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

We just celebrated the feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the liturgical year and coincidentally marking the official closing of the “Year of Mercy”. Pope Francis during his homily for the closure of Jubilee Year said, “As soon as we give God the chance, He remembers us. He is ready to completely and forever cancel our sin, because his memory – unlike our own – does not record evil that has been done or keep score of injustices experienced.” He reminded the faithful how God’s mercy awaits us always, even if Holy Doors have closed. “God has no memory of sin, but only of us, of each of us, we who are his beloved children. And He believes that it is always possible to start anew, to raise ourselves up.” Recalling the feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the Pontiff encouraged us to proclaim His victory today, and joyfully share the splendour of having Jesus as our King: his rule of love transforms sin into grace, death into resurrection and fear into trust. “It would mean very little, however, if we believed Jesus was King of the universe, but did not make Him Lord of our lives”.

I believe strongly that the “Year of Mercy” had been a time of grace for most of faithful since most people made pilgrimages to one or the other churches in our diocese designated as churches of pilgrimage. I was really edified and encouraged by the hundreds of faithful who visited the Cathedral as pilgrims and celebrated the Sacraments of Confession, Holy Eucharist and Holy Communion. Some of them even made the way of the cross. May God be merciful to us and may we continue to be agents of mercy to others.

Since this will be my last circular of the year 2016, I take this opportunity **to wish each and every one of you a very happy and joy filled Christmas and a grace-filled New Year 2017.** I also would like to thank each one of you for your support – spiritual, moral, physical and material - to the diocese, to the parishes and centres, to our priests and sisters and also to me personally and to each other. I thank you and pray that God may continue to bless us all. I also thank very specially Fr. Thomas Toretkiu for regularly publishing the “Sharing” the diocesan newsletter that kept you updated of the events in the diocese.

***Misericordia et misera*, the new Apostolic letter of Pope Francis**

Pope Francis released the apostolic letter *Misericordia et misera* (mercy and misery) for the conclusion of the

Jubilee Year of Mercy. In this letter Pope stresses two aspects of mercy, namely **forgiveness and consolation**. *Forgiveness* is the most visible sign of the Father's love, which Jesus sought to reveal by his entire life. Every page of the Gospel is marked by this imperative of a love that loves to the point of forgiveness... Nothing of what a repentant sinner places before God's mercy can be excluded from the embrace of his forgiveness... Mercy is this concrete action of love that, by forgiving, transforms and changes our lives... Mercy gives rise to *joy*, because our hearts are opened to the hope of a new life. The joy of forgiveness is inexpressible, yet it radiates all around us whenever we experience forgiveness. Its source is in the love with which God comes to meet us, breaking through walls of selfishness that surround us, in order to make us in turn instruments of mercy.

In this letter the **Holy Father Pope Francis gives the faculty to all confessors to absolve the sin of procured abortion**. In no. 12 of the Apostolic letter the Pope wrote, "...lest any obstacle arise between the request for reconciliation and God's forgiveness, I henceforth grant to all priests, in virtue of their ministry, the faculty to absolve those who have committed the sin of procured abortion. The provision I had made in this regard, limited to the duration of the Extraordinary Holy Year is hereby extended, notwithstanding anything to the contrary. I wish to restate as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end to an innocent life. In the same way, however, I can and must state that there is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father. May every priest, therefore, be a guide, support and comfort to penitents on this journey of special reconciliation".

The second aspect of mercy is consolation that comes from the certainty of Lord's love for us. God's unending love is concretely experienced by acts of love of our brothers and sisters in trying and difficult moments of our life. The Holy Door that we have crossed in this Jubilee Year has set us on the path of charity, which we are called to travel daily with fidelity and joy. It is the road of mercy, on which we meet so many of our brothers and sisters who reach out for someone to take their hand and become a companion on the way. By its very nature, mercy becomes visible and tangible in specific acts. Once mercy has been truly experienced, it is impossible to turn back. It grows constantly and it changes our lives. It is an authentic new creation: it brings about a new heart, capable of loving to the full, and it purifies our eyes to perceive hidden needs. Let us, heeding to the call of the Pope, continue to live the mercy of God by being recipient and agent of mercy in the world.

St. Joseph University, Nagaland

It is a matter of joy for us that the Nagaland State Assembly had passed the bill for the establishment of St. Joseph Catholic University, Nagaland on the floor of the house on 13th July 2016. Unfortunately the Governor sent back the bill, objecting to the use of the word "Catholic". We then submitted our non-objection for the removal of the word "Catholic" and the amendment passed on the floor of the house on 22nd November 2016. It shall now be called "**St. Joseph University, Nagaland**". This will be the fourth University in India sponsored by the Church. The others are Don Bosco University, Assam; Christ University Bangalore and Xavier University, Bhubaneswar. We thank in a very special way the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI) Sisters, Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (MMI) Fathers and Associate Movement International (AMI) members who under the guidance of their founder Rev. Fr. J.E. Arul Raj initiated the enterprise to begin the university. We hope to have the official inauguration of the University on 25th January 2017. They would also begin a school with CBSC syllabus in the same campus from 2017. I hope and pray that this initiative of the Church may bear

abundant fruit and may it help our youth to study in their own home environment and equip themselves with skills to excel in life.

Canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata

We all know that the much awaited canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata took place on Sunday, 4th September 2016 in Rome. On the same day we too celebrated the joyful event at Holy Cross Parish, during which hundreds of faithful and religious took part. Later I took part in three more programmes celebrating the same event. The first was in Guwahati where the Governor, two previous chief ministers were the chief guest and guests of honour respectively. The second one was in Kolkata where the Vice President was the chief guest. The Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CBCI) also organised a programme in New Delhi for which Shri Rajnath Singh, the home minister, was the Chief Guest. All spoke of the work and personality of Mother Teresa. It is matter of pride for the Church and we pray that through her intercession and the work of her sisters the Church may grow and we become more humane to those in need of our love and care. I also take this chance to wish and thank the Sisters of Mother Teresa (Missionaries of Charity (MC)) for their dedication and commitment in looking after the people in need in our diocese.

Priests Meeting in December 2016

As usual we will have the meeting of priests meeting and meeting of the other diocesan bodies in December. The schedule of meeting is as follows:

Monday, 12 th December 2016:	9.00 am	GB meeting of DAN
	5.30 pm	Senate meeting (BH, Dimapur)
Tuesday, 13 th December 2016:	9.00 am	Priests' meeting
	5.30 pm	Recollection
Wednesday, 14 th December 2016:	9.00 am	Consulters' meeting

For the priests' meeting, may I request all the Parish Priests, In-charges of Centres / Heads of the institutions to **submit a short report of the pastoral work in the their respective parishes/centres/institutions to Rev. Fr. Jaison Thomas on or before Saturday, 3rd December 2016**, who in turn will present them in power point according to the regions. Please highlight success stories and innovative ways that brought about changes in the parish/centre or village. It is an occasion to share and inform each other the pastoral work we collectively share and are responsible. Sharing with one another will help us to be more effective and innovative in our mission.

Visitors from Funding Agencies

We were happy to host some of our esteemed guests from abroad. **Mr. Hans Escher**, from the German Doctors' Association visited us from the 7th to 9th October 2016. He had interaction with the DAN staff that carry out the Primary Health Care Project, which is funded partially by the German Government. He also visited the Global Health Centre in Jalukie and Holy Redeemer Health Centre, Chumukedia, where we are training some health workers.

From November 15th -17th Mrs. Anne Knörzer and Mrs. Hildegard Hermanns from Missio Aachen, Germany visited us. They went up to Pungro where *Missio* is part funding the construction of the parish Church. They also interacted with Peace Channel team since they are also funding a project of the peace channel. We thank

them for their effort to visit the spot in person and understand the concrete situation of the mission territories. They returned happily with great admiration for the mission work we carry out especially in the interior regions where the road communication is at its worse. *Missio* has been great support for the mission development in the diocese. We thank you Mrs. Anne and Mrs. Hildegard.

Diocesan Collections for 2017

Enclosed with this circular, please find the list for diocesan collections for the year 2017, giving all the details – the date of collections, the intent and beneficiaries and dates on or before which these collections are to be reached to the diocesan Finance Office. These collections are mandatory and I request all to submit the collections in time to the office so that we can forward them in time to the respective offices in Bangalore (PMS) and New Delhi (Nunciature).

Priestly Ordinations

This year and coming year the diocese has been blessed with six ordinations. The details are given below:

1. Deacon Vekupa George on Wednesday, 28th December 2016, Lozaphuhu
2. Deacon Kwetrangging Dominic on Friday, 29th December 2016, Jalukie
3. Deacon Thejahloulie Peter, on Wednesday, 4th January 2017, Kohima Village
4. Deacon Zuchamo Patton Marius, Tuesday, 10th January 2017, Akuk, Lakhuti
5. Deacon Ngade Salas on Friday, 13th January 2017, Purul Atongba
6. Deacon Yimchunger Obed, Saturday, 18th February 2017, Pungro

Prayerful wishes dear Deacons and wish you a fruitful priestly ministry.

Holy Land Trip

We are happy that five of our priests and six sisters went on a pilgrimage to Holy Land on 28th October and returned on 9th November 2016. Those five priests have either completed or nearing their sacerdotal silver jubilee, while the Sisters have completed 30 years of service in the diocese of Kohima. We thank them for their dedicated service in the diocese and wish that the pilgrimage strengthen them and equip them for greater commitment in their ministry.

All Souls' Day and 19th death anniversary of Bishop Abraham observed

Keeping up the tradition of the Catholic practice all the parishes and centres observed All Souls' Day on the 2nd November. Besides attending mass on that day, many visited the tombs of the loved ones and prayed for them. Christian faith is that the communion between persons does not end with death, but rather this communion is strengthened with mutual prayers.

On 18th November, there was a special mass at the Cathedral Church presided over by me on the occasion of 19th death anniversary of Bishop Abraham Alangimattathil, SDB, the first bishop of the diocese. We recall and remember with gratitude the yeomen and sacrificial service rendered by Bishop Abraham to build up the diocese and set it on a firm footing. May his soul rest in peace!!!

Nuncio Transferred

Most Rev. Salvatore Pennacchio, the Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal since 2011 has been transferred to Poland after six years of his service. By his friendly and unassuming ways he won the hearts of the people of India. In fact he brought about great mutual understanding between the three ritual Churches in India. Within the span of six years he visited almost all the dioceses in India and also ordained about 40 bishops. CBCI gave an official sent off to him on 20th October at CBCI centre, Delhi. I was the first one to be ordained by him in India and so he often called me his primo genitor (first born). The whole Church in India was grateful to him for his great service to the Church and nation. We wait the appointment of the next Nuncio.

New Centres in the Diocese

We thank God for the grace to expand our mission work by erecting three new centres in the diocese. **Phuvkiu centre** was erected on 21st August 2016 bifurcating it from Pungro parish. Pallottine congregation from Nagpur province have taken up the centre. Fr. Manoj Joseph and Fr. Jose Reechus have come to the diocese to carry out pastoral ministry at the new centre. We welcome them to the diocese of Kohima. Phuvkiu is the first mission centre of the Pallottines in our diocese. We wish them all the best in their apostolate and offer them our support. They would be staying in Pungro until a temporary residence is built at Phuvkiu for the priests.

On 18th September 2016, a new **Centre at Tamlu** was officially erected, bifurcating it from Longleng parish. The Centre has been entrusted to the Capuchin Congregation. Fathers Isaac Baptist and John Bosco have taken up the mission work there, moving from Atoizu. We wish them success and offer our support in their new mission venture.

Mangkolemba was reopened once again as a centre on 11th November. The centre has been entrusted to the MSFS congregation. Fr. Kurian Pattimakal, one of the pioneering missionary of the MSFS in Northeast, is assigned to carry out the mission there. We wish him great success among the Ao tribe of Nagaland.

Atoizu Parish handed over to the diocese

After 10 years of service and ministry at Atoizu, the Capuchin fathers have handed over the parish to the diocese at the end of the term of agreement in 2016. Accordingly the diocese has taken it over and appointed Fr. Isaac Swu as its new Parish Priest. We wish him all the best in his ministry.

We also thank the Capuchin fathers who ministered and brought up the Parish for the past 10 years and more.

Couples for Christ Takes Root in Nagaland

Since three years we have been trying to introduce Couples for Christ (CFC) movement in our diocese. Now we are happy that it is taking roots and spreading to many of our parishes. I take this chance to thank Bro. Hector Poppen and Garnet, his wife, who visited the diocese and initiated the movement. Besides him some trainers from Philippines and Philippines' couple from Dubai had been to our diocese for various programmes. CFC from Dubai is taking care of the CFC movement in our diocese.

Couples of Christ is an International Private Lay Association, approved by the Pontifical Council for Laity, Vatican. It originated in Manila, Philippines, in June 1981, when 16 married couples came together to build strong Christian families through prayers, sharing and fellowship. Initially the members were only married couples. However, as the aim was to build strong families, the need to include every members of the family was felt. Accordingly the CFC Family Ministries were launched in 1993. This included *Kids for Christ* (KFC, 4 to 12 years), *Youth for Christ* (YFC, 13 to 21 years), *Singles for Christ* (SFC – 21 to 40 years, but nor married), *Servants of the Lord* (SOLD, above 40 years and single – not married or lost their wives through death or separation) and *Handmaids of the Lord* (HOLD – above 40 years - not married or lost their husbands through death or separation). Thus it became a “womb to tomb” Christian Ministry. Currently CFC with its Family Ministries is functioning in 110 countries.

The **Vision of CFC** is: *“Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth. Moved by the Holy Spirit, one with the Catholic Church, blessed to witness to Christ’s love and service, Couples for Christ is a united global community of family evangelizers that sets the world on fire with the fullness of God’s transforming love.”*

The Global Mission is: *“Building the Church of the Home, Building the Church of the Poor”.*

New members are initiated into the movement after they attend a 12-session “Christian Life Programme” (CLP) and taking the CFC Covenant. This includes a commitment to pray and read scripture daily, frequent the Sacraments, put good order in family life, regular communication with the spouse, responsible parenting, offering to serve in the movement and to add more members. Thereafter, there is a 3 year formation programme covering all aspects of Christian life, ‘Living as a People of God.’

CFC’s through the years has metamorphosed from a family movement into a force for social renewal as well. The spiritual renewal that members undergo brings in the realization that we are here not just for ourselves, but we have a responsibility to others too, especially to the poor. Accordingly, the second dimension is “Building the Church of the poor”. This is achieved through the ANCOP (Answering the cry of the poor) programmes, that includes building homes, livelihood programmes and support for education. CFC was introduced to India in 1985, starting with Mumbai and Goa, being the first country outside the Philippines. Today CFC is present in over 100 dioceses in India. CFC came to Nagaland in July 2014, when the first Christian Life Programme was conducted in Mary Help of Christians Cathedral, Kohima, with the blessings and encouragement of Most Rev. James Thoppil, Bishop of Kohima Diocese, who was convinced that it would help to build strong families in the diocese. After a short start, now the movement has taken roots in our diocese and it is functioning now in seven parishes viz, Cathedral, SFS, Christ the King, St. Peter’s Kiphire, St. Pauls’ Pungro, St. Paul’s Phesama and St. Francis Assisi Lazami, where we have CFC, SFC, HOLD & SOLD, with over 100 members. Additionally, there are over 50 YFC members each in St. Mary’s Parish Lakuthi and St. Joseph’s College, Jakhama. A CLP was conducted in Nagaland University, Lumami, a year ago. As part of the ANCOP programme, 16 school students in the diocese will be sponsored for education (tuition fees, uniform & books) from the academic year 2017.

The main advantages of any parish where CFC and the family ministries introduced are; there will be strong Christian families growing in spirituality and social commitment, the parish priest will have a group of committed parishioners who can be deployed for building a strong Parish and thence to a strong diocese and fulfill God’s divine plan for Christian families. Many parish priests in Kohima diocese are keen to bring CFC

to their respective parishes. For further details you may contact Marcus Mengukhrieto (9615246280) coordinator and Fr. John P. M (9612789517) priest in charge of CFC in our Diocese.

Northeast Regional Pastoral Conference

This year the Northeast Pastoral Conference was held at North-Eastern Diocesan Social Forum (NEDSF), Guwahati from 12-15 September on the theme, “Ministering to Christian Families” in the background of the 2014 and 2015 Synods of Rome on the Vocation and Mission of Family, and in the light of the Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* of Pope Francis. We cannot have a healthy Church without a healthy family and vice versa. Healthy family is also the source and stay for a healthy Society. I am enclosing the highlight of the conference for our study and action.

We shall take “Ministering to Families in Nagaland” as our theme for the next Diocesan Pastoral Conference to be held on Friday, 24th February 2017.

Other Events

There were many other events that took place in the diocese. The details of them will be given in the Sharing. I just want to high light a few.

- Foundation stone was laid for the parish church at Pungro by Mrs. Anne Knörzer and Mrs. Hildegard Hermanns from Missio Aachen, Germany on November 16, 2016.
- Triennial convention of Catholic Association of Nagaland was held at Holy Cross Parish, Dimapur from the 4th to 6th November 2016 with the theme “Laity in Service”
- Foundation for the new primary section of Newman School, Tobu was laid on 31st October, 2016 in the presence of the community.
- The newly built refectory cum kitchen at St. Thomas Parish Tuensang was blessed and inaugurated on Sunday 30th October.
- Reconstructed St. Paul Church, Noklak was blessed on Sunday, October 30, 2016.
- Foundation stone for the new School building in Shamator was laid on 29th October 2016.
- Nagaland Catholic Youth Movement (NCYM) conducted quiz competition on Catholic faith on October 29 at St. Joseph’s College, Jakhama in which 31 teams participated. The Cathedral parish team secured the first place and won the first prize.
- Newly constructed sanctuary and grotto at St. Peter’s Church, Tesophenyu was blessed by me and inaugurated by Mr. K. T. Thomas, Addl. Director, Dept. of Tourism, Govt. of Nagaland on Sunday Oct. 23, 2016.

- The New Extension of St. Xavier's Hr. Sec. School, Jalukie was blessed by me and inaugurated by Mr. Kevipele Paul Theilung, on 22nd October, 2016.
- NEISSR held its first graduation ceremony with Governor P B Acharya as the Chief Guest on Saturday October 15, 2016. The first batch of 43 students graduated with specializations in Community Development, Peace & Conflict Transformation Studies and Youth Development
- St. Mary's Cathedral Hr. Sec. School celebrated its silver jubilee on Saturday 8, October, 2016, with minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Dr. Niekiesalie Kire as the chief guest and the Chairman of Nagaland Board of School Education (NBSE) Asano Sekhose as the Guest of Honor.
- Twelve of our Priests and me participated in the Biennial Convention of the Diocesan Fraternity of North-East India (DFNEI) that was held in the Nongstoin diocese from the 4th to 6th October this year. Rev. Fr. Sojan was elected as the secretary of DFNEI.
- The second diocesan vocation camp was held at St. Joseph's Parish, Chumukedima from 7th – 9th October, 2016 in which 135 students participated.
- New school building of St. Andrew School, Jotsoma was blessed by me and inaugurated Shri Dr. Neikiesalie Kire, minister for environment, forest and climate change, Govt. of Nagaland on 26th September 2016.
- Congratulations to the Principal, Management, Staff, Students, Parents and Friends of St. Joseph College, Jakhama for obtaining “**A Grade**” in the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) assessment. It is a unique achievement and acknowledgement of the quality and facility of the college. Keep up Josephites.
- A newly built Church at Pfüchema village (under Phe sema Parish) was blessed by me and inaugurated by Bro. Lukaz, SJ from Poland on August 24th. The Church is dedicated to St. Andrew Bobola, a Jesuit martyr from Poland, whose first class relic is preserved in the altar. It is partly financed by youth group from Poland who came and worked with the community for its construction. We congratulate Fr. Anand SJ for his initiatives along with Fr. Boniface.

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE

Mr. Gemdibe George (35) eldest brother of Dn. Dominic Zeliang passed away on 28/09/2016.

Mr. K .S. George (63) brother of Fr. Sunny Kanjirakkat passed away on 30/09/2016.

Fr. Walter Albuquerque, SJ, (92) former Spiritual & Music Director of Good Seminary passed away on 7/10/2016.

Mrs. Thresiakutty (86) sister of Fr. C.T., Varghese SDB passed away on 15/10/ 2016.

Fr. Santhosh Menezes OFM Cap. (77) former Councillor, St. Joseph's College, Jakhama, passed away on 17/10/2016.

Fr. Cornelius Khyriem – 70 (Archdiocese of Shillong) passed away on 17/10/2016.

Mr. Thomas Bhenhra (55) father of Sr. Neelima Bhenhra, MSMHC (Little Flower Study House, Dimapur) passed away on 21/10/2016.

Mr. Sebastian (70) father of Sr. Sheena, MSMHC (Angangba) passed away on 22/10/ 2016.

Mr. Thomas (75) father of Sr. Mary Minj, SABS passed away on 23/10/2016.

Mr. Lichamo Marianus Yanthan (68) brother of Sr. Aloysia, MSMHC and paternal uncle of Fr. Ntonse John Lotha (Kiphire) passed away on 23/10/ 2016.

Mr. Alezo Dominic (29) elder brother of Bro. Kekhrievizo Carlos (1st Year Philosophy, Pune) passed away on 31/10/2016

Mrs. Ezublo Teresa (84) mother of Mr. Elias Lotha, Former President of CAN, passed away on 12/11/2016.

Mr. George (40) brother of Fr. Paul Inashe, OFM Cap. passed away on 15/11/2016

Mr. Jacob Lakra (80) father of Sr. Dominica, MMS (Kohima) passed away on 18/11/2016

Bishop's Program (December 2016 – April 2017)

Dec. 2016	01	Dimapur: Mass in Mother Teresa Convent (6.30 am)
	02	Kohima
	03	Kohima: Finance Committee Meeting (2.30 pm, BH, Kohima)
	04	Meriema: Golden Jubilee (Christ King Parish, Kohima)
	05-07	New Delhi
	08-09	Kohima
	10	Porba, Religious Profession of Sr. Rose Hesuh and Sr. Esther Dukru
	11	Zhavame & Tsuphume: Thanks giving mass and Church blessing.
	12	Dimapur: GB DAN (9.00 am); Senate Meeting (5.30 pm, BH, Dimapur)
	13	Dimapur: Priests' Meeting (9.00 am, Pastoral Centre) Monthly Recollection (5.30 pm, Holy Cross)
	14	Dimapur: Consulters' meeting (9.00 am, BH, Dimapur)
	15	Viswema: Golden Jubilee cum blessing of the new Church (10.00 am)
	16	Kohima: Tizema Jubilee (under Christ King Parish, Kohima)
	17	Kohima: Blessing of St. Peter's Church, Kohima (under Cathedral parish)
	18	Dimapur: Holy Cross Parish Youth Jubilee
	19	Sanis, Pangthi
	20	Longsa: Blessing of the new Convent
	21-23	Kohima
	24	Dimapur – Midnight Mass

- 25 Kohima: Christmas Day mass at the Cathedral
 26 Kohima
 27 Chumukedima: NAP Church Jubilee
 28 Lozaphuhu: Priestly Ordination of Deacon George Vekupa (9.30 am)
 29 Jalukie: Priestly Ordination of Deacon Dominic (10.00 am)
 30-31 Kerala
- Jan. 2017**
- 01-02 Kerala
 03-04 Kohima: Priestly Ordination of Deacon Peter Solo (CK Church, 10.00 am)
 05-06 Kohima
 07-08 Gwalior: Episcopal Ordination
 09 To Lakhuti
 10 Lakhuti: Priestly Ordination of Deacon Marius (Akuk, 10.00 am)
 11 To Mokokchung
 12 Mokokchung: Chungtia Youth Jubilee (10.30 am)
 13 Purul: Priestly Ordination of Deacon Salas (10.00 am)
 14 Chedema: Angami Catholic Women Conference (7.00 am Mass)
 15 Meluri: Pouchury Women convention
 16-20 Kohima
 21-23 Guwahati: Archdiocesan Jubilee
 24 Medziphema: MSFS Seminary
25 Dimapur: Inauguration of St. Joseph University, Nagaland
 26-29 Kohima
 30 To Bhopal: CCBI Plenary Assembly
- Feb. 2017**
- 01-09 Bhopal: CCBI Plenary Assembly
 10 Kohima
 11 Kohima: Legal Cell Meet
 12 Kohima: Holy Childhood day
 13-16 Kohima
 17 To Pungro
 18 Pungro: Priestly Ordination of Deacon Obed
 19 Pungro-Kohima
 20 Dimapur: Jubilee of Sr. Sibia (10.30 am, Chumukedima)
 21 Kohima: Mass at Saleian Novitiate, Zubza
 22 Kohima
 23 Kohima: Senate (9.00 am, BH, Kohima)
 Meeting of Commission Chairmen and Presidents & General Secretaries
 of CAN, NCWA, NCYM (2.00 pm, Mt. Tabor)
 Monthly Recollection for members of DPC (5.30 pm, Mt. Tabor, Kohima)
 24 Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) Meeting (9.00 am, Mt. Tabor)
 Consulters' meeting (5.30 pm, Mt. Tabor)
 25-26 Tezpur: SCC Feasta
 27-28 Shillong: Oriens Theological College
- Mar. 2017**
- 01 Kohima: Ash Wednesday
 02-06 Kohima

Apr. 2017

- 07-10 Jowai: NE Bishops' meeting
- 11-12 Dimapur: Pastoral Visit to GSS
- 13-14 Kohima
- 15 Meeting of Provincials, Parish Priests (9.30, BH, Dimapur)
Regional Animators' meeting (2.00 pm, BH, Dimapur)
- 16-17 Kohima
- 18 Kohima: FC meeting for Budget ((9.00 am, BH, Kohima)
- 19-24 Kohima
- 25-28 Seyochung
- 29-30 Kohima (29th, Death anniversary of Fr. N. A. George)
- 31 Pastoral visit: Longleng Parish
- 01-05 Pastoral visit: Longleng
- 06-08 Kohima
- 09 Kohima: Palm Sunday
- 10 Kohima: Consulters' meeting (10.30 am, BH, Kohima)
Priests' meeting (2.00 pm, Mt. Tabor), DF
- 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
- 16 Dimapur: Easter Day Mass
- 17-18 Kohima
- 19 Dimapur: UFC Profession (9.30 am)
- 20 Kohima
- 21-23 Tuensang: Golden Jubilee
- 24-30 Kerala: Fiat Mission stall

Most Rev. Dr. James Thoppil
Bishop of Kohima, Nagaland