

## **Circular – 02/2024**

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

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,

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

I wish to communicate to you the following as a piece of information and appreciation:

- 1) *Jeevotsav* retreat is running quite well. The Fathers and Sisters are co-operating with preaching ministry, home mission, counselling etc. I thank everyone for the same. The peoples' response is also very good. I welcome suggestions to make *Jeevotsav* still better. Thanks to Fr Binu and team for the good work.
- 2) The diamond Jubilee house construction project was very successful. I gratefully remember everyone for co-operation and good will. We shall continue it in the same spirit and enthusiasm in the years ahead. May I bring home to your attention of all that choose only worthy ones as beneficiaries on priority basis.
- 3) Village Qurbana and family visits are done rather well in the diocese. Wherever it is to be improved please do pay attention. We shall not forget that they were the characteristic traits of our mission. We shall continue our focus on evangelization.
- 4) Running of hostels, boardings, formation houses, dispensaries need more care and caution as it has become very vulnerable and delicate these days due to too many factors. We shall continue these ministries as they are the life-line of our mission. The diocese shall be there to support on any occasion of eventuality. Please be patient enough to deal with children/students/boarders in our schools and hostels/boardings. By polite and loving behaviour we can win over them, if not we may have to face the consequences. I exhort everyone to cultivate a children-friendly approach in our dealings.
- 5) Transparency in accounts is another concern that we need to focus our attention. There seems to be some hostile attitude all around against Christian institutions and undertakings. I exhort everyone to pay adequate attention in this regard. In this connection, please note that the auditing is scheduled from 1 June 2024. May I request everyone to submit the accounts of all parishes/missions and diocesan institutions as early as possible and not later than 31 May 2024.

- 6) Simplicity in life-style is very important and it witness greatly Christian values and the spirit of Christ. So also is important simplicity in construction, renovation, mode of travel etc. Genuine need shall be the criterion in such matters. Avoid all posh structures, facades etc. However the structures for public utility such as educational institutions, health centres etc. need adequate space, convenience etc. for the service required.
- 7) The ordinary subsidy for the sisters have an increase of Rs. 500/- (Five hundred only) from April 2024.
- 8) Once again I remind you the “E<sup>3</sup> Capsule” I proposed in the Diamond Jubilee year for our mission ahead: Evangelization, Empowerment and Ecology. Kindly do whatever is needful to advance ahead in our mission more effectively.
- 9) In the diocese we are following the liturgical discipline rather well. Any pitfalls anywhere, kindly do take necessary measures to correct it and join the mainstream of the Church.
- 10) Take necessary measures to keep our fold together. Kindly do not allow the outside forces to create disintegration among our people. Please keep a watch over it.
- 11) Fr. Ajay Kullu from Jarawandi Parish was ordained to Holy Priesthood for the archdiocese of Nagpur on 11 April 2024. Dn. James Ekka from Bhamragarh parish and Dn. Ajay Puthukatuchira from Thalassery (Peravoor) parish (Kerala) will be ordained to Holy Priesthood on 4 May and 16 May 2024 respectively. Please keep them in your prayers.
- 12) I am visiting Rome in May. I may meet with Pope Francis on 22nd May. I will be visiting also different agencies who support us in our mission and animation programs in the diocese. Please pray for me.
- 13) Once again I wish to remind everyone of you about General Election scheduled on 19 April and 26 April in our region. I earnestly request everyone to apply your voting right without fail. Please vote for a candidate and party who is not corrupt, respect the Constitution of the Republic of India and who can assure us to protect the secular fabric of our nation. Kindly advise our people also to use their franchise conscientiously.
- 14) As everyone knows about Workshop on Evangelization in our diocese scheduled from 22 April onwards. Please take it seriously and make it a point to attend it and send youth, laity and catechists for the same as per the schedule communicated to you. Please see the schedule of the same attached herewith.
- 15) In the recent incidents of provocation in Christian institutions in neighbouring dioceses I request everyone to restrain and to cherish a respect for other faiths and festivals very cautiously and prudently in our schools, hospitals and other institutions run by our

Societies. We shall not fail to understand that there are targeted attempts for the same from different corners.

16) Co-operation and sharing of resources among our institutions is to be done generously and conscientiously as law stipulates. We are progressing step by step in this regard. Please, have a generous will to set things on track as it needs time and patience. As CNEWA subsidy to our boardings is ceased after Covid-19 Pandemic, may I request every religious Congregation serving in the diocese to contribute generously to the Balabhavan Fund as per the stipulations in the Eparchial Statutes.

Thanking everyone for your support and prayers.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,

† Ephrem Nariculam  
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda