**Circular No. 5/2014**

**My dear Brother Priests, Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ,**

**The Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!**

Vocation to priesthood and religious life is a gift of God given to His chosen persons for the building up His Mystical Body, the Church. God calls whom He pleases and entrusts them the mission which He wants them to accomplish. It is, thus a call ‘to go’ where He sends and ‘to do’ what He wants. Let us constantly thank the Lord for the gift of vocation that He has given to us and pray earnestly for the gift of faithfulness and perseverance.

Holy Father Pope Francis has declared November 29, 2014 to February 2, 2016 as the ‘Year of Consecrated Life’ in the Church. The purpose is to thank the Lord for the gift of Consecrated Life to the Church and to encourage and promote the vocation to consecrated life in the world. At diocesan level we need to plan various activities during the year, linking them with the 3rd preparatory year for the Golden Jubilee of the Eparchy. The Central Organizing Committee will plan the programms after proper consultation with every one concerned.

**Mission Sunday 2014**

The World Mission Sunday falls on 19th October 2014. The Church celebrates World Mission Sunday to draw the attention of the faithful to the missionary nature and responsibility of all the faithful. The promotion material like wall calanders and posters are available at the Eparchial Curia office. As you know, the Mission Sunday collections are meant for the universal mission of the Church. Please encourage the people to contribute generously to mission Sunday collections.

**M P Regional Youth Convention & Eparchial Gathering**

The M P Regional Youth Convention that is to take place at Chandessary from 22nd to 25th October 2014 is an occasion for us to bring all our faithful together. So we plan to invite all our faithful to join the concluding ceremonies on 25th noon. The main programme of the day is the Holy Qurbana celebrated by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, the head of the Syro-Malankara Church and the President of CBCI, in Syro-Malankara rite at 10 am followed by lunch, the procession in the city and concluding meeting. The whole programme should get over by 5 pm. On that day we are also expecting several of the MP bishops to be present for the functions. May I request the Fathers and Sisters responsible to make arrangements for the people to reach Chandessary by 10 am and for their safe return in the evening. The general convenor of the programme is Rev. Fr Sebastian Pullatt. You can contact him for the details.

The organization of the youth convention involves also lot of expenses for us. We hope to raise the money through the generous contribution from our people, our institutions and centers. Please be generous when the ‘Fund Raising Committee’ approaches you for your contributions, advertisement for the souvenir etc.

**Annual Retreat for Priests**

Let me remind the priests of the dates of the annual retreat. The retreat starts at 9 pm on 9th November and concludes with Holy Qurbana at 6.30 am on 14th. Please mark these days in your diary.

**Monthly Recollection &** **Silver Jubilee Celebrations**

The Monthly Recollection in October will be held on Thursday, 16th. We will celebrate the Silver Jubilee of our priests and religious Sisters on 16th October with the con-celebrated Jubilee Qurbana at 11am followed by the felicitatory meeting and lunch. As per the information we have, the following Fathers and Sisters are celebrating the Silver Jubilee this year: Fr Perumanoor Antony, Fr Puthenpura Joseph, Fr Chenganariparampil Thomas, Fr Plappalil Joseph, Fr Aryankalayil Joseph, Fr Puthiakulangara Hans, Fr Thekkekarott Joseph, Sr Anjali CMC (Carmel Dham), Sr Silvi DST (Tarana) Sr Josmy DST (Narsinghgrah), Sr Neetha DST (Khilchipur, Ujjain), Sr Sevi DSJ ( Shajapur), Sr Jancy SSA (Pachore), Sr Grace SH ( Rajgarh), Sr Anice SH (Bajrangarh) Sr Filda SMC (Ambodia), Sr Ajitha SMS ( Mehidpur Road), Sr Merlin SABS (Christujyoti, Ujjain) Sr Ranit SABS (Ghonsla), Sr Regina SABS ( Ghonsla) and Sr Ansala SABS (Chandessary) May I cordially invite the Silver Jubilarians and all of you to the jubilee celebrations on 16th October at Bishop’s House, Ujjain

**Land Records & Registers to be updated and kept safe**

May I request the Priests and Sisters who are in charge or are entrusted with the responsibility, to make sure that all the documents, registers, certificates relevant to our land properly be updated, taxes paid and the records and receipts kept properly filed, ready for inspection within three months. For any further explanation or assistance in this matter you may contact Rev. Fr Antony Pulickamandapathil.

Yours in Our Lord,

Sebastian Vadakel

Bishop of Ujjain

September 18, 2014