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Dear Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, Religious, Catechists and Faithful of the Diocese,

We continue our journey together in faith, inspired by the Synodal document and our Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Msgr. Michael Ani, Coordinator of our Diocesan Pastoral Plan, after consulting the deans, has proposed the following priests as the Deanery Coordinators for their respective deaneries. They will serve as facilitators and animators in promoting the pastoral priorities of our Diocese at the deanery level.

Abohar Deanery	Rev. Fr. Bijo Kalayakkattil CST
Ajnala Deanery	Rev. Fr. Ashok Paul
Amritsar Deanery	Rev. Fr. Dennis Thomas
Dhariwal Deanery	Rev. Fr. Joseph Lakra OFM Cap
Ferozepur Deanery	Rev. Fr. Ajay Paul Gill
Fatehgarh Churian Deanery	Rev. Fr. Mathew Kizhakkekepurath
Gurdaspur Deanery	Rev. Fr. Joseph Illickal
Hoshiarpur Deanery	Rev. Fr. Thomas Vazhakala OCD
Jalandhar Cantt. Deanery	Rev. Fr. Varghese Chakarakadan
Jalandhar City Deanery	Rev. Fr. Robert Thomas
Kapurthala Deanery	Rev. Fr. Varghese Kachappilly
Ludhiana Deanery	Rev. Fr. George Elayal
Moga Deanery	Rev. Fr. Sunny James Mattu
Muktsar Deanery	Rev. Fr. Peter Shergill
Sahnewal Deanery	Rev. Fr. Amal Thakidipuram
Tanda Deanery	Rev. Fr. Tom Karakkattu
Tarn Taran Deanery	Rev. Fr. Arun Tomy Purathettu OSH

I confirm the selections and extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of these priests and assure them of my prayers as they undertake this important role. I wish them every blessing and success in carrying out this responsibility entrusted to them.

Dear Fathers and Sisters, I earnestly request your wholehearted cooperation with the Deanery Coordinators, the Deans and the Diocesan Synodal Team under the leadership of Msgr. Michael Ani. The effective implementation of our Diocesan Pastoral Plan requires the active participation and collaboration of every priest, religious, catechist, parish council, and all the lay faithful. Together, let us strive to build vibrant parish communities rooted in prayer, communion, participation, and mission.



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I encourage the Deanery Coordinators to work closely with the Dean, the clergy, religious congregations, catechists, and the various parish ministries in their respective deaneries. Through regular meetings, pastoral planning, formation programmes, and collaborative initiatives, may they help foster the vision and priorities of our Diocese in every parish and institution. I request you to give priority to the establishment of the Basic Ecclesial Communities and the promotion of daily intercessory prayers before the Blessed Sacrament, in such a way that each BEC is allotted one day in a week to adore the Lord present in the Tabernacle or solemnly exposed. Our churches should thus become prayer centres where the faithful are free to approach with their intentions.

May this shared pastoral endeavour strengthen our communion as a diocesan family and enable us to become a more synodal Church, faithfully proclaiming the Gospel and serving God's people with renewed zeal.

Invoking the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Peace, I impart my blessings to each one of you.

With every good wish and prayer,

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