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From The Principal's Desk

Patrick Means in his book, Men's Secret Wars, shares a thought provoking story: A nun was working in a men's prison. One spring, an inmate asked the nun to buy him a Mother's Day card to send home. She agreed but word travelled fast in the prison, soon hundred of inmates were asking for cards. So the nun contacted a greeting card manufacturer, who happily sent crates of Mother's Day cards to the prison. All the cards were sold out.

Soon afterward, the nun realized that Father's Day was approaching and thinking ahead once again called the card manufacturer, who responded quickly with crates of Father's Day Cards. Years later, the nun explained that she still had every one of them. Not one prisoner requested a card for his father.

The story is an unfortunate reflection of the Father's role in many families. However, I was very fortunate to have a father who was a man of devotion first to God and then to his wife and family. He



"Fr. Magi Murzello and his parents on his Ordination day (18-04-1998)"

led our family in prayer and ensured that faith would be our greatest inheritance. My Father made a lot of personal sacrifices so that we could rise from our humble 'farmer' beginnings and make a positive difference. I owe my vocation to the priesthood to him. My Father was afraid that he would not live to see me a priest. The day I was ordained a priest, his joy knew no bounds. My mother told me that even when I was born, his joy was boundless. I was his first born. I was his "Beloved" son.

After retirement from Larsen & Toubro Ltd., my Father wanted to return back to his roots...to his ancestral home in Gorai village. It was difficult for us to make that transition from Marol (Andheri) to Gorai (Borivili). We did it because we loved our Father. Tragedy struck in Gorai, my Father was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. For twelve years he was bedridden. Our family rallied around him. My sister and brother spared no expense to get my Father treated. Care giving was not easy. My mother had an open heart surgery last year. For six years, I travelled daily home. Heavy rains or cold winters, I would take the last ferry boat home and return next morning to school by the first ferry boat on my motorbike. Parishioners would be concerned about my well being but I never felt the strain. I did it out of love for my Father who loved me abundantly....his "Beloved" son. I thank God for my Father who was my prayer warrior. May he rest in peace!

Dear Andrean Sons, as I grieve for my Father, my prayer for you is that you are blessed by your Father and when you are a Father, you will leave a legacy of LOVE & RESPECT.



Fr. Magi Murzello

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WOW ! A SCHOLAR AMONG US!

Master Aayush Kedar achieved a merit rank in the State level Scholarship Examination conducted by the Government in February 2017. He obtained a percentage of 62. We congratulate him and hope that he is an inspiration to his fellow Andreans.



EXPERIENCE OF ST. XAVIER'S INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION B.Ed TEACHERS AT ST. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL



RINCY COUTINHO

To be a part of the Andean family is one of the blessings and I was blessed to have St. Andrew High School as my practice teaching school in the second year of my B.Ed training. St. Andrew High School provided me with the platform to give my practice lessons and develop my teaching skills. Hospitality and gratitude are the values which one should learn from this reputed institution. Bee Boss of the school, Rev. Fr. Magi Murzello who is the Principal of the school and the entire Andean family was extremely helpful and this enriching experience I will always cherish. The positive environment in the school made me feel at home in spite of me being in a completely novel setup. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the love and co-operation I have received from St. Andrew school.

The positive atmosphere welcomed us into the campus of St. Andrew High school. As we entered I felt the warm hospitality of the Principal, Rev. Fr. Magi Murzello, who always greeted us with a broad smile. The teachers, students and also the non-teaching staff were supportive and co-operated with me throughout my Internship. The journey at St. Andrew High School has made me a part of them and I will always cherish this learning experience forever in my heart.



SHEFALI RODRIGUES



STEEFIE DABRE

Life in St. Andrew High School is always what I will cherish. 'Rev. Father Magi Murzello, You Really Are The Best'. I have learnt a very precious Bee Attitude from Fr. Magi Murzello and that is, in giving all that one can and treating all equally. TanQ so much dear teachers too for correcting us when it was necessary and to the students too for your co-operation.

This internship was a fruitful one, coming back to the same school but this time to teach. The teaching and non-teaching staff provided us with immense co-operation and support. I extend my sincere gratitude to Fr. Magi Murzello for accommodating us and giving us the opportunity to successfully complete our internship.



JOSEPHINE DSOUZA



ADALBERT CARDOZA

Technology has made it easier for students to learn with devices but nothing can come close to the experience of being taught by an inspirational school like St. Andrew High School Thank you all!

Being a part of the Andean family for 50 days was a memorable experience for me and all my fellow interns. A special thanks to the Principal, Rev. Fr. Magi Murzello for his immense support and in making us feel at home and comfortable. I would also like to thank the teachers for their support and help without which this internship wouldn't be a success for me. Being a part of this school for the second time makes me feel so lucky and grateful.



LISELLE DCRUZ



STEFAN R FERNANDES

This school has taught me so much. Right from the Bee Boss (Principal), Rev. Fr. Magi Murzello, to the teaching and non-teaching staff as well as the students who made our internship at St. Andrew High School a memorable one. All of them welcomed me with open arms once again. I will never forget the experiences of my first lessons here. This school will always be remembered by me as my first teaching school. I couldn't ask for a better school than St. Andrew High School which somewhere considers me as a permanent member of their 'Bee Andean' family. I would love to thank Rev. Fr. Magi Murzello and all the teachers for their support and guidance in this journey of mine. Thank you every single one of you.

ONLINE GATEWAY

As our country marches ahead towards digital technology, our school too in its own way encourages parents to keep abreast with the digital world. Principal, Rev. Fr. Magi Murzello



addressed parents about the need to be technology savvy and briefed them about the online fee payment option that is on offer, that will save a lot of their time. Parents were in awe of the modern methods being implemented year after year and were indeed proud to belong to an institution that believes in learning and teaching something new time after time.



MONSOON ROAD RACE



The 2nd Monsoon Road Race was organized by the school on 20th August 2017. In spite of it being an exceptionally wet day, owing to the heavy rain, approximately 300 of our students, right from STD. 1 to STD. 10 participated in the race. Prizes were awarded to the first three rankers across all standards. The students were enthusiastic and are hoping they have such an event twice a year.



AVE MARIA – A WALK TO MEET THE DIVINE



8th September is celebrated throughout the world as the birthday of our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary (Mother of Jesus Christ). Nine days prior to this day, Novena Mass services are organized by all Roman Catholic churches where people pray and seek the blessings of our Blessed Mother. Mount Mary Basilica is one of the divine destination landmarks in Mumbai. The story of the shrine goes like this - the statue of Mother Mary was brought by a Jesuit priest in the 16th century and a chapel was built. In the 18th century pirates attacked this chapel to get hold of the gilt lined object held in the hand. They disfigured the statue by cutting the right hand. In 1760 the church was rebuilt and the statue substituted as Our Lady of Navigators in St. Andrew's Church. A koli fisherman dreamt that he would find a statue in the sea. The statue was

found floating in the sea between 1700 and 1760 and the church was rebuilt 'Mot – Mauli' - The Pearl Mother.

Devotees from neighbouring regions come to offer their prayers and put forth their various petitions to the Blessed Mother who intercedes with her Son, Jesus. Bandra Feast is truly the Feast of the people of Bandra . This feast begins on the first Sunday after 8th September and is carried on for a week. Schools located in Bandra have been maintaining the rich culture and tradition of going on an annual pilgrimage with their staff and students.

This year, on 14th September, the schools affiliated to the Archdiocesan Board of Education (ABE) came together in solidarity for the pilgrimage to the Mount. Planned and organised by Fr. George Athaide and executed, conducted and coordinated by our Principal, Rev. Fr. Magi Murzello we saw approximately 1500 students from most ABE schools participating in this solemn celebration. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Agnelo Gracias.



We hope that this tradition stays alive and continues year after year with the same zest and zeal. We intercede with our Mother Mary to bless us and our Motherland India.

Sir Robert Lopes and Ms Sameerah Khatkhatay (Secondary section)

'MISSION 1 MILLION' Accomplished!

Under the Mission 1 Million initiative of our country, the FIFA UNDER 17 Football World Cup was organized on our school turf on 5th September 2017, wherein, the school trained around 920 students in 2 hours, the aim of the state of Maharashtra being to have all schools all over the state undergo such training on one particular day. It was a hectic schedule but was planned and executed well by Sir Vinod Nalawade who saw to it that all students got a taste of football frenzy. The presence of Mr. Dino Morea, ex-model and Hindi movie actor and a football aficionado added the much needed enthusiasm.



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