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TO THE CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS OF THE DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA

Dear Rev Fathers

Blessings of the Risen Lord and Fraternal Greetings

I have missed, by oversight, certain appointments, listed in my letter, dated the 16th April 2015. Hence I issue this letter to re-announce the new appointments and transfers with some additional ones and amendments.

1. Rev Fr Milton Wickramasinghe: Parish Priest, St Theresa's Church, Dehigahapitiya.
2. Rev Fr Ranjamal Moraes: Parish Priest, St Mary's Church, Kegalle.
3. Rev Fr Jeewantha Peiris, Co-coordinator, Inter-religious and Ecumenical Activities, Kegalle Deanery, and Diocesan Representative at the Catholic National Commission for Inter-religious and Ecumenical Dialogue, vested in the CBCSL.
4. Rev Fr Ensley Suranga: Parish Priest, Sts Peter and Paul's Cathedral, Ratnapura, and Coordinator, Inter-religious and Ecumenical Activities, Ratnapura Deanery.
5. Rev Fr Shervyn Clifford Fernando: Priest-in-charge, St Anne's Church, Ruwanwella.
6. Rev Fr Anton Maurice: Director, Diocesan Pastoral Centre: Catechetics, Bible, Religious Education and Plantation Sector Apostolate. He will operate in co-ordination with Sethmini in the Plantation Sector Apostolate.
7. Rev Fr Gabriel Nicholas: Diocesan Director, Youth Apostolate, Missionary and PMS Activities, with residence at the Pastoral Centre.
8. Rev Fr Anushka Fernando, Bishop's Secretary, and House Bursar, Bishop's House
9. Rev A. Maria Joy: Assistant, St Joseph's Church, Balangoda.
10. Rev Frs Amila Fernando: Higher Studies, Rome
11. Rev Fr Niroshan Vaz: Higher Studies, Rome

All these appointments and transfers will come into effect from the 1st June 2015. The take-over and hand-over formalities have to take place on a convenient day between the 1st and 15th June

2. There will be a Unity Prayer Vigil, beginning on the evening of Saturday the 30th May 2015 and ending with Holy Mass in the morning the following day (Sunday) at the Shrine of Our Lady of Madhu. This is organized by the Community of the Risen Lord, Colombo and many Bishops

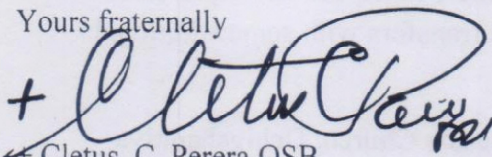
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from the northern and southern Dioceses are expected to participate in it. Please encourage your parishioners also, at least those who can, to participate in it. This is not a feast but a gathering of people for prayer and worship from the North and South in order to promote healing and reconciliation between the two communities. This is the need of the hour in Sri Lanka. I have appointed Rev Fr Dudley Attanayake to be the contact-person for this Unity Prayer Vigil. You may contact him for more information.

3. Since the priests have to attend the Ordination of Deacon Maria Joy on the 9th of this month, the Presbyteral meeting, scheduled to be held on the 11th and 12th of this month is cancelled.

With love and the assurance of prayers

Yours fraternally

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