

HOLY REDEEMER LINKS

Director's Message

Fr. Charles Vijay Kumar, C.Ss.R. Director: RMC, RPI, & Holy Redeemer Foundation



Preaching the Gospel Ever Anew!

On the 8th of September 2023, Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, made an announcement to withdraw the dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. When Churches were shut due to the pandemic in March of 2020, the Sunday obligation of attending Mass at church was suspended temporarily till the situation returned to normal. Over the past three years, we had Churches open for short periods and then shut again with the second and third waves of the pandemic. When attending mass in the Church was not possible or not safe, especially for the elderly and those with conditions of comorbidity the faithful were advised to attend online Masses and receive Spiritual Communion. But for the past year, in most places normalcy is restored and people have returned to their Parish Churches for masses. Thus the announcement was meant to formally withdraw the dispensation from the obligation of attending the Sunday Mass. Nevertheless, there are still online Masses streamed on the internet and broadcast television. The question is, for whom is this meant?

There has been streaming of the daily and special Eucharistic celebrations over the television, especially from major shrines and Churches even before the pandemic days. It was meant for those who were old, sick and home-bound and those who were travelling. For many, who were not daily Mass goers, now the easy accessibility of online mass and evening prayer, became part of their daily schedule and helped them immensely in their spiritual journey, and building up their family in faith and Christian teachings. Today, for many, Sunday is a time to go to their Parish Church for Mass, but on weekdays, they still find meaning and purpose in attending daily Mass online and receiving Spiritual Communion. That's why we have twice the number of viewers for our daily mass compared to our Sunday liturgy. Our statistics also show that 70% of our online participants are above the age of 55, and 50% of the total viewers are above the age of 65. Thus, for us at Holy Redeemer's RMC Channel, it is mostly to cater to the pastoral needs of the elderly and the sick, and also to those who find it difficult to go to church for daily mass but find spiritual nourishment through weekly online mass. We also have another category of people who don't attend the whole online mass, but tune in to our channel just to listen to our sermons and preaching, after having attended mass at their parish church.

At RMC we are also mindful, that Christian faith formation is not only limited to attendance of mass, rosary and novenas but includes the formation of our conscience and growing in the knowledge of our faith. That's why we put in a lot of effort and resources to create content to enrich the moral lives and faith of our participants. Programmes like "Who's Who in the bible", and "Psalms for Life" are meant to educate us in the knowledge of the Scriptures and programmes like, "That Catholic Couple", "Heart Rock Cafe", and "Ageing Gracefully" are meant to strengthen our Christian faith and moral life. Our Mission at RMC is "To Preach the Gospel ever anew." and being open to the Holy Spirit to help us understand the 'signs of the times' and respond to them with Christian Charity, Missionary Zeal and Trust in the Lord. By sharing with you all that's happening at RMC, we want to acknowledge that we are not alone in this, and you are our Partners in Mission and we welcome you in your own unique way to join us in fulfilling this God-given mission.

Assistant Director's Message

Fr. Robin Kumar, C.Ss.R

With immense gratitude and excitement, I am composing this article to share the news of my appointment as the Assistant Director of our Redemptorist Media Centre. This momentous occasion fills me with both honour and enthusiasm for the journey that lies ahead.

I was born in the old Mysore Region of Karnataka. In the year 2020, a year that will forever be etched in our memories due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I was ordained. Following my ordination, I spent a year as a community member in Chennai, during which I pursued a diploma in digital filmmaking and honed my professional media skills. Subsequently, I participated in the Pastoral Year Programme for newly ordained, a special year dedicated to learning about Redemptorist Mission Preaching and gaining practical training. Following that, I served at our media center, working alongside Frs. Charles Vijay and Sandeep. Following this, I was sent to pioneer the Redemptorist mission in Mysore and serve as the Assistant Parish Priest at St. Joseph's Cathedral, also known as Philomena's Church.

During a year when the world grappled with fear and uncertainty due to the pandemic, and many were trapped in darkness and despair; a small candle of hope was lit, and that candle was the Redemptorist Media Centre. Today, I am delighted that our centre has provided hope and courage to people when they needed it most. I am deeply committed to building upon this rich legacy and working alongside our Director, Fr. Charles, to contribute in every possible way to his vision for this exceptional channel.

Walt Disney once said, "All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them." The way we convey our dreams holds significant importance in this mission, which is undeniably challenging. Failure to adapt and evolve will quickly render us outdated. Therefore, I understand the importance of continuous self-improvement and the need to explore new methods of communicating the message of the Redeemer. I am deeply humbled by the trust placed in me by our Provincial Fr. Edward and Fr. Charles, who have appointed me as their assistant, and I eagerly anticipate collaborating with each of you as we embark on this exciting journey together.

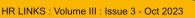
I am reminded of Reed Markham's words, "Dreams can become a reality when we possess a vision, a plan, a desire, and the courage to chase that dream regardless of the obstacles." I am convinced, just as St. Paul proclaimed, "He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it" (2nd Thessalonians 5:24). I entrust the vision of our channel, our plans, desires, and dreams, at His feet, and I am certain that He will guide me.

Redemptorist Media Center is now part of the Holy Redeemer Foundation

When we started Redemptorist Media Center - RMC, in December of 2010 it was meant to help the Redemptorists of the Province of Bangalore to access a pool of multimedia content that was available for their ministry. We managed a digital library, hosted many websites for our institutions and parishes, created catechetical content for faith formation and the like. Gradually RMC began to embrace the bigger mission of faith formation and evangelization through digital media through short film production and parish software. It was the pandemic that drove us to live stream Liturgical Services and create devotional and pastoral programmes on a daily basis to address the need of the hour.

This helped us to connect with thousands of people who now view our programmes on our YouTube Channel. The number of people we began to reach out to constantly grew year by year, and continues even today after the pandemic. Today the 57K+ subscribers are only a part of the bigger number of viewers who benefit from our programmes. Thus, in order to manage this growing ministry, the **Holy Redeemer Foundation was founded in January of 2023.** As a Section 8 Company, this entity will manage all our media activities including the RMC YouTube, Holy Redeemer Internet Radio, Podcast, Film Production, Publications and many other new initiatives that are in the pipeline. We hope that these structures will help us grow in our ministry and reach out to millions of people across the globe in fulfilling our mission of Preaching the Gospel ever anew.







ADVENT-ing up to Christmas



ADVENT-ing upto Ohreistmas Children do form an integral part of the Church. A great step forward in helping them become more God-loving and aware of their faith was a short video series - 'ADVENT-ing Upto Christmas'. This was yet another thoughtful initiative of the Redemptorist Media Center to prepare us for Christmas during the holy season of "Advent" which means "to come".

Through this series, kids who participated not only got a chance to display their creative side, but also made the online audience aware of what Advent and Christmas really mean.

The praise worthy aspect of the 'ADVENT-ing Upto Christmas' videos was the enthusiasm of the kids.

Dressed in coloured ensembles, they described bit by bit, every symbol of Advent like the five candles and the Advent Wreath. They rightly described Advent as a season of repentance, preparation and sacrifice helping the viewers to discover the spiritual meaning behind our festivities.

The kids emphasised that it was the perfect time to give Jesus a present by growing in faith and spending more time in prayer. A time to complain less and grow more in love towards others!

Each of the 27 videos highlighted different aspects of the holy season of Advent & Christmas, and more than 30 children participated to keep our online viewers simultaneously entertained and educated by the spectacular video series presented by RMC's enlightened kids.

RMC's Lenten Mission 2023 Lays Emphasis on the "Word of God"



"The Word of God" formed the essence of the week-long captivating online Lenten Mission 2023. Our two dedicated preachers Fr. George Puthenpura, C.Ss.R. and Fr. Joseph Abraham, C.Ss.R. presided over this holy mission. The Lenten Mission which included mission sermons, praise, worship and benediction took place from 26th February to 4th March. A powerful topic "Who Is Your God?" was the first episode in this mission. Added to the beautiful service was the youthful and talented choir "Chalice of Praise" which brought melody and peace to the worship through their singing and praise.

Numerous thought-provoking topics were covered throughout the Lenten journey; one of them being exploitation of the innocent. Fr. Puthenpura, spoke about the Indian Catholic Priest, member of the Jesuit order, Fr. Stan Swamy, in the sixth episode 'A Way of the Cross for Human Life'.

Fr. Puthenpura rightly says that "Jesus continues to die in people like Fr. Stan Swamy or in people who are exploited or people who are suffering unjustly." He goes on to ask us an intriguing question, "Are we willing and available, as Jesus did, to help them?"

We were reminded not to unjustly condemn others in life, to be slow to anger and quick to forgive. The Preachers reflected on Jesus' stations of the cross as an example for us to learn from.

The nine videos covered topics beneficial to strengthen our family lives such as Improve the Quality of Your Prayer Life, Slavery of Sin & Freedom of Forgiveness, Strengthen the Pillars of Your Family, and Grow Deeper into The Eucharist amongst others. Much emphasis was given to our prayer life. Unless we are in touch with prayer, our lives cannot be fruitful.

The holy mission culminated with "Our Great Model and Mother: Mary." Describing our mother Fr. Abraham said, "We praise her for her beauty, for her calmness, for her dedication, for the joy that she had, for her smile, for her simplicity", but these terms are still insufficient to define her entire being.

That said, we have eternal hope that we have our mother who will lead us through our problems and our daily challenges. That's what Mary is to each one of us. A great model, guide and saviour of this world!

Our online audiences found the themes touching and just apt for the holy season. The number of participants following the series had increased immensely.

We can definitely conclude that the profound Lenten Mission 2023 was enlightening, spiritual and peaceful.

"Ageing Gracefully - A Talk Show for the Evergreens".

To help cope with the Twilight Years in these bewildering times, RMC has introduced a relevant, ongoing programme of 30–45-minute segments featuring "comprehensive dimensions of healthy aging from various perspectives, with an underlying spiritual dimension".

Introduced in October 2022, the show, anchored by Gila Pereira and helmed by Rev. Fr. Juventius Andrade C.Ss.R., Scripture Professor and Member of the General Council Rome, saw, over the past year, eminent experts from the medical field interacting with a live audience, "not just to add years to your life but to add life to your years!"

How to Deal with Change & Loss looked at coping when faced with the shrinking social circle, the empty nest syndrome and "the complex dynamics of a home that can build walls instead of bridges". It also tackled the elephant in the room: Death. "The more we have frank open conversations within the family, the sooner the fear will recede", said Dr. John Thakaran, Havard University and MIT USA.

In the issue on Mental Health, Dr. Angeliqueka Rao, Psychiatrist, London, defined the differences between cognitive impairment, depression, psychosis, and the various kinds of dementia including Alzheimer's disease. She also dialogued with the audience on "reacting vs responding" and coping for caregivers.

While Physical Activity and Exercise is important for Seniors, Dr. Mario Vaz, Physiologist, Author and Initiator of the Bio Ethics Forum in Bangalore, pointed out the distinct difference between the two. A combination of both is essential for overall physical, mental and emotional health, he said. Dr. Anuja Chandrana, Physiotherapist, then detailed the four segments of exercise essential as one grows older. "Without challenge there is no change", she said. Moving from independence to inter-dependence is

when Seniors face the question: Are You Feeling Lonely and Unproductive? Speaking from a pastoral and spiritual perspective, Fr. Andrade referred to Loneliness as "the unseen epidemic that is global", and that cuts across age, gender and class. Identifying the causes of loneliness, ways to overcome it and how to lessen the impact, especially on the elderly, were discussed. "Rest in the presence of God; For God is the still point in a changing world", was the eloquent advice from Fr. Andrade.

Caring for the Caregivers "is an ethical question that we have to engage in for this invisible group", said Dr. Olinda Timms, Anaesthesiologist and Author of "Bio Medical Ethics for Students and Doctors" who was appointed as a member of the Pontifical Academy for Life in March 2023. Dialoguing with the audience, she brought out the various ways in which a Caregiver can get fatigued and the need for relief and support.

As the Talk Show continues, what reverberates is the advice: "How you are already living your life is what you will carry forward as you age".

Teach Us to Pray: Fr. Larry Kaufmann's School of Prayer

What should be the simplest act, is perhaps the most difficult for many of us: The act of praying. Reasons could range from ignorance, indoctrination or the constant noise within and around us today.

Recognising this, RMC, through Fr. Larry Kaufmann C.Ss.R., South Africa (Licentiate in Pastorial Theology, Doctorate in Moral Theology) explored, in two parts comprising 13 episodes, the methods and modes to pray; guided by the lives of Saints, "so we can understand better the prayers they composed and taught us".

The exploration was gentle yet effective, from the simple exhortation: "speak with familiarity and confidence (to God); speak often about every aspect of your life"; to the more complex, how to pray the Lectio Divina.

Fr. Kaufmann introduced us to some novel concepts: Imaginary Meditation, where we take a text from the Bible and imagine that we are a character in that story; and Praying in Rhythm with your Breathing, "for breath and the Holy Spirit are the same". Yet perhaps the most practical was, "Pray when you are waiting for a bus or in a queue"; in essence, pray always and anywhere!

Further insights were the 12 steps of prayer during Holy Hour, and how "our response to the scriptures can be the greatest prayer". Who better than Our Lady as a model of prayer? And so, we were introduced to the Marian Model that included the contemporary "Modern Marian Magnificat" by Sr. Olga, of the Immaculate Blessed Virgin Mary Society.

SCHOOL OF PRAYER

FR. LARRY KAUFMANN, C.Ss.R

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POPE ST. JOHN XXIII







RMC's Youth Faith Podcast - Heart Rock Cafe

Redemptorist Media Center's engaging youth podcast series titled 'Heart Rock Cafe' is an excellent initiative for and by the youth.

Youth today are living in challenging and extremely competitive times. They are battling various issues due to fast-paced and demanding lifestyles. Added to this, the pandemic didn't make it easier for them in many aspects. Some of them don't have a shoulder for support and guidance.

This series with a modern approach will help youngsters explore, reflect and discover answers to confusing questions that they commonly face in connection to their life and spirituality.

The faith podcast series touches upon crucial subjects like mental health awareness, spirituality, marriage, relationships, religion, addictions, bullying, and many other vital topics centred around vouth. Each episode is crafted to guide voungsters according to the Catholic tradition. It's also a platform to share your experiences on faith be it a positive or negative experience. In this manner, the program simultaneously enlightens and enriches youngsters through their spiritual journey.

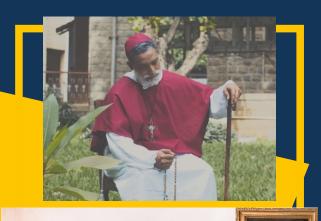


Each podcast conversation covered curiously tantalizing talking points such as Why is the Church So Boring? Why Go to Church When There's Online Mass? Is Marriage a Failed Institution? Can You Be Spiritual Without Being Religious? Mental Health Awareness Among the Young and so on.

Guests on the podcast included Mrs. Kimberly Xavier, a member of the Missionary Families of Christ, India, Fr. Gilbert Choondal SDB and stalwarts from the Redemptorist community, such as Fr. Juventius Andrade, C.Ss, R. Fr. Charles Vijay, C.Ss, R and Fr. Sandeep Menezes, C.Ss, R. Each quest who graced the podcast shared wise insights with our delightful young host Rishika Miranda. The numerous comments every episode receives is proof that 'Heart Rock Cafe' is striking the right chord with our young audiences. If you have any suggestions for future podcast conversations, email us at rmcheartrockcafe@gmail.com.

Join us every month at RMC's YouTube channel 'Heart Rock Cafe' for "heartfelt conversations based on the solid rock of faith over a hot cup of coffee."

Novena to St. Alphonsus Maria di Ligouri



St. Alphonsus, Moral Theologian, whose principles have ensured freedom of conscience for those unjustly burdened by rigorism. pray for us!

Saint Alphonsus, Lawyer, whose mastery of civil and canon law foreshadowed your advocacy of those condemned by Jansenism pray for us!

St. Alphonsus you have said, "Whoever says this little canticle from the heart causes joy in paradise." Let us pray:



This year the Novena took a novel approach, where we prayed and reflected with St. Alphonsus on a particular part of his life, through videos that brought clarity through skilful scripting, editing and presentation.

The Novena followed a daily structure that began with an Opening Hymn, followed by Quote of the Day, the video presentation, Prayer of Petition, Litany of St. Alphonsus and the Closing Hymn.

There was a learning attached to each section of the re-enactment of the life of the Founder of the Redemptorists, where the Patron of Confessors and Moral Theologians spoke directly to us.

- His Childhood: God has a mission for you.
- His Early Education: How are we using our training and talents to serve God?
- His Vocation Story: In and through your experiences of joy and pain, God can call you too, to a new vocation
- Priesthood: How often do you seek God's strength to fulfil your duties and to do it
- to the best of your ability? The Scala Experience: Never forget that you too need to be open, all the time, to what God wants you to do. Founding of the Congregation: Success or failure is not ours to judge but God's. All we need is Faith.
- Bishop of the Poor: How do you react when you see the poor?
- Survival of the Congregation in Naples: All you need to do is surrender and trust in the Lord.
- Devotion to Mother Mary: Prayer: Obtain for me Oh my Queen, a great and constant love for God.

A special thanks to the Prefect and Students of St. Alphonsus College, Redemptorist Theologate for their assistance in re-enacting the life of St. Alphonsus.

Promoting a Culture of Catholic Worship Music at St Cecilia's Music Festival

2021 seems like a very long time ago. Yet, it isn't easy to forget that most of us were locked down, isolated from one another, from our churches and the sacraments. Many of us found creative ways of connecting to others and to God in this difficult situation. We at RMC did our own small part in taking the Church to the people in their own homes. Besides the online Masses, rosaries, catechetical videos and novenas, RMC strove to deepen the relationship with God through the powerful medium of "praise and worship" music.

St Paul exhorts believers saying, "sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts" (cf. Eph 5:19). In addition, St. Augustine says: "To sing is to pray twice." With this in mind, we launched St. Cecilia's Music Video Festival in October 2021. The focus is not competition, but celebrating our common faith through a festival of praises to God while fostering a culture of Catholic worship music. In the process, we hoped to uncover excellent original Catholic musical talent and showcase it to our national and international audience!



We were not sure how many entries to expect. By the feast of St Cecilia 2021 we had over 26 original music videos! Similarly, although the lockdowns were lifted and people were back to work or their regular offline life, we received a total 15 new music videos for St Cecilia's Music Video Festival of 2022. In both the installments, to encourage excellence, there were trained musicians who judged the entries and awarded prizes to the outstanding entries of each year. The categories of awards were for Outstanding Music Video, Outstanding Vocals, Outstanding Lyrics, Outstanding Production, Outstanding Ensemble, Outstanding Solo and Outstanding Local Language. The outstanding entries of both years are recorded below this article. One of the outstanding artistes is Ms. Martha Francis, a techie from Holy Redeemer Church, Bangalore. Let's hear about her experience in her own words:

RMC's St Cecilia's music festival has indeed helped us develop a worship culture in our own lives by bringing out songs of worship from our hearts to God. I have been participating in St Cecilia's music festival for 2 consecutive years and I must say that this has helped build a community of worshippers and has inspired us to bring out new songs of worship to God. Every original song released by each participant, as part of this music festival has been a source of healing to many, and it still continues to speak into the lives of many people around the world. I thank God and RMC for this wonderful initiative that is bringing out songs of worship from every hidden "David" and "Ruth" in our nation. May God be glorified forever!

	2021	2022
Outstanding Music Video Award	You Lifted Me Up – John Sebastian D'Souza	We are born to never die - YOUCAT India
People's Choice Award	You Spoke – Martha Francis	We are born to never die - YOUCAT India
Outstanding Vocals	Because of your love – Hiren Ralph Fernandes	The Hand of God - Dominic D'cruz
Outstanding Group Ensemble	The Lord's Prayer - Lukeharmonix	Kadosh Adonai – Chalice of Praise
Outstanding Lyrics	The Face of Thy Neighbour – Dominic D'cruz	Who am I - Adrian Dass
Outstanding Production Audio/Video	You Lifted Me Up – John Sebastian D'Souza	Mahima - Anastasia Pinto & Abigail Moraes
Outstanding Solo	l Know – Lauren Rasquinha	Give a Lil' Bit of Love - Mark Fernandez
Outstanding Vernacular Song	Maranthaya – Amala Arockia	Mahima - Anastasia Pinto & Abigail Moraes

By the time this article is out on HR Links, the 2023 edition of St. Cecilia's Music Video Festival will be at hand. May the Holy Spirit inspire many more budding Catholic worship artistes showcase their talent and lead us into praising and worshipping God with them in song!

Brain Pickers – A Talk Show to Make a Difference



In this new talk show, RMC seeks to "pick the brains of important personalities with a relevant message for the Church and the World."

In a refreshingly candid two-part interview with Fr. Vimal Tirimanna C.Ss.R. Sri Lanka, Member of the Theological Commission for Synodality and Professor of Moral Theology; Fr. Sandeep Menezes C.Ss.R. then Asst. Director RMC, Bangalore, skillfully explored the What, Why and How of the current buzzword in the Church, Synodality.

The publication For A Synodal Church, is "an effort to harness what the people of God had been saying." This shift in thought harks back to Vatican II and the spirit of the early Church as in the Bible. One of the most important yet controversial aspects of this text is the inclusion of the marginalized in today's Church.

What followed was a mesmerising interview where questions were fielded courageously and answered effectively and honestly on subjects that ranged from the tension between the inclusion LGBTQ people and the disapproval of homosexual acts; to the scourge of clericalism.

Fr. Tirimanna was emphatic that "it is Pope Francis's dream to live with diversity rather than live with false peace". This is reassuring to all Baptised Catholics.

The new sexennial theme, Missionaries of Hope in the Footsteps of the Redeemer, raised by the Redemptorist General Chapter, was the focus of the second interview. With Fr. Ivel Mendanha C.Ss.R., Professor of Theology and General Consultor for Asia-Oceania in the hot seat, Fr. Charles Vijay Kumar C.Ss.R., Director RMC, sought to clarify how and why this theme was chosen. It was a fascinating eye-opener for the laity.

"This theme, that the entire congregation will seek to live for the next six years, is intimately connected with the Gospel, with our constitutions and statutes, the very charism and mission of the Congregation", explained Fr. Mendanha. He then eloquently explained the process of how the theme is chosen; a detailed procedure that is three years in preparation and incorporates the opinion of every Redemptorist. A vindication that "our congregation has been living Synodality since Vatican II".

In this bruised and broken world, "people are searching for good news that will give them hope and energize them...Faith empowers us to hope and hope is realised in charity", said Fr. Mendhana.



Meet, Greet & Share

In an interview with Fr. Charles Vijay Kumar C.Ss.R., Director, Redemptorist Media Center, Andrea Palkhivala puts a finger on the pulse of RMC's Subscribers.

The meeting, organized by RMC Bangalore, took place in Kolkota on 3rd September.

The Purpose : To create an opportunity to physically meet Subscribers to the RMC online platform and get them to share their experience of participating in the online programmes. Initially when it was not possible to meet in person, RMC had asked people to send in selfies just so that they could get a sense of whom they were reaching out to. This meeting was to take it one step further. Going forward, RMC wants to form Chapters in different cities to involve them in the mission.

The Attendees : Fr. Charles C.Ss.R. from Bangalore, Fr. Pradeep Mandol C.Ss.R, Rector of the Parish, Fatima Shrine, Kolkata and around 20 attendees - mostly seniors above the age of 65 - which is typical of RMC subscribers. About 7-8 were from Fatima Shrine Parish and the remaining were from other parishes in Kolkata.

The Agenda : The meeting was informal and began with a hymn. Fr. Charles shared the reason for the meeting and why RMC started live streaming. He aslo played a 13 minute video about the mission of the Redemptorist congregation in India and globally. He then asked the participants how they heard about RMC and how it has helped them on their spiritual journey. He aslo enquired about their expectations from RMC.

Participant's Response: The participants shared their appreciation of the Eucharist, Daily Rosary and Benediction. They also enjoyed such programmes as Aging Gracefully and Who's Who in the Bible.

When asked what they want, they said, "Please don't stop what you are doing!"

After this meeting, other cities are also asking for similar sessions. Father Charles plans on organizing such programmes in larger cities like Mumbai, Chennai, Goa and Bangalore.

Spotlight

Production / Post Production Team Members (collection of snapshots)

In every issue of our HR links, we share a bit about a particular group at RMC. This time we want to share with you our Production and Post Production Team. For any video content to be produced it goes through these basic three phases. Pre-Production, Production and Post-Produciton. The initial tasks of planning, scripting, budget and scheduling are taken care in the Pre-Production phase. The actual recording is the production and the editing of video and audio, the graphics and promotion comes under post production phase. In a bigger set up each of these stages has it's own dedicated teams working on these particular tasks, but for a small production studio like RMC, each of our team members wear multiple hats. Some of them are our staff and other volunteers. We would like to acknowledge their work and contribution.











Food and Refreshments







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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Forthcoming Quiz Programme

RMC's brand-new programme - FAITH CHAMPS is under production. It is an Inter-School Quiz Competition with 8 schools that have registered this year. At the end of the first round four teams will qualify for the semi-finals and the winner will reach the Finals. We plan to release the first episode by early November 2023. The students were given a few books from the Old and New Testament and a few chapters from the Catechism of the Catholic Church to prepare for the Quiz. As this is our first attempt to produce something like this. we hope to put up a good show.



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Christmas Programme Live-streaming Timings -**Christmas Vigil** Carols- 9:30 PM Vigil Mass: 10:00 PM

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Christmas Day Mass - 9:15 AM **New Year's Vigil** Thanksgiving Service - 9:30 PM Vigil Mass - 10:00 PM New years Day Mass - 9:15 AM

REGULAR PROGRAMMING AT RMC

RMC Weekly Programmes Monday - Friday: 0700 IST - Holy Mass (LIVE) 1900 IST - Rosary with the Redemptorists (LIVE)

Saturdays: 0700 IST - Holy Mass (LIVE) 1800 IST - Devotion to Mother of Perpetual Help (LIVE)

> Sundays: 0915 IST - Holy Mass (LIVE)

RMC Monthly Programmes

First Monday: 1930 IST - Teach Us to Pray First Friday: 1900 IST: Adoration Second Saturday: 18.30 pm Ageing Gracefully Third Monday: 17:00 Marriage Encounter WA Mass Third Saturday: 1830 IST The Family Chill Pill Fourth Saturday: 1830 IST - That Catholic Couple

Bur Music Ministers

As Catholics, we have come to expect that at every Holy Eucharist or prayer service, we should have a choir leading us in song. However, with the dawn of pandemic induced lockdowns, nothing could be taken for granted. It was impossible for choirs to meet together. Despite all odds, Mr. Arthur Pais, helped us to connect with many excellent choirs from Bengaluru to ensure that participants were ever-blessed with uplifting and beautiful music for all liturgical and para-liturgical services at RMC.

Thanks to his efforts and the contributions more than ten talented choirs, musicians and bands from our city, RMC now has access to a library of more than 500 hymns, parts of the Mass and other devotional songs. Mr. Pais narrates: "singing for an online service, especially during the lockdown, when we could not see each other, leave alone sing together . . was something else! We had a steep learning curve." He adds, "Worship through song transformed every choir singer's home as they sang God's praises every day while recording." Moreover, some turned into home-grown "sound engineers" in 4 choirs that helped do this. We are ever-indebted Mr Arthur Pais and to these individuals and groups who have enriched our online worship-experience through the pandemic and beyond. May God bless them all abundantly!



Holy Ghost Church Saturday 6.30 pm Choir





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Chalice of Praise, Resurrection Church



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