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Editorial

Dear Parishioners,

his October, our Parish bulletin overflows with joy and gratitude as we celebrate a significant milestone-the Silver Jubilee of priestly service of our beloved Parish Priest, Dr. Fr. Canon Rosario Oliveira. As we reflect on the theme 'Seminarians and Priests: Pilgrims of Hope', we rejoice in the dedication and commitment of Fr. Rosario to our Community.

The Word of God reminds us: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news" (Romans 10:15). Every priest's vocation is a journey of hope-hope in Christ who calls, and hope in the people of God whom he serves. Seminarians begin this journey with youthful zeal, learning to place their lives in God's hands. Priests continue it daily, through the Eucharist, in confessions, in pastoral care, and in walking alongside the faithful in both joys and struggles. Truly, they are pilgrims of hope, carrying the light of Christ into every circumstance of life.

Seminarians and Priests remind us that hope is not an abstract idea but a living reality. By leaving behind personal ambitions to follow the Lord, they show us the courage to trust in God's plan. In their prayer, their preaching, their pastoral care and their witness of service, they keep alive the flame of hope in our communities. They walk with us not as strangers, but as fellow pilgrims who lead us closer to Christ, the

source of all hope.

Fr. Rosario has lived this call with dedication for twenty-five years. His priesthood has been marked not only by parish ministry but also by his distinguished service as a Judge of the Marriage tribunal, guiding couples and families with compassion and justice in the delicate matters of annulments. As a Canon and Secretary of the Cathedral Chapter, he has contributed with wisdom and dedication. His deep knowledge of Scripture and Church teaching has made his preaching and guidance truly enriching for the faithful. His commitment to taking Katedralacho Ulo to greater heights also reflects his vision of the church as a living, vibrant community of faith.

We are blessed to see in him the shepherd's care, the teacher's wisdom and the Priest's heart. His life shows us that priesthood is not a destination but a pilgrimage-a journey of service, sacrifice, and hope.

As we rejoice in this jubilee, we entrust him to the intercession of St. Catherine of Alexandria, patroness of wisdom and defender of faith. May she continue to inspire him with courage and clarity in his service to Christ and His church.

Let us continue to pray for Fr. Rosario, for all the priests, and for seminarians, that they may remain faithful pilgrims of hope, leading us ever closer to Christ.

Hema Menezes Editor-in-Chief



Called by God, Sent for His People

Rev. Dr. Canon Rosario Oliveira speaks his heart out



Katedralacho UIO Editorial Board

In the occasion of his Silver Jubilee of Priesthood, Rev. Fr. Rosario Oliveira shares with Ulo Board his journey of faith and service with trust in God. Inspired in his early life by his mother, Esperanca Oliveira, and guided by his mentor, Fr. Conceicao D'Silva, he answered God's call with dedication. Over the years, he has served the church through his ministry at the tribunal, his role as a Canon, and now as the Parish Priest of the Cathedral shepherding the faithful with wisdom and care in the synodal journey.

How did growing up in your village of Tilamol influence your faith and decision to become a priest?

I hail from Tilamol, a close-knit village with loving and affectionate neighbors. Since childhood, I had special affection towards elderly and sick neighbors following my Mother's advice, "When you do some kind acts to elderly and sickly people and receive their blessings, it is God who blesses". This habit of visiting the sick and elderly

neighbors continued even after I joined the seminary. As a young boy I loved nature. I loved going to the fields during free hours from school and would even go to graze our cattle on the mountains.

Were there any family members or mentors who played a significant role in shaping your spiritual journey?

Yes. My mother. My mother encouraged me to go for Mass daily. Since our school was close to the Church, I would always attend mass before going to school. After I started



going to Curchorem for schooling, I would visit the Blessed Sacrament often. This was an important factor in building my spiritual life during my childhood.

Wearing scapular since childhood was a practice I had learnt from my mother. Whenever I felt insecure or frightened, I would hold the scapular and pray to Mother Mary for help. There are so many incidents wherein I truly experienced protection from Mother Mary after praying by holding the scapular. Besides, every Wednesday evening my mother would take me to Church for Novena and Mass of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour which helped me develop special devotion to Our Lady. I remember when I joined the Seminary, my mother gave me a picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and a Rosary. Although I lost the Rosary, the picture of Mother Mary is still there with me. After I expressed my desire to join the seminary, my mother used to pray every single day to God to show me the way.



Fr. Conceicao D'Silva, was another mentor in guiding me to discern my vocation. Although I wanted to join the seminary when I was in 8th Std, on his advice, I waited to confirm till I finished my S.S.C. Despite some people discouraging me from going to the Seminary, my vocation became stronger.

Can you describe the moment or experience that confirmed your call to priesthood? What were the signs or feelings that guided you?

I remember an incident at my sister's house one night when I was in 10th Std. That night I became sick and was shivering with high fever. I was unable to speak and thought I would die. Then I prayed to God and said, 'Lord, if you save me today, then it will be a sign for me that you have a mission for me to accomplish. Then I will truly join the Seminary. Instantly I felt better and I felt God was very close to me. In the morning I could not understand what had happened to me but my desire to join the Seminary became very strong. I did not share this incident with anyone because I felt they will not believe me. From hindsight, I feel that Fr. Conceicao's advice to wait until S.S.C to discern God's call was the right one.

How did your family community react when you expressed your desire to become a priest?

My mother reacted positively and was supportive. Most of the neighbors,





especially the elderly, were also happy about my decision in joining the seminary. My other family members were not that happy because they felt that since I was the most intelligent child in the family, I could have helped the family in tiding over the financial difficulties.

Can you recollect some of the most impactful experiences or lessons you learned during your time in the seminary?

After my S.S.C. I initially joined the Carmelite Order for 3 years, completing my Orientation there along with my Higher Secondary schooling. fond memories of those 3 years. Then, I took a year's break due to my mother's sickness. She had to be operated on account of a life threatening tumor. After 2 hospitals declined to operate on her, we took her to Dr. Rebello's Hospital in Margao; however, we were told to arrange for a number of bottles of blood. Miraculously, the surgery was successful without the need for any additional blood. This incident reconfirmed my vocation. While my mother was recuperating, I received an offer to go on board the ship for job with an attractive salary. However, when I disclosed this news to my mother, she questioned me whether I would be happy earning money or serving people. She gave me her example of how God can work wonders in our lives if we trust him. However, she told me to pray

before the Blessed Sacrament for 8 days and make the final decision. I decided to decline the job offer and return to Seminary. Meanwhile, the Carmelites decided that I should take one more year of break in order to test my vocation. But I felt there was no need of more time. Hence, I decided to join Pilar Seminary. When I went to Pilar, the Rector was not available. So, the Asst. Priest, Fr Eucharistinho Gomes, with whom I went, took me to Rachol Seminary because he had some work.



There I met the then Rector of Rachol Seminary, Fr George Nazareth who asked me if I wanted to join the Rachol Seminary. When I applied to Rachol Seminary, I did not receive any reply for months. On enquiry, the Rector told me that Archbishop Raul will decide about my admission. By the end of summer holidays, I received the message from the Rector informing me that the Bishop has accepted my application. Later, the Rector confided in me that vouching for my admission was one of his best decisions.

Another incident that reassured me of my vocation and mission was somewhere in the year 1998 when I, along with some Rachol Seminarians, were taken to Saligao Minor Seminary to help in installing intercom. I had gone on the false ceiling to fix wires. I did not know that the false ceiling was very weak. When I stood upon it, I instantly fell down. Somehow my right hand went over a beam and I remained hanging till someone brought a ladder and helped me come down. It was providential that I did not fall on the floor.

Looking back on your Ordination Day, what emotions did you feel, and how was this momentous occasion celebrated? How did you envision your future ministry then? Did you have an ordination theme or logo?

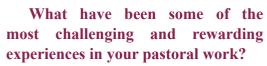
I was joyful that God chose me to be His priest. Throughout, God had indicated to me that He has a mission for me. My apprehension was that I should



not fail God who had been faithful to me. That's why I chose the ordination theme, "Tujer Patieun, Seve-Jinnechi Vatt Dhortam". The logo was Jubilee Year 2000. Two of us were ordained together, Fr. Simon Fernandes and me, on 27th October 2000. It was a wonderful celebration with all the parishioners joining us.

You've served in different parishes. How have these different experiences shaped your ministry?

Just on the second day of my ordination, I was surprised by an unexpected appointment the Assistant Parish Priest of St. Andrew's Church, Vasco, when I was expecting and preparing to be appointed in St. Jerome's Church, Mapusa. However, when I received the appointment order on 28th October, I was disheartened and unprepared. At this point, Fr. Conceicao encouraged me and said 'you will learn a lot in Vasco', which I did. This experience taught me to accept God's will. My second appointment was at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Caranzalem as Parish Priest. I enjoyed my priestly ministry there where I had to face substantial amount of challenges because I had to put in place all the pastoral structures such as Small Christian Communities, Parish Pastoral Council, church administrative bodies, etc because it was a new parish. My next appointment was at the Se Cathedral where I am currently serving.



I had begun my priestly journey as if on an untrodden road which I had to navigate trusting in God. My first appointment was not what I wanted. During the Pastoral Institute course, I was informed by the Diocesan Authority that I will be sent for higher studies immediately after the course. However, the stream of studies was not upto my



liking. I had a great liking to study Philosophy or Psychology but it was suggested that I go to St. Peter's Institute, Bangalore, for Canon Law. I told the Authority that it was not my cup of tea. However, the Authority gave the final decision and had to to go to Bangalore for Canon Law studies as it was the need of the Diocese. I reluctantly went ahead because I had to obey the Authority as a priest. I was the first priest to be sent to St. Peter's Institute for Canon Law. Within a year of my study in Bangalore, I have taken such a special liking to the Canon Law that I told my Authority,

'now, I not only accept this cup of tea, but I like this cup of tea'. After returning from Bangalore, I was expecting a certain position. However, I was requested to stay in Bambolim Church and serve in the Tribunal as a Defender of the Bond and later Administrator of the Tribunal. Once in the field. I liked the task so much that I would enjoy the ministry. As I was enjoying my work, I was asked to go to Rome for my doctoral studies. I had to stay in the Portuguese College. It was a challenge because I was the first priest of the Archdiocese to be sent to Rome for doctorate after more than 25 years and that too in the Portuguese College. However, when I accepted the challenge that too turned out to be wonderful experience. Being the first student, both in Bangalore and in Rome, I did have to face a lot of challenges but the Archbishop was very supportive. All the other priests who followed me had, by then, the Diocesan policy in place which made their situation different. I completed my doctorate within the shortest time period permitted by the Urbaniana University, Rome, with the intention of doing some additional courses available in Rome. However, the Authority requested me to return back stating that the Diocese needs my services. On my return, I wanted to stay in a parish and then work as the Judicial Vicar but the Authority had other plans. During my 10 years as Judicial Vicar, I had to face lots of challenges but the joy

that emanated from the service kept me going.

We would like to know about your doctoral research. How did pursuing your Ph.D. complement your priestly ministry? Are there any specific insights from your research that have influenced your pastoral approach?

I did my specialization on Marriage Law with particular intent on Can. 1097, §2, CIC 1983 when and how a marriage consent can be vitiated due to error of a quality of a person directly and principally intended by a contracting party. The study was based on the Substantive Law and Doctrinal as well as Jurisprudential implications. This study became handy for me to help people in resolving their marriage issues by effecting reconciliation and even to obtain annulments as required in the context of those contracting marriages by way of proposal/arranged.

In your role as a Judge/Judicial Vicar in the Judicial Tribunal, what principles or values guide your decision-making process?

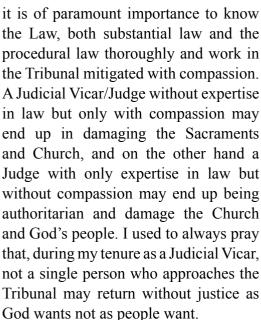
Since I always wanted to be in the Parish, the Tribunal Ministry was not my first choice. However, during my ministry as Judicial Vicar/Judge, I learnt how to mitigate the strictness of the law with Compassion of the Heart of Jesus. I am happy that many people acknowledged me as a blessing for them. I am glad that I could give hope to so



many in despair owing to their situation with God-given patience and inspiration to solve even those cases which were rejected by most experienced judges. The diligent following of the procedural law left no loophole (*lacuna*) to challenge my judicial decisions. Till date, not a single case, from those challenged either in Bombay or in Rome, was overturned but gave relief to the people. This is not a proud moment for me but I humbly acknowledge God's guidance in dealing with the matter.

Would you like to share the significance of this position you hold in the Judicial Tribunal?

I had always seen my role in the Tribunal, whether as a Defender of the Bond, Tribunal Administrator and Judicial Vicar/Judge, by way of service to the Church and God's people. I had to strike a balance between defending the Sacraments and also displaying Jesus' compassionate heart. For that reason,





As a Canon, what are your responsibilities in contributing to the Cathedral Chapter?

I was astonished when I was established a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter because I was the youngest in the list. I had to accept the honour because the Authority decided it was good for the Church. As a youngest Canon, I serve as Secretary and Treasurer of the Chapter. I try my best to contribute positively to the Church through the given responsibilities.

How do you believe your ministry has made a difference in the lives of those you've served over the last 25 years?

I see my role as a "sower" who is given the responsibility of sowing God's justice, God's compassion and God's love in the places I was assigned. The more I recollect my ministry as a "priest", the more I experience peace in my heart with the consolation that I did my best for the given role. However, the more I see myself as "Rosario", the more I feel embarrassed because of my weaknesses and failures which have hindered in doing more for God. Then I pray to God, that He may make up in His own way whatever was not done because of my personal failure.

As a Parish Priest of St. Catherine of Alexandria Cathedral, what are your most cherished experiences?

The appointment to the Cathedral

was not a joyful announcement for me at the given point of time because I was enjoying my priestly ministry in Caranzalem and my tenure was not completed. However, as always I accepted it as God's will. I cherish every moment of my ministry. The 18th Exposition of the Sacred Relics of St. Francis Xavier was a special occasion



forever etched in my memory. In this parish, the people are very cooperative and supportive and the pastoral structures were well established by the former Parish Priests. As a Parish Priest, I love my parishioners. I am in love with their souls and hence my yearning and ultimate goal is that not a single soul entrusted under my care should be lost. I plan my pastoral ministry keeping the goal in mind. My pastoral visits, celebration of the Sacraments, various types of formation including liturgical, Biblical, building families, establishing Synodal parish, and strengthening their faith in Jesus are all oriented towards the same goal. My focus is not restricted to one section of the faithful but to all from children, youth, and adults to seniors and homebound

How do you deal with the challenges in your priestly ministry?

Initially dealing with challenges was tough. However, over the time I have learnt a spiritual process. I take the challenge to God and discuss with Him. I do what is in my capacity and leave the rest to Him. Faith and Trust in God, guides me to stay calm as He takes over the situation

Would you like to share some memories from some wonderful places you visited over the years?

Over the years, I have visited many places both in India as well as abroad. My foreign visits includes U.S.A., Canada, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi and Dubai. I have observed the cultural differences and religious practices. It helped me to appreciate our Indian culture and religious upbringing.





What advice would you like to give to the youth of our parish?

I would advise our youngsters to dream big, have faith and trust in God, and try to achieve the goals. Do not give into despair when some or all the goals are not accomplished but have faith! He always gives us the BEST. Throughout the 25 years of my priestly journey, I entrusted myself to the will of God and I always got the BEST.

What is your advice to those intending to marry and those who are married?

My advice to those who intend to get married and those already married is: Marriage is a vocation. One comes to conviction that God is calling him/her to marriage, at a given point of time and with the given person, only after sufficient spiritual, analytical and evaluative process. One must know what Christian marriage entails, and one must evaluate self if he/she is fit to the said marriage and finally whether one is capable of living the said Christian marriage with a given person. For this

process to take place, one must be able to have proper knowledge about self, about marriage and about the spouse-to-be. How can one gift his/her whole life to a person if he/she does not know the other? Marriage is a wonderful vocation and those who are called for it are truly blessed.

Those who are already married

must focus on the spouse as he or she is. The process of knowing the other spouse continues. The deeper one enters into the knowledge of the spouse, the more one loves him/her. The more superficial the knowledge of the spouse, the lesser one loves and deviates from the spouse to focus on other persons or things. To those whose marriages are facing rough weather, God does not abandon the married couple in their difficulties. On the contrary, He is close to them in such situations than ever before. There is always brighter side of marriage. The couple must work towards holiness of the other and in the process the marriage turns out to be a wonderful vocation.

As you look ahead towards the next 25years, what are your hopes and aspirations?

As I look forward, I say to God, "Tujer Patieun Seve-Jinnechi Vatt Dhortam". I continue my journey with the same hope, faith and the conviction that the God who was with me throughout the last 25 years' journey will be with me also in the future journey.





May this special milestone bring you Joy, Peace and Renewed Strength.

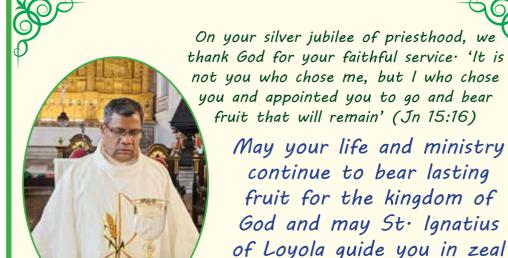
As we celebrate your Silver Jubilee, our prayer is that God may continue to be your strength and your song.

May He reward your faithful service with grace upon grace.





Parish Youth



Wishes from

St. Ignatius Somudai

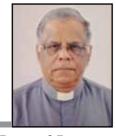
and discernment.

Dear Rev. Can. Rosario Oliveira, The Members of the Conference of St. Catherine - Old Goa, SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

extend their warmest wishes to you on the joyous occasion of your 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.



Shepherds of Our Souls



Fr. Jose Remedios Fernandes

Tesus is the Good Shepherd (Jo. 10,7ff). He was God; his house was in heaven. Yet He came into the world. He did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave. Being God, he was not bound to die; yet he took that step too, that we may be saved. He opened for all men the gates of heaven; for anyone wishing to enter.

During his public ministry he chose apostles to be shepherds of souls after his heart to continue the work of salvation he has accomplished for his people. This work today is carried out by our priests whom Jesus want to be shepherds of souls after his heart.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd;

- Knows his sheep 'I know my sheep and they know me' (Jo. 10,14)
- Gives life to the sheep "I came that they may have life and have it in abundance" (Jo. 10,10)
- Dies for the sheep "I lay down my life for the sheep" (Jo. 10,15)
- Has concern for the other sheep that are not yet in his fold "I have other sheep that are not of this fold; I must bring them too; they will listen to my voice and they will become one flock with one shepherd" (Jo. 10,16)

Shepherds after the Heart of Jesus;

- Should know their sheep: should establish relationship with the parishioners and the families. This is done through regular visits and contacts.
- Give life to the sheep: should be available to administer the sacraments- Baptism, Confession (Penance) to give life or to restore the lost divine life.
- Nourish this new life through the other sacraments, through faith formation, example and advice.
- Willing to die for the sheep: should be ready to self-sacrifice for his parishioners' sake
- -sacrifice his time, being available when it is required.
- Concern for the other sheep that are not yet in his fold- should visit non-catholics too in his parish, promote inter-religion dialogue, social work, unity by any means available so that one day all become part the one flock.

We thank the shepherds of our souls after the heart of Jesus and, on the occasion of the Vocation Day, wish all the seminarians to be one day such shepherds in their life.



Congratulations on the Silver Anniversary of your Priestly Ordination

Fr. Jackie Afonso Albuquerque Bishop's House

A Jubilee is an occasion of thanksgiving and celebration.

ear Rev. Can. Fr. Rosario Oliveira, it has been a long journey of 25 years with the love of God in your Heart, armour of faith in your life, and a burning flame set out to shepherd the flock in service, and to spread the fragrance of Christ to all those who come to you.

My personal encounter with Fr. Rosario was in the year 2016 when I was a deacon under his guidance in the Parish of Our Lady of Rosary at Caranzalem, where Fr. Rosario was the Parish Priest. He became a mentor to me and a shepherd who showed me the path to Jesus through Mary.

Indeed Fr. Rosario became a lasting friend, the one from whom I could always seek advice, and from him I always found motivation, support and help.

Fr. Rosario has been a true pastor into the heart of Jesus. At times, whenever I had difficult moments he would always enrich me with his enlightening words of encouragement which helped me in my ministry as a deacon and now as a Priest. Even at sorrowful moments when I lost my father, he was right beside me holding my hand and wiping my tears.

Fr. Rosario's deep experience of God is visible through his thought provoking homilies, his keen interest in the faith formation, his gentle approach and attending the people with patient listening. His capacity to act promptly with right decisions at the right moment had captured the hearts of many.

As he completes 25 fruitful and grace filled years of his priesthood, I wish him good health, and God's abundant blessings to continue his ministry in the vineyard of the Lord. May this Silver Jubilee turn to gold and platinum in the service of the Lord.



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St. Catherine of Alexandria Cathedral, Old Goa

Celebrating 25 Years of Priesthood of Rev. Fr. Rosario Oliveira

Lloyd Vaz PPC Moderator



his year marks a profound milestone in the life of Rev. Fr. Rosario Oliveira—25 years of priesthood, a Silver Jubilee of faith, service, and dedication to God's people. His journey is not only a personal vocation fulfilled but also a blessing to the countless lives he has touched through his ministry.

Born in Tilamoll, Goa, Fr. Rosario answered God's call with courage and humility. Ordained on 27th October **2000**, his priestly life has been a living testimony of Christ's words: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last" (John 15:16). Over the years, he has faithfully carried out his mission as an Ecclesiastical Judge in the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman and also Asst Parish Priest, culminating in his service in the Sé Cathedral, Old Goa as its Parish Priest-one of the most historic and spiritually significant churches in Asia.

Fr. Rosario's priesthood has been marked by a deep pastoral heart. Whether celebrating the Eucharist, administering

the sacraments, or offering counsel to those in need, he has embodied the role of shepherd—guiding his flock with compassion, patience, and wisdom. His leadership in parish pastoral councils has encouraged lay participation, reminding the faithful that the mission of Christ is shared by all.

As Fr. Rosario celebrates 25 years of priesthood, the faithful of Goa and beyond join in thanksgiving. Gratitude is owed to his family, mentors, parishioners, and fellow clergy who have supported his journey. Above all, thanks be to God, whose grace has sustained him through every season of ministry.

The Silver Jubilee of Fr. Rosario Oliveira is not just a celebration of years, but of lives transformed, faith deepened, and communities strengthened. As he looks ahead, the words of St. Paul echo with renewed meaning: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

May the next chapter of his priesthood continue to shine as a beacon of faith, hope, and love for generations to come.

A Man of God

"What thanks Can we render thee oh Lord for the gift he has showered upon me"



Te are immensely grateful to the Almighty God for the gift of Fr.Rosario Oliveira . He is truly a man of God no doubt. His Love for the word of God is seen in his homilies and his life itself. He is compassionate and kind to the poor and needy, Slow in anger and patient in dealings with others. Fr Rosario is truly gifted in many ways. Very few people are blessed with such inner beauty of seeing with the eyes of God. His love for the poor is remarkable. With his empathetic understanding towards the needy, he senses their need extending fatherly care towards them. As you celebrate your silver years of your commitment to God, we raise our hearts in gratitude to God for the wonderful person that you are. There is a saying "Those who love God's Word, will be guided by it". It is very true with our Fr. Rosario. His inspiring reflections at the Eucharistic celebrations has fostered our spiritual growth. May God use your dedication to bring countless hearts to him. May your Christ centered life, be the only Bible where others could read, know and love Jesus.

On this Your 25th Ordination day, we the Sisters and the Residents at St. John of God wish you all the blessings and express our deepest gratitude for your Priestly Ministry, your guidance and inspiration. May Mary Our Heavenly Mother be your constant guide and companion on your Priestly Journey. God Bless you.

Joyful Gratitude To Our Dearest Pastor

It is said that *Gratitude is the memory of the heart*. So with deep gratitude, thankful heart and joyful sentiments, we the

Parishioners of See Cathedral Parish, Old Goa, lovingly celebrate our Parish Priest-Rev. Fr. Rosario Oliveira's sacerdotal Silver Jubilee on 27th of October.

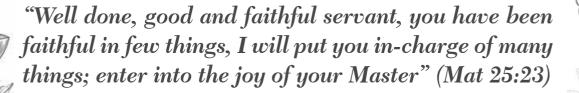
Loving Fr. Rosario, you have been our Parish Priest for the last 5 years and we have experienced your care, concern and love towards each one of us. Your dedication towards the welfare of each one of us in many different ways is seen in day-to-day life. You have gone out of your way to introduce something



new, something unique in our Parish with catechism to migrant children in Hindi. Your spending time in personal prayers, your well prepared liturgies, your guidance and your love and interest in all, young and old shows your love and dedication to your work and your ministry. It is an example and encouragement to each one of us.

We pray silver may turn to gold in years to come with same zeal and dedication. GOD BLESS YOU.

Sr. Cecilia Almeida H.C Handmaids of Christ Convent Old-Goa



Hearty Congratulations! Dear Rev. Fr. Rosario,

It's an honour for us to pen a few words of congratulations on the occasion of the **SILVER JUBILEE** of your Priestly Ordination.

We, the FMCK sisters and the Novices of Our Lady of the Angels and Portiuncula convents, join you and the parishioners to thank and praise God Almighty for the



significant milestone you have reached....25 long years of unwavering commitment and dedication of serving the Lord and His people in His vineyard.

Father, during these past years, you have been a blessing and have touched countless lives

with dedication, leadership, enthusiasm, love and compassion.

As we commemorate this special occasion, we express our profound gratitude and appreciate your unstinting efforts, in helping us to anchor in the word of God which clearly echoes and re-echoes in our hearts so as to navigate through twists and turns of our journey of life with hope and trust in the Lord and in each other, to make the Kingdom of God palpable wherever we are.

Father, we take this opportunity to thank you for all that you are to us very specially offering Holy Masses in our chapels and for generously and graciously sharing your knowledge with our Novices on various topics.

May God Almighty bless and reward you with Joy, wisdom and courage, turn your Silver into Shimmering glitter of gold blossoming fruitfully your Priestly Ministry. Be assured of our prayerful support.

FMCK SISTERS, Our Lady of the Angels & Portiuncula Convents, Old Goa



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St. Catherine of Alexandria Cathedral, Old Goa

The Heart Of A Shepherd: Celebrating 25 Years Of Hope

Bro. Jason Colaco



very one of us has a pilgrimage; a journey of faith marked by moments of hope and moments of struggle. But some among us have made their entire life a pilgrimage for others, a sacred walk in a world that so desperately needs a guide. We have a suitable example of a lighthouse.

A lighthouse is built on a solid, unshakeable foundation, often on a rocky cliff or a submerged reef. This foundation represents a priest's vocation, his "yes" to God's call. It's the firm ground of his faith, prayer life, and formation, which must be strong enough to withstand the most violent storms. For 25 years of priestly ordination, our dear **Fr. Rosario Oliveira** has built his priesthood on this unwavering rock. He shows us that a life built on Christ can endure anything.

The Guiding Light

A primary purpose of lighthouse is to emit a constant, bright light. This light does not seek attention for itself; it simply exists to guide ships safely to shore and warn them of dangerous waters. This is the heart of the priesthood. The priest, like the lighthouse, is a guiding light in the Parish and to his parishners. He is a beacon of hope in a world that can often feel like a vast, dark ocean.

The Keeper of the Light

The lighthouse keeper's life is one of

unseen vigilance and quiet service. He is not a sailor, but a servant of sailors. His work is often lonely, and his presence is only noticed when his light is most needed. This is the hidden life of the priest. We see him in the public moments; at the altar, in the office, etc. but his most profound work happens behind the scenes, in personal prayer and in the sacrifices, he makes for his flock. During my regency, I saw this firsthand. I witnessed father's constant prayer and unwavering devotion, which are the fuel that keeps his light shining brightly.

The Constant Watch

A lighthouse keeps a constant watch, never wavering from its post, no matter the weather. It shines through the fog and the fiercest storms. This is a model of a priest's fidelity. For 25 years, Fr. Rosario Oliveira has been faithful to his vocation and his ministerial priesthood, a consistent presence in our lives, in both our calm seas and our most turbulent storms.

As we celebrate this milestone with Fr. Rosario, let us thank him for being a faithful lighthouse, a keeper of the light for all of us. Let us pray that God continues to bless him with the grace to stand firm, so that he may guide many more pilgrims to the safe harbour of Christ.

"YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER, AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK." HEB. 7:17



Celebrating the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Rosario

Ruth Dixon Parish Youth

n the 27th of October, our parish community comes together with joy and thanksgiving to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination of our beloved Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Rosario. This milestone marks 25 glorious years of his faithful service to God and His people, a journey filled with dedication, sacrifice, and love. From the day he was ordained a priest, Fr. Rosario embraced his calling with humility and zeal. Over the years, he has served in several parishes and institutions in many capacities, always as a shepherd lovingly leading his flock with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering faith.

Through his preaching, he has made the Word of God come alive. Through his teaching, he has deepened and strengthened the faith of his flock. Through the celebration of the Sacraments and through his pastoral care, he has brought Christ to the people and the people closer to Christ. Across these 25 years of priesthood, he has touched and transformed countless lives, built up communities, and nourished the Church. Fr. Rosario's life and ministry have been a living testimony of faith and service - whether at the altar, in the



confessional, among the sick, or with the young.

As Fr. Rosario celebrates this Silver Jubilee, we, as the Parish Community of this Cathedral Parish, thank God for the gift of his life and vocation, and rejoice with him and his dear family. We express our deepest gratitude to him for his tireless ministry and for being a true shepherd after the heart of Christ. May this Jubilee be a moment of joy, renewal, and blessings for him. We pray that God may continue to sustain him in health and spirit and grant him many more happy years in fruitful service to God and His people, with "feet and heart on fire."

With grateful hearts overflowing with happiness, we say: Congratulations, dear Father Rosario, on your 25 years of priesthood! On to gold!

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Priests As Pilgrims of Hope in A World of Uncertainty

Rhea Ana Mascarenhas



"There is always hope." ~Proverbs 73:26

he jubilee of hope is a time of spiritual renewal and a call to be "pilgrims of hope" amidst global crises like war, poverty and pandemic. The jubilee offers opportunities for forgiveness, spiritual renewal, reconciliation and pilgrimage.

A pilgrim, by definition, is a person on a spiritual journey, often facing hardships and relying on faith. A pilgrim accepts that the path forward may not always be clear. For a priest, this pilgrimage is not merely a physical journey, but a way of life lived in service to others amidst uncertainties. They are similarly called to trust in God's providence even when facing new and complex challenges that seminary training could not have foreseen, such as issues related to technology, social justice, and evolving cultural norms. Through their ministries and compassion, priests actively spread the message and gift of hope the foundation of which stems as love which empowers others and not hatred or anger.

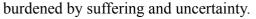
Pope Francis emphasizes that the Church, including its priests, are called to a shared journey and to be in communion with all people. Rather than being distant or aloof, priests are meant to walk with their communities, sharing in their struggles and showing solidarity.

As pilgrims of hope, priests fulfil their mission through specific ministries that address the spiritual and emotional needs of a world full of anxiety and fear.

Ministers of reconciliation: The Jubilee Year is a time of universal pardon and the remission of sins, with Pope Francis calling for greater access to the Sacrament of Confession. As ministers of this sacrament, priests act as bearers of mercy and forgiveness, helping to heal the broken hearted and renew the trust of the faithful

Celebrants of the Eucharist: In a chaotic world, the Eucharist offers a moment of stability and grace. For priests, celebrating the Eucharist is central to their mission, as they "enact the saving work of Christ" and mediate the mysteries of salvation for the community.

Proclaimers of the Gospel: The primary task of a priest is to proclaim God's word. By sharing the joyful message of the Gospel, priests offer a source of true joy and purpose to people



Visible signs of Christ's presence: In his bull proclaiming the Jubilee, Pope Francis reminded clergy that their ministry is rooted in the certainty of Christ's love. As such, a priest's faithful witness and ministry can help a world that is "often unknowingly, for witnesses of hope" to see Christ truly alive.

Sources of renewal: The 2025 Jubilee includes a special time for the

"Jubilee of Priests," an opportunity for clergy to recommit themselves to their vocation. Through prayer and reflection, priests are called to rediscover the beauty of their ministry not as a burden, but as a gift that allows them to be "refreshed and inspired to be Christ's light for others".

Source: Sunday examiner, Nashville Catholic

YOUTH CORNER



The Spiritual Shepherd: Role of the Priest in Guiding the Faithful

Joseph Menezes

priest is a spiritual leader who serves as a bridge between the divine and human community, performing sacred rituals, administering sacraments like baptism and communion, and offering spiritual guidance and teaching. He, who is in turn filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord connects people with God through his Holy Word.

The priest as a shepherd leads his flock i.e the people in the ways which please God through his constant faith in him and obeying his teachings. Walking with the shepherd(priest) as a flock (community) helps us to shape our life with perfection.

A priest brings out his faith in action by his service to others, continuing God's mission thus teaching us the same and encouraging the community to read and to reflect the word of God in life.

He provides compassion and empathy along with a listening ear, which is required in the world today, and provides the right advice.

Priests help in building a sense of community, fostering a spirit of unity and cooperation in a society.

Through his actions, he provides a lesson of service and in turn helps to create the path to God in Heaven.

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The Face of Christ in a Priest

Diogo Rodrigues (Our Lady of Light somudai)



hrist is the symbol of love, sacrifice and divine grace. The face of Jesus Christ appears in many places, reflecting His presence. One such reflection of Christ is the face of Christ in a priest. Just as Christ is the Good Shepherd, a priest too takes on the role of a shepherd serving as a link between God and the Church.

The face of Christ in a priest can be seen as a shepherd, a teacher, a spiritual guide, a servant and a healer.

Christ taught his followers through parables and healings, imparting wisdom and truth. A priest is therefore called to spread the Word of God, which he does through homilies, catechism, counselling, community interactions and several other ways.

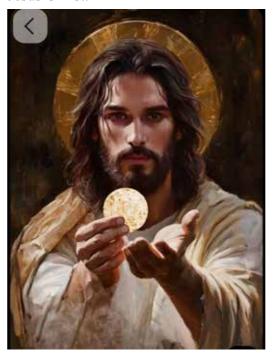
The face of Christ is seen in a priest at the time of administering of the sacraments - Baptism, Communion, Confession, Confirmation, Marriage and Anointing of the sick - to the faithful. Each sacrament strengthens the bond and connection to God.

'Whenever a priest administers the sacraments' says St. Pope John Paul II, 'the priest lends Christ his own face and voice'

A priest helps guide his parishioners towards a deeper understanding and

relationship with God.

Christ instituted 'The Last Supper' commanding his disciples to 'to do this in memory of me'. A priest has the unique role of consecrating the bread and wine during the mass, turning them into the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



Christ showed deep compassion for humanity, healed the sick and fed the hungry. Similarly a priest becomes the face of Christ by showing compassion, and emotional and spiritual support to the faithful especially the poor, downtrodden and suffering.

The face of Christ in a priest is seen through his spiritual and personal sacrifices for the good of his parish. Facing all sorts of challenges a priest remains calm, steadfast and patient trusting in GOD'S PLAN. A priest is a model of virtue, poverty, celibacy and obedience. His life is a complete surrender to God.

A priest who truly embodies the face of Christ feels the pain and distress of his flock and seeks to heal it through prayers, understanding and counsel. He sacrifices his comfort, time, even safety and at times even his life for the sake of his faith and people.

John10:11. 'I am the good shepherd. The shepherd lays down his life for his sheep'

We see the face of Christ in a priest who is joyful and encouraging to his flock, bringing the light of Christ to a world full of despair, fear and pain.

Being the followers of Christ is not easy, especially for a priest in this world filled with temptations and evil which at times engulfs in subtle ways. We as the faithful, should avoid speaking negatively about priests, and share whatever issues we may have with the concerned priest.

Let us pray to God and to Mother Mary to make our priests a channel of mercy, truth and grace.

Lord Jesus make our priests true shepherds after Christ's own heart. Holy Spirit guide and protect each and every priest and anoint them with purity, wisdom and courage. Amen.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

To Fr. Rosario, with love...

God needed someone to care for his flock and so he created you.

You are a truly great father who is hard to find and impossible to forget. God bless you Fr Rosario.

By Kennan Dias Zomo Xantichi Ranni

A prayer for Fr Rosario

Loving Lord, we thank you for the gift of our Parish Priest Fr Rosario. Grant him the strength to carry on his vocation, wisdom to lead and love for the people. Protect him and guide him and fill his heart with the joy for his ministry. May his life be a reflection of your divine grace. Amen.

By Naysa Gomes Zomo Xantichi Ranni

Grateful for the gift of Fr. Rosario.

Dear Lord, We thank you for the gift of Rev Fr Rosario. Thank you for his 25 years of service with love. Thank you for the prayers he says for us and the kindness he shows to everyone.

Thank you for his smile that gives us joy and for the way he teaches us about you. Thank you for the care with which he teaches the children and for quiding our parish family with faith.

Bless him with good health, fill his heart with peace and happiness and guide him each day with the Holy Spirit.

Keep him strong in his priestly journey, surround him with love and friendship and let him always know how much we thank you for him.

By Francis Monteiro

Zomo Guttachea Rosa

Thank you Rev Fr Rosario

Thank you Rev Fr Rosario for guiding us each day, for showing God's love in every way. For your prayers, your smiles your care, are so true. We thank God so much for you.

By Gareth Monteiro Zomo Bodveanchi Ranni

Happy Ordination Day

Dear Lord, we pray for Fr. Rosario and the mission you have blessed him with. He has done a lot of good work for us. We thank you for his presence in our life which always challenges us to be good and devout catholics and even better human beings. Amen.

By Christina Fernandes Zomo Sorginchi Ranni

Dear Father Rosario.

Thank you for you faithful service, for the past 25 years of your Priesthood. May God continue to bless you with his joy and goodness.

By Anaiah Afonso Zomo Sorginchi Ranni

A Life Of Grace

You walk the path that few would dare, For burdened hearts, you stop and care. Through every sermon, prayer, and deed, You plant in us the Gospel seed.

Not for praise or worldly fame,
But by the Lord, you were called by name. To
lead, to serve, to kneel and pray
A light to guide our hearts each day.

By **Jesma Costa** Zomo Bodveanchi Ranni



The Rosary

Aiden Gomes Zomo: Kurpebhorit Saibinn

The Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary, they are giving her a beautiful rose, and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. It is the most important devotion.

The Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary, we meditate the mysteries of joy, of sorrow, of glory and of light of Jesus and Mary. It is a prayer we can all say together with her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our requests. She joins her prayer to ours.

In every apparition the Heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace.

Benefits of praying the Rosary

It facilitates a closer relationship with God & Mary, leading to spiritual enlightenment.

It is a source of calmness & a way to find inner peace and solace amidst daily challenges.

It is a path to receiving spiritual & physical graces, strength and protection.

The Rosary helps individuals to grow in virtue, purify their souls and grow in their knowledge of Christ.

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REPORT Altar Servers' Meet – 29th August 2025



Bro. Lourdes Simoes

he Altar Servers' Meet was held on 29th August 2025 in the Parish Hall, bringing together altar servers for a day filled with spiritual enrichment, learning, fun, and fellowship. The day began at 9:15 a.m. with registration, after which the participants gathered for Adoration. Before the Adoration, Fr. Jason gave general instructions regarding the various items used during the Adoration, helping the servers understand their significance

and proper usage. Following the Adoration, a practical session was held in the main Church, led by Fr. Jason, focusing on the essential aspects of being a good altar server. He demonstrated how to participate in a procession and the correct way to hold the

thurible, cross, and candles and proper serving. To foster teamwork and inspire the servers with the lives of holy young saints, the participants were divided into five groups, each named after a saint: St. Maria Goretti, St. Dominic Savio, St. John Berchmans, and St. Therese of the Child Jesus. The day continued with an action song session to

energize the group, followed by games to enhance interaction and camaraderie. A parable drawing competition was also organized, where each group was assigned a different parable to illustrate creatively.

At 1:00 p.m., a delicious lunch was served, giving everyone a chance to relax and socialize. Post-lunch, each group was asked to present a cultural performance, which was evaluated by a panel of judges. This was followed by

an inspiring talk on the life of Saint John Berchmans, delivered by Br. Saviro, highlighting his virtues and dedication as a young altar server. The final segment of the day was a quiz competition, which tested the knowledge and attentiveness

of the altar servers. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, acknowledging the efforts and talents of the participants.

Overall, the Altar Servers' Meet was a grand success. It was a day of learning, joy, and spiritual growth. All the altar servers returned home enriched by the experience and filled with joy.





Exalting the Cross — the Sign of Christ's Victory and God's Unfailing Love

Grisha Paiva San Doming Somudai

In the Cross, Jesus reveals the very Heart of God. He shows us how infinitely precious each one of us is to the Father, and how far God is willing to go to save us. As Scripture proclaims: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

On the Cross, Christ not only bears our sins,—He unveils the depth of divine love. He answers the deepest longings and questions of the human heart: Does my life matter? Am I loved? What is my purpose? The Cross resounds with God's

At its centre, the Cross declares that God alone is the ultimate meaning and purpose of our lives—and that we are never beyond the reach of His mercy.

With profound faith and joyful hearts, St. Domingo Somudai took responsibility to celebrate Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Sunday, at the altar of the Cross of Miracles in the Cathedral, on 14 September 2025. In spiritual preparation for the feast, a tridumm was held before the feast, drawing the faithful into deeper reflection on the mystery and power of the Cross.

The Feast Mass was solemnly celebrated at 7:30 a.m. After Mass,

the congregation, together with the priest, proceeded reverently to the Altar of the Miraculous Cross, beautifully adorned for the occasion. There, the priest led the assembly in prayer, after which the faithful came forward in devotion to venerate the Holy Cross—a powerful expression of love, reverence, and gratitude for the saving sacrifice of Christ.

May the Cross of Christ continue to inspire and strengthen our community in faith, hope, and love.

We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, here, and in all your churches throughout the whole world, and we bless you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. (Saint Francis of Assisi)





answer: Yes.

REPORT

The feast of Nativity and celebration on Jubilee of Mothers

Jewella De Souza (Catechist)



he Church joyfully celebrates Mother Mary's annual feast of her nativity on 8th of September all over the world. The birth of Mary is ordained in particular, towards her mission as Mother of the Savior. This feast commemorates the birth of the Virgin Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus, and is a major Marian feast with historical roots dating back to the 7th century.

Mother Mary being our universal mother, our parish celebrated the "Jubilee of Mothers" on this very feast day. After the novena, the feast day was celebrated by St. John Facundo Somudai, with the Eucharistic celebration presided by our Parish Priest Fr. Rosario Oliveira, concelebrated by our Assistant Parish Priest Fr. Jason Fernandes and Resident Priest Fr. Jose Remedies Fernandes supported by the melodious choir led by Bro. Lourdes Simoes. Soon after the feast Mass there was a short program organised by the Catechetical Association for all the lovely mothers in our parish to celebrate the Jubilee of Mother's.

The program consisted of beautiful poems recited by our catechism children, two dance performances by our youngest catechism children for the mothers and a prayer dance performance by our Hindi speaking children. One of our students' mother, and our parishioner Mrs. Sylvia Britto shared her delightful and memorable experience on her journey of motherhood, followed by a short film presentation by our students dedicated to all the mothers, finally a heartfelt message was delivered by Fr. Rosario Oliveira for the mothers. Lastly the children gave away their greeting cards and gifts prepared by them to their respective mothers. The sweet smiles and joy on their faces was quite visible enough for everyone to understand how happy and special they felt on that day. The program ended with the vote of thanks given by catechist Josma Pereira by 8.00 pm. To make this feast even more special St. John Facundo Somudai made everyone's mouth extra sweet with their delicious cake and chocolates. The celebration was very overwhelming and spiritual for each and every one of us.

REPORT Feast Of Our Lady Of Sorrows

Minin Pinto St. Augustine Somudai

n September 15, the St. Augustine Somudai celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows with great devotion The altar was beautifully decorated the day before in preparation for the feast. The feast Mass was celebrated by Father Jason K. Fernandes, who delivered a profound homily on the sorrows of Mother Mary. He emphasized her steadfast presence beside her son, Jesus, during his crucifixion, encouraging us to remain calm and faithful when our loved ones endure pain, trusting that God's plan will be glorified through all trials and tribulations. The message deeply resonated with all attendees. Following the Mass, cake was shared with everyone, fostering a sense of community. It was a truly blessed day for our Somudai and every one of us.



REPORT

Ankvar Mariechea Zolmachi Porob

Goretti D'Silva St. John Facundo



nkvar Maria amchi sorginchi Avoi ani Ankvar Mariek man divop, tichi bhokti korop soglleank bhov auddichem. Ankvar Mariechi bhokti nhoinch halinchea kallachi punn xekdeanchi. Zaitea amchea Bhagevontanim tichi bhokti keli ani Bhagevontponnacho mukutt tannim zoddlo. Ankvar Mariekuch lagun ani tichea hoikarak lagun amchi soglleanchi soddvonn zaunk pavli. Amchea Pri. Vigar Canon Rosario margdorxonna hanchea Oliveira, khal Dev-Sondexkaranim apaplea zomeachea bhurgeank gheun orthabhorit sevadhorm kelo. Tersachea magnneantlean survat diun, uprant vaddloleanim bhurguim toxinch kaddun Saibinnichea mirvonnuk paiam xim aplim fulam ghalun, Povitr Misachea Bolidanant vantto ghetalim. Sevadhormachi Vachpam ani her bore toren toiari tannim keli. Devsondexkaranim bhurgeank toiar korunk zaito thokos ghetlo, toxench Avoi-Bapaiancho sohokar tankam mell'lo. Ho Saibinnicho altar St John Facundo somudaiek poddlolean, fuddareanim amchea somudaiechea



soglleanchem mon zannun gheun ekamekachea sohokaran favo ti saf-safai ani her mandavoll keli. Soglleanim khuxe monan aplo pattinbo dilo.

Amchea Pri. Vigaran hajir aslolea bhurgeank altaraxim haddun tankam eke bhaxen, Jezuche vengent ghetlolea porim ani Povitr Misacho Mog tanchea kallzanim rigounk vaurlo. Toxench Povitr Pustokantlea bhagancher lokx ghalunk ani somzonni diunk proitn kelo. Her soglli zannvai amkam sonvsarant mellta punn Devachi ollokh odhik diunk bharim vavurlo. Amchea bhurgeank zori tor ami sogllem dilem ani Jezu diunk nam zalear ami chuktanv hachi amkam zannvikai dil'li. Porbechea disa amcho Sevadhorm ekdom orthabhorit zalo, zaitea amchea somudaiechea vangddeank vantto gheunk bhag favo zalem. Misa uprant dotonichea bhurgeanim tanchea sondexkaranchea ani Iadnikanchea fuddariponna khal Avoiam sovem aplo mog dakholl korunk ek lhanso kariakrom manddun haddlo. Toxench chocolate, cake ani ukodlole chonne vanttle. Hea porbettlean Mariechi dekh gheun bhorvanxeachim yatrekaram zaum-ia





REPORT A Prayful Hour Spent With Jesus Christ

Anaiah Afonso



n 31st August 2025 our class Sorginchi Ranni had a Holy hour. It was a blessed and peaceful experience. We started by praising Jesus by singing hymns and later offered our prayers. We got some time of silence to spend with Jesus. During this time I surrendered myself, my family, my worries to Jesus, And I felt light and calm. We were asked to write all our worries on a piece of paper and place it in a basket which was surrendered to Jesus. Thank you Jesus for blessing us all unconditionally.

RUZAI SAIBINNICHE IGORJENT NOVENAK ANI PORBEK VIXOI

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- Porbechea disa Mis ani pursanv sokallchea 10..00 vaztam Our Lady of Three Necessities ani Khuris Milagr somudai hi mandavoll sambhallunk assat.



PARISH LITURGICAL PLANNER FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER'2025

SUNDAYS					
Visitation of	Our Lady continues				
Date	Celebration	7:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		4:00 p.m.
5/10/2025	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Day of Ecology Apostolate: Celebrate 'Season of Creation'/ Jubilee of Migrants / Jubilee of Creation)	St. Augustine	San Domingo St. Ignation Catechetical Association		St. Ignatius
	Novena of Our Lady of Rosary at Rosary Church	5:10- Rosary 5:30 - Mass			
12/10/2025	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Day of Mass Media Apostolate / Jubilee of Social Communication)	St. Alex	St. Francis Xavier Our Lady of Three Nec		St. John Facundo
	Feast of Our Lady of Rosary at Rosary Church	10.00 a.m.			
		7:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		4:00 p.m.
19/10/2025	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Mission Day / Jubilee of Missions/ Missionaries)	St. Joseph Vaz	St. Catherine		St. Augustine
26/10/2025	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Day of Youth Apostolate/ Jubilee of Young People)	Parish Youth	Our Lady of Piety		St. Paul
02/11/2025	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed		P.P.C.		
	All Souls' Day – Mass at the Cemetery	6:30 a.m.			
	Masses at the Church	7:30 a.m. Our Lady of Light	8:30 a.m. Catechist	10:00 a.m. Our Lady of Three Necessities	4:00 p.m. Khuris Milagr

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WEEKDAYS

Visitation of Our Lady continues					
Date	Celebration	Time	Responsibility		
01/10/2025 (Wednesday)	St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Jt. Principal Patroness of the Missions (Solemnity)	7.00 a.m.	Daily Readers		
02/10/2025 (Thursday)	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi at St. Francis of Assisi Church	10.00 a.m	Franciscan Fathers		
	Cleaning of Our Lady of Rosary Church	3:00 p.m.	P.P.C.		
03/10/2025 to 11/10/2025	Novena of Our Lady of Rosary Feast	5:10 p.m. rosary followed by Mass	Novena responsibility chart		
03/10/2025 (<i>Friday</i>)	Sacrament for elderly and sick.	9:00 a.m.	Priests		
04/10/2025 (Saturday)	Anticipatory Sunday Mass in English	6.00 p.m.			
11/10/2025 (Saturday)	Anticipatory Sunday Mass in English	6.00 p.m.			
14/10/2025 (Tuesday)	Community Celebration of Silver Jubilee of Priesthood of 13 priests of our Archdiocese	3:30 p.m.	Archdiocese		
18/10/2025 (Saturday)	Anticipatory Sunday Mass in English	6.00 p.m.			
25/10/2025 (Saturday)	Anticipatory Sunday Mass in English	6.00 p.m.			
27/10/2025 (Monday)	Thanksgiving Eucharistic Celebration of Silver Jubilee of Priesthood of our Parish Priest.	5.00 p.m.	Parishioners		
29/10/2025 (Wednesday)	Feast of Our Lady of Hope	7.00 a.m.	St. Alex Somudai		
01/11/2025 (Saturday)	All Saints Day	7:00 a.m.	Divine Mercy Group		
01/11/2025 (Saturday)	Anticipatory Sunday Mass in English	6.00 p.m.			



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Intention of the Apostleship of Prayer Intention: For collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

DAY	READINGS			
	1st READING	PSALM	2nd READING	GOSPEL
01. Wed.	Is. 66:10-14c;	Ps.130 (131*): 1.2.3;	1Cor.7:25-35;	Mt. 18:1-5.
02. Thur.	Ex.23:20-23;	Ps. 90(91*):1- 2.3-4.5-6.10-11;		Mt. 18:1-5.10.
03. Fri.	Bar. 1:15-22;	Ps. 78(79*):1- 2.3-5.8.9;		Lk.10:13-16.
04. Sat.	Bar.4:5-12.27- 29;	Ps.68(69*):33- 35.36-37;		Lk. 10:17-24.
05. Sun.	Hab. 1:2-3,2:2-4;	Ps. 94(95*):1- 2.6-7.8-9;	2 Tim. 1:6- 8.13-14;	Lk.17:5-10.
06. Mon.	Hebr.: Jon.1: 1-2:1.11	Hebr.: Ps. Jon.2:3.4.5.8;		Lk.10:25-37.
07. Tue.	Ac. 1:12-14;	Ps. Lk.1:46-47. 48-49. 50-51. 52- 53. 54-55;		Lk. 1:26-38.
08. Wed.	Jon. 4:1-11;	Ps.85(86*):3-4.5-6.9-10;		Lk. 11:1-4.
09. Thur.	Hebr. Mal.3:13-20a;	Ps. 1:1-2.3.4+6;		Lk. 11:5-13.
10. Fri.	Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2;	Ps. 9:2-3.6+16. 8-9;		Lk. 11:15-26.
11. Sat.	Hebr: Joel 4:12- 21;	Ps. 96(97*):1- 2.5-6.11-12;		Lk. 11:27-28.
12. Sun.	2Kgs. 5:14-17;	Ps. 97(98*):1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4;	2 Tim. 2:8- 13;	Lk. 17:11-19.



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13. Mon.	Rom.1:1-7;	Ps. 97(98*):1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4;		Lk. 11:29-32.
14. Tue.	Rom. 1:16-25;	Ps. 18(19*):2-3. 4-5;		Lk. 11:37-41.
15. Wed.	Rom. 2:1-11;	Ps. 61(62*):2-3. 6-7. 9;		Lk. 11:42-46.
16. Thur.	Rom. 3:21-30;	Ps. 129(130*):1- 2.3-4b.4c-6;		Lk. 11:47-54.
17. Fri.	Rom. 4:1-8;	Ps. 31(32*):1- 2.5.11;		Lk. 12:1-7.
18. Sat.	2Tim.4:10-17b;	Ps.144(145*):10- 11.12-13 ab.17-18;		Lk.10:1-9.
19. Sun.	Ex. 17:8-13;	Ps. 120(121*):1- 2.3-4.5-6.7-8;	2Tim. 3:14- 4:2;	Lk. 18:1-8.
20. Mon.	Rom. 4:20-25;	Ps. Lk. 1:69-70.71-72.73-75;		Lk. 12:13-21.
21. Tue.	Rom. 5:12. 15b. 17-19. 20b-21;	Ps. 39(40*):7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 17;		Lk. 12:35-38.
22. Wed.	Rom. 6:12-18;	Ps. 123(124*):1- 3. 4-6. 7-8;		Lk. 12:39-48.
23. Thur.	Rom. 6:19-23;	Ps. 1:1-2. 3. 4+6;		Lk. 12:49-53.
24. Fri.	Rom. 7:18-25a;	Ps. 118(119*):66. 68. 76. 77.93.94;		Lk. 12:54-59.
25. Sat.	Rom. 8:1-11;	Ps. 23(24*):1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6;		Lk. 13:1-9.
26. Sun.	Sir. 35:12-14. 16-18;	Ps. 33(34*):2-3. 17-18. 19+23;	2Tim.4:6-8. 16-18;	Lk. 18:9-14.
27. Mon.	Rom. 8:12-17;	Ps. 67(68*):2+4. 6-7ab. 20-21;		Lk. 13. 10-17.
28. Tue.	Eph. 2:19-22;	Ps. 18(19*):2-3. 4-5;		Lk. 6:12-19.
29. Wed.	Rom. 8:26-30;	Ps. 12(13*):4-5. 6;		Lk.13:22-30
30. Thur.	Rom. 8:31b-39;	Ps. 108 (109*): 21-22. 26-27.30- 31;		Lk. 13:31-35.
31. Fri.	Rom.9:1-5;	Ps. 147:12-13. 14-15. 19-20;		Lk.14:1-6.

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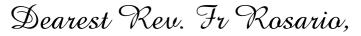
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Rev. Fr Rosario Best Wishes on your Silver Jubilee



Art by Steven & Suzan Lobo



As you venture yet another milestone in your life we the Holy Family Sisters and Novices send you our Best wishes along with Choicest Blessings from Above. May God continue to Bless you with every grace as you celebrate 25 long years in service of God and His people. May you always experience the unfailing presence of our God in all your endeavors. Hearty Congratulations dear Fr Rosario and may Blessings in your priestly Ministry.



Yours In Jesus

Sr Meena Dias sfn

Animator of Holy Family Novitiate House Old Goa



In Gratitude to Mothers: A Celebration at Our Lady of Piety Somudai

Jewel Borges

mother's love is the heart of a family, her strength the pillar, and her care the endless gift we celebrate every day.

To show our love for our mothers, we the children of our lady of piety somudai put together a small celebration. The celebration was started with a prayer, thanking God for the opportunity to get us all together and for the gift of our Mothers. This was followed by the cake cutting and each mother was fed a piece of cake by a fellow child. After the cake cutting the Mothers were asked to take a seat and a few snacks and coffee was distributed to get the evening going. It was made sure that we all, as a somudai were sitting together in this room, kids and adults and sharing love, laughter and stories. After a few minutes all the children got together to put forth their performances.

Starting with a beautiful melody played by our beloved Janaya Farreira, followed by a hearty poem recited by Gladys Vaz. A serenade put together beautifully by Sania and Sofia Vaz. After the individual performances were over, all the children together put forth

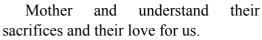
a special konkani song, sung with much love and admiration for their mothers. Thereafter, a small Mother's Day special skit was performed by Nezio Borges, Jewel Borges, Sofia Vaz, Nathan Farreira, Gladys Vaz, Vailansha D'souza to portray the importance of a Mother and her never-ending love for her child.

All the Mothers were filled with utmost joy and happiness watching their kids. Their eyes were filled with tears of joy. And they were in awe of the effort put together by all of us kids. Of course, we did not forget about the Mothers whose children are far from home for whatsoever reason. We previously asked their children to send an audio wishing their Mothers a Happy Mother's Day and asked them to send us a few photos and had this all put together to make a heartwarming video which made the respective Mothers feel a big part of the celebration.

A mother, Mrs. Ermelinda Menezes, gave a vote of thanks. In this, she started with how we should always pray to Mother Mary and then continued with how grateful she is as a Mother, ending with how we kids should always love our

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To end the celebration, our SCC member Menino Menezes said a few words of appreciation and Brother

Lourdes Simoes said a few words on our Heavenly Mother Mary, reminded us to always pray and ask for her blessing and ended this beautiful celebration with a Mother Mary hymn.











A QUARTER CENTURY OF DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO GOD AND THE CHURCH

A tribute to a faithful formator, Fr. Rosario, you are God's masterpiece, as it says from Mathew 22:14 "Many are called but few are chosen." It's been 25 years you said yes to JESUS CHRIST the King, and stood faithfully at the Altar to be a shepherd to your flock. Since then you have been there for the most profound moments in our lives.

Baptism that welcomed new souls.

Marriages that united hearts.

And last rites that offered comfort in times of sorrow.

We thank the Almighty for gifting us our Parish a dynamic, approachable and sincere Priest that is our dear Fr. Rosario.

May God bless you with good health and perseverance to continue with all the work.

St Paul Somudai









Dear Father Rosario Olivera,

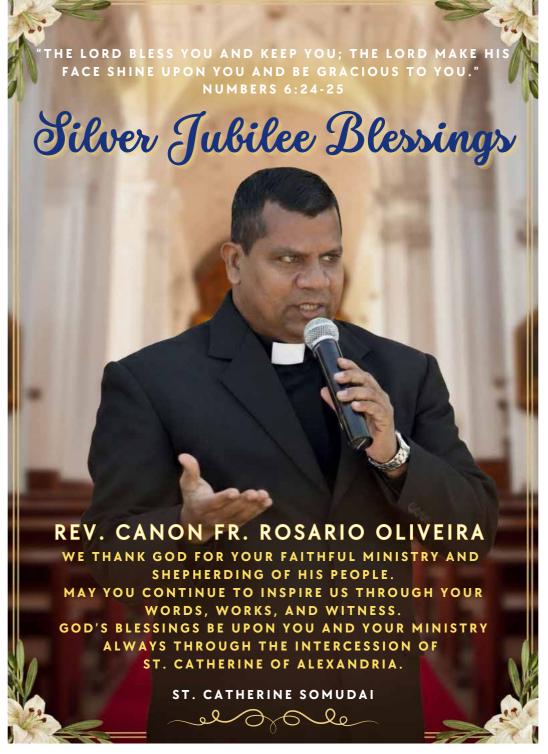
Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary of Priesthood!

The St. Augustine Somudai is deeply grateful for your unwavering guidance and support. Your encouragement has inspired us to actively participate in church activities, strengthening our community. With compassion, you've been a pillar of support, guiding us through challenges and illuminating the true meaning of Christianity, which has deepened our faith. Your dedication continues to uplift us all. Thank you for your selfless service.



With gratitude, St. Augustine Somudai





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Dear Father Rosario

On this blessed occasion of your Silver Jubilee of Priesthood, we thank God for the gift of your vocation and your dedicated service to our Parish.

Through your words and deeds you have been a source of inspiration, guidance, and comfort to us all.

We are deeply grateful for your unwavering guidance, heartfelt prayers, and the spiritual support you provide to our community.

Your wisdom and dedication inspire us every day. Thank you for being a beacon of faith and compassion.

God bless you and keep you always in good health.

Yadnikponn Zaun Asa Jezuchea Kallzacho Mog, Jenna Ami Yadnikak Polletanv, Tache Bhitor Ami Jezu Polletanv. Yadnikponnachea Rupea Utsova Somoiar Ami Tumkam Borem Anyddetanv.

St John Facundo Somudai



फादर रोजारियो ओलिवेरा को गोवा धर्मप्रांत में 25 वर्षों की समर्पित सेवा और उनकी रजत जयंती के पावन अवसर पर हम हार्दिक बधाई व शुभकामनाएं अर्पित करते हैं।

प्रभु यीशु के नाम को समर्पित आपका जीवन प्रेरणा का स्रोत है। हम प्रार्थना करते हैं कि प्रभु आपको हर जोखिम, दुख और बुराई से सुरक्षित रखे। हमारी प्रार्थनाएं सदा आपके साथ हैं, और हम अपने प्रेम व

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गोवा की पवित्र भूमि में आपके द्वारा प्रज्वलित
विश्वास की ज्योति अनंत काल तक चमकती
रहे। फादर रोजारियो, आपकी कृपा और शांति
कैथेड्रल चर्च से लेकर हर समुदाय में फैले।
प्रभु आपको हर नजर से बचाए,
चाँद-सितारों से अधिक सजाए,
दुख का साया कभी न छाए,
जीवन में सदा सुख बरसाए।





~ Delina Fernandes

25 years ago, a calling came to life.

The Lord prepared a servant to lead us in His light.

A man of principle, diligence, and simplicity shining through,

Our beloved parish priest, Fr. Rosario – that's you!

Jolly at heart and understanding all the while, Always ready to go the extra mile.

He might look like a rulebook walking the aisle,

But one chuckle from him, and you can't help but smile.

For the youth you guide, encouraging every heart, With children, you ignite the love of the Eucharist, a spark that won't depart.

Through all the parish programs you administer with care, You make heaven feel closer in every prayer we share.

Year after year, you proclaim God's Word - our living bread, Filling hearts with mercy and goodness by the Spirit you're led. Like a shepherd shepherding his sheep, creating ripple effects, You selflessly serve the Lord, never showing neglect.

We ask that Jesus may walk with you in humble strides, Blessing your life with graces abundant and wisdom that guides \mathcal{E} abides. May you continue to nurture souls and live out a mission so bold, Turning all these fruitful years from Silver into Gold.

On behalf of Our Lady of Light, Somudai, we wish you, Father Rosario, a blessed and joyful Silver Jubilee of your priestly ordination. We thank God for the many gifts you have shared with us, and pray that His perpetual love and grace continue to fill your life, guiding you as you lead His people closer to the heavenly kingdom.

Wishes and Blessings from

Our Lady of Light Somudai







'Be shepherds of the flock of God that is under your care, watching over them-not because you must, but because you are willing'. (1 Peter 5:2)

May the Good Shepherd always sustain you with His love and may Our Lady of Piety accompany you always with her motherly care and intercession.

Wishes From

Our Lady of Piety Somudai



Congratulations, Father, on completing 25 years of priesthood!

Truly the Lord has fulfilled His word:

'I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding' (Jer 3:15).

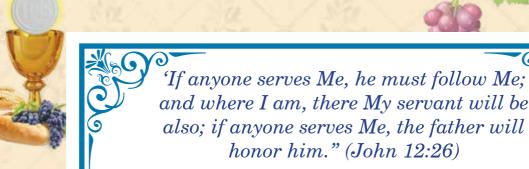
May Christ the Eternal High Priest bless you with strength, joy, and abundant grace in your ministry. We invoke St. Dominic, model of simplicity and fidelity to the Gospel that he may continue to inspire you in your ministry of service and preaching.



San Doming Somudai









We, Samy Sandana (PPC), Menino de Oliveira (PPC), Maria C Varella (CAT) and Dilip Patil (CAT), along with all the families of Khuris Milagr Somudai, joyfully celebrate the Silver Jubilee of your priesthood dear Fr. Rosario Oliveira.

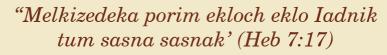
You have worked wholeheartedly in the Lord's vineyard, guiding the faithful and building up the parish community.

'Thank you for 25 years of selfless service.'

'Your devotion is an inspiration'

Khuris Milagr Somudai





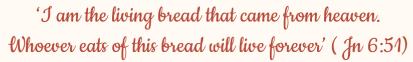


Tujea Iadnikponnachea rupea utsovachea disa ami St. Alex Somudai, amchea firgojek tujea iadniki dennea khatir khuxalkaien Devak argam ditanv.

Tujem iadnikponn zaun assa jivea ani sasnnik Mha-Iadnikacho rupkar zachem asnnem ami tuje sovem polletanv. Devan tuka sabar bhesauvanim bhorum ani St. Alexache vinovnnen, tujo bhavart odik vaddum. Jezucho khoddegant missionar zaun aplem karya khuxalponnan fuddem vhorunk Tum pavum.

St. Alex Somudai







As we celebrate this milestone - Silver Jubilee of your priesthood, dear Father we, the faithful of St Joesph Vaz Somudai, rejoice and thank God for your 25 years of selfless service at the Lord's altar.



We pray through the powerful intersession of St. Joseph Vaz, Patron of our Archdiocese, may you be blessed with wisdom, courage and zeal to shepherd God's flock in the years ahead.

St. Joseph Vaz Somudai

'For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many'- (Mark 10:45)



On the occasion of your Silver Jubilee, dear Father Rosario, we the members of St. Francis Xavier Somudai, give heartfelt thanks to God for your 25years of dedicated priestly service.

May the Lord Bless you through the intersession of St. Francis Xavier.

May your priesthood continue to inspire and bear much fruit in the Chruch

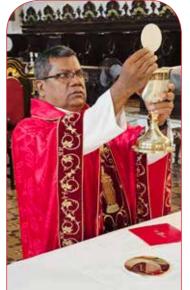
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"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" (Col 3:23)



As members of the Confraria, we joyfully join in celebrating the Silver Jubilee of your priesthood dear Tather.

On this blessed Jubilee, we thank the Lord for your life of hard work and devotion. May Christ, the Eternal priest, strengthen you for many more fruitful years of ministry, and may Our Lady of Nossa Sra. Das Agustias, intercede for you always.



Confraria





Wishing you dear Rev. Canon Rosario Oliveira on your Silver Jubilee.

God bless you with good health and happiness. We are blessed to have you as our Parish Priest. We thank God.

May you serve in His Vineyard for many, many more years to come.

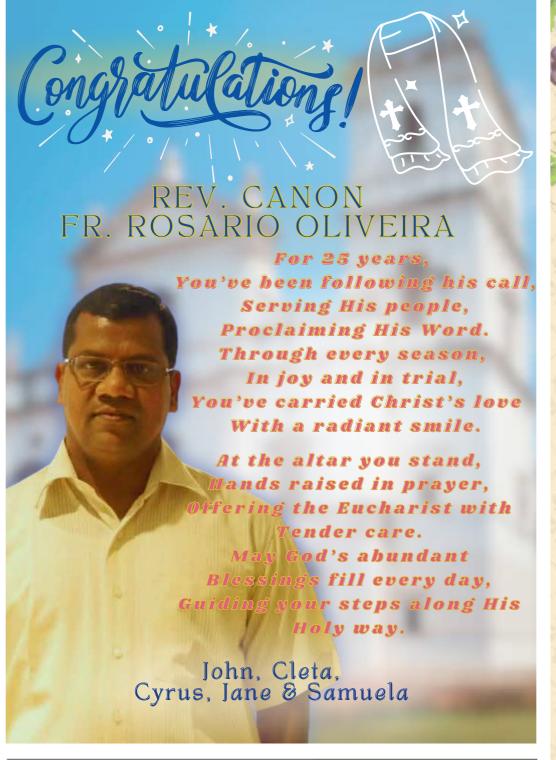


Divine Mercy









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First Death Anniversary





Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live (John 11: 25)

There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Lynette on Monday, 20th October at 8.00 a.m. at the Se Cathedral Church followed by the prayers and blessing of the grave.

A Tribute of Love from her Daughter - Fiona, Grandchildren - Vanessa/Babulu and Great Grandchildren - Kiara and Kyler.



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