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(FOR SCHOOLS)

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30th April, 2019.

Dear Principal / Headmaster / Headmistress,

Peace and joy of the Risen Lord!

I wish to thank you, your staff and management and in a special manner your TICCAS (Teachers In-Charge of Catechetical Activities in Schools) for your collaboration towards the Catechetical programmes during the Academic Year 2018-19.

Catechetical Theme and Planner: I am glad to present to you the Pastoral theme of the year 2019-20 which is also the theme of the Catechetical Year, “Go and do likewise” (Lk 10: 37). We have planned all our Catechetical activities keeping in mind this theme and we suggest that this theme be the focus of all our activities at the School level. Kindly find enclosed three copies of the Diocesan Catechetical Centre Planners i.e. Two copies of the planner only with the Educational Institutions activities and one copy of the common planner. One copy of the Educational Institutions Planner is to be given to the TICCAS of your School.

TICCAS: I take this opportunity to request you to appoint two teachers as TICCAS for the year 2019-20. These teachers, as you know, will be the promoters of the various faith formation activities in your School. Their dedication and openness to the work of the Lord will go a long way in this regard.

Their main work would be to:

- a. Organize different Faith Formation Activities in your School.
- b. Represent your School at our inter-school gatherings.
- c. Be a link person between your School and the D.C.C., and vice-versa so as to share experiences with the D.C.C. and their colleagues at School.
- d. Contact and motivate other Religion Teachers and ACAZ (Animators of Catechetical Activities in Zones/Deaneries).

Religion Class: I would like to remind that Religion class is not optional for us. It is part of the education apostolate of the Church. I, therefore, earnestly hope and pray that under your able and zealous guidance and the enthusiastic collaboration of our Catholic teachers, the students may grow in knowledge and love of God and neighbour. The fruitfulness of Christian life in Goa will depend very much on the type of Catechesis the Catholic students have in our Schools. And so, I would humbly request you to take personal interest in the faith formation of the students coming to your School. We request you to have at least two Religion periods in a week and give preference for the First Friday Mass.

Family Catechesis Series: The Religion Books ‘Family Catechesis Series’ were introduced in the year 2012, for all our ABE and DSE schools. We humbly request you to make use of the

above series. You can purchase the set of books from the D.C.C. office. If you need any help to conduct a half day seminar on the above 'Family Catechesis Series' kindly let us know.

Motivational talk for Staff: We also request you to organize a motivational talk/session keeping in mind the on-going faith formation of the teaching and non-teaching staff of your school. It could be held in the beginning of the new academic year.

Pilgrimage of Faith: The Diocesan Catechetical Centre has organized a permanent exhibition 'Pilgrimage of Faith' at the Old Archiepiscopal Palace / behind the See Cathedral Church, Old Goa. We request you to give an opportunity to your students to visit the exhibition as it is a powerful means of faith formation and proclamation.

Liturgy for the New Academic Year: As regards the Prayer Service and Mass set-up for the New Academic Year, and also the First Friday Mass set-up for July 2019, please note that we have included the same in our last issue of RAYS magazine (March - June 2019) or you can download it from our website: www.dccgoa.org

Thanking you and all the teachers of your School for all the support and collaboration, I pray for God's abundant blessings on you, your staff and students' community.

Wishing you all the best in your Academic and Catechetical endeavours, I remain,

Yours in Jesus,



Fr. Romeu Godinho
Director