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Dear Fathers,

January 3, 2013

Prayerful greetings and my sincere New Year wishes to all of you, dear fathers, I do pray for you and for your God-given mission. This Faith Year is a great opportunity for us to come closer to God first then to bring the faithful to Him. I am writing this letter to inform you of some forthcoming programs in the diocese:

HOLY QURBANA AT NATTALAM

We know that His Beatitude Cardinal George Alencherry was unable to be present for the Beatification ceremony of Devasayam Pillai, on 2nd December 2012, he has now expressed his desire to celebrate a Holy Qurbana at Nattalam, the birth place of Devasayam Pillai on January 13, 2013. I consulted the Bishop of Kottar in this regard and he extended a whole-hearted cooperation for the celebration besides his valuable presence on the auspicious occasion along with fathers and faithful from Kottar diocese. Now it is our task to organise the event in a best possible manner. I have appointed Rev. Fr. Philip Kodionthara, our VG, to head the committee.

Dear fathers, we need to show our maximum presence at Nattalam for Holy Qurbana. I request all the fathers, sisters and faithful to attend the Eucharistic celebration at 5.00 pm. All the parish priests are to make announcement in the church and help people to arrange transportation to reach Nattalam. I would strongly recommend the Parish priests of Padanthalumoodu forane, Nithravailai forane, Soosaipuram forane and Poankallai forane, churches to bring as many faithful as possible to attend the celebration.

Kindly Note: All the fathers to bring their own vestments. Venue for Mass: Sacred Heart Church, Nattalam, Date: 13th Jan. 2013, Time: 5.00 pm

I have asked the Vicar General to contact you in this regard; kindly extend your whole-hearted cooperation and let us make this event a successful one. Also pray to Bl. Devasahayam Pillai for special favours.

FATHERS' PICNIC

As you have been informed earlier, the diocesan level picnic for fathers will be on 22nd January. I thank the committee members in advance for preparing for this program. I request every one to be present for the picnic, let this be a time for us to be together as a family and to express our love for one another. The venue will be Alleppy backwaters. Departure to Alleppy will be by 5.00 am and will return on the same day. It will be wise if you can come to Sangamam on 21st for the night stay.

PARISH PASTORAL CALANDER - 2013

Let me remind you about the preparation of Parish Pastoral calendar and the last date for submission we fixed was 31st December 2012. There are still some fathers yet to submit the calendar to the person in charge. Kindly submit it by this week in order to avoid inconveniences.

Let me remind all fathers in charge of different departments and pious associations to organise programs according to the dates given in the Diocesan Pastoral calendar 2013; in case any activity is not conducted due to unavoidable circumstances, kindly inform me.

I will be away from the diocese from 3rd to 6th Jan. 2013 to Kuwait and from 7th to 12th Jan. 2013 to Kakanad for Synod. Kindly keep me in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

+ George Rajendran sdb