

## About the Goan Community of Oman

The Goan Community of Oman (GCO) is an informal organization under the auspices of the Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Ruwi. It's membership is open to all Goans in Oman who belong to the Catholic Church parishes at Ruwi, Ghala, Sohar and Salalah. In keeping with the secular nature of Catholic organizations world over, the GCO welcomes non-Catholic Goans too to participate in its activities.

To promote the objectives of the GCO, an ad-hoc Committee was initially established in January 2008. This Committee set up the draft Constitution, which was formally adopted at the first General Body Meeting held on 5th December 2008 and approved by Fr. Raul Ramos, Parish Priest of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Ruwi. The Spiritual Director of the GCO is Fr. Albert D'Silva, Asst. Parish Priest. At this first GBM, the GCO members also elected the current Managing Committee, which will hold Office till 31st December 2009.

In order to encourage all Goans in Oman to join the GCO, no membership fee is currently levied. However, if you register on this website, you will receive communications on the GCO and its activities, and on issues relevant to NRGs. Please check up the members list periodically and advise those who have not yet registered to do so. We especially need your help to enlist Goans who are residing in the interior, and if they are unable to register online, please send their particulars by email to [goans.oman@gmail.com](mailto:goans.oman@gmail.com) or phone the Committee Members whose mobile numbers are listed in the website.

We invite your advice and suggestions on how the GCO should function. Please also feel free to contact the Managing Committee members if you need any assistance from the GCO, if you wish to share any news about yourself or your family, if you have any information of interest to other fellow-Goans in Oman, or if you can contribute in any way towards promoting the GCO objectives.

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