

Archdiocese prays for Enlightenment for All

The Archdiocese of Goa and the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (India) sincerely regret the untimely and tragic death of Fr. Bismarque Dias at Sto. Estevam and share in the grief of his family and of all those who held him dear and were close to him.

Right from day one, the Church Authorities in Goa, through the Council for Social Justice and Peace and the Priests working in the parish of Sto. Estevam, have been expressing their solidarity with his family in this painful situation. They have also been closely following the case of his death, without publicizing their efforts, to see that a proper investigation is carried out by the relevant authorities, so that the truth of the matter may be brought to light. On the other hand, the Blessed Sacrament Community at Alto Santa Cruz, Goa has been in contact with the bereaved family.

In the light of some confusing reports and misleading statements appearing in some sections of the media, it seems opportune to clarify that since June 2010, Fr. Bismarque, of his own accord, had left the exercise of his priesthood and dedicated himself to various social causes affecting Goa.

As a former member of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, with its Provincial Headquarters in Mumbai, Fr. Bismarque was under the direct jurisdiction of his Provincial Superior, as is the case of all Religious who are governed by their competent Superiors following their own specific norms.

We pray that all concerned may adhere to the truth in this unfortunate tragedy and seek eternal repose for the deceased, Fr. Bismarque and Christian solace for his dear mother and members of his family in these trying moments.

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