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My Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers,

We are in the holy season of Lent and we are preparing earnestly to celebrate Easter 2016. Let me put forward certain instructions for the meaningful celebration of Liturgy in this holy season. The practice of covering the crosses and images in the church may be observed on the Saturday before the fifth Sunday of Lent. The crosses are to be covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's passion on Good Friday. Images are to remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

Holy Week – March 20, 2016 - March 27, 2016

- The days from Monday until Thursday, inclusive, take precedence over all other celebrations.
- Ritual Masses are prohibited.
- Baptisms and confirmations should be reserved to the Easter Vigil.
- Funeral Masses may be celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday only.

Passion/Palm Sunday – March 20, 2016

- The memorial of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem is celebrated at all Masses today with the procession or the solemn entrance at the principal Mass. The simple entrance may take place before all other Masses.
- After the procession or the solemn entrance, the collect is prayed.
- After the simple entrance, the opening greeting precedes the Mass collect.
- Vestments are red. A cope may be used for the procession and the chasuble used for the remainder.

- The passion is read without incense or candles, and without the greeting, signing, or kissing of the book.

Monday of Holy Week – March 21, 2016

- Chrism Mass at Mother of God Cathedral, Calicut at 4.30 p.m.
- Old oils are to be burnt. They may be used to fuel the Easter fire or placed in the reservation lamp before the Blessed Sacrament.

Recollection of the Fathers at Navajyothis Renewal center at 10.30 a.m. on March 21, 2016

The Sacred *Triduum*

- The Sacred *Triduum* extends from the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday, inclusive.
- Funeral Masses are prohibited, **including Holy Thursday during the day.**
- Funeral rites may be celebrated with a Liturgy of the Word, closing with the Rite of Farewell.
- Ritual Masses are prohibited.

Holy Thursday – March 24, 2016

Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Liturgy begins with the Introductory Rites as usual. During the singing of the hymn "*Gloria in excelsis*," in accordance with local custom, the bells may be rung but should thereafter remain silent until the "*Gloria in excelsis*" of the Easter Vigil.

- Only the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper may be celebrated.
- Before Mass begins, the tabernacle should be completely empty.
- Bells may be rung during the *Gloria*.
- There should be a sufficient amount of bread consecrated at this Mass for the communion of the clergy and laity on Good Friday.

Good Friday – March 25, 2016

- Only the Celebration of the Lord's Passion may be celebrated.
- All are bound to observe a universal day of fast and abstinence. This is the paschal fast in anticipation of the Resurrection rather than the Lenten penitential fast.

Easter Vigil – March 26, 2016

- The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday.
- Nine readings are assigned to the Easter Vigil: seven from the Old Testament and two from the New Testament. If necessary, the number of readings may be reduced. But three selections from the Old Testament should be read before the Epistle and Gospel, although, when necessary, two may be read. In any case, the reading from Exodus should always be used.
- Those parts unique to the Vigil which should always be sung are the acclamations during the procession with the paschal candle and the Easter proclamation, the responsorial "Alleluia," the Litany of the Saints, and the acclamation after the blessing of water.

Chrism Mass

"The Chrism Mass, which the Bishop celebrates with his *presbyterium*, and at which the Holy Oils are blessed, manifests the communion of priests with their Bishop. For at this Mass priests gather and concelebrate, coming from the different parts of the diocese, as witnesses at the confection of the Chrism and as fellow workers of their bishop, in whose sacred ministry for the building up, sanctification and government of the people of God they participate. This manifests in a clear way the unity of the priesthood and sacrifice of Christ living in the Church."

This year, Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 4.30 p.m. at Mother of God Cathedral, Calicut. All our priests, religious brothers and sisters are cordially invited to participate in the same. I request the Parish Priests to inform the faithful of this Mass for "the faithful, too, should take part and receive the Eucharist at this Mass".

***Unum Presbyterium* and Recollection of the Priests**

Please note that in preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Triduum, the day of recollection and prayer for our priests will be on Monday, March 21, 2016, at Navajyothis Renewal Centre, Eranhipalam starting at 10.30 am.

24 hours of Adoration

Please note that in this year of mercy, we have to arrange a 24 hours adoration in our Parish Churches on March 4th to March 5th (12 hours on Friday and 12 hours on Saturday) as per the directions of the Holy Father. Hence this year the common 40 hrs adoration will not be held.

Way of the Cross in Calicut City

I cordially invite the Clergy, Religious and the Faithful in Calicut forane to participate in the Way of the Cross conducted through the City on Good Friday March 25, 2016. The way of the Cross will start at 07 am from Cathedral and will end at St Joseph's Church Calicut. I request the parish priests to encourage our people to participate in it without fail.

Mission Sunday Collection of 2015-2016

Congratulations and Sincere Thanks to all of you for your whole hearted cooperation. Mission Sunday is "*an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches us how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world*" (***Redemptoris Missio*** 81). During the year 2015-2016 we have collected Rs. **40, 96, 417** towards Mission Sunday.

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 2014 & 2015

PARISHES	2014	2015
Mother of God Cathedral, Calicut	3,00,000	4,00,004
St. Teresa Shrine, Mahe	2,50,000	3,50,345
Lourdu Matha Church, Pallikunnu	3,25,000	3,26,000
St. Joseph Church, Meppady	1,70,000	2,30,000
St. Jude Church, Chundale	1,40,000	2,05,000
Immaculate Conception, Mananthavady	1,50,000	2,00,000
St. Michael Church, West Hill	1,60,000	1,77,000
Holy Cross Church, Poomulla	96,850	1,55,236
St. Joseph Church, Vythiri	1,22,500	1,35,000
St. Joseph Church, Malappuram	1,20,000	1,30,000
Holy Redeemer Church, Marikunnu	1,21,000	1,30,000
Sacred Heart, Kalpetta& Munderi	90,000	1,25,000

St. Patrick Church, Kallai, Calicut	1,20,000	1,21,267
Lourdu Matha Church, Perinthalmanna	1,24,796	1,08,205
Christ the King Church, Malaparamba	83,000	1,03,700
St. Sebastian Church, Vadakara	Nil	1,00,000
Morning Star, Chathamangalm	81,000	97,000
St. Mary Church, Koyilandy	79,000	96,500
St. Sebastian Church, Kappenkolly	90,900	90,000
St. Joseph Church, Calicut	60,000	84,000
St. George Church, Trikaipetta	55,635	72,000
Sacred Heart Church, Cheruvannur	75,000	65,000
St. Xavier Church, Peruvayal	38,210	51,000
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pambra	11,200	31,560
St. Antony Church, Rippon	30,000	31,500
St. Paul Church, Eranhipalam	35,000	30,045
St. Antony Church, Pakkam	24,550	28,600
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Thenhipalam	50,200	27,200
Sacred Heart Church, Ambalavayal	20,000	27,150
Little Flower Church, Mavoor	11,075	20,165
Infant Jesus Church, Nilambur	20,000	20,000
St. Joseph Church, Pilakavu	19,000	19,250
St. Thomas Church, Thalapuzha	15,000	18,500
Holy Cross Church, Manjeri	9,000	18,190
Ayurnikethan Church, Kottakkal	19,260	15,000
Fatima Matha Church, Sugandhagiri	12,300	13,500
St. Jude Church, Trikalangode	9,000	12,740
Sacred Heart Church, Payyoli	10,350	12,600
Little Flower Church, Pozhuthana	7,000	10,400
Perpetual Succour Church, Andoor	8,000	7,500
Perpetual Succour Church, Panamaram	4,000	5,000
St. Joseph Church, Moothedam	5,700	4,560
St. Antony, Tholpetty	16,790	Nil
St. Andrew Church, Beypore	9,202	Nil
TOTAL	33,65,518	39,05,717

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 2014-2015

Convents/Institutions/Well Wishers	2014	2015
Mr. E.M. David, Thenhipalam		35,000
St. Vincent Colony Institutions	15,000	15,000
St. Gemma G.H.S.S. Malappuram	10,000	10,000
Nirmala Hospital, Marikunnu	5,000	10,000
Sellere Provincial House, Malaparamba	7,000	7,000
H.I.M. Convent, Vayithiri	2,000	7,000
Good Shepherd Hospital, Vythiri	5,000	5,500
Good Shepherd Convent, Andoor	3,000	5,000

Eudes Convent, West Hill	5,000	5,000		
Bethany Convent, Tenhipalam	5,000	5,000		
Bethany Provincial House, Chevayur	5,000	5,000		
Providence Convent, Nadakkavu	5,000	5,000		
A. C. Provincial House, Malaparamba	10,000	5,000		
Snehajyothi MSFS, Makkiad		5,000		
St. Joseph A.C. Convent, Calicut	5,000	5,000		
D.S.S. Amala Prvincial House	3,000	5,000		
Venerini Provincial House, Cheruvannur	5,000	5,000		
Ananda Matha Ashram, Kunnambatta	5,000	5,000		
Karuna Convent, Eranhipalam, Calicut	3,000	4,000		
St. Joseph Convent, Poomulla	3,000	4,000		
Providence of Gap, Calicut	2,500	3,500		
St. Aloysius E. M. School, Karanthur	3,500	3,500		
St. Antony Convent, Badagara	3,500	3,500		
Mr. Jacob Lawrence, Perinthalmanna		3,000		
Ursuline Convent, Pambra	2,500	3,000		
Presentation School, Perinthalmanna	3,000	3,000		
Fr. Alfred V.C.		2,500		
St. Rosello Convent, Pakkam	2,000	2,000		
Presentation Convent, Perinthalmanna	2,000	2,000		
Presentation Nursery, Perinthalmanna		2,000		
Shalom Matha Convent, Trikalangode	1,000	2,000		
Vimalalayam Convent, Mavoor	2,000	1,500		
St. Charles Convent, Rippon	1,500	1,500		
Assumption Convent, Malaparamba	1,000	1,200		
Bethany Convent, Pilakavu	2,500	1,000		
Fathimagiri Convent, Nilambur	1,000	1,000		
Shanthi Bhavan D.S.S. Convent	1,000	1,000		
Notre Dame Sisters, Trikaipatta	1,000	1,000		
Avila School, Mahe	6,000			
St. Joseph H. S. S. & H.S. , Meppady	15,500			
Carmel Hill Convent, Malaparamba	5,000			
Holy Cross Convent, Mananthavady	4,000			
Venerini Convent, Karinkallai	3,000			
Dimesse Convent, Kappenkolly	1,500			
TOTAL	1,66,000	1,90,700		
	2012	2013	2014	2015
Grant Total	Rs. 22,81,195	Rs.29,96,438	Rs.33,65,518	Rs.40,96,417

Church Collections

You are kindly requested to make the following Church Collections and remit them in the Curia latest by the end of April 2015.

Lenten Campaign	Two Sundays in Lent	Against Hunger and Disease
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Good Friday	25 March 2016	Towards Holy Land
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Mission Congress 2016

I would like to congratulate Msgr Thomas Panakkal, the General Coordinator of Mission Congress 2016 and the Organizing committee for planning and executing the Mission Congress 2016 excellently. It was a training programme for the *Susrusha Samithi* members from our parishes. I thank the parish priests and the people of God in St Judes' Church, Chundale and the other parishes in waynad who worked hard to stage the Programme and to accommodate the delegates in their homes.

Special thanks to Fr Franson who made us to understand the need of Mission Congress and Fr Martin Elanjiparambil who conducted the mission Congress at Chundale. I do congratulate the coordinators of various ministries such as Fr Jiju Palliparambil, Fr Sebastian Karakkatt, Fr Alfred VC, Fr Aloysius Kulangara, Fr Martin Elanjiparambil, Fr Johnson Averave and Fr Franson for their hard work to make the mission congress a successful event. Fr Jerome and Fr Jenson did a very good job as the Programme Coordinators. Congratulation to you. My sincere thanks to all the parish priests – Fr Jaison Kalathiparambil, Fr Denny Moses, Fr Lusas Simon, OFM Cap, Fr Joseph KS, Fr Victor Mendonza, Fr Johnson KS and Fr Franson for arranging the training programme for various ministries in their parishes. I thank the parishioners who welcomed and accommodated the delegates in their homes with much joy. The delegates appreciate your generosity. Finally I thank all the fathers, sisters, brothers and the lay people who participated in the mission congress 2016.

I would like to thank various committees and its coordinators. I thank the finance committee and its coordinator Fr Aloysius Kulangara and Fr Paul Percy, Registration committee and its coordinators Fr Marceline MJ and Fr Paul AJ, food committee and its coordinators, Fr AD Mathew and Fr Lal Philip, Stage committee and the coordinators Fr Martin Elanjiparambil and Fr Anto SJ, Publicity committee and its coordinators Fr Sunil Pereira and Fr Nicolas, Law and Order committee and Fr John Vettimalayil, Transportation committee and its coordinators Fr Joseph Valander and Fr Jaison Kalathiparambil, First Aid committee and Fr Vaghese Alukkal. A hearty congratulation and sincere thanks to one and all

Special thanks to Rev Sr Geetha Chaneparambil SCCG

I would like to thank Rev. Sr Geetha, the Provincial Superior of Sisters of Charity in a special manner, for her presence in the Mission Congress throughout the three days. Her active participation in the Mission Congress was indeed an inspiration. It was an example of the commitment that the Congregation of Sisters of Charity always manifests for the mission of the Diocese of Calicut.

Relic of St. Faustina Kowalska

Since it is the Year of Mercy, the relic of St Faustina Kowalska will be brought to our parishes by Msgr Thomas Panakal for a special veneration. The message and devotion to Jesus as the Divine Mercy is based on the revelations given to this saint. So it will be meaningful in this year of mercy to arrange a prayer service in our parishes with the relic of St Faustina. The parish priests are requested to contact Msgr. Panakal and arrange it in a time, in accordance with your convenience. His mobile number is as follows: 9447282537

Birthdays

March	03	Rev. Msgr Vincent Arackal
	04	Rev. Fr Pio Kanakkunnel OSB
	08	Rev. Fr Marceline M.J.
	20	Rev. Fr Dani Joseph
	24	Rev. Fr Jose Pulickathara

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 MultosAnnos"***

Obituary

Rev. Fr Paul Valiyakandathil SJ passed away at Nirmala Hospital, Calicut on February 14, 2016. He was buried on the next day at Christ Hall Cemetery, Malaparamba. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.