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To, All Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, and the Faithful of the Diocese of Chanda

Sub: Holy Childhood Day 2022

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

## Thy Kingdom Come! Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Since 2018 Holy Childhood Association is functioning in our diocese. It is already established in most parishes and few more have to take initiative to start it in their parishes. I earnestly request those parishes to start its functioning as early as possible. As we know it is a pious association for children of twelve and below on age. However we have decided to include all children up to grade X in the association. The motto of the Association is:

## CHILDREN EVANGELIZING CHILDREN, CHILDREN PRAYING FOR CHILDREN, AND CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN WORLDWIDE.

It aims at helping children to grow in missionary zeal from the early years of their Christian formation. They get a Christian discipline and a sense of discipleship of Christ by their weekly prayers and other organizational activities. As diocesan director Fr. Vivek Puthenpurayil is doing different activities to create the awareness in our children to use their talents and revive their faith. Twenty-five days of practice of virtues and devotional activities during the season of Annunciation in the past years were well received and appreciated by many. During Covid season some online programmes for children were also conducted with children's participation. I am sure that all these activities will assist our children to keep their devotion to Babe Jesus active and alive. In turn, certainly it will refresh their faith and make it witnessing. Please do continue it and thanks to Fr. Vivek for all his initiatives.

Sunday 13 February 2022 is Holy Childhood Day this year. Please announce it in the Church and conduct any celebration that is feasible under Covid protocol. A prayer service prepared by Pontifical Mission Organization is attached herewith. Please use it adapting to our Sunday liturgy on Holy Childhood Day. I thank everyone for your co-operation and sincere efforts.

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With warm regards Yours devotedly in Our Lord

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