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Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Happy and Blessed New Year 2017 to everyone.

It was indeed an awesome and unforgettable Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy and especially for us here in CDM - a year where we celebrated God's unending love and experienced His infinite mercy. God has blessed us with another wonderful year where we were able to share His love and mercy to others, becoming **Disciples of Mercy** to those we have encountered and especially with the thousands of pilgrims who came to CDM throughout the year. My sincere **THANKS** and **GRATITUDE** goes out to each and every one of you, and those who have dedicated their time and energy, and worked extraordinarily hard throughout the year.

As we move beyond the Year of Mercy, there's still much to do as a parish. All of us are called to a mission – to play a role in building His Church. In order to set our direction at the right path, we have come up with the following FOCUS for this coming year 2017:

PARISH

- Holy Hour (guided) on 1st Fridays of the month.
- Grotto Mass & Rosary on 1st Saturdays and on the 11th of each month @ 8pm (no Grotto Mass on Sunday).
- Divine Office – Lauds (Morning Prayer) will be prayed at 6.20am.
- Parish Christmas Celebration.
- Parish 3-year plan:
 - Year 2017: Focus on **Prayer**
 - Year 2018: Focus on **Word of God**
 - Year 2019: Focus on **Family**
- Wall of Prayer – to encourage parishioners to pray for another by posting prayer request (praying for one another).
- Propose **Daily Family prayer time @ 8.05pm**.
- Family visits to continue (for those who have submitted their census card) - consecration and blessing of family together with presentation of family blessing with the relic of St Faustina and St John Paul II.
- Ratification of marriages.
- Election of all Heads of BEC's, Ministries and PPC after the Parish Feast Day 2017.



BEC

- BEC Leaders & team - Monthly formation.
- Day of Prayer - BEC initiatives to carry out prayer for BEC/Family/individuals.
- BEC Mass - Prayer put into action (pray and invite those "neglected" ones).
- BEC events - CDM Feast Day, October month rosary.
- Sharing New Life – Outreach to Migrants & Poor during Christmas (2016) & other days.
- BEC Team to draw non-active BEC members to the fold.
- Re-delineation of BEC's to consist of 15-20 families per BEC.



MINISTRY

- To continue the practice of coming together for half an hour of silent adoration before commencement of meetings.
- Parents Support Group is in great need for support of CEC programs & well-being of their children & parental support - **BIGGEST PROBLEM or OBSTACLE – WHO can do it or to LEAD?**

MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT

- Upgrading classrooms with audio and video aids.
- Propose New Multi-Purpose Hall & Car park.
- Pledge cards for fund raising of the new building.
- All fund raising efforts from the year 2017 will be channeled to the new building.
- Conscientising on energy saving.

FORMATION

- Online formation – **FORMED** to be continued for another year.
- Formations on **PRAYER**.
- Life in the Spirit Seminar by Alex Loo and team – 26th May to 28th May 2017.
- Family movie nights – Friday, monthly.
- Apologetics by Single Young Adults.
- Formation on **Proud to be Catholic** by Martin Jalleh.
- Formation on setting up of **Learning Centre** by Bro. John D'Cruz.



Let us, as **ONE PRAYERFUL FAMILY**, come together and continue to strive in building God's kingdom by bringing and sharing the love and mercy of God to all we encounter in our lives – being a Disciple of Hope to everyone.
'Mercy Remains, Hope Arises'.

Fr Martin Arlando