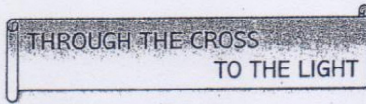


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TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA

Dear Rev Fathers

God's Blessings and Fraternal greetings

Please accept my sincere thanks for your kind cooperation in having a successful and fruitful Diocesan Pilgrimage to Madhu. I am sure it was a very enriching experience for us in spite of certain unforeseen shortcomings which nobody could avoid. I thank the organizing committee and all the priests, religious and lay faithful for having cooperated with us.

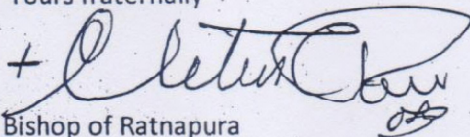
We shall have a meeting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council on Monday the 8th September 2014 (Poya Day) at 9.30 a.m. at the Bishop's House, followed by lunch, as you have been already informed. There will be no Presbyteral meeting this month, as the priests are also expected to attend the DPC meeting as its members.

I have appointed Very Rev Fr Damian Fernando, V.G. as chief coordinator, assisted by Rev Frs Ranjanmal Moraes and Jeewantha Peiris to organize the participation of our catholics and all other matters, connected with the upcoming visit of Holy Father Pope Francis to Sri Lanka. They may co-opt others, clergy, religious or laity, if need arises, in order to facilitate our participation in this historical event.

I will be leaving for Rome on the 16th September this year to participate in the preparatory sessions in view of the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Cebu, Philippines in January 2016. I have been selected to represent the CBCSL in this event. I will be returning on the 29th September. Very Rev Fr Damian Fernando, V.G. will be the Administrator of the Diocese during my absence.

With the assurance of prayers for you and your apostolate,

Yours fraternally


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