



# DON BOSCO SCHOOL, BERHAMPORE

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Dear Staff members, Students, Parents, Friends and Well Wishers,

I would like to extend my warmest wishes and congratulations to you all as you move on to new classes, and as you embark on the new Scholastic Year 2020-21. Let us journey together with a single minded pursuit of learning and with a clear cut purpose in life.

**Thomas Carlyle has rightly said:**

***"The man without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder- a waif, a nothing, a no man." Whatever we do we are being guided, controlled and directed at that moment."***

When we reflect about our life we realize that we all have set our foot on this planet with a purpose - a divine purpose. The question then arises: what drives our life? Whether we are aware of the forces that drive our life or not, at a given moment we may be driven by a problem, a pressure, or a deadline. We may be driven by a painful memory, a haunting fear, or an unconscious belief. There are numerous circumstances, values and emotions that can drive our life. I would like to enumerate chiefly five of the prominent ones: we may be driven by guilt, by resentment and anger, by fear, by materialism and finally may be driven by the need for approval. Besides these, there are other forces that can drive our life and lead us to the same dead end: unused potential, unnecessary stress and an unfulfilled life.

What we are called to do is to live a meaningful, a purpose driven life, a life guided, controlled and directed by God's purposes. There are five benefits of purpose driven life: first, knowing one's purpose gives meaning to one's life, second, knowing one's purpose simplifies life, third, knowing one's purpose focuses our life, third, knowing one's purpose motivates our life and finally knowing one's purpose is, what we all strive consciously or unconsciously of preparing one's life for eternity. We are called not to create an earthly legacy but to build eternal legacy. One day we all will stand before God and He will do an audit of our life so as to how we have lived our life meaningfully, what have we done with the life God has given us?

Great statesmen, religious leaders, saints, sages understood this divine call and fulfilled them well not for selfish motives but selflessly for God. St. John Bosco, our father and founder, did everything with the sole motive of glorifying God and that's why he said in his motto: "**Da Mihi Animas Cetera Tolle**" meaning "**Give me soul take away the rest.**" This year our Rector Major Fr. Angel Fernandez Artime` SDB has given us the Strenna - 2020 for the entire Salesian world: "**Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**"(Mt.6:10) **GOOD CHRISTIANS AND UPRIGHT CITIZENS.**" The theme given annually to the entire Salesian world by our Rector Major, the successor of Don Bosco, is to lead the young people towards our ultimate destination - heaven by striving constantly to form ourselves into persons of faith and upright citizens of our country. As we embark on our academic journey in the Scholastic Year - 2020- 21 let us be filled with the spirit of God, to be able to do His will here on earth.

May God Bless you!

Yours Sincerely

Fr. Sunit Kishor Kiro SDB

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