



# DIOCESE OF ALLAHABAD

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## My Programme

### August

- 10 SJRS Diaconate Ordination
- 11-14 Meetings at Patna  
Hindi Regional Bishops  
Hindi Sahitya Samiti  
Hindi Missal Translation
- 15 Dostpur Mission
- 20-21 Agra Regional Priests'  
Council, Meerut
- 26 Mass at Nazareth Niwas

### September

- 5 Mother Teresa's Day at SJC
- 7 Confirmation - Muirabad
- 8 Confirmation - Jaffarganj
- 11 Silver Jubilee  
FDCC Pratapgarh
- 22-27 Retreat for Priests  
at Shanti Sadan
- 29 Clergy Meeting

My dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers,

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

### I. REFLECTION FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Soon we will celebrate the **Independence Day** of our country. On that joyous day let us pledge our lives and love to our Mother Land. Let us rededicate ourselves to the service of our country and our people. Let us resolve that we will not fail to make our contribution to the work of nation-building, that we will strain our every muscle and expend every ounce of our energy to create an Indian society where there is equality and justice, peace and harmony, progress and self-reliance; that we will collaborate with all people of good will to create a Kingdom of God here. In that Kingdom there will not be walls of prejudice, but only bridges of understanding; there will not be the cancer of doubt, but only a healthy trust. In that society sadness will give way to gladness, weeping and lamenting to singing and dancing; doubt will be replaced by faith, and despair by hope.

But how long a time must pass before such a Kingdom arrives? When will such a society ever be born? It will begin to take birth in your heart the moment you can say in all sincerity 'I believe in Jesus Christ; I believe in the Father's love for me and for the world; I believe the Holy Spirit's power to enkindle in my heart the fire of His love'. When the flame of faith burns brightly in your heart, you will be able to say with St. Paul' "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Then the fire of love and the flame of faith will spread from your heart to other hearts, even as it spread from St. Paul's heart to Timothy's grandmother Loi's heart and from her heart to her daughter Eunice's heart and from her heart to Timothy's heart.

If this Kingdom of God does not mean mere eating and drinking, but justice, peace and joy, then it is imperative

that every member of that Kingdom perform works that promote justice and peace, and radiate joy.

Pope Paul VI once remarked, "If we wish to have true peace, we must give it a soul. The soul of peace is love. It is love that gives life to peace, more than victory or defeat, more than self-interest or fear, weariness or need. The soul of peace is love, which for us believers comes from God, and expresses itself in love for men".

The Second Vatican Council says, "In our times a special obligation binds us to make ourselves the neighbour of every person and actively helping him when he comes across our path, weather he be an old person abandoned by all, a foreign labourer unjustly looked down upon, a refugee child born of unlawful union wrongly suffering for a sin he did not commit, or a hungry person who disturb our conscience"(GS 27). When our hearts are filled with love, our eyes will not fail to see injustice done to and violence perpetrated on our brothers and sisters, our ears will not fail to hear their agonizing cries for help, and our conscience will not leave us in peace until we act in their favour. I wish we could make our own what Father Camilo Torres said about himself and his countrymen. "I chose Christianity because I felt that in it I had found the best way of serving my neighbor. I was elected by Christ to be a priest forever, motivated by the desire to devote myself full time to loving my countrymen. As a sociologist, I wished this love to become effective through science and technology. Upon analyzing Columbian society, I realize the need for a revolution that would give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, and bring out the well-being of the majorities in our country. I feel that revolutionary struggle is a Christian and priestly struggle. Only through this, given the circumstances of our country, can we fulfill the love that men should have for their neighbours."

I take this opportunity to wish each of you a Happy Independence Day and a Happy Feast of the Assumption!!

**II.** I am happy to announce the names of Directors of various Apostolates. As I thank the outgoing Directors for their generous and dedicated service, I also wish the new ones fruitful ministry.

#### **APOSTOLATE**

Biblical Apostolate  
Catechetics  
Children  
Dialogue & Ecumenism  
Education  
Health  
Evangelization  
Family  
Laity  
Liturgy  
Marriage Tribunal  
Pontifical Mission Society  
Priest Welfare  
Religious  
Social Dev. & Welfare  
Social Communication  
Vocation Promotion  
Youth

#### **DIRECTOR**

Fr. Stephen D'Mello  
Fr. Sunil Noronha  
Fr. Archibald D'Silva  
Fr. Leo Sequeira  
Fr. James Francis  
Fr. Reginald D'Souza  
Fr. Valarian D'Souza  
Fr. Ravi Joseph  
Fr. Damian Gomes  
Fr. Baptist Castelino  
Fr. Sebastian Francis  
Fr. Joseph Mascarenhas  
Fr. John Louis D'Souza  
Fr. Eugene Mascarenhas  
Fr. K. K. Antony  
Fr. Isidore D'Souza  
Fr. Ronald Noronha  
Fr. Anand John K.V.

**III.** To comply with the directives given in C 493 and C 494 I have established a **Finance Committee** and nominated the following members: **Rev. Fr. Joseph Mascarenhas (Convenor), Rev. Fr. Eugene Mascarenhas (Secretary), Rev. Fr. K. K. Antony, Rev. Fr. Damian Gomes and Rev. Fr. Isidore D'Souza.**

1. This Finance Committee will also act as the Board of Administration and perform the duties described in C 1254-1310. The Bishop will name its members.
2. The Diocesan Procurator will be an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee as well as the convenor of the meeting.

He will chair the meetings of the Committee.

The Secretary of the Committee will be appointed by the Bishop.

- a) He will draw up the agenda of the meetings from the points suggested by the Bishop, the Procurator, the Diocesan Consultors and others.
  - b) He will keep the minutes of the meetings.
  - c) He will keep the Bishop suitably informed.
3. It will advise the Bishop
    - a) In the general financial administration of the Diocese, specifically in the identification of resources and in their utilization.
    - b) In working towards a greater financial self-sufficiency of the Diocese, in the light of its mission.
    - c) In the buying and selling of land and other possessions of the Diocese, and in their administration.
  4. It will help the diocesan procurator
    - a) In preparing the annual budget, and in keeping the accounts.
    - b) In auditing the accounts of the stations and institutions.
  5. It is the responsibility of the Committee to see that all land papers are in order. It must also keep in its files the agreements with religious institution and other bodies, when they deal with temporalities.
  6. It will periodically advise
    - a) The Bishop
    - b) The heads of institutions about the administration of temporalities, respecting always the right of different agencies.
  7. To perform its duties well, the finance Committee will meet at least once every three months.

#### **IV. Members of Agra Regional Priests' Council**

We have a new set of diocesan representatives for Agra Regional Priests' Council in the persons of **Rev. Frs. Damian Gomes, Melwyn D'Souza & Prabhunath**. They will represent the Diocese of Allahabad at the meetings of Agra Regional Priests' Council. After consulting the Bishop, they will pass on the required information from within the diocese to the council. When requested they will also present reports on relevant topics at the council meetings. They will function as a link between Agra Regional Priests' Council and the diocese of Allahabad and help implement the resolutions and action plans of the council within our diocese.

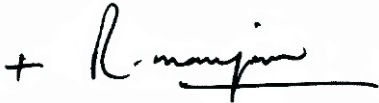
## V. Building Committee

Now that the Building Committee has been constituted with **Frs. Louis Mascarenhas (convenor), Apolin Lobo, Rolfie D'Souza and Fredrick D'Souza** as members, it is desirable that you submit your plans for new constructions and major repairs well in advance so that the committees' advice and assistance could be sought for finalizing and implementing the projects.

## VI. Forthcoming Events

1. I give you here advance notice of some important forthcoming events so that you can mark these dates in your dairy and keep them free. The **next clergy meeting** will be on **September 29, 2014**. On that day you will have the statutes of diocesan Priests' Council and Diocesan Pastoral Council in draft form.
2. This year we will have only one **Annual Clergy Retreat** and it has been scheduled for **October 21 to 25, 2014**, both days inclusive. The preacher is **Rev. Fr. Joe Sebastian S. J. from Vidya Jyoti, Delhi**. I request all our priests to attend the retreat. It is one of the important ways (Can. 276) through which we seek holiness in our lives. Those of you who, due to some unavailable reasons, are unable to attend this retreat please get in touch with me.
3. **A refresher course cum Christmas get together** for the Priests has been fixed for **December 16 & 17, 2014**. The resource person is **Most Rev. Vincent Concessao**, Archbishop Emeritus of Delhi.

Yours truly in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Manjaly', with a small cross symbol to its left.

**Most Rev. Raphy Manjaly**  
**Bishop of Allahabad**