

**Circular No. 3/2012
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My dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and Lay Faithful,

Hope after the celebration of the Solemnity of Easter, you had a pleasant summer holidays. The holidays help us to regain our energy so as to continue with our works with better commitment. In our various works, we come into contact with a number of people of different religions, culture and social status. It is for us to work with them, improving our mutual relationships.

As the previous years, this year also our English Medium Schools had excellent academic results. I take this occasion to congratulate the Principals, the Staff and the students of the schools for it. I wish the students a very bright future. During this month, we are waiting for the results of the B.S.E. exams of the Oriya Medium Schools.

Presently we are experiencing the severe summer heat. Hope within a fortnight the monsoon will set in and the temperature will come down lower. Let us pray for the timely and salutary rain.

1. Priestly Jubilee of two Priests:

This year is the Golden Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Rev. Fr. Jacob Kallapurackal and the Silver Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Rev. Fr. Daniel Murmu. We congratulate both of them on their Jubilee Year.

On 2nd July (Monday) 2012 we will have a joint celebration of the Jubilee of these two priests – Fr. Jacob Kallapurackal and Fr. Daniel Murmu at Balasore. All the Priests, Brothers and Sisters are invited for it. The programme of the day will be as follows:

- o 5.00 p.m. - Concelebrated Eucharistic celebration in the Cathedral
- o 6.30 p.m. - Felicitation programme to the Jubilarians
- o 7.30 p.m. - Dinner

2. Annual Catechism Examinations:

As usual, this year (2011-2012) the Annual Catechism Examinations were conducted for the children in the diocese. I congratulate the prize winners for it. The Diocesan Director of Catechetics will inform the Parish Priests about the prize winners in the Catechism Examinations.

The prizes to the winners for the Catechism Examinations will be given at Balasore on 2nd July 2012 during the felicitation programme in honour of the two Jubilarians – Fr. Jacob Kallapurackal and Fr. Daniel Murmu. The Parish Priests are requested to make necessary arrangements that the children who secured the prizes in the Catechism Examinations be present at Balasore on 2nd July at 6.30 p.m. to receive the prizes.

3. Feast of St. John Mary Vianney:

On 4th August will be the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney, the Patron of the Clergy. He was an exemplary priest who through prayer, penance and the preaching of the word of God transformed the village parish of Ars in France. He was the parish priest of Ars for 41 years and thousands approached him for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

All the Priests working in Balasore Diocese are invited to the Bishops' House,

Balasore on 4th August for the celebration of the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney.
The programme for that day will be:

- o 10.30 a.m. - Talk on St. John Mary Vianney
- o 11.30 a.m. - Eucharistic Celebration
- o 12.30 p.m. - Lunch

4. Annual Retreat for the Diocesan Priests:

The Annual Retreat for the Diocesan Priests will be held from 8th to 12th October 2012 at the Salesian Retreat Centre at Bandel, West Bengal. All the Diocesan Priests are instructed to attend this Annual Retreat. The preacher of the Retreat will be Rev. Fr. Yesu Deep, I.M.S, a missionary priest of much experience, at present working in Jalandhar Diocese, Punjab.

5. BISHOP'S PROGRAMME

- o **June 2012**
 - 2 6.30 p.m. - Krishnachandrapur - Retreat to the married people
 - 4 - Balasore - Governing Board Meeting of BSSS
 - 10 7.00 a.m. - Krishnachandrapur - Retreat to the Youth
 - 20-24 - Bangalore - National Pastoral Planning Meeting
 - 29 - Berhampur - Meeting of the Seminary Formators
- o **July 2012**
 - 2 - Balasore - Jubilee of two Priests
 - 3 - Balasore - The Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle
 - 8 - Barbil - Confirmations
- o **August 2012**
 - 4 - Balasore - Feast of St. John Mary Vianney
 - 14-27 - Kerala
 - 18 - Muvattupuzha, Kerala - Bishop's Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee Celebration

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Thomas Thiruthalil, C.M.
Bishop of Balasore