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A NEWS LETTER FROM ST. PIUS X MINOR SEMINARY KARACHI.

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## To the Readers.

Once again News Letter of St. Pius X Minor Seminary is being published with new hope and new mission. It will be interesting, encouraging and thought provoking. Let us hope that it will continue as in the past few years.

**CH. EDITOR.**

“ THE BEST WAY TO REACH JESUS IS TO READ BIBLE ”

**POPE JOHN PAUL II.**

**SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY.** ( Patron Saint Of Diocesans Priest .)



He said:

*“Heaven’s are for those who have heaven in themselves”.*

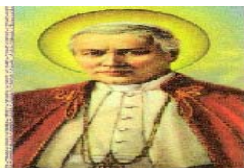
John was born in France in 1786. His parents were respectable, pious farmers. At the age of eight, he was given a change of his father’s field to look after the cows and sheep. Every morning he led them out to browse in the fields near his home. After work he used to teach other children the prayer and catechism. Even while he was very young, prayer was his delight. John was slow to learn, but a parish priest helped him to enter the seminary. John was ordained as a priest, this however was not accomplished without a long & hard struggle, for in spite of his humility, sweetness and pity, which had won the esteem of all, and he was sadly deficient in the learning usually required for candidates for the priesthood.

He was accordingly ordained sub-deacon at Lyon by the Bishop of Grenoble, in the month of July, and six months later, on August 9<sup>th</sup> 1815, when 29 year of age was ordained priest at the same place. For two years he served as Curate at Evilly. He refused to accept the pastorate upon the death of the venerable pastors.

Three months later he was appointed as Cure of Ars an obscure village in central France. Since many people did not come to so, father Vianney visited them in their homes. Finally, he convinced the people to come to Holy Mass. He did penance for his people and prayed for hours before the Blessed Sacrament. He lived like the poorest of the poor. Thousands came to speak & hear him and to confess their sins to him. His spent many hours in a day in the confessional box. Fr. Vianney spent forty years as a parish Cure of Ars and died at the age of 73 (in the year 1854). He is the patron saint of Diocesan Priests.

Being a diocesan seminarian we celebrate the feast of St. John Mary Vianney on 4<sup>th</sup> of August.

**Benjamin Mushtaq**



*ST. PIUS X.*

Joseph Sarto was the son of poor village shoemaker & the oldest of eight children. Two Parish Priest helped him.

After Ordination Joseph was made an assistant to the pastor in small Italian town in the mountains. All the people loved him because he was kind. His soul was on fire with the love of God, especially when he preached about the Blessed Sacrament. When he became Bishop of Mantua, he said: “I shall spare myself neither care nor labor nor earnest prayers for the salvation of souls. My hope is in Christ.”

In 1903 Joseph was elected Pope and took the name Pius X. His motto was: “To restore all things in Christ, so that Christ may be all in all.” His teaching was: “Love God, and lead good Christian lives.” He wanted this goal to come about through frequent Holy Communion, especially early First Communion.

Pius X died on 20<sup>th</sup> August in the year of 1914, with the words:

*“To restore all things in Christ.”*

*He is called the Pope of the Blessed Sacrament.*

**Sharoon Joseph**

## INTRODUCTION OF ST. PIUS X MINOR SEMINARY.

It was the month of October the year of 1952, that His Excellency Rev. Alcuin Van Miltenberg commissioned a young priest Fr. Joseph Cordeiro to found a Minor Seminary at Quetta. So a building was taken up in the Cantonment, near by Holy Rosary Church, Quetta, but after a few months there were asked to vacate. Another building half a mile away was hired. But from where they were given a notice vacate. After they went to the site at Samungli Road, which was just a mile away from the edge of the town. It was six-acre plot amongst ideal location with idealist conditions. It was on the main road leading to the airport. More and more boys joined from different diocese from the east and the western side of the Pakistan.

In the year of 1958, Fr. Joseph Cordeiro was consecrated Arch Bishop Of Karachi, & Fr. Francis D' Souza took over as Rector. The Seminary course was expended for three years, main subjects of the course were Religion, Urdu, & Latin. Fr. Luperc Maserhenas was appointed as a Rector in August 1965. At that time main subjects were English, Urdu, Civics, Psychology, Logic & Latin. These subjects were taught at the seminary by some priests and a layperson.

The decision of moving diocesan seminary was announced by Fr. Luperc Maserhenas on 14th January 1974. He handled the immense task of transforming the seminary from Quetta to Karachi. The transfer was affected in May 1974. From 1974 till January 1980 the seminary moved premises twice, before coming into the present permanent residence. Providence home in Catholic Colony was purchased from the D/O the Cross-for the Seminary of St. Pius X. The aim in training always remains the same but method adapted varies to a certain degree in leadership. After Fr. Luperc Fr. James D' Souza took his place as a rector from Joseph Ligory, in 1990. Then Fr. Joe D' Mello took over in 1994. After that Fr. Augustine Soares took over the seminary from him in 2001.

From 2005 till now Rev. Fr. Benjamin Shehzad is serving as a rector, in the presence of H/G Arch bishop Evarist Pinto.

**Emmanuel Francis.**

## LIFE IN THE SEMINARY.

Seminary is a formation houses for the young boys, those who dedicate their selves for the love of **Almighty God**, & who feel their vocation to become a priest. In the Seminary they get strength in their Faith, Vocation and in the Spiritual life. Seminary is a base of Priestly life, from where we start our first step towards the Priesthood.

Now Rev. Fr. Benjamin Shehzad is our Rector who has been working as a Rector from last three years in the Minor Seminary. As a formator usually he tells us about our society and the relation with the people.

Now here we are eighteen students in the Minor Seminary. There are first three stages in the Minor Seminary in which we use to have Seminary & Collage study.

In first year students have to study in the Seminary and in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> years we have to complete our collage study. In each class we have six boys. We are studying English, Catechism, Prayer & Meditation, Communication and Current Affairs. Here the teachers are as place of our parents because they treat us their own children's. Here in the Minor Seminary our life is not so busy, but little bit. It helps us to keep ourselves busy in our activities because Seminary is a formation house. That's why our activities are very simple such as: Morning, Evening & Night Prayer, study, sports, birthday celebrations, Holy hours, family's get-together once a year, weakly Pastoral work etc....

As a Seminarian we must have to keep ourselves, house, garden, chapel, study Buildings kitchen, washrooms etc.. Clean & tidy. Every seminarian is being given his own duty to do and by these responsibilities we learn Obedience and how to do our own work.

**Asif & Sullivan.**

“ What to look on the outside to first make sure it's clean in the inside”

➤ *But concerning love of brethren you have no need to have Any one to write to you, for you yourself have been taught by God to love one another. (1Thes, 4-9)*

## CONVERSION OF SAUL.

On his journey, as he drew near to Damascus, a light from heaven suddenly shone about him, and falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are You, Lord?" And the answer came: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goad." Trembling and amazed, Saul asked, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" And the Lord told him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." During all this Saul's companions stood speechless, for although they heard the voice, they saw no one. Saul arose from the ground. He found that he couldn't see. Leading him by the hand, his men brought him into Damascus, where for three days, he neither ate nor drank.

In Damascus there was a certain disciple named Ananias, and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." "Arise and go to the street called straight," said the Lord, "and ask at the house of Judas for a man of Tarsus named Saul. He is praying." But Ananias objected, Lord, "I have heard from many about man, how much evil he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. Here, too, he has authority from the chief priest to arrest everyone who invokes Your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for this man is a chosen instrument to carry my name to the Gentiles and their kings and the people of Israel. For, I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

So, Ananias went to Judas' house as the Lord had directed. Laying his hands upon Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your journey, has sent me so that you recover your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he recovered his sight. Then he arose, and was baptized. After taking some food, he regained his strength.

All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is this not the man who used to make havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon the name of Jesus and who came here for the purpose of taking them as prisoners to the chief priest?" But Saul grew all the stronger and reduced to silence the Jews who were living in Damascus, providing that this Jesus was the Christ. As time passed, Jews plotted to kill him. But their plan became known to Saul. They were guarding the gates both day and night so as to make sure he would not escape.

On his arrival at Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was one of them. However, Barnabas, who knew his sincerity, took him and brought to the apostles. Saul told them how on his journey he had seen the Lord, that the Lord had spoken to him and how in Damascus he had acted boldly in the name of Jesus. After that Saul moved freely among the faithful in Jerusalem, acting boldly in the name of Lord. He also spoke and disputed with the Greek-speaking Jews; but they tried to kill him. When the brothers came to know this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus.

**Sharoon.**

ALWAYS  
REMEMBR:

"IF YOU ARE  
HONEST AND  
FRANK, PEOPLE  
MAY CHEAT YOU."  
"BE HONEST AND  
FRNK ANYWAY."

**"IT WOULD NEED A SERAPH TO SAY  
A MASS. IF WE REALLY KNEW WHAT  
A MASS WE SHOULD DIE OF IT"**

**ST.JOHN MARY VIANNEY.**

## **CHINESE NEW YEAR.**

Dating system used concurrently with the Gregorian (Western) Calendar in the people's Republic of China. (Taiwan) and in neighbouring countries (Japan). The Chinese Calendar basically Lunar, it's year consisting of twelve months of alternate Twenty-nine and Thirty days equal to Three Hundred and fifty-four days, or approximately twelve full lunar cycles. Intercalary month have been inserted to keep the Calendar year in September with the solar year of about Three Hundred and sixty-five days. Months are referred by numbers within a year and sometimes also by series of twelve animal names that from ancient times have been attached to years and to the hours of the day. These names in order are Rat, Ox, Hare, Dragon, Snakes, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Owl, Dog and Pig. The Chinese Year was began in the year of 1975, which is the year of Hare according to their Calendar.

Every year on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January they celebrate their New Year.

**Shahid Shaul.**

## **SAINT VALENTINE.**

Everyone has heard about Saint Valentine. He is the patron saint of Lovers, and on his day people send anonymous cards or presents to the one they love. But who was St. valentine?

Well the feast of St.Valentine is on 14<sup>th</sup> February, which seems to be intended to commemorate two saints of the same year. According to legend, one was a Roman Priest who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Emperor Claudius and was buried on the Flaminian Way and the second one was the Bishop of Termi, who was martyred apparently also in Rome, and whose relics were later translated to Termi.

In the third century St. Valentine was put in prison because he helped some Christians who are going to be executed by emperor Claudius. While Valentine was in prison, he healed the chief warder's daughter who was blind, and the warder and all his family became Christian. When Claudius heard this, he said that Valentine should be executed. And so, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the February in the year of 269, Valentine was clubbed to death. Then his head was chopped off, just to make sure that he was dead. In the same year the Bishop Valentine was also put to death by emperor Claudius for being a Christian.

St. Valentine's Day as a lover's festival, the choice of a valentine, and modern development of sending valentine cards has no relation to the saint or to any incident in his life. These customs seem rather to be connected either with the pagan Roman Festival of the Lupercalia, which took place in the middle of the February, or with the spring season in general.

Neither Saint seems to have anything to do with young lovers. So where do the traditions come from? Some say it is because on this day of the year (in the northern hemisphere) birds pair up and start mating, other says this day is especial for lovers because at that time of the year there had been a pagan Roman Festival named Lupercalia, when young men took part in a kind of lottery to find a partner. But Lupercalia ha nothing to do with either Saint Valentine.

So dear brothers and sister in Christ, this year our Valentine should be different. We have to make Christ as our Valentine, and to present our life to Him, we do not just have to love ourselves but love others too. Because **"GOD IS LOVE"** and we have to spread this love throughout the world by our deeds and actions.

**" HE WHO ABIDES IN LOVE ABIDES IN GOD AND GOD IN HIM "**.

**Faisal Matthew.**



## VALENTINE'S DAY WITH JESUS.

Jesus does not send perfume,  
To linger in the air,  
Instead He sends salvation sweet,  
To show how much He cares.

He does not bring me candy hearts,  
In box of delight,  
Instead He always let me know,  
I am precious in His sight.

He does not send out pretty cards,  
Trimmed in shades of red,  
Instead He gives His life forms,  
His precious blood was shed.

He does not hand out fancy gifts,  
Like we would send to mother,  
Instead He sends a message clear,  
To always love each other.

He does not give me teddy bears,  
That whimpers, please be mine,  
Instead He gave His heart to me,  
I wear it all the time.

He does not gave me roses, pink,  
For all the world to see,  
Instead He gave eternal life,  
That's good for me.

**Sharoon Joseph.**

SPECIAL  
REQUEST:

***"PRAY FOR  
PEACE IN THE  
WORLD."***

To,  
Dear Benefactors of the Cure Of Ars,

May the Heavenly God give you long life & good health.  
I hope you will be glad to read my letter.

I pray to God that He may fulfill all your desires and  
shower His blessing upon you, so that you may carry  
on the good work in your whole life.

May the Almighty God bless you?

In this letter I would like to share one thing with you  
that I have started a News Letter with the help of my  
companions and with the support of my Rector. This is  
the first edition of our News Letter in which you can  
able to read our articles, poems, short reports of retreat  
programs, and many other things. More over you can  
also participate in this News Letter by sending your  
articles and poems.

I hope you will be glad to read our News Letter and  
send us your feedback. My companions & me are very  
pleased for your help and love.

Yours sincerely,  
Sharoon Joseph.

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send us your feedback. My companions & me are very  
pleased for your help and love.

Your's Sincerely,  
Sharoon.

## LOVE

Love is very secure,  
That's what love for someone has to be pure.  
Love is patient; love is kind,  
Make the bearer open his mind.  
If love is patient, humble, pure & kind,  
That's why a person in love is blind.  
Love is not envious, boastful, arrogant and rude,  
One who falls's in love; is always in a good mood.  
Love is not irritable or resentful,  
A lover should always remember to be respectful.  
This is a message of " ST. PAUL, "  
Human's can die, but Love will never fall.

**Benjamin.**

## PRESENTATION OF LORD.

According to the Jew's law the first born even if he was an only child should be presented at the temple. The second chapter of the Gospel of St.Luke describes that how the child Jesus presented in Jerusalem in order to fulfill the law of Jew's. The presentation of the Lord continuous it's way till His death on the Cross when the child Jesus offers Himself for self-sacrifice to His Heavenly Father, that He answers all the aspirations of men and become their Saviour.

**Tanveer Rasheed.**

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