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MY PROGRAMME

OCTOBER 2016

1	Mass for St. Xavier's, Ashoknagar Pilgrims at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Allahabad
2	Confirmation at St. John Bosco's Church, Naini & UCPI Prayer at Muirabad
4-6	School of Evangelization, Pachmarhi
8	St. Joseph's Regional Seminary, Allahabad
9	Presides over Parish Feast at Anpara
09-14	Diocesan Priests Retreat, Allahabad
15-16	Diocesan Bible Festival in Allahabad
16-21	Retreat for MOP, Lucknow
22	Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee Celebration at Varanasi
23-28	Second Batch Diocesan Priests Retreat at Nav-Sadhna, Varanasi
26	Josefest at St. Joseph's College, Allahabad
30	Celebrates Mass for Pilgrims at Duddhi

NOVEMBER 2016

1	C.B.C.I. Labour Commission,
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My Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers,

Grace and peace from God Our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

I. Blessings of the Year of Mercy

I found Fr. Panneer Selvam's presentation on the blessings of the Year of Mercy quite useful. I am happy to pass it on to you through this circular.

Benefits of the Year of Mercy

1. Experience Mercy
2. Exercise Mercy
3. Express Mercy

1. Experience of Mercy

- 1.1 Indulgences
 - 1.2 Sacrament of reconciliation
 - 1.3 Personal prayer and reading the Word of God
- 1.1. Indulgences
 - 1.1.1 Indulgences – special experience this year
 - 1.1.1.1 To receive the complete fruit of redemption by the cross
 - 1.1.1.2 Sins completely forgiven
 - 1.1.1.3 Punishments for the sins atoned and removed
 - 1.1.1.4 Special grace to overcome sinful habits
 - 1.1.1.5 Special grace to grow in mercy and holiness
In other words
 - 1.1.1.6 Victory over evil and Satan
 - 1.1.1.7 Washing of sins by his blood
 - 1.1.1.8 Receiving new life
 - 1.1.2 How to receive indulgences?
 - 1.1.2.1 By entering into the holy door – in the state of grace and conscious of the abundant mercy of God in this year
 - 1.1.2.2 By doing an act of mercy – as conscious expression of God's mercy in your heart
 - 1.1.2.3 By making good confession, reception of holy communion + praying the creed + praying for the intentions of the Holy Father (especially for new evangelization)
 - 1.1.2.4 For sick persons, by receiving communion with faith in the mercy of God in their heart
 - 1.1.2.5 For prisoners, by entering the door of their cell with faith in the mercy of God in their heart
 - 1.1.2.6 For the dead, by offering holy mass for the particular soul with good confession + reception of holy communion + praying the creed + praying for the intentions of the Holy Father (especially for new evangelization)

	Sadhana Sadan, Allahabad
2	Celebrates Holy Mass at Christian Cemetery, Rajapur
3	Platinum Jubilee Celebration of IMS Congregation, Varanasi
5-11	Retreat for the Priests of Bijnore Diocese
12	Annual Day Function at St. Joseph's College, Allahabad
13	First Holy Communion Mass at Chakeri, Kanpur
14	Celebrates Year of Mercy at Robertsganj
15-18	ARBC Meeting at Allahabad & Varanasi
19	Sesqui Centenary Celebration at St. Mary's, Allahabad
20	Corpus Christi Celebrations at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Allahabad
21	School Day Function at St. Thomas School, Chunar
22-23	Hindi Region Bishops Meet, Agra
25	Annual Day Function at St. Thomas School, Kidwainagar
26	Jubilee Mass of Canossa Sisters at Pratapgarh
27	Annual Day Function at St. Anthony's, Pratapgarh
28	School Day Function at Kapoori
29	Annual Day Function at Gauspur
30	Annual Day Function at S.J.C. Girls Wings, Allahabad

1.2 Sacrament of Reconciliation

- 1.2.1 Not a torture chamber
- 1.2.2 But experience of divine mercy
- 1.2.3 Experience of the mantle of mercy
- 1.2.4 Before Confession – focus on the forgiving mercy of God
- 1.2.5 During Confession – experience complete washing of sins by the precious blood of Jesus
- 1.2.6 After Confession – experience assurance of salvation – all sins forgiven

1.3 Personal prayer and reading the Word

- 1.3.1 Contemplating mercy personally
- 1.3.2 Experiencing healing and deliverance every day
- 1.3.3 Being filled with mercy

2 Exercising Mercy

- 2.1 Corporal works of mercy
- 2.2 Spiritual works of mercy
- 2.3 Relating with everyone with mercy – no rash judgment

2.1 Corporal works of mercy

- 2.1.1 Feeding the hungry
- 2.1.2 Giving a drink to the thirsty
- 2.1.3 Giving space for the stranger
- 2.1.4 Clothing the naked
- 2.1.5 Visiting the sick
- 2.1.6 Visiting the prisoner
- 2.1.7 Burying the dead

2.2 Spiritual works of mercy

- 2.2.1 Counselling the doubtful
- 2.2.2 Instructing the ignorant
- 2.2.3 Admonishing the sinners
- 2.2.4 Comforting the afflicted
- 2.2.5 Forgiving the offences
- 2.2.6 Bearing patiently those who do evil
- 2.2.7 Praying for the living and the dead

2.3 Merciful relationships

- 2.3.1 Without rash judgements
- 2.3.2 Without prejudices
- 2.3.3 With tenderness

3 Expressing Mercy

- 3.1 By giving messages about mercy in creative ways
- 3.2 By becoming an agent of mercy and forming others to be that
- 3.3 By forming resource teams to continue even after the year of mercy

3 Annual Pilgrimage and Feast at Duddhi

The Annual Pilgrimage and Feast of Our Lady of Graces, Duddhi, has been permanently fixed for the last Sunday of October. This year it falls on the 30th of October. I exhort you to encourage your people to participate in it and make it a success. In India a pilgrimage is an important religious exercise. It is undertaken for different motives: to fulfill a vow; to purify and cleanse oneself of all sins; to obtain special graces from God; to bring about a renewal in one's life and to come closer to God. In addition, for us it will be a good occasion to animate the faith of our people, to profess our faith in Jesus and to give witness to him.

4 Spirituality of health

In the recent past a few of our Fathers had to undergo medical treatment for rather serious ailments. I use this space to exhort you to take reasonable care of your health. It is said that virtue lies in the middle. I would ask you to walk the midway between becoming a hypochondriac and neglecting one's health altogether. Listen to what St. Paul tells us: "Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?" (1 Cor. 3:16). Therefore, we should neither neglect nor torture our bodies. Nor are we to pamper our bodies. The Apostle to the Gentiles says, "As athletes who impose upon themselves a rigorous discipline..... I control my body" (1 Cor. 9:25,27). If you are forty and above have a general check up done. Exercise regularly. Walk or use a bicycle to cover short distances. Use discretion while eating and drinking.

If you are indisposed or unwell inform the priest or religious who lives closest to you and take the needed rest and medicine.

If you need hospitalization get yourself admitted into Nazareth Hospital or Mariampur Hospital after informing your Dean and the Bishop's House.

To receive medical treatment outside the diocese the permission of the Bishop is required. The Director of Nazareth Hospital after consulting the Bishop, will make the necessary arrangements.

5 Women's Association

At CCBI level there is a commission for women to empower them, to deal with their just needs and to ensure their full participation in the work of building up the Church and the society. We need to replicate this at diocesan and parish levels. May I request the Parish Priests to encourage and support the formation and smooth functioning of women's association in parishes?

6 School for the Visually Challenged Girls.

I am happy to share a thought with you. The diocese has made plans to open a school for the visually challenged girls. A congregation of sisters has agreed to help

us with their expertise and services. God willing we will inaugurate it in July 2017 in Sadhana Sadan. Please pray for the success of this mercy ministry.

7 Clergy Recollection Cum Meetings

The meeting of the Council of Priests of the Diocese of Allahabad recommended reorganization of clergy recollections cum meetings. The suggestion is to have July, September, Christmas and Chrism Mass recollections at diocesan level. The rest are to be held at deanery level. Taking your suggestions, a system will be set up so that the burden of organizing the recollections and finding resources for them will not fall on the dean alone. This will come into effect only from January 2017.

8 Collection of Funds From our Schools

I would advice Heads of Diocesan Schools and others to be wary of permitting non-ecclesiastical and unregistered NGOs to collect funds from our schools. Generally I make known to you through a circular requests for funds coming from CARITAS, CBCI, etc. I would ask you to support ecclesiastical NGOs and the ones carrying an authorization letter from me.

9 Feast of Archangels

On the Feast of the Holy Archangels many of you travelled great distances to join me in offering the Holy Mass and to partake of the festal dinner. It was indeed very generous of you. There were others who reached out to me through telephone and e-mail. Together with Fr. Louis Mascarenhas (Birthday) and Fr. Rolfie D'Souza (Feast Day) I thank all of you for your love, greetings and prayerful support.

The feast day celebration was organised to create an occasion for the members of the diocesan family, to pray together, to spend some quality time with one another, to share a meal and to thank God for his gifts, particularly for the heavenly and earthly angels through whom he grants us an experience of his love and guides us into his presence.



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