<u>Circular – 07/2023</u> Circular on Diamond Jubilee House Construction Project (07/11/2023)

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!

At the very outset I am happy to state that we have gone beyond our target. We planned sixty houses within two years and by the grace of God and co-operation and generous help of everyone by mid-2024 we shall complete the construction of more than sixty houses. I have with me a list of eighty six houses - construction completed, and another nine, the construction already initiated. I am happy to inform you that the Save A Family Plan (India) has granted another ten more houses for the diocese, the construction of which has to be completed before 31 March 2024. It shows that we will construct a total of 105 houses by mid 2024. The houses constructed were – some with full subsidy and the others were given partial help. Some families with Garkul subsidy are also included in the list. Thus we could help some families to construct or complete construction of their houses. Thanks to everyone for co-operation. There may be few more houses approved for the diocese with a partial help from Save A Family Plan in the next financial year as well. Fr. Shibu Monipallil and Fr. Thomson Pullashery are facilitating the process to get these additional houses approved from Save A Family Plan (India). May I remind everyone that we have many more applications for house construction. We shall take them one by one. The curia has now decided to do house construction five per year in the years ahead depending on the availability of funds. As I have already communicated to you we shall not rest until all families in our diocese have roof over their head. One of the focus of our Diamond Jubilee celebration was house construction. We have not neglected other areas either such as healing ministry, education ministry, social apostolate etc. We continued these ministries in the jubilee year by taking extra miles providing financial assistance for education, treatment, selfemployment opportunities, toilet construction, drinking water provisions etc. We resolve to do our best for the people in need.

From the feedback of the house construction project may I bring home to your attention the following: I wish all priests-in-charge take special interest for the progress of this project. Kindly make sure that the stipulations are strictly followed and time bound construction is completed. Kindly select only worthy beneficiaries. As the subsidy of Save A Family Plan (India) is credited only to the beneficiary's account, kindly ascertain that it is availed only for the intended purpose.

I wish to thank everyone – Provincials, Institution heads and others – for the whole hearted support in all activities in the diocese and in particular for the Diamond Jubilee House Construction project. May I request everyone to go ahead with our social involvements, but without failing our primary mission of evangelization – home mission, village visit, bible apostolate etc. We shall not forget that a family focused ministry is the need of the hour. When our families are in harmony and morally upright, the Church shall be strong and holy and greatly witness the Kingdom values. Once again thanks to everyone for your presence, support, encouragement and co-operation.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,

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