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आपले आश्रयदाते संत लुईस यांच्या सणाच्या सर्व भाविकांना आनंदमय शुभेच्छा. गेली दोन वर्षे मी लुईसन समुदायाचा भाग आहे आणि त्यामुळे मी आनंदीत आहे. या सणाद्वारे आपली एकता वाढावी आणि देवाच्या राज्याचा प्रसार करण्यास मदत व्हावी म्हणून मी प्रार्थना करतो.

त्यांच्या मनाला समाधान वाटावे आणि ते प्रेमाने एकत्र जोडले जावेत आणि खात्रीची सर्व संपत्ती जी समजबुद्धीने येते ती मिळावी. तसेच देवाचे रहस्य जो ख्रिस्त त्याच्याविषयी पूर्ण ज्ञान मिळावे ज्यामध्ये ज्ञानाची आणि शहाणपणाची सर्व संपत्ती लपलेली आहे. (कलस्सै:२:२-३)

एकात्मतेत मोठी शक्ती असते, आणि विभाजन आपल्याला कमकुवत बनवते. आपण सर्वजण आपल्या बाप्टिसम्याद्वारे एकत्र आहोत आणि एका संस्कारात विणलेले आहोत. जर ख्रिस्ती लोक देवाच्या प्रेमाबद्दल आणि सत्याबद्दल सामुहिक विधानं करू शकतात तर ते केवळ आपल्या ऐक्याद्वारे आहे.

आजच्या घडीला दिवस बदलत चालले आहेत, समाज व्यक्तीवादी मानसिकतेत बदलत आहे. सर्वजण दावा करतात मला माझे मिळाले पाहीजे आणि हाच जगाचा प्रवाह झालेला आहे. आपण ख्रिस्ताचे शिष्य या नात्याने मी आणि माझे यापेक्षा आम्ही आणि आमचे हा दावा करून प्रवाहा विरुद्ध गेले पाहीजे.

प्रवाहा विरुद्ध जाणे कठीण आहे, परंतु तेच आपल्याला जीवनातील वास्तविकतेला तोंड देण्यास बळकट करते. त्याग करून केलेले प्रेम हे नेहमी प्रवाहा विरुद्ध जाणारे असते, तसे त्यात अपेक्षा देखील जास्तच असतात. येशूने पापांवर विजय मिळविण्यासाठी आणि आपल्या लोकांना प्रेमाने एकत्र करण्यासाठी आपल्या इच्छांचा त्याग केला. त्याने आपल्याला शिकविले आहे की, धर्म, भाषा अथवा संस्कृती आपल्याला एकात्म ठेवत नाही तर खरे प्रेम हे आपल्याला एकत्र ठेवत असते. जगाला माहीत आहे आपण प्रेमाद्वारे त्याचे आहोत. आपले जुळवून घेणे आणि एकमेकांच्या बरोबरीने चालण्याची तयारी आपल्याला चांगले मानव बनवीत असते. आपण लक्षात ठेवले पाहीजे की, आपण एका शरीराचे अवयव आहोत ज्याचे मस्तक ख्रिस्त आहे. आपण भिन्न-भिन्न आहोत आणि विविध भेटी व प्रतिभा आपल्याला दान म्हणून मिळाल्या आहेत. आपण एखाद्या वाद्याप्रमाणे आहोत जे वेळोवेळी सुसंवादाने वाजवल्या जातात आणि संगीत तयार होते. आपण एखाद्या यंत्राप्रमाणे आहोत जे समक्रमीत पद्धतीने कार्य करते. आपण एखाद्या

संघाप्रमाणे आहोत जेथे सर्व सदस्य आपली भूमिका जबाबदारीने पार पाडतात. आपण प्रेमांमध्ये आणि ख्रिस्तामध्ये एक आहोत.

परमेश्वर आपल्याला सुसंवादाने जीवन जगण्यास आशिर्वादीत करो. आपल्या बंधू-भगिनींवर प्रेम करण्यास आणि त्यांची काळजी वाहण्यास आपल्याला संत लुईसची प्रेरणा मिळो.

UNITED IN LOVE

Fr. Nibin Cyriac, Asst. Parish Priest

A very grace-filled feast day wishes of our patron St. Louis to all. I am happy to be part of the Louisian community for the past two years. May this feast continue to cherish unity and help spread God's love.

"I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col 2:2-3).

There is great power in unity; division makes us weak. We are all united and knit in one sacrament: Baptism. If Christians can make a collective statement regarding God's love and truth, it is through our unity. Days are changing; society is changing to individualistic mentality. All claim, "I have to get mine." That is the flow of the world! We, as disciples of Christ, should swim against the flow by making our claim more of 'we and us' than 'me and mine'.

It is hard to swim against, but that keeps us alive and strong to face the realities of life. Sacrificial love is always a swim against the flow; it is demanding. Jesus sacrificed his desires to win over sin and unite his people in love. He taught us that it is not doctrines, religion, language or culture that keeps us united, but 'True Love'. The world knows we are His by our love (Jn 13:36). Our adaptation and readiness to walk alongside one another will make us good human beings. Remember, we are part of one body where HE is the head. We are different in many ways, gifted with different gifts and talents. Like a musical instrument, where different notes are played at different timings in harmony; like a machine, which functions in a synchronized manner; like a team, where all members perform their role responsibly, we are ONE, all United in Love and Christ.

May God bless us and allow us to live a life in harmony. May the unity and care which St Louis had for his people inspire us to share love and concern for our fellow-brothers and sisters.

परिस्थिती बदलली आहे, मुलांना जपा

आपण आपल्या मुलांना फार प्रेमाने सांभाळतो, त्यांना कोणत्याही वस्तुची कमी पडू देत नाही, सर्वजण आपआपल्या ऐपती नुसार आपल्या मुलांच्या खाण्या-पिण्याची, शिक्षणाची, कपड्यांची व्यवस्था करत असतात. आपल्या मुलांनी शिक्षण घ्यावं आणि आपलं भविष्य उज्ज्वल करावं यासाठी रात्रंदिवस कष्ट करतात परंतु जेव्हा मुलं वईट मार्गाला लागतात तेव्हा पालकांची अनेक स्वप्ने धुळीला मिळतात. सध्याची पिढी ही खुप हुशार आहे, कोणतीही गोष्ट ते लवकर आत्मसात करतात आणि तितक्याच वेगाने त्याचे अनुकरण करतात. प्रसार माध्यमात उघड-उघड दाखविली जाणारी दृश्ये, संगणक आणि इंटरनेटच्या वापरामुळे मुलं वेगाने अशलिलतेच्या आहारी जात आहेत. या विषयीचे संपुर्ण ज्ञान त्यांना असते असे नाही परंतु त्यांच्या मनावर ह्याचा परिणाम होतो हे निश्चित. यासाठी पालकांनी मुलांशी मैत्रीचे नाते ठेवायला पाहिजे. पालक आपल्या मुलांना चांगल्या प्रकारे समजून घेऊ शकतात याचा संदर्भ पालक अधुनिकतेशी लावताना दिसतात. काही पालक गर्व बाळगतात की, त्यांची मुलं सर्व बाबतीत उघडपणे चर्चा करतात, आणि अगदी निःसंकोचपणे आपल्या मनातील शंका व्यक्त करतात, काही पालक म्हणतात की आमची मुलं आमच्यापासून काही लपवत नाही, ते आमच्या सोबत बसून मद्यपान देखील करतात. अशा प्रकारे आपण किती आधुनिक विचारांचे आहोत हे दाखवून देतात. परंतु ह्या मुलांचे वय काय? ह्याचा विचार कधी केला आहे का? जरी मुलं पालकांसोबत बसून मद्यपान करीत असली तरी भविष्यात उत्पन्न होणाऱ्या दुष्परिणामांचा ते विचार करीत नाहीत. पालकांनी मुलांचे मित्र बनले पाहिजे हे सत्य आहे परंतु त्याच बरोबर त्यांचा मुलांवर धाक असणे तितकेच गरजेचे आहे. मुलांना सर्व सुखसोयी पुरविल्या, त्यांना पाहिजे तेवढा पैसा हिशेब न मागता खर्च करण्यास दिला म्हणजे श्रेष्ठ पालक होत नाहीत. मुलांचे योग्य संगोपन करणे चांगल्या-वाईटाचा फरक समजवून देणे हे पालकांचे कर्तव्य आहे. पाश्चात्य संस्कृतीच्या प्रभावाने मुलांची मानसिकता बदलत आहे. या बदलत्या मानसिकतेवर पालकांनी नियंत्रण ठेवायला हवे.

आज काळ असा आला आहे जेथे दोन्ही पालक (आई-बाप) नोकरी करतात. एकत्र कुटुंब पद्धत संपुष्टात आली आहे. त्यामुळे मुलांवर प्रभावी लक्ष ठेवणे पालकांसाठी कठीणच आहे म्हणा. मुलांच्या सतत मागे राहता येत नाही. मुलांनी सुद्धा आपली जबाबदारी ओळखायला हवी. पालक मुलांना जे हवं आहे ते सर्वकाही पुरवितात, तसेच पालकांच्या आपल्या कडून काय अपेक्षा आहेत याकडे मुलांनी दुर्लक्ष करता कामा नये आणि त्यांच्या विश्वासाला तडा देऊ नये.

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स्वर्गाची राणी

निष्कलंक कुमारी मरीया जन्मापासूनच मुळपापापासून मुक्त होती. तिची ऐहीक तिर्थयात्रा संपल्यानंतर तिला सदेह स्वर्गात घेतले गेले आणि परमेश्वराने तिला सर्व वस्तुमात्रांची राणी केली. मरीयेच्या स्वर्गनयनाचे, तिच्या पुत्राच्या स्वर्गरोहणात एकेरी सहभाग आहे. तसेच ख्रिस्ती लोकांच्या पुनरुत्थानाचा तो आगामी अनुभव आहे. स्वर्गीय पित्याच्या इच्छेशी एकनिष्ठ राहून त्याच्या पुत्राला, तारणकर्त्याला, आणि पवित्र आत्म्याच्या प्रेरणाला होकार देऊन धन्य कुमारी मरीया ख्रिस्तसभेसाठी श्रद्धेची आणि आशेची आदर्श माता बनली.

परमेश्वराने नेहमीच त्याच्या दिव्य शब्दाद्वारे ख्रिस्ती परंपरेतून आपल्या बरोबर संवाद साधला आहे आणि त्याद्वारे स्वतःला प्रकट केले आहे. पवित्र मरीयेविषयी असलेल्या गहन गोष्टी परमेश्वराने सुरुवातीपासूनच टप्या-टप्यामध्ये प्रकट केल्या आहेत आणि लोकांनी ह्या गोष्टी स्विकारून त्याच्यावर विश्वास ठेवावा ही परमेश्वराची इच्छा आहे. धन्य कुमारी मरीयेचे स्वर्गनयन हा त्या प्रकटीकरणाचा कळस आहे. भाविक जनांची श्रद्धा आहे की, धन्य कुमारी मरीया सदेह स्वर्गात घेतली गेली आहे. त्यांचा सुरुवातीपासूनच विश्वास आहे की, धन्य कुमारी मरीया निष्कलंक होती, तिच्यावर मुळ पापाचा कलंक नव्हता आणि ती परिपूर्ण होती. तिच्या देहाला मातीचा स्पर्श होऊ नये तर तो पवित्र रहावा म्हणून ती पुनरुत्थानाच्या सन्मानास पात्र होती. धन्य कुमारी मरीयेच्या स्वर्गनयनावरील विश्वास अगदी रास्त आहे, कारण जे पात्र ठरतील त्या सर्वांना स्वर्गात घेतले जाईल असे परमेश्वराचे वचन आहे. सर्व विश्वासू लोकांचे तारण होईल आणि आपल्याला शेवटच्या दिवशी त्याचा लाभ मिळेल. धन्य कुमारी मरीयेला परमेश्वराच्या आज्ञापालणामुळे हा सन्मान परमेश्वराने बहाल केलेला आहे. धन्य कुमारी मरीया तिचे संपुर्ण आयुष्य दुःख आणि गरबि मध्ये जगली, तिने परमेश्वराला आणि त्याच्या इच्छेला प्रथम प्राधान्य दिले म्हणून परमेश्वराने तिला गौरवाने आणि सन्मानाने मुकुट-मंडित केले आणि मरीयेला स्वर्ग आणि पृथ्वीची राणी होण्याचा सन्मान प्राप्त झाला. देवाची निष्कलंक माता, धन्य कुमारी मरीयेचे जगातील कार्य संपले तेव्हा तिला शरीर आणि आत्म्यासहीत स्वर्गीय वैभवात नेण्यात आले.

प्रभू येशूने मृत्युवर विजय मिळविला, तो विजय पवित्र मरीयेच्या स्वर्गनयनामध्ये प्रकट करण्यात आला आहे. प्रभू येशूचे पुनरुत्थान मानवजातीचे पुनरुत्थान आहे, परंतु मरीयेचे स्वर्गनयन आपल्या भावी पुनरुत्थानाकडे विश्वास दाखवतो. जसे परमेश्वराने धन्य कुमारी मरीयेला मरणाच्या वेदनांतून मुक्त करून गौरवामध्ये घेतले, तसेच प्रभू आपल्या दैनावस्थेतील शरीरे स्वतःच्या गौरवास्थेतील शरीराप्रमाणे त्याचे रूपांतर करील. पवित्र मरीया आपल्यासाठी तिच्या पुत्राकडे मध्यस्थी करीत आहे. तिचे स्वर्गनयन आपल्या सर्वांची फार मोठी आशा आहे आणि आपल्या सर्वांची माता म्हणून ती आपल्याला एक दिवस स्वर्गात घेऊन जाईल.

प्रिती वैती
विभागीय समन्वयक,
वेलंकणी माता विभाग



April to July 2023

APRIL

MASS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND: A special mass was organised for the sick and homebound by the Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the SVP members. Around 35 sick persons attended the mass.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Offerings received during the service was distributed by the SVP members to the needy families of the parish.

EASTER BLESSING MASSES & ELECTION OF PPC MEMBERS: From 10th to 14th April sector masses were held in the church on the respective days, followed by the election of Parish Councilors for all the sectors. The election procedure was done in the presence of the parish fathers and the appointed election committee members. The newly elected Councilors were given a warm welcome by the members of the community.

BASCA MEET: On 22nd April the office bearers of the senior citizens group of the various parishes in the archdiocese attended the Bombay Archdiocesan Senior Citizens' Association (BASCA) meeting, which was held at Salvation Church, Dadar. 3 office bearers from the senior Citizens group of our parish attended this meeting.

MAY

ROSARY: From 1st to 31st May rosary was recited daily in the church in English, Marathi and Konkani on the allotted days. We continue to pray the rosary every day in the morning.

JUNE

RECOLLECTION: Annual recollection was conducted for the Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on 10th June by Rev. Fr. Anil Pereira on the topic "Eucharist". The session was interesting and informative.

RECOMMISSIONING: The members of the Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were commissioned and recommissioned at the 8 am

and 9.15 am masses on 11th June. The members renewed their commitment of rendering service at the daily Eucharist and to the sick and homebound in the parish.

SSC RESULTS: Under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Biju, The Principal and the teachers, the students have made St. Louis High School proud by achieving cent per cent results. We congratulate all the students for their outstanding performance and wish them all the best for their future endeavors.

LAITY SUNDAY: The members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Lay heads of Associations and Cells were commissioned at the 8 am and 9.15 am masses on 25th June.

COMMISSIONING: The Catechists were commissioned on 25th June at the 10.15 am mass.

JULY

ENGLISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Celebrated their 15th anniversary on 10th July with thanksgiving mass celebrated by Fr. Nibin, followed by praise and worship ending with fellowship meal.

MARATHI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Celebrated their 15th anniversary with thanksgiving mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Rajesh Dabre. It was followed by praise and worship, a talk by Fr. Rajesh Dabre and dinner.

RECOLLECTION: On 23rd July the Catechists attended the recollection conducted by the archdiocese (deanery level) at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Kandivli(West).

SENIORS GET-TOGETHER: The senior citizens group celebrated the feast of their patron St. Joachim and St. Anne on 26th July with thanksgiving mass, followed by a get-together and fellowship meal.

PARENTS DAY: On 30th July a special programme was organized by the Sunday School students and youth for the parents. A cultural programme culminated with a sumptuous dinner.

**Compiled by: Cheryl Rego
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St. Louis Community Welfare Fund – A Perspective

Introduction: A chain is as strong as its weakest link. So also, a Society, Community or an organization is as strong as its weakest member. This is why Jesus always stressed the need to take care of those who are weak, suffering and downtrodden. By uplifting the weakest members of our community, we enhance the community / Society, and take it to the NEXT level. St. Louis Community Welfare Fund is a small initiative in reaching out to those of our brethren who need our support and empathy. It is in fact living out the 2nd part of our Parish Vision "...sharing the bread with the needy"

Objective: The very foundation of Christian Living is based on Mark 12: 30-31. We must love God with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our strength. So also, we must love our neighbor as ourselves. The first Christian community set us an example by bringing in all their wealth and placing it at the feet of the Apostles. Who in turn distributed it within the community, as per each one's need.

St. Louis Community Welfare Fund is therefore, is an attempt by the Parish Community to follow in the footsteps of our Lord and Saviour and recreate the spirit of first Christian community, to bear witness to the gratuitous love of Christ.

The Principle of SHARING & CARING in the Parish Community is the main aim in creating the COMMUNITY WELFARE FUND. Consequently, the objectives could be spelt out in a precise manner, as under:

*No person in our Community goes hungry to bed
No child is deprived of education and
No person suffers or dies for lack of health cover*

Collection / Source of Funds: In the Old Testament, the Law mandated that the Israelites keep aside and offer a TITHE (10% of one's income) to the Lord. This would meet the needs of the Temple and to support the Priests. (Leviticus 27:30-33, Numbers 18:21:28). In return, God also promised abundance to them beyond their expectation. "...I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!" (Malachi 3:10)

Our target however, is very modest i.e. only 1% of the earnings of the family. For example, if a family

as a whole (including all earning members) earns Rs.10,000/- per month, they need to contribute Rs.100/- per month or Rs.1200/- per year. Regrettably, this has not been so, in most cases. Moreover, on an average, only about 70% of the families in our Parish contribute for the Welfare Fund.

Disbursal / Use of Funds: In Galations 6:10, St. Paul tells us "...As often as we have chance, we should do good to everyone and especially to those who belong to our family in faith". Therefore, let us make it a point to be part of this noble cause, wherein, our Contribution reaches out to the Poor and the Needy, in our own community. By this we will be emulating the first Christian community, as in the Acts, who shared what they had and cared for each other as one Loving Community. Accordingly, the funds are allocated for various needs of the Community as under:

Percentage	Purpose of Allocation
50%	For Medical & Educational needs of Parishioners
25%	Church Support / Maintenance
13%	Community activities of Individual Sectors
04%	Poor & Needy
03%	Youth and Children
03%	Parish Sports/Senior Citizens'Recreation activities
02%	Reserve Fund for unforeseen contingencies.

Other Initiatives: Besides the above allocation of funds, SLCWF has reached out to over 150 needy families during the Pandemic with rations and to the flood victims of Mahad, have rushed 400 Blankets,400 Bath Towels and 400 Toiletry kits, worth about Rs.4.0Lakhs.

SLCWF has donated Rs. 5 Lakhs for a Dialyser to Karuna Hospital and our Parishioners will now get 50% concession for dialysis at Karuna Hospital.

Recently, SLCWF has also donated Rs. 1Lakh, towards the relief for refugees/displaced persons of Manipur violence.

Conclusion: Because of our preoccupations, many of us may not be in a position to help out the needy members of our Community ON OUR OWN, at times. Hence, the Community Welfare Fund is a better option wherein you could come forward and help. Let us therefore, as St. Paul says, decide to be generous "...not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God Loves a Cheerful Giver (2Cor 9:7)

S. Saldanha

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Dear Parishioners, please refer to this list of new & key leadership of your respective communities for the year 2023-26. Kindly approach them for your spiritual, pastoral and welfare requirements.

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Community Welfare Association Rep:
Sharon D'Silva & John D'Souza
Priest In-charge: Fr. Ronald Fernandes

COMMUNITY: HOLY FAMILY

Councillor: Lucia Torne
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Manisha Thappa
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Councillor: Stefia Braganza
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Councillor: Ronny Fernandes
Community Welfare Association Rep:
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COMMUNITY: HOLY TRINITY

Councillor: Janet Palamittam
Community Welfare Association Rep:
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Priest In-charge: Fr. Nibin K. Cyriac

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Schedule for St. Louis Novena & Feast 2023

Timings: Service in Marathi at 6 pm | Service in English at 7:15 pm

Thursday, 17th Aug, Flag hoisting of St. Louis followed by procession will be held between the 6 pm Marathi service and 7 pm English Mass

Friday, 18th Aug

Theme: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life
Preacher (Marathi Mass): Fr. Prashanth
Preacher (English Mass): Fr. Prashanth

Saturday, 19th Aug

Theme: You are all One in Christ
Preacher (Marathi Mass): Fr. Shailendra
Preacher (English Mass): Fr. Shailendra

Sunday, 20th Aug

Preacher (Marathi Mass): Fr. Shailendra
Preacher (English Mass): St. Louis Clergy

Monday, 21st Aug

Theme: Be Pleasing to God and Man
Preacher (Marathi Mass): Fr. Isaac, Cap
Preacher (English Mass): Fr. Isaac, Cap

Tuesday, 22nd Aug

Theme: Firm Faith - our Choice
Preacher (Marathi Mass): Fr. Clipton, Cap
Preacher (English Mass): Fr. Clipton, Cap

Wednesday, 23rd Aug

Theme: Let Love & Faithfulness never leave you
Preacher (Marathi Mass): Fr. Peter, OCD
Preacher (English Mass): Fr. Peter, OCD

Thursday, 24th Aug

Theme: Our Family is our Strength
Preacher (Marathi Mass): Fr. Michael Pen
Preacher (English Mass): Fr. Martin S, CSC

Friday, 25th Aug

Theme: Where your Treasure is, there will be your hHeart also
Preacher (Marathi Mass): Fr. Sandeep Madh
Preacher (English Mass): Fr. Sandeep Madh

Saturday, 26th Aug

Theme: Go and make Disciples of all Nations
Preacher (Marathi Mass): Fr. Thomas Lopes
Preacher (English Mass): Fr. Thomas Lopes

Sunday, 27th Aug Feast Day

Theme: One Mind and One Heart builds our Church
Mass in Marathi at 8 am | Preacher: Fr. Andrew Rodrigues
Mass in English at 9:30 am | Preacher: Fr. Gilbert D'Lima
(No Mass in the Evening)

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The Parish Team wishes parishioners and well-wishers a Happy Feast.
May you have a Joyous and Blessed Feast Day.
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Pope to youth in Lisbon: 'Don't be afraid to get your hands dirty'

By Linda Bordonni for Vaticannews.va

Paulo, Mariana and Aledje were amongst the protagonists on Thursday at an event attended by Pope Francis and members of Scholas Occurrentes, at the Pontifical Foundation's Portuguese headquarters in Cascais, south of Lisbon.

They are three of the tens of thousands of young people, of different faiths and backgrounds, who belong to the worldwide Scholas movement for education, founded in 2013 and inspired by Pope Francis' call for the transformation of global education in the spirit of encounter and inclusion. The Pope listened to the testimonies of the three young students of different confessions – an Evangelist, a Catholic and a Muslim – and responded to each of them.

The Holy Father encouraged them on their shared journey in a broken world, rocked by chaos and marked by division, and directed them to continue in their effort to help create a world where fraternity and care for each other will bring harmony.

Much of the conversation stemmed from the contemplation of a colourful wall painting decorating the hall in which the meeting took place. The "chaos" depicted in the painting, the Pope said, reflects the reality of the cosmos and the lives of each of us. "Life is transformed by the chaos of life and the cosmos," he noted, but said it is up to each of us to find a path of truth and beauty.

After having been handed a paintbrush, the Pope added the conclusive touch to the Scholas mural, painting a circular stroke in green paint that blended seamlessly into the whole. He too had a painting, a gift for the students consisting of an ancient oil on wood artwork in a very different style, depicting the Good Samaritan.

Pointing to the representation, he invited those present never to be afraid of "getting their hands dirty" and to always be there for those in need. "Only by getting your hands dirty," he said, "will you keep your hearts clean."

Guiding Lights of Faith – Parents Day 2023

On 30th July, our church celebrated the 2023 edition of Parents Day. The collective spirit of our parishioners was on full display on this joyous occasion.

The cultural programme commenced with the lighting of the lamp, accompanied by a graceful and meaningful prayer dance. Under the guidance of our Youth Director, Fr Nibin Cyriac, and the Sunday School Co-ordinator Ms Sherin Fernandes, the youth group and Sunday school students put together various splendid song and dance performances, and a thought-provoking skit to create lasting memories and strengthen the connection between parents, children, and our church community. From the tiny tots of Kids for Christ to the vibrant youth of our parish, all of them worked diligently over 2-3 weeks to showcase their talents through their performances.

As part of the programme, the golden couples of our parish who have completed 50 years of marriage were felicitated by our parish priest Fr Ronald Fernandes.

The show was thoroughly enjoyed and applauded by all parents, with Mrs Valeny Rodrigues offering a vote of thanks on behalf of them all. Fr. Ronald extended his sincere gratitude to all the parents, Sunday school teachers and students, youth, and all other contributors and the evening concluded with a warm and homely fellowship meal.

As the sun set on this memorable day, our church community stood united, cherishing the love and gratitude that permeated the event. The celebration was a resounding success, filled with love and a deep sense of appreciation. The event not only strengthened the parent-church relationship, but also emphasized the significance of family values and unity. It served as a reminder that parents play an indispensable role in shaping their children's lives and future.

Delanie Rodrigues
Youth Secretary





The Assumption of Mary

Fr Hervé Morissette, Csc

As we celebrate the Assumption of Mary into heaven, some of us may ask: "How is it that there is no mention of Mary's Assumption in the Gospels? From where was she taken into heaven, body and soul? How did it happen? Did anyone see her being taken up to heaven?"

Christian writers have often underlined the important role of Mary in the history of salvation. Without her obedient response to God's will, the Incarnation would not have taken place. In the year 431 AD, the Council of Ephesus proclaimed her 'Mother of God'. She truly gave birth to the Son of God. It was a way of saying that Jesus is truly God and truly man. Later, the Church concluded that sin never touched her soul. She was the Immaculate Conception. Consequently, the Church proclaims also that she was taken up into heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life.

Mary was conceived in the state of grace which we all reach by our baptism. She was exempted from original sin from the first moment of her conception, while we have been washed free of it a few days after our birth.

From the time she became an adolescent, she realized that God had done all this for her without any merit on her part. She was amazed at the great things that He had accomplished in the poverty of His servant, as she sang at the beginning of her song of praise, the *Magnificat*.

Her Assumption: Her Assumption is but the promise of that which concerns us all: that our bodies are destined, like hers, to a resurrection and to life eternal. The only one who has risen from the grave to tell us what heavenly life is like is Christ himself. Yet there has never been a person more amicable, more obliging and more warm-hearted than Jesus, when he appeared to his disciples after his Resurrection.

Mary is our mother in just the same way. She does not bear a title of honour, but she is for us an example and a helper. She has been called the mother of God and our mother. Like a true mother she cares for us; she helps us in all our trials and temptations and intercedes for us in heaven.

On this feast day, Mary invites us to remember that she will one day unite us all in one great family in heaven. What a privilege has been bestowed upon her! Her body was so pure that it could not be

destroyed by corruption. She had borne the Son of God in her womb. And it is the sanctity of her Son which preserved her from the spiritual corruption of sin. Mary most holy! All graces we need in our lives, we can ask them from her, because she is so powerful before Jesus.

Application to life: In the same way, our Christian life should become more human. God is love, and there is nothing more human than love. That is why our spiritual progress will not be measured by our mortifications, our hours of adoration, not even our novenas, but by the love we show to the people we encounter on our way and especially by the concern we show to the poor or those in need.

Today, there are many ways in which we can participate actively in the work of redemption. We can do it by playing active roles in the apostolate of the Church, but also by praying for the salvation of the whole world.

Excerpted from the late Fr Hervé Morissette's, csc, homilies while he served in St. Louis Parish. Sourced from Mr. Ivan Crasto.

It's August Freddy Miranda, St. Louis Community

It's August. There are two important occasions this month. The first is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the lady whose "soul magnifies the Lord and her spirit rejoices in God, her Saviour, for he has looked on the humble estate of His servant. "From that time all generations will call her blessed."

She further says that He who is mighty has done great things for her and holy is His name. He has done great things, for His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; He has brought down the mighty from their thrones. He has exalted the humble; He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich, He has sent away empty. He has done many other good things for His followers.

The other momentous occasion is our country's Independence Day. On August 15, 1947, India gained independence; simply put, it was when we got freedom from foreign rule. Yet, we are not completely free; we are still slaves of corruption, unemployment, exploitation, inequality and poverty. Let us pray that our Blessed Mother Mary turns her eyes of mercy on our families and intercede for us to her son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and guide us in the right path to make a better India.

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