

**BY THE GRACE OF GOD ALMIGHTY**  
**HIS GRACE DR. ABRAHAM MAR SERAPHIM METROPOLITAN**  
**DIOCESE OF BANGALORE**



C-05/2023

Blessings to our beloved Vicars, Asst Vicars, Kaisthanees, Secretaries, Managing Committee Members and members of the Parish

Dearly Beloved,

The season of Great Lent is a time which helps us purify our body, soul, and mind. We hope and trust you are all observing this Lent with the utmost diligence, devotion, and prayer. The period of Great Lent is also the days of preparation for us to empathise with and share in the Lord's passion, to partake in His Last Supper, and ultimately to be witnesses to the glorious resurrection on Easter. We urge you to keep the spirit of Great Lent by praying the Lenten prayers, abstaining from specific foods, by fasting, and by alms-giving.

As you are well aware, the fiscal year for 2022-2023 ends on March 31, 2023. Therefore, each parish must, in accordance with the Church's constitution, convene a General Body Meeting, elect new representatives. The minutes of the meeting, including the list of newly elected representatives along with the vicar's signature, must be submitted to the Diocesan Headquarters for approval by the Diocesan Metropolitan, so that the newly elected officials may assume their responsibilities from April 1, 2023 onwards.

Furthermore, all required payments to the parish, diocese, and Church must be made by March 31, 2023. In accordance with the regulations set forth by the Tax Department and our Church Headquarters, each parish's general body meeting must approve the budget for the upcoming fiscal year by April 30, 2023, and the general body's approved accounts for the fiscal year 2022-2023 must be sent to our diocesan headquarters by May 15, 2023. Unlike previous years, we strongly urge you to approve your accounts without delay, and we expect that the respective vicars, trustees, and parish office bearers will take this matter seriously and act accordingly.

May the Grace and Blessings of the Almighty abide with you forever.

From The Bangalore Aramana on the 06th March 2023.

Metropolitan Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim  
Bangalore Diocese