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



" The only goal is the glory of God and salvation of Souls."

~ St. Vincent Pallotti



Evangelization is not the work of a small number of specialists but of the entire people of God under the guidance of their pastors. - Pope Benedict XVI

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Well Begun is Half Done

Strange to observe a wheel barrow, it moves just in the direction that you push it from behind. But human beings dynamic as we are, cannot be pushed from outside for too long. We need to be energized and revitalized from within. Such an awakening will skill us to New and Creative ventures. New ventures or an undertaking for the first time always evokes fear and anxiety. Fear usually cripples us and its born from multiple reasons, as in a scared mind, preconception: 'I may not be able to do it'. It would sound too simplistic to conclude that great achievers are immune to fear. Fear of such kind is normal but these are men and women who refuse to be paralyzed or defeated by such fear. They braved the attempt and the so-called impossibility became a reality. Note – everything that a few hundred years ago seemed impossible, today is real.

The new academic and pastoral year has just begun. It's a new beginning for some, while beginning anew for others; New ventures or pursuing of the old ones. Whatever it may be, it awaits to be the song of success.

There is an old saying '**Well begun is half done**'. It is so true. Since we equip the courage to take the initial step, what is only left is the other half, the effort to maintain the courage till the end. Time and tide will surely test our courage. Remember, belief in our own self and reliance on God will unfold new pathways and launch us to realize plans.

As Vinpal family, we have the guts to dream and guts to begin, and **begin well**. With the election of the new parish pastoral council and the new heads and assistant heads of various associations and cells, we have **begun anew** to march towards the realization of the vision mission of our parish: *"Vinpal Family of God moving towards a Society where Love and Concern within the Family and Neighborhood is a way of Life"*. Assisted by God and our own enthusiasm and dynamism, we will reach new heights. To get where we want to, we need to give our 100%. '1% inspiration and 99% perspiration'. If we live with this mindset day in and day out, our goal: be it community building or personal, will be close at hand. But it would be mindful to remember that each passing day will demand your time and energy, courage and patience, firstly to work on it and secondly to see through in everything, accomplishment of your dream. Bear in mind the happiness and joy that follows is much sweeter than honey when we pay in blood and sweat. Therefore, let the darkness of the tunnel not dissuade you to see the light that awaits you at the end of the tunnel.

I pray to God for you in the words of St. Paul *"The one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ"* (Phil 1:6). Christ is our revitalizing force, no need to behave like wheel barrows.

We have **begun well**..... let's move Ahead....



Fr. Paulo Dias
Editor

Live the Faith

A little boy kept staring at a balloon vendor who let strings of balloons floating in the air. Their peppy colors tickled the lad, the red, blue, yellow, green, orange and also a black one. He gazed with amazement as he saw them soar up high up, almost reaching God in the heavens and then out of sight. But while in sight they made beautiful viewing. He yelled out to his father and finally when the father came, he dragged him to buy a balloon only to feel disappointment as there was just one balloon left for sale, a



black one. He cried that he wanted those colorful ones which soared so high and not this black one. The father told him, none being available this is what we will buy and he let the boy hold the balloon and set it free. The boy's jaw dropped open as he saw the balloon take to flight and that brought a smile upon his face. "Vow daddy, even the black one flies" he roared. The father explained to him that what made the balloon go up in the air wasn't the color but what was inside them – the helium gas. Not the outside trapping but the inside element. We may differ in culture, language, state, zone, association but we can fly because of the one inner element – Our Baptism. That is what makes us equal in dignity and allows us to share in the dignity of being God's special people.

"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (2 Pet 2:9), with these words St. Peter highlights the dignity, privilege and also duty of being Christian. The laity Sunday was indeed an apt occasion to ponder over this and gain inspiration and strength. Sometimes we lose gas and need a refill of it and this is exactly what happened in the training session conducted by Fr. Austin Norris.

The blessing and the installation of the Parish Pastoral council members and the Heads of Association and Cells was indeed the highlight of the day. Many new faces – in spite of the difficulties, struggles, and personal commitments, there is a great deal of generosity to contribute to the growth of this chosen race and to build up this holy nation. In all this, our Master and Model has to be Christ, who loved and gave Himself up for us. He came not to be served but to give His life as a ransom for many. It is in this, we find the joy and fulfillment of our living. The service that we offer is not the kind that we understand in the corporate world or as given by an NGO, rather it is the deep seated conviction to imitate Christ who served with compassion and love.

As I am putting down my thoughts, at the back of my mind is the Feast that we celebrate today; the Birthday of St. John the Baptist, and the words of the first reading "the Lord Called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb He named me" (Is 49:1) resound in my ears. Yes, God has created us with a specific plan and purpose and responding to it, is indeed a challenge. All the balloons in the parable will fly and in time be out of sight. As human beings, we too will fade out with time, age and reason. We are called to live out our purpose too, before fading out. The

Christian life is a call to disciplining everyday and not postponed post retirement or as Pope Francis pointed, "There is no part- time Christianity."

On this journey, we have the hosts of witnesses to encourage and intercede for us on this path. On the 29th of June we celebrate the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul; great stalwarts of the Church. They really flew high and carved a new history. They were weak but when they dedicated themselves for Christ, they were given the grace to withstand the challenges and even to lay down their lives. They rejoice in being the part of this chosen race and lived as dedicated people.

Imparting the Faith that we have received is very necessary and parents are the first teachers and formators. Pope John Paul II called Parents the first catechist in *Catechesi Tradaendae*. At baptism, you have promised to bring up the children in the practice of the faith. It is nice to see many parents bringing their children for Sunday catechism and encouraging the children to be rooted in faith. I encourage all the parents not to disrespect your own promise and neglect the faith formation of Your children amidst all the education and talent-oriented formation.

Let us rejoice in being the chosen race, a royal priesthood and a holy nation, a dedicated people making known the goodness of our God. Come let's fly high!

Fr. Charles Fernandes

Well Begun is Half Done...

The importance of a study Time Table

The summer vacations are over and school has begun. The first month of school is usually the settling down period. All the excitement and distractions of the holidays should slowly come to a stop. The mind and body is fresh and ready to take on the challenges of the new academic year. Before you rush off for long hours of after-school tuitions, it is important to organize your time and effort so as to give the academic year your best.

1) Set aside a fixed time for academics

3 hrs a day should be set aside for studies daily. Of this, completion of homework should not take more than 1 hour. Ensure that you keep to the fixed time.

2) Keep a fixed place for study

It is important that children have a fixed place in the house for study. Preferably a table and chair in a room that is well ventilated and has good lighting. (Sofa and beds are not the place to sit to study). Make sure that the TV is off during the study time. Keep distractions – mobile phones, visitors, to the minimum during the study time.

3) Do your work daily.

Read the chapter being taught in class, on your return home. Attempt the questions at the back of the chapter to check if you have understood the lesson.

4) Prepare a study Time Table

A study time table helps to distribute your time over the different subjects. At least 2 subjects must be revised during the study time, giving 45 minutes to each subject. Subjects that you find difficult and practice time for Math, must find extra time in the study Time Table.

Study Time Table must be written and followed regularly.

Remember well begun is half done. The only person you have to compete with, is yourself. A disciplined attitude to your academics will make it interesting, easy and will help to dispel stress and fear at the time of examination.

A study time table is an instrument of Time management. Planning the use of your time allows you to make time for recreation (outdoor play, TV, reading), time for family interaction (prayer, dinner, fun time) and will ensure that you get the necessary amount of sleep.

All the best as you take up the challenge!

A Parishioner



Parents Our First Educators

MOM bring me food, DAD I need some cash – these are regular statements put to parents, without ever realizing how much effort they go through to get these things for us and fulfilling our wishes. Today, we stand healthy, sheltered, loved and secured, only because of the sweat of their brow.

Yes, we have to admit that we take advantage of time, values, money and sometimes even the sanity of our parents. No matter how old our parents, we know that they will always be there for us to guide us emotionally and morally and share our moments of despair and happiness. Even though we get so much of everything from our parents, very few of us actually get time to express our love for them, due to our hectic schedules. Well, Parents Day is just round the corner and this is one opportunity for us to show our love through cards, gifts, etc. Maybe, taking on responsibility of the home for a day (washing, cooking, cleaning) so that our parents could relax that day, would make an excellent gift too! Just make sure that you don't leave the home with more cleaning for them to do later! Anyway, I think our parents will appreciate the thought, though!

Parents Day brings to mind, the programme the youth and children of our parish gave the parents last year. It was a complete treat – entertaining and heart-warming. The programme was organized by the youth who put in a lot of hard work to make it a success. Not forgetting the children of Sunday School and Choir and other performers, without whose active and enthusiastic participation, the programme would not have been possible.

We know that this effort though small in comparison to the time they devote to caring for us, will surely be cherished by them. And, they will realize our potential to be good organizers and responsible human beings, reflecting the values they have nurtured in us.

The Divine Perspective

1. God won't ask the square footage of your house. But will ask how many people you welcomed into your house.
2. God won't ask about the fancy clothes you had in your closet, but will ask how many of those clothes helped the needy.
3. God won't ask about your social status, but will ask what kind of class you displayed.
4. God won't ask how many material possession you had, but will ask if they dictated your life.
5. God won't ask what your highest salary was, but will ask if you compromised your character to obtain that salary.
6. God won't ask how much overtime you worked, but will ask if you worked overtime for your family and loved ones.
7. God won't ask how many promotions you received, but will ask how you promoted others.
8. God won't ask what your job title was, but will ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
9. God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but will ask what you did to help others.
10. God won't ask how many friends you had, but will ask how many people you were a true friend to.
11. God won't ask what you did to protect your rights, but will ask what you did to protect the rights of others.
12. God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived, but will ask how you treated your neighbours.
13. God won't ask about the colour of your skin, but will ask about the content of your character.
14. God won't ask about how many times your deeds matched your words, but will ask how many times they did not.
15. When there is nothing left, but GOD, that is when you find out GOD is all you need.

Elias D'Souza
Vijaynagar



My Confirmation Journey.....

How do you describe something that you have been so crazily in love with? Don't you strive to find those perfect words to describe what it really felt like, when just the memory of that time breezes into your head and your heart skips its rhythmic beat, your face paints a huge canvas of colors and your lips form a delicate curve and are lost abyss in thought in the fresh memories of those days. My journey of confirmation was like that or even more dazzling, I'd say.

What a quirk of fate! I landed into an awesome man's class. He was an ecstasy to my faith, a zany man, how unique his ways. Foolproof and eccentric he seemed to me or just pure crazy if I may say. So perfect (even though not French), he knew well how to hypnotize you and make you fall in love with him and all he says. Confirmation did not teach me a new faith, but imprinted into me a renewed belief, a stronger conviction, a deeper love and an inseparable bond with the man who died on the cross. It was my soul that was touched in an increasing awe; it renewed my spirit in God. For this journey all you needed to get along was your welcoming heart as Ivan, knew well how to place it into God's. With mind boggling thoughts on my faith, he set ablaze the candle in my heart and I am sure I will never let it die down. In my journey, I met many, made many friends and journeyed along with them and some of the most amazing lights called Kevin, Tina and Sr. Mary Jacob and an awesome man. It was a magical journey, a whole new level of WOW!

The classes by all the speakers were so amazing that I found it inexplicable. And the retreat was just too perfect. The speakers touched my heart and gave me a shiver as I sat there to listen to them talk. Three days that normally drag on slowly, seemed too short. How much I desired for more, but well, all good things come to an end. And so has the enchanted journey of confirmation ended too. Officially we have been confirmed in the spirit and my journey is complete, but if I look deep within I believe my journey as a confirmed catholic has just begun, my journey with the parish has begun. I would not have imagined easily that deepening my faith would happen through a Catechist turned Mentor – Ivan. If you've known him, you probably understand what I have spoken of. If not, I assure you it's better than even your best imagination.

I can continue writing but it will never equate to the beautiful journey I went on, but well, I need to stop. This journey was a time of my life, creating memories I will cherish, always or forever, whichever lasts longer. I am a soul and it has a body. And my soul has found its most perfectly amazing master, My God.

Frenzita

My confirmation experience - exciting one indeed ! It all began with just one question in the beginning, how is it going to be? Well now I know, but back then the only answer I got was 'FUN'.

I still remember our very first Sunday where we were all told to assemble in the first floor meeting room for our opening prayer service. All of us inquisitively gathered there at 5 p.m. The prayers began ... the teachers spoke, but the best part was the one in which Kevin announced that we were only allowed 2 Sundays of holiday the entire year. Well, looking at everyone's tense faces was just amusing..! Then came the second Sunday on which we were bifurcated into Kevin's and Ivan's respective classes...I was in Kevin's class, but I not only had Kevin, I also had Sr. Mary Jacob and Tina journeying with me this year.

Kevin: After a hectic week of studies and what not, listening to Kevin on Sundays made life easy for me. His Amazing humour, his dance, his way of putting the real meaning of faith in the minds of young teens like us, was mesmerising.

Tina: A complete motherly figure, amazingly humble, a wonderful person, beautiful woman (not only physically but also emotionally and spiritually) and without doubt a very hardworking teacher. Tina's classes, from readings to the activities and the ppts were all very well planned.

Sr. Mary: At the first look, Sr. Mary certainly seemed a little stern, but hey, looks can be deceptive..! Sr. Mary didn't have to really prepare for class, she knew it all and somehow, she had the answer to all our questions.

Then came

Ivan (a.k.a AWESOME IVAN): if people asked me as to whose class I would want to be in the beginning of the year I would say IVAN definitely because of all the amazing things I would hear about him. The first thing that comes to your mind when someone asks you about Ivan is AWSOME ! He is amazingly modest, incredibly good with words, superbly humorous and above all a loving catholic.

This one year has made a tremendous impact on my faith life, WHO I AM and WHAT I WANT TO BE. With the help of these shepherds I have come closer to the greatest shepherd, the man who died on the cross for me, JESUS..! My family has always groomed me to the precepts of the Christian faith. With confirmation Faith takes on a new and evolved meaning. It means more than just theory. It is a call to refine and redefine our relationship with Jesus our Saviour. The journey of faith culminated with the receiving of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are gifts meant to be placed at the service of the community, something that I know I will commit myself to in the coming years. I have also made some great friends in the course of this year. Some I knew from a long time and some I didn't. Today, when I sit and remember all these memories...Life had never been better..! **Thanks Holy Spirit !!**

Natasha D'cruz

Catechists Live-In 2013-14

“Go make disciples of all nations” – This exhortation rings a wake-up notation, in an individual way for all baptized in Christ, and particularly for the ones called to the ministry of catechizing and every catechetical year, we set forth as chosen disciples, ‘to make disciples of the young minds we catechize. This year invites to the ministry, five new torchbearers for Christ.

And the year began for us on Sat 15th June 2013, with a spiritual discourse and prayer. Our new catechists speak of their initial thoughts and feelings at the onset of this catechetical year. We welcome them and hope that we all worthily carry to our children, youth and our respective worlds around, JESUS – the Good News.

SHARINGS...

- The session conducted by Ivan was an explosive startup to this catechetical year, as it rightly jolted us out of our comfort zones and made us aware of what we are expected to do and deliver. At the same time, it was very informative, enlightening and relevant. The session on "CHURCH" helped us understand the true meaning of the church, the challenges it faces and how our role as catechists; as missionaries, helps us to be LIGHT TO THE NATIONS.

- *Manisha Rodrigues*

- The Live-In for the catechists commenced with a welcome speech by the Spiritual Director Fr. Francis Mariadas & Melwin Ornello, the Lay Coordinator. The evening continued with a talk by Ivan Fernandes who spoke about the **One Holy Catholic Apostolic Church**. He enlightened us on the dogmatic constitution of the church - "*Lumen Gentium*" and the mysteries and models of the church. He also spoke of how we, as catechists can be the light not just to the children we teach at Sunday school, but also to the people we interact with on a daily basis. The meaningful prayer service that followed was brilliantly and creatively organized by Elrida, Sharon and Janice. We then had dinner after which we engaged in some fun games and activities and retired for the night. The next morning, I had my first taste of how excited and enthusiastic children are to be at Sunday School. We assembled in the hall at 8 am and welcomed them back to a new catechetical year and assigned them into their classes and then proceeded down to the church for the 9:15 am Children's mass. After mass, over steaming cups of tea and snacks, the catechists met to discuss about the upcoming year.

The Live - In is basically an orientation for catechists, where each one gets to know the other better and I personally, got know and see exactly how much effort, dedication and creativity is put into teaching the children. I'm extremely grateful to be a part of this team and wait eagerly to see how the rest of the year progresses.

- *Simonah Monteiro*

- Wonderful !!! – a simple word which describes the experience we had at the LIVE-IN. I was so amazed to see the hardwork and efforts taken by each of the Catechist to make this program interactive and enjoyable for all of us. It was a great learning experience for me. I am looking

forward to share my knowledge and will try my level best to make each Sunday class a memorable one for the kids.

- *Lovina Rebeiro*

I wasn't sure what to expect as I have never been a part of anything like this before. The live-in program gave me a chance to bond with my fellow catechists. Each one of them made me feel welcome and put me right at ease. I was expecting a lot of spiritual discussions and orientation and looked forward to a busy time trying to soak in everything. However, I was pleasantly surprised with the interesting team discussion and the innovative prayer service which got all of us spiritually bound and involved. The most inspiring part of the live-in was the talk by Ivan Fernandes that had my attention completely. His talk challenged me to be a Christian that could be a "light to the world" and to never underestimate the difference YOU can make in the lives of others. There's no shortage of enthusiasm among the group, and I'm glad to belong here and look forward to being a part of every endeavour through this catechetical year.

- *Preeti Fernandes*

It has always been my passion to teach catechism to small kids. I am fortunate to be a part of Vinpal Catechists. This is my first chance to learn while teaching and my wonderful journey began through the "Live in" . The gathering was an opportunity to be acquainted with my co-catechists who made me feel comfortable and at ease. Starting with welcoming the new members and the input session on the "One Holy Catholic Church" given by Mr. Ivan Fernandes was enlightening and thought provoking.

The best part was the prayer service. It was an elevating experience linking with the theme of the session. During the prayer service some of the catechists shared their inner most gratitude to God for protecting their lives from many dangers. It made me feel Jesus' protection and care in the times of struggles and hardships. I lift my heart in prayer as I begin this noble task of imparting faith. Let Jesus our teacher walk with us.

- *Sr. Jyothi*

VINPAL PASTORAL PLANNER 2013-2014

Date	Event	Organised by
30-Jun-13	Monsoon Dhamaka	Youth & PYAT
14-Jul-13	World Youth Day	Youth
28-Jul-13	Parents Day	Youth
4-Aug-13	Vianney Sunday /Priest Day	Liturgy Committee
15-Aug-13	"Feast of our lady of Assumption Independence day"	Parish Pastoral Council/ Civic & Political Cell
15-Aug-13	"All Associations/cells with families EVENING"	
7-Sep-13	Teachers Day	Youth
30-Aug to 8-Sep	Nativity Novenas/Feast	Catechists
20-Oct-13	"Doctors & Nurses Day Mission Sunday"	St. Vincent de Paul
Oct	Rosaries in the communities	Communities
31-Oct-13	Family Day	Family Cell & Couples For Christ
1,2,3 Nov13	Sports Day	Youth & PYAT
23-Nov-13	Choir Day	Choir
24-Nov-13	"Christ the King Feast Location - Vijaynagar"	Vijaynagar Communities
	Christmas Crib	St. Paul, St. Francis Xavier, St. Theresa & St. Patrick
22-Dec-13	Christmas Float	Youth & PYAT
21 & 22 Dec'13	Christmas Bazaar	Communities
26-Dec-13	Senior Citizen Day	Youth
28-Dec-13	Special Children's Day	Legion of Mary
15 to 19 Jan'14	Vinpal Fair	Fete committee
26-Jan-14	Parish Feast/Republic Day	Liturgy Committee
11 Feb'14	Day for the Sick	St. Vincent de Paul & Eucharistic Ministers
5-Mar-14	Ash Wednesday	
8-Mar-14	Women's Day	Family Cell
9-Mar-14	Sunday School Annual Day	Sunday School
18-Apr-14	Way of the Cross	Youth
20-Apr-14	Easter	PPC & Liturgy Committee

Know Your Parish Councilors

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St. Vincent Pallotti Church Community Fund

Statement showing contributions from & due to communities
for the year ended 31-03-2013

Sr.No.	Name of Community	Contributions in '12 - '13	15% to Communities	Add Previous Balance	Total Due
1	Ave Maria	113,588	17,038	5,415	22,453
2	Blessed Mother Teresa	198,400	29,760		29,760
3	Don Bosco	83,800	12,570		12,570
4	Holy Family	147,900	22,185		22,185
5	Infant Jesus	71,997	10,800		10,800
6	Poomeri	9,333	1,400	3,302	4,702
7	Rose of Sharon	230,600	34,590	21,539	56,129
8	Sacred Heart	117,850	17,677		17,677
9	St. Anthony	109,288	16,393		16,393
10	St. Bonaventure	117,500	17,625		17,625
11	St. Francis Xavier	55,000	8,250		8,250
12	St. Ignatius of Loyola	197,800	29,670		29,670
13	St. Joseph	213,444	32,017		32,017
14	St. Jude	79,800	11,970		11,970
15	St. Lawrence	64,100	9,615		9,615
16	St. Mary	12,952	1,943	2,405	4,348
17	St. Michael	59,900	8,985		8,985
18	St. Patrick	60,200	9,030		9,030
19	St. Paul	96,450	14,467		14,467
20	St. Peter	96,700	14,505		14,505
21	St. Stephen	279,444	41,917		41,917
22	St. Theresa	83,900	12,585		12,585
23	St. Thomas	4,200	630		630
24	Velankanni	9,800	1,470	2,005	3,475
Rs.		2,513,946	377,092	34,666	411,758
Expenditure:		Zonal Activities			343,286
		Medical Aid			301,980
		Medical Corpus Fund (Archdiocese)			100,000
		Food & Charity			181,608
		Education			192,500

THE DIFFERENT ASSOCIATIONS INCHARGE AND MEETINGS

Associations/ Cells	Spiritual Director	Leader / Animator	Day of Meeting
Parish Pastoral Council	Fr. Charles	Mr. Anthony Francis (Vice-.President)	Every 2nd Tues – 7.45 p.m.
Ushers Ministry	Fr. Francis	Mr. Robert Fernandes	Meet according to the need
Parish Liturgy Team.	Fr. Paulo	Mrs. Veronica Fernandes	Every 1st Mon – 8.00 p.m.
Prayer Group	Fr. Paulo	Ms. Santana Alphonso	Every Mon – 7.45 p.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Fr .Charles	Mrs. Lucy Rego	Every 1st Sun – 4.00 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul	Fr. Charles	Mr. Eugene Dhas	Every Wed – 7.45 p.m.
Vinpal Youth	Fr. Paulo	Mr. Karan Ravindran	Every Thurs – 7.45 p.m.
Bulletin - Editorial Board	Fr. Paulo	Mrs. Jennifer Chavan.	Once in two months
SCC Steering Committee	Frs. Charles, Paulo, Francis	Mrs. Marina D' Souza	Once in two months
Sunday School	Fr. Francis	Mr. Melwin Ornello	Every Sun – 10.30 a.m.
Altar Servers	Fr. Francis	Ms. Christina Vaz	Every Sun – 3.15 p.m.
Legion of Mary (Sr.)	Fr. Francis	Mrs. Gretta Misquith	Every Tues – 7.00 p.m.
Legion of Mary (Jr.)	Fr. Francis	Mrs. Bel Coutto	Every Thurs – 6.30 p.m.
Choir (Seniors)	Fr. Paulo	Mr. Anand Baretto	Every Sat evening
Choir (Juniors)	Fr. Paulo	Mr. Vinod Baretto	Every Sun – 6.30 p.m.
Couples for Christ	Fr. Francis	Mr. Joe Fernandes	On Sundays
Pre-baptism	Fr. Charles	Mrs. Charmaine D'Souza	1st & 2nd Sunday – Every alternate month
Bible Cell	Fr. Francis		Every Fri 7.45 – 9.15 p.m. Except First Friday
Divine Mercy	Fr. Charles	Mrs. Lilly D' Souza	Every 1st Sat – 5.30 p.m.
Family Cell	Fr. Francis	Mrs. Safira Fernandes	Every 1st Tues – 8.00 p.m.
Senior Citizens	Fr. Charles	Mr. A.P.D. Fernandes	Last Saturday 11am-12 noon
Civic & Political Cell	Fr. Paulo	Mr. John D' Costa	Every 1st Saturday 8.00 – 9.00 p.m.

Parishioners are invited to join the association / cells of their choice

LEGION OF MARY



The Virgin's name is Mary – The LEGION OF MARY! What a perfectly chosen name.

The First Praesidium of the Legion of Mary was formed on 07/09/1921 by a pioneer named Frank Duff in Dublin, Ireland. He guided the world-wide extension of the Legion with heroic dedication.

Our Parish has 2 Praesidiums :-

1. Mary Queen of Apostles for Seniors above 18 years on Tuesday at 7.00pm.
2. Mary Queen of Angels for Juniors from 9 yrs to 18 years on Thursday at 6.30pm.

Both the meetings are held in any one of the meeting rooms.

The meetings of the Legion of Mary are not cancelled for any reason or season, but carried out throughout the Calendar Year.

We are very happy to convey that our Jr. Praesidium has completed 100 Meetings on 30/05/2013 with an army of 16 children under the care and guidance of our Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Francis M., Sr. Bel Coutto and Sr. Bernadette Dung Dung and above them all, Our Dearest Mother Mary.

We, the juniors, enjoy our Legion Work. We visit the Slums, Street Children, Sick & Homebound, Home Visitation and Institution Visitation. We distribute Catholic Periodicals to Cyber Cafés, Dispensaries, Beauty Parlours, Salons, Laboratories, etc.

We have Handbook Study to widen our knowledge. The Mater Christi Comitium, Andheri, consists of 9 Praesidiums and 4 Curias, where we meet, which is always fun and enjoyable. We have a lot of activities – Legion work, Get-togethers, Picnics & much more. Do join us.

Br. Keith, Sr. Kristine & Br. Kenneth

Altar Servers Report

For The Year 2012-2013



Spiritual Director – Fr. Francis M.

Animators – Christine, Janice, Alfa & Anil.

Meetings conducted every Sunday at 3.00pm.

Programs conducted in the academic year ended 2012-13.

- **PAPER DRIVE** – The altar servers paper drive was successfully conducted. The amount collected from the paper drive amounted to Rs.20,330/-.
- **VISIT TO THE BALWADI** – The children visited the Balwadi which is run by our church. One of our parishioners sponsored colouring books and crayons. The altar servers along with the balwadi kids had a nice time together.
- **PICNIC** – The animators, altar servers along with Fr. Francis went for an overnight picnic to Raigad and Panoramic Resort, Panvel. The altar servers and others enjoyed the stay thoroughly.
- **CHRISTMAS PARTY** – The Christmas celebration started with a prayer service in front of the holy crib outside the church and thereafter a celebration in the meeting room followed by dinner.
- **ANNUAL DAY** – The academic year ended with an annual day celebration which started with a prayer service, followed by dance performances and singing by altar servers. The outstanding altar servers were felicitated and awarded on basis of servings, attendance and highest marks in the annual exam.

SESSIONS CONDUCTED –

- Session conducted on our patron saint of altar servers by Michael.
- Fr. Reehan spoke on ethics to be followed by altar servers.
- Bible sharing and Bible quiz conducted by animators.
- Annual exam conducted by Fr. Francis and animators.
- Games conducted after meetings.

VALUES INCULCATED –

- Bible sharing increased spiritual value and faith in the Word of God.
- Paper drive and picnics fostered bonds of friendship with each other.
- Visit to the Balwadi gave an opportunity to reach out to others by sharing belongings with those kids.

Alfa Paul
Animator

The Legal Page

3rd Article (For Private Circulation Only)

(For the Information of the Co-operative Housing Society Committee /
Office Bearers and the Members.)

By virtue of the 97th Amendment in the Constitution in 2012 by the Central Govt., all states are required to modify their Co-operative Societies Act, in order to bring uniformity in the State Co-operative Act throughout the country. Accordingly our MCS Act 1960, is amended by the ordinance dated 14.02.2013, in consonance with the provisions of the 97th Amendment.

The 97th Constitutional Amendment and Maharashtra Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Ordinance 2013, mandates that all Societies adopt the 'Amended' Model Bye-Laws to help maintain the balance of Authority.

Accordingly, as per the new **Bye-law no. 173(a)**, the Co-operative Housing Society is now bound to form a Grievance Settlement and Redressal Committee, as provided u/s 89AB of the Act.

Further according to **Bye-law no. 173(b)**, the General Body of the Society shall appoint a Grievance Settlement and Redressal Committee to hear and settle the grievances of the members. When referred to, such complaints and grievances shall be settled by this Committee, as far as possible within 3 (Three) months.

Bye-law no. 173(c) further details the Composition of the aforesaid Committee.

The Register for active members shall be maintained by the Society and accordingly if a member does not attend 5 (Five) General Body Meetings continuously, shall be treated as an inactive member, along with the earlier applicable restrictions. Therefore, the new amendments in the Act compels all members in a Co-operative Society to attend at least one AGM in a span of 5 (Five) years, failing which the rights of the members shall be inoperative. Even such members can be expelled, treating them as inactive.

As per Bye-law no. 115, the next Managing Committee (M.C.) shall have the following number of members :

Total no. of Members in the Society	General Category Seats	Reserved Seats Women, SC/ST, OBC, VJ/NT/SBC	Total No. of Members in the M.C	Quorum in the M.C.
Upto 100	6	2,1,1,1	11	6
101 to 200	8	2,1,1,1	13	7
210 to 300	10	2,1,1,1	15	8
301 to 500	12	2,1,1,1	17	9
501 and above	14	2,1,1,1	19	10

In the event of any doubts / clarification, you are requested to contact the undersigned.

Courtesy,

Mr. J. J. D'Costa B.Com., L.L.B., L.L.M.

Hon. Legal Advisor (Civic & Political Cell)

(Available to the parishioners for free legal aid / advice at the parish office, on the
1st & 3rd Sunday of every month, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.)



The Vinpal Diary



BORN IN CHRIST

10-03-13	Tia Concessao	6/5/16 Bhawani Nagar
10-03-13	Miyoshka Rodrigues	13/2/10 Bhawani Nagar
16-03-13	Annika D'Souza	A-401 Manavsthal, M.Rd
18-03-13	Preeti D'Souza	Kombadpada, Aarey Milk Colony
30-03-13	Rachel Sheikh	Quepem, Goa
30-03-13	Naresh Daftary	Chimmatpada, Marol
30-03-13	Maya Sequeira	Borivali
30-03-13	Suresh	Unit 22, Aarey Milk Colony
07-04-13	Claire Lobo	Chembur
07-04-13	Ranvir Torres	Vasai
14-04-13	Kiara Dass	C-701 Nikita, M.Rd
21-04-13	Jason Mendonca	Kanjur Village
12-05-13	Alaina D'Souza	Goregaon
26-05-13	Kiona D'Souza	3/13/9 Bhawani Nagar
02-06-13	James	Unit 22, Aarey Milk Colony
09-06-13	Keith Fernandes	18/B/106 Bhawani Nagar
09-06-13	Jezel Misal	Main Pump House, Aarey Milk Colony
23-06-13	Ethan D'Silva	A-2/802 Ashok Nagar, M.Rd
23-06-13	Nicole D'Souza	F/105-106 Lok Darshan, M.Rd

JOINED IN CHRIST

06-04-13	Roshan Frank & Sharon Martis
07-04-13	Melwyn D'Cunha & Linette Crasto
12-04-13	Antoni Samy & Arul Mary
15-04-13	Steban Nadar & Symphorosa Chettiar
20-04-13	Milton Coelho & Shainel Fernandes
28-04-13	Rodlie D'Souza & Malika Amin
11-05-13	Erwin D'Mello & Cassandra Mascarenhas
11-05-13	Rayan D'Souza & Jyoti Khetan
25-05-13	James Almeida & Nisha Mahabdi
30-05-13	Joachim Fernandes & Christina D'Souza



REST IN CHRIST

06-03-13	Peter Monteiro	A-1 Uday Niwas, M.Rd
12-03-13	Apoline D'Souza	A-5/205 Lok Yamuna, M.Rd
04-05-13	Baptist D'Souza	B-4 Old Mayur, M.Rd
05-06-13	Joseph D'Souza	LT 13/42 Vijaynagar
06-06-13	Edwin Chettiar	B-1 Hira Chawl, Sai Nagar

SNAPSHOTS

14 & 21-04-13	Sacraments of Holy Eucharist & Confirmation were administered to the children & youth of the parish in a solemn Eucharistic celebration.
22 - 26-04-13	The Vinpal Summer Camp for children was successfully organized and executed.
01 - 31-05-13	Rosary was conducted daily at the church grotto by Legion of Mary (Juniors & Seniors Group)
30-05-13 to	
01-06-13	Triduum in preparation for the Solemnity of The Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
02-06-13	Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers
16-06-13	Sunday School began a new Catechetical year
23-06-13	Commissioning & Training Programme of PPC members, SCC animators, Heads & Asst. Heads of Assns. & Cells
06-07-13	Holy Hour for Sunday School Catechists
07-07-13	Commissioning of Catechists

