

Pallotti Notes

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Vinpal Family of God moving towards a Society where Love & Concern within the Family & Neighborhood is a Way of Life

“From small beginnings
come great things.”





"Every day is a fresh beginning, Every morn is the world made new"
~ Sarah Chauncey Woolsey

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NEW BEGINNINGS... A STEPPING INTO THE UNKNOWN

A new beginning is only a beginning, a start of a beautiful dream yet to be known. Just like a seed that sprouts to be a tree and child that is born to be an adult so too, beginnings are full of future potential and prospect. Beginnings though slow and obscure, always move forward to its goals. The journey begins with one step not knowing how many more are to be added. But without the first step, there would be no beginning, no end, and no dream. This is true.

So true for me, as I recollect my priesthood journey – It all began with my decision to leave my home, my family, my friends, my village and its familiar surroundings, not knowing how much I would miss them in the bargain to reach my dream in a new world. Just settled and familiarized myself in a new place for three years away from home to call it my HOME, and it was time to move to another place to begin anew to pursue my dream.

Soon, beginnings became regular and with it a package of the unknown. The unknowns were surprises that gave me hope and encouragement and at times were hard lessons which literally knocked me down to start again. This happens to everyone and everywhere, and I'm no exception.

But it did teach me a lesson that, it will take years to arrive at my dream. What I begin with, is a small step but never will I be stopped from accomplishing. We notice this pattern in nature - the sun rises knowing it will set but never fails to rise again the next day, for each day though it sets, it accomplishes its goal. Ah ! the sun rises not only at the horizon but also with insights in the mind. Though I am ordained a priest, my journey of the priesthood is far from accomplished. As I continue, I know there are new beginnings waiting to happen.

Hello New Mornings – New Beginnings !

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fr. Paulo Dias', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fr. Paulo Dias
Editor

Collaboration

Looking at Christians making their exit out of the church premises, the skeptic philosopher, Neitzche remarked, “Look, the Walking Dead”. An oxymoron, a sharp comment, some objective truth among many other thoughts and so warrants some reflection. I am braving this comment knowing well that Neitsche is dead long ago. But we run the risk of having the same said of us even as we move out of our church and into our communities. My hope springs from the conviction, Jesus came to give Life and Life in abundance.

We are into this year of Abundance already, celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the canonization of St. Vincent Pallotti. Indeed an important landmark. One of the important contributions of our patron saint to the Universal church is his idea of Collaboration of all the Catholics to revive and propagate faith and rekindle charity. “Faced with the worsening crisis of faith in his time and because of the growth of the Church’s work in the missions, St. Vincent Pallotti saw the urgent need to revive the faith of Catholics, to renew their love and to unite all in Christ. To achieve this objective he considered it indispensable to secure the Collaboration of all the members of the Church: clergy, religious and laity, and unite their efforts in order to promote with greater effectiveness the apostolic mission of the Church”. (Law of the Catholic Apostolate, Preamble b.)

Every bit of creation whether animate or inanimate after periodic spells of time needs renovation, revival, renewal or rejuvenation. What was true of the time of Pallotti is also true of TODAY. Somewhere our faith has slackened and needs to be revived and renewed. The catch phrase of Vatican II being, “aggiornamento” - renewal. This renewal has not yet percolated down to the grassroots. Little to wonder, that the Holy Father has already given a call to deepen our Faith and our understanding of it. As baptized in Christ we each of us share in the apostolic mission of Christ and the best way to carry out this mission is by being a vibrant believing community. So Faith is this gift which stands in need of revival and renewal.

Being in the parish I have observed that as individuals we are good, pious Catholics. It is indeed encouraging to see large numbers at the Sunday and even weekday masses. It is a joy for all of us three priests in the community to offer ourselves with renewed enthusiasm for all these liturgical and sacramental celebrations. It is never looked upon as a work load rather as an opportunity to be graced ourselves. Having said this, it is important to take note that the lack of growth is called stagnation. When a leaf starts turning yellow it is a sign of decay. That this may not happen to our communities, we need to do our bit of pruning and nourishing. Our faith would become more vibrant and effective if we could come together as believing community as the community of Jerusalem – ‘of one heart and one Soul’ (Acts 4:32) This is one area, where we need to further galvanize our efforts by being present and participating in the small Christian communities. It is here at the grassroots that we can test the authenticity of our faith. We come together around the Word of God, listen and reflect over it and see for ways to live this word in concrete ways; for faith without good works is dead (Jas 2:20). It is only when we translate our liturgy into life can we claim to be animated by Living Liturgies. Otherwise these may just remain catchy slogans that we hold aloft with each passing year without an impact of it upon our lives.

Keeping this in mind the Parish Pastoral Council in its very first meeting of this pastoral year set up reviving and building up Small Christian Communities (SCCs) as one of its priorities. Vincent

Pallotti was of the view that individual initiatives would be more effective if they were integrated and directed towards a common goal. We place this common goal with the tool of asking you to collaborate. At the level of Pastoral animation the team and the parish council can make opportunities and adult / youth faith formation available. But it is You who will have to refuse the label of being, “the walking dead” and participate in these. Your coming, participating, contributing, collaborating will, under the animation of the Holy Spirit become the energizing breath that will pulsate life into the parish. For this we need each baptized Christian to take time out and be a part of this faith journey. Collaboration here is not for governance and organization, but a maturing into a Communitarian Spirit. This is what will make Lay Participation a Giant. With a renewed understanding of faith, exploring our call and translating into charity we will make a difference. This collaboration from your part at the zonal levels will eventually culminate at our worship of the Eucharist in church. Then as we move out of our church campus, some Neitsche of today may have to leave skepticism behind and remark, “the Walking Christians”. For that is what the Master said in History, “Follow Me” and following essentially calls for walking and a walking alive.

Our coming and collaborating together will unfold and enable us to discover where our charisms and talents contribute growth. The early Christians found their calling some as evangelists, teachers, pastors, or at service. In the same mould we too can find the empty space meant by God for us in the various associations or cells of the parish. Our parish is blessed with number of cells and associations and so there is wide range of possibilities to collaborate. The scriptures tell us, “where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst”. This however never meant that the Lord has an allergy for larger numbers. He will be present even among them, so let us in the spirit of collaboration join these cells and associations in larger numbers and in the true spirit.

May our patron inspire and intercede for us to collaborate and contribute to the mission of the church.

Fr. Charles Fernandes

Parish Priest

GRATITUDE AND WELCOME

I had a Dream. Fr. Francis arrived in the parish on May 30, 2012 and familiarized himself a bit. On 17th June, Fr. Reehan was due to leave and so Fr. Reehan accompanied by Fr. Francis and me left to go to the domestic airport. We got off the car, unloaded the luggage at a particular point and began sounding the goodbyes. When suddenly, Fr. Francis new to the airport, looked up at the instructions & signboards. And he noticed two boards pointing opposite directions. Infact he stood beneath the signboard that announced ARRIVALS and Fr. Reehan stood beneath the board that said DEPARTURES. Ok the dream doesn't go further as it was only meant to be a starter. However the valid lesson – Life is this continuous journey where we move as pilgrims. Every journey therefore has a point of arrival and departure. One necessarily includes the other at some point of time. This point of time in a parish comes at the beginning of the pastoral year. Fr. Reehan who was with us for the last three years as the Assistant Parish Priest has made his departure and given a new arrival point. Fr. Francis has made an arrival to serve as the Assistant Parish Priest. So the twins Gratitude and Welcome are here to say a few words.

GRATITUDE - Fr.Reehan Soosai Antony

Fr. Reehan was appointed here after having a pastoral year of experience in a parish in Tamil Nadu. So here was a young, intelligent, dynamic priest with fresh and vibrant ideas. Looking back on the three years one can underline Fr. Reehan as a confident person, someone with a creative edge and a mind with large plans. He belongs to the Corporate school of thought, where class, quality and the largeness of an activity mattered. He liked to dabble with new ideas and give them shape. He was very sociable in nature and took to people very easily and particularly with kids. His talents and spiritual care extended to the entire parish. However he focused his attention to the Tamil areas and made concerted efforts to empower them and help them rise. He explored new ways to bring youth to get actively involved in the parish by way of his role as Youth Director. One of his delights was being in the midst of his altar servers, a group of children who loved his company in as much as he loved theirs. He animated the small Christian communities in his care, the SVP, the liturgy team and the Parish Prayer group.



Fr. Reehan has been adaptable, friendly and pastorally alert as a priest. One of the qualities that I like to highlight about him is that he is a very gifting person. He was constantly known to remember people and friends and give them little tokens of love and appreciation. These were gestures that pointed to his inner caring nature. One favourite activity that engaged him was healthy and interdisciplinary reading. He has a giant's appetite when it comes to books. And it didn't matter whether Spiritual, Self help, Political, Theological or Novels. His mind was a resource bank of

knowledge. A good many of our parishioners speak of Fr. Reehan as an assertive person. More than being assertive I would like to bet on him as being a very sensitive and emotional person from within. He has acknowledged the learning that he has received and these are etched in his life and will shape how he dreams of his ministry as a priest.

Being chosen by God to be his minister, he is now chosen to serve the catholic community in the United States. His experience, talents, intelligence and social urbanness will lend itself easily to the American world with a little bit of Inculturation.

As you made your Departure Fr. Reehan, we wish you a meaningful Arrival to the land of Dreams. May the gift of yourself and service that you shared with and among us, energize you to do the same wherever you go.

WELCOME - Fr. Francis Mariadass. I had a preview of this priest in picture form of the Pallottine Ordination Invite and I thought he made for a small appearance. So, on the 30th of May when I met him it was the proverbial, "Dreams turning real". A simple, small and humble appearance saying silently, "I have Arrived".

Fr. Francis steps in, to be of service to our parish community as the Assistant Parish Priest. He is newly ordained and so, excited and eager to launch out into pastoral activity and service. He was ordained on May 3rd, 2012. Having trained for so many years he made his departure from the seminary to arrive at the pastoral grounds. His motto as he believes is "HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME."



He comes from a simple background from Tamil Nadu and this simplicity of life is reflected in his choices and his ways. Having known him for a month, here is someone who has an eye for learning and is willing to absorb ideas. Not one who insists on his way, rather believes in gathering ideas, chewing upon them and bringing them up to the community to finally decide what is the best.

Fr. Francis is humble, a story teller, a sharing person. And he will tell the story of Jesus and share himself as a priest among us. The parish team has assigned to him associations of the Legion of Mary, the Altar servers, the Prayer group, the Small Christian communities and the pastoral care of the Tamil units. As a young priest here to serve us, we ought to be a grateful community and open ourselves to collaborate with him to spread the kingdom of God.

Dear Fr. Francis, we welcome your arrival and wish your journey will enrich your life and ours as well.

Ivan Fernandes

NEW BEGINNINGS !!!

New beginnings?! I've had plenty!

New jobs; new marriage; new parenthood; new grandparenthood!! What new can happy now? I thought. Little did I know, that a new phase in my life was yet to open up! And with it came new challenges and struggles. But after journeying with the Lord's presence in my life, I've realized that He has been the Sail guiding me through rough and stormy moments and the Anchor to my happiness.

Twenty years of working in the Gulf, away from my family and friends was not easy. When I finally returned home to enjoy my retirement, I suffered two major illnesses in a span of less than two years, a bypass surgery and cancer of the stomach. My family, friends and loved ones were with me through all of this but most of all it was the Lord who was by my side, giving me the strength to face the pain and to continue to be positive.

Mother Mary and Jesus, I thank You for giving me a new lease in life.

Freddy Coutinho

When I married, I knew my life would never be the same again. The transformation from being a single person to a committed wife was totally a new experience. As I am staying along with my In-Laws and married to the eldest son of the house, responsibility was my first assignment. However my in-laws never burdened me with this responsibility. They are simple, kind-hearted and loving people but above all show immense understanding towards my needs and ensure to give me my space. They share their views and opinions with me and are liberal, acceptable and open minded towards mine.

This new life had only just begun, when I had a very pleasant and exciting realization that I was going to have a baby. With a very supportive family and a loving husband, I brought my little daughter into this world.

Motherhood was my new role and my daughter was my new world. With baby, came sleepless nights and long working days. Feeding, cleaning, changing, singing a lullaby and attending to my little one kept me busy and occupied all the time. Once I was back from my mother's home, my in-laws took charge of the baby. They extended their full support and help in whatever way I needed with the baby. Both my families gave me enough space and support to still have a life of my own and my desire of wanting to join work again, received a welcoming consent from all and therefore it was a comfortable and worriless decision for me.

It has been only recently that I have that I have started off as a wife, a daughter-in-law and now a mother and all these happenings remind me of..... "A new Beginning" where every day is a new day and every happiness is a moment to treasure. I love my life 'cause I chose it and am happy to have this gift of the beginning of a whole new and wonderful chapter of my life.

Brencie Pereira

I think of myself as truly blessed and over the years, I've come to appreciate gratefully – for the amazing privilege of being born a catholic AND for being blessed with five beautiful children. That's right, you read correctly – five children – I am the Penta mom. In today's times, it's a huge challenge to bring up five kids - no two ways about it.

I once read a caption on a poster. It had the picture of a soldier bent over in deep contemplation and the words written at the bottom of the poster were –

The task ahead of me is great

But the force behind me is greater.

I have made this the motto of my life ever since. When I think of the many new beginnings I've had, I understand that - **Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end. - Seneca**

Staying in the Gulf for so many years, starting and bringing up a family together with my husband was a pleasurable privilege. But in course of time, the recession got the better of us and we too, like millions of families' world over had to make this decision to return home. Life was going to change in ways more than we could comprehend. Starting anew away from my husband and the herculean responsibility of five growing children! Whoa! What a situation! There were questions crawling their way into our minds. What can we expect from this change? What was life going to challenge us with? – The fear of the unknown had set in. I took courage in the word of the Lord ***"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*** (Jeremiah 29:11). With God by my side and His strength as my shield I ventured back home with my children, to settle down and start a new life – **A NEW BEGINNING!**

Luckily, we came at a time when summer vacation was on here and my kids got a chance to play with other kids in the building and in the church compound. That was the perfect lure to get them to like the place. Eventually, vacations came to an end and seeking admission into schools was the next hurdle. I wanted them to go to catholic schools for their spiritual formation along with academics and God saw us through this too. My kids go to catholic schools and are very happy and well adjusted. Initially, adjusting to a new syllabus with the Marathi language took them a while. The biggest blessing we have is the near proximity to church .The kids are involved in a few associations and activities at church and so are occupied with positive things to do with their time and talent. Some skills we had to learn again, like learning to cross the road. Initially the kids looked for zebra crossings and found almost none. Crossing Marol Maroshi road sometimes meant tiding across (and that's a huge tidal wave, I'm talking about) a sea of cars to get across to the other side! At times they forget that all roads here are two ways and so they must look on both sides. Also, when living far from Mumbai for long, among other things one misses eating out on the streets, to not so hygienically made and served bhel or pani puri – but that's Mumbai for you and eventually it builds immunity and we overlooked the hygiene bit to savour the delicacies. – **A TOTALLY NEW BEGINNING FOR MY KIDS!**

In the midst of all the settling down and starting anew I lost my passport. The worst thing that can happen to anyone is to lose a Government document. I applied for a new one. Five visits to the passport office enduring the heat, rain, serpentine queues and of course, fighting temptation and holding on to my Christian values, not to give in to bribing to speed up my work and I finally got my

new passport eight months later. Gosh! Getting a new passport was harder than delivering a baby. I had to wait for 3 months to get my ration card too and all I paid was Rs 4 for the application forms. Everyday here, is a new challenge in patience and integrity.

Coming back to Mumbai we also cherish some things that we see here better than anywhere else. Medical facilities here are much easily available, more affordable too. Almost everything is recycled here. Use of plastic bags is surely in moderation than what I have seen in the gulf. Our public transport services are the best.

Never having lived away from my husband since marriage, making decisions, disciplining the kids, etc. which was a joint task for us, became a solo challenge for me! Living a long distance relationship is a lot of work too. But thanks to Skype and mobile phones it's getting better. People ask me how I manage 5 kids. I just tell them this – Each day is a new challenge. Each day is a NEW BEGINNING. When I wake up in the morning I offer my day to God and every evening at prayer I thank him for a wonderful day that has gone by. It's been a year now since and we have now become Mumbaikars in the true sense. Us coming here was His divine plan and He helped us all the way through. I cannot thank and praise Him enough. *"Who have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."* Psalm 73:25-26

This is my song – In the words of Marsha Petrie Sue

Every day is a new beginning. Treat it that way.

Stay away from what might have been, and look at what can be.

Like the sun sets on the horizon everyday only to rise up again the next morning.

So also our life has now a New Beginning.

Blessy Rebello



YOUTHFUL VISIONS – OF NEW BEGINNINGS !

Saying goodbye to school was saddening. After all, I had spent a major part of my life there, growing up and learning things. But the overwhelming feeling of starting college, a new life and a new beginning overcame all other feelings of unhappiness about leaving school.

I remember being anxious and having a feeling of euphoria when I started off with college. Few known faces, many unknown ones. Making friends and acquaintances of strangers, getting used to the lecture and the lecturers, experimenting all the different kinds of snacks in the canteen, and of course, bunking! (not that bunking is a good indication of enjoying one's college life) but all in all, it was quite an enthralling experience, and still is.

I still miss school though. But, as they say, 'A New Beginning always comes at the end of some other beginning.'

Clerin D'Souza

Youth

The thought process of most people is that the journey from school to college is just a hop, skip and a little jump. But I can't start to tell you how much more it is than that.

We are faced with the herculean task of having to change our ideology and mindset in a short span of time. Especially for students from convent school, where almost everyone has a personal relationship with the teachers, this is a completely new scenario we are thrown into. Isolated from adult supervision, a student grows wings to fly as he wishes. A new costly phone, brand new clothes

and an opportunity to create a brand new image for oneself, are the perks that come while stepping into this new world. Bunking lectures, texting during lectures, sneaking into another class, are some ways of misusing the new freedom entrusted to us.

College indeed give you a wonderful opportunity to spread your wings and fly as high and as far as you want, but the choice of where to fly lies with you. It isn't wrong to make a hundred mistakes, provided you learn 100 new things that help you grow from each one of them.

Even after a year in college, when I walk down the corridor, I still miss that sense of familiarity and those friendly smiles on the faces of school teachers and school friends. Your relationship with your teachers changes its definition from personal to professional. But this again is just another minor challenge you encounter on the long roadway of your career. And what determines and grades you at this leg of the race, is not how well you perform, but how much you surpass your own expectations.

Rocia Fernandes

Youth

Change is an inevitable part of life and that's what I realized during my final year at school. Very soon I was leaving the comfort of my school where I was picked and dropped every day. A place I was comforted by friends and cared for by teachers. No worries and no tension.

Next year would be a new beginning with anxiety and new challenges. Old friends would depart and new friends would do their part. This is a new place completely different with only a roll number to address me. Even my name would be shortened for everyone's convenience. Friends would converse through SMS and teachers would confiscate mobiles. This new beginning is a scary one but I am reminded of the words of Robert Frost's poem –

The words are lovely,
Dark and deep
But I have promises to keep
And miles to go before I sleep
And miles to go before I sleep

Shaun Mendes

Youth

College life is very different and exciting than I had imagined it in school. My opinion of people and the world at large, changed completely. From the small cocoon of my home and school, the butterfly was ready to spread its wings and fly, and explore the world, of course! – yeah, that's exactly how I started viewing my life, in this new phase. I began travelling quite a distance to college alone! Something I was not used to in school. This involved meeting new people and making new friends, gaining a lot of experience in many a thing. It gave a much needed boost to my self-confidence. I'm really enjoying to love this new beginning.

Minorca Coutto

Youth



NEW BEGINNINGS ARE ALL ABOUT...

The generic possibilities of new beginnings in our everyday life –

- A teenager who steps out of school and a protected family circle into the real world of college, new friends, job hunting and eventually a career.
- A person who gets married, merging one's individuality and every single aspect of their living (freedom, careers, emotions, etc.) with another, to start one of togetherness and commitment.
- A mother born out of a woman and a father standing tall at the birth of a child.
- An answer to God's call to a religious life in the service of humanity.

Very simply, a new beginning is not always a fresh start or a new phase in life, but it can also mean a 'Second Chance' – renewed strength, a moving on courageously to face the future –

- ✓ Rivals putting an end to their indifferences and beginning anew
- ✓ Women fighting the injustice of dowry, abortion, harassment, abuse, etc.

Viewing the larger picture, every life has a chance to a New Beginning if we choose to take a small step towards it.

Why then can we not take the onus for our lives and build on new pathways? I believe, it's the only way to start making a New Beginning! Jesus invites us to start afresh with love in our hearts for ourselves and our neighbour.

Evelyn Mendonca

PASTORAL PLANNER

St. Vincent Pallotti Church 2012-13

1. Youth Dhamaka	8th July	PYAT
2. Parents' Day	29th July	Youth
3. Vianney Day	5th August	Liturgy Committee
4. Independence Day (Feast of Assumption Province, Bangalore Pallottines)	15th August	Civic & Political Cell
5. Teachers' Day	8th September	Youth
6. Nativity Novenas & Feast Day	30th Aug-8th Sept	Sunday School
7. Doctors' & Nurses' Day	14th October	St. Vincent de Paul
8. Month of the Rosary	1st-31st October	Communities
9. Family Day	29th September	Couples for Christ
10. Mission Sunday	21st October	Parish Pastoral Council
11. Sports Day	13th & 14th Nov	Youth
12. Choir Day	18th November	Choir
13. Christ the King	25th November	Military Road Communities
14. Christmas Parish Crib		Holy Family, St. Lawrence, St. Peter & St. Patrick
15. Christmas Bazaar	15th & 16th Dec	Communities
16. Christmas Float	23rd December	PYAT
17. Senior Citizens Day	26th December	Youth
18. Special Children	28th December	Legionaries
19. Parish Feast	20th January	PPC & Liturgy Committee
20. Day for Sick	11th February	SVP & Eucharistic Ministers
21. Ash Wednesday	13th February	
22. Sunday School Annual Day	10th March	Sunday School
23. Good Friday Stations of the Cross	29th March	Youth
24. Easter	31st March	PPC & Liturgy Committee
25. House Blessings	April	Parish Team
26. Rosary at the Grotto	1st – 31st May	Legion of Mary

RECOLLECTION

(Liturgy Committee & Ushers Ministry)



On the 8th of July, the members of the Liturgy Committee & Ushers Ministry assembled at the church at 10.30am and after having refreshed ourselves with snacks and tea, we made our way to the Sisters Adorers' Chapel, to rest our hearts in silence and listen to the whisperings of God. The theme of the recollection was 'Listening'.

Fr. Paulo Dias gave us an inspiring talk, based on the Word of God, taken from (1 Kings 19: 11 -13), which stirred us on to reflection and

sharing. God was not there in the wind, neither in earthquake nor in the fire; but in the silence of the heart. We can never hear the whisperings of God, if we are filled with the loud noises of the world. Making an inward journey, away from our external world is the need of the hour today. We need to strike a balance between our electronically connected world and the world of Divine space. Being too much connected to the exterior world, we are thrown into the misery of tension and stress. And we are afraid of facing ourselves in solitude/silence.

In (Lk 10:38 –43), the story of Martha and Mary with Jesus, tells us how important it is to listen to the Divine Master and get into our ministry, wherein, we will be able to look beyond our life and find a sense of meaning, in all our doings. When we lose ourselves in this deafening world, "You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive". (Mt 13:14).

The story of the 'affluent lady Catherine' also awakened our minds to the same harsh reality of today, of a 'life disconnected from the Divine'. In the midst of comfort zones of our lives, we terribly miss something in the depths of our hearts that is our relationship with the Lord.

During the second phase of the recollection we listened to the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharistic presence took us deeper into the meaning of silence. Fr. Charles led us to experience the Centurion's deep faith in Jesus, his gentleness and humility. No matter what life throws at us, like that of the Centurion, our faith in the Lord, our gentleness and humility can transform our lives, giving us a tremendous amount of strength, to engage ourselves in our ministries, as Ushers and members of the Liturgy Committee.

After a delicious and sumptuous meal, we were into some brainstorming sessions, led by Jennifer. After these very interesting and informative moments, all of us headed home, recharged, reenergized and with a feeling of having connected deeper with the Lord and with one another.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Fr. Charles, the Parish priest and Jennifer who co-coordinated the chief moments of the day, in a unique manner, giving us all a treat to our bodies, minds and souls.

Sr. Preetha Zacharias, DMPT
Liturgy Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGHTINGS



IMPARTING FAITH
a la grace

COMMISSIONED TO THE DISCIPLESHIP OF GOD

On Sunday, 8th July, twenty nine catechists from our parish walked down the aisle in church, adorned in a white armour, bearing the emblem 'Imparting Faith' of the Vinpal Sunday School, to endorse their strong affirmation as torchbearers and proclaimers of the Good News to the baptized faithful.

The Eucharistic Celebration at 9:15am in the church was presided by Fr Charles, the Spiritual Director of Sunday School. The homily reminded us all of our prophetic calling to be disciples for Christ. The catechists were blessed by Fr. Charles and the congregation was invited to pray for them to sincerely carry out their ministry.

In preparation, on the 7th of July, the catechists had an hour of Prayer and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in the Sisters Adorers chapel, to pray for each other and those who strengthen their faith life. We are grateful to Fr Charles for conducting a meaningful adoration in preparation for our commissioning and The Sunday School Lay Co-ordinator, Melwin Ornello for consistently encouraging us and leading the flock. May our commissioning lead us to be witnesses and ambassadors of faith to everyone whom we come in contact with.



Alphonso Dsouza

Catechist

The Parents Page

THANK YOU DEAR PARENTS

Thank you for always being there
and knowing just what to do
Thank you for knowing the words to say
when I'm feeling way beyond blue

Thank you for patiently listening
to all my worries and stresses
Thank you for caring enough
to get me out of all my messes

Thank you for being a phone call away
or around the corner to run to
Thank you for your door always being open
and knowing just what to do

Thank you for being my constant support
when i didn't think I could cope
Thank you for lifing my spirits
and letting me know there IS hope

Thank you for being the best parents
a person could ever wish for
I love you with all my heart
today and forever more.

Anonymous

A CHILD OF MINE

(To All Parents)

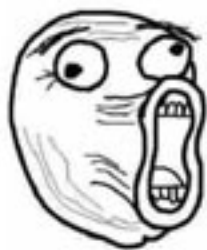
Edgar Guest

I will lend you, for a little time,
A child of mine, He said.
For you to love the while he lives,
And mourn for when he's dead.
It may be six or seven years,
Or twenty-two or three.
But will you, till I call him back,
Take care of him for Me?
He'll bring his charms to gladden you,
And should his stay be brief.
You'll have his lovely memories,
As solace for your grief.
I cannot promise he will stay,
Since all from earth return.
But there are lessons taught down there,
I want this child to learn.
I've looked the wide world over,
In search for teachers true.
And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes,
I have selected you.
Now will you give him all your love,
Nor think the labour vain.
Nor hate me when I come
To take him home again?
I fancied that I heard them say,
'Dear Lord, Thy will be done!'
For all the joys Thy child shall bring,
The risk of grief we'll run.
We'll shelter him with tenderness,
We'll love him while we may,
And for the happiness we've known,
Forever grateful stay.
But should the angels call for him,
Much sooner than we've planned.
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes,
And try to understand.

From The Book Living The Years 1949



LOL !!! After all, it's the best medicine!



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White Hair

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

The Worms

A father was trying to teach his young son the evils of alcohol. He put one worm in a glass of water and another worm in a glass of whiskey.

The worm in the water lived, while the one in the whiskey curled up and died.

"All right, son," asked the father, "what does that show you?" "Well, Dad, it shows that if you drink alcohol, you will not have worms."

Mommy Ate It

For weeks a six-year-old lad kept telling his first-grade teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house. One day, the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year old was obviously impressed, but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event. The teacher finally sat the boy on her lap and said, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?" Tommy burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mommy ate it!"

ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI CHURCH COMMUNITY FUND

Statement showing contributions from and due to communities
for the FY April 2011 - March 2012

Sr. No.	Name of the Community	Contributions in 2011-2012	15% to Communities	Add Previous Bal.	Total Due
1	Ave Maria	36,100	5,415		5,415
2	Blessed Mother Teresa	1,87,400	28,110		28,110
3	Don Bosco	62,150	9,322		9,322
4	Holy Family	73,220	10,983		10,983
5	Infant Jesus	44,750	6,713		6,713
6	Rose Of Sharon	2,69,900	40,485	21,054	61,539
7	Sacred Heart	1,27,500	19,125		19,125
8	St. Michael	55,000	8,250		8,250
9	St. Lawrence	91,500	13,725		13,725
10	St. Peter	72,900	10,935		10,935
11	St. Theresa	78,730	11,809		11,809
12	St. Paul	86,000	12,900		12,900
13	St. Francis Xavier	53,500	8,025		8,025
14	St. Patrick	57,000	8,550		8,550
15	St. Jude	1,00,500	15,075		15,075
16	St. Anthony	1,59,715	23,957		23,957
17	St. Stephen	3,41,400	51,210		51,210
18	St. Bonaventure	1,64,000	24,600		24,600
19	St. Ignatius Of Loyola	1,24,545	18,682		18,682
20	St. Joseph	1,29,801	19,470		19,470
21	St. Thomas	6,900	1,035	810	1,845
22	St. Mary	9,330	1,400	1,005	2,405
23	Poomeri	2,888	433	2,869	3,302
24	Velankanni	4,706	706	1,299	2,005
	Rs.	23,39,435	3,50,915	27,037	3,77,952

EXPENDITURE

1-4-2011 to 31-3-2012

For Community Activities	2,71,950.00
For Medical Aid	2,76,173.00
For Education Aid	1,72,989.00
For Ration (Food)	1,83,229.00
For Charity	31,345.00
Corpus Fund for Health Care in the Archdiocese	25,000.00

The Vinpal Diary



BORN IN CHRIST

07-04-12	Parvati Gulshani	Ganeshpada, M. Rd
08-04-12	Ronell Coutinho	A-5/104 Lok Yamuna, M. Rd
08-04-12	Eloise Lobo	F-406 Sarita Lok Darshan, M. Rd
08-04-12	Adiva Palai	B-708 Ellora CHS, M.M. Rd
22-04-12	Arthur Barnes	LT 11/12 Vijaynagar
22-04-12	Shania Mascarenhas	A/4, B-301 Panchvati, M.M. Rd
27-05-12	Ashnil D'Souza	E/1402 Manavsthal, M. Rd
09-06-12	Ashton Rangel	Andheri (E)
24-06-12	Virithik Visveswaran	Leicester, U.K.
01-07-12	Liam D'Souza	B-306 Eco Palms, M.M. Rd
08-07-12	Zayne Almeida	501 Orchid Palace, M. Rd
08-07-12	Moris Pereira	Unit 19, Aarey Milk Colony
15-07-12	Catherine	Tamil Nadu
22-07-12	Rhea Menezes	C-602 Harmony, M. Rd

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please refer to the Yearly Planner on Pg. 11

SNAPSHOTS

5-7 April	Holy Week solemnly celebrated.
22-04-12	Sacrament of Holy Eucharist was administered to 65 children
23-27 April	Vinpal Summer Camp was conducted for children of all faiths
29-04-12	Sacrament of Confirmation was administered to 55 youth
01-05-12	Holy Rosary conducted at the grotto by Legion of Mary
03-06-12	Farewell – Fr. Reehan S. Antony
03-06-12	Welcome – Fr. Francis Mariadass
05-06-12	Birthday – Fr. Charles Fernandes
09-06-12	Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers
10-06-12	Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers

JOINED IN CHRIST

10-04-12	Peter Mascarenhas & Vency D'Souza
14-04-12	Nitin Passanha & Viola Rebello
14-04-12	Manoj Baretto & Merlin Wilson
22-04-12	Joseph Pegado & Michelle Fernandes
19-05-12	Melwyn Fernandes & Jean Rodrigues
20-05-12	Maryanam Ferreira & Sharda Pereira
23-05-12	Rozario Doss & Samantha Chettiar
26-05-12	Glenn Pinto & Laveena D'Mello



REST IN CHRIST

24-02-12	Aashika Joseph	Poomary Nagar
29-02-12	Nathaline Fernandes	Udyan 3, M. Rd
05-03-12	Joseph Lobo	Ayesha Sadan, M.M. Rd
22-03-12	John Mendonca	C1/21 Vijaynagar
09-04-12	Richard Soares	101-A Mayur Plaza, M. Rd
17-04-12	Nathalia De Souza	8/6/9 Bhavani Nagar
18-04-12	Hilary Mendonca	LT12/32 Vijaynagar
23-04-12	Maria Ferrao	12/1/8 Bhavani Nagar
10-05-12	Baptist Menezes	2/10/5 Bhavani Nagar
19-05-12	Cynthia Santis	17/5/12 Bhavani Nagar
22-06-12	Joseph Barnes	Pump House, Aarey Milk Colony
13-07-12	Lucy D'Souza	B3/03 Vijaynagar

