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One Parish, One Family

In the blink of an eye we have completed a decade as a parish and a new church structure. St. Louis parish has flourished over these years in terms of numbers of sectors and cells and associations, taking the church from strength to strength. The clergymen of the congregation of Holy Cross (CSC) who serve in Dahisar have shown tremendous leadership and shared the love of Christ Jesus with us consistently.

This decennial special issue of the 'Louisian Samachar' will be close to our hearts and certainly to yours too. When you read this edition, you will walk with us on a rather joyous and evocative journey. Some of the articles herein are cocooned in sentiments of nostalgia, of hard work, of community spirit and unity, and the fierce dedication and involvement of parishioners and clergy in realising a dream.

We are blessed to have received letters of appreciation from His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias, Provincial Head Fr. Leo D'Souza and more. Our parish is specially honoured to have received a letter from Lord Anton, a descendant of our patron, St. Louis.

Bringing out this special issue was an arduous task but the Lord made it happen through his people. I feel deeply appreciative of the parish team that ideated a special issue of the Louisian Samachar and let the editorial board work freely in the best interest of the magazine. I also commend my team, both the editorial and the advertising section. The ad team has put in incredible effort in collating advertisements for this issue, resulting in an overwhelming response. On behalf of my team, I thank all parishioners and well-wishers who helped procure and placed ads with a generous heart, making this issue even more memorable.

To all those who helped in myriad ways possible, I am in immense debt of your kindness and love. May our good Lord bless you and your families.

Cleston D'Costa
Chief Editor



एक धर्मग्राम, एक कुटुंब

दोळे मिचकटाच आपण आपल्या धर्मग्रामाच्या नवीन इमारतीला दहा वर्ष पुर्ण केली आहेत. या दहा वर्षांत संत लुईस चर्चचा बऱ्याचपैकी विस्तार झाला आहे, मग ते विभाग असोत, संघटना असोत आपण एकजुटीच्या शक्तीने एकत्र चालत आलो आहोत. आपली सेवा करणारे होली क्रॉस संस्थेचे धर्मगुरु यांनी उत्तम नेतृत्व व ख्रिस्त प्रेम प्रदर्शित केले आहे. त्यांनी आपल्याला आशिर्वादीत करून आपल्या सहकार्यानि व प्रार्थनेने असेच पुढे जात रहावे.

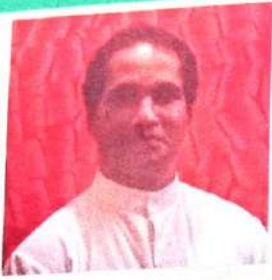
दशवर्षाची ही विशेष आवृत्ती आमच्या व तुमच्या हृदयाच्या जवळ राहणार आहे. ही आवृत्ती तुम्हाला एक आव्हानाने व आनंदाने भरलेल्या प्रवासावर घेऊन जाईल. या आवृत्तीतील अनेक लेख भावनात्मक, आव्हानात्मक, कठीण परिश्रम, सामाजिक ऐक्य, प्रखर निष्ठा व दिवसा पाहून साकार केलेले स्वप्नाचे दर्शन करून देत आहे.

आपले अभिनंदन करण्यासाठी अनेक नेत्यांचे पत्र या आवृत्तीत सामील आहेत. आपले धनगर ऑस्वल्ड कार्डिनल ग्रेशियस, होली क्रॉसचे प्रांतीय प्रमुख फा. लियो डिसोजा व अनेकांचे अभिनंदन पत्र या आवृत्तीत सामील आहेत. विशेष म्हणजे या आवृत्तीत लॉर्ड अँटनचे पत्र सामील आहे, लॉर्ड अँटन हे आपले आश्रयदाते संत लुईसचे वारसदार (वंशज) आहेत.

ही आवृत्ती प्रकाशित करण्यासाठी खूप कष्ट करावे लागणार होते, परंतु आम्ही माघार घेतली नाही कारण परिश्रमाने सर्व काही साध्य होते. मी सर्व धर्मगुरुंचे विशेष आभार मानु ईच्छितो कारण आमच्या संपादकीय समितीला त्यांनी ही आवृत्ती प्रकाशित करण्यास पुर्ण मोकळीक दिली होती. तसेच मी मॅगजीन समितीतील दोन्ही गटांचे अर्थात संपादकीत व जाहिरात विभागांचे आभार मानीत आहे. जाहिरात विभागातील कार्यकर्त्यांनी जाहिरती जमा करून या आवृत्तीला जबरदस्त प्रतिसाद मिळवून दिला आहे. मी माझ्या सहकार्यांच्या वतीने आपणा सर्व धर्मग्रामस्थांचे आभार मानीत आहे. आपण मोठं मन दाखवून आम्हाला जाहिरती दिल्या आहेत व या आवृत्तीची शोभा वाढविली आहे.

कळत नकळत ज्या ज्या लोकांनी आम्हाला प्रेमाने मदत केली, त्या सर्वांचा मी ऋणी आहे. तुम्हाला व तुमच्या कुटुंबियांना परमेश्वर सदैव आशिर्वादीत करो, हीच माझी प्रार्थना.

Cleston D'Costa
Chief Editor



TOGETHER WE CAN!

"He is like a man which built a house, and dug deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock." (Luke 6:48)

Dear Parishioners and well-wishers,

I feel truly blessed to be back in your midst and celebrate a very special moment in our journey – the tenth anniversary of St Louis Parish's formation, coinciding with the feast of our patron St. Louis. From a fledgling chapel to a beautiful place of worship, we have indeed come a long way.

I take this opportunity to thank all our priests and religious who have selflessly ministered to the needs of our parish ever since our beginning as a mass centre. I acknowledge with a grateful heart the overwhelming support from our parish community, be it at the level of cells and associations or in individual capacity. Let me congratulate each and every one of you for participating to make this journey a success.

Our theme for the celebration of the feast, coinciding with the decennial celebration, is 'One Parish One Family', which suggests that unity in diversity is our strength. We need diversity to grow as a family or community. We are called upon to cherish the differences of languages, cultures as well as liturgies. The real richness lies in our differences, which we can call our uniqueness.

I sincerely thank our clergy team of comprising Fr Gordon, Fr Martin, Fr Arun and Regent Naresh for their dedication and support. The members of Liturgy Committee, Cultural Committee and Magazine Committee need to be singled out for special mention for having done a commendable job in executing the plans laid out by the Coordinating committee. Special thanks to our PPC members for taking great pains in mobilising their respective community members and bringing out the best in them. The tasks and the challenges that lie ahead are indeed great but **together WE CAN!**

On behalf of my clergy team, I once again convey my gratitude and best wishes. May St Louis continue to guide and bless us on our journey ahead.

Fr. Ronald Fernandes CSC
Parish Priest

From the desk of the Parish Priest



तो कोणा एका घर बांधणाऱ्या सारखा आहे. त्याने खोल खणून खडकावर पाया घातला, मग पूर आला, तेव्हा त्याचा लोंढा त्या घरावर आढळला तरी त्यामुळे ते हलले नाही, कारण ते मजबूत बांधले होते. (लुक् ६:४८)

माझ्या प्रिय धर्मग्रामस्थांनो व हितचिंतकांनो,

तुम्हा मध्ये येऊन पुन्हा एकवार तुमची सेवा करण्याची व हा नवीन चर्च इमारतीचा दशवर्षाचा सोहळा साजरा करण्याची संधी मला लाभली हे मी माझे भाव्य समजतो. छोटाश्या चॅपल पासून भव्य अशा चर्च इमारत व समाज बांधणी पर्यंतचा आपण एक टप्पा गाठला आहे.

आपण परमेश्वराची दया त्याचे प्रेम अनुभवले आहे, व त्याच्या आशिर्वादानेच आपण दहा वर्षांचा हा प्रवास सुखरूप पार पाडला आहे. आज मी त्या सर्व धर्मगुरु, धर्मबंधू, धर्मभगिनी ज्यांनी या परीसरासाठी स्तूप मेहनत केली आहे त्या सर्वांचे आभार मानीत आहे. तसेच संत लुईसच्या स्थापनेपासून ज्या लोकांनी वैयक्तिक व संघटीत रित्या हा समाज उभारण्यास मदत केली आहे त्या सर्वांचे मी आभार मानीत आहे. आपण एकत्र मिळून हा प्रवास केला आहे त्याबद्दल मी आपले अभिनंदन करित आहे.

सणासाठी व दशवर्षाच्या सोहळ्यासाठी आपला विषय आहे, एक धर्मग्राम, एक कुटुंब याद्वारे आपण दर्शवितो की विविधतेत एकता ही आपली ताकद आहे. आपण एकमेकांच्या भाषेचा, संस्कृतीचा व उपासनेचा आदर करतो ही आपली शक्ती आहे. हे असेच टिकून ठेवण्यासाठी आपल्याला बोलाविले जात आहे. एक धर्मग्रामाचे सभासद म्हणून आपल्याला एकत्र राहण्यास व ख्रिस्ताचे मिशन कार्य पुढे चालू ठेवण्यास आपल्याला आमंत्रित केले जात आहे.

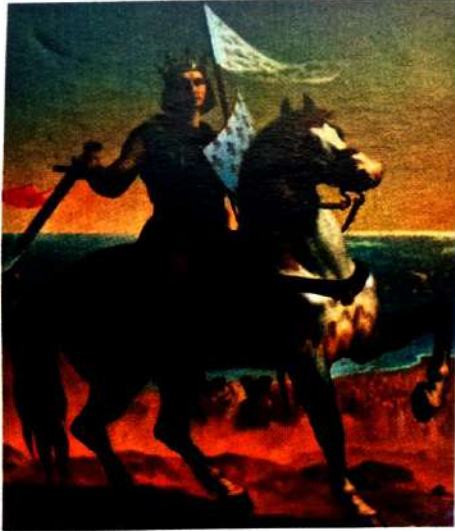
मी माझ्या सहकारी धर्मगुरुंचे आभार मानीत आहे. फा. गॉर्डन, फा. मार्टीन, फा. अरुन व ब्र. नरेश यांनी विविध संघटनेत आपली कामगिरी चोखपणे बजाविली आहे. दशवर्षा निमित्त निर्मित उपासना, सांस्कृतिक व मॅगजीन समिटीच्या सर्व सभासदांचे मी मनपूर्वक आभार मानीत आहे. या सर्व समिटींचे देखरेख करणाऱ्या को-ऑर्डिनेशन समिटीचे मी विशेष आभार मानीत आहे.

आपली देवावर असलेली श्रद्धा, आपली प्रार्थना व आपल्या आश्रयदात्याच्या मध्यस्थीमुळेच आपण हा टप्पा गाठला आहे व त्यांच्याच मध्यस्थीद्वारे आपण या पुढे देखील अनेक टप्पे गाठणार आहोत हा आपला विश्वास आहे. आपली आव्हानं येथे संपत नाहीत तर या पुढे अजुन मोठी होतील परंतु जर आपण एकत्रीत एकजुत राहिलो तर आपण कोणत्याही आव्हानांना सामोरे जाण्याची शक्ती ठेवतो.

पुन्हा एकदा सर्व धर्मगुरुंच्या वतीने आपण सर्वांना सणाच्या हार्दिक शुभेच्छा. संत लुईस या पुढे देखील आपणाला एकत्र राहण्याची कृपा देवो हीच माझी नम्र प्रार्थना.

Fr. Ronald Fernandes CSC
Parish Priest

Anton, Lord of Hartforth



Dear Fathers and parishioners of St Louis Church, Dahisar :

It is with a sense of great joy that I write to you on the momentous occasion in the very young history of St Louis Church.

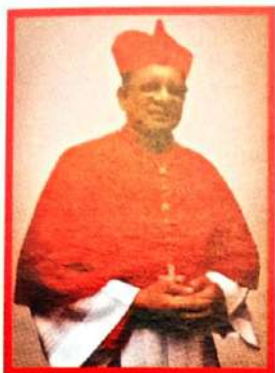
As a descendant of St Louis IX, King of France, the patron of your parish, it gives me even more joy to learn that you will be having the decennial celebrations of your parish formation to coincide with feast of St Louis on 26th August, 2018.

I have been learning of the progress made by St Louis Church and St Louis School and I commend each and every one for your tireless efforts in building a strong and vibrant community in service of the society.

May St Louis continue to touch, guide and bless each and every family in your parish and I hope to be able to visit your parish one day.



Dr. Romero Anton M^{re} Alban Anderssen, Lord of Hartforth



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MESSAGE

It is with deep joy and gratitude to God that I send this message to Fr. Ronald Fernandes CSC, Parish Priest, the Parish team and the parishioners of St. Louis Church, Dahisar, as they celebrate the 10th Anniversary of their Church. This is a time of rejoicing and thanksgiving. It is an occasion for greater unity among the priests and parishioners so as to build a greater community of faith and love – a spiritual house of which St. Peter speaks of when he says, “like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Pet 2:5).

I have fond memories of having dedicated this beautiful church of St. Louis, your patron on 6th April 2008 amidst great fervour, joy and festivities among all of the parishioners and well-wishers. St. Louis Church began in the year 1972 as a small mass centre and has come a long way since then. It was initially taken care of by our diocesan priests, first from Immaculate Conception Church, Borivali and then with a resident priest-in-charge. The Holy Cross Fathers, who already had a house nearby, graciously accepted Cardinal Ivan Dias' invitation to take over pastoral responsibilities for the unit. It was in the year 2003-04 that work began towards building a Church and School. The parishioners heeded the call of the Holy Cross Fathers and responded whole-heartedly working together with fortitude and utmost dedication towards realising their dream of having a worthy place of worship. It is certainly inspiring to see how this Parish has grown into a big community of believers bound together as one family striving to establish God's Kingdom.

On this joyful occasion while I congratulate Fr. Ronald, his team and all the parishioners, I pray that the parish of St. Louis Church, Dahisar may respond to the call of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour ever more generously thus becoming a witnessing faith-filled community. May God shower his choicest blessings on the parish community of St. Louis Church, Dahisar. May St. Louis, the Patron of this parish intercede on your behalf and may Mary, the Mother of God guide your every step.

August 28, 2018

✠ Oswald Cardinal Gracias
 Archbishop of Bombay





A Promising Future

Ten years have passed by at lightning speed! My thoughts go back to the initial years of struggle and determination as a member of the team. The initial years were one of motivating the parishioners to strive to build a local church for all the parishioners of St. Louis, Dahisar. Many were convinced of the project and willing to give their all to make it a reality.

As I look back to our glorious past of ten years, I praise and glorify God for the zeal and enthusiasm of all the parishioners and the Fathers of Holy Cross in overcoming the hurdles and obstacles that came our way in realizing our dream of building a church for all at Dahisar. This dream was actualized through the leadership of Fr. Lawrence D'Almeida, CSC, priest-in-charge, his pastoral team, the stalwarts of the community, and all the committed parishioners.

St. Louis church has grown from a tiny shed to a mighty church. Re-living the reality of this glorious past must instil in one and all at St. Louis church an attitude never to quit doing altruistic service to all at St. Louis church. A glorious future becomes a reality only when all at St. Louis church will face problems and difficulties as opportunities to succeed in life.

Our glorious past urges us to deepen our faith in Divine Providence and strive to change our mind-set to be creative and innovative to impact the lives of all parishioners at St. Louis church. Saint Paul, in his epistle to the Philippians, opines that we "Fill your minds with whatever is truthful, holy, just, pure, lovely and noble" (Phil 4: 8).

St. Louis church is on the threshold of creating a promising future under the effective leadership of Fr. Ronald Fernandes, his pastoral team and parish council. I appeal to all parishioners to introspect and critically evaluate the heritage of the glorious ten years of the past and transform it into holistic values of love, compassion, mercy, unity, justice, peace, tolerance, truthfulness, accountability, transparency and concern for the poor. It is only then that our glorious past will motivate all to be catalyst in giving birth to a bright future.

I wish all at St. Louis church God's continual benevolence to work together as a team to create an optimistic future for all at Dahisar. I extend my prayerful support to Fr. Ronald Fernandes, CSC, his pastoral team and all the parishioners to re-ignite and revitalize the vision of our glorious past.

Fr. Leo D'Souza, CSC
Provincial Superior



The Best is Yet to Come!

As we prepare to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the inauguration of our new church building and St. Louis parish, I am prompted to reflect on the milestones in my own life and how I handled them. Each succeeding milestone seems to be better, and I was better prepared to handle the next one.

Our 10th anniversary is like when I was 10 years old in school, just gone from primary to secondary. So, are we as a parish community, just out of primary, with a long way to go. In hindsight, I pause to look on my childhood and remember persons and events that made me a 10-year-old, and I am grateful.

Celebrating a milestone does not permit us to be complacent. We have to now strive to strengthen the unity and build cohesive local communities, resulting in a strong and vibrant parish community. This will be a joyous reason for even grander celebration when we reach the next milestone, the Silver Jubilee.

Our parish vision mission statement is lofty and meaningful. 'Breaking the Word of God in our family and sharing Bread with the needy.' We have various initiatives in the parish to work this out. Can we, at this stage, take a hard look at our way of working and if needed change course?

Change is the call of Now, to be relevant. The Archdiocese of Bombay has taken a bold step of moving from Parish Youth Groups (PYG) to Neighbourhood Youth Groups (NYG). This is a step towards decentralisation of youth activities so as to include more participants at the local level. It is going to be a difficult and unpleasant task, as many are expressing. The aim is to make "inclusiveness" and "local needs" a reality. The centralised "reaching out" activity excludes a large number of persons who are not available to the parish for various reasons.

A humble appeal to all parishioners is to resolve to 'put a shoulder to the wheel' so that the parish vehicle may move on to achieve 'greater good' for the 'glory of God'.

'The best is yet to come!'

Ignatius D'Souza
Vice President, Parish Pastoral Council



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प्रिय मित्रहो,

संत लुईस चर्च आणि शाळेचा इतिहास आपणा समोर मांडण्याची संधी लाभल्याबद्दल मला अतिशय आनंद होत आहे. संत लुईस मिस्सा केंद्राचा गौरवशाली व ऐतिहासिक प्रसंगाचे साक्षी होण्याचे भाग्य संत लुईस परिसरातील लोकांना विशेष करून गावकऱ्यांना लाभले आहे व देवच्या गौरवसाठी उत्तम कार्य करण्याची संधी देवने आम्हाला दिली आहे.

संत लुईस चर्च दहिसर हे निष्कलंक गर्भसंभव माता चर्च (आय.सी.चर्च) याचा एक प्रभाग आहे. १९७२ साली दहिसर गावतील स्थानिक रहीवसी व स्त्रि. पुल. डी. क्रियाडो यांनी मुंबई सहधर्मप्रांताचे आर्चबिशप कार्डिनल वेलेरीयन ग्रेशीयस यांना दहिसर परिसरातील लोकांना रविवरच्या मिस्सासाठी होणारा त्रास पत्राद्वारे कळविला. स्त्रि. फा. फ्रॅन्क नरोन्हा यांच्या सहाय्याने १५ ऑगस्ट १९७२ साली स्त्रि. फा. मार्टिन डिसोजा यांनी स्त्रि. आंजेल डिसिल्व यांच्या निकलस वडीत पहिली मराठी मिस्सा साजरी केली. त्या वेळी सेमीनरीतील ब्रदर्स व हेलपर ऑफ मेरीच्या सिस्टर्स मराठी मिस्सासाठी सहकार्य करीत असत. फा. सिरील डिसोजा व फा. लॉरेन्स अबेल्लो यांनी १९७५ पर्यंत दर रविवरी मिस्सा साजरी केली.



१९७६ साली मराठी भाविकांचा सहभाग वाढत असल्याकारणाने स्त्रि. फा. मिल्टन मिरांडा यांची आय.सी. चर्चचे सहाय्यक धर्मगुरु व दहिसरच्या लोकांची आध्यात्मिक वाढ करण्यासाठी नियुक्ती करण्यात आली. फा. मिल्टन मिरांडा यांनी गावतील रहिवास्यांबरोबर उत्तम कार्य केले. त्याच काळादरम्यान फा. मिल्टन, फा. नरोन्हा व स्त्रि. बिशप लॉन्जीनस परेरा यांनी स्त्रि. मार्शलीना मिस्कीटा यांना विनंती करून

दहिसरच्या जुन्या पुलाजवळ असलेली एक पुकर पाच गुंटे जागा चर्चला दान करण्यास विनंती केली. स्त्रि. मार्शलीना मिस्कीटा यांनी दहिसरच्या लोकांची अडचण लक्षात घेऊन सध्या उपयोगात असलेली जमीन आपले मृत पति स्त्रि. लुईस मिस्कीटा यांच्या स्मरणार्थ चर्च व शाळेसाठी दान दिली. फा. मिल्टन यांनी जमिनीची कागदपत्रे व आवश्यक असलेल्या परवनगीसाठी भरपूर मेहनत घेतली त्यांच्या कारकिर्दित रविवरी व बुधवरी नोव्हेना सहीत मिस्सा होत असत.

१ जुन १९७८ पासून फा. पिटर् डिमेलो यांनी संत लुईस मिस्सा केंद्राचा कार्यभार सांभाळला. फा. पिटर् यांच्या कारकिर्दित ना हरकत परवना मिळाला व १९८० साली गावकऱ्यांच्या मदतीने लहान चर्च उभारण्यात आले. झावळ्यांच्या रविवरी या चर्च मध्ये पहिली मिस्सा फा. पिटर् डिमेलो यांनी प्रमुख धर्मगुरु फा. फ्रॅन्क नरोन्हा यांच्या उपस्थितीत स्थानिक लोकांच्या सहाय्याने साजरी केली.

१९८१ साली फा. पुलायस डिकुन्हा यांची नियुक्ती आय.सी.चर्चचे सहाय्यक धर्मगुरु म्हणून झाली व त्यांनी संत लुईस मिस्सा केंद्रात आपले कार्य सुरु केले, त्यांनी मातीचा भराव करून अनेक झाडे लावली व जमिनीचा कायापालट केला. चर्चच्या कामासाठी उपयुक्त वस्तु साठवल्या व निधी गोळा केला. १९८३ साली त्यांनी बाळवडीची सुरुवात करून उल्लेखनीय कार्य केले १९८४ सालापर्यंत फा. पुलायस यांनी उत्तम कार्य केले. त्यानंतर १९८४ साली दहिसर मिस्सा केंद्राची जबाबदारी कार्मेलार्ड संस्थेला देण्यात आली. फा. बर्नड न्युन्स, फा. पिटर् डिसा व ब्रदर ग्रेगरी मिनेजीस यांनी दहिसर परिसरातील आध्यात्मिक कार्यात प्रगती करीत पवित्र



साक्रामेंताची स्थापना करून दररोज मिस्सा सुरु केली व आठवड्यातून एकदा शनिवरी सायंकाळी इंग्रजी मिस्साला सुरुवात केली त्यांच्याच कारकिर्दीत संत लुईस हे नामकरण अधीक प्रचलीत होऊ लागले आणि धर्मदाय संस्थेत नोंदणी करण्यात आली जागा, भाषा व विभागांनीच्या अडचणीमुळे त्यांना फारसे कार्य करता आले नाही १९८८ साली त्यांची कारकिर्द संपुष्टात आली.

दरम्यान याच काळात फा. अंधोनी डिसोजा यांनी दहिसर पुर्व येथे पंकी अपार्टमेंट मध्ये दोन फ्लॅट विकत घेतले व मिस्साची सुरुवात केली. दर रविवारी व महीन्याच्या पहिल्या शुक्रवारी तेथे मिस्सा होत असत. ते तेथे तीन वर्ष कार्यरत होते. फा. राल्फ फर्नांडिस हे आय.सी.चर्चचे प्रमुख धर्मगुरु व फा. विक्टर मिनेजीस हे सहाय्यक धर्मगुरु असताना आय.सी.चर्चचा शतक महोत्सव अति उत्साहाने संपूर्ण आय.सी. धर्मग्रामात साजरा करण्यात आला.

१९८९ साली फा. पिटर् बम्बाचा यांची नियुक्ती करण्यात आली त्यांनी दहिसरच्या रहिवास्यांची फक्त आध्यात्मिक श्रुक भागावली नाही तर आजारी व गरजवंतांना मदत करून त्यांची सेवा केली. त्यांची बदली झाल्यावर होली क्रॉस संस्थेचे फा. थॉमस परेरा व आय.सी.चर्चचे फा. विलसन डिमेलो यांनी मिस्सा केंद्राचा कारभार सांभाळला १९९३ साली बिशप थॉमस दाबरे यांनी सणाची मिस्सा साजरी केली व बिशप बॉस्को पेन्हा

यांनी तरुणांना दृढीकरण संस्कार दिला. १९९४ साली फा. माल्कम डिसोजा यांची नियुक्ती विशेष अधिकाराने करण्यात आली त्यांच्या कारकिर्दीत छोट्याशा प्रार्थनालयाचे सुंदर चर्च मध्ये रुपांतर झाले. फा. माल्कम यांनी रॅफल द्वारे निधी गोळा केला. त्यांनी वेदीसेवक, लिजन ऑफ मेरी, पुस.वी.पी., स्त्रीयांची सोडालिटी व इत्यादी संघटनांची स्थापना केली. या संघटना आज देखील यशस्वीपणे व जोमाने कार्यरत आहेत. याच काळात पुफ.पुस.पुम.पु. सिसटर्स ने चर्च मध्ये कार्य केले होते.



फा. माल्कम यांच्या कारकिर्दीत दहिसर मिस्सा केंद्राचा रौप्य मोहोत्सव साजरा करण्यात आला. फा. माल्कम यांच्या अथक परिश्रमामुळे मिस्सा केंद्राची भरपूर प्रगती झाली १९९८ साली फा. माल्कम यांच्या कडून फा. डॉम आलवीस यांनी केंद्राचा कारभार स्विकारला. फा. डॉम आलवीसा यांनी आध्यात्मिक कार्यात अर्थपूर्णता वाढवून परिसरातील विविध प्रांतीय व विविध भाषीक लोकांमध्ये स्नेहभाव वाढविला या काळात फा. टोनी मेंडोसा यांनी सालवादोर सलढाना व चार्ली डिसिल्वा यांच्या सहाय्याने जागेचा इंडेक्स २ मिळविला व सात बारा उतारा नावी केला. फा. ह्यु फोन्सेका आय.सी.चर्चचे प्रमुख असताना संत लुईस स्वतंत्र धर्मग्राम बनविण्याचा प्रस्ताव मांडला. या प्रस्तावावर मतदान करण्यात आले व ९६ टक्के लोकांनी या प्रस्तावाचा विरोध केला. २००३ साली फा. डॉम आलवीस यांची कारकिर्द संपल्यावर होली क्रॉस संस्थेचे फा. हर्वे मॉरीसेट व फा. लॉरेन्स डिअलमेडा यांनी मिस्सा केंद्राची जबाबदारी स्विकारली फा. हर्वे मॉरीसेट यांनी आध्यात्मिक कार्याकडे जास्त लक्ष दिले व फा. लॉरेन्स यांनी चर्च व शाळेच्या प्रकल्पाची जबाबदारी हाती घेतली. फा. लॉरेन्स यांनी सर्वप्रथम परिसरातील अचुक कार्यकर्त्यांची शोध मोहीम सुरु केली. फा. लॉरेन्स यांनी चार्ली डिसिल्वा यांच्याशी अनेक वेळा संवाद साधून प्रकल्पाच्या प्रगतीसाठी चर्चा केली.



फा. लॉरेन्स यांनी प्राचार्याची जबाबदारी सांभाळत नवीन चर्च व शाळा बांधण्याचा प्रकल्प हाती घेतला. त्यासाठी प्रकल्प समिती स्थापीत केली या प्रकल्प समितीत फा. हर्वे मॉरीसेट, फा. लॉरेन्स, फा. गोर्डन, चार्ली डिसिल्वा, सालवादोर सलढाना, म्युरीयल फर्नांडिस, डायगो तुस्कानो, फ्रान्सीस रॉड्रीग्स, रॉनी अलमेडा यांची नियुक्ती केली व प्रकल्पाला सुरुवात झाली. आपल्याकडे असलेला निधी प्रकल्प पुर्ण करण्यास अपुरा

आहे हे लक्षात घेऊन समितीने २००३ साली रॅफल द्वारे जवळपास १०,००,००० रुपये निधी जमा केला.

आय.सी.चर्चचे प्रमुख धर्मगुरु फा. ह्यु फोन्सेका यांच्या प्रेरणेने प्रकल्पाचा भ्रमकम पाया रचला गेला. त्यांनी वारंवार केलेली मदत व दिलेले प्रोत्साहन उल्लेखनीय आहे. त्याच वर्षी धर्मग्रामातील काही लोकांच्या सहाय्याने फा. लॉरेन्स यांनी दुबईला जाऊन १०,००,००० हुन अधिक निधी जमा केला. निधी जमा करण्याचे कार्य सुरु असताना



आय.सी.चर्चचे प्रमुख धर्मगुरु फा. ह्यु फोन्सेका यांनी फा. मॉरीसेट व फा. लॉरेन्स यांना मुख्यत्वार पत्र (पावर ऑफ अटर्नी) देऊन संत लुईसच्या जागेमध्ये आय.सी.चर्चच्या नावी असलेले दस्तावेज सुपूर्द केले. दस्तावेज पूर्ण करण्यासाठी अनेक परीश्रम घेत असताना दुसऱ्या बाजूला निधी गोळा करण्याचे काम सुरुच होते. १ जून २००४ पासून पहीली इयत्तेला सुरुवात झाली आणि बृहनमुंबई महानगरपालीका कडून ना हरकत परवाना व मजबुत बांधकामाविषयीचा खत्रीदायक दाखला मिळविला. २६ जुलाई २००५ साली महापुरात चर्चच्या मालमत्तेचे खूप नुकसान झाले. जवळपास २०० मुलांची शिक्षक व लोकांनी सुटका केली. २००४-२००५ साली जॉनी लिवर नाईट व स्मरणिकेद्वारे जवळपास २०,००,००० रुपयांचा निधी जमा केला. आपल्याकडे असलेला निधी प्रकल्प सुरु करण्यासाठी पुरेसा आहे हे लक्षात ठेऊन प्रकल्पासाठी आर्किटेक्ट, कॉन्ट्रक्टर, आर.सी.सी. मार्गदर्शक व इतर अधिकाऱ्यांची शोध मोहीम सुरु झाली. स्त्रि. श्री सिलेस्तीन व लुईस रॉड्रीगस यांच्या सहकार्याने टी आर्क



चे आर्किटेक्ट श्री तरुणभाई मोटा यांची प्रकल्प समिती बरोबर सभा घेऊन ते आपल्याला महानगर पालीकेच्या सर्व परवानग्या मिळवून देतील असे आश्वासन दिले व त्यामुळे त्यांना आवश्यक ते दस्तावेज सुपूर्द करण्यात आले. प्रकल्पाची डिजाईन सुंदर व आकर्षक व्हावी यासाठी दहिसर परिसरातील आर्किटेक्ट पेन्डसे अॅन्ड असोसियेट्स यांना नियुक्त करण्यात आले, आर.सी.सी. मार्गदर्शक म्हणुन अभिजीत राजे

कंपनी यांच्या कडे जबाबदारी देण्यात आली आर्किटेक्ट व आर.सी.सी. मार्गदर्शक यांच्या मार्गदर्शनाखाली सिटी आर्केड प्रा. लि. श्री. रफीकभाई यांच्या कडे बांधकामाचे काम सोपविण्यात आले.

२००६ साली मुंबईचे बिशप परिवल फर्नीडिस यांच्या हसते चर्च व शाळेचा कोनशिल समारंभ अति उत्साहाने साजरा करण्यात आला या मंगल प्रसंगी होली क्रॉस संस्थेचे प्रोविशियल फा. तमपी कयाला व अनेक धर्मगुरु उपस्थित होते. प्रकल्पाचे काम सुरु असताना जुलाई २००६ पासून मुंबई सरधर्मप्रांताच्या अनेक चर्च मध्ये जाऊन निधी गोळा करण्याचे काम सुरु झाले. प्रकल्पाच्या यशासाठी अनेक धर्मग्रामस्थांनी हा निधी गोळा करण्यासाठी हातभार लावला. दर शनिवारी व रविवारी तीन गटांमध्ये निधी गोळा करण्याचे काम सुरु झाले. स्वयंस्फूर्तीने या परिसरातील लोकांनी या योजनेद्वारे १ कोटी ५९ लाख हुन अधिक निधी गोळा केला. शाळेचा कारभार सांभाळण्यासाठी अनेक पुरस्काराने सन्मानित अभ्यासू प्राचार्य फा. डेविड अडयकलम यांची १ जानेवारी २००६ साली नेमणुक करण्यात आली. देवलो देवली जाऊन निधी गोळा करण्याच्या कार्यात फा. लॉरेन्स, फा. डोविड, फा. लिओ, फा. मॉरीसेट, हेलपर्स ऑफ मेरी सिसटर्स, अजमेरा सिसटर्स व परिसरातील अनेक लोकांनी परीश्रम घेतले.

जून २००७ साली आय.सी.चर्चच्या देखरेखी खाली असलेल्या संत लुईस मिस्सा केंद्राला स्वतंत्र चर्चचा दर्जा मिळाला. सात विभाग असलेल्या या धर्मग्रामातून सात नेत्यांची निवड करण्यात आली व पालकीय सल्लागार समिती (PPC) ची स्थापना झाली. हे झाल्यानंतर या विभागातील लोकांच्या मनात सर्वात मोठी भिती होती की, मरणानंतर त्यांना आय.सी.चर्च येथे दफन केले जाणार की नाही. ही भिती रास्त होती म्हणुन आय.सी.चर्चचे प्रमुख धर्मगुरु फा. फ्रन्कलीन मथायस व





फा. लॉरेन्स यांनी समजुतदारपणे लेखी करार केला व फा. साल्वादोर रॉड्रीगस यांच्या साक्षीने या करारावर शिक्कामोर्तब केला.

६ पुप्रिल २००८ हा सोन्याचा दिवस बहुतांश दहिसरकरांनी पाहिला. या दिवशी मुंबई सरधर्मप्रांताचे आर्चबिशप ऑस्वल्ड कार्डिनल गेशियस यांनी आपल्या शुभ्रहस्ते नवीन पुर्णपणे बांधकाम झालेल्या चर्चला आशिर्वाद दिला. या प्रसंगी अनेक धर्मगुरु, धर्मबंधु, धर्मभगिनी व

मान्यवर उपस्थित होते सर्व दानशुर देणगीदारांचा व चर्च बांधणाऱ्या कॉन्ट्रक्टर, वास्तुविद्याविशारद व इतर सर्वांचा मान सन्मान करण्यात आला. या मिस्सा केंद्राने अनेक प्रकारच्या अडचनी, संकटे व त्रास सहन करून हे नवीन देवालय बांधले आहे.

चर्चचा उद्घाटन सोहळा पार पडल्या नंतर जुन २००८ साली आदरणीय फा. लॉरेन्स डिअलमेडा यांची पुणे शहरात पुन्हा देवाचे मंदीर उभारण्यासाठी बदली करण्यात आली. त्यांची जागा भरून काढण्यासाठी अनुभवी फा. लियो डिसोजा यांची नेमणुक करण्यात आली व फा. जॉनी यांनी शाळेच्या प्राचार्याची भुमीका बजावली.

फा. लियो यांनी देखील खुप मेहनत घेऊन विविध प्रांतीय, विविध भाषीक लोकांना पुकत्रीत ठेऊन चर्चची प्रगती केली शाळेचा प्रकल्प लवकरात लवकर पुर्ण व्हावा म्हणुन त्यांनी विविध मार्गाने प्रकल्प समितीच्या मदतीने निधी गोळा केला. फा. जॉनी हे शाळेची कामं चोखपणे पाहत होते. दरवर्षी पुक झयत्त वाढ होत होती व शाळेला दर्जा मिळवुन देण्याची त्यांची खटपट सुरुच होती. ऑक्टोबर २०११ साली फा. लियो डिसोजा यांची होली क्रॉस संस्थेचे प्रोविंशियल या पदावर बदली करण्यात आली. ते गेल्यावर फा. जॉनी यांनी दुहेरी भुमीका निभावली. ते चर्चचे प्रमुख धर्मगुरु व शाळेचे प्राचार्य या दोन्ही पदावर कार्य करीत होते. जानेवारी २०१२ साली शाळेचे देखील काम पुर्ण झाले व २४ फेब्रुवारी रोजी शाळेचे उद्घाटन पुन्हा एकदा त्याच जल्लोषात आर्चबिशप ऑस्वल्ड कार्डिनल गेशियस यांच्या हस्ते करण्यात आले.

जून २०१३ साली फा. रॉनल्ड फर्नांडिस यांची संत लुईस चर्चचे प्रमुख धर्मगुरु म्हणुन निवड करण्यात आली व फा. जॉनी यांनी प्राचार्य म्हणुन शाळेचा कारभार सांभाळला. मार्च २०१४ साली फा. जॉनी यांच्या अथक परिश्रमामुळे संत लुईस शाळेतील विद्यार्थ्यांचा पहिला बॅच दहावीच्या परिक्षेसाठी बसला व त्यांनी १०० टक्के निकाल लावला. आक्टोबर २०१४ साली फा. जॉनी यांची बदली झाली व फा. मार्टिन यांनी प्राचार्याची भुमीका निभावली. जून २०१५ साली फा. रॉनल्ड यांची बदली झाली व फा. लॅन्सी डिसिल्वा यांनी प्रमुख धर्मगुरुंचा पदभार सांभाळला. या अनेक वर्षांत फा. विनू, फा. रोशन, फा. रॉन्सन, फा. ऑलिवर, फा. लुर्दु, फा. टेरेन्स, फा. गॉर्डन व फा. अरुण यांनी सहाय्यक धर्मगुरु म्हणुन उल्लेखनीय कार्य केले आहे. २०१८ साली फा. लॅन्सी यांची बदली झाल्यावर पुन्हा एकदा फा. रॉनल्ड फर्नांडिस यांनी प्रमुख धर्मगुरुंच्या रूपात चर्चचा कारभार हाती घेतला आहे.

संत लुईस चर्च व शाळा उभारण्यासाठी अनेक दानशुर व्यक्तींनी औदार्य दाखवले आहे. अनेकांनी मोठ्या रक्कमा देऊन हा प्रकल्प पुर्ण केला आहे. यातील अनेक कार्यकर्ते हयातीत नाही, सर्व मृत कार्यकर्त्यांना चिरशांती मिळावी ही प्रार्थना. २००८ मध्ये सात विभाग असलेल्या संत लुईस धर्मग्रामात आज २०१८ मध्ये १३ विभाग आहेत. धर्मग्रामाची शक्ती दिवसेंदिवस वाढत आहे. आज २२ संघटना या धर्मग्रामात कार्यरत आहेत.

कार्यरत असलेल्या सर्व धर्मगुरुंवर, कार्य करून गेलेल्या सर्व धर्मगुरुंवर, सर्व देणगीदारांवर, शाळेच्या शिक्षिकांवर, कामगार वर्ग व कार्यकर्त्यांवर देवाचा आशिर्वाद असावा हीच संत लुईसच्या मध्यस्थीने त्या दयाधना चरणी प्रार्थना.



श्री. चार्ली डिसिल्वा



My Tryst with St. Louis, Dahisar

It was by sheer accident, or you may call it providence if you wish, that I first set foot on St. Louis Mass Centre at Dahisar in January 1984. Though I was a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church since 1978, I had not heard of the Dahisar mass centre and was content attending mass at Don Bosco, Borivili. However, when there was a new arrival in the family, I had to go and meet the Parish Priest at IC. So, I called on Fr. Nascimento D'Sa, the then Parish Priest, and requested that my first born be baptized on a Sunday morning. Fr. Nascimento was not amused. He told me straight: "All baptisms are held at 4.00 pm and I cannot make an exception." I explained to him my difficulty, but he wasn't moved. Out of spite, I stomped out; the reverberations on the wooden floor and staircase made Fr. Bosco Remedios come out of his room to see what is happening.

Seeing me, he exclaimed, "Salu, what's the matter?" I told him that I am cheesed off and will not come there again. He coolly held my hand and knocked on the door opposite the staircase landing. A saintly priest, with flowing beard, came out. Fr. Bosco asked: "Elias, what time is the mass at St. Louis on Sunday?" Fr. Elias replied that it was at eight in the morning.

Fr. Bosco explained to him that I wanted my child to be baptized and whether he could help out. He readily agreed. So, there I was visiting St. Louis Mass Centre, with my family for the Christening of Siddhant, for the first time.

The following year some of my friends came to Dahisar flat hunting and were impressed by Nand Dham Complex. They invited me to join in. Seeing the full, flowing river (it was clear water then and not the cesspool that we have now), the archaic Portuguese bridge and a small little chapel with lots of greenery just across, it was love at first sight. I moved in during the first half of August 1986 with one more addition to the family.

A lot of water has flown under the Dahisar Bridge since then. Men, events, opportunities and challenges have shaped St. Louis into what it is today. While many individuals have contributed towards its growth, it will be presumptuous to attribute this miracle to any one person or particular event. Each one has triggered the progress leading on to a torrent of enthusiastic volunteers, starting at early dawn and returning late night. Their dedication for a cause and commitment in collecting funds in every parish from Colaba to Virar and Thane, in rain or shine, to build the church, was a symphony in tenacity and resilience.

I am blessed to be a part of this narrative, in various ways and capacities. It would be a long story if I were to recount all of them. Suffice to say, God uses each one of us - in spite of our weakness and shortcomings - in ways beyond our understanding.

The 10th anniversary of our church is, therefore, a time to thank the Lord for his goodness and be grateful to all those who have been part of this miracle called St. Louis.

Sal Saldanha
Vice President
SLCWF



Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.

I began my journey in St Louis parish in 1986 as a devout parishioner. My fond memory of the church was the chapel, where a small congregation of individuals came together to worship the Lord. As the community grew larger a premises for worship was essential. Hence, under the leadership of Fr. Lawrence D'Almeida, our former parish priest, the community decided to work together towards constructing the church we have today in Dahisar.

As a dedicated catholic, along with other enthusiastic parishioners, I began taking up responsibilities towards building of the church. I provided voluntary service in collecting funds by going to different churches as well as meeting sponsors, coming up with strategic ideas to prepare and get aid for the church project.

Among my many roles were organising the necessary stationary and appeal letters for those who set out to collect funds from churches all over Mumbai. I reminisce the days when we would wake up at the break of dawn and gather outside the chapel for the church-to-church collection each Sunday. Since then I became actively involved in church activities and served as secretary of the Parish Council. Currently, I am an executive member of the Council.

As St Louis celebrates ten years I feel blessed to be given an opportunity to be a part of such a glorious and historic moment.

It's said that unless the Lord builds, the labourers' efforts are in vain. Despite numerous constraints and challenges throughout our journey we were able to overcome the difficult moments and conquer the peak with our synergy and collaboration within the community.

The words of the late Japanese writer Ryunosuke Satoro aptly sums up the community's efforts in the making of the vibrant parish we have today. 'Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.'

Without the dedication, generosity, assistance and love of the parish community it would not be able attain this dream project. The transformation from chapel to church is the matter of great achievement and satisfaction for every parishioner. It has enabled us to live the faith and witness the same.

As St. Louis Parish completes a decade, may the Lord bless all those who gave, and continue to give, their hands to do His will.

Jacintha Diego Rodrigues
Executive Member - PPC



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'The Church Structure is ready, now build the Body of Christ'



*In a candid interview with Cleston D'Costa,
Fr. Lawrence D'Almeida CSC bares his heart,
recollects some emotional memories and narrates some
interesting anecdotes that went into the making of the
new school and structure.*

Q: What were the early beginnings of the history of the new Church and School?

A: For several years, we had an acre of land and not being used to its full potential. In 2003, one day an architect from Kandarpada said to me that the Catholic community of Dahisar were sitting on a goldmine (the land) and they aren't aware of it and you must make use of it. This man's word inspired me and got me thinking of how to take it forward. And at that time the structure's shed was leaking, thefts were taking place etc. All these factors snowballed into a concrete idea of making a new structure on the land we already have. We had a general body meeting of the people of our community where several turned up and gave assurance of their support towards the cause.

Q: Once it was confirmed that we are going ahead with the new Church & School, what were some of the preparations made during the nascent stages of the project?

A: After the general body meeting, I realized that we needed a committee to iron out and execute all the nitty-gritty. I named this committee the project committee and had members like Mr. Charlie, Mr Saldanha, Late Mrs. Muriel, Mr. Tuscano, Mr. Francis which used to meet every week at the Kalpana bungalow.

Q: What were the biggest challenges and hurdles faced while we worked towards this project?

A: The biggest two hurdles were paper work and land litigation and paucity of funds. With Mr. Saldanha's help we got a new lawyer Mr. Balekar who helped us with all the legalities and paperwork. This was God's work and we sent up our cries to heaven and on Alleluia Saturday at 1 130 am we received the *Satbara* documents. The biggest hurdle was cleared by the Lord. Much later, I remember when the construction had begun, we received a notice to stop work because we couldn't find certain documents that we needed to give to the corporation. I wondered why is this happening and I realized it that during that time we had stopped praying for the success of the project. Realising our folly, we started calling out to God again and miraculously soon after we got the clearance to start the work once more.

Q: How did the people of St. Louis Church respond to the call of the clergy towards this project? Were you worried if people will join, if you'd get the support you expected?

A: Initially we had our moments of doubt if people will come forward. However, the response we received from the people to help was positive and over-whelming, exceeding my expectations. God worked through our people. I remember how in the Church-to-Church collection days people made incredible amount of sacrifices like waking up in the morning as early as 3 am to make tea, coffee, snacks for the teams and then head out to a different church in Mumbai and come back late in the night. This continued every weekend for several months. Even people with high-ranking positions took a humble form while holding

the *dabba* and not an iota of shame on their faces. They would say to me *'Father, I may be a General Manager of my company, but today I am what the Gospel teaches me and that is to be a simple servant of God'*. At Bandra Fair, that year, several of our people went all of the days there to Bandra to collect funds. It was raining heavily and yet our dear people of St. Louis stood here diligently with a box in one hand and an umbrella in the other.

Q: Any interesting anecdote you would like to share from the collection days?

A: When we went to Our Lady of Good Counsel, Sion, I was witness to a very moving incident. After mass, a poor woman came to me and said *'Father, my daughter-in-law has given Rs. 20/- but I have another Rs. 10/- which I'd like to donate for the Lord's work. I was to buy fish with this money but I can go one day without having fish'*. This incident reminded me of the widow's mite and has inspired me tremendously. Even the amount of Re. 1/- is a generous amount; all humble and tender souls have helped build this church.

Q: What kind of initiatives were undertaken to gather funds?

A: Our first activity was coming out with a souvenir book. Then followed a raffle drive where each ticket was priced at Rs. 10/-, Johnny Lever night followed. There were also families contributing whenever possible according to their will and there was a card that maintained records of it. Some women of our church would prepare snacks and food and sell it after mass and the profits would go to church. For all of these programs different committees were formed of dedicated members. I went to Dubai for a month with some parishioners where we further collected funds. I stayed with people from Dahisar who worked in Dubai and lot of them helped immensely. I wrote some projects to Propagation of Faith in Rome and US which was well-received. There was so much happening and many more willing helping hands.

Q: How did all the activities to collect funds bring the united community spirit in people, if it did at all?

A: When I came here in 2003, I hardly knew people, there were very few people that came

to church on Saturday and Sunday. The parishioners hardly knew each other back then. But once the project began different teams were formed, people participated and all the interaction broke the ice and there was renewed community spirit. There might have been misunderstandings, differences which happens everywhere but also there was great friendship and camaraderie. You know, on the day I came for the Decennial celebration, my God, everybody came to greet me. It was heart-warming to see such happy faces. What you may see now is brick and stone, but what it is actually is, is faith and prayer of the people.

Q: Fr. Lawrence, soon after the Church inauguration you were transferred to Pune, barely giving you anytime to reap the rewards. What's your priestly advice on situations like these?

A: It was hinted to me that I will have to soon say good-bye after the blessing of the church. To be honest with you, it was extremely painful for me, I wept when I went from here because I had seen the work of human hands and love of the divine here at St. Louis Church. However, I left on a good note. My body might be there but my heart might be here but that's not a good thing for a priest; so, when I am transferred I leave completely with my body and mind together. You have to prepare your heart to move on. Prayer helps in that regards; you have to ask Jesus to give you the courage to accept things and to accept challenges in our way.

Q: Lastly, what's your message to the people of St. Louis Parish?

A: The message is now that **the church structure is ready, now go ahead and build the body of Christ**. Now, what is the body of Christ you ask? Very importantly, it is building the community, the associations for example, Small Christian Communities (SCCs) must be strengthened. Lot of families must participate in various activities and prayers. People must be comforted through the liturgy, PPC must be strengthened to take decisions along with the parish priest. Our children must be inspired by ways of faith-formation. We should all work together as one family and no way should division come in. This is how we build the body of Christ.



ST. LOUIS: A HUMBLE PERSON

In Matthew 20:28 Jesus said, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, & to give His life as a ransom for many." Jesus was the very epitome of humility. The very ethos of humility can be encapsulated by the **3 S' - Sacrifice, Service and Selflessness:**

The life of our patron St Louis is a manifestation of the virtues of Sacrifice, Service and Selflessness. St. Louis, King of France, was a wealthy man, having the entire fortune of France at his fingertips. He was a powerful man; as king he had complete and utter control over everything and every person in France. And yet he was a humble man having only the well-being of his subjects at heart

Sacrifice: His biographers would tell us of the long hours St. Louis spent in prayer, fasting, and penance, he spent his wealth in war to defend the church.

Service: St. Louis possessed great love and devotion for the poor and sick. He cared for his less fortunate subjects by founding hospitals and charitable institutions, and personally ministering to the poor.

Selflessness: St. Louis's actions were inspired by Christian values and Catholic devotion.

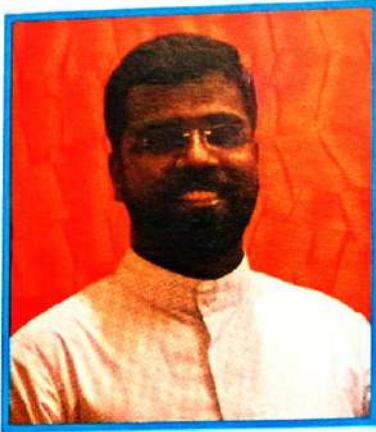
The best tribute we can pay to St Louis, our patron on his Feast day is to inculcate a sense of humility in every aspect of our lives

The virtue of humility is the basis of all the other virtues because only the humble person can grow in love, in patience, in chastity, etc. The proud person doesn't even recognize that any growth is necessary. The proud person is self-sufficient and self-satisfied. But the humble recognize that they have a long way to go to be good and holy and pure. It is precisely this humble recognition of deficiency that opens us up to God's gifts which make us holy, good, and pure.

How, then, do we walk the path of humility? How do we grow in humility? Jesus tells us with this parable: seek the last place in all things. Seeking the last place does not mean trying to be worthless. Rather, it means that we recognize that concerning our human dignity we are no better or worse than anyone else. St. Louis, King of France, was better than many others in terms of wealth and power and position, but he was humble because he recognized that he was no better than anyone else in the eyes of God in terms of human dignity. That's why he invited the poor off the streets to dine with him, because they were his equals before God. And all the many gifts that he had were meant to be put at the service of others.

May our beloved St Louis bless us all as we continue the journey that began a decade ago.

Fr. Martin S. CSC



Pope Francis to families: You can help God achieve His dream

Pope Francis appeared at Dublin's Croke Stadium on August 25 to the strains of Patrick Bergin singing the late Leonard Cohen's *Anthem*. Addressing thousands of families that awaited him in the 75,000-capacity stadium he explained that life in the family is a source of holiness.

"The vocation to love and to holiness is not something reserved for a privileged few. Even now, if we have eyes to see, we can see it being lived out all around us. It is silently present in the heart of all those families that offer love, forgiveness and mercy when they see the need."

The Pope explained that everyone is called to participate in the joy of life in the family, though he admitted it's not easy. The Holy Father gave this advice: "Small and simple gestures of forgiveness, renewed each day, are the base on which is constructed a solid Christian family life."

Above all, there is something crucial for the survival of families: forgiveness. "Children, he said, 'learn to forgive when they see that their parents forgive one another. If we understand this, we can appreciate the greatness of Jesus' teaching on fidelity in marriage. Pope Francis again asserted the importance of grandparents as teachers of family life. A society, listen to this closely, a society that doesn't value grandparents is a society with no future."

To conclude, the Holy Father did not want to leave without giving the families a word of encouragement and reminding them of their fundamental role in the world and the Church. "You all, families, are the hope of the Church and the world. With your testimony of the Gospel, you can help God achieve His dream, you can help join all children of God, so that they grow in unity and learn what it means for the entire world to live in peace as one big family."

'One Parish, One Family' was the theme for the decennial celebration at St. Louis church. May the prayers of Pope Francis and our celebration bring peace and prosperity to our families through our attitude of forgiveness and mutual respect. May we help God to achieve His dream for our families.

Fr. Arun D. CSC

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We bid a farewell to



Fr. Lancy H. D'Silva CSC

We thank Fr. Lancy for his service towards St. Louis Parish and the Parishioners. We wish him infinite blessings from God Almighty.

We Heartily Welcome



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May he lead and guide us spiritually here at St. Louis Church.

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We take a moment to remember the departed volunteers and parishioners who worked zealously towards making St. Louis Church a beautiful and vibrant parish.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls rest in peace. Amen



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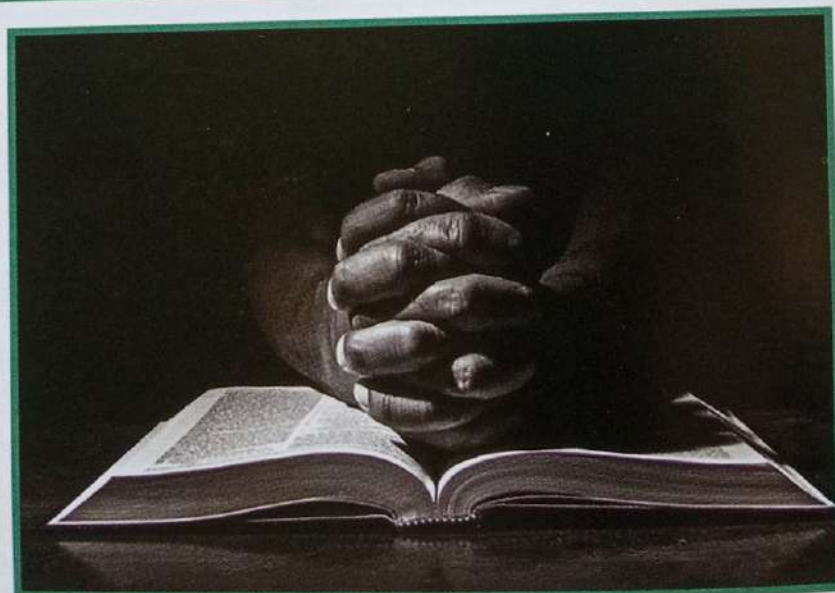
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निसर्गाची मुलाखत

माझी वार्षिक परीक्षा संपली होती आणि वर्षभर केलेल्या अभ्यासाचा मला थकवा आला होता, म्हणून तो दूर करण्यासाठी मी संध्याकाळी बागेत फेरफटका माराव्यास गेले. तेथे मी दोन वृक्षांना बोलताना पाहिले. ते मानवाबद्दल बरे-वाईट म्हणत होते. त्यांतील एक वृक्ष म्हणत होता की, "मनुष्य किती स्वार्थी झाला आहे, तो आमची फळे खातो, आमच्या छायेखाली आराम करतो, तरी सुद्धा तो आम्हालाच नष्ट करतो. त्याला स्वतः शिवाय दुसरं कुणालाही जगु घ्यायचं नाही अशी का ही सृष्टी चालत नाही. अशाने तो स्वतः मरणार व दुसऱ्यांना ही मारणार."

आपण कधी पाहिले आहे की, वृक्ष स्वतःची फळे खातो? कधी पाहतो की तळे स्वतःचा पाणी पितो? तसे नसते कारण वृक्ष आपली फळं स्वतः न खाता दुसऱ्यांना देतो. तळे आपले निर्मळ जल दुसऱ्यांना देतो. सर्वांना भरभरून देणे हा आपल्या काळ्या मातीचा गुणधर्म आहे. शेतातील तऱ्हेतऱ्हेची पिकं असो किंवा चवीचवीची मोसमी फळं, फुलांचे ताटवे असो किंवा मसालाच्या वनस्पती, एकाच काळ्या मातीतून निसर्ग ही किमया घडवत असतो. जगातल्या दुसऱ्या अनेक गोष्टींसाठी आपल्याकडे भरपूर वेळ असतो, परंतु निसर्गाशी मैत्री करण्यासाठी आपल्याकडे वेळ नसतो. निसर्गाशी मैत्री का करावी हा प्रश्न सुद्धा अनेकांच्या मनात आला नसेल. मनुष्य अयुष्यात अनेक संकटांवर मात करून अनेक दुःखांना सामोरे जाऊन आनंदी राहण्याचा प्रयत्न करतो. तरीही तो आनंद, हर्ष, मनशांती त्याला सापडत नाही. माणसाचे जीवन अनेक संकटांनी आसून

टाकले आहे. रोज सकाळी सुर्य तर उगवतो खरा परंतु चौफेर स्वार्थाचा अंधार पसरला आहे. सगळीकडे ध्वनी प्रदुषण आहे, जणु काही सर्व मार्ग कोलाहलाकडे उघडतात. सामाजिक दंगलीत अनेकांची घरे उध्वस्त होतात. अनेक ठिकाणी द्वेषाने पेटलेली मने एकमेकांना बेचीराख करतात. असं असताना देखील माणसं निसर्गाशी मैत्री करून मनशांती मिळवू शकतात. असे असताना देखील माणूस निसर्गाशी दूर आहे.

काळा बरोबर साधनं बदलतात, माध्यमं बदलतात व आपल्या भोवती असलेली माणसं सुद्धा बदलतात, परंतु जो बदलत नाही तो म्हणजे निसर्ग. आपण कोणत्याही काळात निसर्गावर प्रेम करून त्याच्याशी मैत्री करू शकतो. सृष्टीचे सहृदय मित्र बना. सकाळी लवकर उठा, तांबडे कसे काय फुटते ते पहा, प्रकाश कसा पसरतो ते पहा, निळे डोंगर, खोल दऱ्या, नदी, नाळे, वृक्षवेळी, फुले, पाखरे, सारे पहा. पुखादे साधारण फुल देखील किती सुंदर वाटते. फुलपाखऱ्यांच्या मागे धावा, नाचणारे मोर बघा, सृष्टीशी परिचय वाढवा. तुम्हाला तिची अनंत भाषा कळू लागेल. संगणकाच्या या युगात आपण निसर्गापासून दुरावलो आहोत. संगणका बरोबर निसर्ग म्हटलेल्या महासंगणकाशी मैत्री करा. तो नको त्या गोष्टी मनातून डिलीट करील आणि गरजेच्या गोष्टी फिड करून सेव करील. आपल्याला भरभरून देणाऱ्या निसर्गाबद्दल कृतज्ञता व्यक्त करायला नको का? बघा पटतय का?

Sharina D'silva
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१५ ऑगस्ट १९७२ संत लुईस मिस्साकेंद्राचा स्थापनेचा दिवस. तब्बल ३६ वर्षांनी या मिस्साकेंद्राला धर्मग्रामाचा दर्जा मिळाला. या ३६ वर्षांमध्ये अनेक धर्मगुरूंनी उल्लेखनीय कार्य केले. जसजशी लोकांची संख्या वाढत गेली तसतसा या मिस्साकेंद्राचा आकार बदलत गेला. येथे संघटनांची स्थापना होऊ लागली आणि त्यातील एक संघटना म्हणजे स्त्रियांची सोडालिटी.

१९९४ साली फा. मॅल्कम डिसोजा यांना संत लुईस मिस्सा केंद्राची जबाबदारी देण्यात आली. ही जबाबदारी हाती घेताच त्यांनी अनेक संघटना स्थापित करण्याचे काम सुरु केले. तेव्हा त्यांना जाणवले की, येथे स्त्रियांची एकही संघटना नाही, तेव्हा स्त्रियांची सोडालिटीची स्थापना करावी हा विचार त्यांच्या मनात आला. त्यावेळी त्यांनी दहीसर गाव व कांदरगावातील काही स्त्रियांशी चर्चा केली व हा प्रस्ताव त्यांच्या समोर ठेवला. चर्चमध्ये आपला देखील सहभाग असावा या विचाराने स्त्रियांनी त्यांना होकार दिला व सोडालिटी संघटना स्थापित करण्याची तयारी सुरु झाली. फा. मॅल्कम यांच्या निदर्शनाखाली व आध्यात्मिक मार्गदर्शनाने १९९७ साली नवीन वर्षाचा मुहुर्त साधून सकाळच्या मराठी मिस्सावर या संघटनेची स्थापना झाली. तेव्हा जवळपास ४० स्त्रियांनी या शुभमुहुर्तावर सेवाकार्याचे व्रत घेतले.

२०१८ साली या संघटनेने यशस्वी रित्या २१ वर्ष पूर्ण केली आहेत. सोडालिटी संघटना जरी १ जानेवारी रोजी स्थापित झाली असली तरी ते आपला वर्धापन दिन मरीयेच्या स्वर्ग नयनाच्या दिवशी व मिस्सा केंद्राच्या स्थापनेच्या दिवशी म्हणजेच १५ ऑगस्ट रोजी साजरा करित असतात. या दिवशी सर्व सभासद आपल्या समर्पणाचे नुतनीकरण करतात व दर वर्षी किमान १ तरी नवीन सभासद सेवेचे व्रत घेत असते. महिलांनी चर्चेच्या कार्यात पुढे

यावे या अनुशंगाने स्थापिलेली ही संघटना आज जोमाने आपले कार्य करित आहे. या संघटनेचे प्रथम मार्गदर्शक व आध्यात्मिक सल्लागार फा. मॅल्कम डिसोजा यांचे आम्ही मनापासून आभार मानीत आहोत.

सोडालिटी संघटनेच्या स्थापनेपासून ते आज पर्यंत ज्या आमच्या भगिनी आपला पृथ्वी वरील सेवेचा प्रवास संपवून देवाघरी गेल्या आहेत, त्या सर्व मृत-भगिनींना परमेश्वराने मरीया मातेच्या विनंतीद्वारे स्वर्गराज्याचे सुख बहाल करावे हीच आमची प्रार्थना आहे.

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आई-वडील असतात परमेश्वराचे स्वरूप
वेदना देऊन का करतोस ह्या नात्याला विद्वुप

किती तळमळ होरपळ होते रे त्यांची
नाही का रे तुला थोडी जाणीव त्याची

आजच संधी साधुन त्यांच्याशी सलोखा कर
नाहीतर तुझीच मुलं चालतील तुझ्या पाऊल खुणांवर

**Lucia Albert Torne
Joanna Park II**

पती - पत्नी व कुटुंब

ख्रिस्ती कुटुंब ख्रिस्तसभेची छोटी आवृत्ती आहे. पती-पत्नी आपल्या दैनंदिन जिवनाद्वारे परमेश्वराच्या निर्मिती कार्यात सहभागी होत असतात व पवित्र आत्मा त्यांच्यावर कृपादानांचा वर्षाव करीत असतो. पती-पत्नी जेव्हा आपले वैवाहीक प्रेम प्रकट करतात तेव्हा ते देवाचे प्रेम ठळकपणे आणि उत्साहाने व्यक्त करीत असतात. ती दोघे परस्परांसाठी ईश्वरी प्रेमाचे प्रतिबिंब असतात. हे ईश्वरी प्रेम शब्दाद्वारे, मढतीद्वारे व स्पर्शाने मानवाला सुख देत असतात. सर्व प्रकारचे कौटुंबिक जीवन हे करुणामय हृदयाने एकमेकांचे गुणदोष स्विकारल्याने सफळ होत असते व आपण प्रत्येक जण आपल्या प्रेमाने व आपुलकिने इतरांच्या जीवनावर आपला ठसा उमटवत असतो.

आपण प्रत्येकजण माणसे धरणारे कोळी आहोत अर्थात आपण सर्वांवर प्रेम करतो. आपल्या जोडीदारामध्ये जे सर्वात्तम गुण आहेत त्या गुणांची मशागत करुन त्याची वाढ करणारे आपण शेतकरी आहोत. एकमेकांना मदत करण्यातच सफळ वैवाहीक जीवनाची फळद्रुपता व्ढलेली आहे. ज्याची व्याख्या करता येत नाही, ज्याचे वर्णन करता येत नाही ते म्हणजे प्रेम. प्रेम करणे म्हणजे परमेश्वराची आराधना करण्याचा मार्ग आहे. आपल्या जोडीदारामध्ये आपण ख्रिस्त शोधला पाहीजे, कारण आपल्या जोडीदारात ख्रिस्त सापडणे हा एक आध्यात्मिक अनुभव आहे. आपल्या प्रत्येकक्षणी आपल्या जोडीदारावर लक्ष केंद्रीत करावे ही आपल्या जोडीदाराची अपेक्षा असते. ख्रिस्त आपला आदर्श आहे. कारण जेव्हा लोक त्याच्याशी बोलायला त्याच्याकडे यायचे तेव्हा तो प्रेमाने त्यांच्या नजरेत नजर घालुन बोलत असे व त्यांच्या गरजा जाणीत असे.

पवित्र आत्म्याच्या प्रेरणेने जगत असलेल्या कौटुंबिक जीवनाचा दृष्टीकोन जोपासला जातो. इतकेच नव्हे तर इतरांची काळजी घेऊन त्यांना सुखी करण्याच्या प्रयत्नाने जीवनाच्या दृष्टीकोनाला चालना मिळत असते. सामाजिक प्रेम हे पवित्र त्रैक्याचे प्रतिबिंब आहे. कुटुंबाच्या सामाजिक जबाबदाऱ्यांमध्ये सामाजिक प्रेम जोपासले जात असते. आपल्या कुटुंबात आपण ख्रिस्त प्रेमाचे जीवन जगत असू तर आपण जेथे जाऊ तेथे लोकांवर आपल्या जीवनशैलीचा प्रभाव पडत राहिल. याद्वारे आपण देवाच्या असीम प्रेमाचे कार्यवाहक बनतो.



आपण कुटुंबात एकत्रितपणे वाटचाल केली पाहीजे. अनेकदा आपण धीर सोडतो, तेव्हा आपण आपला प्रेमाचा व ऐक्याचा आदर्श ख्रिस्ताच्या ऋसाकडे वळलो पाहीजे. ख्रिस्ती वैवाहीक जोडप्यांनी आपल्या मुलांसाठी आदर्श बनले पाहीजे, त्यांनी मुलांसमोर ख्रिस्ती जीवनाचा आदर्श ठेवला पाहीजे व ख्रिस्ती श्रद्धेची साक्ष दिली पाहीजे. परमेश्वर मुलांना पाचारण करीत असतो परंतु जर श्रद्धेची इमारत मजबुत नसेल तर हे पाचारण वाया जात असते. याच कारणास्तव कुटुंबात ऐक्य, प्रेम व श्रद्धेचे बिज पेरणे गरजेचे आहे. तर मग चला परस्परांवर प्रेम करुन आपल्या कुटुंबाचा पाया मजबुत करुया व जीवनाचा आनंद घेऊया.

Priti Vaity
Vailankanni Mata

मी कोणते गीत गाऊ

जेव्हा एकमेकांना जिवंत जाळणारे, धार्मिक मुल्यांवर विश्वास ठेवून आचरणाने लबाडी करणारे, गरीबापासून दुर राहणारे, एकाच मायभूमीत एकत्र राहून मनाने एकमेकापासून दूर जाणारे, देवधर्माच्या लढाईत माणुसकी विसरणारे, धर्माच्या तत्त्वापासून दुरावलेले, माणसाने बांधलेल्या मंदिरासाठी देवाने बांधलेले मंदिर उध्वस्त करणारे वावरतात तेव्हा मी कोणते गीत गाऊ.

पुरुष प्रधान मानसीकता, स्त्रियांवरील अतयाचार, बालकामगारांचा प्रश्न, अल्पसंख्यांवरील अतयाचार, उच्च-निचता, गरिबी, बेरोजगारी, दहशतवाद, नक्षलवाद, पिण्याच्या पाण्याचा प्रश्न, उर्जेची कमतरता, भ्रष्टाचार, अतिरेकी हल्ले, हिंसाचार, स्त्रियांची विटंबना, बलात्कार, गर्भवतीची पोटे चिरणारे, लहान मुलींचा सामुहीक बलात्कार करणाऱ्यांनी आज आपण आसलो आहोत. जागतीकी करण्याच्या धोरणाने स्वातंत्र्य गमावून बसण्याची धास्ती असताना धार्मिक विद्वेषामुळे राष्ट्र खिळाखिळा होत आहे. सहिष्णुता हा आपला राष्ट्रीय स्वभाव आहे. जातीय, धार्मिक विद्वेष बाजूला ठेवणे गरजेचे झाले आहे. शतकांच्या पुण्याईने जे आपण कमावले ते इतक्या सहजपणे आपण गमवावे का? समाजातील वैमानस्य मिटवून समेट घडवून आणण्यासाठी, सर्व धर्मांचे सुखी सहजीवन यातच देशाचे अंतीम हित आहे. समाजाला चारित्र्यवान नेतृत्वाची गरज आहे, तरच धर्मातराच्या निमित्ताने लोकांवर व त्यांच्या धर्मस्थलांवर हिंसक हल्ले होणार नाहीत.

देश म्हणजे केवळ कागदावरील नकाशा नव्हे तर या भूतलावर राहणारे लोक. देशातील सामाजिक व सांस्कृतिक परंपरा जोपासणे, श्रम प्रतिष्ठेची कल्पना रुजविणे, युवकांमध्ये नेतृत्व शक्तीचा विकास करणे ही उद्दिष्टे आहेत. शिक्षणाद्वारे मानवातील पूर्वत्वाचा साक्षात्काराचे दर्शन होते.

चांगल्या विचारांसोबत चांगले आचार, स्वतःच्या कार्यात कार्यक्षमता, इमानदारी, स्वधर्मासह इतर धर्मांचा आदर, एकमेकांचं सुख-दुख समजून घेणे, गरीबांचं रक्षण करणे, व जनतेचे सच्चे सेवक होणे म्हणजे सुराज्याचे रूपांतर स्वराज्यात करणे.

मी सर्वांचा, सारे माझे, असे स्वप्न पहायचे
चिमुकल्या या पणतीनेही येतील दिवस प्रकाशाचे
कविवार्य मंगेश पाडगावकर म्हणतात,
जातिभेद, धर्मभेद, वंशभेद दूर
लाख लाख कंठातून हाच एक सूर
करुणेच्या चरणांशी नत हो विज्ञान
पुण्यमयी दे आम्हा अक्षर वरदान
ज्ञान बनो कर्मशील, कर्म ज्ञानवान

Diago Tuscano
Our Lady of Lourdes

पवित्र मरीया आमची आई

पवित्र मरीया आमची आई
सदेह स्वर्गात घेतली गेली
स्वर्ग पृथ्वीची राणी झाली

संत ज्योकीम व आना यांची कन्या
निष्कलंक जन्माला आली
दिले तिला श्रद्धेचे बाळकडु
पवित्र मरीया आमची आई

मी आहे प्रभुची दासी म्हणुन
दिलास देवदुताच्या शब्दाला मान
कुमरी असताना दिला देवपित्याने
तुज तारणकर्त्याच्या आईचा मान

तू असताना गर्भी
गेलीस पुलिझाबेथ पाशी
तुझे अभिवादन ऐकताच मरली
तिच्या उदरातील बाळाने उल्हासाने उडी

म्हणाला शिमोन भविष्यवादी
होईल दुःखाची तरवार आरपार तुझ्या हृदयी
बेथलेहेम ते कालवरी राहिलीस ख्रिस्ता सोबती
जगताच्या तारणासाठी तू जाऊ दिलेस त्याला
ऋसी

ऋसावरुन योहानास सांगितले
पहा ही तुझी आई
त्याच क्षणा पासून झालीस
सान्या जगताची जननी

सदेह स्वर्गात घेतली गेली
स्वर्ग पृथ्वीची राणी झाली
पवित्र मरीया आमची आई

Priti Vaity
Vailankanni Mata

जीवनाचा खरा अर्थ

अतिशय सुंदर असे जग. मायेच्या सावलीप्रमाणे
भव्य मोठे आकाश. जलाशय आणि हिरवळीने
परिपूर्ण पृथ्वी. निळ्याभोर आकाशात विहंग
करणारे पक्षी, पृथ्वीवर भ्रमन करणारे जीव-
जंतू व प्राणी, परंतु ह्या सर्वांच्या वर परमेश्वराने
मनुष्य निर्माण केला. तो ही स्वतःच्या
प्रतिरुपाचा.

आजच्या धावपळीच्या जगात मानवाला थोडा
देखील विसावा नाही. ह्या सुंदर सृष्टीचा आस्वाद
घेऊन, संपूर्ण अंतकरणाने त्या परमेश्वराची
स्तुती व धन्यवाद करण्यास वेळच नाही.
जागतिक अन्नासाठी तो कायम भुकेला असतो,
परंतु सार्वकालीक जीवनाचा तो विचार देखील
करत नाही.

अशा परीस्थितीत त्या क्षमाशील व दयावंत
परमेश्वरा समवेत वेळ व्यतीत करणे गरजेचे
आहे. त्याने शिकविलेल्या सन्मार्गावर चालणे
गरजेचे आहे. आपली तरुण पिढी आपल्याकडे
पाहत आहे. जो मार्ग आपण अनुसरुया तोच मार्ग
आपले युवक अनुसरतील. स्वर्ग पृथ्वीचा निर्माता
दयालु आहे. तो आपल्या हरवलेल्या लेकरांना
कधी टाकत नाही. आपण त्याच्याकडे वळुया व
सार्वकालीक जीवन अनुभवुया.

Lucy Albert Torne
Joanna Park II

One Parish, One Family in Celebration

The parish community gathered on the morning of Sunday, August 26 to welcome His Lordship Bishop Allwyn D'Silva on the occasion of St. Louis feast and the 10th anniversary of the new church structure.

After being ushered to the church in procession, Bishop Allwyn celebrated mass. In his homily he emphasized on the theme, 'One Parish, One Family', that was chosen for the celebration. "The structure," he said, "is not the church, but the community, and its people are, more importantly, what form the church."

After the feast mass, cake and *Frooti* was served as over 1,500 parishioners gathered in the stilt area for a cultural program and fellowship meal.

A video on the history of our parish church at Dahisar - from its humble beginnings to the structure in place today - took us back in time when it was just a tin-roofed shed mass centre.

The program commenced with a prayer in dance, followed by a welcome speech by Fr. Arun. Bishop Allwyn, former parish priests Fr. Leo D'Souza and Fr. Lawrence Almeida were felicitated with bouquets and mementos.

After the lighting of a lamp, the Decennial special issue of the parish bulletin, 'Louisian Samachar', was released by Bishop Allwyn and other dignitaries.

The students of St Louis High School performed a beautiful skit on the 'Life of St. Louis before coming up with a musical mime on the parish family and the feast song. There were many other heart-warming dance and song performances by the various sectors, youth and ladies' sodality group and children.

Fr. Leo explained how St. Louis has grown despite the many struggles it encountered, while Bishop Allwyn, who was on his maiden visit to the parish, spoke of how a community can make a better church, and the need to stay away from all that can destroy its unity.

The program ended with a vote of thanks by Fr. Ronald Fernandes, our Parish Priest, and grace before meals by Fr. Gordon. The parishioners broke bread together as one united community and went back home with joyful memories.

Luke Gomes
Youth Secretary

A VISUAL GLIMPSE OF THE DECENNIAL CELEBRATIONS



Food stalls held by various sectors on all days of the Novenas



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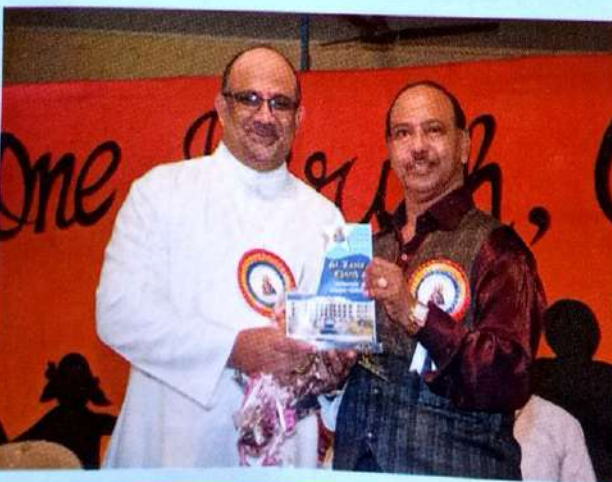
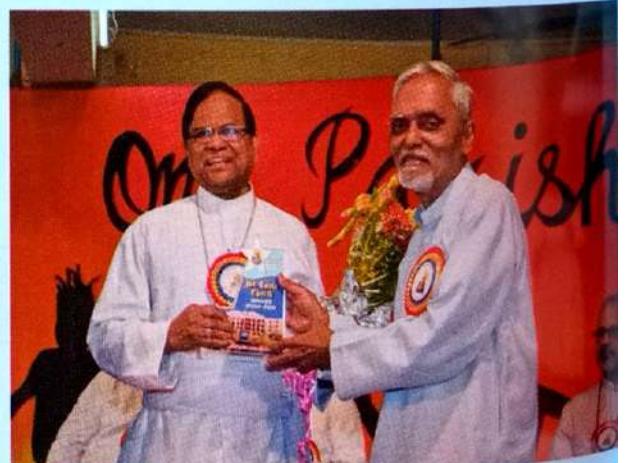


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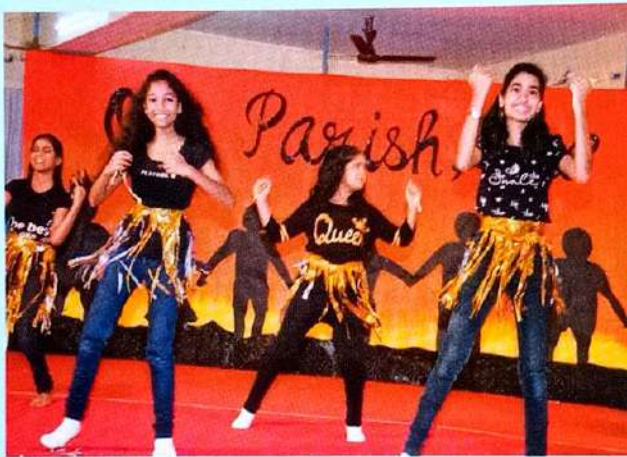
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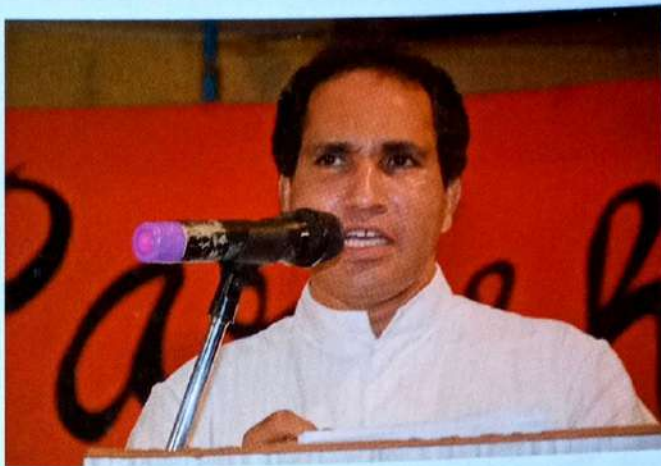
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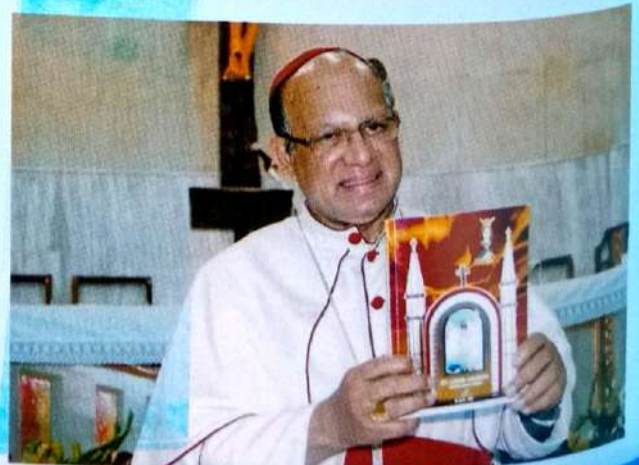


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The Day our Church was Consecrated by His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias



Youth bid farewell to Fr. Lancy

'Parting is a sweet sorrow; but all meetings do end in partings.'

Our church and the parish youth had welcomed Father Lancy D'Silva as Parish Priest three years ago; now it was time to bid him farewell. The parish youth, along with Fr Gordon, gathered on June 27 in the church auditorium to give him a surprise send-off.

Our vice-president Jessica thanked Fr. Lancy for encouraging the youth and all he did during his short time in the parish. A gift was presented on behalf of the youth group. A short video, which included photos and memories we had with Fr Lancy over the past three years, was projected.

Appreciating the efforts and work of the youth group, Fr. Lancy expressed happiness to see about 30 members gathered and prayed that we continue to work for the glory of god and community in the same vein.

Though Fr. Lancy had to leave a little early he took part in a few games before a session of dance and dinner.

Jenisha Castelino

Louisan Summer Camp, 2018

St. Louis church had successfully organised yet another summer camp for kids. The camp, which was held from April 30 to May 25, was a big hit among the 150 campers who took part in the various activities that were organised by the volunteers. The theme this year was "Explore your Zeal".

The main objective of the camp, this year, was not just all about fun and frolic, but



it also focused on exploring the versatility of the child and helped in enhancing their skills.

Campers were taught to make paper bags and were given hands on training on the art of origami. Through the camp, children got to explore their hidden talents as various competitions like dance, singing and many more were held.

At the end, the kids and volunteers went home with several memories which they will treasure and cherish always.

Vallance Alvares

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Try alpha, a new program for the youth. Started on June 2, it is for everyone; no question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. It is a series of interactive sessions to explore life and Christian faith in a friendly environment.

Alpha sessions are held on Saturdays after the 6.30 pm mass. Each session includes light refreshments, a short talk and discussion within a group, where you can share your views on the video played and questions put by Ben and Jason, who are on a quest to understand Christianity and faith. The session begins with singing a few hymns and continues with some activity or game at the end. If you feel you are a quiet person, it's not a problem, there's no pressure. Just come and enjoy it.

Royston Sequiera

Youth outreach programme

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The youth were asked to report at 4pm in the stilt area of St. Louis church. From there, an elder member led the group to the venue.

The programme was organised by the members of the Legion of Mary, with the help of the youth from Don Bosco parish. The youth were welcomed with a cup of piping hot coffee and biscuits. Everyone was handed over a card on which the powerful words of "Know Mary, Know Jesus" were written.

The programme began with an ice-breaker game. Deacon Ivan Fernandes addressed the youth. He began with a prayer and a hymn after which he explained the motive of the outreach programme.

During his talk, he told the youth how they could come close to God if they just "Dare to believe". He also presented a video of a soldier



who did not carry a gun, but instead carried a Bible in his pocket whenever he went to the warfield. With this, he saved many lives.

Through this video, he gave the message of "Power in Prayer". Br. Ivan ended the video and asked if the youth had any questions related to the clergy. The programme ended with some snacks and a small discussion.

Vinit Fernandes

Youth Recollection programme

The St. Louis English prayer group organised a special recollection programme for the youth and children of the parish on July 9. This was organised to celebrate the completion of 10 years of the prayer group. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Prashant Saldanha, followed a preaching on the topic "Role of children in building a healthy family". He stressed on the need on how parents must spend time with their children as a family and that they must get to know each other better.

The recollection service was attended by as many as 45 youth who were accompanied by their parents. Fr. Prashant prayed for the youth and their parents during the adoration service. The programme ended with a fellowship meal.

Luke Gomes





March to August 2018

MARCH

Mass for the sick & homebound:

On March 29, a special mass was organized for the sick and homebound by the Extraordinary Ministers, Legion of Mary and SVP members. Arrangements were made to bring the sick for the service.

Maundy Thursday: Offerings received during the service was distributed by the SVP members to the poor and needy families of the parish.

Live way of the Cross: On Good Friday, the youth conducted the "Live way of the Cross" in the church premises.

Easter blessing: April 2-14, sector mass was held in the church and at Vailankani mass Centre on the respective days.



MAY

Rosary: From May 1 to 31, rosary was recited daily in the church.

JUNE

Welcome: Br. Naresh Namindla who will be in the parish for one year regency was given a warm welcome by the parishioners.

Commissioning & Recollection: The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were commissioned on June 3 during the 8am and 9.15am masses. A recollection service was then conducted by Fr. Prashant Saldanha.

Youth outreach: A programme "Dare to believe" was conducted by the Legion of Mary for the youth of several parishes at Mary Immaculate School on June 10. Many youth from our parish attended the programme.

Farewell: Fr. Lancy D'Silva was given a farewell by the PPC members on June 16 and 17 at all the masses. We thank him for all the love, support and services he has rendered to the parish.

Laity Sunday: Members of the Lay Heads of associations and cells were commissioned during the 8am and 9.15am masses on June 24. They attended a programme organized by the archdiocese OLCM team at Dr. Antonio D'Silva auditorium in Dadar.

Training session: A training session for PPC members, link persons and heads of associations and cells was held on June 24 in English and on July 1 in Marathi.

JULY

Induction: Fr. Ronald Fernandes was inducted as the new parish priest on July 8 by Bishop John Rodrigues.

AUGUST

Independence Day: On August 15, the parishioners participated in the flag hoisting ceremony, along with the staff and students of the school.

East Indian programme: The programme began with a mass at 10am, followed by cultural programme and lunch.

St. Louis flag hoisting and novenas: On August 16, the flag was hoisted, followed by a procession with the statue of St. Louis. From August 17 to 25 novena masses were held in Marathi at 6.15pm and in English at 7.15pm.

Faith Formation: The Borivli deanery had a session in our parish on August 12, for students of Std.VI & VII from our parish and other parishes as well. Ms. Angela D'Silva conducted the session on the theme "heroes of the old testament"

St. Louis Feast: On August 26, at 9am Bishop Allwyn D'Silva celebrated mass, followed by a cultural programme that was put up by the Sunday school children, youth and school students.

COMPILED BY: Cheryl Rego
St. Peter's Community, Dahisar East

Congratulations to all the participants of the Holy Trinity Community for making our Community victorious at the Youth Sports Festival, Carol Singing Contest as well as Crib Competition last year, hosted by St. Louis Parish.



*May we do as well or better, in the years to come,
with many more participating.*

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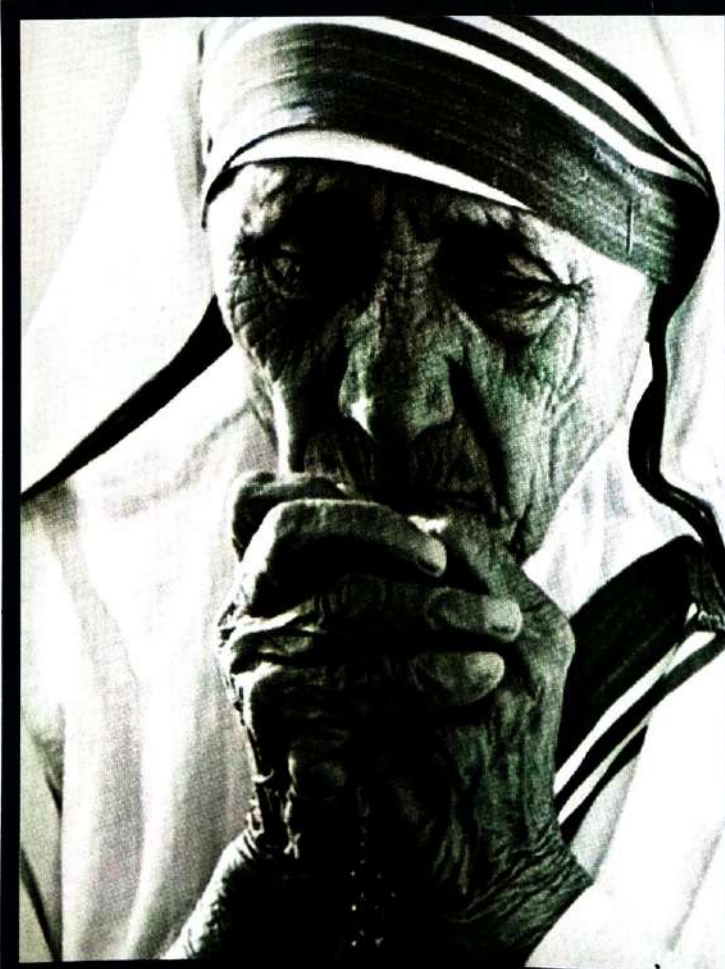
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Down the Memory Lane

St. Louis church was officially inaugurated by His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias in 2008. Putting up the edifice that we have today at Dahisar was not an easy task or journey. It was paved with challenges aplenty, but the determination, prayers of all the parishioners and leadership of the Holy Cross Fathers helped in overcoming all hurdles.

As St. Louis church turns 10, one can only get nostalgic. Memories of the church-to-church collection, Johnny Lever Nite, the special souvenir being unveiled and parishioners pooling in their monetary resources that gave shape to the beautiful church come flashing back.

Since then St. Louis parish has grown from strength to strength. Young and old have benefited from the Eucharistic celebration in English, Marathi and Konkani and the church's various cells, associations and activities conducted throughout the year.

There are ample opportunities now for anyone who wants to reach out to others and follow the Vision statement: 'To break the word in our families and share the bread with the needy'.

This decennial year is indeed a proud and cherished moment for all of us at St. Louis. With a grateful heart let us thank the Lord for His blessings; may he continue to bestow on us the gifts of love, peace and unity.

Veronica M Pinto
St Joseph Sector

Sowing the Seeds for a Vibrant Parish

It was the mid-nineties and I had decided to shift base from Mazagaon to Navagaon. In order to please the Lady of the house, I had to do a recce of the area to find the closest place of worship. My Catholic friends directed me to a shed across the Dahisar river. When I reached there the only person I could see was a gardener, wearing a sleeveless vest, with a pickaxe in hand, toiling diligently in sowing seeds.

I went up to him and asked, "*Bhai saab, yahan ravivar ko kuch mass hotha hai?*" (Friend, is any mass held here on Sundays?) He turned around and politely told me all the mass timings.

Sunday came and my wife, daughter and I went to the 'mass centre' to partake in celebration of the Eucharist, along with a legion of mosquitoes. When the service started I was dazed to see that humble gardener saying mass. Later, I found out that his name was Fr. Malcolm.

Today, as I picture the scenario, I realize that the same gardener had sown the seeds of a vibrant parish. He requested my friends and me, who were then going to I. C. Church for the Sunday service, to come and sing for the Saturday evening mass. Soon that group came to be known as the 'Saturday Choir'. The Sunday collection rose from a meagre Rs. 247/- to Rs. 600/- and began climbing, with thousands being collected today.

Fr. Malcolm gave way to Fr. Dom. Then the Holy Cross Fathers took charge and along with the parishioners built the beautiful church and school we have today. They were led by dynamic Parish Priests in Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Ronald, Fr. Lancy. Now, Fr. Ronald is back for a second innings.

Many a time we criticize our priests and fail to see their sacrifice of giving up the comforts of home for the love of Jesus. Even they are human. As parishioners, we must give the Parish Priest all the support he needs to nurture his flock so that they walk in the ways of the Lord.

Francis Dias
Our Lady of Fatima sector

The Wonder Women of St. Louis



Women empowerment implies the ability in women to take decisions with regard to their life and work and giving equal rights to them in all spheres, like personal, social, economic, political, legal and so on.

Keeping the above in mind, the St Louis women's cell was started in 2008. Since its inception many tasks, including helping the marginalized and catering to the needs of the parish, were undertaken.

Over the years the cell has supported the parish in various capacities, like addressing the needs of under-privileged families and representing them at the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation.

Time and again the cell has proved its worth by getting necessary permissions from the local police station to facilitate the organisation of various programmes conducted in the parish.

Besides this, a lot of social work is being undertaken towards helping street children in getting admission to BMC schools, assisting in house reconstruction of a family which has one of its members suffering from AIDS and providing food, clothing and medicine among other needs to downtrodden families.

The cell also assists in admitting alcohol and drug addicts to rehabilitation centres. Perhaps, not many know that since the past three years the floral decoration in the church is being done by the cell.

These are among the many untold stories of St Louis parish, Dahisar. Currently, the cell has a team of 21 wonder women willing to take up any job - from putting up food stalls to raise funds to assisting all in need.

A salute to them!

Silvia Pereira

Sunday School is a Fun Day School

Our parish conducts the 'Sunday School' every Sunday from 8 to 9 am. It is followed by the Eucharistic service at 9.15 am, wherein the liturgy is proclaimed and animated by the students of the allotted class through audio-visuals and skits, under the guidance of their class catechists.

Our students form a very important part of the children's choir and altar servers. Children celebrating their birthdays are wished by the congregation after the notices for the week are read and presented a birthday card and gift.

We have a vibrant Sunday School, comprising of 274 students, 26 catechists, a priest who is the spiritual director, two librarians, two administrators, a choir in-charge, an altar servers in-charge and a Holy Cross brother.

Catechists are commissioned by the church every year and the Diocesan Catechetical Training Centre (CTC) provides training to catechists at the Pastoral Centre. We have seven CTC-trained catechists at St. Louis and regular training sessions are conducted for the catechists by the parish. Our catechists attend the teacher recollections, conducted at Deanery level, in large numbers to get updated with teaching ideas and skills. Audio-visuals, based on the curriculum, are shown class-wise on a periodic basis.

Class IV and Class XI students are prepared during the year to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation respectively. Outreach visits to orphanages, old age and destitute homes are made during the year. Interactive workshop sessions are held for the parents of Communicants and Confirmands periodically.

Library sessions are held periodically during Sunday class where children receive and read books of pious reading.

Yearly events, like Parents Day, Rosary rally, Nativity novenas, Christmas celebration, Deanery Faith Formation programmes, Deanery Choir Fest and theme based Annual Day are opportunities for our children to explore their God-given gifts and talents which are displayed through their performances.

Deline Rodrigues

The SVP at St. Louis Church



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Louis Parish, Dahisar, was established in 1996. Its founder members were Diago Tuscano, Josephine Rodrigues, Juliet Miranda,

Melwyn D'sa, and the late Muriel Fernandes.

Among the youth were Xavier, Claude Britto, Albert Soans, Ajay, Juliet, Lyn, and Jacinto Pinto, to name a few. The late Mrs. Muriel Fernandes was the first president of the society, Juliet, the secretary, and Albert Soans, treasurer.

Fr. Malcolm D'Souza was the Parish Priest and Spiritual Advisor of the society then. It had no funds, but was provided Rs 4,000/- by the Area Council, North West (II), to start with.

The members meet every Thursday to discuss matters regarding the poor and downtrodden of the parish. They first visit the families, investigate thoroughly their position and then help by way of rations, medical aid, house repairs and education. A fund for education, named 'Sponsor a child Scheme' was started.

A visit to families every week is mandatory. The members have their secret collection during their meetings every Thursday. Families are invited for the festival gathering of St. Vincent de Paul and their children are felicitated when they clear their SSC, XII and graduation exams. The families are also presented hampers during the Christmas and Easter parties held for them.

The aim of the society is to increase the personal sanctification of its members by the practice of Christian Charity towards the poor and needy for the love of God.

Laura Britto

Welfare Fund sets New Milestones

- No one in our parish community goes to bed hungry for want of food.
- No sick person is left suffering for want of medical assistance.
- No child is denied basic education, for lack of finance.

With the above Vision statement as the core, the St. Louis Community Welfare Fund made a humble beginning in 2008, under the guidance of our then Parish Priest, Fr. Leo.

Fr. Leo chaired the first meeting, and with inputs and support from I C Church objects/guidelines were framed for the St. Louis Community Welfare Fund.

From baby steps we have journeyed through, and inputs from our Parish Priests/councillors/members of the General Body have helped us mature and establish the fund for the intent it was formed for.

In a decade of growth, the SLCWF has grown from a sapling to Banyan tree-like proportions, giving much-needed shade and relief to the poor and needy of the parish community by way of medical/educational needs and financial support to the church.

The Welfare Fund crossed Rs 20 lakh in 2017-2018. It could achieve all this in a short span of ten years is ONLY because of generous contributions from our parishioners.

Besides helping the poor and needy by way of financial assistance, the Welfare Fund also organised blood donation and health check-up camps for the benefit of the parishioners.

It is our vision and goal that the Welfare Fund achieves new milestones in the coming years by providing not only financial assistance but also moral support to needy families.

A big thanks, dear parishioners. It is because of your unstinted support that the Parish Priests and members of the Welfare Fund could live up to the vision of the parish.

David Prakash
Secretary, SLCWF

Doing the Catechist walk for 20 years!

I thank and praise God for the gift of being a Sunday School catechist for the past 20 years. The love of Jesus, as my Lord and Saviour, that I experienced way back in 1986 became my passion. Since then it is my mission to share this love of Jesus with my students and all I come in contact with.

My journey as a catechist, which began in I C Church, continues at St Louis parish since its inception in 2008. My husband and daughter too are part of the Sunday School. Right through I have been associated with teenagers. Since last year, two other catechists and I have been preparing the confirmands for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

It is a great pleasure, with commitment, to be with teenagers and walk with them as they grow up gradually in the knowledge of God, His love for His children, His plan for His children and, ultimately, how to relate to this ever-loving and ever faithful God.

Each student is unique with his or her own personality and challenges. The process of building their faith, like that of St. Thomas – from a questioning person to exclaiming Jesus as Lord and God - is an exciting walk. I thank the Parish Priests and Sunday School Coordinators with whom I have been associated with for their trust in me and freedom given to me over the years to explore possibilities to make sharing of the faith with students and liturgy for our Eucharistic celebrations more meaningful by using modern day technology.

Today, when I look back, I thank God with a grateful heart for His presence in my mission to make His love experienced by our children. It gives me joy and satisfaction to see some of our past Sunday School students working in the Lord's vineyard as catechists and involved in activities to make this parish a vibrant community.



Paskin Dias

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

It is a gift to be an Extraordinary Minister – to share the body and blood of Christ with one another. Those called to this ministry have, or soon acquire, the grace in movement and reverence in touch. The Extraordinary Minister is called to exemplify the life of service and charity, to which the Christian community commits itself in the celebration of the Eucharist. In our parish, Extraordinary Ministers are commissioned every year on the feast of Corpus Christi, followed by a recollection and training program. The Extraordinary Ministers perform two vital pastoral functions. Firstly, they assist in dispensing Holy Communion to the congregation during the week. Secondly, they take communion to parishioners who are in nursing homes or who are home-bound due to infirmity, injury, old age or other causes. They also spend quality time with the sick persons. Being an Extraordinary Minister is a humble and beautiful duty. This is our ministry and our privilege. It is a holy, joyful and beautiful ministry to serve as an Extraordinary Minister. **Cheryl Rego**

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is an International association of practicing members of the Catholic church who serve on a voluntary basis. It is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic church.

The Legion of Mary in our parish began in 1994. Currently, we are 9 active members who are primarily engaged in spiritual works, rather than material aid. The unit of our parish, which is called “Queen of Confessors”, holds weekly meetings on Tuesday at 5pm during which prayers, reports and discussions are held. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families--Catholic, non-Catholic, people of other faith, lapsed Catholics, mixed marriage, bereaved, RCIA-newly baptized, first communion children, sick and the homebound. Visitation to hospitals, institutes and home entronements are also done. During the year, members also participate in programmes and activities organized by the Presidium and the higher governing body, which is the Senatus. The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholics in good standing with the desire to serve Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother Mary. We thank our spiritual director Fr. Martin Soosai for all the love, cooperation, support and encouragement he gives us in all our work and projects.

Cheryl Rego

What you must know about our Patron Saint

Among our saints, perhaps St. Louis is the least-heard name. At least in India! That's why I was curious to know how and why our church was named after the great king.

Since the Dahisar locals are known to be great devotees of our mother, the church, in my view, should have had one of the many titles associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On enquiring with some of the older members of the parish, I got my answer. The land on which the church was built was donated by the generous Louis Misquitta. Thus, to acknowledge and honour his great contribution, the parish elders decided that St Louis would be the patron saint.

A couple of times I wanted to know more about St. Louis, but nobody seemed to have enough information. This led to some research. I purchased two books on the Life of Saints, by Fr. Vincent. Unfortunately, St. Louis was not included in it. After extending my search to the Internet I got what I was looking for.

He was the King of France, but, again, 18 other kings of France had the same name, Louis! King Louis I was the King of France in AD 814. King Louis-Philip, who ruled France in AD 1850, was the last one bearing the name.

Our patron was Louis IX. He was born in AD 1214 and died on August 25, 1270. When St. Louis was crowned King of France he was only 11 years of age. His mother, Blanche Castille, took charge of him until he reached maturity. His greatness as a person

and King is mentioned in the novena, which we all recite every Monday.

Among his major deeds as King of France were his generosity and decision to send his troops during the seventh and eighth crusades, military campaigns sanctioned by the Catholic church in the middle ages.

Emerging Muslim rulers had conquered and taken over the city of Jerusalem in AD 1091. These military expeditions were undertaken to regain Christian control over the Holy City. He was a great collector of art. Among all his collection, the most prized one was 'Crown of Thorns', the one Jesus wore during crucifixion.

1. A fragment of the cross on which Jesus was crucified.

2. And the lance that pierced his heart.

These precious artefacts were bought from emperor Baldwin of Constantinople for a sum of 1,35,000 livres (*old currency in the Kingdom of France from 781 to 1794*).

The 'Crown of Thorns' was brought to Paris in the year AD 1239. It was carried to France by two Dominican monks. During the last leg of the journey, King Louis himself carried it barefoot, dressed as a beggar.

He built a chapel in Paris, which is known as Sainte Chapelle, where the relics are kept. He further spent another 1,00,000 livres to make a silver chest to keep the relics. The Sainte Chapelle cost him only 40,000 livres. These relics are still open for tourist viewing. The Holy Lance and the fragment of the real cross reached Sainte Chapelle only in AD 1124. St. Louis died in AD 1270 and was canonized in AD 1297 by Pope Boniface VIII.

Brazil S. Colaco

Light of the World and Salt of the Earth

Jesus in all His wisdom made a very good and powerful statement by saying, 'You are the SALT of the earth and LIGHT of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).'

As I was reflecting on this wonderful statement many thoughts ran through my mind and I was so happy that the Lord made us the SALT of the earth and LIGHT of the world.

Let us first understand more about salt and how we compare it with ourselves. Have we ever pondered how we get pure white salt? We get it from the salt pans when the sea water dries up and all impurities are removed by the heat of the sun. In the same way, once we surrender our lives to the Lord totally He removes them one by one till we are completely pure and white. He then starts using us for His glory. The only criterion is that we totally surrender our lives to the Lord.

Purpose of Salt

1) To enhance taste of food (Seasoning):

A pinch of salt makes a complete difference in any food more than any other ingredients that are added. Even in preparing a sweet dish a pinch of salt is added to enhance taste. In the same way we are called to make a difference in the lives of others. Like a pinch of salt, a little of our presence in the life of others can make a difference to their lives.

2) Used to preserve (Preservative): In days gone by salt was used to preserve meat, fish and other food items. It was used to keep away infection. In the same way we are

called to preserve relationship, culture, tradition. We are also called to preserve nature and environment.

3) Used as medicine: Salt was used as medicine for wounds and injuries. Are we agents of healing in a broken family or broken relationship?

4) Used as financial support (Trade): In ancient times, salt provided the financial support for pursuits like art. In Roman times, it was so precious it provided a means to pay soldiers.

Can we make a difference by our tithe to the church, or donation to some good organization or reach out to the poor and needy? A little sacrifice, like the poor widow who had put two silver coins into the treasury box made or the little boy who gave five loaves and two fish to Jesus, who multiplied it and fed the 5000 hungry people?

Jesus is watching every sacrifice we make and blesses us a hundred-fold for it. If the salt loses its saltiness can it be made salty again?

Yes, it can!

If God can use just mere dust to create a human in His likeness, if Jesus can bring the dead man Lazarus to life, the Lord who created the salt can certainly make it salty again. In the same way, He can change our lives from sinners to saints. We must repent, come into his presence and surrender our lives totally to Him.

Alwyn Menezes

Catholic Charismatic Renewal at St Louis is 10!

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal began in St Louis parish 10 years back, on July 7 2008, thanks to the initiative of Brazil Colaco and support by other core team members and the powerful backing and blessings of the then Parish Priest, Fr Leo D'Souza.

What is the Catholic Charismatic Renewal?

“The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us”

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) began at a retreat for college students at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (USA), in February 1967. The students had spent much of the weekend in prayer, asking God to allow them to experience the grace of both baptism and confirmation. The students, that weekend, had a powerful and transforming experience of God, which came to be known as 'baptism in the Spirit'. The account of the weekend and the experience of the Spirit quickly spread across the college campus, then to other campuses throughout the country.

The charismatic experience soon moved beyond colleges and began to have an impact on regular parishes and other Catholic institutions. Loose organisations and networks were formed. Catholic charismatic conferences began to be held, drawing over 30,000 at Notre Dame campus in South Bend Indiana in the mid 1970's.

The Renewal caught the attention of the Church, and the leaders of the movement met Pope Paul VI (1975) as well as Pope John Paul II several times. In addition, several of the bishops' conferences, of various countries, wrote pastoral letters of encouragement and support for the movement.

Blessed Elenna Gverra, founder Oblata Sisters of the Holy Spirit, Italy, urged the Pope to lead the church back to the 'Upper Room Experience'. She wrote

Apostolic letters to begin novenas to the Holy Spirit from 1895-1900. In 1901 the first prayer 'Renew O Lord the wonders in this our day as by a new Pentecost' started.

BEGINNINGS OF THE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL IN MUMBAI

Mrs Luz Maria Engineer, a citizen of the United States of America, and Minoo Engineer arrived in Mumbai in January 1971 with their four-month-old daughter. They had been involved in the CCR in New York, where they lived, as part of a prayer group that met in the area. They attended regional days of recollection and Minoo attended the Second International Conference, held in 1969. Since Minoo's parents required help, they decided to return to India. It was only in 1972 that they moved to their place in Juhu and quickly went to introduce themselves and register in their parish, St. Joseph's.

Several days later two young Jesuit seminarians knocked on their door; they were brought there by the sacristan of St. Joseph's who had been searching for them in all the previous places they had been residing at. They had heard about their experience and knowledge of the CCR and wanted to be part of it. Thus, the very first small prayer group began in their flat. As others became interested they moved the meeting to Snehasadan in Chakala, then Holy Family church. At the request of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, who had their novitiate on St. Leo Road, Bandra, they began holding meetings there; it came to be called the 'Upper Room'. A priest of their parish requested them to start a prayer group with some interested parishioners and the St. Joseph's Prayer Group, which is still meeting to this day, began.

Alwyn Menezes

A Louisian Crusade

"My dearest son, you should permit yourself to be tormented by every kind of martyrdom before you would allow yourself to commit a mortal sin," wrote St. Louis in his spiritual testament.

Present Day: The debacle of the climate-change crusaders, (environmentalists as we know them) has been infuriating and quite tormenting. The science is clear. It is actually, at its core, amazingly simple: Carbon dioxide traps heat. Who knew? Everybody. We have trapped ourselves into quite a predicament.

Consequences? We could start with the largest wildfires in history, raging across Europe, Northern America and parts of Australia. But we don't need to stop there. And the climate isn't going to. Record fires, record drought, record storms, devastating hurricanes, record flooding. We have already got ourselves entangled in this mess. And what have we been doing about it? Just like frogs in a well, being monumentally ignorant, is what. Sorry, but, there's no other word for it. Actually, we could throw in a few more words. Arrogant. Suicidal. Greedy. Dishonest. Selfish. Lazy. By committing these actions/sins, we are rendering our planet uninhabitable. Our planet is at risk of entering an irreversible "hothouse" climate. Recent worldwide headlines...

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It may indeed be too late to avoid some of the calamities we have blundered and burned our way into, but it's not too late to stop amplifying the disaster to unimaginable levels. People, meaning YOU, could have reasonably plead ignorance at one time, but that time is over. The story of missed opportunity, is a story we are still writing today. Now that we know beyond a doubt, now that we can see it, now that we can feel it, what is our excuse today? What is YOUR excuse? Acknowledge... Speak up... Act... Right now!!! Our actions are jeopardizing the lives of all living beings in our ecosphere.

Solution – READ UP => REACH OUT => REMEDY IT

Caring about our planet, and trying to do something about it, is a noble cause. But, with the stakes as high as they are, accuracy in messaging is important. We have committed enough sins, that no martyrdom can redeem us, nor is worth the torment that will befall us. What is our legacy, if all we leave behind for our children is devastation?

A Great Man once said – “Weep not for me, but for yourselves, and for your children”.

What can YOU do? At least, start – Plant a tree, Save water – Bathe less, Power down / off when not required, stop burning candles, walk to church instead of using your vehicle – Anything, that will help reduce YOUR carbon footprint and make a difference.

On this auspicious occasion of the 10th anniversary of our parishdom, we would like to heartily thank and congratulate the entire parish clergy team for all the wholesome work they have achieved in the last decade and for bringing together the Louisian community.

At the same time, we would like to implore all the parishioners – clergy and lay persons, to join forces and act towards a remedial solution to thwart the impending doomsday that we are staring at.

God is CREATION. God is NATURE. God is 'YOU-niverse'. Let's work as one, to preserve his priceless gift to us.

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Mother Teresa Sector, Navagaon

Celebrating our Teachers

Philosopher, guide, friend, apostle, legislator, conqueror of ideas, restorer of rational and national beliefs. That was Dr. Radhakrishnan, an outstanding intellectual of our days. Peace be upon this great man whose birthday falls on September 5.

Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru observed, "While Dr. Radhakrishnan served his country in many capacities, above all, he continued to be a great teacher, writer and the second President of our country from who all of us have learnt much and will continue learning."

Dr. Radhakrishnan's birthday is a great day of rejoicing, both for students, as well as teachers. For students, the day provides an opportunity to express their deep sense of gratitude and appreciation to their teachers. For teachers, who have been working hard to mould, shape and guide the young ones entrusted to their care, it is a day when their hard work and services are appreciated.

This joy of both students and teachers takes my thoughts back to an incident which took place a few years ago in New York. A teacher had asked the students of Std. I to draw a picture of something they were grateful for. Different students drew different things. When the teacher asked, each one started giving his opinion about the picture; all opinions were different, but one boy's drawing puzzled her. He had drawn a hand.

The teacher asked the student concerned, "My child, what does the hand mean to you?" He replied, "It is yours, teacher!" On hearing this, the teacher felt really appreciated for what she was doing.

Education can be imparted through the loving touch of a teacher. We cannot build a future for our youth, but, certainly, we can build youth for our future. A teacher's impact on young lives is profound and long-lasting. They shape the character, curiosity level and intellectual potential of students.

Modern day pupils no longer hold their teachers in high esteem. Gone are the days when the 'Guru' was honoured and held an exalted place in society.

The value of an arrow depends on how well it is aimed at while it leaves the bow. Similarly, the value of an educator depends on how well he aims at producing value-oriented students.

On such a great and joyful day, best wishes to dear teachers.

May their tribe be blessed.

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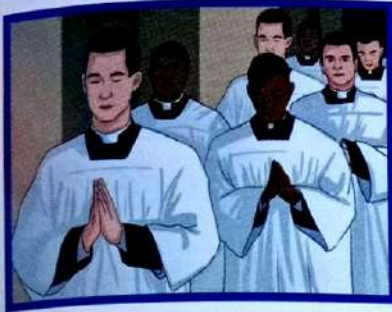
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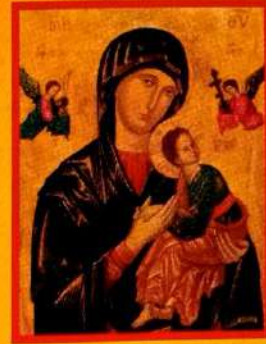


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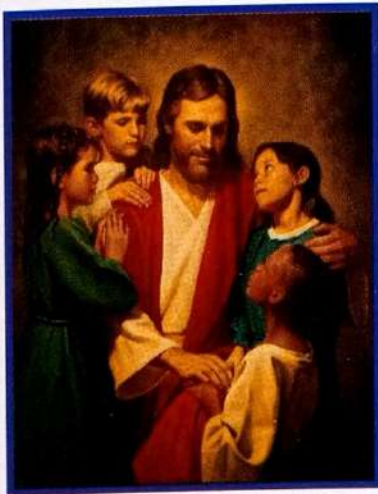


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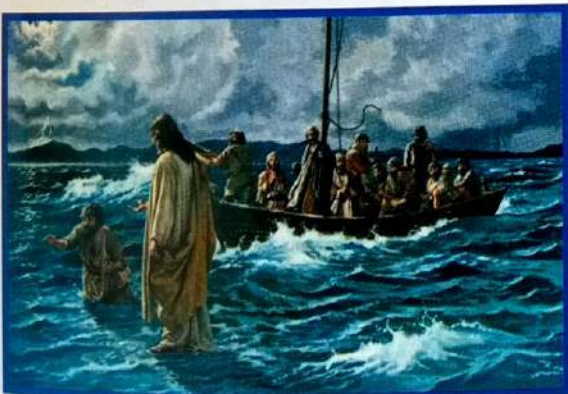
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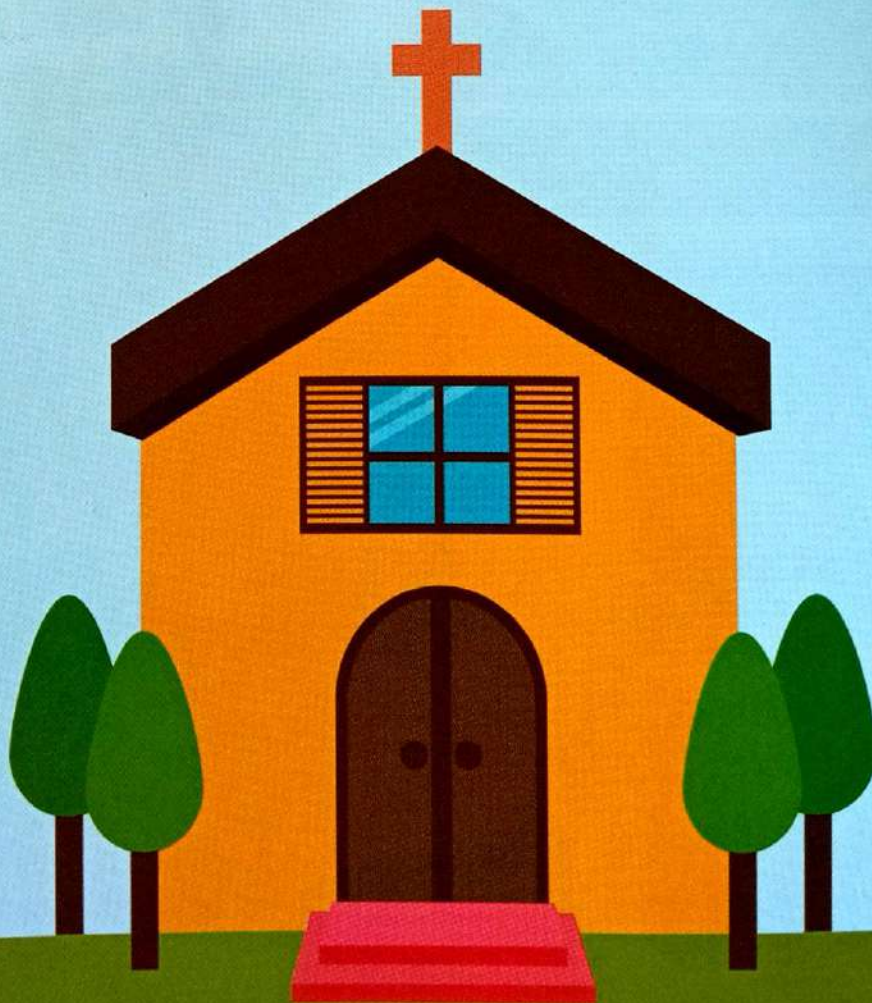
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From a little shed, with a rose bed,
To a magnificent church, in its stead.

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Thank you for giving us a place to pray.

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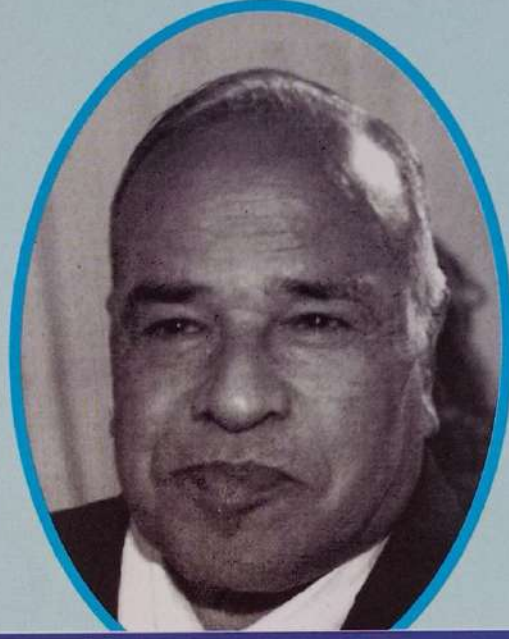


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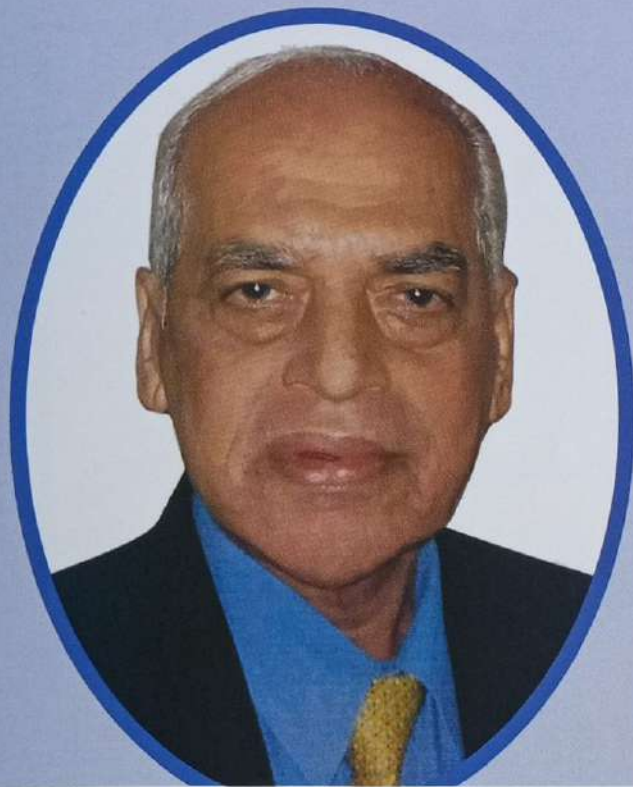


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