

Circular - 05/2023
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To,
All Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the Faithful,
Diocese of Chanda

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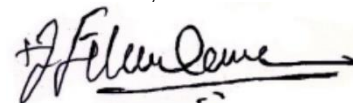
Thy Kingdom Come!
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

One of the resolutions of our Diamond Jubilee Celebration of our diocese was to start a parish level retreat program in our diocese. Accordingly we have decided to start *JEEVOTSAV* retreat in the diocese. For various reasons it was slightly delayed to start. Now Fr. Binu Thomas is appointed its director in April 2023 and he has planned out it well and the first *JEEVOTSAV* retreat will be held in Kurkheda from 2023 October 17 to 22. The schedule of program is to conduct such retreat in every mission in the diocese with the same theme having ten to twelve retreats a year, thus covering the whole diocese in three to four years and continue the program with another theme in the next phase.

Accordingly, for the first phase the theme we have taken is 'Christ came to give life and life in abundance' (Jn 10:10). The program is scheduled as follows: the first three to five days home mission in the whole parish. Friday to Sunday the *JEEVOTSAV* retreat team will conduct residential retreat in the parish. As required the community may be divided into different groups - children, youth, adult etc. for talks and other activities. Sessions also may be held for couples, elders, sick, professionals etc. depending on the number of participants and availability of resource persons. The *JEEVOTSAV* retreat program will include Holy Qurbana, talks, prayer of healing, adoration, eucharistic procession, bible skit, video shows etc. The primary focus will be catechising and faith revival.

May I request everyone to co-operate with the program and make sure it is conducted in every parish in the diocese within a span of four years. Please contact Fr. Binu Thomas (Ph: 8075709473) for further details and to fix the date. Thanking everyone in advance.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,



† Ephrem Nariculam,
Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

