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Mount Mary Fair – Update as of 30-August- 2024

This announcement is being made to keep the people informed of the progress made by the Basilica in the organization of the Mount Mary Fair.

On 7-August-2024, Applications for booking Temporary Stalls commenced.

On 23-August-2024, the Basilica invited applications online from persons interested in operating the stalls for Mount Mary (Bandra) Fair at the price and procedure determined by Oswald Cardinal Gracias. There was a gratifying response with more than a hundred online applications. All the applications, both on-line and in-person, were checked and verified by 25-August-2024.

This year, the BMC, the Police, and the Fire Department have required that more open spaces be provided for evacuation in event of fire or other emergencies. This requirement slightly reduces the number of stalls the Basilica had planned. All the stalls were allocated by Draw on 26-August 2024. The Basilica's contractor has commenced erecting the stalls, as per BMC specifications. We expect all to be ready in time for the Fair.

The Novenas to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lady of the Mount on 8-September-2024 have commenced today. We invite all devotees and pilgrims with faith in Mother Mary to come forth in large numbers, with an open heart to receive Her blessings, to pray with trust and hope in the renewal and rebirth of all humankind.

**Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount
Bandra**