

**Circular - 04/2023**  
**(03/10/2023)**

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!**

I wish to bring home to your attention the following for your kind perusal:

- i. **Rosary Devotion:** It has been a tradition in our Church for many years the month of October is dedicated to holy Rosary devotion. Now we are in the month of October. I learn that many in our diocese do it with much enthusiasm and solemnity. I highly recommend it in all our parishes and institutions. Please remind also our people to do the practice of recitation of rosary in the families on daily basis. Many families do it with great fervour and devotion. If any family without such practice, kindly avail this opportunity of the month of rosary devotion to start and give them necessary guidance with regard to the recitation of rosary and the need of daily prayer in the families. Jesus entrusted Mary to the disciple John as the mother of the Church: “Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home” (Jn 19:27). In the Catholic Church Marian devotion is integral to our practice of Christian faith. We shall resolve to continue it with enthusiasm and zeal.
  
- ii. **Manipur Crisis:** Manipur is still a burning issue in our country. Almost five months elapsed since it has erupted. These days we are not aware of the day-to-day happenings there due to shut down of internet and mass media transmission. We hear only very little of what actually happens there. It is reported that ethnic, political, economic and religious issues are involved in the crisis. Many people have died and number of churches and christian institutions are attacked and destroyed. So many are displaced as well. The Church in India under the auspices of CBCI is doing the best to help the affected people irrespective any difference. May I request everyone to continue our prayers for a peaceful settlement in Manipur as early as possible.

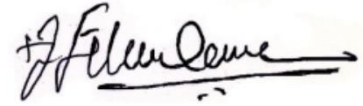
- iii. **Ukraine-Russia Conflict:** Ukraine crisis is also continuing unabated. Again these days we have very little media coverage on the issue in digital, print and social media. One year is completed and yet no solution. The sufferings of the people there are beyond imagination. May I request everyone to continue our special prayers for an amicable solution for Ukraine crisis as early as possible. We shall pray that there shall be peace in the world.
  
- iv. **Evangelization:** “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Mt 28:19-20). The proclamation of the good news is our primary duty. Church by her very nature is missionary (AG 2). Evangelization has been the focus of our diocese ever since the inception of Chanda mission. We shall continue the focus in evangelization and tirelessly work for the conversion of heart, next what follows is the work of the Holy Spirit. We co-operate with God’s will to do our best for the people. We live and serve in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour. In Mt 10:16 Jesus invites us “to be wise as serpent and innocent as doves”. In our ministry of evangelization, we shall be prudent and cautious especially considering the context of political situation today and the assembly as well as federal elections are fast approaching. I bring this point to everyone’s attention at this juncture as I have been informed that some anti-social and anti-christian elements are there in the proper territory of our diocese to destabilize the peaceful co-existence of the people in the area.
  
- v. **The Year of Decalogue and Precepts of the Church (2024):** The year 2023 we have been observing as the Year of Sacraments and I hope that required catechesis is being done in different levels so as to deepen the faith of our people in sacraments, its worthy reception and love it for a life in sanctity. Thanks to everyone for all initiatives. The next year 2024 as per our Pastoral Plan is going to be the Year of Decalogue and Precepts of the Church. Soon I shall be sending you a pastoral letter with regard to the observance of the same. Please avail every such opportunity to give proper catechesis to our people to deepen their faith and live in Christian identity witnessing Christ’s value in daily life. Please do the needful as required. Some guidelines will be given

later with regard to the observance of the Year of Decalogue and Precepts of the Church.

- vi. **Voters' List:** The federal election is round the corner. Probably it will be held in May-June 2024. May I request everyone to take initiatives to enrol the names in the voters' list. Please inform people also about it and help them in whatever way possible to include everyone's name in the voters' list. It is our civilian duty to use the franchise to elect peoples' representatives to govern our country. Good governance is must for any nation to grow in prosperity and harmony. Please pray for fair means of election process and good governance in the country. We shall continue our prayers for the national and local leaders as well as for the civil officials so that they may serve the nation with sincerity, responsibility and dedication.

I thank everyone for the hard work, encouragement, prayers and mutual support in all our endeavours. God bless you.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,



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