

**DIOCESE OF BALASORE**  
Circular No.05/2019

**BISHOP'S HOUSE**  
**BALASORE-756001**  
7<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

*Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers,*

Greetings from Bishop's House, Balasore.

#### **COMMUNIO INDIA**

The CCBI has launched 'Communio India' in 2018 with a purpose of establishing a missionary organisation like 'Missio', 'Aid to the Church In Need' in Germany. This would help the church in India to build a culture of sharing and caring in solidarity with the needy of our country. This also is an opportune time to encourage the faithful to pray and help the missions and missionaries. The idea of establishing COMMUNIO INDIA is to raise funds in our country, with a view to help the Mission Dioceses and Religious Congregations for the various needs which they require while engaging themselves in the missionary activities in India. His Excellency Filipe Neri Ferrao, the President of the CCBI, has sent out a circular asking all the Latin Dioceses in India to observe the First Sunday of Advent (This year 1<sup>st</sup> of December) as 'COMMUNIO INDIA Sunday'.

Therefore it is exhorted by the CCBI that the 'Communio Sunday' shall be observed solemnly in all the parishes and institutions with proper commentary at Holy Mass on December 1, 2019. Further information about this will be given to you by Fr.Roy, the in-charge of Pontifical Mission Organisations.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC CONVENTION IN KEONJHAR**

The Divya Jyothi province of SABS Balasore is organising an Eucharistic Convention for the faithful of Keonjhar Deanery on 9<sup>th</sup> November. This convention will be held in Keonjhar parish from 8.30 AM to 5 pm. It is a programme planned and organised by the SABS congregation for the purpose of strengthening the Eucharistic devotion among the lay faithful. Besides talks and Holy Eucharistic celebration, there will be exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Eucharistic procession on that day.

#### **SCC TRAINING**

The diocesan SCC team is organizing a two day workshop at Deepthi Bhavan, Kuruda for the Fathers, Sisters and Brothers of the Diocese. This workshop will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of November. This will be facilitated by Sr.Christin,HC and her team from National Service Team of SCC, Nagpur. Further information on this will be given to you by Fr. J. Antony, the Diocesan coordinator of SCC.

#### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

Fr. Anil Kullu, the Diocesan Secretary for Marriage and Family Commission, informs us that the Marriage Preparation Course will be held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December at Pastoral Centre, Kuruda. The participants are expected to arrive Deepthi Bhavan in the evening hours on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **FR.MATHEW KARIKULAM**

Fr.Mathew has been appointed Chaplain to St.John's Nursing Center in the Archdiocese of Miami in Florida, USA. We wish him all the best in his ministries in the Archdiocese of Miami.

**FR. SUDHIR TOPPO, HGN**

Fr. Sudhir Toppo, a priest from the Heralds of Good News has been appointed as Assistant priest at Christ The King Cathedral Church, Balasore. We welcome Fr. Sudhir and wish him all the best in his ministry.

**FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES & EVENTS**

- 12<sup>TH</sup> November: The renovated Church and the residence at Nuasahi, Basta will be blessed at 3.30 PM in which the batch mate and companion priests of Fr.Varghese including Most Rev. Paul Alappatt, the Bishop of Ramnathapuram will be present on the day.

- 17<sup>TH</sup> November: The AGBM of St.Vincent De Paul Balasore Central Council will be held at Utkal Vani from 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM. The dignitaries Bro.Johnson Varghese, the President of SSVP, Bro.Francis, National Secretary and Sr.Menzies, the National Women Coordinator will be present on the day for the AGBM.

- 21<sup>ST</sup> November: The blessing of village chapel at Beganapatta, the sub station of Lavanyadeipur parish will be held at 10.30 AM. The chapel is constructed by the faithful of Beganapatta with their own effort and contributions.

**THE SOULS DEPARTED**

Mr. Bijay Behera who had been serving at Bishop's House, Balasore passed away at his residence on 5<sup>th</sup> November at about 3.30 P.M. The family members noticed that he was on the bed for a long time without taking food and when they tried to wake him up they found him inexpressive. Therefore he was taken to the district hospital and it was certified by the doctors that Bijay Behera had already breathed his last. The funeral service was held on 6<sup>th</sup> November and the same was attended by a good number of Fathers, Sisters and lay faithful.

The Diocese of Balasore is grateful for the splendid services rendered by Bijay Behera for a period of about forty years. He was a great support for every member of Balasore Diocese and everybody had been experiencing his service and care not only in the dining hall but in the every nook and corner of the campus of Bishop's House also. He always showed interest in every activity of the Diocese. He had been always available for the various needs of every person particularly the Fathers and Sisters who come to Bishop's House from the mission stations for various works. He was a man of relationship and empathetic. His love for the diocese was limitless. Bijay held high respect for Bishops, Priests and Sisters and diligently followed everything with high regard for the accomplishment. Everybody experienced the care, concern and support of Bijay Behera who accompanied us sincerely in all the activities. Let us pray him and may the Lord grant him eternal rest.

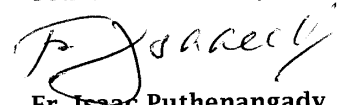
□ Fr. Ajeesh Azhakulathil, HGN aged 36, the nephew of Fr. Biju Azhakulathil died on 16.09.2019

□ Mr.Siluvai Cruz, aged 85, Brother of Fr.Gerald Gomes, died on 01.10.2019

□ Mr. Nicholas Dung Dung, aged 80, Father of Fr. Rajesh Dung Dung, died on 16.10.2019

□ Mr.Abdon Kerketta, aged 60, Brother in-law of Fr. Rajesh Dung Dung, died on 18.10.19

*Yours in Our Lord,*



Fr. Isaac Puthenangady  
Diocesan Administrator