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(On reorganization of the diocese of Chanda)

09/10/2025

Dear Provincials, Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

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

As everyone is made known by now that the territory of the diocese of Chanda is extended to seven more districts in Maharashtra. The Major Archbishop has decreed about the same couple of months ago. A committee is appointed to survey and study the scope of expansion of Ad Gentes mission and pastoral involvement in the new areas with mutual respect and collaboration with others. Professing one faith and one baptism (Cf. Eph. 4:5) we shall give a united witness of our commitment to Christ our Lord. We need more Church personnel – Priests. Brothers, Sisters and Catechists, to do any ministry whatsoever in these new areas. I see scope for Ad Gentes evangelization, migrant ministry, educational apostolate, health ministry, social apostolate, etc. I welcome everyone's suggestions and good will to co-operate in moving to these areas and starting missions as per your choice and charism, and also responding to the contextual need. We shall keep in mind that we create a conducive atmosphere before we start any new ventures. All necessary permissions, both civil and ecclesiastical are to be obtained and local support and cooperation shall be ascertained as required. As already stated, until now the diocese of Chanda was spread out in three districts in Maharashtra - Chandrapur, Gadchiroli and Wardha and now seven more are added: Gondia, Bhandara, Yavatmal, Nagpur, Washim, Amravathi, and Hingoli. I invite you to take initiatives to start mission in these areas. I am in touch with few Congregations of Fathers and Sisters so as to make available their presence in these new areas for a ministry of their charism and as required in the area. We shall always bear in mind the great command of Christ – 'Go to the end of the world and proclaim His good news' (Cf. Mt 28:19-20). With love, respect and compassion for one another, knowing the need of the context and taking into consideration the present-day scenario of various challenges, we shall resolve to do our best.

Expecting everyone's cooperation,

Yours devotedly in Christ



† Ephrem Nariculam Bishop,
Diocese of Chanda