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"The Word of God is my hope". Ps. 119,114

Dear BPM Co-ordinators in AFRAM,

The inspired Word of God inspires us to do something beautiful for God and humanity. I am sure most of you are working hard to promote the ministries of the Word. Surely, it is all for the greater glory of God. I wanted to write to you earlier but I was transferred to another diocese to run a Cathetical Centre which is 135 years old, perhaps, one of the oldest cathetical centres in Africa. As I was in the transition period, lot of arrangements and shifts. I am slowly settling down here. I want to communicate a few things:

1. Forthcoming **BPM and Communication Co-ordinators Meeting in Madagascar**

Dates: Arrival on 18 Sept 2011
Departure on 24 Sept 2011

Place: Ambolokandriana, Antananarivo
(Dehoniens' Theologate)

Theme: (Not yet fixed, will be known soon) Here are a few suggestions:

- a). How can the BPM and Communication co-ordinators work hand-in-hand to promote Word of God?
- b). Post Synodal Exhortation of Verbum Domini-a reflection and sharing by Bishop Gaspard Mudiso,SVD.
- c). Implication of the forthcoming General Chapter's theme **Interculturality** in our Biblical apostolate

So, dear BPM co-ordinators, I want more reflections from you about the theme: It is for our ministries, so we should be the makers of it.

All the same, try do the your home work like a preparing a good report and the ticket arrangement for the forthcoming meeting in Madagascar.

2. There is a continental workshop at Nairobi from 6th April to 9th April 2011 organized by BICAM. The theme for the Workshop is: **"Renforcer les capacités des régions – Fortifier le CEBAM"** . I will be attending the workshop: I suppose some of you who got the invitation will be also participating the same.

3. General Secretariat of **CATHOLIC BIBLICAL FEDERATION** , Mr. Alexander M. Schweitzer has informed that they are conducting an Extraordinary Plenary Assembly (EPA).

Date / Venue : June 15 is the arrival day, June 19 the departure day. The venue is the Casa Divin Maestro in Ariccia, a place outside Rome (ca. 1 hour) in the Albano mountains. It is a conference and retreat centre run by the Pauline fathers and equipped with excellent meeting logistics (including a simultaneous translation system and an electronic voting system) and beautiful rooms.

Financing: The CBF General Secretariat will do its very best in order to ensure – with the generous help of German Catholics through the funding agencies – the financing of the assembly. That means that we will attempt to pay for full board and lodging as well as for local transportation, simultaneous translation, material, secretariat etc. **If this plan works out, the participants will have to finance their travel to Rome and back.** According to the practice during last regular Plenary Assembly, it will be a palpable sign of solidarity and subsidiarity that the regions and sub regions will see to it that the economically better off members support the economically less advantaged or to find regional sources. For further advice please contact your sub -regional or regional coordinators.

Those who wish to participate may have to the necessary arrangements.
So, these were some tit/bits from my part. I wish you all the best in your ministries and hope to meet personally in Madagascar.

In the Ministries of the Word,
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