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To
All Religious Sisters
Diocese of Neyyattinkara

27.02.16

Hearty greetings to you. I wish you a fruitful Lenten Season to prepare yourselves for a life of Resurrection.

The activities and services of the religious sisters of the Diocese are helping to promote Gospel and Christian charity among the faithful. I do appreciate your activities and services in the parishes and I pray for God's abundant blessings on you.

As you know your involvement in ministries in the parish community is very important as our families need to mature their faith. There is a new approach called Home Mission, that is, to know and guide the families of the parishes to deepen their life of grace (sacramental life) and facilitate their participation in the ministries of the parish community which are of prime importance in your planning for the next year (2016-17).

On 5th March 2016 in all the Vicariate Forane Centres the parish plan and budget will be presented by the Parish Councils. In this context I ask all Superiors of the Convents to prepare their plan of action together with the community members for the year April 2016 to March 2017. All the Sisters of the community, however busy they are, need to take responsibility of at least one BCC Unit for the Home Mission.

The plan of action should include participation in BCC Meeting, Family Visit, visiting the sick and old people, Preparation for Sacraments, Adult Catechism, Solving Family Problems, besides the Sunday Ministries such as Catechism, Pious Associations, Music Practice, Preparing for Eucharistic Celebration etc.

I request the Superiors of the Convents to request their Provincial Superiors to provide the full time service of at least one sister for Home Mission in the Regions of the Diocese. Lent is the best liturgical season to evaluate our life and ministry and take solid decisions for the benefit of the people around us.

With best wishes
Yours fraternally

Bishop Vincent Samuel
Bishop of Neyyattinkara