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Promulgation and Mandatory Use of the Revised Romi-Misa Gronth (Konkani Translation of the Roman Missal)

The Sacred Liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed and the font from which all her power flows. In the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the faithful encounter Christ, participate in His saving Sacrifice, and are nourished by His Body and Blood. Since the *Roman Missal* embodies the Church's faith according to the principle *lex orandi, lex credendi*, its vernacular translations must faithfully render the Latin *Missale Romanum* while preserving theological accuracy, linguistic clarity, and liturgical dignity.

Following many years of careful study, revision, and consultation, the revised Konkani translation of the *Roman Missal* (Third Typical Edition), entitled *Romi-Misa Gronth*, obtained the requisite *Confirmatio* by Decree of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (Prot. No. 393/15, dated 18 September 2019). After incorporating the modifications required by the Holy See, the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India approved the revised translation and decreed its publication (Prot. No. CCBI/D-38, dated 30 September 2025).

The *Romi-Misa Gronth* has now been printed and made available for liturgical use. This revised edition more faithfully renders the *Missale Romanum* through improved theological, biblical, and liturgical terminology, greater linguistic precision and consistency, and is intended to foster the full, conscious, and active participation of the clergy and faithful in the worthy celebration of the Sacred Mysteries.

Therefore, by virtue of my office as Bishop of Mangalore, and in accordance with the norms governing the Sacred Liturgy, especially canons 838 §§1 and 4 and 392 of the Code of Canon Law, I hereby decree:

1. The revised *Romi-Misa Gronth*, duly approved by the competent ecclesiastical authority, is hereby promulgated for liturgical use in the Diocese of Mangalore.
2. Its use shall be obligatory in all churches, chapels, institutions, houses of religious and societies of apostolic life, and all other places where Holy Mass is celebrated in Konkani, with effect from **15 August 2026**, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
3. From that date, all priests, deacons, and others entrusted with the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy shall use this revised edition exclusively whenever Holy Mass is celebrated in Konkani.
4. Parish Priests, rectors, chaplains, religious superiors, and all those responsible for liturgical formation shall ensure that sufficient copies of the revised *Romi-Misa Gronth* are made

available and that the clergy, liturgical ministers, choirs, catechists, and the faithful are suitably prepared for its implementation.

5. From the same date, all previous editions and any unofficial adaptations of the Konkani translation of the *Roman Missal* are hereby abrogated for liturgical use and shall no longer be used in the celebration of Holy Mass.

I earnestly exhort all priests, deacons, religious, and the lay faithful to receive this revised translation in a spirit of ecclesial communion and faithful obedience. May the worthy, reverent, and fruitful celebration of the Holy Eucharist deepen our participation in the Paschal Mystery, strengthen our communion as the People of God, and draw us ever more closely to Christ, whom we worship in spirit and in truth.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Bishop's House, Kodialbail, Mangalore, on this 3rd day of July 2026, the Solemnity of Saint Thomas the Apostle.

V. Rev. Victor G. D'Souza
Chancellor

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Bishop of Mangalore