



CIRCULAR, DECEMBER 2017

POPE FRANCIS: WHAT MATTERS IN THE END IS HOW WELL WE LOVED

(from the Angelus on 26 November 2017)

Pope Francis said that when the Final Judgment comes, what will matter the most is how much we loved God and others, especially through daily, concrete acts of charity toward those most in need. “At the end of our life we will be judged on love, that is, on our concrete commitment to love and serve Jesus in the least of our brothers and the needy,” the Pope said on November 26, 2017. “Jesus will come at the end of time to judge all the nations, but he (also) comes to us every day, in so many ways, and asks us to welcome him.” Pope Francis spoke to around 30,000 people gathered in St Peter’s Square before leading the Angelus prayer. Celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Pope offered a reflection on the Last Judgment and Jesus’ “criteria” for entering the Kingdom of Heaven. He explained how at the second coming, when Jesus appears “in divine glory,” he will summon all of humanity to him, separating the righteous from the unrighteous. And to the righteous he will say: “Come, blessed of my Father, receive as inheritance the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.”

This is because: “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you dressed me, sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to see me.” Francis noted how when Jesus speaks about the Final Judgment to his disciples, the men are surprised by his words, because they don’t remember meeting Jesus, let alone helping him in this way. So, Jesus explains what he meant: “All you did to one of these the least of my brothers, you did to me.” “This word never ceases to hit us,” Pope Francis said, “because it reveals to what extent God’s love comes to us: to the point of being identified with us, but not when we are well, when we are healthy and happy, no, but when we are in need.”

In this way Jesus reveals “the decisive criterion of his judgment,” the Pope said, which is “concrete love for the neighbour in distress.” We should ask the Virgin Mary to help us to not only meet Jesus in his Word and in the Eucharist, he continued, but “at the same time in the brothers and sisters suffering from hunger, illness, oppression, and injustice.” “May our hearts welcome him into our lives today, for we are welcomed by him into the eternity of his Kingdom of Light and Peace.”

Priests' Christmas gathering

Dear Reverend Fathers, I am extremely happy to inform you that our Christmas gathering of 2017 will be on Thursday 21st December in Navajyothis Renewal Centre at 10.00am. Kindly note this program in your personal diaries and avoid taking up other programs on that day.

Religious' Christmas gathering

Dear Reverend Sisters, I am extremely happy to inform you that our Christmas gathering of 2017 will be on Saturday 23rd December in Cathedral hall at 10.00am. Kindly note this program in your personal diaries and avoid taking up other programs on that day.

Directory 2018

Dear Fathers and Superiors, if there are any corrections to be made in the Diocesan Directory for 2018 either in your personal data or in the data of the Institution of which you are the head, kindly inform us as soon as possible.

Ecumenical Christmas Gathering of Calicut

The Ecumenical Christmas celebration of Calicut will be held at St. Joseph's Church ground on 17th December 2017. Please participate and make this event a celebration of joy with other fellow Christians.

World AIDS Sunday

World AIDS Sunday is being observed on the first Sunday of December every year. It is an opportunity for all Christians to reflect on the ways that HIV and AIDS affect individuals, families, our local communities and churches, and to think about how we can respond to this global pandemic. Every Christian has an important part to play in this observance, either through planning or participating in events in local congregations.

Pre-Cana Conference: 13-16 December 2017

The Pre-Cana Conference is arranged to be held this month from 13 to 16 at Navajyothis Renewal Centre, Eranhipalam. The course begins at 2.00 pm on the first day and ends with lunch on the last day.

Birthdays

05 Fr Xavier Veliyakam, S. J.
19 Fr Sajeev Varghese
24 Fr Sunil Pereira
24 Fr Jose Thachil S. J.
27 Fr Reni Francis Rodrigues

We join you dear fathers in thanking the Lord for the gift of life and wish you a very happy Birthday and God's blessings. **"Ad Multos Annos"**

BISHOP'S DIARY DECEMBER 2017

- December 1 : Engaged
- December 2 10.00am: Meeting of Malabar Pastoral Council members
5.00pm: Divya Karunya Atmabhisheka Bible Convention, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Burnassery
- December 3 10.00am: Feast of St Francis Xavier, Peruvayal
5.00pm: Feast of St Francis Xavier, St Joseph's Church, Calicut
- December 4 : Abhishekagni Convention, St Joseph's Church, Calicut
- December 5-7 : KCBC
- December 8 10.00am: Feast Mass, Immaculate conception Church, Mananthavady
- December 9 10.00am: Province Day, DSS, Peruvayal
5.00pm: Andoor, Feast Mass and Confirmation
- December 10 10:30am: Feast Mass, St Mary's Church, Koilandy
: State KCYM Kalotsavam, Presentation convent
- December 11 : Engaged
- December 12 : Meeting of Clergy Commission- KRLCBC
- December 13 10:00am: First Profession, Bridgettine Sisters, Marikunnu
- December 14 10:00am: Blessing of Vachana Hall, Pio Bhavan, Kalpetta
- December 15 10:30am: Shanthi De-addiction Jubilee Celebration, St Joseph's Church, Calicut
- December 16 11:00am: Theology Course Inauguration, Christ Hall
- December 17 10.00am: K.L.C.A. Samudhaya Dhinam, Meppadi
5.00pm: Ecumenical Christmas Celebration, Sulthan Bathery
- December 18 : Engaged
- December 19 11:30am: Meeting of Caring homes
- December 20 : Infant Jesus Church, Ernakulam- Lawyers' Christmas
- December 21 10.00am: Priests' Christmas gathering, Navajyothis
- December 22 5:30pm: School Anniversary, St Joseph's School, Kalpetta
- December 23 10.00am: Christmas gathering, Religious, Cathedral Hall, Calicut
- December 24 : Christmas
- December 25 : Christmas
- December 26 : Engaged
- December 27 10:30am: Koothuparamba
- December 28 : Meeting People
- December 29 10.30am: Diocesan Vanitha Sangamam, Cathedral Hall, Calicut
- December 30 11.00am: Talk, Jubilee Retreat Centre, Puthupady
3:00pm: Marriage, Vazhavatta
- December 31 10:15am: Feast and Confirmation Mass, Rippon