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YOU ARE MY WITNESSES

TUMI MHOJE GOVAI (cf. Dt 1:8)

EDITORIAL

LOOKING BEYOND...

“COVID-19 has revealed itself to be more than a straightforward viral pneumonia...COVID-19 can push kidneys into failure, send the body's immune system into catastrophic overdrive, and cause blood clots that impede circulation to the lungs, heart, or brain. It's a disease of remarkable complexity, which even the most experienced doctors are struggling to understand.”



Medical advancements have proven no match for the coronavirus. Doctors and scientists are stumped. Most houses of worship stopped in-person services to help protect public health as the virus spread. However, many refused to allow the virus to keep them from expressing their faith. They viewed their worship services online or listened to preachers in parking lots while staying in their cars.

For the majority in the recently conducted survey, God is the only explanation... God is the ultimate REALITY and HEALER.

With the surge in the spread of CORONA virus in Goa and in the world, at large, the biggest challenge in this time of despair, is to surrender ourselves to God, to experience GOD in our midst and to reveal that God is still in control of our lives and the universe. This can be done by small and big acts of sharing, caring and sacrifice. It happened in March....an ailing Italian priest who contracted Corona virus was battling for life, out of love and concern, his parish member presented him with a breathing equipment. The priest, in turn, asked his doctor whether it was more useful to a much younger neighbour being treated for Coronavirus. The doctor favoured the youth. Immediately the priest gifted it to his neighbour ..as Jesus said **“there is no greater love than to give your life for your friend” [John 15/3]**

Where there is charity God abides !!! And with His strength let us look ahead, for, **the battle belongs to our God...**inspite of the fact that Coronavirus is showing no signs of abating in our state of Goa, let us firmly believe...He makes all things beautiful... in his time.

- Fr. Joe A. Rodrigues

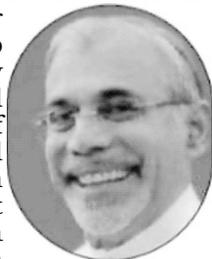
CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Parish Priests, Chaplains and Rectors of Churches/Shrines
in this Archdiocese

On the Re-opening of our Places of Worship

Beloved Brothers in Christ,

It is already three months that our places of worship are closed for the general Faithful, due to health concerns. The Ministry for Home Affairs had announced that places of worship would be allowed to open from 8th June and the Ministry for Health and Family Welfare had issued Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to contain the spread of Covid-19 (see Annexure). However, after a critical evaluation of the situation that arose due to the sudden surge of Coronavirus positive cases, we thought it prudent to defer the opening of our places of worship to a more appropriate time. Having now assessed the situation in hand and taking into consideration the need to offer adequate spiritual and pastoral care to our Faithful as well as the directives of the civil authorities and the suggestions of our close collaborators, we wish to present the below mentioned road map for the reopening of our places of worship.



WHEN our places of worship can be opened to the Faithful When the Priest responsible for the place of worship, after careful and deliberate preparation, considers that he is able to meet with the requirements of the SOPs issued by the Central Government as well as of our Diocesan Guidelines (Guidelines - III, prepared by our Diocesan Centre for Liturgy and appended herewith), he should ask for the necessary permission from the Archbishop, through the respective Episcopal Vicar. Those who are responsible for places of worship that are situated in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu should contact the Superior of the Mission of Daman, who will tell them how to proceed. On receipt of the petition, the Diocesan Authority will send his delegate for an on-site inspection and will grant the requested permission only if he is satisfied that the church/chapel/shrine can in fact comply with all the requirements. The places of worship should not be opened to the Faithful before this permission is granted in writing. The time required to comply with the safety protocols may vary from place to place.

WHAT needs to be in place (Check List)

The Priest in charge is to make sure that:

- The place of worship is not, at the time, within a "containment/buffer zone" declared by the civil authority;
- Thorough cleanliness and disinfection of the sacred place and of the surrounding premises have been carried out and can be assured to be undertaken regularly;
- The place of worship is well ventilated;
- Volunteers/ushers are adequately instructed and prepared to assist the Faithful;
- The seating arrangement with physical distancing of 6feet is marked out;
- Hymnals and other books/leaflets are removed from the place of worship;
- Holy water stoups/fonts are kept dry;
- There is a display of signage, clearly indicating;
- The obligation of wearing face masks;
- The position of distinct entry and exit points;

The necessity of maintaining a physical distance of 6 feet with others, at all times;

- Hand sanitizers are available for the use of the Faithful; A contactless thermometer is in place to check the body temperature of those who enter.

In consonance with established health concerns, certain persons would not be able to attend regular services in our places of worship, due to their vulnerability (cf. no. 1.8 of Guidelines-III of the DCL). This does not mean that they -as also the homebound and those who do not feel secure coming to church in this situation - are excluded from pastoral care. Pastors must find appropriate and safe means to reach out also to these Faithful, in a spirit of genuine pastoral concern.

Coordinating Team

The Priest should form a "Coordinating Team" of about 4 to 8 persons (or more, wherever needed), after taking into confidence other Priests and Religious in the parish and representatives of the Lay Faithful (members of the PPC, Administrative Committee PAT and other Associations/Movements). The Coordinating Team, under the chairmanship of the Priest, should make the necessary arrangements in the light of the directives of the Church and of the civil authorities, to facilitate the process of the gradual opening of the place of worship, monitor the implementation of all the Guidelines and periodically evaluate it, in view of the safety of the Faithful. Other Church Activities and Programmes.

As said in our earlier Circular (CP-Cir/13/2020, nos. 3 and 4), all meetings/programmes of PPCs, SCCs, Associations, Movements and other groups as well as community devotional practices and retreats continue to remain suspended. Catechesis and faith-formation programmes for children and adults that require them to gather together are to be deferred till further instructions. However, those meetings that are required for urgent consultation or decision-making and for charitable purposes could be held, seeing that only the strictly necessary number of members are physically present and the usual precautionary measures are taken. Online meetings, wherever feasible, should be encouraged for the time being. Faithful who fall under the vulnerable category (cf. no. 1.8 of Guidelines-III of the DCL) should not be physically present at such meetings.

Conclusion

All of us (Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful) need to realize the seriousness of the present situation and proceed with prudence and discernment, exercising responsibility for our own safety and that of others, for we are members of the same Body (cf. 1 Cor 12:12-27). It is in this spirit that the present proposal for the gradual reopening of our places of worship is made, in keeping with the guidelines of the Government and of the health authorities. Ultimately, however, it will be the personal responsibility of each individual Faithful to decide if and when he/she should attend the religious services in the current situation.

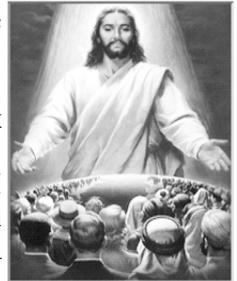
With strong Faith in God and sincere Christian Love for one another, we believe that we shall overcome the perils of this pandemic. Let this be our unwavering Hope and fervent prayer as we march on, under the protection of Our Blessed Mother, Comforter of the afflicted and with the powerful intercession of the Saints dear to us, particularly St. Francis Xavier and St. Joseph Vaz.

Archbishop's House, Panjim, Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 24th June, 2020.

(+ Filipe Neri Ferrao)
Archbishop of Goa and Daman

TE JEZUCHE GOVAI – AMI-I JEZUCHE GOVAI

- Aicho somaz amkam dusrea jivitachem chintunk chodd-xe soeg dina. Aicho somaz sonvsari totvamnim bhorla.
- Aichea somazachea totvam pormonnem, sogllem hangach sompta, anink jivit nam, jivontponn anink khoinchem?
- Hacho porinam: hea sonvsaracheam vostumnim, girestkaiannim, mouzamnim dhadoxi zaunk zata title proitrn kortanv.
- Ami chintanv, ravtanv tem zainam zalear niraxi zatanv. Devan dilelea Jivitak itlem unnem mol ditanv ki dusreancho (ani thodde pautt amchoch legun) jiv kaddunk toyar astanv.
- Novo Korar Jezuchea punorjivontponnache bore khobren bhorla.
- Vochot thoim hich “bob” aikotanv."Somi Jezu jivont zala, ami Taka pollela." He bhaxen poile kristanv Jezuk porgott'tale ani Jezuche govai zatale.
- Jezuchea jivita vixim jem kitem dhormdut porgott'tat: Tachea zolmacheo ani ballponnacheo khobro, Tachi xikonn, Tachim vizmitam, hem Jezuchea Punorjivontponnachea uzvaddan te novean sogllem niall'tat ani hech nodren porgott'tat ani Jezuche khore govai zatat.
- Hi bori khobor porgottunk tankam konnacheanuch bond korunk zaina. Jivo Jezu tankam mell'lo. Jezuche niz govai te zale.
- Jezuchem punorjivontponn ek podvedar boll tanchea jivitant ani tanchea karia-kamant. Oslea Jezuchea bollan Jezuche govai te zale.
- Jezuchem Punorjivontponn amkam-i boll zaum. Ami-i Taka porgottum-ya ani Jezuche govai zaum-ya.
- Jezuchi khobor amcheam borea utramnim, kornneamnim ani jivita vorvim eka mekak porgottum-ya.
- SOMI JEZU JIVONT ZALA ANI AMCHE MODEM JIVO ASA! Toch Jezu amkam-i Apnnam-xim bogor-bogor apoita. To amkam-i adhar-boll dita ani sonvsarant dhaddta mhonnun: “Tumi mhoje govai” D.I. 1:8



--Jezuche govai ami--

JEZUCHE BORE ANI NIZ GOVAI ZAUNK:

- Jezuchea mogan poddum - ya.
- Sogllo rag, zogddim ani dusmankai sompoum-ya.
- Gorcheank, sezareank, vaitt korteleank kallzantan bhogsun, tankam Deva lagim borem magum-ya.
- Eka-mekachea mogan vaddot vochum-ya.
- Ekameka lagim bore toren ani man diun uloum-ya.
- Sot ani Nit samballum-ya.
- Jezu bhaxen mogall, doyall zaum-ya.

-Fr. Joseph da Silva

GONVLLIK CHITT

TUMI MHOJE GOVAI (*polle.DI 1:8*)

Pritichea Bhoinni-Bhavamno,

Dev amchea sangata sodanch asa. Aplea moganuch Devan amkam hem novem Gonvllik Voros favo kelam. Devak argham diun ani tumam soglleank Somia Jezuchea nanvan mayemogacho noman korun, hi Gonvllik Chitt tumkam patthoitam.

PROSTAVNA

"Tumi Mhoje Govai," ho hea novea Gonvllik Vorsacho vixoy. Hea vixoyacher niyall suru kortanam mhojem mon COVID-19 (*Corona Virus Disease*) hacher veta. He vixvpidde borobor zaitim mottim-mottim avhanam amche mukhar ubim zaleant. Sonvsar bhor lakhamni lok morun gela, ani hache-von odik hispabhair lok he nixttur piddek sampoddla. Kitlexech voiz, norxi, bolaike-khateantlim kam'garam ani apkhunen vavurpi, aplo jiv sonkottant ghalun, piddek sampoddleam khatir vavrunk fuddem sorleant ani vavrit asat! Pidda pois dovorche khatir lockdown ghatla te babtint kruttamni kam'garam sarkim lachear zaleant. Desancheo orthvevostha (*economies*) nigut kosddun geleant. Dusre nodren pollelear, Deva vixim, mon'xam vixim ani srixtti vixim amchi vagnnuk koxi zalea, hacher kholayen niyall korunk hi poristhiti amkam Devan dil'li ek sondi!

Hea novea Gonvllik Vorsachea vixoyacher ami niyall korche adim, fattlea don Gonvllik Vorsamni, bhavarthache nodren amchi somajik zobabdari vollkhun, ticher ami gozal kel'li ticho ugddas korum-ia. Amche modem zaita toranchi goribi asa ticher niyall korun, koxe toren hi goribi nopoit korunk amkam Devan obhixek keleant tacho ami poilim ugddas kel'lo. Gel'lea vorsa, Borea Samaritanache voparintlea "Voch ani tum-vui toxench kor" hea vixoyacher adarun dusream khatir jiyevpachem karya koxe toren ami odikui fuddem vhorunk zata tacher ami vichear kel'lo. Hea vorsa Jezuche Bore Khobrechim koxe porim ami odikui urbebhorit govai zaum yeta — hacher mon lavum-ia.

Pap Saibache suchovne promannem, gel'lea vorsa ami "*Extraordinary Missionary Month - October 2019*" monoilo. "Povitr Snan Diun Patthoila - Kristachi Povitr Sobha Dormporgottneche Vatter ..." hacher niyall korunk ek mhoino pavcho nam oxem amkam dislem. Dekhun hea Gonvllik Vorsant ho niyall chalu dhorunk ami yevjilem. Heach khatir "Tumi Mhoje Govai" ho vixoy hea vorsak ami vinchun kaddla. Dhormdutanchea Itihasantlea "ani tumi mhoje govai zatoleat" (*DI 1:8*) heam Jezuchea utramni to adariolo asa. Aplea Sorg-Provesa uprant Povitr Atmeak Aplea dhormdutancher patthoitoch te Aple govai zatole mhonn Jezun tankam bhas diloli. Ani bhasailole porim Povitr Atmo dhormdutancher denvlea uprant, te Punorjivont Jezuche govai zale. Tea bhair, "Tumi Mhoje Govai" ho vixoy Somian sthaplole Povitr Sobhechea misionari apovnneacho-i brid koso mhollear zata.

Amchea Povitr Snana udexim ami-i Punorjivont Somiache govai zaleant. "Xubhvortoman hanv porgott korinam zalear mhojem kotta!" (*1 Kor 9:16*), ho Bhagivont Paulucho udgar amcho-i udgar zaunk favo. Pap. Saib Fransisk-ui, amchea Bautizmacher amchem lokx oddun, ami fokot xis ani misionar nhoi, punn "misionar xis" mhonn bhor diun xikoita (*polle Evangelii Gaudium, 120*).

Oxem astam, Povitr Atmeachea bollan ani Krista amchea Somia udexim

Deva-Bapachea xim'mer naslolea mogache dut ami zaleanv! Ek 'misionar xis' aplea jivitant Jezuk onnbhovta ani aplo Jezu-onnbhov dusreank dita. Oslim Jezu-onnbhovachim puskoll udharonnam amkam Povitr Pustokant mellttat.

I. POVITR PUSTOKANT DEVA-DORXONACHEA ONNBHOVAGHIM UDHARONNAM

Deva-dorxona (*God encounter*) onnbhov aplea jivitant chalik lavun ek misionar xis aplem karya fuddem vhorta. Deva-dorxona onnbhov mon'xachem akhkhem jivit bodolta. Povitr Pustokantlea Deva-dorxona onnbhovanchea sobar vakeam modleam donuch vakeancher he Chittint ami niyall korum-ia. Poilo, bainchea kanttar Samaritan ostorek meu'lolo Jezu-dorxona onnbhov, ani dusro, Damaskache vatter Bhagivont Pauluk mell'olo Jezucho onnbhov.

a) Samaritan ostorecho Jezu-dorxona onnbhov (*Ju 4:1-42*):

Samaritan ostorek ravonastanam bainchea kanttar Jezu-dorxon favo zalem. Zorui soimbhik jivit postolea udkachem ti chint'ta, torui tiche lagim uloitanam, Jezu tichem mon sasnachem udok ditole zhuri vixim oddtta. Jezu tiche lagim uloitam-uloitam, tichi nodor aplea patki jivitacher poddta ani tichem jivit soglench bodolta. Jezuk onnbhovlea uprant, Samaritan ostoni aplo kollso baincheruch sanddun, taktiken aplea ganvchea lokaxim veta ani Jezu vixim apli govai dita. Monis kikont kortale tosli patkinn ek porzollit Jezuchi sondexkarn zata! Jivitachempuraybodlop!

b) Bhagivont Paulucho Onnbhov (*DI 9:1-21; 26-27; Rom 8:38-39; 1 Kor 9:16; Gal 2:20*):

Sauluk Damaskachea rostear Somia Jezuchem dorxon favo zata ani Jezuchea pattlavdarank piddapidd ditalo to monis atam teach Jezuchi Bori Khobor porgottpachem kam' aplo kaido mhonn somzun gheta ani Somiacho mahan porgottnnar zata. Saulu aslo to Paulu zata! Jivitachem puray bodlop!

Heam donui Povitr Pustokantlea vorntonnamni (*narrations*) tin vixex kheritponnam spoxtt zatat: a) Jezu-dorxona onnbhovachi survat Jezuchech koddusun zata; b) onnbhovtoleachem jivit sarken ch bodolta ani uprant c) to Jezuche Bore Khobrecho dhiradik govai zata.

II. JEZU-DORXONACHIM MHOTVACHIM KHERITPONNAM

Ek misionar xis aplem karya vo misanv fuddem vhortolo zalear, tachea-i jivitant tin ut'tom mhotvache kxonn (*moments*) asunk favo: te mhollear, a) Jezu-dorxona onnbhov; b) Aplea jivitachem bodlop ani c) Xoktivont govaikechem jivit.

a) Jezu-dorxona onnbhov

Jezu-dorxonantlean mell'olea atmik onnbhova udexim Jezu sovem amcho sombond ghott-okhond zata. Oslo onnbhov amkam fokot ogeponnachea, niyallachea ani magnneachea vatavoronnanntlean favo zata. Oslea vatavoronnant Jezu-dorxona udexim ami amchech bhitor nodor marunk pavtanv ani, Jezuchech sovem nhoi, punn Povitr Tritve sovem aslolo mogacho bandpas ami kholayen vollkhunk pavtanv.

b) Aplea jivitachem bodlop

Jezu-dorxona udexim eka mon'xachem jivit nivoll-soroll zata ani jinneche bunyadiksun tachem bodlop zata. Jezu-dorxona uprant Samaritan ostoren toxench Paulun aplem adlem jivit soddun dilem,

tanchea jivitachem puray bodlop zalem. Oslea Jezu-dorxona onnbhova vorvim patki aslo to monis ek novi rochna zata, apnnak bhettlolea Jezuchi protima vo mukhamoll zaunk pavta, eke bhaxen Jezuchem karya vo *misanv* to zata! *Evangelii Gaudium* hea vixv-potrants Fransisk Pap Saib boraita tern tachea jivitant ghoddon yeta: "He prithver *hanv* ek *misanv*: heach khatir hea sonvsarant hanv asam." Jivitachem puray bodlop!

c) **Xoktivont Govaikechem Jivit**

Jezu-dorxona onnbhovantlean mell'loli khuxalkai mon'xan aplea bhitoruch dovrunk zainam; tannem ti dusreank diunkuch zai, Jezuche Bore Khobrecho govai to zaunkuch zai. Jezun patthoil'lo Povitr Atmo xisancher denvlo tednam te soglle kalljidar govai ani provadi zale, tech porim Jezu-dorxona onnbhov ghetlolo monis Povitr Atmeachea bollan soglle rochnek Somia Jezuche Bore Khobrecho govai zata. Hi Bori Khobor mhollear Jezun aplea jivita, mornna ani punorjivontponna vorvim amam sogleank haddloli vaitta, patka ani sasnachea mornnantli suttka.

Somia dorxona uprant ji khuxalkal monis onnbhovta ti tachea puray jivitant bhitor sorta, ani tin jin'samni ti spoxtt zata: tachea asitvant (*being*), tachea ulovpant ani Kristi bhavarth xellmollayen jiyetoleam soveam aplo husko dakhoitolea tachea karyant. He tinui jinos tin poristhitimni eka bhavarthiak Jezun haddlole Bore Khobrecho govai zaupak sondi ditat. Teo poristhiti mhollear: i) dor ekleachi porzollit govaiki (*vibrant personal witness*), ii) zollim-mollim vochun, Jezuchi vollokh nasloleam modem Xubhvortomanachi urbebhorit porgottnni korop (*active evangelization*) ani iii) bhavarth xellmollo zala tosleam suvatancher Jezuche Bore Khobrechi novean porgottnni korop (*re-evangelization*). Heo tinui poristhiti ekamekachea sombondan zoddleat.

i) Dor ekleachi porzollit govaiki. Bautizm ghetlolo dor eklo Jezucho pattlavdar ek misionar xis. Aplea jivita ani kornneam, utram ani vagnnuke udexim, toxench aplea sombondamni ani chalimni onnbhovlolea Jezucho to ek jivall govai. Ek misionar xis, poilea Kristanvam porim bhav-bhoinnim soveam toxench heram soveam mogache ani man ditole sombond samballtta tednam, Kristacho porzollit govai to zata.

ii) Xubhvortomanachi urbebhorit porgottnni. Jezuche urbevont porgottnnar zollim-mollim vochun Jezun haddlole soddvonnechi Bori Khobor dusreank ditat. Te misionar xisam modle khore, punn Apostlam sarke patthoilole monis (polle *Mk 16:15; Mt 28:19*). Te aplem ganv-ghor soddun, Jezuchi Bori Khobor dusreank diunche khatir aplem puray somorponn kortat. Povitr Sobhechea nanvan Jezuchi Bori Khobor te porgott'ttat.

iii) Bore Khobrechi novean porgottnni. Xellmollo zal'lea bhavarthak novean jivallay ditolem karya hem. Zaitte pavtti, hea vo tea karonnak lagun, Kristi mon'xam modem bhavarth xellmollo zal'lo melltta: zaum gonvllik niga mellonam dekhun, vo orthik karonnank lagun kaim zann Igorjek vohonastanam ravun, sonskari jivitakoddche pois geleat dekhun, vo konn-konn patkachea kotthinn prosongank sampoddleat dekhun, allsayek lagun, sonvsari oddink ani totvgineanank (*philosophies*) lagun, katolk bhavartha add vavurtat toslea zomeak lagun, adi. Oslea monxanchea bhavarthachi xellmolly pois korunk proyotn norunk zai mhonn Povitr Sobha amkam nett dita.

To be continued.....

PASTORAL LETTER

YOU ARE MY WITNESSES (cf. Acts 1: 8)

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is with us always and out of his love he has blessed us with this new Pastoral Year. While thanking God for his numerous blessings, I extend to you my warm greetings and address to you this Pastoral Letter.

INTRODUCTION

"You are my witnesses" is the theme of this new Pastoral Year. While reflecting on this theme, my mind is drawn towards COVID-19, the Corona Virus Disease. This pandemic has brought to us many big challenges in its wake. Lakhs of people have perished worldwide and the number of those infected is immensely greater. Countless doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers are risking their lives to serve those affected by this pandemic. With the clamping of the lockdown to control the spread of the disease, millions of workers have been left in penury. The economies of countries have almost collapsed. From a different perspective, we need to recognize in all these realities a God-given opportunity to reflect deeply on the way we relate with God, with fellow human beings and with nature!

Before we take up the theme of the new Pastoral Year, let us bring to our minds the themes of the last two Pastoral Years, during which we had identified and discussed our social responsibilities from the perspective of our faith. Reflecting on the different types of poverty that exist among us, we reminded ourselves that we are anointed by God to seek solutions for the eradication of these wants. Then, under the last year's theme, "Go and do likewise," based on the parable of the Good Samaritan, we had discussed the manner in which we can carry even further the mission of living for others. This year, we shall reflect on how we can give a more vibrant witness to the Good News.

Last October, as directed by the Holy Father, we had celebrated the Extraordinary Missionary Month - October 2019. Its theme was "Baptized and Sent - The Church of Christ on Mission in the World." We felt somehow that one month was too short a time for a thorough reflection on the theme. We therefore decided to carry forward this mission motif to the present Pastoral Year, thus leading us to choose the theme, "You are my witnesses." This theme is based on the words of Jesus "and you will be my witnesses..." as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (1: 8). The Risen Lord had promised the Apostles that, after his ascension, he would send the Holy Spirit on them and they would become his witnesses. On receiving the promised Holy Spirit, the Apostles became in fact witnesses of the Risen Lord. We could very well say that the theme "You are my witnesses" is also a fitting expression of the missionary call of the Church established by the Lord.

We have become the witnesses of the Risen Lord by virtue of our Baptism. St. Paul's compelling expression, "woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!" (1 Cor 9: 16) should also become our own watchword. Pope Francis also draws our attention to our Baptism, stating that every Christian is not just a disciple and a missionary, but a "missionary disciple" (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium* 120).

We have become ambassadors of the immeasurable love of God the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit and through Christ our Lord! A 'missionary disciple' experiences Jesus and shares his Jesus-experience

with others. The New Testament is replete with accounts of Jesus-experience.

I. ACCOUNTS OF THE EXPERIENCE OF GOD-ENCOUNTER IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

A missionary lives out the experience of his encounter with God while carrying forward his missionary work. The God-encounter experience transforms one's whole life. In this Letter we shall reflect only on two such accounts from among the many reported in the Holy Scripture: The Samaritan woman's experience of her encounter with Jesus at the well and St. Paul's experience of Jesus on the road to Damascus.

a) The Samaritan woman's experience of encounter with Jesus

(Jn 4:1-42): The Samaritan woman encounters Jesus unexpectedly at the well. Although her thoughts are on the natural water that quenches physical thirst, Jesus draws her attention to the wellsprings of eternal life. As Jesus continues to speak, she is convicted of her sinful life and she is transformed. After she experiences this inner conversion, the Samaritan woman leaves her water jar at the well and goes in haste to her people to bear witness of Jesus to them. The sinner who was once looked down upon by the people becomes a radiant proclaimer of Jesus! A total transformation!

b) The experience of St. Paul (Acts 9:1-21; 26-27; Rom 8:38-39; 1 Cor

9:16; Gal 2:20): Saul encounters Jesus on the road to Damascus. The one who persecuted the followers of Jesus becomes himself a follower of Jesus and is now convinced that henceforth his primary duty is the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus. Saul becomes Paul! A total transformation!

In these two narrations from the Holy Scripture three distinctive aspects stand out: a) The Jesus-encounter experience is initiated by Jesus himself; b) the life of the one who undergoes the experience is transformed totally; and c) he becomes a power-filled witness of Jesus.

II. IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE JESUS-ENCOUNTER

In order to carry out his mission, a missionary disciple has to also experience three important moments in his life: a) the experience of the Jesus-encounter; b) the transformation of one's life; and c) the ensuing powerful witness of life.

a) Experience of the Jesus-encounter

It is through the spiritual experience of the encounter with Jesus that our relationship with him becomes firm and strong. We can get this experience only in an atmosphere of silence, reflection and prayer. In such an atmosphere we are able to look within ourselves and discover the deep bond of love that we have, not only with Jesus, but also with the Holy Trinity.

b) Transformation of one's life

The encounter with Jesus brings about purification and a radical transformation of one's life. After their encounter with Jesus, both the Samaritan woman and Paul gave up their old way of life; their life was fully transformed. Such a transformation turns a sinner into a new creation, into the image of Jesus; indeed he becomes the *mission* of Jesus. What Pope Francis writes in his Encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium*

comes true in one's life: "*I am a mission* on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world." A total transformation!

c) Powerful witness of life

The joy that one gets after the experience of one's encounter with Jesus cannot be kept within oneself. One has to share it with others; one thus becomes a witness to the Good News of Jesus. With the descent of the Holy Spirit that Jesus sent, the apostles became courageous witnesses and prophets. Similarly a person who has experienced an encounter with Jesus becomes, by the power of the Holy Spirit, a witness to the Good News of Jesus to the entire creation. The Good News is freedom from evil, sin and eternal death that Jesus obtained for us through his life, death and resurrection.

The joy that one experiences after one's encounter with the Lord pervades one's whole being and is manifested in three ways: in one's being, in one's self-articulation and in one's concern towards estranged fellow pilgrims. These three ways afford three types of opportunities for a believer to bear witness to the Good News brought by our Lord Jesus: i) by a vibrant personal witness, ii) by the Spirit-filled proclamation of the Good News among those who do not know Jesus (*active evangelization*) and iii) by the re-evangelization of those who lapsed from faith or became indifferent to it. All these three are interconnected.

i) Vibrant personal witness. Every baptized follower of Jesus is a missionary disciple. Through his life and actions, speech and behavior, his relationships and dealings, he bears a living witness to the Lord whom he has experienced. A missionary disciple, who maintains relationships of love and respect with his brothers and sisters, and also with others, becomes a shining witness of Christ, just like the early Christians.

ii) Spirit-filled proclamation of the Good News. Zealous evangelizers go everywhere to proclaim the Good News of salvation brought by Jesus. Although they are from among the missionary disciples, they are like the Apostles whom the Lord Jesus sent out (*cf. Mk 16:15; Mt 28:19*). Leaving behind their home and family, they dedicate themselves entirely to the proclamation of the Good News on behalf of the Church.

iii) Re-evangelization. This task involves working for the revival of faith among those who, for some reason or the other, have become indifferent to their Christian faith. It could be due to the lack of pastoral care or to economic factors that they distanced themselves from the sacramental life, some being caught in the web of sin, laziness and worldly philosophies or even under the influence of some fundamentalist groups, etc. The Church encourages us to put in sustained efforts to help these people to shed away their indifference to their faith.

To be continued.....

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Goychem Poryavoronn Samballat

Hea vorsa Junhachie 5-ver sonvsar bhor poryavoron-nacho dis monoilo. Tea disa ganv-ganvamni toxench sorkari khateamni jinosvar karyavollio keliot ani khup svatancher zhaddanchio rompio laileot, heramni bhaxonnam korun poryavoron-nachem mhotv lokak somzailem ani zagrutay haddli. Hem choltana hanvem amchea adlem ani atanchem Goychem chitr mhojea dolleam mukhar haddlem, ani hem jem tea disa amchea fuddareamni kelam tem ek bhailo pollko dekha-vo koso mhaka dislo.

Amche fuddari sangtat ek ani kortat dusrench. Hem tanchem dhongeponn ugtem tanchea kornneamni disun yeta. Udorgotichea nanvan tannim amchea sobit Goychem nisonttonn korun uddoile, Te eke vatten lokak sangtat zhaddam lanvchim, xetam vompchim, Goy amchem hirvem pachvem dovorchem samballchem ani dusre vatten borim pikavollichim xetam purounk, zhaddam katrun uddouk konn fuddem sortat? Hantunt sorkari mon'xanchem bott asa ki nam?

Fattlea rnhoinamni Coronavirus hie marekar piddek lagun lock-down aslolean lok aplea ghoramni bhitor bond aslo. Ho soeg gheun Taleiganv ganvant borepik ditolim xetam puroun kaddlim, tea xetanchem utpadonn korun zaitio famili aplem udarposonn kortalio. Hie oniticher lokan avaz kelo, virodh kelo tankam Ponnjeche pulisen dhorun vhelim ani bond dovorlim. Hem korunk konnacho tenko asa zait?

Toxench Goyche udorgoti khatir Dudhsagor vattarantlim hozaramni zhaddanche rukh katorpachi yevzonn asa mhonn aikunk yeta. Goychea ani poryavoronnachea zaitea mogiamni ani zannkaramni tacher khor nixedh marla ani virodh kela. Tori astana amche fuddari tem mandun ghetit mhonn asa? Tannim poilem aplem boreponn sugur kelam ani osli paddi yevzonn fuddem vouchunk tenko dila. Sorkarant aplea vadeache monis astoch tankam lokachem ani poryavoronnachem boreponn korpachem poddonk nam.. Tanchim bollsam pinzo-sor bhorthoch puro, te dhadoxi.

Dusrem mhollear Coronavirus piddechea vellar amchem Goy 'Green' vorgant asa mhonn samgtale. Punn duddvanche axek lagun Goy bhailea lokak bhitor yeunk dilem ani Goy Green aslem tern 'red' zavpache doxer pavlem. Goychea niz putank matr zaitio addkollio ghaliot.

Amcho sorkar cholta ani vagta te toren G6ychem poryavoronn ani xetkamot anik sudorpachi axa nam, portem zalear padd zait ve- tolem. Dhongiam montriam no poryavoronna disa zhaddanchio rompio lavun potrancher fottu ghalun prochar kelear ani bhaxonnam dilear puro nam. Amchem Goy, Udenticchem mannik, taka sobit ani hirvem pachvem sam-ballunk upay gheyat ani aplem niz Goykarponn spoxtt dakhoyat.

-V.Ixtt

Misak Vechem Dhanvun, Zhuzak Vechem Ravun

Coronavirus' he piddeche bhirantin Sorkari ani dhormik vhoddilannim sogllem bond kelem. Dukhanam, bazar, vosre, bos, hollam. Sogllen ch mhollear zata. Dhormik ghoram porian bond aslim. Atam aste-aste sogllen ch ugddunk lagleat. Amchio igorzo aiz nam faleam ukteo zatolio. Kitiak amchem Aitarachem Mis asa maz amchia Kristi jivitacho. Tem amkam kristanvank ek vhoddantlem vhodd magnnem. 'Sunday Obligation' Son'vara sanje suru zata ani Aitara sanje sompta. Her dusrio dharmik karyavollio suru zaina zalear zata. Punn igorjechim daram ugddun Mis Aitara tori suru korchem.

Mis koxem somarombhchem?

Kednaim tori igorzo ugddun mis suru zatolench...hi amkam khatri asa. Mis suru keliar 'social distancing' samballunk goroz asach. Hem zatolem zalear, Misamcho ank vaddouncho poddlo. Ani kopelannim-i misam somarombhchim poddlim. Ek misak adim zatolo tachia von ordoch lok zatolo. Misamcho ank vaddttolo, tim somarombhunk igorjentle padri pavchenan, punn dusre-i padrimcho adar magcho poddttolo. Tin misamche suvater sov misam korchim poddlim. Aitarachem mis ordea vora bhitor sompouchem poddlem. Tantun ek vachop soddchem, bhavarteanchim magnnem korinastana dovorchim, kollovneeo lhan korcheo ani sermanv panch minttannim sompouchi. Oxem kelearuch ek-ek misak thoddo lok ailear porian sogllea lokak tantun vantto gheunk melltolo. Misak yetoleamni tonddak 'mask' ghalchem ani igorjeche volunteers asat tannim sa n itizers gheun igorjechia dara sorxim ravchem. Kristi bhavarteanchim, misak vetat tannim misak panch minut adim tori pavchem. Nam tor mis suru zatoch gelear, soglloch godd-bodd zaunk xokta. Komunhanv ghetat tannim jibeche ghenvcho nhoi, soglleannim hatancheruch gheuncho, oxem-i suoilam. Hio suchovneeo Fr. Mousinho de Ataide hea zannar padrin, Renovacao amchia dhormprantantlia masakher ek lekh boroun kel'lio asat.

Misak amchia tin mukhi ghoddneeo zatat. Misache survatekuch ami Misant vantto gheunk purtim zaunche pasot ami nitoll zaunk prachitachi rit kortanv. Zaum utram vaprun, zaum magnnem korun, zaum git gavun ami Deva lagim bhogsonnem magtanv. Hem misar ghoddtta. Punn tem ami dispott'tea jivitan disun yeunk zai. Kednai ami chuktanv tedna, ami khalti zaun dusrea lagim bhogsonnem magchi goroz- asa. Dusrem, ami bhavarteanchem magnnem kortanv tedna, amche anvde ani otrek ami Devachia hatan ghaltanv ani te amkam favo kor mhonn, khaltikayen magtanv. Toxench chaltea jivitan ami amchio gorzo khalikayen dusream sovem dovrun, tio amchian mellun gheunk zata. Oxem kelearuch amchem jivit sufoll zaunk xokta. Ani tisre suvater, ami misa-bhettent Devak argham ditanv. Sogllea upkaram pasot ami Devak dhin'vastanv. Krist Prosad xevttoch ami dhin'vasnechem magnnem kortanv. Amchia dispott'tea jivitan zaitim zannam amkam upkar kortat. Ami tankam dhin'vastanv? Kela to upkar nhoi, punn tannim tancho kaido kela, oxem ami somzotanv. Khorem mhollear, jem kitem misar ghoddtta tem amchia dispott'tea jivitan disun yeunk zai. Tednanch ki mis orthabhorit zata. Misacho foll amkam melltta.

Dusre karyakrom vattanvche

Amchio igorzo ani kopelam porot ugoddttoch fokt Aitarachim misam

somarombhchim ani dusrim sumanachim misam, karismatik zomati, ters, novena, Povitr Sonvskara hujir bhozonn zata tem vattanvchem. Lhu-lhu soglleo vastu nittayer poddttoch, hia karyakromachi apxinch survat zatoli. Tedna tio-tio vastu amchean korum yeta.

Sonvoychem zatolem

Aitarachem mis somarombhi nastana dovorlear padrinkui sonvoy zatoli ani Aitarachia misak yena tankam-i sonvoyecher poddttolem. Dekhun igorjechim bond keleant tim daram ugddat mhonn Pap Saib sangot aila. Ani dusria ganvamnim misam suru zaleant. Coronavirus-ak lagun mis naslem. Misak vophonaslote tankam kainch vegllem disonam. Thoddeank Aitarachia misak vetoleank, kitem tori zatalem. Ani tannem TV-icher mis yetalem, tacho faido kaddlo. Ponn bhov thoddeank tori mis tem mis, jivitan kitem tori chukunk laglem. Tim nhoi fokt Aitarachim, punn heram-i disamni misant vantto ghetalim, tankam chodd vhoddlem kitem tori chukunk laglem. Dubhav nam, ho tancho anvddo puro zatolo ani porot ami Devak bhozunk pavtoleant.

Dekhun dhanv marun misak vohunk tum toyar rav. Misak vetana tum Aitarachia misant vantto gheunk tuzo hetu kitem to monant hadd, xitaben misant vantto ghe ani mis jivitant jiyeunk proyotn kor. Tednanch ki mis tujea jivitan subham' follam diunk pavtolem!

V.Ixtt

The Original Sin

The original Sin is said to be Adam and Eve eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. There were two trees in the middle of the garden of Eden; one the tree of life and the other, the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen 2:9). God said not to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil and not that of the tree of life (Gen 2:16-17).

The two trees suggest two ways of getting happiness and fullness in life. The tree of life symbolizes the fulfilment and joy that we get by our direct relationship with God. In the book of Proverbs, wisdom the symbol of God, is referred to as the tree of life. Prov 3:18 states '*She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy*'.

The tree of knowledge of good and evil symbolizes our mind. It is with our mind that we say something is good or not so good or bad. Though the mind is good, it also originates desires, expectations and prompts us to seek security and safety. It is the mind that tells us we can obtain real happiness in life by fulfilling our desires and meeting our expectations. When Adam and Eve ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge, they were trying to find real happiness by listening to their mind. Adam and Eve's sin was seeking their happiness in the material and mental jurisdictions than in God.

Though our mind is good in so many ways, it is the main culprit for making us get trapped up with one stage or the other. Many scholars and philosophers say our mind has limits as well as the Bible (1Cor1:18-27). Let us seek first the kingdom of God and the rest shall be added unto us (Mt 6:33) and Life will be worth living even during these pandemic times and thereafter. Jesus says in John 10:10, '*I came so that you may have life in abundance*'.

-Niall Fernandes

QUESTIONS CHILDREN ASK ABOUT THE BIBLE

Children love to ask questions. Most parents could spend hours telling about the continual streams of questions that flow from their children's mouths, especially the persistent, "Why?". When a child asks a question, he or she needs to be heard seriously. This is especially true in the spiritual area. It would be a grave mistake for a parent to leave a child's question unanswered. Keeping this in mind we are opening this children's page to do the needful.

*****Fr. Joe A. Rodrigues**

16) How did God made People?

The Bible tells us that God made Adam from the "dust of the ground." In other words, God took something he had already made, dust, and formed a man's body out of it and then gave that body life. God made Adam, the first man, just the way he wanted him. Then God made Eve from part of Adam, just the way he wanted her. We're all made by God. And he has made us just right. (Read- Genesis 1:26-27; 2:21-22)

17) If Adam and Eve hadn't sinned, would people sin today?

We really don't know what would have happened if Adam and Eve hadn't sinned in the Garden of Eden, but their temptation was a very important test. Unfortunately, they failed the test, and sin entered the world; the perfect world became damaged, broken, and dirty. Because of Adam and Eve's sin, every person who has ever lived has been born a sinner. Sin is passed on from parents to their children. We do wrong things because we're sinners. (Read- Romans 5:12-19)

18) What made the Garden of Eden Prettier than other Gardens Today?

The Garden of Eden was more beautiful than any garden today because God made it that way. Eden was perfect, and God was there. The whole world was perfect because it hadn't yet been spoiled by sin. When Adam and Eve sinned, God made them leave the Garden, and the whole world changed because of their sin. Thistles and thorns began to grow, animals began to eat each other, and human beings had to work hard at living in the world. (Read- Genesis 3:17-19, 22-24; Isaiah 55:12-13; Romans 8:22)

19) Why did Eve disobey God when she knew she would die?

Eve disobeyed God because Satan deceived her. That is, the devil used lies and tricks to get her to disobey God. God had said that Adam and Eve would die if they ate of the "Tree of Conscience," but Satan said they wouldn't. Because Eve believed Satan, she wasn't sure what would happen. Another trick Satan used was to promise that it would do great things for her; he said that if she ate the forbidden fruit, she would be as God. That sounded good to Eve, and so she did what Satan suggested. Temptation tells you that feeling good right now is better than anything that might happen in the future. Satan still deceives people by twisting God's words and making people believe lies. Satan wants us to think that once we sin, God can't forgive us. But even though Eve sinned, and even though we sin, God had a plan for taking away our sin. That plan was to send Jesus. (Read - Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-5; Matthew 6:13; 26:41; 2 Corinthians 2:11)

My Grandparents

"Grandparents" A word really close to my heart as they care and share for me till today. I think that my mom and dad have the good values just because of them. The past time was not of prosperity and wealth but still they managed and educated my mom and dad. They sacrificed their needs and only looked fourth at their children's education, career and all. My Grandparents live in close by city; we often meet for family gathering and functions. Whenever my grandparents see me ill, they get very worried and they take me in their arms and try to heal me with their home remedies.

Even though I don't meet my Grandparents everyday they are and always will be very close to my heart cause I Love my grandparents very much.

*****Alea Afonso**
12 years class

The Brown Scapular

It is a gift to you from your Heavenly Mother.

'WHOSOEVER DIES IN THIS GARMENT SHALL NOT SUFFER ETERNAL FIRE'
--Promise of Our Lady to St. Simon Stock.

In the year 1251, in the town of Aylesford in England. Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Carmalite. She handed him a brown woolen Scapular and said "This shall be a privilege for you and all Carmalites, that anyone dying in this habit shall not suffer eternal fire". In time the church extended this magnificent privilege to all the laity who are willing to be invested in the brown Scapular of the Carmelites and who perpetually wear it.

The blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel has promised to save those who wear the Scapular from the fires of hell; She will also shorten their stay in purgatory if they should pass from this world still owing some debt of punishment.

*****Gavin Simoes**
12 years class

THOUGHTS IN LOCKDOWN

Has Covid 19 Come For The Better Or The Worst?

As the world faces a stressful time with the rise of Coronavirus pandemic, the message for all of us is clear stay at home to avoid the spread of virus social distancing is a privilege. It means you live in a house good enough to practice it. Hand washing is a privilege too. It means you have access to clean running water. Hand sanitizers are a privilege. It means you have money to buy them. Lockdown are a privilege. It means you afford to be at home. All of us who are practicing social distancing and have imposed a lockdown on ourselves are very lucky to have the means because many people won't be able to do this. In the U.S. workforce, 44% of people are employed in low-income; unstable jobs the segment of the working population that is becoming the first to lose their jobs due to the pandemic. Left to face increased financial burdens, they are becoming more fearful in not knowing where their next income will come from. They are even on the verge of thinking if their families will be able to survive this epic crisis. With the loss of their livelihoods, they are unable to pay for basic necessities including rent, utilities and food. Also schools were often providers of meals for children, now leaving these children at risk of facing hunger with schools closed. With fears of hunger, homelessness, and certain hopelessness on the rise for this already vulnerable population, they need us now more than ever. Big or small, every effort counts Together, TOGETHER WE CAN OVERCOME! TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER. TOGETHER WE ARE AN OCEAN.

*****Racheal Dalima - 12 years class**

Missing School Friends/classes/etc And Realising Their Importance

† **Fabiola Vaz** - Pre-Confirmation 13yrs Class

Dear friend, I miss you, more than ever, you were the one who always helped me and never let me down. Now I don't have any company like you. I realize your importance in my life. You were the one who helped me in class, made me understand a problem that was hard. Thank you for everything. I hope school starts fast. But then the same old classes will also begin. All classes bore me; sports, art and also science. Anyway, now I want classes and study. The lockdown made me ready for it, studies are better than being bored.

† **Cayden A Demelo** - Pre-Confirmation 11yrs Class

We all have school friends and classmates, right? But in this lockdown we can't meet them so I am sad. We all remember the fun, eating together, talking then helping in solving difficulties and if I was absent they used to help me. So if we want our friends and classmates we must pray to God to take away this virus so we can meet our classmates and go to school and catechism, park, beach etc.

† **Callista Velika Mascarenhas** - Post-Communion 10 yrs Class

Coronavirus is a type of virus. Many people are dying in the world because of this novel virus. All offices, schools, malls, hotels, theatres, markets and other public places are closed because of this outbreak. Unlike the usual Summer Vacation which we always enjoyed, this year we had to spend the vacation indoors all in support of the on-going battle against COVID-19.

I was upset initially because my holiday plans were cancelled and all the restrictions imposed by my parents on meeting friends, going out and playing outdoor games in the society premises were all not allowed. But, I think staying home is the most essential thing we can do. If we are home, we are safe.

In the lockdown I had fun playing games with my little brother. I could spend more time with him; I helped my mother in the housework and encouraged her to try out various recipes of different dishes. I also learnt a bit of cooking by spending time in the kitchen with her. I learnt to engage myself in constructive activities like drawing, painting, understood the importance of hygiene, washing hands more often with soap and water which otherwise we rarely did.

Now, as the time had come for school to re-open in the first week of June, all the excitement of buying new school bag, raincoat, shoes, books, etc. was not there this time as I never knew when the school would actually start. Although, online classes are started for us physically going and attending school is something which I am missing a lot. I am missing all my school friends.

When I hear the word 'CORONA' I feel so sad because it has made me miss my school and my friends. I miss learning, writing notes from blackboards given by my teachers, their explanations in classes were so lively and we clearly understood. I can't wait to hear that schools are re-opened again.

I am praying to God that corona virus goes away soon and the world restarts again. I am waiting to see the busy streets and parks filled with children again.

Staying at home and not meeting friends have made me realise the importance of friends. Friendships help to keep us children happy, strong and relaxed forever.

Missing Favourite Food In Lockdown

† **Sydney Vaz** - Pre-Confirmation 11yrs Class

Burgers are very yummy and tasty and it is my favourite food but you should have less of it because it can harm your health and it is made with Burger bread, meat, onions, tomatoes, cheese, capsicum and mayonnaise and I miss burger in the lockdown.

My favourite food is PIZZA

Munch, munch, munch your pizza

Eat it while it's hot

Melted cheese and pepperoni

I am sure you want a lot

Ham, Olives, Green pepper

Canadian bacon too

Pineapple and Sausage

You can make it too.

† **Angel D'Silva**

Pre-Confirmation 11yrs Class

Online Education

† **Dwinnie Fernandes** - Pre-Confirmation 13yrs Class

Online Education is the freshest and most prominent form of distance education today. Within the past decade, it has a major influence on education and the movement is simply advancing. Online teaching typically implies to courses that are delivered on an online platform wherein there is no physical presence or get-together learning sessions. Online platforms allow a large number of people to enrol for courses and reach a larger audience from far and wide to avail of distance learning within the comforts of one's homes.

Here are some viewpoints from principals, teachers, students and parents:

“Teaching and learning is a lifelong process. Acquiring knowledge can never be limited to a classroom. Today, in this pandemic, technology has proven to be one of the greatest blessings. Over the past two decades being associated with teaching, online teaching for regular student is absolutely a novel experience. This demands from teachers to be tech savvy and it is indeed a great challenge. As rightly said, “Learning is from womb to tomb”, and online teaching has certainly enhanced this process and made it very convenient, too. As a principal it is an opportunity for me to maximize the talent and resources of my dedicated staff and continue with quality education.”

***Ms. Anju Anand** - Principal, Bloomz International School

“Online Teaching and learning is the need of the hour; however, we lack planning and infrastructure in that direction. So many students do not have access to good internet. A lot of our senior teachers also are not competent enough to resume work with this new method. Currently, our State and the nation at large are in a lot of chaos. Online learning could favour us in terms of social distancing but could have the limitation of lack of practice and social interaction.”

***Ms. Alisha V Da Cunha** - Ass. Professor-Nirmala Institute of Education

“In these troubling times, online teaching is indeed the only suitable way for schools to impart the necessary education a child not only needs but deserves. However, a lot of points can be raised in the enthusiasm and seriousness of the students towards this somewhat boring and tedious task. I myself feel lazy and annoyed about the fact that “the school is disturbing my peace”. But now I realize that peace will eventually come doing anything you put your mind in to, especially gaining new knowledge. And as an added bonus, I can finally see the only thing that

really makes me to go to school in the first place, friends.”

***Zubin Cardozo** - Class XII, Sharada Mandir School

“Online learning is definitely a great move. It's convenient and gets education to your fingertips. Apart from network issues, one needs to have adequate knowledge of access and troubleshoot problems related to internet. Teaching online could be a task for some elderly teachers with regards to its implementation as there is no face to face interaction which could lead to high chances of losing concentration if the tutorials are not presented well and also straining the child's eyes. Finally, this implementation will force the parents to give a smart phone/computer with an internet connection to their child to access this content.”

***Joel Rodrigues** - Computer Teacher (St. Xavier's Academy, Old Goa)

“Instead of doing a serious rethink on the purpose of education, we are busy thinking of how to train children to use apps for online learning. Wasn't it just few days back that educators insisted that children should be kept away from gadgets and vice versa? Were we not told that cell phones and internet are bad for a child development? Will the teachers be able to replicate the classroom environment in a virtual classroom? Will the teachers be comfortable sharing examples and cracking jokes like how they do in classrooms to break the ice and ensure that the child understands better? Will a teacher be able to monitor each and every child? What about the attention span of a student? And all this while knowing that they are monitored on camera not just the students but also the parents and someone else. Are all our teachers trained in online teaching methodologies? What about network and connectivity? And last but not the least; we need to remember that there is a huge difference between those who are eager to learn and those who have to be motivated to learn. So from now on 'social distancing' to “distance education”Is that the new normal?”

***Neeraj D'aguiar** - (Administrator of a Academy)

“Online teaching is actually an exciting experience, firstly, because we are the first generation to experience this... and it's always good to be first. Everything has its pros and cons and so does this topic, having a wide variety of advantages like, you can just reach the school without wasting a single joule of energy and fuel and still get to hear the teacher's voices. For students who are not self-motivated the teachers push is imperative, in school teachers check the pupils' work and put pressure on the students to reach their maximum potential. In the class, the environment of studying is different compared to converting your bedroom into a study place. The teachers can also assure full focus of the student while during online teaching they can't. Also the gadgets of today are a huge distraction and can turn you away from your focus without you even realizing it! But online teaching is a great tool to improve your concentration and see how far you can go without anyone behind your back! But I would love to go to back to school.”

***Brisen Coutinho Whyte** - (Class XII. Vidya Vikas Academy)

“Anything if well-prepared can lead to accomplishment. Similarly, if teachers are well-prepared and able to reach the students' comprehension level, online learning will be an opportunity to create an engaging and fruitful experience. Teachers should, however, prepare adequate data to explore the subject and should be trained by a professional in the field of online teaching. For children, it's going to be a little challenging to get used to the learning experience at first but with enough practice they will get used to it. Network problem is going to be a major issue and I feel there should be cooperation from parents and teachers so as to make this learning experience a lasting one for the students.”

***Ms. Karen Sharon Rodrigues** - (Parent – Vidya Vikas Academy)

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4ver Sonv	6:30 7:15 8:45	Luis Godinho - hachea otmeak Sherlyn D'Souza - zolm dis
5ver Aitar	7:00	Santan Fernandes - zolm dis
6ver Som	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Josefa Maria Diniz E Cruz - hichea otmeak (Fab) Danallie DaCosta - dhinvasnechem Vlem Fernandes ani Famil - bolaike khatir Brigida Gomes - hichea otmeak
7ver Mung	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Emy Cardozo - hichea otmeak Nex Electronics - dhinvasnechem
8ver Budh	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Virginia D'Souza - mhoineacho ugddas
9ver Bres	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	
10ver Sukh	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Clemente Pacheco - zolm dis
11ver Sonv	6:30 7:15	Rosy Barretto - hichea otmeak Crescencio Royce Paes - hachea otmeak

	8:45	
13ver Som	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Anton Mariano Fernandes - hachea otmeak Estefania Pereira E Demello - mhoineacho ugddas Maria Martinha Menezes - Poilea Vorsacho ugddas
14ver Mung	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Josephina Fernandes - hichea otmeak Sasha Viegas - zolm dis Theo D'Costa - tisrea vorsacho ugddas
15ver Budh	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Lily Falcao - hichea otmeak
16ver Bres	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Carma Pontes - zolm dis Ana Quiteria D'Costa - hichea otmeak Sage Furtado - zolm dis
17ver Sukh	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	
18ver Sonv	6:30 7:15 8:45	Caetano Cruz Luis Joaquim da Cruz ani Andre Piedade Cruz - Legad mis (Fab) Sr. Ramila Cardozo - zolm dis
19ver Aitar	8:00	James D'Costa - zolm dis
20ver Som	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Minguel Vaz - hachea otmeak Vesley Joe Fernandes - zolm dis Nafisa Patra Fernandes - zolm dis Gregorina Margarida Dias - zolm dis
21ver Mung	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Emelia Cardozo - dhinvasnechem Kevin Pontes - 21vo zolm dis Juze Vaz - hachea otmeak Aria Kerker - zolm dis
22ver Budh	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Lucio Pinto - hachea otmeak - Legad Mis (Fab) Anacleto Gomes - hachea otmeak
23ver Bres	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Cecilia Gomes - hichea otmeak Maurisca D'Souza - zolm dis Nathan Fernandes - 1lo zolm dis

24ver Sukh	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	
25ver Sonv	6:30 7:15 8:45	Bella Barretto - zolm dis
27ver Som	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Micheal D'Sa - kherit intesanv Rosario Teles - hachea otmeak
28ver Mung	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Clemente Fernandes ani famil - Intronement Jezuchea Kallzak and Mariechea manak
29ver Budh	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Jose Antao - dhinvasnechem
30ver Bres	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	
31ver Sukh	6:30 7:15 8:45 5:45	Stalin Braganza - zolm dis Aida Noronha - dhinvasnechem Audry Ana D'Gama e Gomes - hichea otmeak

POVITR SOBHECHEM JIVIT

LOGNAN EKTHAIM ZALEAT:

18-06-2020 - Lodovico Vaz (Pedda-Margao) ani
Elga Pereira (Utorda)



MORNNÅ VORVIM SASNNIK JIVIT SURU ZALAM:

13-06-2020 - Estefania Josefina Pereira e Demello
(Comba-Alto)



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Office: Ms. Stacy Rodrigues

Parish Office Timings

Daily: Morning: 9:00 - 1:00 Evening: 3:00 - 5:30

Office is closed on Saturday evening and Sunday

Masses

Church:

Sundays:

Mornings: 6:00, 7:00, 8:00,

9:15(English)

Evening: 5:30

Sunday mass on Saturday at 6:00 pm.

Chapel:

Sunday mass on Saturday in

Pedda or Sirvodem Chapel

6:30 pm and Sunday

at 7:30 am.

Monday-Saturday:

Morning: 6:30, 7:15, 8:50 and Evening: 5:40

Administration of Sacraments

BAPTISM: The parents and godparents (sponsors) should attend the Baptismal Instructions on the previous Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Baptisms will be administered on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

MARRIAGE: The Parish Office should be informed at least three (3) months in advance for marriage instructions (4 sessions on Fridays at 6:30pm.) The paper work (formalities) can be done only on a Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SICK CALLS: We are available at any time. But, it would be better to inform the Parish Office/Priest if you know anyone is sick at home/hospital scheduled for surgery or elderly.

REGISTRATION: Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our Parish Community. If you Are not registered in the parish, step in or call at the parish office and put yourselves on our Parish Record.



Pap Saibache Sonkolp Julai 2020



SAMANIA: *Aichea kuttumbank mogacho, manacho ani bore budhicho sangat diunk ami magum-ia.*

Amcho sonvsar odik ani odik apleaponnan ani svarthan bhorla. Kosleoch otti ghalinastanam dusreacho samball korop, dusreak borem korop, apnnakuch dusreak divop, hem monis visrot asa. Haka lagon mon'xak kuttumbachem mol ani ghott bandpas mhollear kitem tern favo te bhaxen somzonam.

Dusrea ordan, kuttumbank sogllo tenko ani sohokar diunk, zaunk zai kam' amchea nagrik sonvsthanchem. Kuttumbank odik sohokar diunk ani tankam man-onod diunk, su-sonvad korop gorjechem. Gel'lim ponchvis vorsam porian hem kam' ami korit asanv. Hem kam' chalu dovrunk, hanv Pap Saib Fransis, tumche thaim magtam. Familichem sobitponn dakoitat tose prokolp (project) ghoddun haddunk gorjeche, sogllim tanchem mol vollkhun, kuttumbank man diunk pavtolim.

He toren hanv tumkam ut'tejon ditam, pritimogache khuxalkayek govai diunk, Amoris Laetitia, hea dakhlear hanvem tumkam somzonni dilea te porim khuxalkaye von amkam anink vixoi nam. Hi khuxalkai bhitor thaun upzota.