

HOLY REDEEMER

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CALLED TO INFUSE HUMANESS INTO TECHNOLOGY

Director's Message

On October 24, 2024, Pope Francis released his fourth encyclical, "Dilexit Nos" ("He Loved Us"), a profound reflection on the human and divine love embodied in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ. In this encyclical, the Pope calls us to rediscover the beauty of authentic human love and connection in a world increasingly shaped by technology. He warns against reducing our relationships to mere digital interactions, urging us to protect the depth of our humanity amidst the growing influence of artificial intelligence and algorithms. Pope Francis reminds us that true human connections must remain at the heart of our lives and faith, even as we embrace the digital age.

This message deeply resonates with our mission at Redemptorist Media Center (RMC). In a culture where technology often seeks to infuse itself into humanity, we aim to infuse humanness into technology. While we leverage modern tools like YouTube, podcasts, online radio, and our website to share the Gospel, our focus has always been on fostering genuine human relationships.

At RMC, we work tirelessly to maintain meaningful connections with those we serve. Our team responds daily to messages and queries, ensuring that no voice goes unheard. We've also established a dedicated phone line to assist the elderly and those who struggle with digital technology, bridging the gap for those left

behind by the digital divide. Beyond the virtual world, we organize "Meet, Greet, and Share" gatherings across cities in India and abroad, creating opportunities for prayer, reflection, and fellowship. Events like our annual Benefactors Day Dinner enable us to personally thank our volunteers and supporters, strengthening the bonds that unite our community.



In "Dilexit Nos", Pope Francis calls for a renewed devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a symbol of God's tender love and compassion. He also addresses the revival of Jansenism—a rigid spirituality that distances humanity from God's mercy. St. Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorist order, dedicated his life to opposing such

rigorism, emphasising Christ's boundless love and mercy. Inspired by this legacy, RMC strives to proclaim Christ's compassion through every sermon, reflection, and devotion we share.

As we approach the Jubilee Year 2025, we remain committed to Pope Francis' vision and the Church's synodal journey. Through our media ministry, we will continue to build a community rooted in Christ's love and compassion. Together, let us be inspired by the Sacred Heart of Jesus and share His merciful love with everyone we encounter.

At Redemptorist Media Center, we are dedicated to keeping humanity at the centre of technology—just as Christ keeps each of us at the centre of His heart. We Wish you a blessed Christmas and a grace-filled New Year 2025!

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

Director, RMC, RPI & Holy Redeemer Foundation

Assistant Director's Message

A few years ago, on All Souls' Day, I visited a cemetery to pray for the departed. While there, I noticed a wall dividing the burial ground. On one side, the graves were adorned with expensive flowers and marble tombstones; on the other, they were simply decorated. At first, I assumed the division was religious perhaps Catholic and Protestant graves. But to my dismay, I learned the wall separated people based on caste. Even in death, the divisions of this world remained, denying the dignity that belongs to all as children of God.

That moment shattered me. It became a turning point in my life, inspiring me to stand against such divisions and work tirelessly for justice and unity. This Christmas season, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, it is worth reflecting on the walls in our own life and how we can become builders of bridges.

Christmas is a celebration of God breaking down the ultimate wall, the separation between humanity and divinity, by sending His Son into the world. St. Paul reminds us, "For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility" (Ephesians 2:14). Jesus' birth is a call to tear down walls of sin, hatred, and division and to restore relationships through love, forgiveness, and unity.

Pope Francis beautifully captures this spirit when he says, "I invite you not to build walls but bridges, to conquer evil with good, offence with forgiveness, to live in peace with everyone." This invitation is at the heart of Christmas. It calls us to examine the walls we have built in our hearts, walls of unforgiveness, pride, and indifference and to take steps toward reconciliation and healing.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us commit to breaking down walls and building bridges. May the Prince of Peace inspire us to conquer evil with good and to live in harmony with one another, reflecting the love and unity of Christ. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and Joy filled new year 2025.

-Fr. Robin Kumar C.S.s.R.
Assistant Director

LET US TEAR DOWN WALLS AND BUILD BRIDGES



Teach Us To Pray - Season 2

The YouTube series Teach Us to Pray, Season 2, hosted by Fr. Joe Abraham C.Ss.R. is an inspiring guide for those seeking practical and heartfelt ways to connect with God in different life situations. Produced by the Redemptorist Media Center, Bangalore, the series addresses the challenges people often face when they struggle to find the right words in prayer during crucial moments.

Fr. Abraham thoughtfully presents prayers tailored to specific scenarios, such as preparing for exams, job interviews, medical surgeries, or any other significant life event. The series not only equips individuals with personal prayers but also encourages intercessory prayers for others in similar circumstances. By focusing on real-life concerns, it offers comfort, hope, and spiritual strength to viewers.

The series is well-structured, with Fr. Abraham's approachable style and deep spiritual insight making it engaging and relatable for audiences of all ages. With its clear and concise approach, Teach Us to Pray, Season 2 serves as a practical resource for fostering a deeper prayer life, especially in moments of uncertainty or anxiety.

To explore this enriching content, viewers can access the series on the Redemptorist Media Center's YouTube channel: RMC Bangalore.



ONE ENCOUNTER ONE FAMILY ONE MISSION

THE FIRST ALPHONSIAN YOUTH GATHERING 2024

Felicia Joseph



The enchanting island of Sumba, Indonesia, became a vibrant epicenter of faith, culture, and connection during the First ASIOC Alphonsian Youth Gathering in Weetebula, Indonesia held from 30th June to 6th July 2024. From the moment we arrived, the locals greeted us with unparalleled warmth, singing, and dancing at the airport, setting the tone for what would become a life-changing experience for the 600+ participants from diverse nations.

The gathering, themed "One Encounter, One Family, One Mission," was officially declared open by Fr. Rogerio Gomes C.Ss.R., Superior General, accompanied by Fr. Ivel Mendanha C.Ss.R. and Fr. Paul Vinh C.Ss.R., General Consultor for Asia-Oceania, along with Fr. Yoakim C.Ss.R. and

Fr. Jack C.Ss.R.

Our journey began with a three-day homestay with Sumbanese families. Despite language barriers, the universal language of love connected us, reminding us of our shared devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Beginning with the vibrant 4-kilometer parade in Weetebula, the Alphonsian Youth Gathering 2024 set the tone for the week filled with energy, faith, and unity. National flags waved proudly as cheers echoed through the streets, celebrating the diversity and spirit of the Redemptorist family. From the parade to cultural presentations that showcased Indonesia's rich heritage, every moment brought us closer as one family.

The gathering was enriched by thought-provoking sessions and inspiring talks. Fr. Rogerio Gomes, Superior General, called us to be "Young Missionaries of Hope," urging us to root our mission in God's word and extend it globally. Fr. Paul Vinh challenged us to embrace humility and service in our journey, while Fr. Ivel Mendanha brought the story of St. Clement to life, inspiring us to persevere in our call despite obstacles. These powerful sessions reminded us of the profound mission we share as Redemptorist youth.

On the second day, the Confederation of India celebrating Mass, was a moment that resonated deeply with many. One of the highlights was the AYG Theme Song, an energetic and vibrant composition by the Indonesians. For the closing Mass, Fr. Edward Joseph C.Ss.R., our beloved Provincial, reminded us that each one of us was not here by chance but had been called and chosen by God. The celebration included heartfelt thanksgiving and speeches by the organizing team, followed by the symbolic handover of the AYG cross. The Indonesian youth faithfully passed the cross to the Philippines, who received it with great enthusiasm, marking the transition with joyful dancing. A solemn procession led to a final bonfire, where we placed our hopes into the flames, and fireworks lit up the night sky, bringing AYG 2024 to a memorable close.

We arrived as strangers, but we left as family. The friendships forged in Sumba, the lessons learned, and the love shared will forever remain etched in our hearts. We continue to connect with our foster families and new friends from around the globe through video calls, cherishing these relationships. The next AYG in the Philippines in 2026 is eagerly anticipated, a beacon of hope for our reunion.



Representing India, the Province of Bangalore was led by Fr. Joe Abraham, C.Ss.R., Fr. Ginu Cletus C.Ss.R., Fr. Sandeep Menezes C.Ss.R., Fr. Robin Kumar C.Ss.R., along with Anudeep Ande from Tenali Parish and I, Felicia Joseph, representing RMC. Joining us were delegates from the Province of Liguori, including Fr. Jaisemon C.Ss.R. and the Vice Province of Majella with Fr. Jerry Fernandes C.Ss.R. and Fr. Joyan D'Costa C.Ss.R. Together, we contributed to this incredible mosaic of faith and culture.



Debbie Rodgers

Ageing Gracefully

Supervised Care for the Elderly

This enriching and enlightening programme, now in its 26th episode, attracts viewers from across the globe as it tackles a two-pronged, universal issue : the concerns of the Aged and the concern for the Aged. Ageing Gracefully is a platform for a healthy discussion of the myriad issues connected with the inexorable march of time, with inputs from diverse professionals associated with this demographic. Fr. Juventius Andrade C.Ss.R. has, in his own words, "been the unbroken thread" through all the episodes of this programme, shaping, directing, steering conversations, to afford clarity on a sensitive issue.



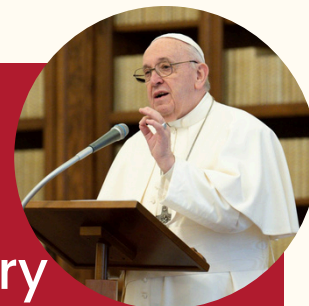
The three part series on Supervised Care dealt with that important decision : Family Home care or Institutional Home care? This deceptively simple topic revealed layers of complications and sensitive issues. On the panel were **Dr. John Tarakan** of St. John's Hospital and **Sr Reena Phillips, SSPS** (Missionary Sisters of the Holy Spirit), with Fr. Juventius Andrade CSsR as the Anchor.



Discussion, discerning and deciding on care at home or at an institution "is a process not an event", said Fr. Andrade. Imperative is that the Seniors make the decision freely and without coercion.

Moving to a Senior Home is always a difficult decision, both for the person(s) and the family. Each approaches it from a different perspective. But as was pointed out: "the main concern here is not where the Seniors are going, but will they be provided care in an environment where they are respected". Conversation is the key to resolving these issues and the goal peace for the Seniors in their twilight years and for the Family.

The discussions were far ranging: From the benefits and challenges of living in an Institutional Home, to the roles of the Stakeholders (Seniors, Family, Society, Institution), the four prongs of discernment, financial aspects and most important, the changing mindset of Seniors. Testimonials from the audience from both sides of the fence led weight to the issues discussed.



Repository Of Wisdom

Pope Francis: "The elderly are the repository of wisdom, of experience ,and we should draw upon that and not lay it aside."

Fr. Juventius Andrade CSsR : "The Catholic Church in its teachings and the many documents that have come from the Vatican insisted on the remarkable care we need to give to our elders; We cannot treat them as a disposable culture. Pope Francis has highlighted this many times".

A parting thought:"It is our privilege to walk with our parents in their hour of frailty as they did with us in our hour of need. Always with God's grace and God's assistance".

Debbie Rodgers

Brain Pickers



In this episode of the series, we are introduced to a fascinating look at the intersection of faith and personal life from one who was born a non-believer, one whose faith "receded into the wallpaper of his life" and one who remained steadfast to his faith despite the frighteningly changing landscape. No three persons could be more different, yet the common thread was "God always has a plan, always. You only have to say yes."

For this professional musician, born into a non-believer family in the Netherlands, his faith "is still a mystery that is unfolding". **Fr. Albert van der Woerd**, Pastor of St. Mark's Catholic Church in Venice, Los Angeles, says that a chance encounter with a choir in a catholic church led him to discover the Holy Spirit, who showed him that "the source of all that good music is Faith in Christ". As he travelled across the globe from Kenya to Holland and the USA, he realised that "Christ taught me the whole idea of being a human...and there is a dimension of humanity that only He can provide...I got to know a world, intimately, that I did not know existed."

Deacon Charlie Echeverry, A Lay Deacon (married Deacon) from Colombia, currently in the US, is a self confessed "Cultural Christian...who was a casualty in the vortex of secularism".

His "unchurched" wife Jessica experienced "a Saint Paul moment" and he explains, "as I was communicating with her, God was sneakily teaching me; and I got an understanding of what I had always had just never understood or appreciated". With his dramatic "reversion" to Christ and the faith, This Permanent Deacon found, through his Deaconate and ministry of the media "to tell the story of the Gospel in a better way".

The above two interviews were conducted by Fr. Charles Vijay C.Ss.R.

Fr. Seamus Enright C.Ss.R., from Limerick, Ireland, was an absolute delight as he dialogued gently but with startling frankness about "a repressive, controlling church... brought to its knees, but then again that's where the church should be - on its knees". Injustice, inequality and poverty are non-negotiables in this good man's vocabulary. Having worked in three continents for almost 50 years, Fr Enright has kept pace by finding "a new way of being a Redemptorist". Fr. Enright is credited with having built up a huge international congregation during Covid, with 24x7 streaming that saw innovative programmes like religious reading with Muslims and celebrating Blue Christmas (for the lost and lonely). "When you have a common cause you can forge a relationship with people across all social and religious divides", he says.

In pursuance of Pope Francis' Universal Synod that seeks to create a welcoming and participative Church; He urges the ordained to "come down from your pedestal and get out of the sacristy..and through explicit proclamation and concrete social action, to preach the Gospel to widen people's horizons as Jesus did, to promote inclusivity."

Fr. Juventius Andrade C.Ss.R. adroitly handled this very interesting and potentially explosive interview.

Fr. Robin Kumar C.S.s.R

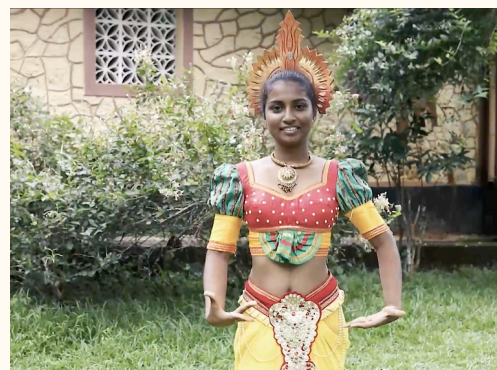
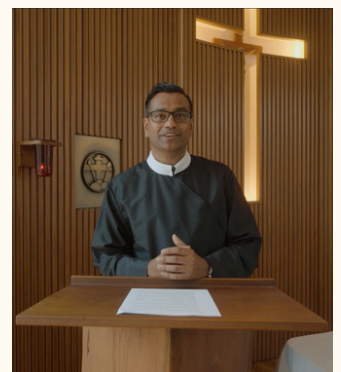
Celebrating Faith and Unity:

In July, I had the privilege of attending the Alphonsonian Youth Gathering in Sumba, Indonesia, organized by the Asia-Oceania Redemptorists. The youth's passion and enthusiasm for their faith was truly inspiring, sparking an idea: Why not channel this vibrant energy into a Global Novena to St. Alphonsus Liguori in preparation for his feast on August 1st? This would be an opportunity to unite youth from across the world in prayer, cultural expression, and the universal call to evangelize. The response was overwhelming. Youth from countries like Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, the Philippines, and India eagerly embraced the initiative, each group contributing their unique cultural expressions. Through traditional dances and powerful prayers, the youth reflected on the themes of the novena, each representing St. Alphonsus's life and mission.

One of the key themes of the novena was that evangelization is the mission of every Christian, not just a few. The cultural performances went beyond being artistic expressions; they were living prayers, demonstrating the youth's commitment to spreading the Gospel, inspired by St. Alphonsus's spirit. As they reflected on how to evangelize in a secular world, serve the marginalized, and embrace intercultural ministry, the youth prayed for the strength to bring the Gospel to society, echoing St. Alphonsus's belief that "The greatest work we can do in the world is to lead souls to God." Their performances reflected their dedication to this call, striving to bring the message of Christ to those most in need.

Another central theme was the call to serve the marginalized. As St. Alphonsus famously said, "There is no greater love than that which a person has for the poor." The youth embraced this principle, incorporating it into their performances and prayers, reminding us of our duty to serve those on the margins, as St. Alphonsus did throughout his life. The novena was held online and reached an even wider audience, with over 24,000 viewers engaging with the event. The youth's performances transcended borders, uniting people from across the globe in prayer and faith. Inspired by St. Alphonsus's words, "The harvest is great, but the labourers are few," the youth understood that evangelization is a global endeavour, with each person called to share in the mission of spreading the Gospel to every corner of the world.

The themes of social justice, innovative evangelization, and the lay missionary vocation further inspired reflection and action throughout the novena. The youth brought their unique perspectives and creativity, contributing to a celebration of unity in diversity. St. Alphonsus's reminder that "To spread the love of God is to give life to others", was brought to life through their energy and dedication. This global novena demonstrated the power of youth united in faith, reminding us that the mission of the Church transcends borders. A heartfelt thank you goes to all who contributed to its success, especially my fellow Redemptorists, preachers, and the editing team. May St. Alphonsus continue to inspire us all to live our faith with love and commitment, spreading God's love to all corners of the earth.



FR. ALVIN REX C.S.s.R

All Souls Day

PRAYER FOR OUR DEAR DEPARTED

All Souls Day is not only a day to remember those who have gone before us but also a time to reflect on our own mortality. The Church, in her wisdom, offers this day as a reminder that our earthly life is temporary and that our ultimate home is in Heaven. It also inspires us to live lives of virtue, aware that our choices on earth have eternal consequences.

Through our prayers and the offering of the Mass on this holy day, we participate in an act of profound love, knowing that our prayers can help the souls in Purgatory reach the fullness of joy in God's presence. As we commemorate All Souls Day, let us also trust in the Lord's mercy and pray that, one day, we too may enter the eternal joy of Heaven.

All Souls Day-Prayer for our Dear Departed was aired on 1st November 2024, on our Redemptorist Media Channel. It was led in a prayerful way by Fr. Alvin Rex C.Ss.R. , Prefect of Students along with the new Redemptorist Deacons who made the viewers remember their loved ones and also participate in a meaningful way to know that God will not abandon them; because we as mortal beings are there to pray, make sacrifices, and offer Holy Masses for them so they may enter Heaven.

One of the viewer's sent me a message saying that she felt hopeful and convinced that her doubts are cleared after participating in this program in which the sacrifices, the Masses and her personal prayers made for the loved ones has been affirmed. She was thankful and also acknowledged that she participated with her family and lighted candles for the departed ones.

In the words of St. Ambrose, *"We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."*



Joel and Susanna are a lovely young couple from Mumbai, who draw from their own experiences to help other young people negotiate the journey of love and life, courtship and marriage, all within the context of the catholic milieu. Their suggestions are simple and practical, heavily laden with good old fashioned common sense.

Sample Episode 16 on preparing for that all important First Date, whether in an arranged or modern setting:

Guys take the initiative; but hey Girls, its ok for you to do so too...

Avoid movie style grand gestures...Dress to impress ? Probably not. But well groomed, definitely yes.

In an easy dialogue between husband and wife, they discuss the Dos and Don'ts of choosing a venue for the first date, how the dialogue should flow, checklist mentality, ending and follow-up; While simultaneously being "open and willing to be guided by God's Holy Spirit."

This flowed easily into Episode 17 which dealt with their three steps to get to the engagement stage:

- 1) The Talking Stage - exclusive but not committed.
- 2) Intentional Courtship Stage - "They need to see the wholeness of you".
- 3) The Engagement - Dialogue with Family and with God.

Susanne and Joel end with the sage advice: "Dont run faster than God is leading you!"

That Catholic Couple

-By Debbie Rodgers





Diana Pinto

Faith Champs

RMC'S INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION WAS ALL ABOUT FAITH, FUN AND KNOWLEDGE

RMC's faith-filled Inter-school Catholic Quiz Competition, Season 2 of Faith Champs, made a triumphant return, once again capturing our viewers' attention.

Each episode kept our online spectators on the edge of their seats until the very end.

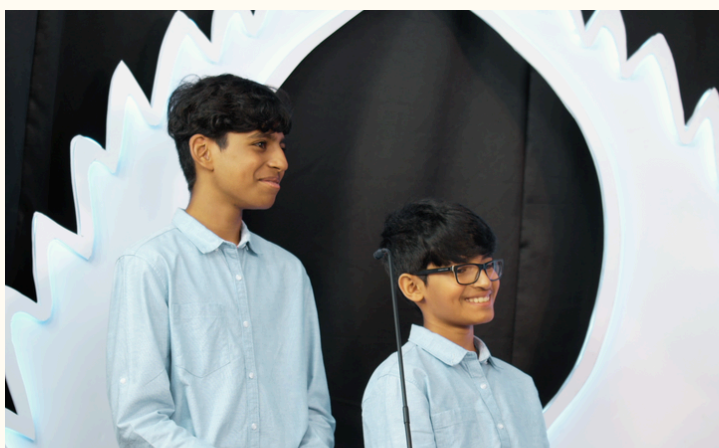
Each game features four interesting rounds, including multiple-choice questions, dumb charades, rapid fire round, and the exciting emoji round.

It was nice to see the enthusiasm and the competitiveness of every participant. We can confidently say that participants were well prepared and their knowledge on the Bible was commendable.

Each exciting game featured a different quizmaster. Fr. Charles Vijay Kumar, C.Ss.R., Fr. Sandeep Menezes C.Ss.R., and Fr. Joseph Abraham C.Ss.R. did an excellent job of hosting and managing the show as quizmasters. Their lively and supportive attitude also helped the students shine.

Online viewers cheered on and kept rooting for their favourite team, by posting encouraging comments for the participants.

The Season 2 of Faith Champs concluded on a high note. The quiz show provided an excellent opportunity for young minds to explore and express their faith, learn about the rich traditions of the church, and deepen their relationship with Christ.



LIFE SCHOOL



SACRED HEART GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

The other participating schools where :



St. Charles High School, (ICSE) Kammanahalli



St. Charles High School, (SB) Lingarajapuram



Infant Jesus School



St. Vicent Pallotti



St Alphonus Academy

➤➤➤ MARY'S MANTLE : DRESSING IN DEVOTION

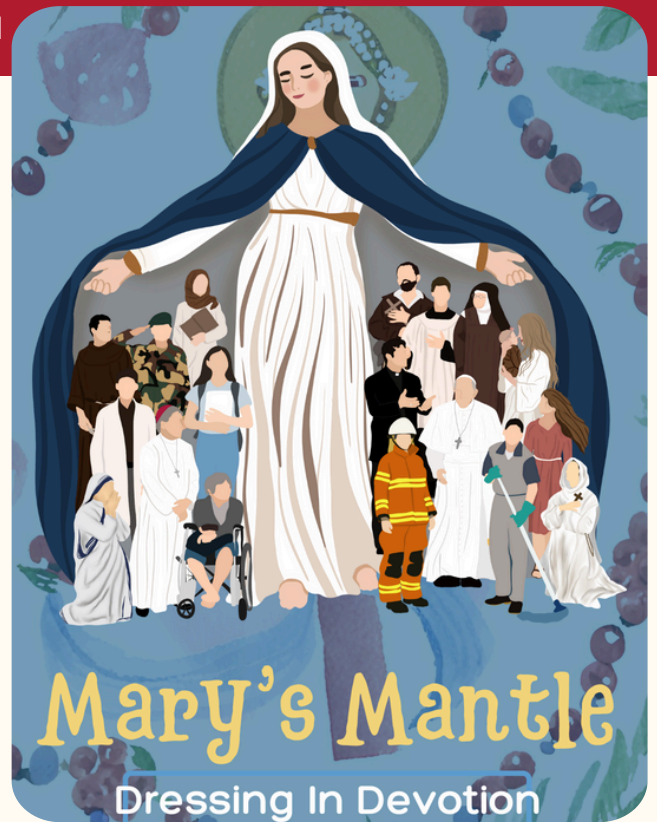
Rohit Singh Deo

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary in October was established in 1571 by Pope Pius V, later extended by Pope Clement XI. The Marian month honours Mother Mary for her protection of the Church, by the faithful praying the Holy Rosary. Mary, our Mother was involved in the mysteries of Christ.

We at RMC, came up with a unique concept -Mary's Mantle (Dressing in Devotion) for young girls to don the cape of Our Lady; A distinctive and enriching way to lead us in devotion, prayers and enlisting the messages delivered by Mary. These messages addressed in native languages, often promulgated an image of herself that incorporated elements of the local culture. With this theme - dress in one of the apparitions/titles of Mary for girls aged less than 16; Participants were to choose one of Mary's listed titles given, be creative with costumes and props giving them an opportunity to wear Mary's Mantle, be it through a photograph or video with audio.

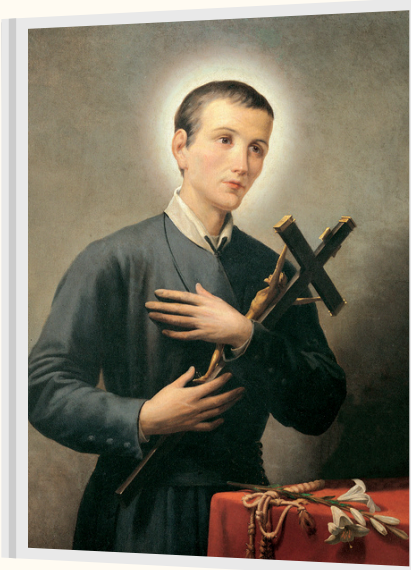
There was a rustle at RMC with parents grabbing popular titles/apparitions such as Our Lady of Lourdes, Fatima and Akita and few picking the lesser known. Rules were relaxed allowing more participants to don similar mantles. Young viewers showcased their devotion through their talents. Creativity was at its best, with participants using props, bringing life to the rich legacy of faith, love and grace.

The overwhelming responses and chatter online post the Rosary, exhibited the enthusiasm of the viewers, from the first day with Our Lady of good voyage (led by Amelia D'mello) and concluding with Our lady of Assumption (led by Praisly Pinto). Each participant lived up to its title. The passion in picking the background, colour palate and props by parents and children alike, showed their keenness, imagination and devotion to Mary our Mother.



»» TRIDUUM & NOVENA OF ST. GERARD MAJELLA

Debbie Rodgers



Fr. Ivel Mendanha CSsR, General Consultor, had a unique approach to presenting this year's Triduum, giving us a new perspective of this much beloved Redemptorist Saint.

The General Consultor looked at the tenets of religious life - the vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience - first, as defined in the Redemptorist Constitution and its statutes. He then explored three-four essential dimensions of each virtue, elaborating on how St Gerard lived them to the fullest in his life; setting an example for generations of his congregation "as a Missionary of hope in the footsteps of the Holy Redeemer".

St. Gerard's natural love for the poor and suffering, the abandoned widows and orphaned children, the sick, especially in the Hospital of the Incurables, Naples and during the vicious famine in Southern Italy in the 1750s, exemplified his vow of poverty "as he offered them the hope of the Redeemer."

The purpose of chastity, The People's Saint discovered, was so that he could concentrate with unwavering focus on Jesus the Redeemer and His mission. This Redemptorist Brother "lived his vow of celibacy embracing the life of Jesus, a pure selfless love."

The very heart of the vow of Obedience is "uniting one's own will with the will of God." St. Gerard's life ambition was to live that to the fullest

and he is said to have chisled on his door : "Here is one who does the will of God as God wills and for as long as it pleases God." Such was his fervour that apart from living the Redemptorist rules, St. Gerard wrote his own personal rules, about 50 of them, for his life.

The Triduum culminated in the feast of this much loved Redemptorist Saint with an explanation of his four loves: Love of the Crucified Lord, of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Love of the Poor and for Mary our Mother. St Gerard truly lived the call of the Gospel.

A Life of Prayer and Hope: An Interview with Sr. Lucy O.Ss.R.

- Diana Pinto

The Redemptorist Media Center team was honoured to host Sr. Lucy Conway O.Ss.R., a Redemptoristine Nun from Ireland. Fr. Charles Vijay Kumar C.Ss.R., Director, Redemptorist Media Center, had a heartwarming conversation with his esteemed guest, offering us a deeper understanding of the monastic life within the Redemptoristine community in Dublin, Ireland.

Blessed Mother Maria Celeste Crostarosa was the founder of the Redemptoristine Nuns (O.Ss.R). She and St. Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorist Fathers (C.Ss.R), knew one another back then. They both share the same spiritual mission, to preach and live the message that "In Him, there is plentiful redemption."

The Redemptoristines have been in Ireland since 1859. The community in Ireland consists of 15 sisters from various countries like Scotland, India, America and England.

Sr. Lucy Conway O.Ss.R. highlighted that Redemptoristine life is centered around prayer and service. To sustain their monastic life and support their community, the Redemptoristines dedicate themselves to the humble yet sacred task of making altar breads, or communion hosts. That being said, their work doesn't end here. They engage in many other acts of service with humility and selfless devotion.

Sister Lucy explained that they live their lives to be a "living memory of Christ," that is "being Christ to one and another." Their retreat center was described as an "oasis of hope and peace and solitude" for visitors.

She has visited many places in India such as Kerala, Mumbai and Bengaluru, and she hopes to see a foundation of the Redemptoristine congregation established in India someday.

Many viewers from the RMC community found the interview to be deeply inspiring, fascinating, and informative. Many viewers shared their personal intentions and heartfelt reflections with Sr. Lucy Conway O.Ss.R. in the comments section.



Holy Redeemer Religious Store

It all began with a simple, casual chat over breakfast—a conversation that sowed the seeds of a beautiful reality. With constant support and encouragement from our Provincial Superior, Fr. Edward Joseph, C.Ss.R and the confreres of Holy Ghost Parish, this dream took shape. Their generosity and vision laid the foundation for something truly special: The Holy Redeemer Religious Store. Today, as we celebrate its first anniversary, we reflect on a journey of faith, service, and love that has touched countless hearts.

The Holy Redeemer Religious Store is more than just a shop; it is a bridge to bring people closer to Jesus. This little store, lovingly nurtured, stands as a testament to what can be achieved when faith and community come together.



The Holy Redeemer Religious Store prides itself on its incredible range of offerings, catering to the diverse needs of its visitors:

- **Liturgical Essentials:** From priestly vestments to sacred vessels, the store ensures that the needs of the sacristy are well catered to.
- **MPH Merchandise:** Unique and meaningful items inspired by the devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, designed to inspire and uplift.
- **Spiritual Reading Materials:** A treasure trove of books—from theological classics to modern spiritual guides—inviting everyone to deepen their relationship with Christ.
- **Children’s Books and Gifts:** Adorable, faith-filled items to delight the little ones and sow seeds of spirituality from a young age.

Behind this inspiring initiative stands the tireless and humble figure of Fr. Robin Kumar, C.Ss.R, whose vision and dedication have been instrumental in bringing this dream to life. He has poured his heart and soul into every detail, working quietly behind the scenes to ensure that this store is not just functional but truly exceptional. His simplicity, humility, and creative spirit, together with a team of dedicated volunteers and staff, have made the Holy Redeemer Religious Store a gem for the Province, a place where the faithful can explore a new world of faith-filled possibilities.

As we mark this milestone, let us give thanks for this journey, for the hands and hearts that have made it possible, and for the opportunity to continue serving and inspiring all who walk through its doors. Here’s to the Holy Redeemer Religious Store—a dream realized, a mission embraced, and a future filled with hope and grace.



Diana Pinto

St. Cecilia's Christian Music Festival

Fostered a sense of Faith & Unity Through the Power of Music

In Christian faith, singing and worship complement each other, deeply enhancing our spiritual experience. Singing is a beautiful medium for uniting God's people. As always, Redemptorist Media Center's fourth St. Cecilia's Christian Music Video Festival was successful in fulfilling this mission. The festival offers a wonderful platform for budding and seasoned artists, to share their worship songs in any language, solo or in a group, thereby showcasing their talents. It is an opportunity to highlight the beauty of worship through music. In addition, the audience gets the chance to choose the most popular video.

This year talented singers from diverse backgrounds graced the show, contributing to its success. Each music video was melodious and struck the right chord with RMC viewers. The harmonious songs were meaningful and glorified God with every single word.



Award Winners:

Outstanding Music Video Award : **The Chancel** for WE BELIEVE

People's Choice Award : **Adrian Dass** for THE ULTIMATE PRICE

Outstanding Vocals : **Melania Lobo** for DHANYAWAD YESHU

Outstanding Lyrics : **Gangai Victor** for NO OTHER LOVE

Outstanding Production Audio/Video : **Youcat India** for SOAR

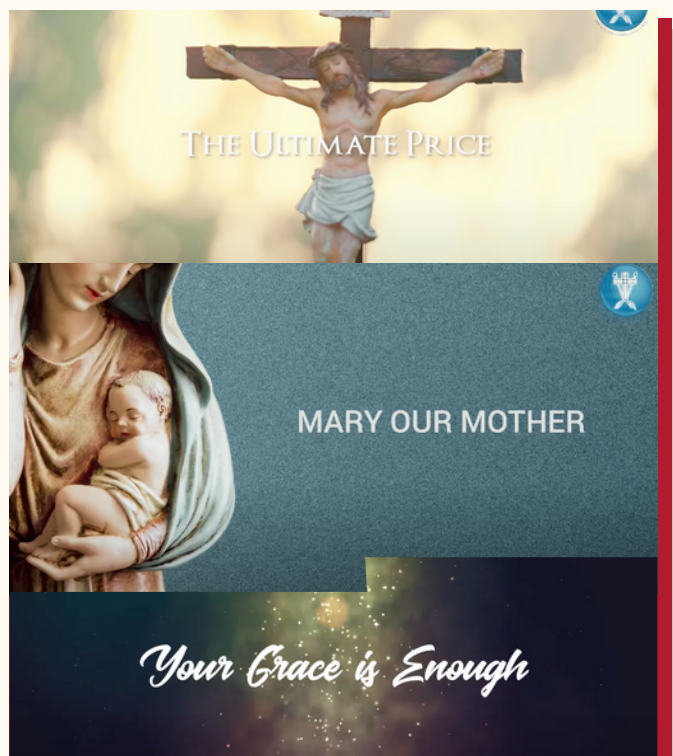
Outstanding Group : **Youcat India** for SOAR

Outstanding Solo : **Vinitha Vincent** for I'M NOT AFRAID

Best Vernacular Language : **Melania Lobo** for DHANYAWAD YESHU



Online viewers enthusiastically uplifted each singer's performance by cheering for them with numerous likes and comments. This added another layer of excitement to the event.



MR. DEREK O'BRIEN

a politician, author, television personality and public speaker

Visits the Redemptorist Media Center (RMC)



Mr. O'Brien, one of Indian Parliament's most recognisable faces and a leading, articulate voice of the opposition, recently graced the Redemptorists with his presence. In a heartwarming conversation, he shared his faith journey, offering insights into his beliefs and values. The casual yet meaningful interaction bridged faith and public service, leaving everyone inspired and enriched.



FR ROB GALEA DECEMBER 2024 INDIA TOUR : SOMETHING ABOUT YOU



Fr. Rob Galea, the renowned Australian singer and musician, sits down for a candid conversation with Fr. Sandeep Menezes, C.Ss.R., on Brain Pickers. He opens up about his inspiring faith journey, how young people have shaped his mission, and his much-anticipated India Tour 2024, including the event Something About You in Bangalore on December 3rd and 4th. Stay tuned for this exclusive episode, coming this December, only on our YouTube channel—The Redemptorist Media Center!

14 Years of Proclaiming the Gospel Ever Anew

In the bustling city of Bangalore, nestled within the Redemptorist Province, lies a beacon of hope and evangelization: the Redemptorist Media Center (RMC). This dynamic mission stands as a testimony to the Redemptorist charism, rooted in the words of St. Clement Hofbauer: "To preach the Gospel ever anew." Guided by this vision, RMC has, for over a decade, touched umpteen lives with the transformative power of the Gospel.

It was this same spirit that inspired Fr. Charles Vijay Kumar, C.Ss.R., to embark on an extraordinary journey that began with a humble dream. On December 1, 2010, the Redemptorist Media Center was born—a seed sown in faith, nurtured by hard work, and flourishing into a vibrant ministry. Today, RMC continues to preach the Gospel "ever anew," bringing the message of redemption to the most abandoned, even in the farthest corners of the digital world.

The early years of RMC were marked by determination and innovation. With a clear vision and steadfast trust in God, Fr. Charles set out to address the digital and pastoral needs of the province. Websites were created, digital libraries were established, and catechetical content found its way to DVDs—all tools aimed at enriching the faith of the people. The production of documentaries such as *Who's My Neighbor?* brought the Redemptorist mission to life on screen, while projects for schools and religious organizations amplified the Center's impact. The foundation was set, but God had greater plans in store.

The COVID-19 pandemic became a turning point for RMC. As the world grappled with uncertainty, the Media Center became a source of hope. On the first day of lockdown, RMC live-streamed the Holy Mass, responding to the spiritual hunger of Catholics worldwide. What began as a response to an immediate need evolved into a daily mission of online ministry. From Rosaries to Novenas, youth programs to devotionals, RMC's content spoke directly to the hearts of the faithful. Series like *Lost and Found*, *Psalms for Life*, and *Aging Gracefully* inspired all generations. By the end of the pandemic, RMC had established itself as a trusted spiritual companion, with a YouTube channel boasting over 69,000 subscribers globally. RMC's audience is as diverse as its programs. Elderly viewers find solace in the daily Eucharist and Rosary, while adults and youth are drawn to dynamic series and interactive content.

In recent years, Redemptorist Media Center has become a unit of the Holy Redeemer Foundation, which oversees various Redemptorist ministries. These include Redemptorist Publications India, a publishing house for Catholic and spiritual books, and the Holy Redeemer Store, which provides religious articles for the Catholic community. Looking ahead, the Media Center plans to expand its services to include online catechetical programs, spiritual counseling, and direction services. Guided by the Redemptorist charism of preaching the Gospel ever anew, it remains committed to embracing technological advancements to reach the most abandoned and provide hope to all.

In celebrating 14 years of RMC and one year of the Holy Redeemer Religious Store, we are reminded that every effort—no matter how small—can transform lives and draw people closer to Christ. Together, these missions exemplify the call to proclaim the Gospel ever anew, every single day. Let us journey together, inspired by this mission, bringing hope and redemption to a world in need.





HAMMERED WITH FAITH

A New Series by Redemptorist Media Center

The Redemptorist Media Center (RMC) proudly presents its latest interactive and engaging series, Hammered with Faith! This rapid-fire questionnaire brings parishioners together for a fun, faith-filled experience that tests their knowledge of Catholic teachings while offering an opportunity to deepen their understanding.

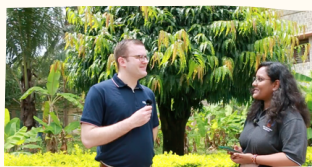
Participants from our very own Redemptorist parishes have enthusiastically taken on the challenge. From young children and vibrant youth to devoted couples and wise elders, parishioners of all ages have joined hands to celebrate their Catholic faith. The questions cover a wide range of topics, including: Catholic Faith, Sacraments, Saints, Catechism of the Catholic Church and Theology.

The twist? If you don't get the answer right, you're "Hammered with Faith"! Don't worry, though, the "hammering" is just a fun way to remind participants of the correct answer, ensuring everyone leaves enriched and inspired.

The excitement doesn't stop with the questions! Participants have the chance to win exciting prizes sponsored by the Holy Redeemer Religious Store. From faith-based keepsakes to spiritual books, these prizes encourage a deeper connection with God and the Church.

What makes Hammered with Faith truly special is the sense of community it fosters. It's not just about getting the answers right; it's about learning together, growing in faith, and sharing moments of joy and laughter. The energy and zeal of the participants reflect their enthusiasm for the Catholic faith and their desire to be active members of the Church.

Curious to see how it all unfolds? Check out Hammered with Faith on our YouTube channel. Witness the joy, laughter, and learning as parishioners take on this unique faith challenge.



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:

09:15 IST - Holy Mass (LIVE)

RMC Monthly Programmes

First Friday:

1900 IST: Adoration

Third Monday

18:00 IST Marriage Encounter Mass (LIVE)

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