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**WISHING YOU A HAPPY FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.
WE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED ON ALL SOULS DAY**
Parish Pastoral Council, Fr. Tony and Fr Lester.

We begin the month of November by celebrating All Saints Day. On this day we remember all our family members, our relatives, our neighbours and our friends who are Saints in heaven. We are all called to be saints. To be a Saint means to give Jesus the first place in our life. Is Jesus the most important person in my life?

The next day is All Souls Day. On this day we remember all our departed family members, relatives and friends whom we miss so much. And we pray asking God to give them eternal peace and joy.

Novembrachea poilea disa ami Sogleam Santam Bhoktamcho Dis somorombhtanv. Amcheam familintle, amche soire, amche sezari, amche ixtt sorgar Sant bhokt koxe asat ani ami hea disa tancho kherit bhaxen ugdass kortanv. Amkam zonn ekleak Sant zaupachem apovnnem asa. Sant zaunk mhonghe Jezuk amchea jivitant, har-ek disa poilo zago diunk. Jezuk ami amchea dispot'tea jivitant poile zago ditanv?

Hea disa uprant ami Sogleam Atmeacho dis somorombhtanv. Amchea familintle, amche soire, amche sezari ani amche ixtt je morun geleat heam sogleamcho ami hea disa ugdass kortanv. Devan tankam sasnnachem sukh ani xanti diunk ami magnnem kortanv.

Fr. Anthony D'Souza, Parish Priest

OUR PARISH QUARTERLY SCC REPORT

From 7th October 2021, we also have our Churches, Schools and Colleges opening up. We continue to pray for our children in a very special way for their safety and good health and also their parents and teachers. We also pray for the people who have lost their jobs and have faced great difficulties on account of the lockdown.

Here is the quarterly report of our Parish for the quarter July – September 2021. Our Parish comprises of 7 Communities, each community has a Coordinator and a Jt. Coordinator along with animators who form the Core group. In the report every community has descriptively highlighted their community activities and programs held during the quarter July – September 2021.

Prayers: The Corona Virus Covid 19 pandemic is the defining global health crisis of our time and the greatest challenge we have faced. The two years have been faced with great hardships due to the lockdowns and lots of people have lost their near and dear ones in this period. Prayer is the only hope to deliver us from this Pandemic. Prayer sessions were held on every Friday/1st Fridays to pray in some communities for those suffering from Covid 19, families who have lost their near and dear ones, those who have lost their jobs, and for those fighting against the Covid 19 and also for those involved in finding a cure for this virus.

Home visits to the old aged specially the homebound continued: Animators continued visiting families as assigned to them and passed on information of Church / Community activities namely informing the sick, Old and the Homebound of the Online Masses organized by our Parish in Konkani. Members helped them to view the Online Mass on their mobiles or TV sets. Members also reached out to the lonely and senior citizens and helped them to get their groceries. They ensured

that they are keeping good health. Parishioners specially the senior citizens were helped in getting vaccinated.

SCC Paper by Cynthia D'Souza "...And the Light is fading fast" was discussed in all communities. St Thomas Community had an online Triduum in preparation for their feast day, 3 different Priests in a virtual live-streamed programme spoke on St Thomas as Apostle of India and what he means today and how he inspires us to trust God in all situations.

An online tribute to Fr. Stan Swamy – by Jesuit West Zone was well attended by all our communities.

Growing Old Gracefully - A talk by Dr. Sr. Angela Rodrigues and Sr. Sarla Macwan was organized by the DHM sisters (sisters of Nirmala Niketan) via Google Meet and covered the physical, intellectual, emotional, social, spiritual as well as diet & nutrition in the old age. This was well appreciated by members from all communities in our parish.

Monetary Aid: One needy member suffering from Cancer was helped in getting monetary aid required for treatment from 3 parishes. She subsequently passed away on 28th Sept 2021.

No one in want: Snacks were given to 20 students who are street dwellers in our Parish and various stationery items were also purchased for their needs.

Holy Cross Community of our parish, on their feast day contributed towards Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner for the inmates at Society of Piety. The community also contributed towards groceries to the families and Sr. Anna distributed the same to the marginalized families. Having managed to get over 300 kgs of rice through a good source, this was distributed to needy families in our Parish & the families of the Street Children tutored by Sr. Anna.

Our Parish continued aiding the distribution of the food packets to the poor and needy of all communities of our parish. These food packets are well appreciated as it has helped the poor to a certain extent to ease their sufferings during the lockdown and also helped the new jobless to tide over the bad times and help them get back on track.

Preparing for the rainy season : Animators coordinated with the BMC Officials to repair drainage pipes and connections to Storms Water Drainage and thus cleaned up the stagnation of water in the Community also coordinated with BMC Officials and got the House Gullies cleaned up in around the buildings in the community and at the same time got 1 House gullies freshly tiled and followed up on keeping the area clean and avoiding any stagnant water so as to avoid any breeding grounds for mosquitoes during the rains.

In preparation of our church feast, a Cultural programme was organized. All communities took active part in this virtual programme. The program was aired on the day we celebrated our Parish Feast – 26th September 2021. It was an amazing program with various categories such as dancing, singing, fancy dress etc. and was well enjoyed and appreciated by our parishioners and ex parishioners living in Mumbai and other parts of the world.

We thank all our parishioners for your prayers and encouragement in all our community activities. May God bless each one of us abundantly for all the hard work and tirelessly working towards building SCC's in our parish. Do continue praying for our SCC Coordinators and Animators so that we may continue working for Christ to build a stronger SCC in our parish.

Victor D'Souza Parish SCC Coordinator

RESTING IN CHRIST

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