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**To the Heads, In-Charges of Diocesan Bodies, Departments, Institutions, Associations,
Deans & Parish Priests,
Archdiocese of Goa and Daman**

Dear Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters,

Warm Greetings from the Diocesan Pastoral Secretariat!

We are pleased to announce that the Archbishop, through his letter dated **21st January 2026**, has approved the Pastoral Theme for the coming Pastoral Year 2026-2027:

- In Konkani: **MHOJE SOVEM RAVAT** (JU.15:4)
- In English: **ABIDE IN ME** (JN 15:4)

His Eminence has earnestly recommended that all Diocesan Bodies, Church Institutions, Religious Communities, and Parishes to:

- Raise awareness of the above Pastoral Theme for the coming Pastoral Year 2026-2027 at all levels ensuring that all those entrusted to your care are well informed.
- Integrate the theme into all Ministries and Apostolates, making appropriate adaptations where needed.
- Plan and implement activities and programmes for the Pastoral Year 2026–2027 that are rooted in this theme, fostering deeper ecclesial renewal within our Archdiocese and contributing to the growth of a truly Synodal Church.

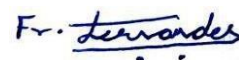
May this theme inspire the People of God from the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman to remain deeply rooted in Christ, the true Vine, and to recognise that authentic spiritual growth and fruitfulness flow from a living and abiding relationship with Him and one another.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. May God bless our Ministries and Apostolates abundantly as we continue our Synodal Journey as fellow pilgrims.

Yours faithfully in Christ,



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Director



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