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Dear and Reverend Fathers,

Greetings and prayerful wishes from Bishop's House, Thuckalay! Christmas is fast approaching and I believe you are preparing your people in advance to celebrate it meaningfully. As in every year, this year too I am sending special Christmas greetings to all our Catholic families

The envelope contains my Christmas message, prayer/mass request card, Mother Teresa bookmark, a bookmark about feast days of saints, a self addressed envelope and our liturgical wall calendar. Only the liturgical wall calendar will be charged. The cost of the calendar is Rs. 25/. Kindly keep in mind the following directions:

1. All the letters are arranged according to *uraviyam* / parish wise. When you get the parcel kindly check if letters for all the families are included. The names are written on the envelopes as well as on the sealed envelope, which is part of the letter.
2. If the correct name/address is not found on the letters of families or addresses of some families are left out due to oversight from our office, you can use the extra letters without any addresses enclosed in the parcel to write the missing addresses. You can send the letters to the respective *uraviyams*. In case you require more of the extra letters without any address, kindly contact Rev. Fr Thankachan Joseph sdb, Mission Procure, at the earliest and he will make them reach to your respective parishes.
3. As you go for the Carol singing, you can distribute the Christmas letters to each family in person. Before you deliver the letters to the families, kindly explain to the faithful about my Christmas mail during the Sunday Announcements. You can take one of the envelopes and show them its content.
4. You can also explain to the faithful about the purpose of the prayer/mass request card, which is included in the Christmas mail. There is also a self-addressed envelope in which the people can send their prayer requests duly filled/ ticked as well as their contributions.
5. I request you to encourage all the faithful to give some contribution towards the charitable activities of the Diocese in the self-addressed envelopes. Let them seal it and submit to you in person. The last date to submit the envelopes to the respective Parish Priests is on 31 January 2017. You need to hand over them to Rev. Fr Thankachan Joseph sdb, Mission Procure, at the Bishop's House as soon as you have collected them from the people.

I am happy to note that last year many of you worked very hard and collected a good number of envelopes with contributions/donations. Kindly do the same this year as well. I want to thank you in advance. I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a grace-filled New Year 2017. May God bless you with His choicest graces for your tireless missionary zeal, dedication and commitment!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

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