



# DIOCESE OF ALLAHABAD

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### MY PROGRAMME

**MAY 2018**

1	CCBI Executive Committee Meeting at St. John's, Bangalore
6	Patronal Feast of Chakeri Parish, Kanpur
7-21	Departure to Cochin, Refreshing At Home With Loved Ones
25	Visit to St. Mary's School, Koraon

**JUNE 2018**

1	Departure to Pachmarhi
3	Meeting at Sangeet Sadhana Mandir, Pachmarhi
5	Return to Allahabad
20	Visit to Sada Sahay Mata School, Meja
23	Departure to Imphal
25-30	Clergy Retreat of the Archdiocese of Imphal

**My Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers,**

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

### **I. *Gaudete Et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad)**

By now most of you might have read at least reviews of the Apostolic Exhortation: *Gaudete Et Exsultate* of Pope Francis on the Call to Holiness in Today's World.

The call to holiness is as old as the Bible if not as old as human race (see Is. 6:3; Ps 99: 3,5,9; Lev. 11:44, 19:2, 21:8; Pro. 9:10). Through the Apostolic Exhortation Pope Francis wants to "repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities."

Echoing the teaching of *Lumen Gentium* No.40, the Holy Father says that "the Lord has chosen each of us to be holy and blameless before him in love". The Pope corrects the mistaken popular view that holiness is the privilege of a select few. He sees holiness "in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise children with immense love, in those men and women who work to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile". Holiness is all around us if only we have eyes to see.

Once when a journalist asked Mother Teresa how she felt about being called a living Saint, she replied: "You have to become holy in the position you are, and I have to become holy in the position God has given me. There is nothing extraordinary about being holy." Mother's words contain two important truths. First, all are called to be holy. Second, one's vocation determines his/her path to holiness. Pope Francis too gives the same message: "Each believer discerns his or her own path that they bring out the best of themselves, the most

personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts.” As many people so many paths to holiness.

The beatitudes constitute the path to holiness for the followers of Christ. Pope Benedict XVI had said that the beatitudes give us a pen portrait of Jesus and his Apostles. Pope Francis describes them as “the Christian’s Identity Card”. Holiness is going against the flow.

Becoming poor in spirit or developing a “holy indifference”, growing in meekness and humility, a growing ability to mourn with those who mourn or the ability to experience in one’s own heart the pain of other people, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, increasing the capacity to give and forgive (mercy), keeping a heart free of all that tarnishes love, sowing peace all around us, accepting daily the path of the Gospel, even though it may cause us problems — all these are characteristics of holiness.

Echoing the words of St. John of the Cross, “In the evening of our life we will be judged by love,” Pope Francis says that chapter 25 of Mathew offers us one clear criterion on which we will be judged. Love is the measuring rod of holiness- love for God expressed through love for brothers and sisters, especially for those in need. At societal level struggling for “the restoration of just social and economic systems, so that there could no longer be exclusion” is an unmistakable sign of holiness.

Much like St. Theresa of Avila who is deemed to have said, “The one who walks the way of prayer sincerely will either be transformed by prayer or will give up prayer”, the Holy Father too sees transformation of life as the test of authenticity of prayer. Inspirations received during prayer are to be implemented in life.

According to Pope Francis the signs of holiness in today’s world are:

1. Perseverance, patience and meekness that spring from unshakable faith in God’s love.
2. Abiding joy irrespective of circumstances and a sense of humour.
3. Boldness and passion born of “an impulse to evangelize and leave a mark in this world”.
4. Walking with others in the community is an important sign of holiness.
5. A habitual openness to the transcendent, expressed in prayer and adoration, is indicative of holiness.

To “stand against the wiles of the devil” (Eph. 6:11), and to “quench all the flaming darts of the evil one” (Eph. 6:16) the Holy Father proposes the use of spiritual weapons: faith-filled prayer, meditation on the word of God, the celebration of the mass, eucharistic adoration, sacramental reconciliation, works of charity, community life, missionary

outreach and discernment which can be considered as a spiritual sense different from the common sense.

## II. Priestly Ordination

Rev. Deacon Melwin Prakash Pais will be ordained priest for the Diocese of Allahabad by Most Rev. Ignatius D'Souza on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Bethangady. Please keep him in your valuable prayers in the coming days. May God bless him and his ministry. I also use this opportunity to congratulate him, his beloved mother, brother and relatives.

## III. Transfers and Appointments

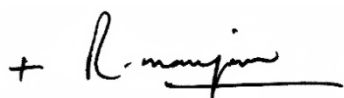
I am attaching along with this circular some **Transfers and Appointments**, which come into effect from 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. Please hand over/take over the charge on a mutually acceptable date, not later than June 30, 2018. I request the Deans to oversee the handing over/taking over of parishes and institutions within your respective deaneries. I give below some points to be kept in mind at the time of transfer:

Transfer is part of our life and ministry as Priests and Religious. Every transfer is an actualization of the mission or mandate we have received from the Lord at our ordination or profession to carry his Good News to whichever place or ministry one is assigned. The joyful acceptance of any transfer brings along with it God's special graces. Understood in the correct sense, every transfer is not a mere administrative shifting exercise but a purposeful intervention in the life of the one who is sent and to whom he/she is sent.

**When a Priest is transferred**, he should leave his place for his successor in a way that he expects to find his new place. It is essential to keep in mind that our mission is one, that our successors should not have any difficulty because of our carelessness or negligence.

Hence the need to keep the **Parish registers, account books, the stock register and various other files** up to date. There should be no undeclared pending bills, no unauthorized loans, no unjustifiable deficit, for the next Priests to take care of. Likewise, all almirahs and rooms in the house should be put in order. If in any presbytery, almirahs are full of things and nobody knows whose they are, the priest in-charge should presume that they belong to the mission station and put them in the right place.

Parishes and institutions should maintain inventories. If there isn't an inventory in a parish/mission station/ institution, please make one; if there is one, kindly update it before leaving it over to the coming priest.



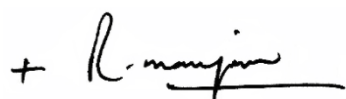
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## LISTS OF TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS, MAY 4, 2018

S. No	Name	From	To	Designation
1	Rev. Fr. James Francis	Renukoot	Jagdishpur	Parish Priest & Principal
2	Rev. Fr. Lawrence Fernandes	Jagdishpur	St. Joseph's College, Allahabad	Diocesan Education Officer
3	Rev. Fr. George P. Dantis	Mudila	Dostpur	Principal & Parish Priest
4	Rev. Fr. Stephen Joy Rodrigues	Dostpur	Suvartha Kendra, Pachmarhi	Proclamation Team Member
5	Rev. Fr. Leslie Cutinha	St. Patrick's Church, Allahabad	Mudila	Parish Priest & Manager
6	Rev. Fr. Jacob Bona D'Souza	—	Additional charge	Asst. Parish Priest, Don Bosco, Naini
7	Rev. Fr. K. K. Antony	—	Additional charge	Acting Parish Priest, Don Bosco, Naini
8	Rev. Fr. Gyan Prakash	Meja- Kapoori	Renukoot	Parish Priest
9	Rev. Fr. Prabhunath	Malipur	Meja- Kapoori	Parish Priest & Manager
10	Rev. Fr. Titus Lobo	St. Joseph's College, Allahabad	Malipur	Parish Priest & Manager
11	Rev. Fr. Vincent Cornelio (Vasant)	Bishop's House	St. Xavier's, Kanpur	Resident Priest
12	Rev. Fr. Melwin Prakash Pais	(New Priest)	St. Patrick's Church, Allahabad	Asst. Parish Priest & Director, Biblical Apostolate
13	Rev. Fr. Susai Regis	—	Additional charge	Disciplinarian at SJC
14	Rev. Fr. Archibald D'Silva	—	Additional charge	Manager, Dostpur School
15	Rev. Fr. Albert Lobo	—	Additional charge	Manager, St. Mary's School, Koraon

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