



ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CHURCH, WADALA (E)

Community Link - February 2019

My dear Parishioners,

As I sit to write these few lines on the feast of St. John Bosco, I extend the wishes and blessings of all the Priests of the Parish Team to each one of you and your families. May ours be a truly Salesian Parish, working always to bring people closer to the Lord. "Give me souls and take away the rest" was the motto of Don Bosco.

As we reach the end of this year, one of the tasks entrusted to us and to all parishes in the Diocese, is to elect new leaders for all SCC's, Cells and Associations. The process will be explained at the PPC in March 2019, but we need to look for leaders. All our leaders have served the Communities with much dedication and love over the last three years. As we look for new leaders I present to you the Criteria for a Small Christian Community Animator. In certain SCC's there has been criticism of the type of leadership and their incompetence. I encourage and entreat all these persons to now "Stand up and be counted" and nominate themselves as probable leaders, who are ready to stand for election. **All nominations for leaders of SCC's, Cells and Associations should reach me by 28th February 2019.**

The Criteria for a SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ANIMATOR

- Only those members of Christ's faithful belonging to the Latin Church who are in full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Should be involved in the Pastoral Action of the parish.
- A Catholic who is faithful to the Church.
- Who prescribes to the vision of the Church, and is ready to work for the realization of this vision.
- Who actively participates in the SCC meetings and contributes in a significant way.
- Who is willing to take responsibility of finding out the needs (material, spiritual and human) of the families in the SCC and plan activities to satisfy these needs.
- Is Willing to attend the meetings on a regular basis.
- Who is open to working with members of other Associations, Cells and SCC's to address the problems and issues of the parish community
- Who is willing to avail of the training imported and try your best to implement what is learnt.
- Who is perceived to be an honest and fair individual belonging to a happy family.
- A Council member can be in office for 2 consecutive terms, where each term is of 3 years.

May we all elect and be blessed with good animators and leaders.

Yours affectionately,

Fr. Savio D'souza sdb.
(Parish Priest.)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd February:	Presentation of the CREED to the Confirmation Candidates.
16th February:	Family Day, and Renewal of Marriage Vows.
17th - 22nd Feb:	Provincial Chapter. (Frs. Savio, Cleo & Francis to attend.)
2nd March:	Sacrament of Confirmation to be conferred . Mass @ 6:00 p.m.
10th - 16th March:	PARISH LENTEN MISSION.

COMMUNITIES ANIMATING SUNDAY LITURGY

February 2019

02 Feb	6:30pm	Holy Cross
03 Feb	10:30am	PPC
09 Feb	6:30pm	Post Office
10 Feb	10:30am	Marina Colony
16 Feb	6:30pm	Family Cell
17 Feb	10:30am	BPT
23 Feb	6:30pm	Dominic Chawl
24 Feb	10:30am	Salesian Corp

March 2019

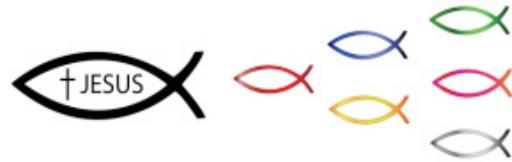
02 Mar	6:30pm	Legion of Mary
03 Mar	10:30am	PPC

GOSPEL SHARING IN THE SCC MEETINGS : FEB. 2019

STEP 1. Opening Hymn/Invite the Lord in our midst

I can feel your presence in my life,
I know you are always near.
You understand me more than I can ever know'
I can feel your presence in my life.

You go before me, yet you always lead me own'
You guide me with your gentle hand.
You know my movements when I sit and when I stand'
I know you are always near.



STEP 2. Read the Gospel Text Luke 5: 1 - 11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats-it was Simon's-and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch'. 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets for a catch.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signaled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch'. Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.
The word of the lord.

STEP 3. We pick out words and phrases which struck us and repeat them 3 times.

STEP 4. We remain silent for 2 mins & allow God to speak to us.

STEP 5. We share on what struck us in the Gospel Passage.

Reflection:

The Gospel speaks to us about the call of Jesus to Peter to be "Be Fishers of Men." The incident of the 'catch of fish' along the lake indicates the attraction and the force of the Word of Jesus. Discipleship is a powerful, compelling call to a new life: a call away from home, family, career, wealth, material possession. It is a call - difficult to trust and hard to follow. Brother Luis de León, a mystical Spanish writer of the 16th century once wrote: "The more you navigate in God, the more seas you discover." The Lord does not abandon those who put their faith in Him. He walks upon the waters. He calms the storm. He guides the boat into safe harbor, and brings with Him a great catch, a great feast, to which we are all summoned - the daily feast of His Body and Blood, our food for eternal life. May we all be ready to 'Put out into the Deep.'

Let us pray (Altogether):
I pray that I may live to fish until my dying day.
And when it comes to my last cast,
Then I most humbly pray,
When in the Lord's great landing net
And peacefully asleep
That in his mercy I be judged, big enough to keep. Amen

STEP 6. Concluding Hymn.

Refrain:

Walk with me, oh my Lord,
Through the darkest night and brightest day
Be at my side, oh Lord,
Hold my hand and guide me on my way.

Just as you calmed the wind
And walked upon the sea,
Conquer, my living Lord
The storms that threaten me.

STEP 7. Discuss the task to be carried out for the month February.

