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**Circular Letter
To the Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful in this Archdiocese**

Dearly Beloved,

His Eminence Anthony Cardinal Poola, the President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI), has issued a Circular on 17 June, 2026, requesting that Sunday, the 28 June 2026, be observed as a National Day of Prayer for our country, particularly in view of a certain legislation – the FCRA Amendment Bill 2026 -- which is expected to be considered during the forthcoming Monsoon Session of the Parliament and which has raised concerns regarding its possible negative impact on the charitable, educational, healthcare and social ministries carried out by the Catholic Church in India.

Echoing His Eminence's concerns and uniting myself to the Church in India, I too would like to request our Pastoral Clergy and Superiors of Religious Communities in this Archdiocese to observe **Sunday, the 28 June 2026**, as a Day of Prayer for our Nation. Let us pray particularly for those entrusted with public responsibility, and for the freedom of the Church to carry out her mission of service to society and nation-building. Let prayers be offered during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, at our SCC prayer meetings and during Family Rosary. The above-mentioned CBCI Circular should be affixed on our notice boards, for the knowledge of our faithful.

Secondly, in view of the continued need for adequate rainfall and mindful of the dependence of our communities on God's providential care, I request that special prayers for rain be offered daily in all our Churches, Chapels, Institutions and homes throughout the Archdiocese, until the Lord bless our land with timely and sufficient rain, protect those affected by drought and water scarcity, and sustain all those who depend on agriculture and natural resources for their livelihood. Coming **Sunday, the 21 June, 2026**, may be dedicated to intensify our prayer for this intention, particularly during Eucharistic celebrations, SCC meetings and family rosaries.

May our united prayer, offered with faith and perseverance, obtain from God the blessings we seek and deepen our trust in His loving providence.

Archbishop's House, Panjim, Goa, June 18, 2026.



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