



## DIOCESE OF KOHIMA

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### **Dear Rev. Fathers, Sisters, Brothers and Lay Faithful,**

Greetings from Bishop's House, Kohima. We are in the season of Lent preparing ourselves for the great feast of Easter through prayers, works of mercy and acts of penance. The observance of the Lent is not an end in itself but a preparation for the celebration of the great feast of Easter. Easter is the celebration of the ultimate victory of Jesus over all forms of evils. The resurrection of Jesus is the reason and basis of our Christian faith and hope. To the people, represented by the Corinthian community, who doubted the bodily resurrection of Jesus St. Paul wrote: "But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised then our preaching is in vain and your faith is vain...If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. ...For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive....If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.' Do not be deceived: 'Bad company ruins good morals'. Come to our right mind and sin no more" (cfr. 1 Cor. 15: 13-34). During the Holy week we contemplate and celebrate the most holy mysteries of our faith. Let us make this time "an acceptable time" by living the mysteries of our faith really and truly. Let our celebration of the Holy Week transform us and make us better and committed disciples. I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very **HAPPY EASTER AND GOD'S CHOICEST BLESSINGS.**

### **Diocesan Pastoral Council - 2017**

The annual Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) 2017 was held at Mt. Tabor, Kohima with 123 participants (Bishop, 46 priests, 19 sisters and 58 laity). The theme was *Amoris Laetitia*, the Post Synodal Exhortation of Pope Francis. Fr. Joy KD, the Secretary of NE Regional Commission for Families, gave us a summary of the document during the first session. During the second session, Mrs. Liangsi Niumai John shared her thoughts and experiences on the topic, "Families in Nagaland: Challenges and Opportunities; Problems and Remedies". Both sessions were ably moderated by Rev. Fr. Dr. Solomon Vizo.

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> session moderated by Rev. Fr. Chacko Karinthayil, matters for discussion and implementation was taken up.

Some of the suggestions for implementation were:

1. To conduct Faith Formation programmes for the Laity in the evening at Kohima and Dimapur – Catholic Association of Nagaland (CAN) and Commission for Catechetics could plan out and organize the same.
2. To organize pre-marriage / life skill courses in different regions – Kohima, Dimapur, Kiphire, Mokokchung – The Family Commission could plan out and organize the same with the help of other commissions and CAN.
3. In the schools, especially Higher Secondary schools, animation programmes could be organized on Substance abuse and its consequences, HIV AIDs, Pro-life, Health and Hygiene, etc. I request the Head of our schools to take initiative and organize the same on a regular basis in each of our schools.
4. Parish Priests are to prepare the couples for marriage by proper pre-nuptial inquiry, proclamation of banns and proper instruction. They must also follow up the new couples with some programmes, inputs and personal contacts.

I request those In-Charges of different commissions and Associations to see to the implementation of these suggestions for the better formation and living of our Catholic Faith. As Mrs. Liangsi quoted, “If the family is in order, the State will be in order. If the State is in order the great community of humanity will be in order”.

N.B. I have enclosed the message of the 29<sup>th</sup> CCBI Plenary Assembly held in Bhopal, on the theme, “Promoting the Joy of Love in our families”.

## **Statutory Bodies of the Diocese of Kohima**

After the expiry of the terms for the various Statutory Bodies of the Diocese of Kohima, I have reconstituted these bodies with new members as per the provision of the Canon Law and Diocesan Statutes and Customs

### **Presbyteral Council (Senate) 2017-2020**

#### **Ex-officio Members**

01.	Bishop	Most Rev. Dr. James Thoppil
02.	Vicar General	Rev. Fr. Carolus Neisalhou
03.	Chancellor	Rev. Fr. Sojan Puthenkudy
04.	Rector, GSS	Rev. Fr. Chacko Karinthayil
05	Financial Administrator	Rev. Fr. George Punnolil

#### **Elected members**

06.	Fr. Peter Salew SDB	(PP)
07.	Fr. Jose AD SDB	(PP)
08.	Fr. Kurian Pattimackal MSFS	(PP)
09.	Fr. Philip Mhonchumo Ovung MSFS	(APP)
10.	Fr. Philip SJ	(PP)
11.	Fr. Victor D'Mello SJ	(APP)
12.	Fr. Jacob Charalel	(DF) Senior
13.	Fr. A. Pappusamy	(DF) Senior
14.	Fr. Mathew Keemattam	(DF) Senior

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| 15. | Fr. Chacko Karinthayil | (DF) Senior |
| 16. | Fr. Philip Magh        | (DF) Junior |
| 17. | Fr. Sajan Joseph       | (DF) Junior |
| 18. | Fr. John Ntonse        | (DF) Junior |
| 19. | Fr. John Baptist OFM   | (PP)        |
| 20. | Fr. John Crasta SFX    | (PP)        |

**Nominated Members**

21. Fr. Sebastian Ousepparampil
22. Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ
23. Fr. Thomas Panamthanam
24. Fr. Mathew Rhanben
25. Fr. Solomon Vizo
26. Fr. Sabu Chenackal
27. Fr. Shikaho Isaac
28. Fr. S. Charles
29. Fr. Johnson V.U.
30. Fr. Alex Vizo

**College of Consulters (2017-2021)**

1. Most Rev. Dr. James Thoppil (Bishop – Ex-officio)
2. Rev. Fr. Carolus Neisalhou (Vicar General – Ex-officio)
3. Rev. Fr. Sojan Puthenkudy (Chancellor – Ex-officio)
4. Fr. Jerome Veigas, SJ - Nominated
5. Fr. Kurian Pattimackil, MSFS - Nominated
6. Fr. Peter Salew, SDB - Nominated
7. Fr. George Punnolil - Nominated
8. Fr. Mathew Rhanben - Nominated
9. Fr. Mathew Keemattam - Nominated
10. Fr. S. Charles - Nominated
11. Fr. Chacko Karinthayil - Nominated
12. Fr. Alex Vizo - Nominated
13. Fr. Jacob Charalel – Nominated

**Finance Committee (2017-2020)**

**Ex-Officio**

1. Most Rev. Dr. James Thoppil (Bishop - President)
2. Fr. Carolus Neisalhou Kuotsu (Vicar General - Vice President)
3. Fr. George Punnolil (Financial Administrator - Secretary)

**Nominated Members**

4. Fr. Sebastian Ousepparampil
5. Fr. Thomas Panamthanam

6. Fr. Jerome Veigas SJ
7. Fr. Construction In-charge
8. Fr. S. Charles
9. Fr. Mathew Rhanben
10. Mrs. Rita Chaya
11. Mr. Dr. John Seyiekhrietuo
12. Mr. Sebastian Humtsoe

I thank all the members of the previous statutory bodies who carried out their responsibilities with great diligence and dedication. I also thank new members for accepting this additional responsibility and wish them very best in their role for the better administration and collaborative ministry in the diocese of Kohima.

## **Educational Policies**

We have been hearing about the new educational policy that the present government is planning to make. Along with new policies, many laws will also be enacted, over the existing laws. In our schools new statutory bodies are to be constituted such as a committee to deal with Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO). There are new directives about the quantum of provident fund and new financial rules. We need to make, maintain and update all the school documents such as service conditions, scale of pay, appointment letters, etc. Most of us in the parish are not experts in these matters and yet we cannot neglect these necessary documents. Therefore, we have requested Fr. Jacob Charalel, the Secretary of CEDOK to visit all the schools and to help to make and maintain all the documents. Therefore I request all concerned to extend necessary help and make available all the documents. All schools must have all the necessary documents in order by the end of this year and the educational policies of the diocese are implemented in all the schools in the diocese.

## **Apostolic letter *Misericordia et misera*,**

To mark the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis brought out an Apostolic letter on November 20, 2016, entitled *Misericordia et misera*. In this Pope Francis gives three practical applications of the year of mercy.

1. **The faculty to absolve the sin of abortion:** In the apostolic letter *Misericordia et misera*, marking the end of the ‘Year of Mercy’ the pope wrote, “I henceforth grant to all priests, in virtue of their ministry, the faculty to absolve those who have committed the sin of procured abortion.” Thus Pope Francis gave priests permanent faculty to absolve abortion, stating clearly that “abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end of an innocent life”. Therefore those who absolve such a penitent must make sure of instructing and informing them of the gravity of the sin of abortion and give satisfactory penance.
2. **Promotion of confession:** In the same document letter *Misericordia et misera* the Pope requests all priests to be available for celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. The Pope writes, “The Sacrament of Reconciliation must regain its central place in the Christian life. This requires priests capable of putting their lives at the service of the “ministry of reconciliation” (2 Cor 5:18), in such a way that, while no sincerely repentant sinner is prevented from drawing near to the love of the Father who awaits his return, everyone is afforded the opportunity of experiencing the liberating power of forgiveness. A favourable occasion for this could be the *24 Hours for the Lord*, a celebration held in proximity to the

Fourth Sunday of Lent. This initiative, already in place in many dioceses, has great pastoral value in encouraging a more fervent experience of the sacrament of Confession”.

3. **World Day of the Poor:** Another request the Pope puts forward in the Apostolic exhortation is keeping the feast of Christ the King as the World Day of the Poor. The Pope wrote, “ I had the idea that, as yet another tangible sign of this Extraordinary Holy Year, the entire Church might celebrate, on the Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, the *World Day of the Poor*. This would be the worthiest way to prepare for the celebration of the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who identified with the little ones and the poor and who will judge us on our works of mercy (cf. *Mt 25:31-46*). It would be a day to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. *Lk 16:19-21*), there can be no justice or social peace. This Day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelization (cf. *Mt 11:5*) which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy.

### **IUPS ROTARY NATIONAL PEACE AWARD Conferred on Rev. Dr. Anto Paul**

Congratulation to Rev. Dr. Anto Paul, the Principal of NEISSR and Director of Peace Channel for IUPS Rotary National Peace Award, conferred on him on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Mumbai during the International Understanding and Peace Symposium (IUPS) organized by the Rotary on 18-19 February 2017.

### **Death of Sr. Berlinda BS**

The Diocese of Kohima mourns the sudden demise of Sr. Berlinda BS, on February 24, 2017 due to a massive heart attack and offers our sincere condolences and prayers to the Bethany Congregation. She was a member of the Christ King Convent community, Kohima since June 29, 2015. She was 67 years of age and 47 years a religious. The parish community, under the leadership of Fr. Peter Salew did a wonderful job of taking care of the mortal remains of Sr. Berlinda and accompanying her to Guwahati. I thank the parishners of Christ King Parish, Kohima for giving all the necessary help. I presided over the Requiem Mass at Christ King Church on February 25<sup>th</sup> and at the funeral mass at the Provincial House, Guwahati on Monday, February 27, 2017. Sr. Joy, the Provincial concluded her obituary of Sr. Berlinda, quoting one of their friends, “Sr. Berlinda, a great soul in a small body, unassuming, humble, simple, generous and deeply committed, always radiating peace and joy to everyone around. May she share in the glory of her heavenly spouse”. Thank you Sr. Berlinda and may your soul rest in peace.

### **Death of Fr. George Mukala**

Rev. Fr. George Mukala (86), one of the senior salesian missionary sent to his eternal reward on March 14, 2017. He was a volunteer from the Chennai Province to the northeast as the missionaries in Northeast were asked to quit. He first worked in Wokha and then moved to Assam, where he built up many mission stations. Besides his pastoral ministry he also spent time in healing ministry. His funeral took place on March 15, 2017 at the Salesian College, Dimapur. Bishop James Thoppil presided over the Funeral Mass and gave a condolence message on behalf of the diocese of Kohima and thanked him for his ministry in the diocese, especially during the early years in Wokha. May his soul rest in peace.

## Up Coming Programmes

### Annual Meeting and Chrism Mass

This year the first meeting of all the priests will be on Monday, April 10, 2017 from 2.00 pm at Mt. Tabor Retreat House, Kohima. On Tuesday, April 11, morning we will have the spiritual recollection. The Chrism Mass will be on the same day at 3.00 pm. All the priests in the diocese are expected to join the bishop for the Chrism Mass as sign of oneness and unity in priesthood. Therefore I invite and request all the priests participate in the Chrism Mass.

### Annual Retreats in the Diocese

As usual this year also we shall have three spiritual retreats arranged by the diocese – one for the Sisters and one for the Priests, besides the Catechists' Retreat. The dates are:

**For Sisters:** June 26, 2017 (Monday evening) to July 01, 2017(Saturday morning):  
Bishop Ignatius D'Souza, Bishop of Bareilly: Mt. Tabor, Kohima

**For Priests:** July 03, 2017 (Monday evening) to July 8, 2017 (Saturday morning):  
Bishop Raphy Manjaly, Bishop of Allahabad: Mt. Tabor, Kohima

Other Retreats for Priests: Imphal: June 26- July 01, 2017 (Fr. Bobby VC from Margherita)  
Diphu: October 01-07, 2017

Priests' Retreat conducted by **Fiat Mission** at Velankanni Basilica Retreat Centre  
October 2-6, 2017; November 6-10, 2017

Contacts: Phone – 0487-3263930; 09961550000, [fiatpriestretreat@gmail.com](mailto:fiatpriestretreat@gmail.com)

Priests' convention cum retreat at **Attapadi** (Rev. Fr. Xavier Khan) July 23-28, 2017

**For Catechists:** June 20-23, 2017: Rev. Fr. George Antony, Mt. Tabor, Kohima

### Diocesan Vocation Camps – 2017

This year too, as in the past, we shall have two vocation camps in our diocese. The details are as given below:

#### First Camp:

Venue : St. Xavier's Parish, Meluri  
Arrival : 23<sup>rd</sup> (Friday) June 2017, 5.00pm  
Departure : 26<sup>th</sup> (Monday) June 2017

#### Second Camp:

Venue : St. Joseph Church, Chumukedima, 7<sup>th</sup> Mile  
Arrival : 29<sup>th</sup> (Friday) September 2017, 5.00pm  
Departure : 2<sup>nd</sup> (Monday) October 2017

#### Eligibility of Candidates for Participation:

1. Candidate should be from class VII & VIII for Boys & Girls: VII-XII

2. He/She should be from a good practicing Catholic family.
3. He/She should be regular for catechism classes
4. As far as possible only one son/daughter in the family may not be encouraged for the camp.
5. He/She should be sound physically, morally and spiritually.
6. He/She should be bright and at least average in studies and also should have secured in the previous exams minimum 40% marks in all major subjects.
7. He/She should possess good character and be free from bad habits.
8. The candidates or family members should be free from any serious disease.

**Requirements:**

1. The letter of introduction and recommendation from the Parish Priest/ Priest-in charge.
2. A Conduct certificate from the school authority with the mark list of the half yearly examination of 2017.
3. A registration fee of Rs. 150/- (Rupees one hundred fifty only) per head.
4. Bible, pen, note book, bedding and toilet articles.

**NB:**

- The Parish Priests/Centre in-charges are requested to submit the list of candidates, who wish to attend the Diocesan Vocation Camp to **the Vocation Promoter or to the Rector of Jalukie minor Seminary** for the **FIRST CAMP** by latest **12<sup>th</sup> June, 2017** and for the **SECOND CAMP** by **11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**.
- All those vocation promoters of religious congregations (Men and Women) wishing to address the campers, need to send their details (Name, Congregations name, Contact Number, email id) to Fr. Victor Rentungo for the **FIRST CAMP** latest by **5<sup>th</sup> June, 2017** and for the **SECOND CAMP** by **4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**.

Please note that only those who intimate their details will be given opportunity to address campers.

For further details please contact: **Fr. Victor Rentungo** (Vocation Promoter),

Bishop's House Post Box No. 519, Kohima – 797 001, Nagaland

Phone No. 9485210215, Email: sec.kohimadiocese@gmail.com

## **Sisters' Day - 2017**

We will be keeping the Sisters' Day as usual at the Cathedral along with the Cathedral feast of Mary Help of Christians, Kohima on May 28, 2017. It will be preceded by an animation programme cum recollection on Saturday, beginning at 10.30 am on May 27, 2017 at Mt. Tabor. I request and invite as many Sisters as possible to attend the programme.

## **Competitive Examination – Coaching**

Under the aegis of North East Diocesan Social Forum (NEDSF) Insight Civil services Academy conducts IAS/ IPS/IFS/ACS and other competitive examination. The duration of the course is 10 months and course fee is Rs. 60,500.00 (inclusive of text boom and library). Hostel/accommodation is available at NEDSSS (Admission fees Rs. 3000/-; Monthly fee Rs. 4000/-, Caution fee Rs. 5000/- (refundable)). One can also write Assam Public Service Examination for which anyone from any of the NE State is eligible. Students need to fill the online application and book seat in advance for course and for the hostel accommodation.

For more details contact: Director: 09678010800/9436026430, Chief Coordinator: 9435789407/ 8876477604  
E-mail ID: [insightcsa@gmail.com](mailto:insightcsa@gmail.com) Website: [www.insight.isa.com](http://www.insight.isa.com) 9476613929

This year the course began on July, 2016. Keep in touch with the above contact address to know more details.

Civil Service Coaching is also provided in Shillong at the Moreau Institute of Integral Training run by the Holy Cross Fathers.

For details please contact: Office: Tel: 0364-2505535; Mobile: 9436462627 / 8806140432

E-mail: [miitshillong@gmail.com](mailto:miitshillong@gmail.com); website: [miitshillong.org](http://miitshillong.org)

## **MBBS Admissions at St. John's Medical College, Bangalore**

Every year some people approach me for recommendation for admission to St. John's Medical College, Bangalore. **There is no recommendation for admission at St. John's Medical College, Bangalore.** In the light of the Supreme Court directive which makes National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) exams compulsory, St. John's also follows the directive.

Therefore all those seeking admission in John's medical College must first apply and write the NEET examination. The time to submit on line for the NEET is February 2017. The tentative date for NEET is on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 and result will be in the first week of June 2017. Besides writing the NEET and getting a good score, one must also get MBBS application form of St. John's Medical College from the website and fill up and submit the same. Application forms will be available in the website of the college from March 2017 and last date for receipt of admission form will be during the last week of April 2017. After getting the NEET result they must submit the NEET marks to the College and those eligible will be called for interview and Counseling after which final selection is done.

Therefore I request all those intending to apply for MBBS in St. John's, kindly apply and write the NEET and also fill up and submit the application form of St. John's Medical College, Bangalore.

## **Transfers and Appointments**

### **Diocese of Kohima**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Place</b>
Fr. Ashikho Abraham	Asst. Priest	Pungro
Fr. Joseph Kath	Asst. Priest	Tobu
Fr. Peter Pithungo	Asst. Priest	SFS, Kohima
Fr. Solomon Kevishe	Asst. Priest	Khonoma
Fr. Selosie Dominic	Asst. Priest	Lakhuti
Fr. Benjamin Chang	Asst. Priest	Meluri
Fr. John Lichoi	Dean of Studies	SXS, Jalukie
Fr. Gabriel	Asst. Priest	Chiepoboza
Fr. George Vikupa	Asst. Priest	Kiphire
Fr. Kwetrangging Dominic Zeliang	Asst. Priest	Chumukedima
Fr. Salas Ngade	Asst. Priest	Jalukie Parish



Fr. Thejahloulie Peter Solo	Asst. Priest	Shamator
Fr. Zuchamo Marius Patton	Asst. Priest	Carmel, 4 <sup>th</sup> Mile
Fr. S. Obed Yimchungru	Asst. Priest	Bhandari
Fr. Victor Retungo	Secretary to Bishop	Kohima
Fr. Thomas Toretkiu	Studies	Melbourne, Australia
Fr. Prabakar, MMI	Asst. Priest	Tuensang

### MSMHC Sisters

	<b>Transferred</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
<b>St. Mary's Convent, Padampukhri</b>	Sr. Teresa Mathew Sr. Rose Tsütso Sr. Cecilia Lamkang Sr. Elizabeth Gangmei	Sr. Mary Varickamakel Sr. Leena Mayon Sr. Mary Bani
<b>Little Flower Study House, Dimapur</b>	Sr. Maria Goretti Haokip	Sr. Maria Jacob (lecturer-SC)
<b>St. Mary's Convent, Kohima</b>	Sr. Caroline Wanglar	Sr. Asha Sangma Sr. Teresa Langhu (Bk.Stall) Sr. Judith Dahrirou(Student)
<b>Little Flower Convent, Cheiphobozou</b>	Sr. Rose Abiliu Sr. Mary Bani Marwein	Sr. Jiji Mathew Sr. Flory Lalhmangaihi
<b>St. Joseph's Convent, Tseminyu</b>	Sr. Lucy Mao	Sr. Alice Tom
<b>Mary Hill Convent, Jalukie</b>	Sr. Jacinta Sailo Sr. Victoria Kujur Sr. Phulmoni Mary Ekka Sr. Martha Telen (College)	Sr. Pauline Mathew (Sup) Sr. Aloysia Yanthanpvi Sr. Marina Mahamei (HM) Sr. Reena George (College) Sr. Sarojini Baa
<b>St. Joseph's Convent, Longleng</b>	Sr. Melody Lunghar	Sr. Mercy Augustine
<b>St. Mary's Convent, Lozaphuhu</b>	Sr. Marina Mahamei Sr. Tabitha Tenai	Sr. Ronini Christina Sr. Esther Rutsa
<b>St. Mary's Convent, Angangba</b>	Sr. Maria Goretti Lamhring	Sr. Christina Ziephrii

### May their Souls rest in peace!!

**Mr. Thomas Oussepparampil (75) brother and Mrs Eizebath Mammen Ouseparambil (85) sister in law of Rev. Fr. Sebastian Ousseparambil (principal, Jakhama) passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**

**Sr. Berlinda, BS, Christ King Kohima (Bethany Convent) passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.**

**Mrs. Aleyamma (79) Aunty of Most Rev. Dr. James Thoppil, Bishop of Kohima, passed away on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.**

**Mrs. Teresa (72) sister of Sr. Elsy, PDDM (Superior, Mt. Tabor, Kohima) passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.**

**Rev. Fr. George Mukala, SDB (86)** passed away on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

**Mr. Joseph Kunnappally (81)** brother in law of Sr. Philo Mylady, MMS, (Medical Mission Sisters, Chumukedima), passed away on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

**Mrs Barbara Yanthan**, the eldest sister of Sr. Aloysia, MSMHC and aunty of Fr. John Ntonse( Kiphire) passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

### **Bishop's Program (April – September 2017)**

- April - 2017**
- 01-02 Kohima
  - 03 Dimapur ; CEDOK EC meeting
  - 04-08 Kohima: Legal Fraternity Meeting
  - 09 Kohima: Palm Sunday
  - 10 Kohima: Consulters' meeting (10.30 am, BH, Kohima)  
Priests' meeting (2.00 pm, Mt. Tabor), DF meeting
  - 11 Recollection (9.00 am – 12.30 Noon, Mt. Tabor)  
Chrism Mass and Priesthood day (3.00 pm, Cathedral Church)
  - 12 Kohima
  - 13 Kohima: Holy Thursday: Collection for the maintenance of the Holy See
  - 14 Kohima: Good Friday: Collection for Holy Land
  - 15 Kohima: Vigil Mass: Cathedral
  - 16 Dimapur: Easter Sunday Day Mass (Holy Cross, Dimapur)  
Chumukedima: Blessing of the Church at Razaphe village
  - 17 Kohima
  - 18 Dimapur: Mass at UFS Provincial House (6.30 am)  
St. Joseph University Board Meeting (2.30 pm)
  - 19 Dimapur: UFC Profession (9.30 am): To Seochung
  - 20 Seochung: Phisami Church Blessing
  - 21-23 Tuensang: Golden Jubilee
  - 24-30 Kerala: Fiat Mission Exhibition
  - 28-30 To Sanis and back
- May - 2017**
- 01-05 Shillong – Senior Priests' Program
  - 06 Dimapur: Vestition at GSS
  - 07 Vocation Sunday – Collection for St. Peter the Apostles
  - 08-12 Kohima
  - 13 Dimapur: NEISSR Governing Body meeting
  - 14-23 Kohima
  - 19-23 Pastoral Visit: SFS Parish, Medziphema
  - 22 CMC Silver Jubilee
  - 24 Kohima: Feast of Mary Help of Christians
  - 25-27 Kohima: Regional Catechetical Meeting (Mt. Tabor, Kohima)
  - 27 Recollection for Sisters
  - 28 Sisters' Day celebration-cum-Cathedral Feast

- 29-30 Kohima  
31 St. Joseph College, Jakhama
- June - 2017** 01 Kohima  
02-07 Pastoral Visits: Razeba  
08-09 Kohima  
10 Jakhama: GB Meeting – SJC  
11-13 Kohima  
14 Kohima – Consulters meeting (9.30 am, BH, Kohima)  
15 Dimapur – Mass at SABS Provincial House (6.30 pm)  
16-18 Kohima  
19-21 Bangalore: Meeting of the CCBI Commission for Catechetics  
22 Kohima – Meeting with Catechists  
23 Kohima-Jotsoma: Feast of the Sacred Heart  
24 Kohima (FC meeting at 2.30 pm BH, Kohima)  
23-26 First Vocation Camp (Meluri)  
25-27 Wokha: Pastoral Visit  
26-30 Retreat for Sisters (Bishop Ignatius D’Souza, Bishop of Bareilly)
- July – 2017** 01-02 Shillong – Silver Jubilee, Syro-Malabar Community  
03-08 Priests Retreat, Mt. Tabor, Kohima  
03 Tinsukia – MSMHC Chapter - Mass  
04-22 Kerala – Medical Check up  
23-29 Retreat-Attapadi
- August 2017** 01-02 Kohima  
03 Kohima, Senate meeting (10.30 am) Consulters meeting (2.00 pm)  
04 Jakhama - Vianney Day Celebrations  
05 Kohima – FMA Profession  
06-07 Kohima  
08-31 USA – MCP
- Sept 2017** 20 Return from USA  
21-22 Kohima  
23 Kohima – FC meeting (2.30 pm, BHK)  
24-30 Kohima

Bp. James Thoppil  
Bishop of Kohima, Nagaland