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My dear Priests, Sisters, Brothers, and beloved Lay Faithful,

May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

As your shepherd, it brings me great joy to reach out to you through this circular, sharing the vibrant pulse of our diocese and the many ways in which God's love continues to manifest in our community.

Our nation has recently witnessed the grand celebration of democracy through the 18th Lok Sabha Elections and the 11th Legislative Assembly elections in our own Arunachal Pradesh. As we congratulate the newly elected leaders, let us hold them in our prayers, asking the Holy Spirit to guide them in their governance for the greater good of all.

In the spirit of our synodal journey, I am delighted to share with you the Spiritual journey of grace-filled moments and developments that have shaped our shared pastoral journey in the diocese.

Our parishes have been alive with the enthusiasm of our youth, participating in faith formation programs and retreats that have rekindled their commitment to Christ. The dedication of our Youth Director and the YUVODAYA team in nurturing our young flock is truly commendable. I am also happy to see that many of our young friends represented our diocese at the Regional and National Youth programs. Laity was given orientation about the catholic Faith in many parishes with the help of Catechetical Charts which were readily available.

We have been blessed to consecrate new spaces for worship and community, including three convents and a presbytery, along with several village churches. These revered structures embody our evolving faith and the generosity of our committed Catholics.

Our educational ministry continues to flourish, with our schools and colleges shaping young minds and hearts. The recent CBSE results are a cause for celebration and a reflection of the hard work of our educators and students alike. I also take this opportunity once again to thank all our fathers, sister, brothers and lay teachers, who are actively involved in the Educational apostolate. We are blessed with 3 colleges, 51 school and 58 boarding and the CBSE result was quite inspiring.

As your bishop, I am grateful for the tireless efforts of our clergy, religious, and lay faithful who serve in various capacities across our diocese. Your commitment to your ministries is the lifeblood of our Church's mission. I am pleased to report that we have successfully completed the financial audit for the fiscal year 2023-24. Your time, effort, and cooperation in accomplishing this essential administrative task are deeply valued and acknowledged.



In the cycle of change that keeps our diocese dynamic, we have seen several transfers and new appointments. With a heart full of gratitude that I extend my deepest appreciation to the *Congregatio Missionariorum Filiorum Immaculati Cordis Beatae Mariae Virginis* (CMF), more commonly known as the Claretian Fathers. Their dedication to our diocese has been a true blessing, particularly in their stewardship of St. Joseph Cathedral at Nyokum Lapang since its establishment in 2010. The Claretian Fathers have been pillars of spiritual strength and pastoral care as they faithfully served as Parish Priests of our Cathedral.

I would like to acknowledge the pioneering spirit of Rev. Fr. Tomy Edasseryparambil CMF, our first Parish Priest, whose foundational work laid the groundwork for a vibrant faith community. Following in his footsteps, Rev. Fr. Walter Naveen CMF continued this legacy with great zeal and devotion. Acknowledging the fluid nature of our religious commitment, we say goodbye to Fr. Naveen, who has been chosen to serve as the Financial Administrator in his newly made Province. While we will miss his presence, we rejoice in this new chapter of his ministry and pray for God's abundant blessings upon him.

In this time of transition, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Fr. Thomas Lakra as the new Parish Priest of our Cathedral Church. Let us welcome him with open arms and support him with our prayers as he takes up this sacred responsibility.

Even as we rejoice in our blessings, we are reminded of our mortality by the sudden loss of Rev. Fr. Anand Pereira SJ. He served as the Principal and Administrator of St. Xavier Palizi. Further, he was also a member of the Finance Committee of our diocese. I, accompanied by Fr. Boniface Dhanwar, Fr. Deepak Oswald D'Souza, and religious Sisters from various locations including Itanagar, Palizi, Buragaon, Balukpong, and Thrizino, along with a substantial congregation of devoted parishioners from the Diocese, participated in his memorial service in Shillong. We offered our supplications for his departed spirit and persist in our spiritual intercessions for his soul. Let us continue to pray for the repose of his soul and for all our departed brethren.

Our diocese is blessed to have three of our brethren, Br. Joison Edakkalathur, Br. Jobin Johnson Thachethukudy and Br. Krupa Kumar Molugumati, who were ordained as Deacons on June 22, 2024, by His Grace Most Rev. Linus Neli, Archbishop of Imphal. I extend my heartfelt wishes for their success in their diaconate ministry upon their return to our diocese.

Many Congregations' Provincial Chapters have conceived new visions, dreams, and designs for forthcoming action plans. I congratulate Rev. Fr. Joseph Mappilaparambil, CMF, Provincial Superior of the Claretian Missionaries in Northeast India, Rev. Fr. Valerian Catelino SJ, the new Regional Superior for the Kohima Jesuit Region, and Rev. Fr. Pampackal Joseph SDB, the new Provincial of the Salesian Province of St. Francis de Sales in Dimapur. In our synodal path, let us unite in our efforts with unwavering commitment and conviction.

On June 28, 2024, we commemorated the 16th death anniversary of Bro. Prem Bhai, the Apostle of Arunachal Pradesh, through a weeklong retreat in Banderdewa. Rev. Fr. K. Jose SVD, who authored the initial biography "Remembering Bro. Prem Bhai - A Saint who walked on this earth," has been commissioned to write another book. We look forward to the completion of his new book, "Enduring Legacy of Bro. Prem Bhai – Love, Service and Empowerment," by next year as a tribute to this exceptional personality.

My dear faithful, as we journey together in faith, let us remain united in prayer and action, always striving to be the hands and feet of Christ in our communities. May Our Lady, Star of Evangelization, guide us in our mission to spread the Gospel.

CENTER AND STATE FORM NEW GOVERNMENTS POST-ELECTIONS

After the State and General Elections, India and Arunachal Pradesh have successfully formed their respective governments.

In the state elections, BJP leader Pema Khandu was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the third consecutive term. Chowna Mein resumed the Deputy Chief Minister's position, and ten other ministers were inducted into the Cabinet. The BJP secured 46 seats in the 60-member Assembly, marking their third consecutive term in office in the state. All the elected 60 Members of the Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh were greeted and congratulated through a note individually, including the Honourable Chief Minister.

On the national front, the 18th Lok Sabha was formed after India held general elections in seven phases from 19 April to 1 June 2024, with results declared on 4 June 2024. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won 240 seats, followed by the Indian National Congress (INC) with 99. However, lacking the absolute majority of 272, the BJP formed the government through a coalition of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). Prime Minister Narendra Modi continues as the Leader of the House, while an INC leader is expected to be nominated as the Leader of the Opposition.

Let us hold our elected leaders, both at the state and national levels, in our prayers as they undertake their responsibilities in governance and continue to serve the nation and state. On the responsibility of those in governance, the **Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church** states: "Political leaders and representatives must exercise the virtue of prudence and govern with justice, ensuring the common good and safeguarding the rights and dignity of every person. Politics is a manner of behaving, a manner of living, a manner of viewing the world, for which people assume responsibility, as testified to and exemplified by Christ" (CSDC, 567).

May our leaders be guided by these principles, striving to serve the people with integrity and justice.

PM'S MEETING WITH POPE FRANCIS RAISES HOPES FOR PAPAL VISIT TO INDIA

Our Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met His Holiness Pope Francis on the sidelines of the G7 summit in Italy on 14 June 2024. The meeting comes just a few days after Prime Minister Modi took the oath of office for his third consecutive term. This marks the second meeting between these national and spiritual leaders.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) expresses joy and satisfaction at this second meeting and the extended invitation to Pope Francis to visit India. According to CBCI President Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, this is the second such invitation extended to Holy Father, as mentioned by PM himself the Archbishop in a meeting last year.

Let us pray and hope that the visit of the Holy Father to this largest democratic nation may be realized in the near future. The last visit of a Holy Father to the country was by St. John Paul II in November 1999.

On the significance of such a visit and the role of the Church in global dialogue, the *Gaudium et Spes* (The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World) of Vat-II states: "The Church, by reason of her role and competence, is not identified in any way with the political community nor bound to any political system. She is at once a sign and a safeguard of the transcendental dimension of the human person. With the same dedication she must carry out her mission for the benefit of all, especially those who are undermined by their human condition or because of some other reason are materially deprived or in distress." (GS, 76)

May the potential visit of Pope Francis serve as a sign of hope and a testament to the transcendental mission of the Church, fostering dialogue, peace, and understanding among nations.

POPE FRANCIS BECOMES FIRST POPE TO ADDRESS G7 LEADERS

Holy Father Pope Francis made history by becoming the first pope to address leaders at the G7 summit, marking a significant milestone in the relationship between the Vatican and the modern democratic world. In his inaugural address on June 15, 2024, Pope Francis urged leaders to prioritize human dignity in the development and use of artificial intelligence (AI). He warned that AI risks reducing human relationships to mere algorithms and emphasized the importance of ensuring that decisions, particularly those involving weapons, remain in human hands.

Interestingly, Pope Francis himself became a subject of AI-generated mischief last year when images of him in a stylish white puffer jacket and a silver bejeweled crucifix went viral.

The G7 summit, held in Italy's Apulia region from June 13-15, included leaders from the U.S., Canada, Germany, France, Japan, the U.K., and Italy, along with European Union leadership. India, represented by our Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was invited for the 11th time, marking Modi's fifth participation in the G7 outreach.

May our leaders heed Pope Francis's words and ensure that our advances in technology, particularly AI, always respect human dignity and serve the common good.

NURSES DAY, MOTHER'S DAY, AND WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY AT GOHPUR

Gohpur, St. Joseph's Parish, 12 May 2024—On the feast of Ascension, the Diocese of Itanagar joyously celebrated Nurses Day for the first time. This special occasion saw the gathering of over 38 nurses, including nine Women Religious from the congregations of the Franciscan Clarist Congregation (FCC), the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians (MSMHC), Figlie di Maria Ausiliatrice (FMA), Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod (SCC), Sacred Heart Congregation (SH) Sisters, Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ (PHJC), Daughters of St. Francis De Sales (DSFS) and the Sisters of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SABS). The celebrations began with a welcome for the bishop at St. Joseph's Parish, Gohpur. Together with the health workers and parishioners, the bishop presided over the Holy Eucharist, commemorating the contributions of healthcare professionals and seeking divine blessings for their noble service.

Following the mass, a felicitation ceremony organized by the Arunachal Pradesh Christian Association (APCA) honoured all nurses and doctors present. In recognition of their dedicated service, each healthcare worker was warmly felicitated, celebrating their unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of the community. The bishop extended his best wishes to all the healthcare professionals, acknowledging their important role, especially during challenging times.

The day was marked by a quadruple celebration within the diocese, as it coincided with the feast of Ascension, Nurses Day, Mother's Day, and World Communication Day. These events highlighted various facets of care, love, and communication within the community, bringing together people from different walks of life to honor and celebrate each other.

May God bless the nurses, healthcare workers, and all who gathered on this joyous day, and may their efforts continue to inspire and uplift the community in the spirit of compassion and service.

FELICITATION TO THE FIRST NYISHI FEMALE MT. EVEREST CLIMBER

Model Town, St. Patrick Seminary, 9 June 2024—The Diocese of Itanagar proudly congratulates and felicitates our Catholic youth, Ms. Kabak Yano, for her remarkable achievement of scaling Mt. Everest. She is the fifth woman from the state of Arunachal Pradesh to reach the world's highest mountain peak (8848.86m) and notably, the first Nyishi female to achieve this incredible feat.

During the felicitation ceremony that followed the Mass, Ms. Kabak Yano addressed the youth and delivered an inspiring message: "Say No to Drugs and Save Life, Say No to Plastic, Save Earth Save Life; leave drugs and join trekking."

After the celebration at the Seminary, Ms. Kabak Yano was also received at the Bishop's House and was subsequently honored at the Naharlagun Parish Church.

Her achievement places her among other distinguished women mountaineers from Arunachal Pradesh, namely Tine Mena, Anshu Jamsenpa, Muri Linggi, and Tashi Yangjom, who have all previously scaled Mt. Everest.

Kabak Yano hails from Kamle district and is a student at the Rashtriya Raksha University, Pasighat campus. She is also a member of the state's women's cricket team. Her mountaineering credentials include completion of the basic mountaineering course from the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute in Darjeeling (West Bengal), as well as advanced mountaineering and search & rescue courses from the National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports in Dirang (West Kameng).

May God continue to bless her endeavors and may her achievements inspire many more to follow in her footsteps.

YOUTH CONVENTIONS

In a series of deanery-level Youth Conventions, four of the five deaneries of the diocese came alive with fervent participation and spiritual enthusiasm in 2024. These conventions, held over several weeks, saw vibrant gatherings of youth from various parishes, engaging in a numerous activities aimed at deepening their faith, fostering community, and promoting the synodal way.

Here are the highlights from the various deanery conventions:

ZIRO DEANERY

Yachuli, Mary Help of Christians Parish—27 April 2024: The Ziro Deanery Youth Convention was held from April 25-27, 2024, with participation by 250 youth from 7 parishes. Various competitions and cultural events were organized to encourage young people to be more participative in the synodal way. The initiative taken by the fathers, sisters, and lay leaders in organizing this spirit-filled youth convention is highly commendable.

SANGRAM DEANERY

Yangte, Mary Immaculate Parish—2 May 2024: The 2nd Sangram Deanery Youth Convention was held from May 2-5, 2024, with eight parishes—Sangram, Nyapin, Palin, Parsi Parlo, Koloriang, Yangte, Sarli, and Chambang—registered for the program, totaling an attendance of 265 youth. I celebrated the inaugural Eucharist and declared the 2nd Sangram Deanery Mega Youth Meet open.

The main aim of the event was to b-ring the youth closer to God and provide them with proper direction.

Aalo, St. Mary's Parish—12 May 2024: The Aalo Deanery Youth Convention took place from May 9-12, 2024, at St. Mary's Parish, Aalo. Children from class VIII and above participated, with a total of 200 youths from 13 parishes. The program, held at the Parish Church and SFS College, with accommodations at St. Mary's School, and saw the participation of 4 YUVODAYA executives from Itanagar. Fr. George Parambukattil MSFS inaugurated the convention, presiding over the inaugural Holy Eucharist. The final day focused on vocation promotion allowing Congregations in Aalo deanery to interact with the youth.

SEPPA DEANERY

Palizi, St. Xavier's Parish—15 May 2024: Youth convention cum 'Kairos' Youth Retreat for Seppa Deanery was organized at St. Xavier's Parish, Palizi, from May 12-15, 2024. Approximately 250 youth from the deanery parishes of Bameng, Palizi, Seppa (St. Joseph's Parish and Divine Word Parish), and Veo participated. The theme "Remember your Creator in the days of your Youth" Ecc 13:1.

In all the deaneries YOUCAT books were distributed to the attendees, encouraging them to learn the basic tenets of the Catholic faith. It was announced that next year there would be a deanery-level quiz competition based on the YOUCAT, and the top five winners would advance to the diocesan level. The first five winners at the diocesan level will be sponsored for a pilgrimage to South India in 2025. The initiative taken by the fathers, sisters, and lay leaders in organizing this reflective retreat for the youth is highly commendable.

As Saint John Paul II emphasizes in his Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles Laici* "Young people must no longer be regarded as objects of church concern, but as individuals with their own distinct rights and capabilities capable of discerning God's call in their life, and playing an active role in the mission of the Church." (CL. 46)

May these conventions foster such ideas.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL PROGRAMMES

SPIRITUAL RETREAT OF THE DIOCESAN PRIESTS

Itanagar, Bishop's House, May 20, 2024: A Spiritual Retreat was held for 21 diocesan priests and three Religious priests from May 20-25, 2024. It was animated by Rev. Fr. Bonaventure Rodrigues, a priest of the Diocese of Karwar in Karnataka. At present, Fr. Rodrigues is the Regional Director of the Commissions for Formation & Vocation and Catechesis for the 14 dioceses of the Karnataka Region, and he is based in Bangalore.

This retreat, the first of its kind to be held at the Bishop's House, was an enriching experience for the clergy. The retreat provided an opportunity for the priests to deepen their spiritual lives and seek renewal in their ministry. The cooperation of the clergy of the diocese in making this retreat a success is highly appreciated.

Pastores Dabo Vobis (I Will Give You Shepherds), an Apostolic Exhortation of Pope John Paul II, states: Priestly formation... must be understood in terms of a journey or pilgrimage of faith. At the various stages of his formation, especially that of the seminary, the future priest follows the example of the first disciples who, gathered with Jesus and confident in his promises, share their lot and learn from his words and daily encounter with his person the requirements and the demanding greatness of a new life... Following this, there is a need for a progressive journey marked by a constant conversion, in preparation to assume the apostolic responsibilities that will be his."* (*PDV*, 42)

May this retreat inspire the priests to continue their journey of faith with renewed vigor and commitment.

NEW PRESBYTERY AT SFS COMMUNITY, YINGKIONG

Yingkiong, Divine Mercy Parish, April 24, 2024—The long-cherished dream of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales community in Yingkiong to have a new presbytery has finally been realized. MSFS Dibugarh Provincial too joined the occasion. The presbytery was blessed on 24th April 2024 in the presence of Rev. Thomas Aerathedath MSFS, Provincial Dibugarh Province. Number of priests, sisters and lay faithful were present. For the occasion, I also sincerely thank Rev. Fr. Peter Peuhausuiding MSFS

We thank God for His abundant love and support that He always bestows upon us. May this new presbytery serve as a beacon of hope and faith, fostering a stronger, united community rooted in the love of Christ.

SJL CONVENT BLESSED IN ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, MEBO

Mebo, St. Joseph's Parish, 26 May 2024—The Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyons (SJL), which began in Le Puy, France, in the middle of the 17th century, has opened their first house at St. Joseph's Parish, Mebo. Founded by Rev. Father Jean-Pierre Médaille, a Jesuit priest, their charism centres on **"To be rooted in Christ, with compassion and creativity for the life of the world."** The sisters currently serve in various parts of the world, including different states in India namely, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Assam, and now in our diocese.

Their convent was blessed and officially inaugurated on 26 May 2024. Presently, the community in Mebo has three sisters: Sr. Jolly Abraham, the Superior, who also serves as the Hostel Warden and is involved in pastoral work and addressing the health needs of the students; Sr. Alfeena Ekka, the Headmistress of Don Bosco School Mebo; and Sr. Mini Khasia, a teacher at Don Bosco School Mebo.

We cordially welcome the sisters of SJL and wish them a fruitful ministry ahead as they serve our community with dedication and love.

MSMI CONVENT BLESSED IN JORAM

Joram, St. Joseph Parish, June 16, 2024—The Diocese of Itanagar is delighted to welcome the Missionary Sisters of Mary Immaculate (MSMI), marking a significant milestone in our vibrant faith community. Founded by the late Msgr. C.J. Varkey on September 8, 1962, in Kulathuvayal, Kozhikode, Kerala, MSMI is the seventh indigenous Syro-Malabar women's religious congregation and the 26th women's religious congregation in our diocese.

On June 16, 2024, Sr. Josina MSMI and Sr. Jesna Sunny MSMI began their mission at St. Joseph Parish and the Divine Mount Retreat Center in Joram. The day also marked with the installation of the new parish Priest Rev. Fr. Joseph Edathazhe VC.

Let us extend a warm welcome to Sr. Josina and Sr. Jesna, wishing them a fruitful ministry. Their presence and dedication will undoubtedly enrich our diocese, aligning seamlessly with our mission to spread the Gospel and serve God's people.

BLESSINGS OF MC CONVENT AT KAYING

Kaying, St. Joseph's Parish, June 7, 2024—A significant milestone was marked in the history of the diocese of Itanagar as the third convent of the Missionary Sisters of Charity was officially opened in the Aadi-populated Siang district. This event is the realization of an invitation extended years ago by the former bishop, Most Rev. John Thomas Kattrukudiyil, to the then Mother General, Mother Nirmala MC in 2008.

The blessing ceremony of the new convent at St. Joseph's Parish in Kaying was presided over by the current bishop, Most Rev. Benny Varghese Edathattel. The occasion was graced by the presence of Sr. Marie Juan MC, General Councilor, and Sr. Immacula MC, the Regional Superior.

This new convent located at the site of the first church in Kaying, is significant as it represents the continued growth and commitment of the Missionary Sisters of Charity in the region, a presence that predates the

erection of the diocese. Their dedication to serving the people of Arunachal Pradesh has been unwavering, and this third convent stands as a testament to their expanding mission.

The first sisters appointed to serve in this new convent are:

1. Sr. Jane Jose MC - Superior
2. Sr. Maril Ann MC
3. Sr. Priscilla MC
4. Sr. Nazira MC

The diocese extends warm welcome to these sisters and offer prayers for God's blessings upon their ministry in Kaying. It is hoped that their presence will bring Christ's love and compassion to all they encounter.

Blessing of Carmel Convent at Bomdila:

The Congregation of the Mother of Carmel (CMC), the first indigenous congregation for women in Kerala, India, founded in 1866 by Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara and co-founder Late Rev. Fr. Leopold Beccaro OCD, will be inaugurating a new house at Bomdila on 4th July 2024.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Sr. Lissy Augustine, the Provincial of Nirmal Jyoti Province of the CMC congregation in Bina, and her Councilor Sr. Raise Maria CMC, who have accompanied the newly appointed sisters to Bomdila. The sisters who will be serving in this new convent are:

1. Sr. Rita Thomas CMC
2. Sr. Anjana CMC
3. Sr. Rose Mary CMC
4. Sr. Anima CMC

This will be the fourth convent of the CMC congregation in our diocese, as we already have three convents from the North East Province. We appreciate their collaboration in the mission of the Church. The CMC congregation is currently blessed with 24 provinces and 4 regions worldwide, displaying its significant growth and reach since its inception. We pray for God's blessings upon this new convent and the sisters who will be serving there, as they continue to carry forward the legacy of their founders and contribute to the spiritual and social welfare of the people in Bomdila.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

We are pleased to share with you the Holy Father's prayer intentions for the upcoming months. Pope Francis invites all of us to join him in prayer for these important causes:

July - For the pastoral care of the sick

Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may confer upon those who receive it, and their loved ones, the power of the Lord, becoming an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

August - For political leaders

We are called to pray that political leaders may serve their own people, working towards integral human development and the common good, with special attention to the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

September - For the cry of the Earth:

Our prayers are requested that each of us may hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climate change, and that we all personally commit to caring for the world in which we live.

October - For a shared mission:

Let us pray that the Church may continue to foster a Synodal lifestyle in all ways, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting participation, communion, and shared mission among priests, religious, and lay people.

We encourage all members of our diocese to reflect on these intentions and incorporate them into your daily prayers. By uniting our prayers with those of the Holy Father and the universal Church, we contribute to the spiritual growth and well-being of our global community.

May God bless us all as we join in these important intentions.

Transfers and Appointments

1. ASMI:

- i) Sr. Treesa Francis ASMI - Superior & Teacher St. Vincent Pallotti School Daporijo
- ii) Sr. Anshu Francis ASMI - Daporijo

2. CMC (Nirmal Jyoti Province, Madhya Pradesh)

- i) Sr. Rita Thomas CMC -Bomdila
- ii) Sr. Anjana CMC -Bomdila
- iii) Sr. Rose Mary CMC -Bomdila
- iv) Sr. Anima CMC -Bomdila

3. CSC

- i) Sr. Kesiya CSC - Superior , Derubo Joseph Convnet, Sangram
- ii) Sr. Annlit CSC - Principal, Ane Moriam School, Sangram
- iii) Sr. Bertil CSC - Derubo Joseph Convnet, Sangram
- iv) Sr. Veronica CSC - Derubo Joseph Convnet, Sangram

4. FCC

- i) Sr. Sunita FCC - Naharlagun
- ii) Sr. Maria FCC - Parsiparlo
- iii) Sr. Angela Nonom FCC - Palin
- iv) Sr. Alphina FCC - Naharlagun

5. MSMHC

- i) Sr. Ashmin Surin - Sangaram
- ii) Sr. Anila Sebastian - Nirjuli
- iii) Sr. Lissy Thomas - Pasighat
- iv) Sr. Salomie Kullu -Tato
- v) Sr.Lakina Marak -Yachuli

6. SMMI

- i) Sr. Angela Thaimei SMMI - Superior, Thrizino
- ii) Sr. Pushpa Joyce SMMI - Thrizino
- iii) Sr. Prom Bey SMMI - Thizino
- iv) Sr. Jonoj SMMI - Palizi

7. UFS

- i) Sr. Albina Marak UFC - Assisi Bhavan, Buragaon
- ii) Sr. Lily Horo UFC - St. Xavier's Convent, Bhalukpong
- iii) Sr. Judith Elize Pinto - St. Xavier's Convent, Bhalukpong
- iv) Sr. Arhoni Teeresa Murry UFC -Divine Mercy Convent, Chimpu

8. CMF

- i) Rev. Fr. Kindo Roshan CMF - Parish Priest, Superiro, Manger and Secretary of the school
- ii) Rev. Fr. Francis Thomas CMF - Assistant Parish Priest

- iii) Rev. Fr. Malangiang Teiborlang CMF - „
- iv) Rev. Fr. Kollakompil Thomas CMF - Parish Priest, Chimpu
- v) Rev. Fr. Kuttuanitharappel Robin CMF - Asst. PP, Chimpu
- vi) Rev. Fr. Kongadi Libin CMF - Member
- vii) Rev. Fr. Subodh Kerketta CMF - Economer & Staff , Ziro
- viii) Rev. Fr. Arackaparambil John CMF - Staff, Ziro

9. CMI

- i) Rev. Fr. Benedict Kopoli CMI - Assistant Priest, Tuting
- ii) Rev. Fr. Danish Kannadan CMI - Assistant Priest, Migging
- iii) Rev. Fr. Lijo Baby CMI -Studies at Itanagar

10. CSC

- i) Rev. Fr. Desing John Nongphud, CSC - Assistant Parish Priest, St. Andre Parish, Nyapin

11. MCBS

- i) Rev. Fr. Biju Philip MCBS - Priest Incharge, Mengio
- ii) Rev. Fr. Manu Mathew (Varghese), MCBS - Assistant Priest, Holy Cross Parish, Bameng
- iii) Rev. Fr. Mathew joseph, MCBS - Assistant Priest, Sacred Heart Parish Church, Yazali

12. MST

- i) Rev. Fr. Benedict Jospheh MST - Parish Priest, Pakkekesang
- ii) Rev. Fr Anand Anakallil - Asst Priest, Pakkekesang

13. OP

- i) Fr. Alfonso Jojo OP - Parish Priest, Holy Rosary Parish Yangte

14. SAC

- i) Rev. Yesubabu Duggirala, SAC - Parish Priest, Mary Help of Christians Church, Yachuli
- ii) Rev. Fr. Sebastian Bare SAC - Assistant Parish Priest. St. Vincent Pallotti Church Sium
- iii) Rev. Fr. Manoj Prabhari, SAC - Assistant Parish Priest, Mary Queen of Apostles Church, Kimin
- iv) Rev. Fr. Sebastian Bare, SAC - Assistant Parish Priest, St Vincent Pallotti Church, Siyum
- v) Rev. Fr. Savio Menampadathil, SAC - Assistant Parish Priest, Mary Help of Christians, Yachuli

15. SDB

- i) Rev. Fr. Athikho Kholi George SDB - Vice Principal, Don Bosco College Itanagar
- ii) Rev. Fr. Gabriel Ngouning Jacob SDB - Asst. Priest, Mebo
- iii) Rev. Fr. Korwa Habil SDB - Administrator, Assit Priest, Palin
- iv) Chazhisseril Stephen, SDB - Assistant Priest, Holy Rosary Church, Palin

16. SJ

- i) Rev. Fr. Dhazu Gilber Thonu SJ - Principal, St. Berchmans School, Thrizino
- ii) Rev. Fr. Ashwin D'Silva SJ - Vice Principal, St. Xavier School, Palizi

17. SVD

- i) Rev. Fr. Valson Savio Solaco, SVD - Assistant Parish Priest, Holy Trinity Parish, Banderdewa
- ii) Rev. Fr. Ezekiel Ekka, SVD - Assistant Parish Priest, St. Thomas Parish, Chayang Tajo
- iii) Rev. Fr. Avinash Derick D'Souza, SVD - Assistant Parish Priest, Infant Jesus Parish, Naricamp

18. VC

- i) Rev. Fr. Joseph (Joyal) Edathazhe, VC - Parish Priest, St. Joseph's Parish, Joram
- ii) Rev. Fr. Peter Vellaran VC - St. Joseph's Church, Joram

19. Diocese

- i) Rev. Fr. Deepak Oswal D'Souza - Assistant Priest, Sacred Heart Church Naharlagun, Director IDEA
- ii) Rev. Fr. Francis Madathipparambil - Assistant Priest St. Joseph Church Seppa, and Principal of St. Joseph School Seppa
- iii) Rev. Fr. Thoms Lakra - Parish Priest, St. Joseph Cathedral, Itanagar

Necrology

1. Rev. Sr. Franco Kattrukudiyil, FCC (85), a relative of our Emeritus bishop Most Rev. John Thomas Kattrukudiyil, passed away on 9 May, entering into eternal rest.
2. Mr. Justin Francis (47), the elder sibling of Rev. Fr. Babu Kuttikattil, a clergyman of our diocese serving as the Administrator at Vianney Home, Chabua, departed this life on 7 June.
3. Mr. David Thong Nagam Baite (79), the father of Br. Philip Baite, who is currently pursuing theological studies at St. Joseph Seminary in Mangalore, breathed his last on 8 June.
4. **Mr. Justin Francis (47)** the elder brother of Rev. Fr. Babu Kuttikattil clergy of our diocese serving as the Administrator at Vianney Home, Chabua departed from this world on 7 June.
5. Rev. Fr. Anand Pereira SJ, who was the Superior and Manager at St. Xavier Palizi, left this earthly realm on 9 June.
6. Mrs. Shiny Joseph (57), the younger sister of Rev. Sr. Allupillil Teresa, FMA, was called to her heavenly abode on 14 June.

We express our heartfelt sympathies and assure our prayers for the families who have lost their loved ones.

May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

My Programme from JULY to AUGUST

JULY	
1 MON	Vocation Camp at Kohima Diocese
2 TUE	Vocation Camp at Kohima Diocese
3 WED	Vocation Camp at Kohima Diocese
4 THU	Inauguration of CMC Convent at Bompila (Bina Province)
5 FRI	Blessing of St. Antony's Church at Rilo under Pakkekesang Parish
6 SAT	To Mengio
7 SUN	Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Mengio
8 MON	NEDSS Meeting at Guwahati Social Forum
9 TUE	NEDSS Meeting at Guwahati Social Forum
10 WED	

11 THU	Meeting with Rev. Fr. Johnson Varakaparambil CST
12 FRI	Conclusion of SCC TOT Meeting at Pastoral Centre 11.30 am Mass
13 SAT	Inauguration of the Academic Year at St. Patrick's Seminary
14 SUN	Confirmation at Nirjuli at 9.00 am
15 MON	To Shillong for the 175 Foundation Day of the CMF
16 TUE	175 Foundation Day of CMF at St. Claret Seminary - Umsining
17 WED	North East Mega Faith Fest at DBI Guwahati 7.00 am Mass
18 THU	Itanagar
19 FRI	APCA General Conference
20 SAT	APCA General Conference

21 SUN	Sisters Retreat at Gumato
22 MON	
23 TUE	
24 WED	
25 THU	
26 FRI	To Seppa
27 SAT	Church Blessing at Supong under Palizi Parish at 9.30 am
28 SUN	20 th Anniversary of the Establishment of Sacred Heart Church Naharlagun and St. Alphonsa's day. Mass at 9.30 am
29 MON	
30 TUE	
31 WED	

AUGUST	
1 THU	
2 FRI	
3 SAT	

4 SUN	
5 MON	Arrival of all the Diocesan Priests to the Bishop's House
6 TUE	Vianney Day Celebration at St. Patrick's Seminary Mass at 7 am
7 WED	
8 THU	
9 FRI	Pastoral Visit to Damin
10 SAT	Church Blessing and Mass at Chate at 10.00 am
11 SUN	Church Blessing at Sanangmiriang at 9.00 am
12 MON	Mass at Huri
13 TUE	Visit to Parsiparlo
14 WED	Itanagar
15 THU	
16 FRI	Pastoral visit to Mechuka

17 SAT	Church Blessing at Mechuka
18 SUN	Visit to Darjeeling
19 MON	Return to Itanagar
20 TUE	
21 WED	
22 THU	
23 FRI	
24 SAT	
25 SUN	To Guwahati for the Pastoral Conference
26 MON	Pastoral Conference at Social Forum Guwahati
27 TUE	Pastoral Conference at Social Forum Guwahati
28 WED	Meeting with the Commission Secretaries at Guwahati
29 THU	Bishops Meeting

30 FRI	Bishops Meeting at Shillong and visit to Oriens Theological College
31 SAT	Bishops Meeting

SEPTEMBER	
1 SUN	
2 MON	
3 TUE	
4 WED	
5 THU	
6 FRI	Visit to St. Clement Seminary Nawgaon
7 SAT	Recollection for the Seminarians at Nawgaon
8 SUN	
9 MON	To Rome for the Bishops Renewal Program 9 th September to 16 th October

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