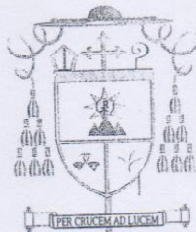


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TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA

Dear Rev Fathers and Deacons

Blessings of the Risen Christ and Fraternal Greetings

I am thankful to all of you, and to all those priests who came to assist you in the Diocese, for doing your best to celebrate the rich Liturgy of the Easter Triduum, fruitfully and meaningfully. Some of you have executed the heavy task of celebrating twice on the same day. This is very much appreciated.

1 There will be **no meeting of the Presbyterium** in April this year; instead, there will be a meeting of **the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) on Saturday the 23rd April 2016 at 9.30 a.m.** at the Bishop's House. All priests and newly appointed/elected parish representatives are cordially invited to participate at this meeting without fail.

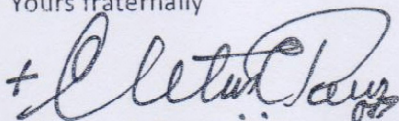
The deadline, namely the 31st March, for sending the names of new parish representatives has expired. Up to now, only the following parishes have sent the names of their parish representatives: Bulathkohupitiya, Kegalle, Hewadiwala, Kahawatte, Yatiyantota and Maliboda. I earnestly request the Parish Priests of the other parishes to send me the names and addresses with their contact telephone numbers, by SMS/Email or Fax, before the 9th April. Your kind cooperation is very much needed and appreciated in this respect entirely for the progress of the Diocese.

2. May I cordially remind the Parish Priests once again, to donate the Mass collection of the Good Shepherd Sunday, the 17th of April, to the National Seminary which is going through severe financial constraints. Please motivate your parishioners to contribute generously on this particular Sunday. This is a filial act of care and concern, shown to our Alma Mater as her loyal Alumni. Let us be like those good children who rally round their sick mother, doing their best to restore her to good health.

3. I am happy to announce that Rev Deacons Reginald Nonis and Sampath Wijeratne of our Diocese will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on Saturday the 21st May 2016 at 9.30 a.m. at St Mary's Church, Kegalle. Please keep them in your prayers and the date free, to participate in this very important Diocesan event. All of you are cordially invited.

May God bless you all.

Yours fraternally

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BISHOP'S DIARY: APRIL 2016

April 2: Meeting with the Dhaham Pasal Prefects at the Pastoral Centre, and Inter-religious Group,
at Ratnapura.

April 3: Confirmation Service at Yatiyantota.

April 9: Convocation at the English Academy at Bulutota.

April 10: Silver Jubilee Mass at the Benedictine Convent at "Melville", Moratuwa.

April 12 to 14: Catholic Bishops' Conference, in Kandy.

April 18: Welfare Board Meeting at the Bishop's House.

April 15: Memorial Mass for late Rev Fr Theophane Wickramaratne OSB in Kandy.

April 20: Blessing of the new Chapel at the Holy Cross Convent, Deraniyagala.

April 22: Holy Childhood Programme at Tanjantenna.

April 23: Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting at the Bishop's House, in the morning

April 23 and 24: Pastoral Visitation, Ruwanwella.

April 30: Golden Jubilee Celebration of Rev Sister Ruth OP at Pannipitiya.

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