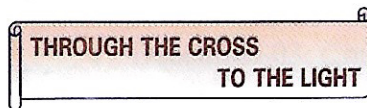
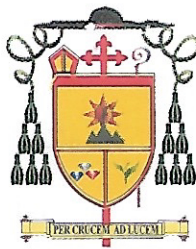


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Dear Rev Fathers and Rev Sisters

God's Blessings and Fraternal Greetings

I hope that you all are keeping fine and in good health and, are going ahead with your good work with dedication. I accompany you all with my prayers.

The Month of November is customarily dedicated to the commemoration of our deceased family members, relations, brother priests, religious sister, priests and all those who have been near and dear to us. Let us remember them with our prayers and acts of almsgiving. In our charity, let us remember particularly those who have been entirely forgotten after their deaths.

Bishop's Schedule for November and December 2023 for your kind reminder and information.

- 1). October 29: Feast at Atale, Kegalle Parish
 - 2). From October 30 to November 16 Ad Limina in Rome. **Very Rev Fr Damian Fernando. V.G. will administer the Diocese during my absence.**
 - 3). October 18 at 10.00.am: the Legion of Mary Programme at St Mary's Church, Kegalle Deanery
 - 4) **The Annual Retreat From Mondy, November 20 to 25, 2023** at Bulutota. The participants are kindly requested to arrive **in time** for lunch on Monay. The Retreat begins at 4.00 p.m. Nobody is dispensed from the Annual Retreat except for very valid and grave reasons which have to be explained to the bishop.
- Rev Fr Paul Robinson will be the facilitator for the Retreat.
- 5). November 26: Church Feast at Mahena
 - 6). November 27, Patronal Feast of Sylvestro-Benedictines at Monte Fano.
 - 7) December 2: Celebration of the 180th Anniversary of the Holy Childhood Society at Kattimahana

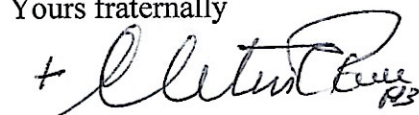
- 8). December 03: Church Feast at Gurugalla
- 9). December 5 to 7: CBCSL in Colombo.
- 10) December 8: Perpetual Profession at Marist Stella College Chapel, Negombo.
- 11). December 9: The Christmas Programme of the Catechists and Youth at the Pastoral Centre.
- 12) December 10: Church Feast at Seeduwa
- 13). December 12: Interdenominational Christmas Programme at the Sabaragamuwa Campus.
- 14). December 16: Christmas Programme for Religious Sisters at the Bishop's House.
- 15). December 17: Prize-giving Dhaham Pasala, Kegalle Parish'
- 16) December 19: Clergy Christmas Programme, beginning at 5.p.m at Bulutota.
- 17) December 20: School Christmas Programme at St Mary's College in Kegalle
- 18) December 21: Christmas Programme for the Neighbourhood Children, beginning at 3.p.m. at the Bishop's House Premises.
- 19). December 24: Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral, Ratnapura.
- 20) December 25:

For your kind information

1. Rev Fr r Jude Amila Fernando is confirmed as the Parish Priest of Utuwankande with immediate effect.
2. Clergy Christmas Programme on December 19, beginning at 5.00.P.M. at Bulutota: The Organizers are Rev Fathers Anton Consolas (Head); Amila Pethum CSsR; Sanchana Weeraratne and Nirmal Fernando.
- 3 Religious Sisters' Christmas Programme on December 16 at the Bishop's House, beginning at 9.00 AM. The organizers are Rev Sisters Jenita Ragel (Head) from Sisters of Charity; Roshanthi from Holy Angels and Puvena Stephan from Holy Cross convent.
3. Please mark the change of dates /places from my previous circular. I regret any inconveniences, caused to you.

With the assurance of my prayers for a happy and joyful apostolate

Yours fraternally


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