

# **New Bedford's Portuguese Feast still on schedule for this summer**

While New Bedford's **Cape Verdean Recognition Parade** and **Memorial Day parade** have been canceled, and **Fall River's Day of Portugal** has been postponed, the **2020 Feast of the Blessed Sacrament** in New Bedford is still moving forward as planned. This year's festival is scheduled for July 30-31 and August 1-2.

The following was sent out last week by Club Madeirense S. S. Sacramento Inc President Michael Canasta:

"Good afternoon Fellow members of Club Madeirense S. S. Sacramento Inc., family and friends, residents of our great City of New Bedford and Feast patrons from close and afar,

I hope that at the time this message gets out to you, that you and your families are all healthy and safe knowing what our city, state and country are going through dealing with this life threatening COVID-19 virus. At this point and time our Club and grounds have been temporarily closed, resulting

In the cancellation and postponement of all events scheduled at Madeira Field, presently up to the end of May. However, this was done for the safety of our members and their families, organizations renting our grounds and the public. Just a reminder that our organization has extended the deadline for applications to both the academic scholarships and the vocational awards to June 1st, 2020.

I hope I put you at ease knowing that I am in constant touch with our Club's Executive Officers as well as our Club's Board of Directors, meeting as often as needed each month, as we all

strive to get through this period of time of home confinement to beat the COVID-19 virus.

In my opinion, our Club is the best at what we do, with each year learning and growing to give you all the best and safest Feast possible as we enter our 106th year. Feast President Richard Fernandes and the 2020 Feast Committee are presently moving forward with their plans for the 2020 Feast of the Blessed Sacrament. As always and even more so now with what our society is dealing with, the safety and well-being of everyone is our primary concern, not just for our members and their families, but for all our volunteers and all you people that support our organization and the Feast, year after year, during our pride filled celebration of the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament.

Now that we have recently opened the door to spring, I know that there are many of you that are getting fidgety with cabin fever, especially since we have been asked to implement home confinement and social distancing. As the President and leader of our amazing organization, I can only ask that we all remain positive and to please listen and adhere to what our government officials are asking of us. The goal of Club Madeirense S. S. Sacramento Inc. is to bring all our Feast families back to Madeira Field as soon as it is safe and as soon as we can. Remember, [www.feastoftheblessedsacrament.com](http://www.feastoftheblessedsacrament.com)

We will get through this together.  
Be safe and God's Blessings to You All."

Do meu coração para o teu,  
Have a Blessed Easter!

Michael R. Canasta, President  
Club Madeirense S. S. Sacramento Inc.