

*Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,*

Greetings from Bishop's House, Balasore!

With the celebration of the solemnity of Pentecost, we have come to the end of the Easter Season and entered the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year. Here in India the Ordinary Time coincides generally with the close of the summer holidays and the beginning of the academic year – with the schools and colleges springing back to life after the lull of nearly two months.

Refreshed as we are after the summer holidays, we also should get back to normal rhythm of our apostolate. Particularly, this being the Silver Jubilee year of our Diocese, let us put in some more effort in making our parishes more vibrant and active. The Faith Formation Team of the Diocese has suggested celebrations like Children's Day, Youth Day, Parents' Day, Missionary Day etc., to re-juvenate parish life and thus fittingly come to the close of the Jubilee year. Printed materials containing instructions on these celebrations will be provided to the parishes in the month of August.

A team from Suvarta Kendra from Pachmarhi, M.P., the National Centre for Proclamation, owned by the Conference of the Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI), will conduct a renewal seminar for the clergy in the Diocese from the 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of August. On the first day (11<sup>th</sup>) we shall get some information on the programme for families called "Couples for Christ".

The Popular Mission Teams from Krishnagar, W.B., and Navjeeevan Dhyana Kendra, Allada, hve been contacted to conduct retreats in the Parishes / Centres in the coming months. Details of this will be worked out later. Let us avail ourselves of the opportunities provided for self as well as parish renewal.

### **1. Jubilarians**

Sr. Suma, CMC, Superior of St. Vincent's Convent, Balasore and Sr. Elsy Kunnathparambil, DC, Superior of the St. Vincent's Charity Centre, Balasore, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of their Religious Profession recently. We wish to congratulate them and pray for God's blessing on them for their future ministry in the service of God's people.

### **2. Archbishop Raphael Cheenath, SVD**

Prayers are requested for Archbishop Emeritus Raphael Cheenath, SVD, of the Archdiocese of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar, who is undergoing treatment for cancer in Health Care Global Enterprise hospital, (HCG), Bangalore. He says that in consultation with doctors it was decided to exclude Chemotherapy, Radiation and Operation. Instead, it was decided to treat him with nuclear medicine( its official name: 'Lu 177 Dotatate'). After going through a few sessions of this specialized treatment, the Archbishop is optimistic and hopeful of recovery. Let us keep him in our prayers.

### 3. With Grateful Hearts:

Given below are the names of the Fathers / Sisters / Brothers who are moving out of the Diocese to their new places of assignment.

Sl. No.	Names of Those on Transfer from the Diocese
01	Sr. Julie Liguori, SVC (Principal, Vikash School, Karanjia)
02	Sr. Agnes Sebastian, SVC (Vikash Convent, Karanjia)
03	Sr. Ann Mary Chempakasserry, DBS (Principal, St. Thomas School, Balasore)
04	Sr. Sneha, DBS (Superior, St. Thomas Convent, Balasore)
05	Sr. Leena Mathew, CSM (Superior, St. Joseph's Convent, Udula)
06	Sr. Rosna Tom, CSM (St. Joseph's Convent, Udula)
07	Sr. Anice Alappattu, SABS (Vice Principal, St. Mary's School, Barbil)
08	Sr. Merlin Koothrappally, SABS (St. Mary's Convent, Barbil)
09	Sr. Felicita Horo, SABS (Vice Principal, St. Teresa's School, Joda)
10	Sr. Anitta Parappally, SABS (Nirmala Convent, Keonjhar)
11	Sr. Ranit Kunnumkulath, SABS (Sneha Sadan Convent, Garhdeulia)
12	Sr. Linsmary Jojo, SABS (Marshal Convent, Ghattiduba)
13	Sr. Anjana Jojo, SABS (Karuna Nivas Convent, Bonuan)
14	Sr. Thushara, UMI (Karunalaya Convent, Keutinimari)
15	Sr. Mukta, UMI (Karunalaya Convent, Keutinimari)
16	Sr. Roshmi, CMC (St. Vincent's Convent, Balasore)
17	Sr. Elsita CMC (Carmel Convent, Bhadrak)
18	Sr. Namita, CMC (Carmel Convent, Bhadrak)
19	Sr. Sanjeeva, CMC (Jayamatha Convent, Kusudia)
20	Sr. Sushma Susheela Kiro, HM (Maria Nivas Convent, Lavanyadeipur)
21	Sr. Prisca Tirkey, HM (Maria Nivas Convent, Lavanyadeipur)
22	Sr. Alpha Maimen, DST (Utkal Vani, Balasore)
23	Sr. Prabha, DSC (St. Camillus Convent, Kuruda, Balasore)
24	Sr. Roderick, MC (Superior, Missionaries of Charity, Kuruda, Balasore)
25	Br. Gulab Murmu, MC (Superior, MC Brothers, Raghunathpur)
26	Br. Thomas Peter, MC (MC Brothers, Raghunathpur)
27	Br. Antony Tuang L. Pianga, CST (CST House, Raghunathpur)
27	Fr. Ravi, MF (Vikas Sadan, Nuapadhi)
29	Sr. Elsis, DBS (Superior, Jeevan Jyoti Convent, Amarda)
30	Sr. Reena, FCC (Vikas Sadan, Nuapadhi)
31	Sr. Jessin Rose, CHF (Holy Family, Jyoti Convent school)
32	Sr. Mary Chakkalamattath, DC (Superior, Jeevan Jyothi Home, Raghunathpur)
33	Sr. Elsy Kunnathparambil, DC (St. Vincent's Charity Centre, Balasore)
34	Sr. Alice, SAB (Superior, Vijaya Sadan Convent, Baghmara)
35	Sr. Daisy, SAB (St. James' Convent, Jaleswar)

In the name of all in the Diocese I thank each and every one of them very sincerely for their service to the people of the area. May the Lord bless them and help them to carry out their future assignments to the best of their ability, wherever they happen to be. We hope to see them again in our Diocese in the future.

#### 4. Welcome to the Diocese:

Given below are the names of the Fathers / Sisters / Brothers who are moving into the Diocese to take up their assignments in their respective communities.

Sl. No.	Names of Those on Transfer to the Diocese
01	Sr. Swapna Sebastian, SVC (Principal, Vikash School, Karanjia)
02	Sr. Joshmy John, SVC (Vikash Convent, Karanjia)
03	Sr. Gifty Therese, CSM (Superior, St. Joseph's Convent, Udula)
04	Sr. Nikhila Varghese, CSM (St. Joseph's Convent, Udula)
05	Sr. Litty, DBS (Principal, St. Thomas Convent School, Balasore)
06	Sr. Vinaya, DBS (St. Thomas Convent, Balasore)
07	Sr. Grace, DBS (Superior, Jeevan Jyothi Convent, Amarda)
08	Sr. Arpitha, DBS (Jeevan Jyothi Convent, Amarda)
09	Sr. Kripalatha Kiran, DBS (Jeevan Jyothi Convent, Amarda)
10	Sr. Leena Rose Tharappel, SABS (Vice Principal, St. Mary's School, Barbil)
11	Sr. Kripa Maria Kandulna, SABS (Vice Principal, Nirmala School,, Keonjhar)
12	Sr. Tessa Vazhachalil, SABS (Vice Principal, St. Teresa's School, Joda)
13	Sr. Lizmary Ezhukanal, SABS (Marshal Convent, Ghattiduba)
14	Sr. Lillyrose Kullu, SABS (Karuna Nivas Convent, Bonuan)
15	Sr. Theresa Murmu, SABS (Mano Vikas Convent, Betna)
16	Sr. Mareena Varapuzha, SABS (Adoration Chapel Convent, Balasore)
17	Sr. Sonia, UMI (Karunalaya Convent, Keutinimari)
18	Sr. Darshana, CMC (St. Vincent's Convent, Balasore)
19	Sr. Licy, CMC (Carmel Convent, Bhadrak)
20	Sr. Sarupya, CMC (Jayamatha Convent, Kusudia)
21	Sr. Sahaya Mary , HM (Maria Nivas Convent, Lavanyadeipur)
22	Sr. Nomita S. Lakra, HM (Maria Nivas Convent, Lavanyadeipur)
23	Sr. Marisa, DSC (St. Camillus Convent, Kuruda, Balasore)
24	Br. Sunil Singh, MC (Superior, MC Brothers, Raghunathpur)
25	Br. Pintus, MC (MC Brothers, Raghunathpur)
26	Fr. James Tharaniyil, SJ (Jesuit Community, Sankhabhanga)
27	Sr. Manasia, DST (Utkal Vani, Balasore)
28	Sr. Fulbia, MC (Superior, Missionaries of Charity, Kuruda, Balasore)
29	Fr. Yesubabu Purity, MF (Vikas sadan, Nuapadhi)
30	Sr. Linda, FCC (Vikas Sadan, Nuapadhi)
31	Sr. Smitha Mary, CHF (Holy Family, Jyoti Convent School)
32	Sr. Alphons Sebastian, SAB (Superior, Vijaya Sadan Convent, Baghmara)

In the name of all in the Diocese I welcome all the above mentioned persons to their respective communities. We hope they will find satisfaction in their work and get the collaboration and companionship from the rest of us.

## 5. School Results 2013-2014

### English Medium School Results

Sl No	School Name	Appeared	Passed	Highest %
01	St. Mary's School, Barbil	135	135	95.3%
02	St.Teresa's School, Joda	83	83	95.2%
03	Nirmala School, Keonjhar	87	87	96.6%
04	Vikash School, Karangia	47	47	93.7%
05	St.Anne's School, Baripada	103	103	96.5%
06	St.Vincent's School, Balasore	117	117	96.5%
07.	St.Thomas' School, Balasore	31	31	

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### Plus Two Results

Sl No	School Name	Appeared	Passed	Highest %
01	St. Mary's School, Barbil	52	52	94%
02	St.Vincent's School, Balasore	07	07	86%
03	Vikash Science College	39	36	

### Odiva Medium School Results

Sl No	School Name	Appeared	Passed	Highest %
01	St. Mary's School, Barbil	61	59	93%
02	Jogeswari School, Bouna	34	24	70.5%
03	Marshal School, Ghatiduba	25	23	92%
04	Vijaya High School, Baghmara	90	80	88%

Congratulations to all those who were involved in providing quality education to our children and make them obtain the high grades shown above. We know the tensions and struggles they go through to achieve this. May they find happiness in seeing the fruit of their labour.

## 6. Cardinal Simon Lourdusamy Passes Away

His Eminence Simon Cardinal Lourdusamy, Prefect-Emeritus of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, passed away on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at his residence at Via dei Corridori, 64, Rome. His Eminence was 90. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Peter's Basilica on Thursday morning (5<sup>th</sup> June). The Funeral Rites of the late Cardinal was held at 10 a.m. on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Pondicherry.

Given below is the condolence message from Basileos Cardinal Cleemis, Major Archbishop-Catholics of Trivandrum & President of CBCI:

“The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India deeply mourns the death of His Eminence, Simon Cardinal Lourdusamy, the Prefect-Emeritus of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches. The Conference recalls with gratitude the many-faceted service Cardinal Simon Lourdusamy rendered to the Church in India, and to the Universal Church at large. As the

Archbishop of Bangalore, he was a true shepherd, guiding the destiny of a people in the midst of great challenges. Later, as Secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, he reinvigorated the missionary thrust in the mission countries and masterminded many a programme for the missions, especially as the President of the Pontifical Mission Societies. Later, as Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, Cardinal Lourdasamy's far-sightedness and creativity were seen at their best. The Oriental Churches, and in particular, the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Churches are greatly indebted to Cardinal Lourdasamy for a number of initiatives and programmes, aimed at strengthening the Oriental Churches, especially His Eminence's initiative to have a College for the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Priests in Rome.

The Catholic Church in India wishes to place on record its unique appreciation and deep gratitude towards late Cardinal Simon Lourdasamy for the manifold services he has rendered to the Church in India, and to the Universal Church. It is worth recalling that Cardinal Simon Lourdasamy was the first Indian Prelate to be appointed in the Roman Curia and later as Cardinal, to head an important Congregation at the Vatican. While condoning the death of this illustrious Prelate of India, I call upon all the members of the Indian Hierarchy, Priests, Religious and Laity of India to pray for the repose of the soul of this highly favoured son of our Motherland".

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Simon Lourdasamy, one of the most distinguished ecclesiastical dignitaries the Indian Church has ever produced. May his soul rest in Peace!

## **7. Welcome Back, Bishop Thomas!**

Bishop Thomas is back in the Diocese on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June after being away in the USA and Spain for about a month and a half. As usual he is in good health and is happy to have met his relatives and friends and spent time with them in both countries.

## **8. Parish Pastoral Council:**

I hope all our Parish Priests are in possession of the printed materials containing the modalities of constituting Parish Pastoral Councils in their respective parishes. Please ensure that the Councils are constituted / re-constituted within the stipulated time.

## **9. Bishop's Programme**

### **JUNE 2014**

01	- Hatigarh	- Sunday Eucharist; First Communion, Confirmation
02	- Balasore	- Silver Jubilee of Sr. Elsy, K., DC
07	- Balasore	- Children's Mass, Closing of the 'Joyful Learning' Programme
08	- Joda	- Sunday Eucharist; First Communion, Confirmation
09	- KC pur	- Mass, Marriage Preparation Programme
10	- Balasore	- Utkal Vani, Closing of the Summer Training Programme
12	- Balasore	- Silver Jubilee of Sr. Suma, CMC

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| 15 | - Mitrapur   | - Sunday Eucharist; Confirmation               |
| 16 | - Berhampur  | - Closing of the Provincial Assembly of the DC |
| 22 | - Kharagpur  | - Sunday Eucharist at the DC Novitiate         |
| 23 | - Kuruda     | - Re-opening of Deepti Bhavan Minor Seminary   |
| 29 | - Keutnimari | - Sunday Eucharist; Confirmation               |

**JULY 2014**

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| 06    | - Jhatioda                              | - Sunday Eucharist; First Communion, Confirmation  |
| 10-12 | - Keonjhar, Joda & Barbil School visits |  |
| 13    | - Barbil                                | - Sunday Eucharist; First Communion & Confirmation |
| 14    | - Kuruda                                | - Feast of St. Camillus (At the Pratikhya Convent) |
| 16    | - Balasore                              | - Feast of Mother Mary of Carmel (11.30 am)        |
| 16    | - Bhadrak                               | - Eucharistic Celebration at 6. P.M.               |
| 20    | - Ghattiduba                            | - Sunday Eucharist                                 |
| 26    | - Baripada                              | - Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne (10.30 am)        |
| 31    | - Sankhabhanga                          | - Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola                     |

With regards and Blessings

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Bishop of Balasore