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Dear Fathers and Brothers

Prayerful greetings from the Bishop's house. I am writing this short letter to make a special request and also to pass on some information.

SPECIAL CIRCULAR LETTER

As I had mentioned to you, kindly prepare the faithful for the forthcoming canonization of St. Chavara and St. Euphrasia. Read the special circular letter to the faithful regarding the biographies of St. Chavara and St. Euphrasia to be read on 21st September after the Holy Communion service.

APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FLOOD VICTIMS OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

We are aware of the continuous spells of rain and subsequent flash floods have resulted in huge deluge of floods in Jammu and Kashmir. Nearly 200 people lost their lives and 23 thousand people have been evacuated. As a catholic church CBCI has come forward to help the victims and appeals for financial support from all the faithful. Kindly bring this information to the faithful and appeal from them to show solidarity to the suffering brothers and sisters. Take a special collection in this regard and send the collected money to Rev. Fr. Mathew Mulangaserry, the Procurator, by October 5, 2014. I have attached a copy of the letter of the President of CBCI for your ready reference.

MISSION SUNDAY 2014

On 19th October is the MISSION SUNDAY. This is a golden opportunity for us to create maximum awareness on the missionary activities of the church and also of the diocese. In this regard we can have a special liturgical celebration on that Sunday. The liturgical department headed by Fr. Justin will send some materials highlighting on the Mission Sunday liturgy. Last year we sent Rs. 1, 85,000/- towards the Pontifical mission society, Rome, collected from our parishes.

INFORMATION

- The Third sitting of pastoral council 2014 will be held on 2nd October at 9.30 am at Sangamam. The priest members must attend the pastoral council at the same time inform the pastoral council members of your parishes.
- Junior priests' one day seminar will be held on 30th September, 2014 at Sangamam.

- The CSI diocese is organizing a week long awareness program on drug addiction and alcoholism, in this regard there will be a 'PATTIMANTAM' at Marthandam Christian college on 28th September by a famous artist Mr. Solomon Papaiyya, (every one knows this famous personality). The topic is very much relevant. Kindly encourage our people from parish to attend the *pattimantam*. I have attached some notices.
- The 18th Diocesan day celebrations will be held on 8th Nov. 2014 at Aseer Auditorim Kaluvilai
- The annual spiritual retreat 2014 will be held from 5-10 October, at Attapaddy. We will be taking the train from Trivandurm and will leave from Padanthalumoodu on 5th October at 8 pm.
- Let me once again remind you to keep all the parish and institutions accounts updated and the land documents ready.

Thank you

Yours in Christ

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