

CIRCULAR NO 09/2019 SEPTEMBER

EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH - OCTOBER 2019 (EMM)

(taken from Inter Nos, September 2019)

We have been preparing our minds and hearts to celebrate the Extraordinary Missionary Month, October 2019, in commemoration of the centenary of the promulgation of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* (30 November 1919), with which Pope Benedict XV wished to give new impetus to the missionary call to proclaim the Gospel. The theme is already known to us: "Baptized and Sent. The Church of Christ on Mission in the World". Proclaiming the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and his incarnate and redemptive love is our fundamental duty.

Pope Francis has indicated four dimensions to prepare for and live out the EMM:

- a) A personal encounter with Jesus Christ, alive in His Church: Eucharist, Word of God, personal and community prayer,
- b) The witness of the Saints, the Missionary Martyrs, and the Confessors of the Faith, who are unique expressions of the Churches throughout the world,
- c) Biblical, catechetical, spiritual, and theological formation regarding the *missio ad gentes*,
- d) Missionary charity as a material support for the immense work of evangelization, especially the *missio ad gentes* and Christian formation in Churches that are most in need.

Following the call of Pope Francis, we shall keep this special month with prayers and sacrifice, missionary Rosary and intercession, by reflecting on the Word of God to understand the urgency of the mission mandate given by Our Lord and by witnessing to his love. Jesus is alive in the Church and a personal encounter with him transforms our life. The witness of saints and martyrs and catechetical formation for mission and missionary charity would inspire us to do our primary task.

Nativity of the Blessed Mother (Feast of Maria Bambina): 8th September, 2019

The birth of the Blessed Mother announced joy and happiness in this world and it was the prelude to the salvation of the whole world. She was conceived without sin and it was a special grace given by God who had chosen her to become the mother of His Son. When Eve, Mother of our race brought punishment into the world, mother of our Lord brought salvation to the world. On the day of the nativity of Our Mother, we need to join our hands along with Mother Mary and sing aloud with one voice: My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior. I wish all of you the festal greetings of the Nativity of the Blessed Mother.

Celebrating the Girl Child Day: 8th September, 2019

Commemorating the birth of Mother Mary, the Church in India celebrates September 8th as the “Girl Child Day”. The cause of this celebration is to make people aware of the declining sex ratio in our society and the increase in violence against girls. Female feticides are one of the extreme manifestations of violence against women. United in Spirit let us celebrate the joyous occasion of the conception and birth of every girl child.

Death Anniversary of Bishop Aldo Maria Patroni

Death Anniversary of our Bishop Aldo Maria Patroni falls on 22nd September, 2019. You are cordially invited to participate in the Requiem Mass for Bishop Patroni at Mother of God Cathedral at 5.00pm on **Monday 23rd September 2019.**

Extraordinary Missionary Month Celebration 2019.

Diocesan Celebration of the Extraordinary Mission Month will be on Sunday 27th October 2019. I invite all the priests and religious of the diocese to the Eucharistic Celebration which will be at 4.00pm in Mother of God Cathedral, Calicut. Kindly mark this date in your calendar and make sure your participation.

Annual Calander of Diocesan Programmes 2020

Kindly submit the activities of your commissions and ministries for the year 2020 to the following fathers who will be in charge of collecting the details towards the Diocesan Annual Calendar 2020. The matters required of each department and ministries are also given below. Kindly do the needful as they approach.

Fr Jose Yesudasan	Shrines in the diocese	Details to kept ready: 1. Brief history 2. Photo of Shrine 3. Mass timings 4. Feast dates
Fr Nithin Antony Baruva	Churches other than shrines	Details to kept ready: 1. Date of Erection 2. Photo 3. Mass timings 4. Feast dates
Fr Clarkeson Xavier	Youth Ministry	Details to be kept ready 1. Names of the organizations/associations under each ministry with the name of the director 2. Programs for the entire year with dates.
Fr Fredin RJ	Education	
Fr Joseph Anil	Pastoral Ministry	
Fr Kelvin Padua	Social Ministry	
Fr Rijoy Pathivayal	Laity & B.C.C.	
Fr Arjun John	Religious Congregations in the Diocese	Details to be kept ready 1. Recent Photo of the Convent 2. Main Feast Day 3. Brief History

Birthdays

September	2	Rev. Fr Victor Papali Rev. Fr Kelvin Padua
	8	Rev. Fr Paul A. J.
	12	Rev. Fr Edwin Thundathil
	14	Rev. Fr Geo Payyapilly
	23	Rev. Fr Antony Pallyathara

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”*

Deepalayam - School for the Visually Impaired, Perinthalmanna

Amitha John, Wayanad	Rs 2,500.00
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Seminarians Formation Fund

Mr Douglas, Calicut	Rs 1,000.00
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BISHOP'S DIARY SEPTMEBER 2019

Sept. 1, Sunday	10.00am	Inauguration of KADOSH- Conference of Religious-diocese of Calicut (CRDC), Apostolic Carmel Provincial House, Malaparamba
	4.30pm	Blessing of the renovated St Patrick's Church, Kallai
Sept. 2, Monday	11.00am	Golden Jubilee, Sellere, Malaparamba
Sept. 3, Tuesday		Bishop's House
Sept. 4, Wednesday	6.30pm	Feast Mass, Brigida bhavan, Marikkunnu
Sept. 5, Thursday	10.30am	First Profession, Sister of Providence of Gap, Kalpetta
Sept. 6, Friday	12.00pm	Providence HSS, Calicut
Sept. 7, Saturday	5.00pm	Feast mass, Munderi
Sept. 9, Monday		Beemanadi, Kannur
Sept. 10, Tuesday		Bishop's House
Sep. 11- 30		Ad Limina Visit, Rome, Italy