they may participate consciously, actively and fruitfully in the rite’. Please explain to the faithful that today, in our churches, women do the readings, recite prayer of the faithful, and women religious distribute communion. *The faithful’s conviction depends on the effective explanation of the parish clergy.*

iii) A Vacant Church

The Mass of the Lord’s Supper finished, the church now without the Eucharist is truly empty. So the tabernacle light the tabernacle door is left open, exposing the vacant space inside. The altar is stripped bare of its linens and candles, Holy water is removed from the church’s fonts and the sacraments are not celebrated until the Easter vigil. Like the first Christians bereft of Jesus and mourning the two days after the crucifixion, the church stands unadorned until the Easter vigil Mass.

iv) Good Friday

Good Friday is a day of strict fasting and abstinence. Those over 18 and under the age of 60 are required to fast, which means

that they can eat only one complete meal and two smaller ones during the day, with no food in between. We refrain from eating any meat, or any food made with meat, on Good Friday.

The Stations of the Cross devotion is centered on the Passion of Christ. While many pray the meditative prayer on their own throughout the year, it can be an especially poignant experience during Holy Week, when the entire church recalls the way of Jesus' suffering and death. By praying the Stations of the Cross, a person makes a spiritual pilgrimage to the principal scenes of the salvific Passion of the Lord, aided by artistic representations of those scenes. On Good Friday, the church gathers for the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, which includes a reading of a Gospel account of the Passion, Holy Communion (consecrated at Mass on Thursday night) and veneration of the Cross. The faithful process to the cross at the foot of the sanctuary, as if to receive communion. There each person reverences the crucifix with a kiss or a bow. Ceremonies usually take place at 3 p.m. the hour at which Christ died on the cross.

v) **Holy Saturday**

On this day, the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, and meditates on His Passion and Death and His descent into Hell. With prayer and fasting we await His glorious Easter resurrection. Mary is also a Holy Saturday symbol. According to Catholic tradition, Mary represents the entire body of the Church. As she waited in faith for the victorious triumph of Her Son over death on the first Holy Saturday, so we too wait with Mary on the present Holy Saturday.

vi) **Easter Celebration – The Paschal Season Christ is truly Risen, Alleluia!**

After 40 days of Lenten prayer, fasting, penance and almsgiving, the Holy Mother Church invites us to rejoice at the solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The feast of Easter is the culmination of the season of Lent and particularly the Holy Week. I urge all Parish Priests to plan and prepare well for the Holy Week with due attention to the liturgical guidelines given for the week as found in ORDO and celebrate the Holy Week with devotion associated with it so that the faithful may be able to conclude their

Lenten exercises with the experience of the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

The Resurrection of Jesus is one fact that strengthens our faith, kindles our hope and motivates us to go and serve others with the spirit of the Risen Lord, beginning with the proclamation of the Good News. Fortunately this year the Paschal season coincides well with the holiday season, with families relaxing in their homes with the near and dear ones. For the discerning Pastors, it is also a good time to build up strong rapport with the people at the time of blessing of the houses and even otherwise visiting them in the families and groups. Keeping the children and youth active with creative camps, holiday get-togethers of families and wards creates occasions of lively bonding, in which atmosphere, prayer and devotional exercises also find meaning and relevance.

Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, I extend to all of you my best wishes for a joyful and blessings-filled Easter. Please extend my Easter wishes to your dear parishioners and members of your religious communities.

Alleluia! Let's rise to give glory to the living God

That the King of kings and the Lord of lords died to set me free

Now He is risen! Now he is more than alive!

I wish you all the best this season unfolds.

Happy Easter!

5. MINORITY BENEFITS FOR THE SCHOOL LEVEL STUDENTS AND HIGHER EDUCATION CANDIDATES

Genuine efforts are made by the Minority Department of the Government to offer subsidies and provide incentives for education of children at school level and college level. Time and again, it has been repeated that the children in the Parishes should be encouraged to avail of such scholarships, for which the family income certificate is a must. Pious Association should be requested to help such families to get the income certificate, Aadhar card, Voter's card, Election card etc. The summer vacation is the best time to try and get these basic documents in order to avail of the incentives and other subsidies of the Government.

6. SCHOOL ADMISSION OF CATHOLIC CHILDREN IN OUR ARCHDIOCESAN AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

As in the past I wish to make it very clear that no catholic child shall ever be refused admission in any Catholic school of the diocese. Where there are vernacular medium schools and English medium schools, it is the prerogative of the parents to choose in which medium the child should learn. Just because they are poor and cannot afford to pay the fees, they cannot be pushed into vernacular medium schools. Maximum concession will be given to the poor and deserving students in all the prescribed fees, while those that can afford to pay should be persuaded to pay their share of fees, which contribution helps us to keep open our option of helping others in need, especially in rural areas and missions. The saying by some well-to-do and affording parents that "I am a Catholic and therefore I should be given full concession" smacks of selfishness and lack of concern for the needy in the society.

Admission to Schools in The Archdiocese (Priority to all Catholics including Local Catholics)

6.0: All the Managers / Correspondents / Headmasters / Headmistresses/Principals of all the Catholic Schools (Archdiocesan and as well all institutions run by the Religious) in the Archdiocese are hereby requested to follow strictly the Archdiocesan policy for Education.

6.1: Directives and Guidelines to the Managers/Provincials/ Headmasters and Headmistresses of our Colleges and Schools in this Archdiocese, regarding the admissions of students and collection of donations/capitation fees/development fees.

6:1:1 No Catholic student should be denied admission to our schools irrespective of marks and inability to pay fees etc.

6:2:2 Financial help should be found to assist the economically poor students. Educationally weak children should be helped with special coaching classes.

6:3:3 It should be the earnest Endeavour of our institutions to make the economically poor and socially backward the main beneficiaries without standing on reputation and false prestige on the pretext of maintaining the academic standard.

6:4:4 Wherever an entrance test is conducted, Catholic children may be given special consideration so that they may stand a chance of being admitted without much problem.

6:2: The order of priority, as given here-below, may be followed:

1. Catholics – all are to be admitted.
2. Christians
3. SC's / ST's: belonging to other communities
4. Students of other religious minority communities, and
5. Others

6:2:11 No School/Institution in our Archdiocese is permitted to collect donations and capitation Fees for admissions. However, 'Development' fees as permitted by Rules of Education Department may be collected and proper receipts be issued to the parents of the students.

6:2:2 Free-ship or concessions to the deserving students should be given after ascertaining the financial status of the parents.

6:2:3 Children who suffer certain disabilities like physically handicapped, polio victims, etc. irrespective of their religion should be specially considered for admission.

6:2:4 Special efforts should be made to enroll the children of the Dalit Catholics and slum dwellers in our Catholic schools.

6:2:5 Managements of our Catholic Schools in our Archdiocese are to take special care not to unnecessarily impose a financial burden on the parents of the children by prescribing costly uniform and books. Frequent change of school uniform is to be strictly avoided. Let nobody in society feel that our schools are meant only for the 'elite' and the rich. But let everybody feel that our schools emanate a spirit of simplicity, openness and poverty, which are exemplified in the life, and works of Our Lord Jesus Christ. They should be the guiding principles of our schools in our Archdiocese.

7. ADMISSIONS TO THE MINOR SEMINARY

The month of April and May provide opportunity for dioceses and religious congregations to search new 'workers in the vineyard'

of the Lord' and identify prospective candidates to priesthood/religious life. All of us are aware of the acute shortage of priests for our Archdiocese. Hence, urge all priests, especially the Parish Priests, to identify the boys and motivate them to join the Seminary as candidates for our Archdiocese. Let us take this as our core responsibility to help our children to discern their vocation by motivating them to join as candidates to the priesthood.

Candidates seeking admission to Bhakthi Bhavan (Archdiocesan Minor Seminary) are expected to submit their applications to the Director, Bhakthi Bhavan as soon as the results of the X Std./PUC/Graduation are announced. Application forms are available with the Rector and also at the Reception Desk – Archbishop's House. Each candidate should fill the prescribed form in his own handwriting, attach the marks card and a letter of recommendation from the Parish Priest, and submit/send it to the Rector. After scrutinizing the applications, the candidates will be called for an interview at the Archbishop's House. The interview is scheduled for the 2nd week of May 2018. The Parish Priests are requested to encourage vocations from their parishes and to recommend the right candidates after ascertaining their motivation, conduct, intellectual capacity and family background.

The Address of Bhakthi Bhavan:

Rector

Bhakthi Bhavan, Da Costa Square

St. Thomas Town P.O., Bengaluru - 560 084

Tel: 080-2547 1356

8. NEW OFFICE BEARERS OF CBCI

At the recently concluded 33rd General Assembly of the CBCI, the following Office-bearers were elected:

President: His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias

Vice President I: Most Rev. Joshua Mar Ignathios

Vice-President II: Most Rev. Mar George Nijaralakkatt

Secretary General: Most Rev. Theodore Mascarenhas SFX

Please the Annexure-I for the Final Statement of 33rd CBCI General Body Meeting.

9. MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – 2017

I am indeed very happy to announce to you that our Mission Sunday Collection last year was Rs. 2,4147980/- . I congratulate all the priests, religious and lay faithful for their zeal towards the mission. I would like to specially thank our lay faithful for the sacrifices they have made for the missions and their generosity in contributing this big amount. This year many small parishes have crossed the Rupees one lakh mark. May God bless all of you for your goodwill and generosity.

I am giving here below the names of the 15 Parishes that made the highest collections for the Missions (as on 03.03.2018).

Sl. No.	Name of the Parish/ Church	Amount
1	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Halasuru	23,85,162
2	St. Anthony's Friary Church, Madiwala	16,41,815
3	Infant Jesus Church, Viveknagar	12,36,865
4	Christa Prabhalaya Church, Jayanagar	10,11,691
5	St. Patrick's Church, Brigade Road	10,00,210
6	St. Mary's Basilica, Shivajinagar	8,01,281
7	Ascension Church, Da Costa Layout	7,00,000
8	St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Cleveland Town	6,29,415
9	Sacred Heart Church, Richmond Road	6,07,471
10	Holy Family Church, Ramamurthy Nagar	6,05,000
11	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whitefield	4,00,000
12	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Kalena Agrahara	3,86,000
13	Holy Ghost Church, Richards Town	3,80,000
14	St. Anthony's Church, T.C. Palya	3,63,280
15	Mother of Perpetual Help Church, Akashnagar	3,22,341

10. VARIOUS COLLECTIONS

The Archdiocese has sent the following Collections to various Organizations during the year 2017-18:

Sl. No.	Collections forwarded to	Amount
1	Mission Sunday	2,41,47,980
2	Holy Childhood	21,13,285
3	St. Peter Apostle	15.53.920
4	Caritas	11,11,260
5	SC/ST Commission	2,11,669
6	African Mission	15,87,709
7	Holy Land Maintenance	28,99,932
8	Holy See Maintenance	15,42,315
9	Peter's Pence	14,97,110
10	CBCI Central Pool Fund	1,50,000

11. INFORMATION

i. International Women's Day (March 8th)

International Women's Day (March 8) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

International Women's Day (IWD) has been observed since the early 1900's – a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies. International Women's Day is a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender parity. No one government, NGO, charity, corporation, academic institution, women's network or media hub is solely responsible for International Women's Day. Many organizations declare an annual IWD theme that supports their specific agenda or cause, and some of these are adopted more widely with relevance than others.

Thus International Women's Day is all about unity, celebration, reflection, advocacy and action – whatever that looks like globally at a local level. But one thing is for sure, International Women's Day has been occurring for well over a century – and continues to grow from strength to strength.

ii. Clergy Retreat

The Annual Clergy Retreat for the Archdiocesan Clergy will be held at St. Gasper Retreat Center, Kithaganuru, Medahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram Post, Bengaluru 560 036. As usual, the Retreat will be held in two Batches:

- a) I Batch 9th April to 13th April 2018
- b) II Batch 16th April to 20th April 2018

I cordially invite all our Archdiocesan Clergy to take part in the annual retreat without fail. Kindly register at the earliest your names with my Secretary, Rev. Fr. Panneer Selva Kumar.

iii. Annual Statistics – 2017

The Annual Statistics Sheets for the Year 2017 have already been dispatched to Parish Priests and Superiors of Religious Houses – Men/Women. Kindly update the statistics of your parish/institution, fill in the details as in the sheets and return them to the Chancery as early as possible. We are required to send the updated statistics to the Holy See. Those who have not yet received the sheets, kindly collect the same from the chancery office Archbishop's House.

iv. 5th Anniversary of the Petrine Ministry of Pope Francis

On 19th March, Pope Francis will celebrate his fifth anniversary of his pontificate. During these years, he has brought in a lot of changes and re-thinking in the life of the universal and local churches. His Encyclical, *EVANGELII GAUDIUM*, *LUMEN FIDEI*, *LAUDATO SI*, *AMORIS LAETITIA* and other writings, discourses and daily homilies are indeed very inspirational and call for total renewal within and outside. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and bless him by giving him good health and long life. Let us assure him of our filial love, loyalty and obedience. May I request all of you to offer special prayers for the Pope on 19th March.

v. Remittance of other Collections due to the Archdiocese

There are a few statutory collections, which are to be sent to the Archdiocese, such as Second Sundays, Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Holy Childhood, Mission Sunday, Peter's Pence, St. Peter the Apostle, Hunger and Disease, Vocations Sunday. Besides, the stipends of the Cumulative, Binated and Trinated Masses are also expected to be sent to the Archdiocese. The Parishes/Institutions that are yet to forward these collections are requested to send them immediately.

Please take note of the following collections:

a. Collections for Hunger and Disease

Collections made on Palm Sunday (25.03.2018), and the Dumb Box collections done during the Lenten Season will be sent to Caritas, New Delhi, for Campaign against Hunger and Disease.

b. Good Friday (29.03.2018)

The Good Friday Collections will be sent for the maintenance of the Shrines and the Sacred Places in the Holy Land. This amount will be sent to Rome through the Apostolic Nunciature, New Delhi.

c. Easter Sunday (01.04.2018)

Collection made on Easter Sunday has to be sent to the Archdiocese towards the extension of the Mission Works in the Archdiocese. **May I request all Religious Provincials /Superiors of the Communities and Heads of the institutions to contribute generously to the above mentioned purpose.**

Kindly remit this above three collections to the Archdiocesan Finance Office by 15th April, 2018.

vi. Salvation Run

Salvation Run is faith based Educational Sports Module conceptualized in accordance with the Word of GOD for believers from all CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS to empower their lives and living through the sport of running disciplining oneself to be better WITNESSES and run the race set before us for the greater glory of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST.

The Focus of Salvation Run is also to bring home a message that though we belong to different denominations we are all UNITED in JESUS CHRIST.

The Second Edition of Salvation Run is scheduled to be held on 24th March 2018 at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Church Campus at 6:30 a.m.

The 5km. Run and 3km. Walk is for "CHRISTIANS ONLY" people from all age groups and denominations can participate in it.

The run will be flagged off at 6:30 am from the Cathedral and conclude at the same place, a T-Shirt Marked (I BELONG TO JESUS) will be given to all registered participants along with finisher medals & breakfast.

Registrations can be made online at www.salvationrunners.com.

For any further information, please contact: Elvis Joseph on 9902247755.

vii. The New Roman Tamil Missal

As we have already introduced the use of the translated new Roman Missals in English and Kannada, the newly translated Tamil Missal was released by the President of TNBC/TNLBC on 24 January 2018 and it came into effect from 14 February 2018. Although the Newly Translated Roman Missal has already been introduced in some parishes in our Archdiocese, I request the Parish Priests, wherever the Tamil Masses are being offered, to introduce it from Easter Sunday (1st April, 2018) by preparing the faithful and informing them about the salient features of this new Missal.

For copies, please contact: The Accounts Office, Archbishop's House. And for Guidelines to prepare the Faithful, you may contact, Rev. Fr. Alphonse Bhaskar, Joint Secretary of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Committee. His contact No.:

viii. Audit of Accounts

As you know, the financial year 2017-18 has come to close on 31 March, 2018. The accounts of every parish/institution are required to be completed and audited well in time so that the

necessary returns are filed in time with the competent authorities. May I request all Parish Priests and heads of institutions to get their accounts completed, complying with the guidelines given in the financial manual of our Archdiocese and submit them for auditing without any delay.

ix. Registration As Voters For the Karnataka Assembly Election

It is our duty as responsible citizens to exercise our God given right to vote. I would like to bring to your attention the forthcoming Karnataka Assembly Election in month of May 2018. This Election is a God given opportunity for us citizens of Karnataka to elect our own representatives. Each one of us has to necessarily enroll now to participate in this election. Every person should verify if his/her name figures in the election list. If not, I urge them to immediately register their names in the Voters' list. I request all the Parish Priests / Parish Council / Finance Council / Pious Associations to take an active interest in ensuring the enrolment of all eligible.

x. Bible Marathon – Genesis to Revelation in one day

The Archdiocesan Youth Commission (ICYM), in collaboration with Spirit Filled laity led by Mr. Cyril Davis, is organizing a One Day Bible Marathon on **Sunday, 18th March 2018 at Holy Ghost Church Parish Hall**. There will be short reflections in between the Readings of the Bible, and sufficient breaks for snacks and refreshments will be given.

The event commences at 6:00 a.m. and concludes at 8:00 p.m. with Holy Mass.

Participation is free and there are no charges. I exhort the religious and the laity to participate in this unique programme to manifest our desire to read the Holy Bible. This is a wonderful spiritual exercise that we can do it in this holy season of Lent.

For Registration and more information, you may contact: Fr. Divya Paul @ 9448079738 and Mr. Cyril Davis @ 9632066052.

xi. 50th Birthday of Rev. Fr. William Patrick

Rev. Fr. William Patrick, Priest of the Archdiocese, will be celebrating his 50th Birthday on 22.03.2018. On this happy occasion,

I congratulate him on your behalf and gratefully acknowledge his services to the People of God in our Archdiocese. May God grant him good health and long life. I request all of you to offer special prayers for him on 22nd March. *Ad Multos Annos!*

xii. Archdiocesan Commissions' Meeting

The Meeting of the Archdiocesan Commissions will be held on **Tuesday, 13th March 2018 at Paalanaa Bhavana from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** The Secretaries and the Joint Secretaries of the Commissions are requested to participate in this Meeting and to present the scheduled programme for next three months. The Coordinator of the Commissions will send you the agenda for the Meeting and also the format for presenting the Commissions' Reports.

xiii. Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC)

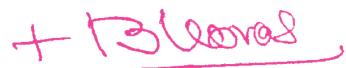
The Meeting of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council will be held on **Wednesday, 14th March 2018 at Paalanaa Bhavana from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** All the Members of the Council are requested to participate in this Meeting without fail. The Secretary of the APC will mail you the Agenda for this Meeting shortly.

12. THANK YOU

I express my gratitude to those who wished me and sent me their prayerful wishes and cordial greetings on the occasion of my 21st Episcopal Ordination Anniversary. If I could carry on the onerous task of shepherding the flock of this vast Archdiocese, it is mainly due to your prayers, support and cooperation. Kindly continue to do so in the years to come. On my part, I do remember all of you in my daily prayers and the Eucharistic Celebration.

Wishing you prayerful Lent with God's blessings,

Yours sincerely,



*** Bernard Moras**
Archbishop of Bangalore

ANNEXURE 1

XXXIII GENERAL BODY MEETING CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF INDIA (CBCI) BENGALURU, FEBRUARY, 2-9, 2018

**"United in Diversity for a Mission of Mercy and Witness:
'I am with you always, to the end of the age' ". (Mt 28:20)**

FINAL STATEMENT

PREAMBLE

The theme of our General Body Meeting immediately invites us to reflect on the mystery of the Trinity. The great mystery of the one God, united in three Persons – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, is the foundation of our Christian faith.

We thank God for the unique nature of the Catholic Church in India who is blessed with three *sui iuris* Churches called to reflect in her life and mission the communion of the Holy Trinity.

Rooted in this vision, we, the 184 bishops of the Catholic Church in India gathered together for the 33rd General Body Meeting of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru, from 02 to 09 February 2018, to pray and reflect upon the theme: "United in Diversity for a Mission of Mercy and Witness: 'I am with you always, to the end of the age' " (Mt 28:20) to deepen our understanding of our own identity and to enhance our contribution to nation-building. We, the Catholic Bishops of India felt reassured and strengthened by the words of our Lord: "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). We have taken into account the final statement of the Catholic Council of India (CCI) which met from 17 to 19 November 2017.

The Mission of Jesus

Jesus, who came to unite and reconcile the whole of humankind into one family of God, is himself the good news. He presented God to people in the way he loved all, namely, in feeding the hungry,

comforting the disturbed, promoting the dignity of the marginalized, healing the sick, giving hope to the hopeless, freedom to the captives, forgiveness to the sinners, justice to the poor and life to the dead.

The Church in India

The Church in India received the gift of faith through St. Thomas, the Apostle of Jesus. Our Christian faith was nourished and strengthened by the efforts of many great saints such as St. Francis Xavier who is Patron Saint of Missions. We want to emphatically affirm that the Christian faith in India is as old as Christianity. India is what it is today is also due to the contribution of the Church in India.

With the evidence of yeoman service rendered by the Church, it is clear that India needs the Church just as the members of the Church continue to love India as they reach out to the very last and the least, in imitation of Jesus our Master. The Church believes that all people are our brothers and sisters as Jesus himself has taught us, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:39). The empowerment of the poor and the promotion of human dignity are values enshrined in our Constitution and are also cherished by the Church in her mission. The mission of the Church carried out through all her activities has only one aim, to build up our nation on the four essential pillars of peace, that is, truth, justice, love and freedom (cfr. St. John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*).

Understanding Authentic Nationalism and Constitutional Secularism

Any attempt to promote nationalism based on any one particular culture or religion is a dangerous position. It may lead to uniformity but never to genuine unity. Such misconceived efforts can only lead our nation on the path of self-annihilation. Mono-culturalism has never been and can never be the right answer to the quest for peace, progress and development, especially in a country like ours that has a rich diversity of culture, language, region, race and religion. Violence always recoils upon the violent sooner or later, "For all who take the sword will perish by the sword" (Mt 26:52). We deplore the rising incidence of atrocities against women, killings, caste rivalries and communal violence which includes attacks on Christian

institutions and communities. Therefore, let us follow the path of true nationalism that can lead our motherland to true peace, harmony, progress and prosperity. Authentic nationalism respects the human dignity of every citizen, regardless of one's economic status, culture, religion, region or language.

We wish to urgently call all people of goodwill to uphold the rule of law guaranteed by our Indian Constitution. In a climate of violence, we make an appeal to all our fellow citizens to eschew mob culture and vigilantism in favor of peace. We appreciate and will collaborate with the Government in all its efforts to maintain law and order in our country, to ensure progress and development of all and the protection of the environment. The Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi has stated in clear terms that "The world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough of everyone's greed".

The Precious Gift of Human Life

The Christian community upholds the absolute and transcendent value of human life which is a precious gift of God. Therefore, an assault on human life can never be inspired by God nor justified because of the diverse beliefs and practices. Human life of every individual person in our beloved motherland needs to be valued and defended.

The Church's Mission of Mercy

Mercy that flows out of the heart of God alone, through the cross of Jesus Christ, can heal the wounded human hearts, restore the broken relationships between persons and communities and lift up out of misery those suppressed for centuries. Faced with this precarious situation we the disciples of Christ, resolve to be authentic witnesses of mercy, which is the essence of the Gospel and the manifestation of Christian discipleship. This is witnessed in the gentle hands and wrinkled face of St. Teresa of Kolkata and in the martyrdom of Blessed Rani Maria of Indore.

In our service to the nation, especially to the Dalits, Tribals and other backward classes, we Christians join hands with our fellow citizens to ensure the authentic human development of our people which is measured by the scale of human index, and not merely by economic standards.

Let us all resolve to go beyond narrow domestic walls of every kind in order to establish a truly secular, socialist and democratic nation as is enshrined in the Constitution of India.

To Live in Unity in the midst of Diversity, both within the Church and in the country, we propose the following:

1. To deepen and intensify our Christian life of discipleship at all levels by being a ceaselessly praying community, always living our unity in diversity in accordance with our Trinitarian faith.
2. To strengthen the bonds of communion among the laity, the religious and the clergy and to ensure that communion becomes the way of life for the Church at all levels.
3. To promote and intensify Small Christian Communities (SCCs) and Family Units for the all-round integral formation of the faithful and for inter-religious cooperation, peace and harmony.
4. To accompany families in their evangelizing mission in the world and to make sure that they become the focal point of the pastoral ministry of the Church; to manifest special care and compassion to families in distress and to enlighten our families on responsible parenthood.
5. To imbue our youth with the vision of an authentic Christian Life to enable them to play their role in Church and society; to empower our youth to play an active role in the Church by equipping them with the knowledge of the Word of God and with the teachings of the Church through the Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM) and other Catholic Youth Movements; to help our youth to discern and choose the way of life which is the primary theme of the forthcoming Synod on Youth in October, 2018.
6. To encourage and train our lay people and youth for nation-building through involvement in vitally important areas of our national life such as politics, civil services, defense, law and judiciary.
7. To ensure that formators in our formation houses guide the formees to respect the equal dignity of women and to

promote the role of the laity in the life and mission of the Church.

8. To ensure adequate representation of women in all Church bodies.
9. To prepare seminarians, priests and religious to be authentic witnesses of mercy within the Church and society.
10. To seize every opportunity to promote dialogue across religious boundaries; our inter-religious dialogue will become more credible, fruitful and effective if we Christians make every effort to grow in our unity in Christ.
11. To take various initiatives to foster better cooperation among all Christians through dialogue with ecumenical groups and promoting common ecumenical services, common prayers and common endeavours.
12. To make the Constitution of India more widely known in all sectors of Church and society, particularly highlighting some salient features such as the equality of all citizens, the freedom of religion, the freedom of conscience and the freedom of expression.
13. To encourage and motivate our laity to be actively involved in the secular world in order to effectively contribute to nation-building in fulfillment of their proper vocation.
14. To continue to make our service in the field of education a mission of mercy and to implement purposefully the “All India Catholic Education Policy 2007” of the CBCI in order to impart Gospel values.
15. To make Catholic Health Services a mission of mercy and healing that is affordable, compassionate and caring, yet professional, self-sustaining and collaborative.
16. To ensure the implementation of the CBCI Policy of Dalit Empowerment in every diocese, to work for the protection and integral development of the Tribals and Other Backward Classes (OBC's) and to take special initiatives for the relief and welfare of farmers, fisher folk, migrants and other deprived and exploited communities by providing care, comfort and hope to them in their distress.

17. To increase awareness of the importance of ecology as an integral part of our Christian commitment and spirituality and to take new initiatives to protect the environment and to promote love for Nature; to ensure that every diocese has formulated an environment policy to implement the teachings of *Laudato Si*, the Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis.
18. To create an awareness of the plight of our brothers and sisters in prison and to assist them in their rehabilitation and the care of their families.
19. To ensure transparency in all spheres of the Church's administration and to stand for the same in society.
20. To set up an effective "think tank" for all our dioceses for taking up urgent matters and earnestly engaging in advocacy with all stakeholders.

CONCLUSION

The Church "exists in order to evangelize, that is to say, in order to preach and teach, to be the channel of the gift of grace, to reconcile sinners with God..." (Blessed Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, no. 14). "The Church and theology exist to evangelize, and not be content with a desk-bound theology" (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 133). Even as we face many grave challenges and setbacks to the unity in diversity of our country we are proud to be Indian. We love our country as we continue to pray constantly for it and its wellbeing. Our Christian faith gives us hope to move ahead to continue our work for unity in diversity so as to establish peace and harmony and make our country live up to its exalted calling. We entrust ourselves in all that we do for the Church and society, to the loving care of Mary, Mother of Mercy.

Baselios Cardinal Cleemis
President
Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI)

ANNEXURE 2

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD WORLD YOUTH DAY 2018

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God" (Lk 1:30)

Dear young people,

World Youth Day 2018 represents another step in preparation for the international WYD due to take place in Panama in January 2019. This new stage of our pilgrimage falls in the same year that the Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will meet on the theme: Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment. This is a happy coincidence. The focus, prayer and reflection of the Church will turn to you young people, with the desire to receive and, above all, to embrace the precious gift that you are to God, to the Church and to the world.

As you already know, we have chosen to be accompanied on this journey by the example and intercession of Mary, the young woman of Nazareth whom God chose as the Mother of his Son. She walks with us towards the Synod and towards the WYD in Panama. If last year we were guided by the words of her canticle of praise – “The Almighty has done great things for me” (Lk 1:49) – teaching us to remember the past, this year we seek, together with her, to listen to the voice of God who inspires courage and bestows the grace needed to respond to his call: “Do not be afraid, Mary, because you have found favour with God” (Lk 1:30). These are the words addressed by God’s messenger, the Archangel Gabriel, to Mary, an ordinary girl from a small village in Galilee.

1. Do not be afraid!

As is understandable, the sudden appearance of the angel and his mysterious greeting: “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you” (Lk 1:28), strongly disturbed Mary, who was surprised by this first revelation of her identity and her vocation, as yet unknown to her. Mary, like others in the Sacred Scriptures, trembles before the mystery of God’s call, who in a moment places before her the

immensity of his own plan and makes her feel all her smallness as a humble creature. The angel, seeing the depths of her heart, says: "Do not be afraid"! God also reads our inmost heart. He knows well the challenges we must confront in life, especially when we are faced with the fundamental choices on which depend who we will be and what we will do in this world. It is the "shudder" that we feel when faced with decisions about our future, our state of life, our vocation. In these moments we are troubled and seized by so many fears.

And you young people, what are your fears? What worries you most deeply? An "underlying" fear that many of you have is that of not being loved, well-liked or accepted for who you are. Today, there are many young people who feel the need to be different from who they really are, in an attempt to adapt to an often artificial and unattainable standard. They continuously "photo-shop" their images, hiding behind masks and false identities, almost becoming fake selves. Many are obsessed by receiving as many "likes" as possible. Multiple fears and uncertainties emerge from this sense of inadequacy. Others fear that they will not be able to find an emotional security and that they will remain alone. Many, faced with the uncertainty of work, fear not being able to find a satisfactory professional position, or to fulfil their dreams. Today a large number of young people are full of fear, both believers and non-believers. Indeed, those who have accepted the gift of faith and seek their vocation seriously are not exempt from fears. Some think: perhaps God is asking or will ask too much of me; perhaps, by following the road he has marked out for me, I will not be truly happy, or I will not be able to do what he asks of me. Others think: if I follow the path that God shows me, who can guarantee that I will be able to follow it through? Will I become discouraged? Will I lose my enthusiasm? Will I be able to persevere for the whole of my life?

In moments when doubts and fears flood our hearts, discernment becomes necessary. It allows us to bring order to the confusion of our thoughts and feelings, to act in a just and prudent way. In this process, the first step in overcoming fears is to identify them clearly, so as not to find yourself wasting time and energy by being gripped by empty and faceless ghosts. And so, I invite all of you to look within yourselves and to "name" your fears. Ask yourselves: what upsets me, what do I fear most in this specific moment of my life today? What blocks me and prevents me from moving forward?

Why do I lack the courage to make the important choices I need to make? Do not be afraid to face your fears honestly, to recognize them for what they are and to come to terms with them. The Bible does not ignore the human experience of fear nor its many causes. Abraham was afraid (cf. Gen 12:10ff), Jacob was afraid (cf. Gen 31:31; 32:7), and so were Moses (cf. Ex 2:14; 17:4), Peter (cf. Mt 26:69ff) and the Apostles (cf. Mk 4:38-40; Mt 26:56). Jesus himself, albeit in an incomparable way, experienced fear and anguish (cf. Mt 26:37; Lk 22:44).

“Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?” (Mk 4:40). In admonishing his disciples Jesus helps us to understand how the obstacle to faith is often not scepticism but fear. Thus understood, the work of discernment identifies our fears and can then help us to overcome them, opening us to life and helping us to calmly face the challenges that come our way. For us Christians in particular, fear must never have the last word but rather should be an occasion to make an act of faith in God... and in life! This means believing in the fundamental goodness of the existence that God has given us and trusting that he will lead us to a good end, even through circumstances and vicissitudes which often bewilder us. Yet if we harbour fears, we will become inward-looking and closed off to defend ourselves from everything and everyone, and we will remain paralyzed. We have to act! Never close yourself in! In the Sacred Scriptures the expression “do not be afraid” is repeated 365 times with different variations, as if to tell us that the Lord wants us to be free from fear, every day of the year.

Discernment is indispensable when searching for one's vocation in life. More often than not our vocation is not obvious or evident at first but rather something we come to understand gradually. Discernment, in this case, should not be seen as an individual effort at introspection, with the aim of better understanding our interior make-up so as to strengthen us and acquire some balance. In such instances the person can become stronger, but is still confined to the limited horizon of his or her possibilities and perspectives. Vocation, however, is a call from above, and discernment in this context principally means opening ourselves to the Other who calls. Prayerful silence is therefore required in order to hear the voice of God that resounds within our conscience. God knocks at the door of our hearts, as he did with Mary; he longs to establish friendship with

us through prayer, to speak with us through the Sacred Scriptures, to offer us mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to be one with us in the Eucharist.

It is also important to dialogue with and encounter others, our brothers and sisters in the faith who have more experience, for they help us to see better and to choose wisely from the various possibilities. When the young Samuel hears the voice of the Lord, he does not recognize it immediately. Three times he runs to Eli, the older priest, who in the end proposes the right response to give to the Lord's call: "If he calls you, you shall say: 'Speak Lord, for your servant hears.'" (1 Sam 3:9). In your doubts know that you can rely on the Church. I know that there are very good priests, consecrated men and woman and lay faithful, many of whom are also young, who can support you like older brothers and sisters in the faith. Enlivened by the Holy Spirit, they will help you to make sense of your doubts and understand the plan of your own vocation. The other is not only a spiritual guide, but also the person who helps us open ourselves to the infinite riches of the life that God has given us. It is important to create spaces in our cities and communities to grow, to dream and to look at new horizons! Never lose the enthusiasm of enjoying others' company and friendship, as well as the pleasure of dreaming together, of walking together. Authentic Christians are not afraid to open themselves to others and share with them their own important spaces, making them spaces of fraternity. Dear young people, do not allow the spark of youth to be extinguished in the darkness of a closed room in which the only window to the outside world is a computer and smartphone. Open wide the doors of your life! May your time and space be filled with meaningful relationships, real people, with whom to share your authentic and concrete experiences of daily life.

2. Mary!

"I have called you by name" (Is 43:1). The first reason not to fear is the fact that God has called us by name. The angel, God's messenger, called Mary by name. To God belongs the power to give names. In the work of creation, he calls into existence every creature by name. There is an identity behind a name, that which is unique in every single thing, in every single person; that intimate

essence that only God truly knows. This divine prerogative was shared with man when God invited him to name the animals, the birds and also his own offspring (Gen 2:19-21; 4:1). Many cultures share this profound biblical vision; they recognize in a name the revelation of the profound mystery of life and the meaning of existence.

When God calls someone by name, he also reveals to the person his vocation, his plan of holiness and fulfilment, through which the person becomes a gift to others and is made unique. And when God wants to expand the horizons of life, he gives a new name to the person he is calling, as he did with Simon, whom he called "Peter". From here comes the custom of taking a new name when entering a religious congregation, to indicate a new identity and mission. Since the divine call is unique and personal, we need the courage to disentangle ourselves from the pressure of being shaped by conforming patterns, so that our life can truly become an authentic and irreplaceable gift to God, to the Church and to all.

Dear young people, to be called by name is therefore a sign of our great dignity in the eyes of God and a sign of his love for us. God calls each one of you by name. All of you are the "you" of God, precious in his eyes, worthy of respect and loved (cf. Is 43:4). Welcome with joy this dialogue that God offers you, this appeal he makes to you, calling you by name.

3. You have found favour with God

The main reason why Mary need not be afraid is that she has found favour with God. The word "grace" speaks of love freely given, not owed. How much we are encouraged to know that we do not have to earn the closeness and help of God, by presenting a "Curriculum Vitae of excellence", full of merits and successes! The angel says to Mary that she has already found favour with God, not that she will obtain it in the future. And the same formulation of the angel's words helps us understand that divine grace is continuous, not something passing or fleeting; for this reason, it will never fail. Even in the future, the grace of God will always be there to sustain us, especially in moments of trial and darkness.

The continuous presence of divine grace encourages us to embrace our vocation with confidence; our vocation demands a commitment

of faithfulness that needs to be renewed each day. Our vocational path is not without its crosses: not only our initial doubts, but also the frequent temptations that crop up along the way. The feeling of inadequacy accompanies Christ's disciple to the end. Yet he or she knows the help of God's grace.

The Angel's words descend upon our human fears, dissolving them with the power of the Good News of which we are heralds: our life is not pure chance or a mere struggle for survival, rather each of us is a cherished story loved by God. That we have "found grace in his eyes" means that the Creator sees a unique beauty in our being and that he has a magnificent plan for our lives. The awareness of this certainty, of course, does not resolve all our problems nor does it take away life's uncertainties. But it does have the power to transform our life deeply. The unknown that tomorrow holds for us is not a dark threat we need to overcome, but a favourable time given to us for living out the uniqueness of our personal vocation, and for sharing it with our brothers and sisters in the Church and in the world.

4. Courage in the present moment

From the certainty that God's grace is with us comes the strength to take courage in the present moment: the courage to carry forward what God asks of us here and now, in every area of our lives; courage to embrace the vocation which God reveals to us; courage to live out our faith without hiding or diminishing it.

Yes, when we open ourselves to God's grace, the impossible becomes a reality. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom 8:31). God's grace touches the "now" of your lives, "takes hold" of you as you are, with all your fears and limits, but it also reveals his marvellous plans! You young people need to know that someone truly believes in you: please know that the Pope has confidence in you, that the Church has confidence in you! For your part, have confidence in the Church!

To the young Mary was entrusted an important task, precisely because she was young. You young people have strength as you go through a phase of your lives where energy is not lacking. Make use of this strength and this energy to improve the world, beginning with the realities closest to you. I want important responsibilities

to be given to you within the Church; that there may be the courage to make space for you; and that you may be prepared to take on these responsibilities.

I invite you once again to contemplate Mary's love: a caring, dynamic and concrete love. A love full of boldness and focused completely on the gift of self. A Church permeated by these Marian qualities will always be a Church going forth, one that goes beyond her own limits and boundaries to let the grace she has received overflow. If we allow ourselves to be truly touched by Mary's example, we will live out authentically that charity which urges us to love God above all else and above ourselves, to love those with whom we share our daily life. And we will also love those who may seem hardly lovable in themselves. It is a love that is service and dedication, above all towards the weakest and poorest, love that transforms our faces and fills us with joy.

I would like to end with the beautiful words Saint Bernard used in a famous homily on the mystery of the Annunciation, words that express the anticipation of all humanity for Mary's response: "You have heard, O Virgin that you will conceive and bear a son; you have heard that it will not be by man but by the Holy Spirit. The angel awaits an answer... We too, O Lady, are waiting for your word of compassion... In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life... This is what the whole earth waits for, prostrate at your feet... Answer quickly, O Virgin" (Sermon 4, 8-9; Opera Omnia).

Dear young people, the Lord, the Church, the world are waiting for your answer to the unique call that each one receives in this life! As World Youth Day in Panama draws closer, I invite you to prepare yourselves for our gathering with the joy and enthusiasm of those who wish to participate in such a great adventure. WYD is for the courageous! Not for young people who are searching only for comfort and who withdraw whenever difficulties arise. Do you accept the challenge?

From the Vatican, 11 February 2018

VI Sunday of Ordinary Time; Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes

FRANCIS

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018

1) CLERGY SECURITY FUND

1	12.02.18	Fr Moses. C	New Guddadahalli	10,000.00
2	20.02.18	Fr Francis Billemane C	Akashanagar	5,000.00
3	28.02.18	Fr Mariappa Gregory	Doresanipalya	5,000.00

2) SOCIETY OF ST PETER, APOSTLE Dated 26.06.2016

(Towards the up keep of Seminarians in the whole world)

1	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	417.00
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3) CATHOLIC INFORMATION BUREAU (C.I.B) Dated 10.07.2016

(For the spread of Good News in the Archdiocese of Bangalore)

1	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	335.00
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4) AFRICAN MISSION Dated 16.08.2015

(Towards Mission work in Africa)

1	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	450.00
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5) PETER'S PENCE COLLECTIONS Dated 18.09.2016

(Towards Holy Father's Charity)

1	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	375.00
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6) MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS Dated 16.10.2016

(Towards World Mission Works)

1	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	350.00
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7) HOLY SEE MAINTENANCE Dated 20.11.2016

(Towards Up Keep of the Holy See)

1	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	395.00
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8) CHRISTMAS COLLECTION Dated 25.12.2016

(Maintenance of Retired Priests of Archdiocese)

1	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	1,175.00
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9) HOLY CHILDHOOD COLLECTION Dated 12.02.2017

(To be Sent to PMS Towards up keep of deprived children)

1	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	405.00
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10) HUNGER AND DISEASE CAMPAIGN Dated 09.04.2017

(To be sent to Caritas, Delhi)

1	13.02.18	Our Lady of Victories Church	Champion Reef	3,889.00
2	14.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Karubale	730.00
3	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	375.00
4	16.02.18	Immaculate Heart Church	Kolar	2,330.00
5	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Sira	250.00
6	22.02.18	St John the Evangelist Church	J C Nagar	11,360.00
7	23.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Halasuru	24,669.00
8	24.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	180.00
9	27.02.18	St Jude's Church	R T Nagar	27,300.00

11) HOLY LANDS COLLECTIONS Dated 14.04.2017

(Towards Holy Land maintenance)

1	13.02.18	Our Lady of Victories Church	Champion Reef	6,022.00
2	14.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Karubale	1,040.00
3	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	1,217.00
4	16.02.18	Immaculate Heart Church	Kolar	7,520.00
5	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Sira	400.00
6	22.02.18	St John the Evangelist Church	J C Nagar	14,150.00
7	23.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Halasuru	82,030.00
8	24.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	193.00
9	27.02.18	St Jude's Church	RT Nagar	43,000.00
10	28.02.18	Holy Eucharist Church	Mangammanapalya	8,598.00

12) EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTIONS Dated 16.04.2017

(For the Maintenance of Major and Minor Seminarians of our Archdiocese)

1	13.02.18	Our Lady of Victories Church	Champion Reef	4,099.00
2	14.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Karubale	1,030.00

3	16.02.18	Immaculate Heart Church	Kolar	4,810.00
4	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Sira	250.00
5	22.02.18	St John the vangelist Church	J C Nagar	12,566.00
6	23.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Halasuru	66,035.00
7	24.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	222.00
8	27.02.18	St Jude's Church	R T Nagar	42,000.00

13) VOCATION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS Dated 07.05.2017

(For the Maintenance of Major and Minor Seminarians of our Archdiocese)

1	13.02.18	Our Lady of Victories Church	Champion Reef	3,517.00
2	14.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Karubale	740.00
3	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	315.00
4	16.02.18	Immaculate Heart Church	Kolar	1,520.00
5	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Sira	195.00
6	21.02.18	Infant Jesus Church	Moodalapalya	8,452.00
7	22.02.18	St John the Evangelist Church	J C Nagar	12,250.00
8	23.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Halasuru	43,431.00
9	24.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	58.00
10	24.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Magadi	525.00
11	27.02.18	St Jude's Church	R T Nagar	26,500.00

14) SOCIETY OF ST PETER, APOSTLE Dated 25.06.2017

(Towards the up keep of Seminarians in the whole world)

1	13.02.18	Our Lady of Victories Church	Champion Reef	3,448.00
2	14.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Karubale	750.00
3	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	405.00
4	16.02.18	Immaculate Heart Church	Kolar	2,390.00
5	20.02.18	St John Paul II Church	K . Channasandra	17,674.00
6	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Sira	210.00
7	21.02.18	Infant Jesus Church	Moodalapalya	8,307.00
8	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Susaipalyam KGF	3,004.00
9	21.02.18	Mother of Mines Shrine	Oorgaum KGF	1,413.00
10	22.02.18	St Anne's Church	Marathahalli	10,466.00

11	22.02.18	St Gaspar's Church	Kithiganuru	920.00
12	22.02.18	St John the Evangelist Church	J C Nagar	13,930.00
13	23.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Halasuru	36,681.00
14	24.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	54.00
15	26.02.18	St Sebastian's Church	Coromandel	1,410.00
16	27.02.18	St Jude's Church	R T Nagar	25,320.00

15) CATHOLIC INFORMATION BUREAU (C.I.B) Dated 09.07.2017

(For the spread of Good News in the Archdiocese of Bangalore)

1	13.02.18	Our Lady of Victories Church	Champion Reef	4,677.00
2	14.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Karubale	850.00
3	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	405.00
4	16.02.18	Immaculate Heart Church	Kolar	2,640.00
5	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Sira	250.00
6	21.02.18	Infant Jesus Church	Moodalapalya	9,775.00
7	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Susaipalyam KGF	3,007.00
8	20.02.18	St Anthony's Church	T C Palya	30,700.00
9	20.02.18	St John Paul II Church	K Channasandra	27,025.00
10	21.02.18	Church of the Holy Name of Jesus	Rajarajeshwarinagar	5,500.00
11	21.02.18	Mother of Mines Shrine	Oorgaum KGF	1,482.00
12	22.02.18	St Anne's Church	Marathahalli	12,000.00
13	22.02.18	St Gaspar's Church	Kithiganuru	855.00
14	22.02.18	St John the Evangelist Church	J C Nagar	11,650.00
15	23.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Halasuru	46,418.00
16	24.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	56.00
17	24.02.18	Resurrection Church	Indiranagar	80,108.00
18	26.02.18	St Sebastian's Church	Coromandel	1,470.00
19	27.02.18	St Jude's Church	R T Nagar	26,000.00

16) AFRICAN MISSION Dated 20.08.2017

(Towards Mission work in Africa)

1	13.02.18	Our Lady of Victories Church	Champion Reef	3,885.00
2	14.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Karubale	640.00

3	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	425.00
4	16.02.18	Immaculate Heart Church	Kolar	2,090.00
5	19.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Soosaipalyam KGF	2,995.00
6	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Sira	200.00
7	21.02.18	Infant Jesus Church	Moodalapalya	8,905.00
8	20.02.18	St John Paul II Church	K Channasandra	19,892.00
9	20.02.18	St Anthony's Church	TC Palya	26,340.00
10	21.02.18	Church of the Holy Name of Jesus	Rajarajeshwarinagar	5,000.00
11	21.02.18	Mother of Mines Shrine	Oorgaum KGF	1,426.00
12	22.02.18	St Gaspar's Church	Kithiganuru	665.00
13	22.02.18	Nithyadhara Mathe Church	Srinivasapura	250.00
14	22.02.18	St John the Evangelist Church	J C Nagar	12,380.00
15	23.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Halasuru	35,887.00
16	24.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	52.00
17	24.02.18	Resurrection Church	Indiranagar	69,959.00
18	26.02.18	St Sebastian's Church	Coromandel	1,590.00
19	27.02.18	St Jude's Church	R T Nagar	25,000.00

17) PETER'S PENCE COLLECTIONS Dated 17.09.2017

(Towards Holy Father's Charity)

1	13.02.18	Our Lady of Victories Church	Champion Reef	5,617.00
2	14.02.18	Our Lady Of Lourdes Church	Karubale	820.00
3	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	375.00
4	16.02.18	Immaculate Heart Church	Kolar	1,960.00
5	16.02.18	St Mary's Church	Hegde nagar	7,831.00
6	19.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Soosaipalyam KGF	3,180.00
7	19.02.18	Holy Redeemer Church	Kalyan Nagar	2,000.00
8	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Sira	160.00
9	20.02.18	St John Paul II Church	K Channasandra	18,729.00
10	20.02.18	St Anthony's Church	TC Palya	24,190.00
11	21.02.18	Infant Jesus Church	Moodalapalya	8,306.00
12	21.02.18	Church of the Holy Name of Jesus	Rajarajeshwarinagar	5,000.00
13	21.02.18	Mother of Mines Shrine	Oorgaum KGF	1,511.00
14	22.02.18	St Anne's Church	Marathahalli	10,210.00
15	22.02.18	St Gaspar's Church	Kithiganuru	500.00

16	22.02.18	St John the Evangelist Church	J C Nagar	11,880.00
17	23.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Halasuru	29,269.00
18	24.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	54.00
19	24.02.18	Resurrection Church	Indiranagar	58,137.00
20	26.02.18	St Sebastian's Church	Coromandel	1,560.00
21	27.02.18	St Jude's Church	R T Nagar	27,000.00

18) MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS Dated 22.10.2017

(Towards World Mission Works)

1	05.02.18	Good Shepherd Church	Murphy Town	1,33,650.00
2	13.02.18	Our Lady of Victories Church	Champion Reef	31,217.00
3	14.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Karubale	25,000.00
4	15.02.18	St Patrick's Church	Brigade Road	10,00,210.00
5	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	2,875.00
6	16.02.18	Immaculate Heart Church	Kolar	1,530.00
7	16.02.18	St Mary's Church	Hegde nagar	40,662.00
8	19.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Soosaipalyam KGF	20,818.00
9	19.02.18	Holy Redeemer Church	Kalyan Nagar	10,000.00
10	20.02.18	St John Paul II Church	K Channasandra	1,05,488.00
11	20.02.18	St Anthony's Church	T C Palya	3,63,280.00
12	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Sira	3,000.00
13	21.02.18	Infant Jesus Church	Moodalapalya	25,845.00
14	21.02.18	Church of the Holy Name of Jesus	Rajarajeshwari Nagar	60,000.00
15	21.02.18	Mother of Mines Shrine	Oorgaum KGF	7,000.00
16	22.02.18	St Gaspar's Church	Kithiganuru	7,520.00
17	22.02.18	Sacred Heart Salesian Sisters Society	Avalahalli	3,000.00
18	23.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Halasuru	23,85,162.00
19	24.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	4,017.00
20	24.08.18	Our Lady of Vailankanni Church	Yelanka New Town	2,10,185.00
21	24.02.18	Resurrection Church	Indiranagar	3,02,384.00
22	28.02.18	Annunciation Church 2nd Installment	Nandidurga Road	7,000.00

19) HOLY SEE MAINTENANCE Dated 19.11.2017

(Towards Up Keep of the Holy See)

1	03.02.18	St Francis Xavier's Church	Cleveland Town	98,075.00
2	05.02.18	Good Shepherd Church	Murphy Town	13,322.00
3	06.02.18	St James Church	Mariyannapalya	4,100.00
4	14.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Karubale	1,030.00
5	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	325.00
6	16.02.18	Immaculate Heart Church	Kolar	1,330.00
7	16.02.18	St Mary's Church	Hegde Nagar	7,835.00
8	19.02.18	Holy Redeemer Church	Kalyan Nagar	2,500.00
9	20.02.18	St Ignatius Church	Begur	19,770.00
10	20.02.18	St John Paul II Church	K Channasandra	22,286.00
11	20.02.18	St Anthony's Church	T C Palya	34,170.00
12	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Susaipalyam KGF	3,013.00
13	20.02.18	Mount Carmel Church	Mariapura	5,430.00
14	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Sira	270.00
15	21.02.18	Infant Jesus Church	Moodalapalya	8,266.00
16	21.02.18	Church of the Holy Name of Jesus	Rajarajeshwarinagar	5,300.00
17	22.02.18	St Gaspar's Church	Kithiganuru	875.00
18	22.02.18	St John the Evangelist Church	J C Nagar	13,150.00
19	23.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Halasuru	45,656.00
20	24.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	59.00
21	24.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Magadi	643.00
22	24.02.18	Resurrection Church	Indiranagar	77,033.00
23	26.02.18	St Sebastian's Church	Coromandel	1,360.00
24	26.02.18	Holy Ghost Church	Richards Town	27,913.00
25	27.02.18	St Jude's Church	RT Nagar	26,430.00
26	28.02.18	St Francis of Assisi Church	Kengeri	6,058.00

20) CHRISTMAS COLLECTION Dated 25.12.2017

(Towards Maintenance of Retired Priests)

1	31.01.18	St Anthony's Church	Uttarahalli	12,000.00
2	31.01.18	St Joseph's Church	Lingarajapuram	18,914.00
3	01.02.18	Our Lady of Fathima Church	Jalahalli	49,060.00

4	05.02.18	Good Shepherd Church	Murphy Town	13,579.00
5	07.02.18	Infant Jesus Church	Viveknagar	3,37,685.00
6	08.02.18	Christhaprabhalaya		
		Epiphany Church	Jayanagar	33,350.00
7	12.02.18	St Mary Basilica	Shivajinagar	1,61,190.00
8	12.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Guddadahalli	8,230.00
9	13.02.18	Our Lady of		
		Victories Church	Champion Reef	7,664.00
10	13.02.18	Ascension Church	Dacosta Layout	2,25,765.00
11	14.02.18	Our Lady of		
		Lourdes Church	Karubale	1,050.00
12	15.02.18	St Theresa Church	Theresapuara	660.00
13	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	925.00
14	16.02.18	Immaculate Heart Church	Kolar	7,436.00
15	16.02.18	St Mary's Church	Hegde nagar	16,060.00
16	19.02.18	Holy Redeemer Church	Kalyan Nagar	5,000.00
17	20.02.18	St Ignatius Church	Begur	43,280.00
18	20.02.18	St Francis De Sales Church	Hebbagodi	47,850.00
19	20.02.18	St Francis De Sales Church	Malur	1,865.00
20	20.02.18	St John Paul II Church	K Channasandra	7,564.00
21	20.02.18	St Anthony's Church	TC Palya	54,810.00
22	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Susaipalyam KGF	4,518.00
23	20.02.18	Mount Carmel Church	Mariapura	7,600.00
24	20.02.18	Mother of Perpetual		
		Help Church	Akashnagar	37,400.00
25	20.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Magadi	4,142.00
26	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Sira	340.00
27	21.02.18	Infant Jesus Church	Moodalapalya	15,495.00
28	21.02.18	Mother of Mines Shrine	Oorgaum KGF	3,000.00
29	22.02.18	St Anne's Church	Marathahalli	6,200.00
30	22.02.18	John the Britto Church	Laggere	5,290.00
31	22.02.18	St John the		
		Evangelist Church	J C Nagar	18,600.00
32	23.02.18	Our Lady of		
		Lourdes Church	Halasuru	57,075.00
33	24.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	144.00
34	24.02.18	Resurrection Church	Indiranagar	65,480.00
35	26.02.18	St Rita's Church	Kunigal	750.00
36	26.02.18	St Sebastian's Church	Coromandel	3,300.00

37	26.02.18	Holy Ghost Church	Richards Town	83,376.00
38	27.02.18	St Jude's Church	RT Nagar	43,000.00
39	28.02.18	St Francis Xavier Church	Chikkammanahalli	7,735.00
40	28.02.18	St Francis of Assisi Church	Kengeri	6,418.00
41	28.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Yedavanahalli	1,680.00
42	28.02.18	Holy Eucharist Church	Mangammanapalya	7,625.00

(21) HOLY CHILDHOOD COLLECTION Dated 11.02.2018

1	12.02.18	St Micheal's Church	Shathinagar	8,410.00
2	12.02.18	St Thomas Church	Kanaka Nagar	10,540.00
3	13.02.18	Mary Immaculate Convent	Wilson Garden	600.00
5	13.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Kadesanahalli	1,560.00
6	13.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Gandondanahalli	6,350.00
7	13.02.18	St Vincent Pallotti Church	Banasawadi	1,28,290.00
8	14.02.18	Holy Family Church	Ramamurthy nagar	43,968.00
9	14.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Karubale	850.00
10	15.02.18	St Patrick Church	Brigade Road	1,20,370.00
11	15.02.18	Annunciation Church	Nandidurga Road	9,175.00
12	15.02.18	St Benedict's Church	Anchepalya	475.00
13	16.02.18	Immaculate Heart Church	Kolar	2,010.00
14	16.02.18	St Mary's Church	Hegde Nagar	8,691.00
15	17.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Guddadahalli	13,400.00
16	19.02.18	Holy Redeemer Church	Kalyan Nagar	2,500.00
17	20.02.18	Immaculate Conception Church	Doresanipalya	21,150.00
18	20.02.18	St Francis De Sales Church	Hebbagodi	35,020.00
19	20.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Basavanapura	10,215.00
20	20.02.18	Sacred Heart Church	Sidlagatta	2,670.00
21	20.02.18	St Francis De Sales Church	Malur	2,085.00
22	20.02.18	St John Paul II Church	K Channasandra	21,956.00
23	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Susaipalyam KGF	3,005.00
24	20.02.18	Holy Eucharist Church	Mangammanapalya	28,000.00
25	20.02.18	Mount Carmel Church	Mariapura	6,950.00
26	20.02.18	Nithyadare Mathe Church	Srinivaspura	600.00
27	20.02.18	Mother of Perpetual Help Church	Akashnagar	15,454.00
28	20.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Magadi	1,920.00
29	20.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Sira	1,000.00
30	21.02.18	St Anne's Church	Mestripalya	1,853.00

31	22.02.18	St Anne's Church	Marathahalli	12,440.00
32	22.02.18	St Gaspar's Church	Kithiganuru	1,225.00
33	22.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Briand Square	16,687.00
34	22.02.18	St Teresa's Church	Robertsonpet	14,055.00
35	22.02.18	John the Britto Church	Laggere	6,230.00
36	22.02.18	St John the Evangelist Church	J C Nagar	16,120.00
37	23.02.18	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Halasuru	30,925.00
38	24.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	817.00
39	24.02.18	Our Lady of Vailankanni Church	Yelanka new town	26,418.00
40	24.02.18	Ss Peter and Paul Church	Rayapuram	5,010.00
41	26.02.18	St Rita's Church	Kunigal	750.00
42	26.02.18	St Paul Church	Nagasandra	12,150.00
43	26.02.18	St Sebastian's Church	Coromandel	1,260.00
44	26.02.18	Holy Ghost Church	Richards Town	27,865.00
45	27.02.18	Our Lady of Victories Church	Champion Reef	4,072.00
46	27.02.18	St Joseph's Church	Chintamani	1,134.00
47	27.02.18	St Jude's Church	RT Nagar	25,320.00
48	27.02.18	St James Church	Mariannapalya	17,070.00
49	28.02.18	St Francis Xavier Church	Chikkammanahalli	6,670.00
50	28.02.18	St Francis of Assisi Church	Kengeri	5,595.00
51	28.02.18	St Anthony's Church	Yedavanahalli	1,700.00
52	28.02.18	Holy Trinity Church	Sahakarnagar	35,280.00

Papal Intention for the month of March

Evangelization: Formation in Spiritual Discernment: That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communication levels.