



DEAR PARISHIONERS.

I AM WELL PLEASED TO SEE THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF OUR PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART IN BAHRAIN IS ALIVE AND VIBRANT. I ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR FULL SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, COLLABORATION, AND FIDELITY TO OUR MISSION THROUGH AUTHENTIC WITNESSING OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH AT ALL TIMES AND SEASONS IN THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SOCIETY WE ARE IN.

IN HIS PASTORAL LETTER, ENTITLED "THE YEAR OF THE CHURCH", H.E. BISHOP CAMILLO STRONGLY ADMONISHES EACH ONE OF US TO HAVE A TRUE LOVE OF THE CHURCH AS OUR MOTHER LOVES US.. THE MOTHER ALWAYS HAS A HEART TO LOVE AND TAKE CARE OF HER CHILDREN. WE MUST LOVE OUR MOTHER BECAUSE SHE GAVE BIRTH TO US, NOURISHES, TEACHES, PROTECTS, GUIDES AND LOVE US TO THE END. AS A SIGN OF OUR GRATITUDE TO OUR MOTHER CHURCH, LET US BE GENEROUS IN GIVING OUR LIVES TO BUILD THE BODY OF CHRIST. THE CHURCH IS BOTH AN INSTITUTION AND MYSTICAL REALITY. IN ORDER TO BUILD THE SACRED STRUCTURE FOR US TO HAVE A PROPER PLACE TO WORSHIP GOD, LET US FIRST OF ALL, BUILD THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST – OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY WHICH IS A LIVING STONE WHICH GOD FINDS A DWELLING PLACE IN THE HEARTS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL.

LET US LOVE THE TRIUNE GOD, AND LOVING HIM WE LOVE OUR BELOVED BISHOP CAMILLO WHO IS THE VICAR OF CHRIST IN OUR VICARIATE. WE GIVE EAR TO HIS VOICE, COME AND SHARE YOUR LIFE THROUGH TO OUR GENEROSITY AND CHARITY AND LET US TOGETHER BUILD UP OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY-THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST SO THAT WE CAN BUILD TOGETHER THE OUR LADY OF ARABIA CATHEDRAL AND FORMATION CENTER FOR OUR PRIESTS, LEADERS AND PARISHIONERS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR UNTIRING EFFORT TO MAKE OUR CHURCH FULFILL ITS MISSION AS WELL AS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTION TO ALL THE PROGRAMS OF THE PARISH AND OUR VICARIATE OF NORTHERN ARABIA.

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.

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Fr. Uldarico C. Camus, OFM CAP
Parish Priest



The grand opening

Dear Parishioners,

The Annual Family Day 2014, with the theme "**TOGETHER AS A FAMILY LET US GLORIFY THE LORD**", was held in the Church compound on Friday, 7th February from 8.30am to 7.00 pm.

The Family Day was a great success, Let us praise and Thank The Lord for providing us with good weather and everything went well with His Blessings and presence with us.

There was a soft opening at 8.30am with a prayer at the Mother Church and the Grand opening at 10.15am by Our Parish priest Rev. Fr. Ding assisted by our assistant priests, the Sisters and the Parish Pastoral council members and the Family day committee members.

There were Cultural Programs and various competitions by various Parish Communities like: The Mothers with child upto **3 years** 'Mummy and me', Fancy Dress for age groups 3-6 years, 'You Got Talent' as a single, duet or group presentation & The Family Together Competition.etc.



Fr Suarez sharing the word during the Mission

Dear Parishioners,

As part of the Jubilee Formation and the Year of the Church program, a Mission was conducted by Rev Fr Fernando M Suarez from the Philippines with the theme :

“The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well” James 5:15.

This 3-day Parish Mission and Intercessory Prayers for the Sick was conducted in English, from Tuesday 18thFeb until Thursday 20th Feb after the evening masses. All who attended the mission has had a deeper understanding of God’s healing power and forgiveness.

Saint of the Month

St. Blasie



Feast Day: February 3 Patron of Throat Illnesses

Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

Very few facts are known about Saint Blaise. We believe he was a bishop of Sebastea in Armenia who was martyred under the reign of Licinius in the early fourth century

The legend of his life that sprang up in the eighth century tell us that he was born in to a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian. After becoming a bishop, a new persecution of

Christians began. He received a message from God to go into the hills to escape persecution. Men hunting in the mountains discovered a cave surrounded by wild animals who were sick. Among them Blaise walked unafraid, curing them of their illnesses. Recognizing Blaise as a bishop, they captured him to take him back for trial. On the way back, he talked a wolf into releasing a pig that belonged to a poor woman. When Blaise was sentenced to be starved to death, the woman, in gratitude, sneaked into the prison with food and candles. Finally Blaise was killed by the governor.

Blaise is the patron saint of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies.

Prayer:

Saint Blaise, pray for us that we may not suffer from illnesses of the throat and pray that all who are suffering be healed by God's love. Amen