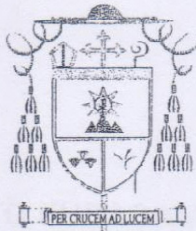
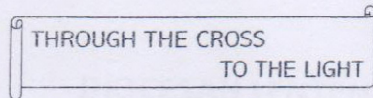


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TO THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES,

DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA.

Dear Rev Fathers and Sisters

God's Blessings and Fraternal Greetings

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

We have decided to have our Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Kudagama on Saturday the 21st March this year. We invite you all to participate in this important Diocesan Event.

We organize it with three purposes in view, namely,

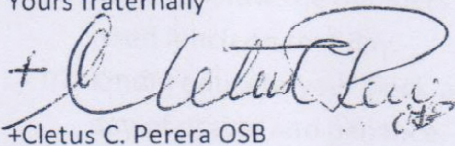
- 1 As a penitential Pilgrimage to mark the Holy Season of Lent in preparation for Easter.
- 2 As an event to mark the Year of Consecrated Life.
- 3 As an occasion to promote vocations for Consecrated Life.

The day's programme will be facilitated by the members of the Conference of Major Religious Superiors (CMRS). For details, please read the annexed letter of Very Rev Fr Damian Fernando, Vicar General.

Therefore we invite you to use this occasion to promote vocations for your respective Congregations. You may distribute handouts and CDs etc. on the life style of your Congregations and Charism of your Founder or Foundress; you may put up banners and posters etc. in the church premises. If you need any special assistance, please contact Rev Fr Jeewantha Peiris, Parish Priest, Our lady of Lourdes Church, Kudagama, Dombemada. Tel.071 1659001; 035 2265485.

With prayers and best wishes,

Yours fraternally


+Cletus C. Perera OSB

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DIOCESAN LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO KUDAGAMA - SATURDAY 21, MARCH

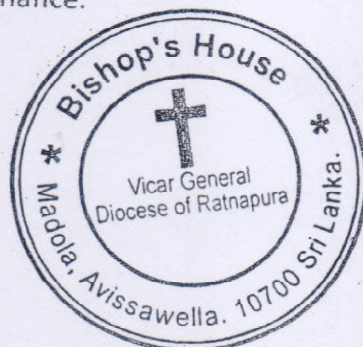
THEME: CALL TO HOLINESS

PROGRAMME

- 09.30 - Bilingual prayer service
- 10.00 - Talks (For parents it will be conducted in two locations)
(Youth and children will have two separate programmes)
- 11.30 - Way of the Cross-(It will be conducted in both languages)
- 12.30 - Confessions
- 13.30 - Eucharistic Celebration
- Dedication and blessing of families
- End of the programme

Information

01. Members of the Conference of Major Superiors of Sri Lanka will guide us during the day, as this is the Year of Consecrated Life. They will animate the flock about the family pastoral and on the value of consecrated life.
02. During the Holy Eucharist kindly, ask members of a family to stay together.
03. After the 12th station of the way of the Cross-we will hear Confessions. We request the priests to be at the confessional during the 11th Station. Flags- White for Sinhala faithful and Red for Tamil faithful will symbolize confessional locations.
04. If some want to come on the previous day, facilities are available and we request you to contact Rev. Frs. Jeevatha Peiris or Nishantha Fernando if you hope to do so.
05. If you wish to buy meals kindly, contact Rev. Sr. Beningnus (0725884039). She is ready to provide a packet of savory vegetable rice at the rate of Rs. 100/-. It is important to give the number of packets needed at least by Tuesday 17th March to Sister.
06. Refreshments, tea and lunch for priests and nuns will be provided free of charge. We need to know the numbers to inform Fr. Jeevantha Peiris. Hence, kindly inform us if you need lunch on that day.
07. Kindly educate your flock about the importance of the day, as it can be observed as a day of prayer and penance.



James J. J.
11/03/15