

4. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE:

1. Bishop – T. Anthonyswamy
2. Vicar General – Msgr. George D'Souza
3. Procurator – Fr. Jerome Machado
4. Fr. A. Shanthraj – Director of Theresapura Ashrama
5. Mr. Magimairaj – Accountant

5. SEMINAR: A Seminar on “Faith Perspective in the Priestly Life”, will be held for all the Clergy and the Religious on 20th November 2012, at 10.00 A.M., in St. Joseph's Minor Seminary, Chikmagalur. I request earnestly that all should attend without fail.

6. NEW PRESBYTERY: A new Presbytery was blessed and inaugurated on Friday, 17th of May 2012, at St. John the Baptist Parish, Lakkavalli. I thank sincerely Rev. Fr. Denis Lobo, for his hard efforts and the Donors for their generous help.

God bless you.

Yours sincerely,



(Most Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Swamy)
Bishop of Chikmagalur

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Dear Fathers/ Brothers/ Sisters/ People of God,

1. CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR OF FAITH:

The Holy Father, Pope Benedict the XVI, with his Apostolic Letter “Porta Fidei”, of 11th October, 2011, has declared a Year of Faith, beginning from 11th October 2012 and concluding on 24th November 2013, the Feast of Christ the King. The year of Faith is to mark the 50th year of the Vatican II Council and the 20th year of the Promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese:

The year of Faith also coincides with the year of the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese of Chikmagalur which was erected on the 16th of November, 1963, by Pope Paul VI, by the Apostolic Constitution “Indicae Regionis”, dismembering it from the Diocese of Mysore.

In the Clergy Meeting held on 12-09-2012 for the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese of Chikmagalur as well as the celebration of the year of Faith, it was felt that both the events could be combined together and could have one celebration focusing more on the Year of Faith as a preparation, giving meaningful and fitting relation to the Diocesan Golden Jubilee.

It was decided to inaugurate the Year of Faith and the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese, together on the 11th of October 2012, at St. Anthony's Church, Hassan, at 11:00 AM with a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration in which the Diocese could be represented by 4 - 5 members from each parish. All those who take part in it will be served lunch by the parish priest of St. Anthony's Church, Hassan. The year of Faith will serve to strengthen the faith of the faithful of the Diocese as a fitting preparation for the final celebration of the Golden Jubilee as well as the closing of the year of Faith.

The Parish Priests are requested to announce to the Faithful, on two Sundays before the inauguration of the Year of Faith on 11-10-2012. The Parish Priests are also requested to inaugurate The Year of Faith and the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese in their respective Parishes on Sunday, 14-10-2012.

With regard to the celebration of these two events, a Core Committee was formed consisting of 16 members. The Core Committee will hold meetings and plan out the Programmes for the whole year at different levels, for children, for youth, for adults, for the old and sick, with the help of sub committees which will be formed by the Core Committee.

The following will form the members of the Core Committee.

1. Bishop – Most Rev. T. Anthonyswamy.
2. Vicar General – Rev. Msgr. George D’Souza.
3. Episcopal Vicar for the Religious – Very Rev. Fr. Pradeep Sequeira, S.J.
4. Very Rev. Fr. Cyriac T.J. – Dean of Chikmagalur deanery.
5. Very Rev. Fr. George Andrade – Dean of Hassan deanery.
6. Very Rev. Fr. Charles Pereira – Dean of Balehonnur deanery.
7. Rev. Fr. Arokiaraj, SDB – President of CRI, Chikmagalur Diocese.
8. Rev. Sr. Geetha Pinto – Secretary of CRI, Chikmagalur Diocese.
9. Rev. Sr. Cecili – Chikmagalur.
10. Rev. Sr. Gracy Pinto – Koppa
11. Mr. Philip Saldanha – Fathimapura.
12. Mr. Pradeep Rebello – Kuduvally.
13. Jeevan Saldanha – Koppa.
14. Mrs. Philomena Moras – Chikmagalur
15. Mrs. Eugene Pais – Balehonnur.
16. Miss M. Anitha – Alphonsenagara.

The materials to help the celebration, will be sent as and when they are ready.

2. NEW COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS

As per the Canon 502 /2, the College of Consultors has been formed for the term of 5 years w.e.f. 20-08-2012. They are:

01. Msgr. George D’Souza, Vicar General
02. Rev. Fr. Jerome Machado, Chancellor
03. Rev. Fr. Benjamin Aranha
04. Rev. Fr. Paschal Mariappa
05. Rev. Fr. Charles Pereira
06. Rev. Fr. R. Shanthraj

3. THE NEW COUNCIL OF PRIESTS

As prescribed by Canon 495/1 of the Law of the Church, a Council of Priests has been formed with the following members and the term of office is for 3 years w.e.f. 20-08-2012.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

01. Msgr. George D’Souza, Vicar General
02. Very Rev. Fr. Pradeep Sequeira, SJ, Episcopal Vicar for Religious
03. Rev. Fr. Jerome Machado, Chancellor
04. Rev. Fr. Cyriac T.J., Dean, Chikmagalur Deanery
05. Rev. Fr. George Andrade, Dean, Hassan Deanery
06. Rev. Fr. Charles Pereira, Dean, Balehonnur Deanery
07. Rev. Fr. R. Shanthraj, Buskull Estate

ELECTED MEMBERS:

08. Rev. Fr. Benjamin Aranha
09. Rev. Fr. Andrew Saldanha
10. Rev. Fr. Vincent D’Souza
11. Rev. Fr. David Prakash
12. Rev. Fr. C. Anthoniraj

NOMINATED MEMBERS

13. Rev. Fr. Stany J. Lobo
14. Rev. Fr. Paschal Mariappa
15. Rev. Fr. M.J. Moses
16. Rev. Fr. Felix Rosario
17. Rev. Fr. Paul Machado