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**DIOCESE OF NEYYATTINKARA
ANNUAL RETREAT OF PRIESTS**

Date: 04 to 09 October 2015

Venue: Maria Rani Centre, Sreekariyam, Trivandrum

To All Priests

Diocese of Neyyattinkara.
2015

15 September

Dear Rev. Fathers,

The Annual Retreat of Priests, Diocese of Neyyattinkara, starts on Sunday, 04 October 2015 and ends at 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 09 October 2015. Rev. Dr. Joseph Thondipparambil of Divine Retreat Centre has kindly consented to preach the Retreat.

I ask you to take serious note of the following directions:

- It is obligatory that all Diocesan Priests of the Diocese participate in the Annual Retreat for their spiritual growth and pastoral empowerment.
- The introductory talk is at 8.45 p.m. on Sunday, 04 October 2015; so kindly arrive at the Maria Rani Centre, Sreekariyam for supper at 8.00 p.m. on the same day.
- All are expected to be present at the retreat until the concluding function on Friday, 09 October 2015.
- All Diocesan Priests are obliged to attend the Annual Retreat. If someone is not able to attend it he has to get prior permission from me.
- The Religious Priests are also invited to attend the retreat. However, all of them have to come to the Maria Rani Centre, Sreekariyam, Trivandrum at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 04 October 2015 to participate in the concluding session.
- An atmosphere of strict silence is to be kept in the rooms and in the premises of the Maria Rani Centre.
- The retreatants should bring their *Breviary*, *Mass-Diary*, *Bible* and all the other articles needed for their personal use.
- To cover the expenses of the Retreat, every priest should offer **FIVE MASSES** each for the **Intention of the BISHOP** during the retreat days.
- Kindly inform your parishioners about the retreat and exhort them to pray for the retreatants.
- You may kindly arrange religious priests to look after the parish in your absence.

May God bless you.

Yours fraternally

† Vincent Samuel
Bishop of Neyyattinkara