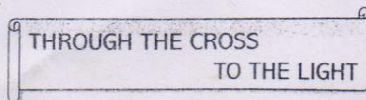


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TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA

Dar Rev Fathers

God's blessings and d Fraternal Greetings

We warmly welcome the two newly ordained priests, Rev Frs. Reginald Nonis and Sampath Wijeratne, to our Diocese and Presbyterium. Along with the priests of the Diocese, I wish them a fruitful ministry and assure them of our prayers.

We are also happy to welcome Rev Fr Sidath Wilegoda back to the Diocese and Presbyterium on his return, having completed successfully five years of priestly ministry in the USA.

1. We shall have our next Presbyteral meeting on Monday and Tuesday the 13th and 14th June 2016, at the Bishop's House. As usual we shall begin at 4.30 p.m. with tea on Monday.

2. We are just completing **one year** of the promulgation of our Ratnapura Diocesan Pastoral Plan (RDPP) on the 27th June 2016. We are planning a thorough and serious evaluation of its implementation over the past one year, focusing on its successes and failures. This evaluation will be done on Tuesday the 14th morning. We shall get into groups and have a fruitful and honest evaluation, keeping in mind nothing other than the growth of our dear Diocese which we all love.

Hence I very earnestly request all our priests to be present without fail at the programmes on the 13th and 14th May. Your cooperation is essential for the growth of the Diocese. Non-cooperation can be interpreted as indifference and lack of interest in the Diocese.

3. Bishop's Diary: June 2016

June 2: Meeting of the Special Catholic Committee at the Presidential Secretariat.

June 3: Prayer Vigil and Confessions at Kudagama

June 4: Pastoral Visitation at Maliboda

June 5: Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the Blessed Sacrament Congregation in Colombo

June 6: Meeting of the Bishop's Council/ Episcopal College of Consultation at the Bishop's House.

June 9: Meeting of the Diocesan Liturgy Committee.

June 11: Feast of The Minor Seminary, Kegalle.

June 12 : Pastoral Visitation, Maliboda (continued).

June 16: Seminar on the Canon Law, organized by the CBCSL.

June 18: Seminar on Environment at Kudagama.

June 24: 200th Anniversary Celebration of St John the Baptist's Church, Mutwal.

June 26: Church Feast at Undugoda.

4. With the arrival of the two newly ordained priests, we have to make some pastoral changes and appointments, which will be as follows:

* Rev Fr Sidath Wilegoda: House Bursar of the Bishop's House, Secretary to the Bishop and Helper at the Dehigahapitiya Parish on Sundays and Feast days, with effect from the 1st July 2016

* Rev Fr Ayal Indike Fernando: Parish Priest, Dehiowita with effect from the 17th June 2016.

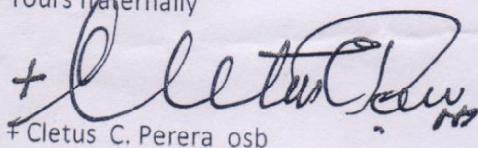
* Rev Fr Anuske Fernando: Tamil Immersion and Helper at the Shrine of Our Lady at Madhu, with effect from the 1st July 2016.

* Rev Fr Reginald Nonis: Assistant Parish Priest, Kegalle Parish, with effect from the 1st of June 2016.

* Rev Fr Sampath Wijeratne: Assistant Parish Priest, Cathedral Parish, Ratnapura, with effect from the 1st of June 2016.

With love and assurance of prayers

Yours fraternally


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