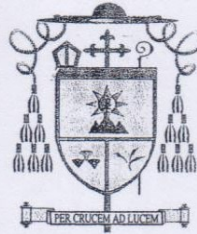
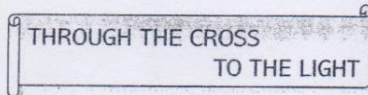


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TO THE CLERGY AND THE RELIGIOUS OF THE DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA

Dear Revd Fathers and Sisters

God's Blessings and Fraternal Greetings

I hereby announce the following pastoral appointments and transfers in the the Diocese of Ratnapura.

**The following appointments and transfers will come into effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014:**

1. Rev. Fr Texie Dissanayake: Parish Priest, St Joseph's Church, Balangoda.
2. Rev Fr Sergius Fernando: Parish Priest, Holy Rosary Church, Hewadiwala.
3. Rev Fr K. Devarajah: Parish Priest, St Sebastian's Church, Bulathkohupitiya
4. Rev Fr Steevan Singrayaer CMF, Parish Priest, St Mary's Church, Yatiyantota.
5. Rev Fr Anton Sriyan Fernando: Director, Sethmini/ Caritas –Ratnapura, and Co-ordinator of the Pastoral and Language immersion Programmes of the Major Seminarians.
6. A Priest of the Blessed Sacrament Congregation: Parish Priest, Christ the King Church, Mahena.
7. Rev Fr Nicholas Gabriel: Assistant Parish Priest, St Joseph's Church, Balangoda and will continue as the Assistant Diocesan Director of the Youth Apostolate.
8. A Priest from the Institute of Voluntas Dei: Assistant Parish Priest, Sts Peter and Paul's Cathedral, Ratnapura

**The following appointments will come into effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014**

1. Rev Fr Reginald Jayamaha OMI: Parish Priest, St Michael's Church, Embilipitiya.
2. Rev Fr Roshan Tissera TOR: Parish Priest, St Aloysius' Church, Rambukkana.

**For your kind information:**

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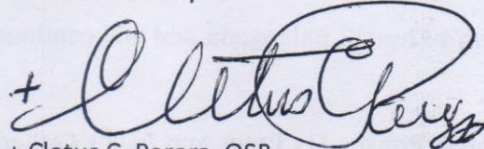
1. Rev Fr Noel Rowel : Priest in residence at Our Lady of Lourdes' Church, Kudagama, while teaching at the school at Hewadiwala.
2. Rev Fr Neville Jansze: On Mission in the USA.
3. I will be in the USA from June 4 to 25 on Mission Appeal for the Diocese
4. Very Rev Fr Damian Fernando, Vicar General, will be the Administrator of the Diocese during my absence.

The following decisions, taken at the meeting of the Presbyterium, held on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 with the majority of the priests, present, in favour of them, are hereby promulgated with immediate effect:

1. Family books may be issued to couples in irregular marriage, provided their marriages cannot be rectified in the Church, due to canonical reasons. A short note has to be made by the Parish Priest in such family books to the effect that their marriages cannot be rectified in the Church. However it is to be noted that such couples are not allowed to receive Holy Communion. No family books are issued to couples in irregular marriage if their marriages can be canonically rectified and until they are rectified in the Church.
2. Those who have lived in a parish as their domicile for more than six months and at present have left that parish, may be allowed, on request, to inter their mortal remains in the cemetery of the parish which they have left.
3. The mortal remains of non-catholic spouses, married to Catholics, are not allowed to be interred in the Catholic cemetery of the parish; nor can a special area be demarcated for their burial either within or adjoining the Catholic cemetery.

With the assurance of my prayers for your new assignments and wishing you a happy ministry in all your apostolates,

Yours fraternally

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