



THE PATRICIAN

Speaking the Truth in Love (Eph 4:15)

June 2015

MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRIEST

Dear parishioners,

The Second Vatican Council says that we are the Pilgrim People of God. I had the opportunity of walking with the community of St. Patrick's for six years (2009-2015) during this stretch of my journey. I am so grateful to God and to this community for assisting me in my pilgrimage.

I am grateful to God the Father and Jesus, the High Priest, for all the strength, wisdom, patience and zeal that were bestowed upon me to work in this lovely community and gain such a rich pastoral experience.

I am a peace loving person, and the Beatitude that I admire and try to emulate the most, is "Blessed are the Peace Makers for they shall be called the Children of God" (Mt 5:9). My first and most important priority in life is to maintain peace and order. I am extremely grateful to all of you for assisting me in maintaining peace and order in our community. I thank God for this great Gift of Peace.

Running a parish of this size and complexity, which besides the Church also has a Cemetery, a Middle & High school, 2 colleges, an ITI, a Boarding House, a Commercial Complex and a Community Hall would not have been possible without the help of many willing and able persons. It is with deep joy in my heart that I thank them all for their service to the Parish, which enabled me to carry out my responsibilities in a smooth manner over the past few years.

In this regard, firstly I would like to thank all my co-pastors - Rev. Frs. Saleema, Bhaskar, Amal Raj, Hrudayaraju, Adrian, Rayappa, Pravin, Naveen, Mac Donald and Arun Santosh. They were wonderful

IT'S TIME AGAIN TO SAY GOODBYE...

Six years have flown and it's time to bid a fond farewell to our beloved Shepherd, Rev. Fr. Sagayanathan who has been with us since July 2009. A soft spoken, quiet and peace loving person, it was easy to interact and communicate with him. Always available, and with a listening ear, most issues in the parish were resolved with the least friction. I will always remember his words of wisdom... "treat every problem you encounter as a Good Friday...by Sunday it will be resolved!" A man of great wisdom and deep faith, his homilies, provided much spiritual nourishment and valuable insights.

Fr. Sagayanathan moves on, leaving his imprint at St. Patrick's. His much appreciated introduction of the lunch-break Mass has enabled many more of the faithful to attend the daily Eucharist. With a special

companions and a great source of strength during my stint here. I also owe a debt of gratitude to the Satya Seva Sisters - Rev. Srs. Angela, Grace Mary, Helen, Clementina, Victoria and Anita who were instrumental in helping me with the management of the Sacristy and the Boarding House.

Others to whom I extend my deepest gratitude are: Mr. Christopher Lynn - the Consultant Administrator, whose invaluable guidance and experience helped me a great deal; the Accounts Manager, Mr. P.D. Fernandes; the Complex manager, Mr. Maria Joseph; the Works manager, Mr. Arulanandan; Principal of the P.U. College, Mr. Maria Paul; Director of the ITI and Community College, Mr. M.S. Swaminathan; HM of St. Patrick's High School, Mrs. Nishi Chacko; HM of St. Patrick's Middle School, Mrs. Jacintha; the teaching and non-teaching staff of St. Patrick's institutions; the members of the Finance Committee; Mrs. Rosaline Farias - Secretary, Parish Pastoral Council, Mr. Dilip D'souza and other members of the PPC; the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Ladies of Charity for all their selfless work towards the Parish; the Superiors of the various religious communities in our parish; the (late) Mr. Anthony Rajesh, Mrs. Philomena, the office staff, the Church staff, the security personnel, the many cooks in the kitchen at various times; and above all, you, my beloved parishioners!

I thank you all for your prayers, support and good wishes. God bless you!

*Fr. A. Sagayanathan
Parish Priest*

place always in his heart for the under-privileged, he started the Community College and the Pre-University College at St. Patrick's with the motto "to include the excluded" and sponsored the school fees of the less fortunate children of the parish, while encouraging them to attend the daily Mass. Never one to turn away the needy, he provided some assistance for medical needs as well.

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KNOW YOUR CONGREGATION - DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

The Congregation of the Daughters of St. Paul, which has a house in the Marian Zone of our Parish, celebrates the centenary year of its foundation this June. The Congregation was founded in Alba, Italy in the year 1915 by Blessed James Alberione, the founder of the Society of St. Paul. He was the founder of five religious congregations, including the Pious Disciples of the Divine Master (PDDM), which has a house located in St. Paul's Zone of our Parish.

The Daughters of St. Paul, also known as the Pauline Sisters, are called to live by the way, truth and life of Jesus and to give this to the world by the use of every available means of communication, to spread the Gospel and promote the dignity of all peoples. They carry out a new form of evangelization by living and witnessing to the Faith through communications. The sisters are active in whatever media best serves evangelization, from traditional publications to e-books, from TV to social media, from the internet to mobile apps – working in the areas of writing, publishing, recording and broadcasting, screen-writing, media literacy, religious education, adult faith formation and spiritual development.

The Daughters of St. Paul trace their history in India back to 1951 when they started out in Mumbai. Today they have a total of 14 houses and run 15 Pauline Book & Media Centers nationwide. In a few places, they also run Catholic Enquiry Centres, Libraries or Book Centre Extensions for other Catholic Religious or Diocesan Institutions.

The Congregation opened their house in Bangalore in 1952. Today they have 21 sisters in the community including 9 juniors, of which 2 are preparing themselves for their final commitment. Seven of them are doing their college from St. Joseph's Evening College. Each Sister takes her inspiration from St. Paul the Apostle, as their Bl. Alberione directed them: "If Saint Paul were living today, he would continue to burn with that double flame from a single fire, zeal for God

and his Christ and for all the people of every nation. And to make himself heard, he would ascend the highest pulpit and multiply his word with the means of progress: press, cinema, radio and television"

The Daughters of St. Paul run the 'Pauline Book and Media Centre' on Museum Road, just neighboring our parish compound. In addition, they also run one at St. John's Medical College. Besides, one of the sisters of the congregation is the Directress of the Archdiocesan Catholic Enquiry Center. The Bangalore branch is also active in several activities such as organizing Bible weeks and Bible Sundays in parishes of the Archdiocese, book displays at various institutions and parishes, books and AV displays at school venues, Christmas programs for the less privileged and the Association of Pauline Cooperators - a group of the laity who assist the Congregation.

For those of you who have a strong feeling that you are called to serve in spreading the Gospel, do contact the Sisters at +91-81083 42263, and see how you can become a Cooperator. In exchange for a little of your time and talents, you will be rewarded with joy and fulfillment.

We congratulate the sisters on the special occasion of their centenary, and wish them great success in their apostolate.

Nigel Furtado
St. Paul's Zone

WARM WELCOME

The Patrician welcomes the new priests who will join the St. Patrick's community this month:
Msgr. C. Francis who will take charge as Parish Priest from Fr. A. Sagayanthan, effective June 21, 2015;
Fr. Sunny Richard who will join us on June 6, 2015 as Asst. Parish Priest in place of Fr. Arun Santosh
Fr. Edward David who has been appointed as **Manager/Correspondent of St. Patrick's Educational Institutions**, effective June 2, 2015

IMPORTANT DAYS IN JUNE

June 07-Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ; First Holy Communion of parish children
 June 12-Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 June 13-Feast of St. Anthony of Padua
 June 24-Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Solemnity)

OBITUARY (16TH APR TO 15TH MAY 2015)

1. Lawrence Saldana - 5/5/2015 - St. Peter's Zone

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - June

Universal: IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

Evangelization: VOCATIONS

That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

WITH A GRATEFUL HEART...

Chosen and anointed by God to serve Him in the priesthood, I was given my first appointment to serve at St. Patrick's Church. I arrived here on Saturday, 7th June, 2014 at around 12:30 in the afternoon and right away celebrated the afternoon Mass at 1:15 PM.

I had to endure sleepless nights for more than a week during my first few days here, as my room was very warm and the window was next to the main road, resulting in a lot of noise. "It's all in the mind," Fr. Sagayanathan told me, and soon I found it to be true. It wasn't long before I was accustomed to sleeping with the noise of the continually passing traffic.

The first few pages of my priestly life are imprinted with wonderful memories such as celebrating daily and Sunday Masses which were animated by angelic choirs, receiving appreciative and encouraging feedback for the homily and interacting with the parishioners in a cordial environment.

A good teacher is one who is ready to listen and to learn. Teaching the 'YouCat' to the students of the College, Community College and ITI was not only memorable, it also enriched my faith and broadened my vision. I enjoyed spending time with the students, counseling them and directing them. Teaching Kannada and other subjects to the boarders and the students of the Community College was a particularly challenging, yet rewarding and enjoyable task.

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Other accomplishments of Fr. Sagayanathan during his tenure here include the renovation and restoration of the Church edifice, promotion of the devotion to St. Anthony (for whom he has a special love), by including two Masses at the Shrine on Tuesdays and a special festal lunch for all on the feast day of St. Anthony. He also contributed greatly to help resolve many legal disputes with tenants of the St. Patrick's Commercial Complex.

The Patrician, on behalf of the entire parish community, would like to express our sincere thanks and grateful appreciation for all the loving services rendered by Fr. Sagayanathan to the community. We wish him all the best in his new ministry and pray that God will keep him in good health for many more years to come.

At this time, we also bid farewell to our Asst. Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Arun Santosh, who now moves to

Along with the nutritious food, playing sports with the boarders and Fr Mac energized me and kept me physically fit for ministry. Training the altar servers taught me patience and made me more prayerful. The frequent administration of the Sacraments, especially Reconciliation, helped me advance in humility.

My experience at St. Patrick's was enhanced by the active and vibrant members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the loving and encouraging members of the Ladies of Charity and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the motherly and caring Satya Seva Sisters, cooperative and hardworking office staff (especially Rajesh, of blessed memory), committed Faith Formators, Zonal Representatives, supportive religious communities, enthusiastic youth, affectionate children and other collaborators. In a special way I am grateful to Mr. Dilip, Mr. Green and others who help distribute Holy Communion to the sick.

I specially thank Fr. Sagayanathan for his guidance and support and Fr. Mac for his friendship. They have made my time here a truly joyful experience.

My first pastoral experience has indeed been unforgettable and blessed. I will cherish this experience and carry in my heart the sweet memories and the lessons I have learnt for my ministry as a priest.

Fr. Arun Santosh
Asst. Parish Priest

Bhakti Bhavan Minor Seminary as Asst. Rector, after spending a year with us. Always active and sprightly, we will indeed miss his presence in the campus. An enthusiastic young man, ready to take up challenges, and with a pleasing disposition, he was ready to serve and support every initiative. He shared a good rapport with the altar servers who trained under him and also the boys of St. Patrick's Home, who eagerly looked forward to evenings of soccer and other sports with him. Although a priest for only a year, he impressed the parish community with his well-prepared, crisp and meaningful homilies every single time! We pray that Fr. Santosh may continue to grow in holiness and maturity and be a shining example for the young seminarians at Bhakti Bhavan, who aspire to serve Christ in His Church. We wish him all the best in his new assignment and pray that the Good Lord will continue to bless him and keep him in good health.

Rosaline Farias
Secretary, St. Patrick's Parish Council

Honouring of Merit Students

The Archdiocesan Board of Education (ABE), will honour all Catholic boys and girls who have secured more than 80% marks in 2015 SSLC/ICSE/CBSE and PUC/ISC examination.

For further details please refer www.stpatricksbblr.com

ALTAR SERVERS PICNIC

The Altar Servers picnic was held on April 14th, 2015. We, along with Fr. Arun Santosh, aunty Rosaline and a couple of volunteers, started off from the church compound at around 9:00 am, after Fr. Mac prayed for us and blessed us. Before starting we were treated to a tasty breakfast of idli, vada and upma. We were about 36 in number, and traveled by bus. We went to a farm house located at Ramohalli. On the way we stopped to see The Big Banyan tree. It's so huge that it occupies at least 2 to 3 acres of land! All of us were wonderstruck by this sight. We spotted some monkeys on the trees and took a few photos. Then we started out again for the farm house. We finally reached at around 11:00 a.m.

The farm house was quite big and spacious. The farm had many guava, papaya and gooseberry trees. It was situated below a hill on which leopards live. We weren't allowed to go on a trek up the hill as the previous day, a leopard had caught one of the dogs from the farm. Instead we played games such as dog-and-the-bone, kho-kho, volley ball, badminton and so on. We ate guavas and goose berries plucked from the trees. For lunch, we feasted on yummy chicken biryani, brinjal curry, raitha and kheer, which uncle Brian D'lima so graciously brought us from the Catholic Club.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES WITHIN OUR PARISH

- a) **Daily Mass:** 6am, 6.30am (Tamil), 7am, 1.15pm, 5.30pm. Saturday evening Mass at 6pm (Sunday Liturgy)
- b) **Sunday Mass:** 6am (Kannada), 7.15am (Tamil), 8.30am (Children's Mass), 9.45am, 11am, 6pm
- c) **Shrine Mass:** Every Tuesday at 10am in Kannada and at 6pm in Tamil
- d) **Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Friday 6pm to 6.45pm
- e) **Adoration Chapel:** Exposition every day from 6am to 7pm. On Tuesdays, exposition up to 9.45pm.
- f) **Confessions:** Every Saturday 5pm to 6pm at the Adoration Chapel
- g) **Altar Servers Meeting:** Every Saturday immediately after 1.15pm Mass (Contact Fr. Arun Santosh +91-9964729728)
- h) **Faith Formation for children:** Classes resume on the 14th

Another treat followed soon after in the form of delicious banana bread and marble cake lovingly baked by aunty Rosaline especially for this occasion.

The journey back was pleasant. Even though we were tired, we kept chatting happily with one another. The picnic fostered unity and friendship among the altar servers - the very aim that Fr. Mac had set for us at the start of the picnic. The picnic was a fun and joyful one. Thank you Fr. Arun Santosh, Aunty Rosaline and all the other volunteers for making the day an enjoyable and memorable one.

*Serena D'Souza and Tanuj D'Souza
Altar Servers, St. Paul's Zone*

Feast of St Anthony the Wonder Worker (13th June)

The celebration will be preceded by a triduum from 10th to 12th June with special Novena prayers in honour of St. Anthony.

Masses:

10th to 12th June: English: 6am, 7am, 1.15pm, 5.30pm;
Kannada: 10.15am; Tamil: 6.30am, 11am and 6pm.

13th June: English: 6am, 7am, 1.15pm, 5.30pm;
Kannada: 10.15am; Tamil: 6.30am, 11am and 6pm
(concelebrated High Mass followed by a car procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament).

of June 2015 and will be held thereafter on every Sunday.
Timings: after 8.30am Mass - up to 10.30am.

- i) **Legion of Mary:** Meetings every Monday at 4.15pm (Contact Ms. M. Menezes + 91-9845426746)
- j) **Legion of Mary (Tamil):** Meetings every Sunday from 8.30am to 9.30am (Contact Mr. John Leonard +91-9916896446)
- k) **St Vincent de Paul:** Meetings every Tuesday at 6pm (Contact Mr. Moses +91-9844178155)
- l) **Ladies of Charity:** Meetings every first Thursday of the month at 4.30pm (Contact Ms. Stella Monga +91 8147971118)
- m) **Counseling Centre:** Open every Tuesday and Friday between 4.30pm to 6.30pm. (Contact +91-80-25587213)

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