



HOLY REDEEMER LINKS

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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Faith for
Everyone,
Anywhere,
Anytime

Dear Friends,

On August 1, we celebrated the feast of our founder, **St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori**. It is a special day not only for Redemptorists who have professed vows in the Congregation, but for everyone in the Church and throughout the world who has been touched by the life, spirituality, writings, and missionary vision of St. Alphonsus.

This year, the feast took on a special meaning for us at Liguori Publications and our Redemptorist community at St. Clement's in Missouri, US, where I'm stationed. We marked the day with the soft launch of **Redacamy.org**, short for Redemptorist Academy, a new digital learning platform



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developed through the partnership of Liguori Publications in the United States and Holy Redeemer Foundation in India.

After my presentation, one of the Redemptorists gathered there made a comment that stayed with me. He said, *“What fascinates me about this platform is that this is exactly what Alphonsus did in his time.”*

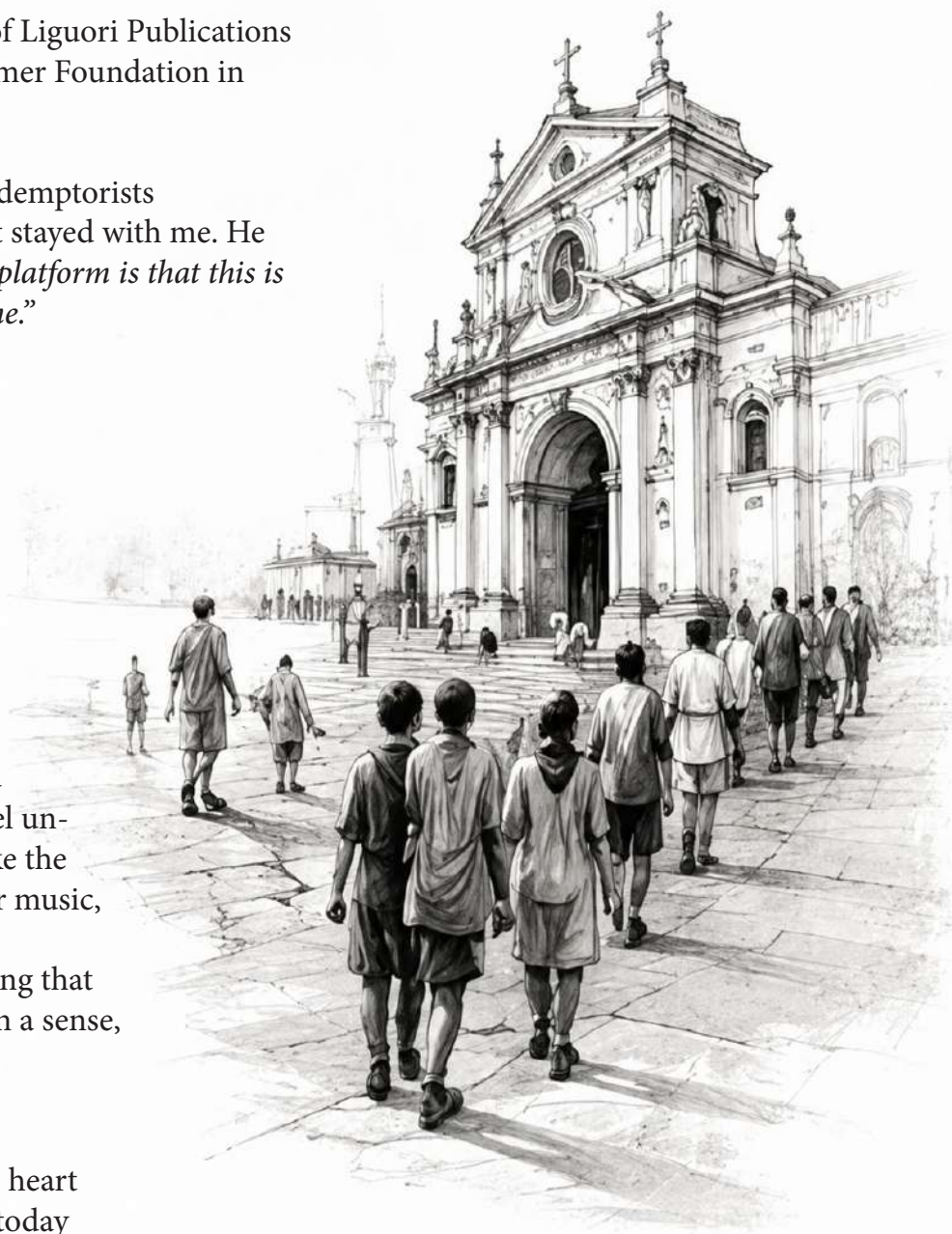
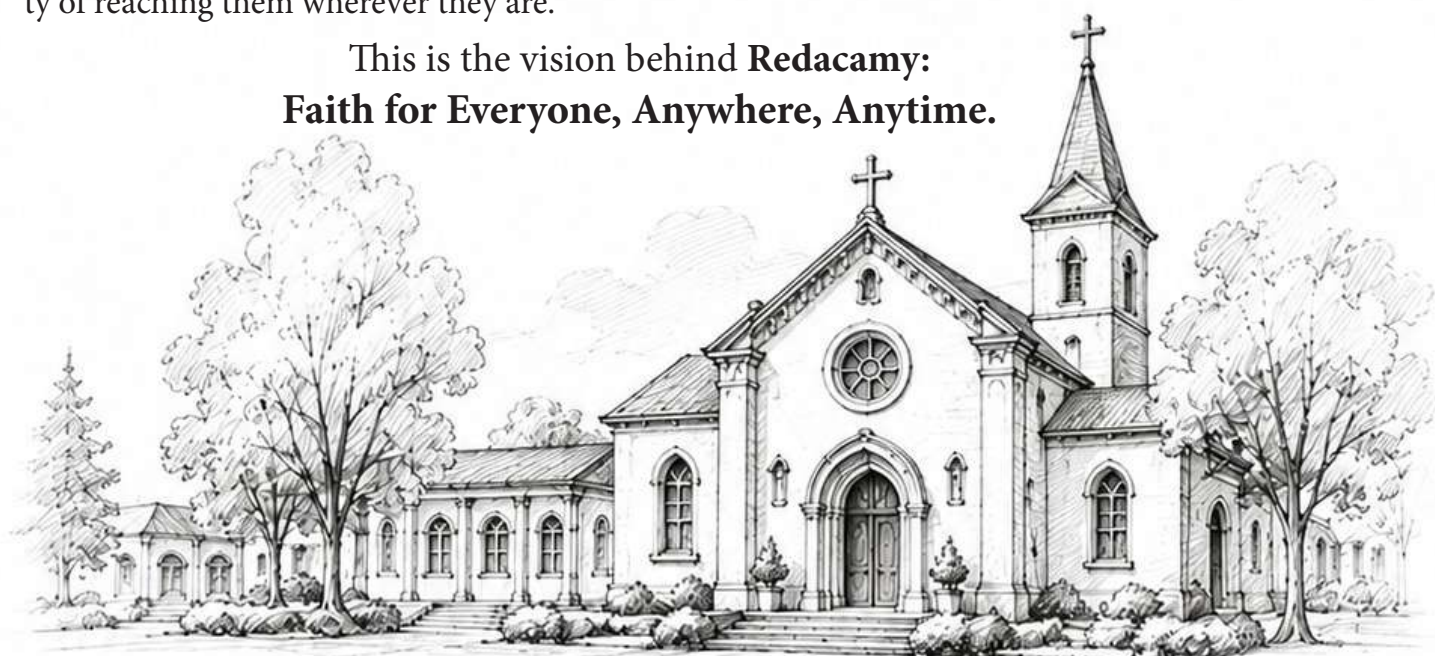
That observation helped me see our work from a fresh perspective.

St. Alphonsus went out to ordinary people, especially those on the margins who had little access to the spiritual resources of the Church. Beginning in Scala and continuing through his missionary work around Naples, he sought to make the Gospel understandable and accessible. He spoke the language of the people. He used their music, their expressions, their devotions, and ways of communicating that ordinary people could understand. In a sense, **Alphonsus made spirituality accessible to everyone.**

That same missionary desire is at the heart of what we are trying to accomplish today through digital media.

Our parishes and faith communities remain essential places for encountering Christ and growing in faith. Yet we also know that there are many people who, for different reasons, cannot easily access formation, spiritual accompaniment, or good Catholic resources. Digital media gives us the possibility of reaching them wherever they are.

This is the vision behind **Redacamy:**
Faith for Everyone, Anywhere, Anytime.



Expanding Our Digital Mission

Over the past year, the Lord has blessed us with the opportunity to expand our digital mission through several new platforms:



REDACAMY.ORG

Soft launch August 2026

A Catholic digital platform for faith formation, spiritual enrichment and personal growth.

It offers online programs such as Liguori's OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) Journey of Faith, and other Christian formation courses.

Its Train-the-Trainer programmes prepare individuals to lead formation programmes. It also connects users with selected and certified Catholic spiritual directors from around the world for one-to-one accompaniment.

Institutions can affiliate with Redacamy and integrate selected formation programs into their own curricula.

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REDEMPTIO

REDEMPTIO.APP

Launched February 2026

An app for digital distribution of Liguori's - eBooks, audiobooks, videos, and podcasts.

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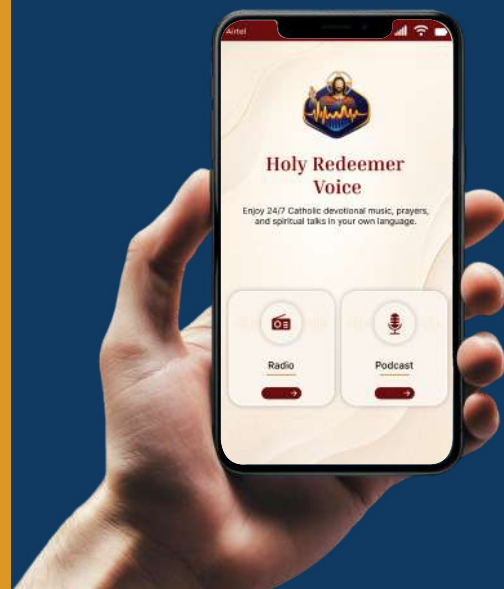


HOLY REDEEMER TV

Soft launch August 2026

A collaborative OTT platform developed by Holy Redeemer Foundation and Liguori Publications, USA. It brings together video content from Redemptorist units and creators across the globe, offering one united Redemptorist voice.

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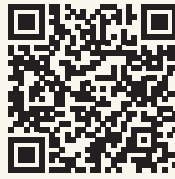


HOLY REDEEMER (HR) VOICE

Soft launch March 2026

A mobile App featuring Internet Radio and podcasts and internet radio. Redemptorist Devotional Radio stations in Kannada, Tamil, and Telugu are already functional, with Hindi and other languages coming soon.

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HOLY REDEEMER PRAYER

Coming soon

A prayer and faith app designed to help individuals and groups pray together, grow in their spiritual life, and access resources such as our digital Mass Companion.



HOLY REDEEMER STORE

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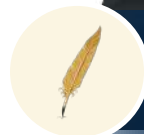
An e-commerce platform providing access to religious books, devotional materials, and other faith resources.

These are different platforms, but they share **one mission: to reach out to the most abandoned through the opportunities offered by digital media.**



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Fr. Charles Vijay Kumar, C.Ss.R.



Our world is increasingly shaped by the digital space. It has given a voice to people who once struggled to be heard and has connected communities across distances that once seemed impossible. We believe that the Church must also be meaningfully present in this space, bringing the Gospel, sound Catholic formation, prayer, spiritual accompaniment, and hope to people wherever they may be.

The past year has been largely a year of building. The coming year will be a year of creating, connecting, and reaching out. Our focus now is to develop meaningful content, build networks, and bring these resources into the hands of people who can benefit from them.

None of this would be possible without you. Your prayers, encouragement, generosity, and trust have extended this mission far beyond what we could have imagined. We are deeply grateful for your partnership.

As St. Alphonsus reminds us, while methods may change, the mission remains the same: to proclaim the abundant redemption of Christ to all, especially those most in need of His love.

Please keep us in your prayers as we continue this work together.

With heartfelt gratitude and prayerful best wishes for you and your families.

THE HEART OF A SHEPHERD, THE TOOLS OF AN EVANGELIST

From Parish Visits to Digital Missions – 15 Years Later

“*The tools
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For fifteen years, my office was a parish. Every day, people walked in with real-life concerns. Some came worried about unpaid bills. Others came carrying the pain of a sick child, a troubled marriage, or the loss of a loved one. I knew many of them by name. I knew where they usually sat during Sunday Mass. I even knew their dogs and their family stories.

Today, my office looks very different. It is a camera, a microphone, a laptop, and a small recording space. Most of the people I speak to are strangers. I may never know their names or see their faces. Yet, at different times, I often read a comment that says, “Father, I needed to hear this today.” At that moment, I realise something very important.

The mission remains exactly the same: to bring people closer to Jesus.

The prophet Ezekiel gives us a beautiful image of God’s heart. The Lord says, “I myself will search for my sheep and seek them out” (Ezekiel 34:11). A shepherd does not simply wait for the sheep to return. He goes looking for them. As a parish priest, I often visited families who had stopped

“The tools have changed. The sheep have not.” Moving into media ministry has not meant leaving behind the work of a parish priest. Instead, it has meant extending the parish beyond its walls to reach people where they now spend much of their lives - on their phones, computers, and social media.



Asst. DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE
Fr. Ginu Cleetus, C.Ss.R.

coming to Church. Sometimes they had drifted away because of disappointment, suffering, or simply because life became too busy. Those visits reminded them that someone still cared. Today, many people are lost in a different way. They may not be physically far from a Church,

but they are emotionally and spiritually isolated. Loneliness, anxiety, depression, and broken relationships have become common, especially in our busy cities. Many people spend hours scrolling through social media, hoping to find encouragement or meaning. If that is where people are searching, then that is where the Church must also be present.

This is exactly the spirit of St. Alphonsus Liguori. Rather than remaining in the comfort of Naples,

unlike other priests of the time, he travelled to preach in places that others ignored. He dedicated his life to what he called “for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.” His concern was always for those who were most abandoned.

The question for every evangelist remains the same: Who is not being reached? Whether it is through a home visit or a two-minute online video, the shepherd’s heart must always be searching.

While the mission has not changed, the methods certainly have.

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus gave His disciples a clear command: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). Every generation must discover how to obey that command using the means available to it. St. Alphonsus understood this very well. He could not personally visit every place by himself, so realising the needs of the time, he wrote. Over his lifetime he produced a hundred and eleven books and countless letters and pamphlets. He deliberately chose simple language so that ordinary people - shepherds, farmers, mothers, and workers - could understand the message of God’s love.

If he were alive today, I often wonder whether he would also be using YouTube, WhatsApp, Podcasts, and Instagram. After all, today’s village square is digital. Many experiences from parish life now find new expressions online. A conversation in the confessional may inspire a reflection on God’s mercy that reaches thousands of people. A family visit becomes a live session where people join from their kitchens and living rooms. A parish bulletin becomes a short video that someone shares with three friends. The technology is different, but the purpose is exactly the same - to bring Jesus close to people.



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Of course, every new mission also brings new fears.

Leaving parish ministry after fifteen years felt a little like Peter stepping out of the boat to walk towards Jesus (Matthew 14:29). There were many questions. What if no one watches? What if I make mistakes? What if this new ministry does not bear fruit?

Every evangelist faces moments of uncertainty. Yet God has a beautiful way of reminding us why we continue. A nurse working the night shift writes, “Thank you, Father. I listened during my break.” A university student shares, “This message stopped me from giving up today.” An elderly person says, “Thank you father for thinking of us and praying for us.” Such moments remind me that God is reaching hearts I may never meet in person.

I am sure St. Alphonsus also might have received many criticisms. Because he chose to write in ordinary Italian instead of scholarly Latin. He wrote

his works in a simple language so that even the ordinary people could understand. He realised that the Gospel must first be understood before it can transform lives. His simple words helped countless people encounter Christ. Sometimes faithfulness requires us to look a little different or even a little undignified if it means that someone hears the Good News.

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Jesus says in John’s Gospel, “I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also” (John 10:16). Those words continue to inspire me. God has not called me away from the parish. He has simply called me to serve a **parish without walls** - a parish that stretches across cities, countries, and time zones.



My resolution is therefore very simple.

First, I want to keep the heart of a shepherd. Every message I prepare is for people whose names I may never know, but whom God knows and loves.

Second, I want to use today's tools wisely. Like St. Alphonsus, I hope to speak simply, tell stories, and present the Gospel in a way that ordinary people can understand and remember.

Finally, I want to trust Jesus with the results. My task is not to count views or followers. My task is simply to cast the net and allow the Lord to bring in the catch.

Whether from a Church pulpit or through a digital screen, the mission remains unchanged. The heart of the shepherd is the same, even if the tools are different. In the end, every sermon, every video, every conversation, and every post carries one simple message:

**Jesus loves you, and
He has never forgotten you.**





Teach us to **Pray** Season 3

Continuing our journey as disciples of prayer, Teach Us to Pray explores how the Church embraces liturgical prayer—experienced whenever the faithful gather for worship, whether at Mass, the Sacraments, the Divine Office, or Benediction. This prayer is a mystery; the more we enter into it, the more it reveals. Administered by the priest in the name of Christ, it invites us not only to join in communal worship but also to spend private time with God at set hours. When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in a monstrance, homage is offered to Christ, and these gifts of grace are celebrated publicly by the Church.

Flowing from liturgical prayer, devotional prayer developed over centuries as people sought personal connection with God. While Greek and Latin shaped the language of worship, the faithful desired expressions closer to daily life. Thus, popular devotions arose—novenas, the rosary, litanies, and devotions to the Sacred Heart—accompanied by practices such as wearing scapulars or medals, lighting candles, and joining processions. Guided by the Holy Spirit, these acts became bridges between the Church's tradition and the people's longing for intimacy with God.

The series then turns to retreats, moments of contemplation modelled on Christ withdrawing to the mountains to pray. In solitude, we give our ears to God, listening for His voice. Fr. Gary explains how retreats provide guidance, structure, and varied forms of prayer, helping us discern what God wishes to speak into our lives.

Together, liturgical prayer, devotional practices, and retreats form a tapestry of grace. These gifts, worth exploring and embracing, draw us ever closer to God. Let us remember to spend time with the Lord, who is always present to listen and guide.

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Fr. Gary Lauenstein, C.Ss.R.



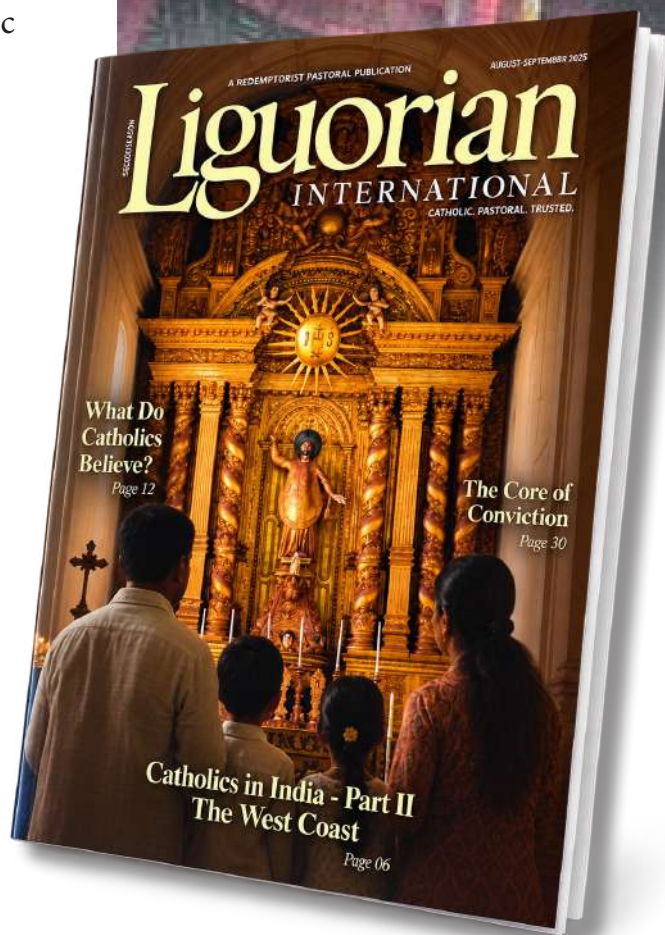
Bringing Wisdom Home

Fr. Raja Vijayanand C.Ss.R.

In an era dominated by endless notifications, rapid media cycles, and digital exhaustion, finding clear and grounded guidance for family life can feel challenging. Available in both print and digital editions, *Liguorian International* emerges as a refreshing response and a practical, pastoral magazine crafted specifically to accompany the modern Catholic family through everyday life.

A Heritage Built on Guidance

The publication draws its vision from a rich, century-old foundation. Its origin stems from *Liguorian*, a magazine established in 1913 by Redemptorist priests in the United States.



Named after St. Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists and a Doctor of the Church celebrated for his compassionate moral theology, the original publication aimed to make faith accessible to all.

Building on this tradition, *Liguorian International* was officially launched on 1st August 2026 at Mt. St. Alphonsus, the Redemptorist Major Seminary in Bangalore.



The launch was led by Rev. Fr. Provincial Edward Joseph, C.Ss.R., with the very first copy presented to Rev. Fr. Richard Britto, Rector of St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore. Published under Redemptorist Publications India led by Publisher Fr. Charles Vijay Kumar, C.Ss.R., and Editor-in-Chief Fr. Sandeep Menezes, C.Ss.R, this initiative brings a fresh, global perspective to a historic mission.

Why It Matters for Today's Family

Whether read at the dining table in print or accessed on the go digitally, *Liguorian International* is designed to be a steady presence in the household. Rather than overwhelming readers with complex theological debates, it delivers practical wisdom that touches every area of daily living:

- **Navigating Modern Culture:** It provides clear reflections on current ethical dilemmas, technology, and social responsibilities, helping parents and individuals make thoughtful, faith-informed decisions.
- **Practical Life Skills:** The magazine links everyday challenges such as household budgeting (Finance & Family) with Christian stewardship.

- Nurturing Household Faith: Accessible guides on prayer, scripture, and traditional devotion help families grow together spiritually.
- Global Perspective: Features highlighting local Church history and worldwide Redemptorist missions connect readers to a broader, global community.



A Paused Moment in a Fast World

Digital media often pushes us to react instantly. *Liguorian International* offers an alternative, especially a moment to pause, offering depth through its print magazine and flexibility through its digital edition.

By bringing curated, thoughtful reading into the home across multiple formats, it encourages families to reflect deeply and nourish their spiritual lives. It stands not just as a magazine, but as a reliable, enlightening companion for navigating contemporary life with clarity and hope.

Bringing faith-filled stories, pastoral wisdom, and inspiration to Catholic homes across India.

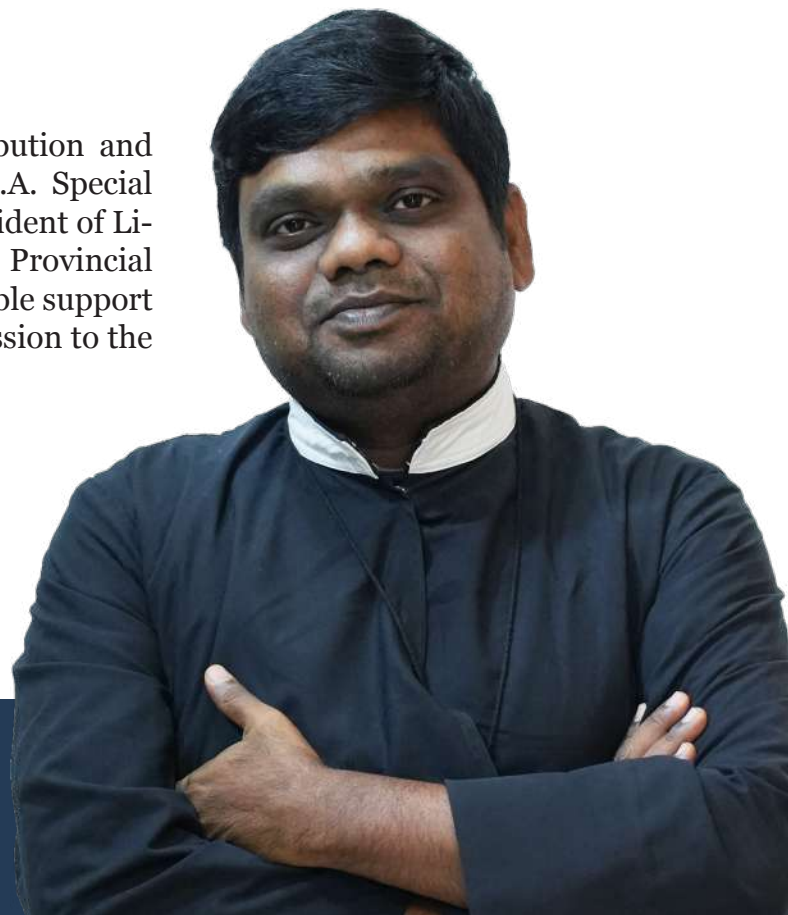
- Living the Gospel in today's world.
- Spiritual nourishment for every age.
- Inspiration to keep faith alive.
- Pastoral reflections for everyday life.
- Real-life stories that touch hearts.

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Fr. Raja Vijayanand C.Ss.R.





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Ageing Gracefully

The Grace of Grandparents

On June 8, 2026, Fr. Juventius Andrade hosted an inspiring two-episode special of Ageing Gracefully, illuminating the vital role Grandparents play in fortifying modern family bonds. Featuring thought-provoking discussions with guest speakers *Debra Ann Rodricks* and *Alphonsus Gregory Hoover*, the series offered a deep dive into the unique grace, wisdom, and responsibility inherent in grandparenthood.

Debra shared a moving reflection on viewing her grandparental role as a cherished “second chance” to nurture family life with newfound patience. Alphonsus explored the delicate balancing act of supporting adult children while simultaneously bonding with a younger generation. Together, they underscored how grandparents serve as living custodians of family history, core values, and faith. Crucially, they emphasized that passing down these traditions requires adapting to evolving parenting styles—choosing supportive encouragement over control and honouring healthy family boundaries. In this context, Fr. Juventius recalled the words of Pope John XXIII, in which big battles must be distinguished from mundane ones.

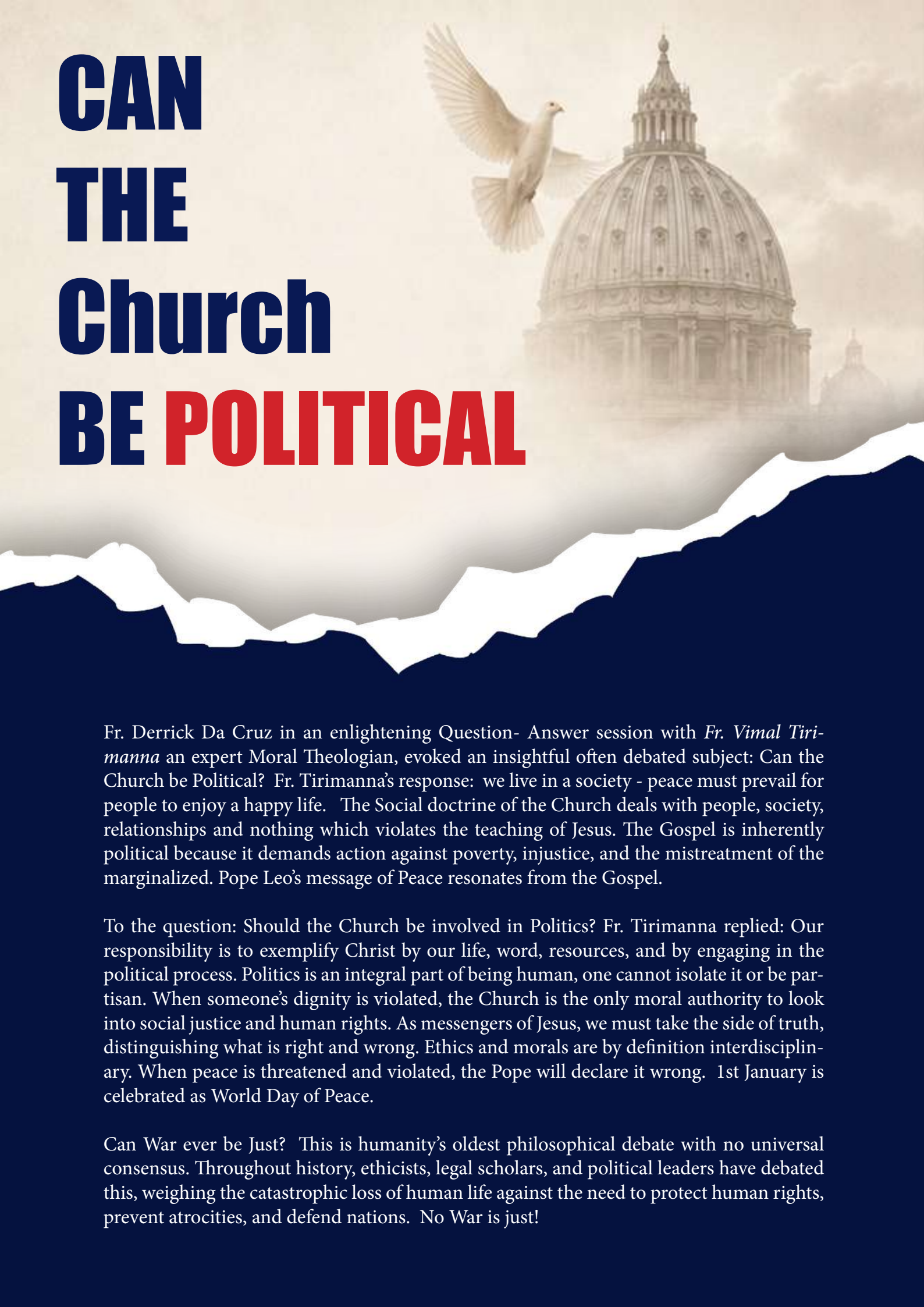
The panel confronted modern challenges head-on, addressing geographical separation, digital divides, loneliness, and financial strains. Grandpar-

ents were framed as essential “bridge-builders” whose presence ensures communication flows seamlessly across ages.

An engaging audience Q&A expanded on these themes with practical wisdom:

- **Financial Stewardship:** Discussion covered the importance of living, transparent wills to prevent future discord.
- **Intentional Presence:** Attendees shared strategies for maintaining regular, meaningful contact despite busy schedules.
- **Youth Insights:** Younger audience members highlighted the value of open-mindedness, mutual respect, and adapting to modern cultural realities.

The series concluded by affirming grandparenthood as a lifelong vocation rather than a passive phase of life. Through active listening, leading by example, and sharing authentic spirituality, grandparents plant seeds of resilience. Their presence leaves an enduring legacy—anchoring future generations in love, tradition, and an unshakeable sense of identity.



CAN THE Church BE **POLITICAL**

Fr. Derrick Da Cruz in an enlightening Question- Answer session with *Fr. Vimal Tirimanna* an expert Moral Theologian, evoked an insightful often debated subject: Can the Church be Political? Fr. Tirimanna's response: we live in a society - peace must prevail for people to enjoy a happy life. The Social doctrine of the Church deals with people, society, relationships and nothing which violates the teaching of Jesus. The Gospel is inherently political because it demands action against poverty, injustice, and the mistreatment of the marginalized. Pope Leo's message of Peace resonates from the Gospel.

To the question: Should the Church be involved in Politics? Fr. Tirimanna replied: Our responsibility is to exemplify Christ by our life, word, resources, and by engaging in the political process. Politics is an integral part of being human, one cannot isolate it or be partisan. When someone's dignity is violated, the Church is the only moral authority to look into social justice and human rights. As messengers of Jesus, we must take the side of truth, distinguishing what is right and wrong. Ethics and morals are by definition interdisciplinary. When peace is threatened and violated, the Pope will declare it wrong. 1st January is celebrated as World Day of Peace.

Can War ever be Just? This is humanity's oldest philosophical debate with no universal consensus. Throughout history, ethicists, legal scholars, and political leaders have debated this, weighing the catastrophic loss of human life against the need to protect human rights, prevent atrocities, and defend nations. No War is just!

The phrase 'Just War' was coined in the Roman empire under Cicero. City states existed, and wars were the norm to be powerful. Cicero, to control arbitrariness and under some conditions justified war. Aristotle and later St Augustine debated extensively on this subject. The Church however claims, 'Just war is a misnomer, it is anti-human, violence is evil.'

Is PEACE possible? Yes, but requires understanding, compassion, empathy and love for humanity. Lasting peace can never be attained. For a conflict to be considered permissible, there must be strict conditions - Self-Defense, Humanitarian Intervention, Halting mass atrocities, namely genocide. War can only be justified if all diplomatic, economic, and non-violent options are exhausted. Bitter lesson from World War II- Never again War! A Legitimate Authority - United Nations was set up, it must be a powerful arbitrator. Meanwhile, we have to convert peoples' hearts and form their consciences to stay away from war.

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HEART ROCK CAFÉ

**Heart Rock Café:
Episode 6:
Women in the workplace**

In this Episode of Heart Rock Café, hosts Marel-la Fernandez and Canisha Judith converse with 2 inspiring professionals *Jean Rachel Rao and Rowena Rakesh* who share their career journeys. Every woman's career journey is unique, filled with opportunities, sacrifices, and moments of growth. Their stories served as a reminder that success is not simply measured by promotions or titles, but by living a life of purpose rooted in God.

Faith and Growth: Career paths are rarely straightforward. Both speakers reflected on moving through different industries, taking breaks to care for their families, and returning to work with renewed purpose. Rather than viewing career pauses

as setbacks, they encouraged women to see them as seasons of learning, personal development, and preparation for future opportunities. ***Balancing Work, Family and Self:*** Work-life balance is not about achieving perfection—it is about making intentional choices every day. The discussion highlighted the importance of recognising when to slow down, prioritising physical and mental well-being, and creating time for rest. Women were encouraged to invest in themselves by learning new skills, strengthening their faith, and caring for their own health so they can continue serving both their families and workplaces.

A Support System: A strong network of support is essential in this journey. Challenges do arise within this framework- with regards to spouses, other family members or colleagues and friends. However, one has to allow oneself room to grow while absorbing support wherever it is available.

Leading With Confidence: Women were encouraged to develop new skills, embrace emerging technologies, present themselves professionally, and speak with clarity and conviction.

Takeaway: The strongest message throughout the discussion was that God remains the ultimate guide in every season of life. When faith becomes the foundation, careers become more than a pursuit of success—they become an opportunity to serve others and glorify God.

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BRAIN PICKERS

ANCHOR

Fr. Sandeep Menezes C.Ss.R.

This interesting series picks the brains of personalities who have a special message for the Church.

Chevalier Nigel Fernandez

Head of Asian Trading Corporation (ATC)

What started out as a family business in Bombay in 1946, has today become a global enterprise spanning markets in Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines and the UAE, with collaborations in the USA.

Fr. Sandeep Menezes C.Ss.R, in conversation with Chevalier Nigel Fernandez, traced the journey of Asian Trading Corporation (ATC) as it became the singular, most influential, publishing house in the Catholic world.

In recognition of his immense contribution “to the flourishing of biblical, liturgical and catechetical formation”, throughout Asia and indeed the globe through ATC’s publications, the Holy Father, in 2025, honoured Fernandez with the **Knighthood of Pope St. Silvester**, which earned him the title of *Chevalier*.

In the 30 years that Chevalier Fernandez has been at the helm, ATC has published the New Living Translation Bible with an appeal to the younger gener-

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ation, the ESV Lectionary and the increasingly popular YouCat series. These are but a few on an impressive, ever increasing list of catholic publications. Such was Chevalier Fernandez's reputation that Pope Benedict personally intervened with the Ignatius Press in the US to give ATC the rights to publish all his works in India & Asia. Having interacted extensively with the leader-

Dr. Deepa Naidu

Educationist, Better Me Foundation

Recognising the chasm in the education system that leaves a child floundering in the real world, Dr. Deepa Naidu decided to "be the light instead of cursing the darkness". God's guidance led this award-winning Educationist to start the Better Me Foundation that seeks to arm children with soft skills, life and vocational skills that has practical relevance in real life.

Together with Fr. Sandeep Menezes C.Ss.R., Dr. Naidu explored the relevance of the current school system and discussed structured schooling with therapeutic extracurricular activities, such as those found in homeschooling and hybrid schooling. Topics debated upon revolved around being literate about AI while not being dependent on it, treating screens as a "deadly

ship and hierarchy of the Church and with lay people, this "Missionary of Print", as Fr. Menezes called him, introduced **Catholic Connect** - an app that contributes to the growth of the Catholic network, reaching even the remotest areas in India. Secular news channels are now reporting based on content in Catholic Connect. The success of this app has prompted similar versions across the globe.

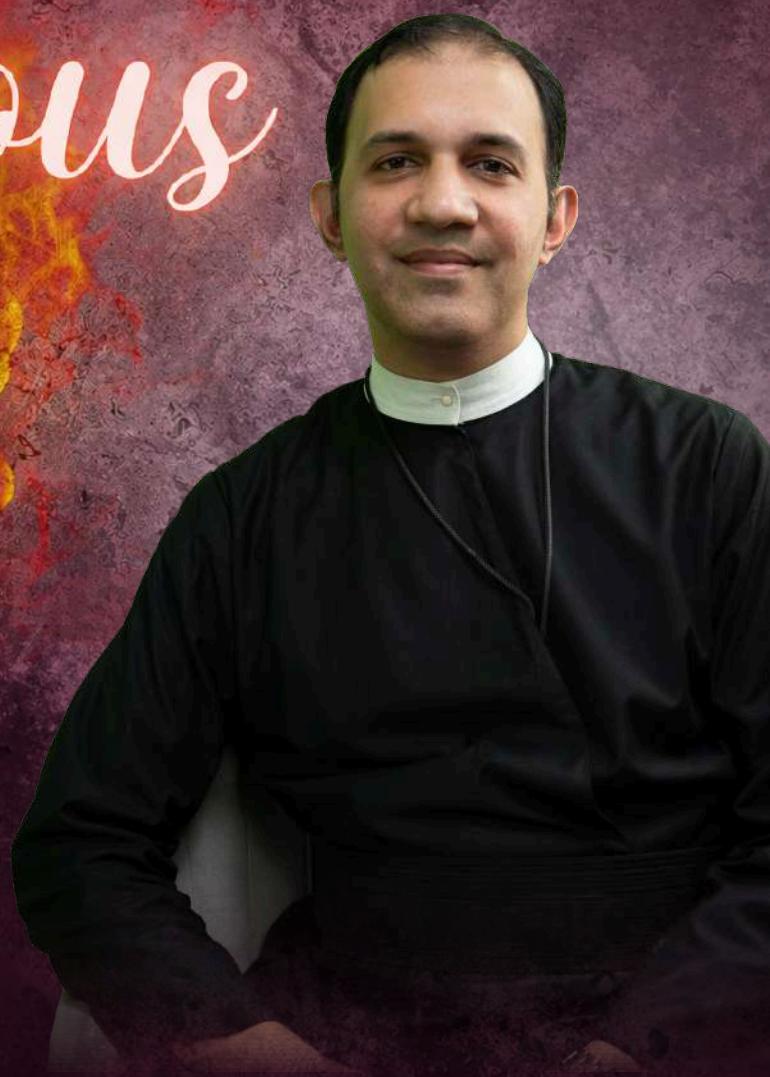
disease", and the pros and cons of Liberal Thinking with regards to morality, values and faith.

Dr. Naidu reminded us that "the Church has revolutionised education". With foresight and fortitude, the pioneering religious educationists broke the norms of the day, and against all challenges and resistance, worked to bring education to every child, especially in rural India.

There is just such an urgent need for change today, as we recognise the challenges and opportunities the world offers. Of paramount importance is the involvement of Parents in the education of their children. "Godly wisdom, a humane heart and skilled hands are our gift to our future generations", concluded Dr. Naidu.



Zealous Hearts



Fr. John Mathew, C.Ss.R.

Zealous Hearts delves into the calling and the fulfilling lives of the Redemptorist Fathers and never fails to inspire.

Mr. Sunil Victor in a chat with Fr. Dr. John Mathew C.Ss.R. took us on an interesting, informative and inspiring journey of Fr. Mathew's life.

Born to a loving and devout family as an answer to their prayer, Fr. Mathew had a happy childhood and excelled in academics, a trait that followed him throughout his life. A Retreat preached by Fr. Cyril Stanislaus C.Ss.R. proved to be a turning point. The Missionary nature of the Redemptorists attracted him; A Vocation Camp further strength-

ened his resolve and at the age of 14, he joined the Novitiate. Though his parents were not too happy with his decision, they agreed to let him pursue his vocation.

Life wasn't exactly what he had anticipated; but Spirituality in everyday things strengthened his faith and moving through some rough times, he finally reached his destination - he was ordained a Redemptorist priest.

Losing his mother was a big blow and he was torn between wanting to care for his father and pursuing his priestly studies. His Dad selflessly let him go and he was ordained a Redemptorist Priest, filled with missionary zeal.

Serving in a parish school in Trichy, preaching missions in Madurai, he moved on to administration of a Community College. To equip himself for this challenging job, he went on to study and earn a double degree and a Doctorate.

A unique experience awaited him. His Dad became a priest after his retirement and he was able to concelebrate the Mass along with his Dad - wonderful indeed!

Sent to Rome to study Liturgy and Sacraments, Fr. Mathew learnt Italian and managed to complete the course in 3 years and returned as a College Professor. He has published 26 research papers.

St. Alphonsus School which had a strength of around 300 students from economically weak backgrounds, saw immense improvement after Fr. Mathew took charge. Quality education was imparted at minimal cost and the numbers swelled to 800. He also started a Degree College. Currently Fr. Mathew is the Vicar Provincial of the Bangalore Province.

His message to young aspirants is to look and work for personal holiness, make the right choices and manage time well. As for him, a Redemptorist is what defines him and always will.

Fr. Sandeep Menezes, C.Ss.R.

Ms Marella Fernandez, in conversation with the ever smiling charismatic Fr. Sandeep Menezes C.Ss.R., took us on a journey of his calling to priesthood that was both intense and interesting. Devout and devoted parents influenced his spirituality, education in Catholic institutions augmented it. However, as a student of the sciences with an inquiring bent of mind, Fr. Menezes

says he struggled with the existential questions of 'Who am I?' and 'What am I?' right from the tender age of eleven. He Lived in Bangalore, moved to Brunei, then back again to Bangalore, pursued his schooling, then a degree in Mechanical Engineering; but through it all the questions remained unanswered. Regular attendance at Church did not bring any enlightenment on the meaning and purpose of his life. Hence he used to spend time watching movies, playing video games to derive some sense of happiness.

A three day Bible Convention however changed all that. A good musician himself, he participated in the song and worship, listened to moving testimonies and felt a deep sense of God's love during the Adoration and inner healing services. While continuing his education, he expressed his desire to join the priesthood. With his Mother's encouragement he attended a nine day Retreat in which he felt God gave him a sign that priesthood is his real calling.

A book from the Serra Club enabled his choice of the Redemptorist Congregation.

A priest now for eleven years, Fr. Menezes is a familiar face on the Redemptorist social media channels, has served as the Assistant Parish Priest of Holy Ghost Church and Holy Redeemer Church and Assistant Director of Redemptorist Media Center. As the Youth Coordinator for the Karnataka Mission Zone, he has interacted extensively with the youth to give them a sense of belonging to the Church.

Presently, Fr. Menezes is in Rome, studying Redemptorist Spirituality.

His message to the youth...Go through your journey of discernment and answer the call yourself; and though you may have doubts and feel ill equipped, take heart in God's assurance. Don't be afraid to say Yes!

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SACRED SPACES

Sacred Spaces from RMC, is a segment on their YouTube channel featuring, in short and long film formats, the history, architecture, and spiritual significance of these not so well-known Churches in India.



Our Lady of Divine Providence Church Chikkagubbi, Bangalore

Built upon an 800-year Dominican legacy, this peaceful sanctuary offers a quiet respite from urban life. Its presence highlights the Catholic belief in Divine Providence—the idea that God intimately guides human lives; and uses the example of Mary and the Rosary to teach surrender and trust.

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Halasuru, Bangalore

Inspired by the Marian apparitions at Massabielle in France, this Church commands attention with its grand, soaring spires, high ceilings, and sweeping geometry. The architecture acts as a visual sermon, inspiring believers toward penance, purity, and heavenly reality.



Shillong's Blue Cathedral Cathedral of Mary Help of Christians, Meghalaya

Rising from the ashes of a tragic Good Friday fire in 1936, this iconic blue-and-white sanctuary stands on earthquake-resistant sand foundations designed to endure heavy regional tremors. It serves as a beacon of resilience, bringing together different tribes across the misty hills into a shared faith.

St. Roch's Church

Chelekere, Bangalore

Situated amid busy streets and tea stalls, this architectural gem honours St. Roch, who gave up his wealth to serve plague victims. It serves as a spiritual testament to the communion of saints, solidarity, and finding grace in unassuming places.



St. Vincent Pallotti Church

Banaswadi, Bangalore

Notable for its striking seven-trumpet exterior referencing the Book of Revelation and the seven sacraments, it houses a large Indian mosaic of the risen Christ. It centres spiritually on the Eucharist, reminding believers of their call to be active apostles driven by charity.

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GLOBAL ONLINE NOVENA TO

St Alphonsus Maria de Liguori 2026

THEME:

Alphonsian Reflection on Christian Living.

The Global Online Novena to St. Alphonsus was much more than a series of spiritual talks; it was a living experience of the Redemptorist charism, bringing together people from different countries, cultures, and circumstances to encounter the abundant redemption of Christ. Inspired by the theme “Alphonsian Reflection on Christian Living,” the novena invited participants to journey with St. Alphonsus through the realities of daily life: family, work, prayer, leadership, moral choices, concern for the poor, and devotion to Jesus and Mary.



Love for the Poor

Fr. Henry Fernandes, C.Ss.R.



Moral Choices

Fr. Sandeep Menezes, C.Ss.R.



Love for Jesus

Fr. Juventius Andrade, C.Ss.R.



Love for Mary

Fr. Royce, C.Ss.R.



Feast Day Reflection

Fr. Piotr Chyla, C.Ss.R.



Family Life

Fr. Edward Joseph, C.Ss.R.



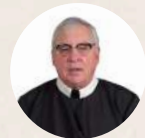
Career & Professional Integrity

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, C.Ss.R.



Prayer & Spiritual Life

Fr. Poly, C.Ss.R.



Personal Gifts & Talents

Fr. Tom Santa, C.Ss.R.



Leadership

Fr. Nicola, C.Ss.R.

Over nine days of preparation and the feast day celebration, the reflections highlighted important dimensions of Christian living. The Feast Day reflection by Fr. Piotr Chyla C.Ss.R. presented St. Alphonsus as a saint whose message remains highly relevant in today's world.

At the heart of the novena was the Redemptorist mission of proclaiming the Gospel and accompanying people in their joys, struggles, and hopes. The participants' responses revealed how deeply the reflections resonated with their lives. Sabrina Merchant described Fr. Juventius' reflection as a powerful reminder that “redeeming love is to be experienced but it also must be witnessed to others.” Maggi Yesudas noted that this year's novena was “special” and fulfilled the spiritual needs of the faithful.

The novena also became a space where people entrusted their deepest intentions to God. Participants sought prayers for healing, family reconciliation, financial difficulties, and peace. Particularly moving was the testimony of Oksana Lyzak from Lviv, Ukraine, who joined the novena amidst the real-

ities of war and asked for prayers for peace after experiencing rocket attacks near her home. Her message embodied the universal reach of the Redemptorist mission: accompanying people where they are and bringing them hope in difficult circumstances.

Messages from South Africa, India, Ukraine, and other parts of the world reflected the formation of a truly global prayer community. Through this digital mission, the Redemptorists continued the

vision of St. Alphonsus by making the message of God's compassionate and redeeming love accessible to all.

The Global Online Novena 2026 bore witness to the vibrant Alphonsian and Redemptorist spirit alive in the Church today, drawing people closer to Christ, strengthening faith, and creating a worldwide community united in prayer, mission, and hope.



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Blessed Bonds

Strengthening Faith and Family Through Forgiveness

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Blessed Bonds is a faith-based family game show that creatively brings families together to learn, grow, and strengthen their Christian values. Through engaging games, Bible-based challenges, and meaningful conversations, the program encourages families to live out their faith in everyday life. Each episode focuses on a key virtue that helps build stronger relationships, reminding viewers that faith is best nurtured when families journey together in love, understanding, and prayer.

Episode 4 of Blessed Bonds centered on the theme of forgiveness, highlighting its importance in family life. Two related families participated in a series of interactive rounds, including multiple-choice Bible questions and scripture-based word puzzles. Contestants explored biblical examples of forgiveness, such as Joseph forgiving his brothers and Esau embracing Jacob after years of separation. These examples reinforced the message that forgiveness is at the heart of God's plan for human relationships.

Beyond the games, the episode featured touching personal testimonies. Family members shared

real-life experiences of asking for and granting forgiveness. One young participant forgave his mother after she accidentally damaged a treasured Lego creation, while another family reflected on how prayer and faith helped them overcome conflicts within their marriage. Participants emphasized that genuine forgiveness is often difficult but becomes possible through God's grace and guidance.

A particularly inspiring message emerged from the discussions: forgiveness grows when individuals learn to see situations from another person's perspective and bring their struggles before God in prayer. The episode demonstrated that families who pray together and seek God's help can heal wounds, restore relationships, and deepen their bonds. Through faith, fun, and fellowship, *Blessed Bonds* continues to inspire families to live as true reflections of God's love and mercy.

Mission Advancement

An Invitation to Journey Together

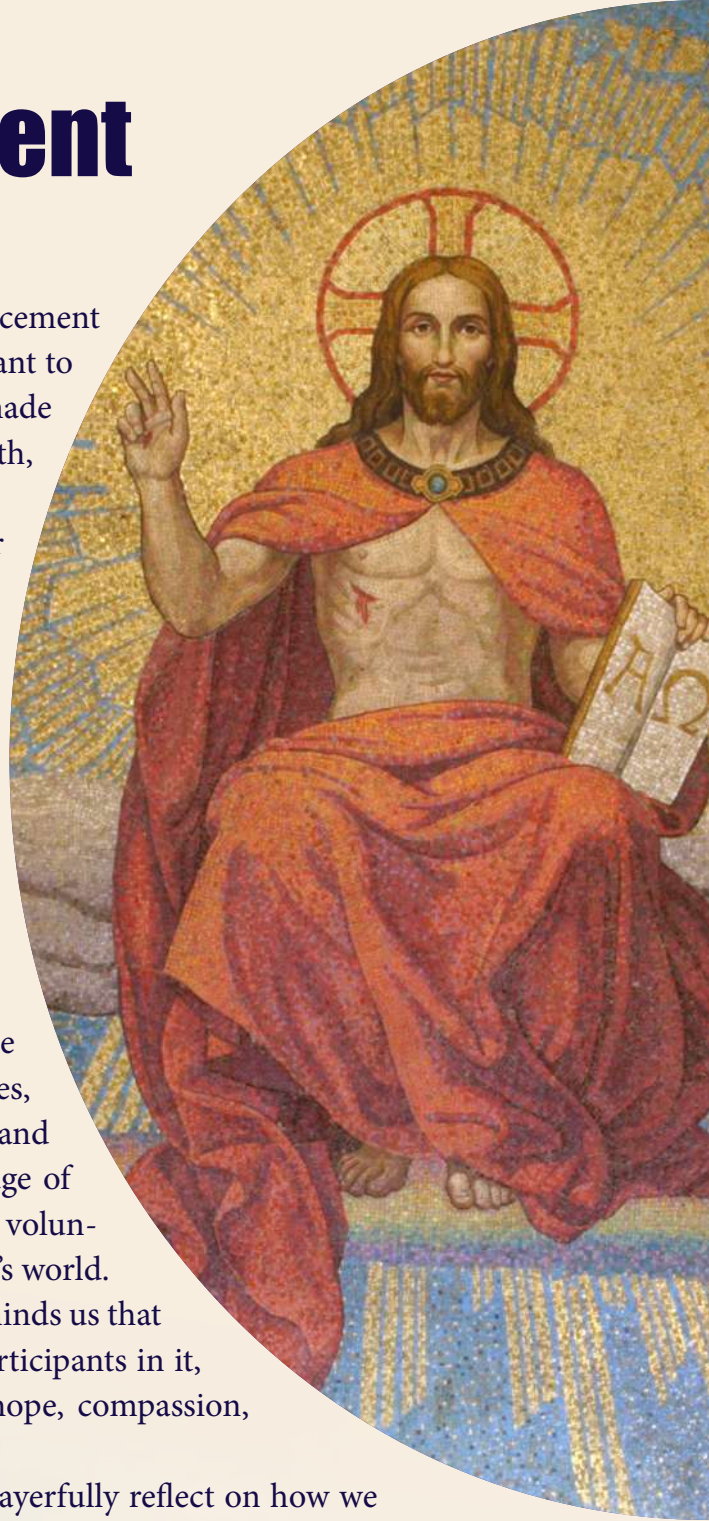
When I first reflected on the work of the Mission Advancement Team, one thought stayed with me: mission is never meant to be carried alone. Every ministry that touches lives is made possible because people choose to journey together in faith, generosity, and hope.

The Mission Advancement Team of the Holy Redeemer Foundation is not simply about raising funds. It is about building relationships and inviting people to become partners in the Redemptorist mission of proclaiming the Good News to the most abandoned. At its heart is a spirit of co-responsibility—a reminder that each of us has something meaningful to offer: our prayers, our time, our talents, or our resources. Every contribution, however small it may seem, becomes part of God's greater work.

I have come to appreciate how the Holy Redeemer – Redemptorist Media Centre reaches people far beyond the walls of our Churches. Through its programmes, stories, and digital platforms, it shares the Gospel, inspires hope, and connects hearts across boundaries. Behind every message of hope is a community of mission partners and dedicated volunteers who believe in making Christ's love visible in today's world. What inspires me most is this spirit of partnership. It reminds us that we are not merely supporters of the mission—we are participants in it, co-workers in building God's Kingdom and bringing hope, compassion, and redemption to those who need it most.

As members of the HRF family, I invite each of us to prayerfully reflect on how we can become part of this shared mission. Whether through prayer, volunteering, sharing our skills, or supporting the mission financially, every gesture—no matter how small—has the power to touch lives and make a lasting difference.

The mission belongs to all of us. Together, let us continue to be bearers of hope, instruments of God's love, and partners in His mission of redemption.



Vandana Arogyadass

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