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WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY PARENTS DAY!
The Parish Pastoral Council, Fr. Tony, Fr Lester, Fr Agnelo.

AN IDEAL ENVIRONMENT FOR A FAMILY

1. **A PRAYERFUL ENVIRONMENT:** Prayer is absolutely essential for a happy family life. Every individual should pray in the morning when he or she awakes and before going to sleep. Besides this, daily Family Prayer is a must for every family. Even if all the family members are not present at a particular fixed time those who are present should join in Family Prayer. The Family Rosary is a time-tested effective form of Family Prayer. Even if one member of a family is returning home by bus or train or if he or she is at work; when his or her family is praying, he or she will remember the particular time his or her family is at Prayer and can join in silent prayer wherever he or she is.
2. **A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT:** Cleanliness is essential for happy and healthy living. Whether the house is small or big, family members should ensure that it is always kept clean. Each and everything should go back to its place and garbage should be put immediately in the bin. Could we take a resolution on Parents Day that every Family in our parish will ensure that their house is always kept clean?
3. **A CARING ENVIRONMENT:** It is interesting to observe the behaviour of people once they leave office or school at the end of the day. Some come rushing home whereas others dilly-dally and come late home. Has our family a caring environment? Are we concerned about each other? Do we worry when someone is late in coming home? Do we tell each other where we are going and when we will be back home? Do we enjoy being at home with each other in our family?

Let us all pray that all Families in our parish have A PRAYERFUL, CLEAN and CARING ENVIRONMENT and so become HAPPY FAMILIES.

Fr. Anthony D'Souza, Parish Priest.

KHUXALPONN FAMILIN

1. **MAGNNEM:** Amcheam familini khuxalponn zai zalear, magnnem mhotvachem zaun asa. Zonn eklean sokallim uttlea uprant ani ratik nidonk veche adim magnnem korunk zai. Toxench familicheam membrannim sangata magnnem korunk zai. Eka vellar familichim membram sangata naslearui, nemlelea vellar jim sangata asat tannim ektthaim magnnem korunk zai. Jim sangata saibnnicho ters mhonntat tim sodanch sangata asat. Eka nemlelea vellar jedna mhoji famil magnnem korta tedna hanv asam thoim: zaum tem bus-in vo train-in vo kamachea zagear thoim mhojean xant monan magnnem korunk zai. Nemlelea vellar, mhojem xant monan kel'lem magnnem mhojea familichea magnnea sangata Devak paut.
2. **NITOLLAI:** Dadosponnim ani bore bolaikichem jivit jieunk nitollaiechi goroz. Mhojem ghor zaum dhaktem vo vholdlem tem hanvem nitoll dovrunk zai. Ji vost ami kaddtanv ani vapurtanv ti vapurlea uprant kaddlea teach zagear portun dovrunk zai. Hea avoibapuiamche porbe disa ami amchem ghor nitoll dovorteleavn mhonnon nichev gheum ia.
3. **EKAMEKACHI PORVA:** Familin ami ekamekacho usko korun, ekamekachi porva korunk zai. Familin ekamekacho mog asa mhonn rokddench kollta. Thoddim munxeam

kam zalem vo iskol suttlem mhonntoch rokddinch dhavon dhavon ghara ietat. Ier munxeam sovkas uxir ghara ietelim. Ami ekamekacho usko kortanv?

Amcheam familinim khuxalponn asunk ami Deva lagim magum ia.

Fr Anthony D'Souza Parish Priest

LAITY SUNDAY – 30/6/2019

At the 10.30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Tony D'Souza, our Parish Priest we had a solemn service commissioning Lay heads and SCC Core group members. Parish Pastoral Council members were requested to come near the altar and we were blessed with holy water. Thereinafter, we all pledged to share in the mission of Jesus Christ to fulfil wholeheartedly the role commissioned to us by motivating others and being responsible in our duties. Special Prayers of the Faithful were prepared and each of us were given a token to mark the occasion.

In the evening, from 4.30 p.m. to 7.30 pm, despite the heavy rains in Mumbai and delayed trains, Laity Sunday celebration at Antonio da Silva School Hall Dadar drew in a massive crowd of Lay Heads from various parishes all over Mumbai. From our Parish, Sebastian, Naina and Mylene attended the program. The theme for this year being: 'Making A Difference' we were lead into the program by a Prayer Service by Fr Savio De Sales which comprised videos, Scripture Reading from the gospel of Luke 5:1-11 and intercessory prayers. Ms. Rohini, one of the pillars of the OLCM team felicitated our Chief Guest, His Lordship Bishop Barthol Barretto and Fr. Felix D'Souza, OLCM Director. Fr. Felix addressed the gathering reinforcing that the Laity by our works were called to spread the news of salvation. We were called and challenged to make a difference in the lives of others. Just as the altar in church flows with Christ's blood so also at our workplace (the desk), the kitchen (table) etc is the place where our sweat flows. He stressed on 3 points

1. We should be aware of our vocation as a lay person,
2. By getting training we become better leaders
3. We have to get involved.

We were also introduced to Maria Fernandes and Fabian Rose who had attended the IMFE Course and they gave testimonies on how this training program has changed their lives to be better people. Johnson Saldanha spoke on how being a member of the OLCM has made a difference in his life. We also had a talk show anchored by Fr. Felix with 4 people on the panel who by their work have made a difference in the lives of other people:

1. Mrs. Agatha Sushila Dias – who runs Amche Ghar in Uttan that looks after max 25 children (even from red light areas) from ages 6-18 years empowering them with education and livelihood for the girl child.
2. Mrs. Shobha D'Silva – who runs Jeevan Dhara dealing with varied addictions and the effects felt on family life
3. Mr. Reuben Mascarenhas who besides being employed as an Engineer in a private firm is also a dedicated political party member. He firmly believes that anyone can stand for 'Corporator' and win the elections thus bringing about a change and making a difference.
4. Ms. Deanne de Menezes who believes in 'Red is the new green'. She is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of women teaching them about Menstruation and Hygiene – that it is as natural a process as sweating and not something to be shied away from.

We were also shown 2 videos on people who made a difference in the lives of others –

1. Mark D'Souza – who prepares and personally delivers wholesome tiffins to the old/ senior citizens, ill or handicapped people who have no one to care for them.
2. Jadav Payeng – commonly known as 'Forest Man' who singly by his efforts changed the barren desert, Majuli Island into a lush forest.

Finally, our Chief Guest, Bishop Barthol Barretto addressed the gathering saying, he was proud of us. He congratulated us on the good work we were doing in our parishes. He said

we were the salt and light of the world. We were collaborators working together with our religious.

The OLCM team : Rohini /Adrian/ Melwyn were thanked for all the work they put in the whole year through and for putting this evening together. The vote of thanks was given by Jacinta Valles.

The Program was well organised and very enriching. It was also very entertaining and never for a moment did we feel bored as the compere for the evening Mr. Jude Fernandes kept us in splits of laughter along with games and spot prizes. It was truly an evening well spent.

By Mylene Sequeira

ST. THOMAS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

St Thomas Community celebrated their Feast Day on 14th July 2019 at Nirmala Niketan. Fr Joel Mascarenhas celebrated the Holy Eucharist. He awakened in us a desire to reach out to those within our family, the community and those around us who need our care. The Mass was followed by refreshments and speeches of appreciation of outgoing office bearers (Emily Andrade and Vilma D'Silva). SSC, HSC and graduation students were felicitated.

Mylene Sequeira and Renee Carvalho are our present coordinators. It was a pleasure to have an increased number of community members attending the feast this year. Fr Tony, Fr Agnelo, Fr Lester and Bro. George Paul graced the occasion. Two thoroughly enjoyable group games were played. Sr. Rena gave a presentation on the Daughters of the Heart of Mary (Nirmala Niketan Congregation). She welcomed the laity to join as associate members. The occasion ended with a hearty lunch and everyone left feeling joyful after spending a pleasant time together as a community.

We hope even more members join us next year. A special thanks to all members who volunteered their time and concerted effort and to the DHM congregation who as always graciously offered us their premises.

By Glynis Saldanha

LOOKING BACK

Rosary was conducted by the Legion of Mary every-day in May at the grotto of our Church. On 31st May 2019 there was candle light procession around the Church after 7 p.m. Mass followed by solemn recitation of the rosary by the Legion of Mary.

Sr, Viviyana Lobo has been transferred to Aurangabad. We thank her for her services to our Parish and School Sr. Anwelari Joseph has been transferred here from Pune. We welcome her to our Parish and School

From 31st May 2019 to 8th June 2019 Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the feast of Pentecost was recited at every Mass after Holy Communion.

From 4th June 2019 to 12th June 2019 Novena in preparation for the feast of St Anthony was recited at every Mass after Holy Communion

On 9th June 2019 we had Pentecost Rally in our Church. This rally began at 5 p.m. with Mass and Healing Service. Fr Tony was the Main Celebrant for this Mass and Healing Service.

On 16th June 2019 there was a half day workshop for college and working youth from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. inclusive of Mass, breakfast and lunch at Nirmala Niketan organized by Sr. Rena Rodricks. The resource person for this workshop was Fr Joshan Rodrigues.

Annual General Body Meeting of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Dolours Church Sonapur was held on 30th June 2019. Election of office bearers of the Confraternity could not be held. Hence, it was decided to have an Extraordinary meeting of the Confraternity on 21st July 2019 to elect office bearers.

In the SSC Exam of March 2019 our parish school secured 99%. We congratulate our SSC students, Principal Sr. Josephine and all our teaching and non-teaching staff of our school.

Sunday School and Confirmation Class began on 16th June 2019.

A joint meeting of old and new members of our Parish Pastoral Council was held on 16th June 2019. Renee Carvalho was elected Vice President of our Parish Pastoral Council. Mylene Sequeira was elected as Secretary. Victor D'Souza is our SCC Parish Coordinator and Naina Chawathe is our parish representative on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. We congratulate the new office bearers of our Parish Pastoral Council.

From 18th June 2019, Novena in preparation for the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour was recited at every Mass after Holy Communion.

From 19th June 2019, Novena in preparation for the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was also recited at every Mass after Holy Communion. Sacred Heart Rosary was sung, every novena day prior to the Novena Mass. We are grateful to Fr. K. T. Emmanuel, Fr Joseph Gonsalves, Fr. Michael D’Cunha, Fr Elton Namory, Fr. Melroy Fernandes, Fr. Henry D’Souza, Fr Joseph D’Souza, Fr Melroy Mendonca, and Fr. Neil dos Santos for celebrating the Eucharist and preaching inspiring homilies for our Sacred Heart Novena. We had a solemn celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart on 28th June. We are grateful to a parishioner who donated a piece of cake for each devotee after Sacred Heart Feast Mass.

Laity Sunday was celebrated on 30th June 2019. On this day, heads of all Parish Cells and Associations and all members of our Parish Pastoral Council renewed their commitment at the 10.30 a.m. Mass. 3 Lay Heads from our parish attended the Archdiocesan Laity Sunday celebration at Dr. Antonio da Silva Hall, Dadar west.

Bombay Catholic Sabha Sonapur Unit had Annual General Body Meeting and Elections of Office Bearers on 3rd July in the hall at 7.30 p.m. Charles Vaz was elected as the new Head of Bombay Catholic Sabha, Sonapur Unit.

On 7th July members of our Parish Pastoral Council had a training programme at Dabul Church which was followed by our PPC Meeting at Dabul Church at around 12 noon.

LOOKING AHEAD

Extraordinary meeting of the Confraternity will be held on 21st July 2019 at 11.15 a.m. to elect office bearers for the next 3 years.

Fr. Zachariah will be having adoration service including healing and deliverance on 22nd July 2019 after 7 p.m. Mass.

Parents Day Triduum will be held from 25th July 2019 to 27th July 2019 at the 7 p.m. Mass.

Special Parents Day Mass on Sunday 28th July 2019 at 10.30 a.m. SSC and HSC toppers will be felicitated at this Mass. Children are requested to come with their Parents for this Mass.

Parents Day celebration on Sunday 28th July at St Francis Xavier Hall Dabul from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. For entry cards contact our youth.

Priests of our Parish will be felicitated on 4th August at the 10.30 a.m. Mass on the occasion of Vianney Sunday.

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

BAPTISM DATE	NAME	CHILD OF
18 June 2019	Leo Naidu	Jayram and Pinky

UNITED IN CHRIST

MARRIAGE DATE	NAME OF COUPLE
24 May 2019	Calroy Ludwig Dias & Joslyn Shasha Coelho
25 May 2019	Jose Agnelo Fernandes & Maria Clara D’Mello

RESTING IN CHRIST

BURIAL DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
8 April 2019	Christopher Zachery D’Souza	Shah House, Dr. C. H. Street
22 April 2019	Leslie John Paul Mascarenhas	273/79 Praveen Niwas Dr. C. H. Street
17 June 2019	Mona D’Souza	4 Dhuru Mahal, F Road, Marine Drive
21 June 2019	Simao Victor D’Souza	Building No. 288 Dr. C. H. Street
28 June 2019	Anthony Jack Dias	4/17 Indira Bhavan Dadi Santook Lane
29 June 2019	Sebastian Camilo Fernandes	2/3 Indira Bhavan Dadi Santook Lane
1 July 2019	Anthony Joseph Mendis	2 Vaishali Mansion Dadi Santook Lane

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