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- 1 §1. In accordance with CIC can. 502 §1, the College of Consultors of the Diocese of Asansol is being constituted, with the following as members: 1) Fr Alexius Tudu VG, 2) Fr I.P. Sarto, 3) Fr Santi Soren SDB, 4) Fr Wilson Fernandes, 5) Fr Arbind Rupesh Turkey, 6) Fr Stephen Toppo.
- 1 §2. Fr A. Devadoss will be a non-member secretary of the College of Consultors.
- 1 §3. The first meeting of the College of Consultors will be held on 4 December 2023, at Bishop's house in Asansol.

2. Pope Francis having declared 2025 as the Ordinary Jubilee Year of the Birth of Jesus Christ, Fr Michael Hansdak' is appointed as the diocesan coordinator for the same. Prayers to be recited in every parish, in preparation for the Jubilee, will be circulated shortly. The Jubilee logo is to be displayed in a prominent place in every parish and institution. The official inauguration of the Preparation for the Jubilee 2025 (as per CCBI recommendation) will be held on 26 November 2023 at the Cathedral, in Asansol, Sacred Heart Church, Burdwan and Infant Jesus Church, Makrampur.

- 3 §1. Fr Robert R. D'Souza having resigned from the office of parish priest of St Joseph's Church, Laghata, due to age limit (can. 538 §3), Fr Michael Hansdak' has been appointed Parish Administrator of the same parish, with effect from 1st January 2024.
- 3 §2. From 1st January 2024, Fr Robert D'Souza will continue residing at St Joseph's Church, Laghata, and will be assisting Fr Michael in the parish ministry.

4. All diocesan parish priests and quasi-parish priests, who have workers/domestic staff *residing in the church/presbytery premises*, are to provide with the following information to the Bishop's House: 1) name of the person, 2) his/her age (copy of the Aadhar card is to be attached), 3) date since when the person is employed, 4) home address, 5) total salary paid per month.

5. All priests are to communicate to Bishop's Office the address and contact number of the family member/s, who is/are to be contacted in case of emergency, latest by 30 November 2023.

- 6 §1. Baptism and Confirmation: In so far as possible a person to be baptised or confirmed is to be assigned a God parent. If there are two God parents, one of each sex (cann. 872-873). That is to say, two men or two women cannot be God parents.
- 6 §2. To be admitted to undertake the office of the God parent, he/she must be a (i) practicing Catholic, (ii) married as per Church laws, (iii) completed eighteen years of age, (iv) has been confirmed.
- 6 §3. A baptised non-Catholic person cannot be assigned the office of God parent, even if he/she is married to a Catholic person.

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