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EDITORIAL



Though I have been writing articles in the 'Mangalore' magazine and designing its Cover Page since the last four years, I never expected to hold the Editor's pen or the scissors! I am grateful to the new Governing Council of CASK under the leadership of Captain John Prasad Menezes for choosing me as the Editor of this eminent monthly magazine, which is now in the 88th year of un-interrupted publication!

I wish to record my appreciation and thanks to Mr Zozimus Pais for functioning as the Editor for the last two years. It was a pleasure working under him in the Editorial team. I am happy that Zozimus continues to be in the Editorial Team along with Joan Lobo. I bank on their support.

I can succeed as Editor only if the members of CASK and the subscribers of 'Mangalore' support me by contributing articles and forwarding News of important events or achievements of the Mangalorean Catholics spread across India and abroad. We also need sponsorship and advertisements to sustain the financial viability of the magazine.

The CASK Centenary celebrations starting with the Inaugural function on 22nd September 2013, with Smt Margaret Alva, then Governor of Rajasthan as Chief Guest and the Valedictory function on 21st September 2014 with the Hon'ble Vice-President of India – Sri Hamid Ansari as Chief Guest and the new Governor of Karnataka as Special Guest of Honor, were both landmark events in Mangalore city without any parallel! This was the opinion of several of the guests present on both occasions. We have reproduced some of the glowing compliments received this year, just as we did last year.

There is no doubt that CASK has been elevated to a new level of accomplishment and achievement in its Centenary year. This brings with it greater responsibilities to ensure that the projects

launched in honor of the Centenary are sustained and new initiatives and activities targeted for the marginalized and the downtrodden sections of our community are implemented with efficiency, accountability and transparency. We have a strong, dependable and committed team of Office-bearers and Governing Council members. Let us wish Capt. John Prasad and the team good luck and pray that God guides them in all their activities and endeavors. I look forward to your cooperation to help me meet the challenge of being the Editor. My challenge is not only to maintain the quality of the magazine but also introduce innovative ideas and build new relationships. Common Interests build Up Mutuality. We have hit a Century....Let us start the next with vigour!!

Patsy Lobo

CENTENARY POEM 'HERITAGE BUILDING'

BY PROF. GERALYN PINTO

Slow blown drifts of memory,
have settled deep in its joints.
Its bricks and tiles have seen
a hundred years, two wars,
two eras, a flag lowered,
another raised, and
a nation in morphosis.
Its windows are eyes
on a changing world.
But some things
have remained the same:
its doors have never closed on
a community's needs,
the importuning hand,

or youth in need of learning.
Service is engineered into its fibre;
caritas softens its contours.
Its corridors vault over
ocean and continent
drawing its people into
its wide embrace.
Achievement has shaped its
rooftop
into a steeple tall and soaring,
a spire slendering its way
to the Maker and His heaven.
A century today, and the CASK
stands proud, but never still.



THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

'Laying strong foundation for the Second Century'

In the recent past on two public occasions I made the statement: 'one man has made the difference to our Association'. Yes, I am speaking of Dr Derek Lobo, our immediate past President. Ever since getting elected as Vice President in 2007 and then on from 2010 until 2014 as President, Dr Derek has worked with the same zeal, passion and commitment throughout to promote CASK in every respect for the last seven years. Thank you Dr Derek.

Well, you may wonder how I got involved in this web? First, I got entrusted with the CASK Centenary (2013-14) Convenor's assignment in early 2011 and then filled in as Hon. Secretary for 2012-2014 period. It has been a wonderful three year experience and taking the CASK team along for the Centenary year.

It is only on 8th September 2014, the Feast of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary, circumstances made Dr Derek, Mr Mario Saldanha (Incoming Hon. Secretary) and yours truly to make an emergency trip to Bangalore as the formal Invitation to His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka had to be extended personally.

It was on the return journey of 9th September 2014, I agreed to take up this coveted post of President - nineteen days before the AGM. So here I am trying to get organised with time management and prior commitments as we have many challenges to overcome and expectations to be met.

During the AGM all the 10 sitting GC members were re-elected. I welcome the following new members to the team. Ex officio Ms Patsy Lobo, (New Editor of Mangalore), Prof. Edmund Frank (Bishops Nominee). From the Catholic Institutions we have Mr Trevor Pinto (Christian Planters Guild), Ms Lydia D'Cunha (DCCW) and Mr Ian Lobo (Sodality). The four co-opted members of good standing are Dr Christopher Pais, Ms Joan Lobo, Mr Allen Fernandes and Ms Zita Farias. Thus, we have seven ladies out of 25 members – accounting for 28% of the total strength. I

salute the contribution made by the retiring members, viz, Capt. Hugh Vaz, Ms Marjorie Texeira, Mr David Pais, Mr JJV Fernandes, Ms Anitha Mathias and Mr Marcel Monteiro. Thank you for your time, talent and treasure you gave to CASK.

At the Valedictory Function the Vice President in his address urged the Association to focus on poverty alleviation and providing employment. Skill development was one of the solutions suggested. Our new Governor stressed that real happiness was by acts of charity and 'Indians should be proud of their unity and diversity'. Our Patron, Bishop Dr Aloysius Paul D'souza, emphasized on getting more youth into the civil services of the country, emulating Mr Eric Gonsalves, a former top Diplomat of IFS, who was on the stage.

Well, the new CASK team plans to continue the Centenary Charitable Projects in equal measure in line to the guidelines mentioned above. We have earmarked seven Committees for this, with dynamic and energetic convenors as follows:






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7. Education & Personality Development Programme -Ms Patsy Lobo/
Ms Joan Lobo








We take off with an Eye Camp at Badyar in association with the Fr. Muller Medical team on 16th November 2014. No organisation can run without the continuous support of its members. I appeal to you dear reader to give us a helping hand in whatever capacity you deem fit. Our aim and motto is to run CASK for the next two years and pass on the mantle in a better condition than we received, keeping its tenets pure and unsullied during our tenure. Let's work together to lay a strong foundation to CASK for the second century.








JAI HIND







John Prasad Menezes

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CASK CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS A SPECTACULAR SHOW

“This is the day the lord has made, Let us be glad and rejoice”

Joan Lobo

The Catholic Association of South Kanara (CASK) celebrating hundred years of history was a momentous occasion unraveling a day of grand festivities on 21st September 2014. It was a day of great pride and joy, of a long and fruitful journey successfully traversed because of a focussed vision and committed passion braving the odds and achieving the set goals and more. As the beautifully casted invitation said **“Like the revered Indian banyan tree, our roots go firm and deep, the branches far and wide”**, truly CASK has spread its wings reaching out to Mangaloreans all over the world who are proud to be linked and connected and have remained the true sons/daughters of the soil in every way through this organization.

The prelude to this grand occasion and day started with a high mass at the Milagres Church, concelebrated by his Lordship Rt. Rev. Aloysius Paul D’Souza - the Bishop of Mangalore, the Vicar general – Msgr. Denis Prabhu and assisted by many other priests. A thought provoking homily was delivered by Rev. Fr. Denzil Lobo- Rector of St. Aloysius College and in attendance was Mangalore’s dream choir ‘The White Doves’ led by Corine Rasquinha melodiously rendering beautiful hymns. It sure was a befitting start to a meaningful celebration of a milestone reached and a heartfelt thanks to God Almighty for the abundant blessings of a fulfilling 100 years too.

Living up to their ideals, and being one among their many magnanimous activities, CASK extended its celebrations to the less privileged by **serving lunch to 1203 inmates of 8 institutions in Mangalore**. Two CASK members sponsored the Lunch – the lunch for the 450 inmates of Prashanth Nivas was sponsored by Christopher and Claudette Noronha in honor of their mother Rene Noronha’s 80th birthday and the lunch for 753 inmates of 7 other

homes was sponsored by Victor and Alina Pais of New Jersey , U.S.A. Cask is ever grateful for the benevolent gesture of these two large hearted families.

However, the best was yet to come..... and as one entered the portals of the magnificent Milagres Hall in the evening , there was a lot of festivity and bonhomie in the air and everyone was warmly greeted by the ever gracious governing council members of the CASK, in traditional attire offering ‘panpod and udhak’ in true mangalorean style. The hall was decorated artistically and elegantly with an array of flowers, mango leaves, indache thale and it reverberated with light strains of Konkani music being played by the musical duo Sweetan and Jackson. A large banyan tree depicting the deep rooted foundation and the reach of CASK all over the world stood tall and magnificently at one corner of the hall. The air was filled with the scent of the beautiful jasmines, marigolds and chrysanthemums transforming the whole place into a floral paradise. The hospitality of the mangaloreans was showcased in abundance as the ladies in their beautiful purple sarees added a lot of warmth and good cheer around mingling and making all the guests feel at home. Our ever charming MC of the evening, Loretta Rebello with her infectious enthusiasm and captivating presence kept the audience spellbound as she ran through the evening with great aplomb.

And well! It was the moment we were all waiting for... the arrival of the dignitaries who received a royal welcome with a ceremonious guard of honour by 100 happy and enthusiastic girls from the St. Agnes College attired in white, strewing petals along the way. The dignitaries were truly enamoured with this heartwarming welcome as they acknowledged and greeted the girls.. The Vice President of India Honourable Sri Hamid Ansari, his wife Smt Salma Ansari and Sri Vajubhai Vala - the Governor of Karnataka who arrived in a motorcade were accorded a warm welcome with floral bouquets by His Lordship Rt. Rev Aloysius Paul D’souza, the Bishop of Mangalore and Patron of CASK, Sri Eric Gonsalves-IFS- Former Ambassador, Sri Francis Colaco -

Retired Director General of Police-Karnataka, Dr. Derek Lobo-President of CASK and Capt. John Prasad Menezes-Secretary of CASK. Sri Ramanath Rai – District in charge Minister and Minister for Forests and Environment represented the Chief Minister of Karnataka who could not make it due to unavoidable reasons. The dignitaries were then ushered into the hall greeted by an exuberant and elated crowd who gave them a rousing welcome to the strains of a welcome march. The National Anthem was then played by Mangalore Police Band, adding to the solemnity of the occasion.

The traditional diya symbolically dressed with flowers was lit by the President, his wife, the Governor of Karnataka, Bishop of Mangalore and the District Minister, signifying the light that led CASK through thick and thin and the fire that will always be in them to reach greater heights and achieve taller goals. This was followed by a pulsating rendition of “**Thank you Lord for your Blessings**” by Marilou Rasquinha and Francis Aranha accompanied by Daryl Andrade on the guitar and Oscar Weltha on the keyboard all stars in their own right which truly enthralled the crowd.

The Dynamic President of CASK-Dr. Derek Lobo, in his distinguished style welcomed the august gathering and was overwhelmed to have a glittering galaxy of eminent personalities be part of this great event-a celebration of 100 glorious years of service to humanity which had added honour and dignity to CASK. He was nostalgic and enveloped with a flurry of emotions of pride and joy, gratitude, a sense of achievement and satisfaction as the rapid strides they had taken on approaching the milestone rejuvenated and recharged the association to greater heights. He acknowledged the distinction of the Vice President as a distinguished scholar, an outstanding diplomat, a very efficient and popular Chairman of the Rajya Sabha who had excelled in every post he held. The presence of the Honourable Vice President had elevated CASK to stellar heights and Smt Ansari had added color and warmth to the celebration. He also acknowledged the

Honourable Governor Sri Vajubhai Vala who with his vast experience in the political and social spheres would be an asset to Karnataka. The Bishop of Mangalore, the patron of CASK had always been a friend, philosopher and guide who was always there every step of the way, he said. He was more than grateful for this day as CASK had accomplished their many goals and successfully given a kick start to many projects that had been earmarked. He spelt them out briefly and also conveyed the future plan of action of CASK which was to highlight the value of the girl child and the 100 girls at the entrance was a gentle message of it being their major future objective...All the dignitaries on the dais were welcomed with a book 'Cask and fellow Centurions' aesthetically adorned with bunches of our own fragrant mangalore mallige(jasmines). Dr. Lobo recognized the presence of two past presidents Chev. Clarence Pais and Mrs. Lena Fernandes who were offered floral tributes in recognition of their contributions to CASK. He also thanked the **five Centenary Star donors** who had each contributed or pledged >Rs. Ten lakhs – The Pinto Family of 'Rosedale' Mangalore; Mr & Mrs Vivek Aranha & Family-Pune; Mr & Mrs Michael D'Souza of Dubai; Vinaya & Sameer Kapur of USA; Mr & Mrs Ronald Colaco & Family-Bangalore.

Sri Eric Gonsalves IFS, Former Ambassador introduced the Vice President in his own eloquent style and spelt how lucky we were to have Honourable Hamid Ansari in our midst, more so we were privileged, it being his maiden visit to Mangalore. He cited "The Vice President was the second citizen of India, and the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha of which offices have him play an important role in foreign and domestic policy. Recently, in pursuing the 'Look East' policy of the Government he undertook major visits to China and Myanmar". A few days ago he had presided over an important meeting where the Chinese President gave India a new and more optimistic view of bilateral relations. He has also been active in helping to shape the relations towards our troubled western neighbourhood. The full text of the speech of Sri Eric Gonsalves is given separately (page-34).

Next, The Bishop Dr. Aloysius Paul D’Souza in his inspiring address said, “CASK has lived a 100 years with the blessings of many and it has established itself well, proving to be the fruitful blessings for the people and wished that it grew stronger and lived to be another hundred.” He was happy that the association has moved forward well with the blessings of the founders and rendered meaningful service to society. CASK is a cultural entity, which has worked not only for the prosperity of the Catholic community but extended its unconditional help to other communities to prosper in the region. We have also acted as catalyst for the growth of other communities in the arena of education,” he said and mentioned St Aloysius College, Father Muller Hospital & Medical College, St Agnes College etc which are leaders in the education field. It has facilitated the people here to grow socially and intellectually. Because of its work, the community and in turn the association is recognized throughout the world. We should be service-oriented, duty-conscious, and work towards the integrity of all communities,” he added. Taking the example of Mr. Eric Gonsalves who was on the dais, the bishop said, “There was no IFS officer from the Catholic community until Mr. Eric Gonsalves. It is time for our community to look into this issue and work hard on our education so as to produce more IFS, IAS and Civil Service officers. We must sacrifice and do every good thing for the betterment of the Catholic as well as other communities” he concluded.

The newly appointed Governor of Karnataka Sri Vajubhai Vala on his maiden visit outside Bangalore in his thought provoking address said, “Our country has a lot of diversity in terms of language, religions and cultures. Still, there is unity in diversity. All those who live in India, irrespective of caste, creed or religion, are sons and daughters of Bharat Mata.” Lauding CASK for the service it has rendered over the past century, he said, “There are few associations like CASK that have rendered public service of this magnitude for the last 100 years. I congratulate the association on completing its 100 years. Serving the public plays a significant

role in the life of a human being. This association as well as the Christian community at large have educated so many poor students and extended medical aid to those in need. The community has recognized the potential of students who have been educated in its institutions and made their lives fruitful, and enabled them to lead a dignified life. The priests and others who have served in CASK have been service-oriented and dedicated. They are devoted to educating children. This event is not just about listening to the good things CASK has done, but about inculcating those good things in our lives. It is time we also take up the work of serving the country. "All religions convey the same message - to work for the prosperity and well-being of all people. If any religion points out another religion's wrongs, then that religion is not for humanity. All gods convey the same message of serving humanity. We should unite for the progress of the country and prosperity of the lives of the people living in the country," the governor conveyed.

Thereafter, the CASK Centenary Souvenir, compiled by the Editorial Consultant Mr. John Monteiro was ceremoniously released by the Hon'ble Vice-President of India who distributed it to other dignitaries on the dais. The Souvenir is a treasure-house of Christian history in Canara, history of CASK and other lay organizations in other cities of India, brief write-ups on Parishes that have completed 100 years and some highly enlightening articles selected from past issues of "Mangalore". CASK hopes that the Souvenir will find a pride of place in every home.

The next event was the release of the 'Special Postal Cover and 'My Stamp' with CASK logo brought out in honor of the Centenary. The album containing the Special Postal Cover and 'My Stamp' was handed over by Sri. M.S. Ramanujam, Chief Postmaster General- Karnataka Circle to the Honourable Vice President to be opened and displayed. A word of praise and recognition is imperative for Mr. Santosh who designed the Special Postal Cover under the direction of Nayana Fernandes, Vice-

President of CASK. Heartfelt gratitude also to Mr. Deepak Alvares of the Philately Bureau of Mangalore for all support rendered.

It was now time for the Vice President's address which was very impressive and made us proud to say the least. He said that "The Catholic community in India has been an important part of our country's social mosaic. Members of the community are fully integrated in the national mainstream. They have served the nation with great distinction in every sphere of life. The Christian faith has strengthened our secular fabric and enriched our composite Indian identity," Expressing his happiness at being part of the event and thanking former ambassador Eric Gonsalves for inviting him, the Vice-President said, "As the CASK completes a hundred years of existence, it must be commended for establishing itself as a vibrant institution for promoting general welfare of not only the Manglorean Catholic community but all segments of society in this region".

"I understand that the Association has provided valued services to the people in the field of health and education, especially to the deprived and marginalized sections of society, irrespective of religion, caste or creed. It has also focused on supporting the local culture, including Konkani language and literature, music and fine arts. Above all, it has been an effective vehicle for uniting the community and providing it a coherent voice on issues of interest and concern," he added. "Our land is blessed to have almost all the great religions, coexisting peacefully and prospering here, for centuries. Christianity is one of the great religions of the world. We received its divine message in 52 AD when the Apostle St Thomas is believed to have landed in the Malabar coast," he said.

He further added, "The contribution of the Christian church in social and charitable work in our country, especially in education and health sectors, has been particularly noteworthy. The CASK has carried forward the rich legacy of selfless public service inspired by the message of Jesus Christ who, over two thousand years ago, spread the truth of fundamental unity of

mankind and preached the cherished human values of love, compassion, forgiveness and charity. It is for this message that Mahatma Gandhi called Jesus Christ the greatest teacher humanity has ever had. “Our country faces many challenges, of which none is bigger than poverty and unemployment. The CASK could look into expanding its areas of work from health and education to skill development and employment generation. Every contribution, irrespective of its scale, would go some way in addressing this scourge of poverty which afflicts a very large percentage of our population. “I applaud the CASK for the outstanding work over the last century. I am sanguine that it will continue on the same path of selfless service for the next hundred years and beyond,” he said. He congratulated the patron of CASK Dr Aloysius Paul D’Souza, the office-bearers and members of the Association and wished them good luck for their future endeavours.

The effervescent Capt. John Prasad Menezes – Secretary of Cask in his inimitable style delivered the vote of thanks and expressed thanks to all the dignitaries who had readily accepted to be part of this great event and add to its significance. He deemed it was really a matter of honour and pride for CASK to have steered a successful celebration with unstinted and wholehearted support from members, friends and well wishers and acknowledged with gratitude all the guests present. His joy knew no bounds that CASK had completed 100 glorious years and had contributed in several ways to society and anticipated continued support for what was envisaged for the future.

Once again, The National Anthem was played before the departure of the Vice President, the Governor and other dignitaries and the main formal function culminated. The latter part of the formal ceremony was then continued when Rt. Rev. Dr. Aloysius Paul D’ Souza - Bishop of Mangalore, Sri Eric Gonsalves and Smt Rose Gonsalves, Sri F.T.R. Colaco and Captain Edie and Smt Lorna Veigas were led to the dais by the Cask Office Bearers.

The Bishop of Mangalore released the Konkani translation of the book “Gandhi’s Outstanding Leadership” authored by Former Ambassador Pascal Alan Nazareth and translated into konkani by J.V. Carlo and published by Sri Melwyn Rodrigues, well known poet and President – Kavitha Trust. Sri Rodrigues handed over the book to the Bishop for release. Due to unavoidable reasons Mr. Allan Nazareth could not be present at the function. The Book in Konkani is titled “Gandhiche Porjolik Fudarpon”

Sri Eric Gonsalves, Former Ambassador and his wife Rose handed over 100 scholarship cheques of Rs. 5,000/- each (Total value-Rs.5.50 lakh)s meant for 100 students from 24 P.U. Colleges of DK and Udupi districts to Sr. Rachana A.C. Principal of St. Marys’ PU College-Mangalore. She received the cheques on behalf of all the colleges. CASK is ever grateful to Sr. Prem D’Souza, Principal of St. Agnes College and Nayana Fernandes for coordinating this gigantic task.

Sri FTR Colaco, Former DGP –Karnataka then handed over the CASK Cheque of Rs. 3.5 lakhs to the Bishop of Mangalore towards the ‘Home for the Homeless’ at Maria Ashram Parish, Talapady.

Capt. Edie and Mrs. Lorna Veigas handed over a cheque of Rs.25,000/- to the ‘Poor Patients fund’ of Holy Cross Hospital, Chickmagalur which was received by Sr. Lucy John, Administrator of the hospital.

Award Winner and Mangalore’s very own Dr. Geralyn Pinto of intellectual eminence, superbly delivered a very meaningful and touching poem titled “Heritage Building” which was composed by her in honor the CASK Centenary. The poem left the crowd in awe.

Ms. Giselle Mehta a literary genius of Mangalore also had specially composed the thought provoking lyrics and scintillating music of the CASK Anthem melodiously rendered by Marielou Rasquinha, Francis Aranha, Fiona Mascarenhas, Bina Gonsalves and Ivan Mascarenhas, accompanied by Daryl Andrade on the

guitar and Oscar Weltha on the keyboard which left the crowd spellbound.

Well! The festivities would never be complete without some exciting entertainment. The vivacious, multi-faceted and ever exuberant first lady Patsy Lobo specially wrote and directed a play for the occasion 'Around the world in 60 minutes' a concoction of music, dance and drama depicting the reach of CASK to all parts of the world. It was interspersed with English and Konkani dialogues, witty and humorous which evoked continued peals of laughter among the audience. In directing the play she had actors of repute and also harnessed untapped talent of actors young and old and under her direction they portrayed their roles with great élan.. It was the story of the D'Souza family who won a lottery at the church feast and decide to splurge it on a round the world tour and hence amidst elaborate plans, dramatic attempts to change their attire and style for the trip were in total dilemma on how they could make the best of their maiden holiday abroad. It was a journey of spills and thrills and they were dealt with a culture shock as they travelled from India to Dubai, the UK, the USA and finally Australia.

At each point of destination they went to see dance performances of the country – so there was the Egyptian Belly dance in Dubai, the Fox Trot in UK, the Rock & Roll in USA and the Barn dance in Australia. CASK is grateful to Nayana Fernandes, Ratna Pinto and Bina Gonsalves for coordinating the dances under the overall guidance of the very talented and energetic Sandra Pereira. The flair and grace of the dancers was mind blowing and breath-taking and captured the hearts of one and all.

The never ending adjustment problems of the D'Souza family abroad and their continued cribbing about it made the play even more hilarious. Sooner than later they had to return to India as there was a close family wedding to attend and arrive just on time for the very enjoyable roce. The voje procession accompanied by the Brass band of Rony D'Souza, the vovyos, and other

festivities had everyone having an enjoyable and merry time on stage and in the audience. Each one of the 70 actors on stage played their part well and the constant doses of humour kept the audience in splits from the beginning to the end. The ‘roce’ ceremony had its share of a fusion of Bailas and Bollywood in Amchi Mangalore directed by the young Nicky Pinto.

‘Around the world in (just) 60 minutes’ would not be complete without the beautiful sets created by Mangalore’s most artistic and innovative Michelle Andrade and her team who magically transformed scene after scene like a dream before us. Kudos to Michelle and her team for their creativity and hard work.

After a splendid evening a sumptuous dinner was laid out and it was time to digest the beautiful celebration of the 100 years of CASK. A special mention has to be made of the beautiful invitation specially designed by Patsy Lobo for the occasion which was appreciated by one and all. Hats off to the CASK Team who put up such a great show. It was a synergy and the energy of all ages that came together to make the evening a stupendous success because a hundred years of service to humanity by CASK is sure a glorious event. Three Cheers CASK !!! and GOOD LUCK!!!!!!!!!! to brighter tomorrows.....As in Dr. Derek Lobos parting words ‘LONG LIVE INDIA, LONG LIVE CASK, JAI HIND!!!

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following New Life Members

1. Mr Auri J. Mathias, Mangalore
2. Mr Steven Pinto, Mangalore
3. Mr Navin Cardoza, Mangalore
4. Mr Aveen Deep Rodrigues, Mangalore
5. Mr William Richard Pinto, Mangalore
6. Mr Eric Noel Pinto, Mangalore
7. Mr Oswald D’Cunha, Mangalore
8. Mrs Charlotte Gonsalves, Udupi
9. Mr Karol C. Mathias, Kuwait

COMPLIMENTS - CASK VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

Let me congratulate you on the fabulous arrangements for the function. It was organized and choreographed with such meticulous care. All in all Mangalore will remember the CASK Centenary from beginning to end for a long time. And there will be all the other initiatives you have taken or propose. Good Luck !!!

Eric Gonsalves IFS (Retd), New Delhi

I thank you for inviting me for this most momentous function which went off very well thanks to the excellent organization by you, John Prasad and the rest of your team. Congratulations to both Patsy and you once again on an excellent job done. I was very happy to be present both for the mass in the morning as well as for the public function in the evening and also the lunch in the afternoon at Prashanth Nivas.

Francis T.R.Colaco, IPS (Retd), Bangalore

I congratulate you and your team in getting so many eminent personalities to attend the valedictory function. It is a reflection of the recognition CASK has achieved beyond the confines of our numerically small community. This is critical if CASK is to continue growing and extend its reach well and truly within India and abroad. Sincere regards to you and the other office bearers

Alan Machado, Bangalore

You and your team have made it in a superb way! God has blessed the occasion and every programme chalked out had His blessings for success and joy!

Thanks for the trouble you all have taken and the unity that prevailed

Sr M.Olivia A.C.

Former Provincial, Apostolic Carmel

The CASK Centenary Valedictory Function held on Sunday, 21st September, 2014 was indeed a glorious, unique and memorable event. The President, Secretary and other Office bearers and members have really done a wonderful job. My heartiest congratulations to all of you on the wonderful and enjoyable evening. You have made a hit.

Cultural function under the leadership of Patsy Lobo was fantastic. It is not easy to organize and make a success. No doubt you have gone into details to see that little things were attended to. There was co-ordination and everyone did their part well. I was also impressed with the M.C., Mrs. Loretta Rebello who did a good job. Hat's off to all who worked behind the scene. It was systematic and methodical. My son Ian Lobo was all praise for the capacity and organizational ability of Patsy Lobo. Our grand old traditions, ancient heritage, konkan culture coupled with singing of Vovyos and konkani folk songs brought memories of yester years.

Wishing the President and all the members health, happiness and All The Best. Let us cherish the magnanimous gift of life. God Bless you.

F M Lobo, Cascia Tile Works, Mangalore

Congratulations....the CASK programme was good and beautiful. It was a wonderful experience for usPraise the Lord!

***Sr Marie Prem D'Souza A.C.,
Principal, St Agnes College, Mangalore***

It has been the divine turnaround efforts of CASK President Dr.Derek Lobo and his team through 2012-14, culminating in the spectacular and meaningful crowning centenary events of 2013-14. Invaluable are tributes to the 100 years of CASK at the valedictory. CASK has enlightened to link Mangalorean's world-wide gloriously for decades. It assures a blessed future to again sow and reap better. Please allow me to Congratulate you on your good work for CASK which is of the highest caliber and

appreciation is automatic. It has done intrinsic good to the Konkani community and Christianity as a whole in the long term too. You have very rightly placed the community above individuals; well done! May the future bring all the good to CASK and all those who work for it and it's wide aims.

Dev Bore Korun. Namaskar!"

Ivan Saldanha-Shet, Mangalore

Congratulations to the CASK President, First Lady and all the team...It was an absolutely fabulous show – both the formal and cultural part.....very good and very well organized,...Cheers!!

Blossom & Dr Prem Aranha, Mangalore

The CASK Function was TOP of the Top Class!

Alan Colaco, Mangalore

Fantastic function...from speeches to entertainment to impeccable arrangements...congratulations!

Dr Subir Rebello, Mangalore

Congratulations on a fabulous performance at the CASK Valedictory function. I saw it on daijiworld...simply stupendous!

Ajit Gonsalves, Mangalore

Nice function....we had a good time!

Keith & Tina Pais, Mangalore

Congratulations...the CASK function went off really well....Great work!

***Suresh Mathias,
President, Christian Planter's Guild-Mangalore***

CASK CENTENARY VALEDICTORY FUNCTION : SPEECH BY SRI ERIC GONSALVES, IFS (Retd)

It is my privilege to present to you the Vice President of India, Shri Hamid Ansari, the Chief Guest at this Valedictory Function.

Before being elected to his current high office first in 2007 and subsequently to a second term in 2012, he spent a long and distinguished career in the Indian Foreign Service where I happened to be a colleague. He rose to serve as Ambassador to Australia, Afghanistan, Iran and Saudi Arabia, as well as Permanent Representative to the UN. He then went on to become Vice Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University.

The Vice President is the second citizen of India, and the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. These offices give him an important role in foreign and domestic policy. Recently he undertook important visits to China and Myanmar in furtherance of India's look East policy. A few days ago he presided over an important meeting where the Chinese President gave us a new and more optimistic view of bilateral relations. He has also been active in helping to shape the relations towards our troubled western neighbourhood. His recent observations to the Iran Society in Kolkata and his earlier publications on West Asia provide the outlines for revisiting our relations in that direction.

The Vice President comes from the Indo-Gangetic Plain which has witnessed the mingling of cultures since the dawn of history. Mangalore a port and a coastal city represent another aspect of India's diversity where the influences came from across the seas as well as overland. Its inhabitants speak different languages which span all the cultures of the nation. At a family wedding some time ago the service was conducted in five languages without anyone finding it strange. My ancestors are believed to have originated from the regions of Gowd and the Saraswathi River. Mangalore is rightly reputed for its educational and social institutions and is the cradle of several banks. On another plane we have produced a high proportion of India's Miss Universe, Miss World etc. Our way of life has also been influenced by several West Asian and European powers whose representatives came as

conquerors, traders or missionaries or driven by some other desires. They may have come to enrich themselves, or to enlighten or to be enlightened, but we did gain in many ways from the mingling of cultures. Today we return the compliment by contributing significantly as an important fraction of the Indian diaspora in all continents in the world. The statistics may only show the inward remittances which are not to be dismissed. But what is really important is that they constitute a two way channel of information, service and culture between India and the rest of the world, and thus I hope make a worthy contribution to a better world.

The plural society we inherited was a source of strength as it made the pursuit of education and excellence; community and social service easier and more effective. Our youth provided many candidates for the higher civil service and the professions before and after independence. It also produced nationalists and freedom fighters across all groups and classes. Some cracks in this culture might have developed in recent years, but the members of CASK remain as devoted to community and national causes as they were at its beginning.

Ramachandra Guha a distinguished resident intellectual of Karnataka has written that there is no pure, virgin, or uncontaminated culture anywhere on the world, and that the borrowing and reshaping of cultures has been ubiquitous in human history. I would add that we can and should harness this interchange as we accelerate economic and social progress at home to ensure a more harmonious world order in the future Asian Century. We welcome you, Sir as a leader, guide and fellow traveler in this quest.

CASK CENTENARY SOUVENIR

There is time until **16th October 2014** to insert advertisements or 'In Memorium' Tributes to departed family members in the CASK Centenary Souvenir. This will be a priceless historical document that you will be proud to possess!

**Please contact - Capt. J.P. Menezes, 9844045888,
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MESSAGE FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Dr Derek Lobo

I pen these few sentiments as “**Immediate Past President**”. I thoroughly enjoyed being the President of CASK for 4 years and it was a Special Blessing to have the opportunity to lead CASK during its Centenary Celebrations. I am deeply grateful to all the Office-bearers and Governing Council members for their wholehearted cooperation and support to me. Special thanks to Capt John Prasad Menezes, Secretary and Convener of the CASK Centenary Celebration committee and all those who helped to ensure that the Valedictory Function of the CASK Celebrations on 21st September 2014 was a glorious success. I am very happy that Capt Menezes has assumed the mantle as President of CASK. I am sure CASK will continue to flourish under his able leadership. I wish the new team the very best!

The 21st of September 2014 will go down as a red-letter day in the 100 year history of CASK – the Valedictory Function of the Centenary Celebrations. The Hon’ble Vice-President of India Sri Hamid Ansari and the Hon’ble Governor of Karnataka Sri Vajubhai Vala by their presence greatly honored the small but resourceful Mangalorean Catholic community and our Association-CASK. That they came exclusively for our function should make us proud and grateful.

The message – a minority community known for its integrity and hard work and one that has made enormous contributions in the field of Health Care and Education in India and its members functioning as Ambassadors of India in several countries of the world deserves recognition and appreciation. That is what both the Vice-President and Governor accomplished by attending our function and paying glowing tributes to CASK, our community, the Catholic Church, the Catholic institutions. I think it was Government money well spent in order to boost the morale of our community. CASK is deeply grateful and indebted to both the dignitaries.

I wish to emphasize some of the things we did for the function. The back of the impressive and well-designed **Invitation** had this insertion '**Custom Made & Printed for CASK by Rehabilitation Unit, Fr Muller Institutions**', which is unfortunately running at a loss. **The workers of the Unit are all physically challenged.** I believe whatever we spent on the invite was towards a good cause by way of encouragement to the physically challenged.

We did not hire a Decorator. The stage and hall decorations were all done by CASK members and Well-wishers – multiple hands at work in unison!

We decided not to offer flower bouquets to the dignitaries because our experience has been that the bouquets are left behind and are then dispatched to nearby churches(it is not fair to give second hand flowers to Jesus or Mother Mary!) or institutions. Instead **we presented the dignitaries with the Book “CASK & Fellow Centurians” adorned with the famous ‘Jasmine’ flowers of the coastal region.** This was to indirectly encourage jasmine growers of DK and Udupi districts.

We decided not to give mementoes to the donors. The five top donors were mentioned and thanked in my Welcome speech and the names of donors of various categories were prominently displayed in the hall. It saved a lot of time and some money.

We started the celebration with a Thanksgiving Mass at Milagres Church in the morning followed by Lunch at eight institutions. The lunch was sponsored by two couples – Christo and Claudette(Lolly) Noronha of Mangalore in honor of the 80th birthday of Christo's mother Renee Noronha and Victor and Alina Pais of USA. We are deeply grateful to them. An anonymous donor sponsored the dinner at the end of the programme at Milagres Hall. The rest of the expenses were all befitting the eminence and dignity of the Centenary celebrations. I hope nobody complains!

During the function, we handed over Scholarship cheques to 100 students from 24 P.U.Colleges of DK and Udupi districts, each of value – Rs.5,000/- for books and extra coaching. The total

allocation was Rs.5.50 lakhs. We handed over a cheque of value Rs.3.5 lakhs to the Bishop of Mangalore for a Home for a Homeless Family at Maria-Ashram Parish, Talapady on the outskirts of Mangalore and issued a cheque of Rs.25,000/- to the “Poor Patient Fund” of Holy Cross Hospital, Chickmagalur. We have given a -80 degree Deep Freezer to the Blood Bank of Fr Muller Hospital at a cost of Rs.6.25 lakhs to enable plasma to be stored for 3-5 years, the cost was defrayed by Mr Vivek Aranha and his family from Pune. We are closely collaborating with Fr Muller’s in promoting organ donations and implementation of the Eye Care project. We will also support Fr Muller’s in increasing the mortuary capacity from the present 8 to 12 and ultimately to 16. This is aimed at promoting cadaver harvesting of kidney and other organs for transplantation.

We now have a CASK Anthem composed by Ms Giselle Mehta and a CASK Poem written by Prof Geralyn Pinto, both highly accomplished personalities of our community. The Cultural Programme evolved on a family making a ‘Round the World’ trip that takes them to Dubai, UK, USA and Australia. At each place, they go to see the traditional dance and they prematurely return to Mangalore to attend the roce and wedding of a niece.

The ‘Roce’ ceremony was enacted but why have this common ceremony....we all know it and see it umpteen times in a year? Well, there was a reason and a few important messages. The bride was in ‘Kirgi Baju’ throughout. Nowadays if we are lucky, brides wear the ‘kirgi baju’ for the blessing and then come out in shorts or track suits for the roce ceremony(the same for bridegrooms) because people pour the roce all over the body and finally drench them with roce or beer! **This is improper and a mockery of the roce ceremony.** Our bride had the roce applied only on the forehead as it should be, thereby retaining the sanctity and dignity of the ceremony. **Message-1 - Please retain the sanctity, sacredness and dignity of the roce ceremony.**

There was also the traditional brass band – an art form which is dying. Personally, I strongly believe that the brass band lends

color to a happy occasion like roce and lends dignity and solemnity to a funeral. **Message-2 – Promote the brass band.**

A total of 75 people took part in the dances and cultural programme. The majority of them were members or their spouses/ children or friends. It was truly team work in action. Our gratitude to all those who took part in the Cultural programme.

I regret that the Invitations reached late. We received the confirmation from the new Governor of Karnataka only on 9th September and the approved invitation and Programme from the Secretariat of the Vice-President only on 10th September evening. The printed invites were ready on 11th afternoon and were dispatched in lots from 11-14th September. A few people did not receive the invite.

Our members and well-wishers should know that CASK will not deliberately exclude anyone and that we have no control over the postal slip-ups. Some of those who did not receive the invite were good enough to inform us and we promptly delivered the invite to them, even on the morning of the function. We could not help those who did not inform us.

The important task for the new team led by Capt Menezes is to sustain the projects launched in honor of the Centenary and take up new initiatives. Our members and well wishers have made substantial contributions to the CASK Centenary Fund but the flow into this Fund has to continue. I also wish my wife Patsy Lobo all success at the new editor - she has been my greatest support during my tenure as president. I request all those who are yet to make a contribution to do so as per their convenience – there is no deadline. There is still scope to send Advertisements or ‘In Memorium’ for insertion in the Souvenir. Many people have expressed that CASK has been elevated to a new level. Please help us to stay at that level and go higher! Thank you and God Bless you all!

JOHN MICHAEL D'CUNHA....GIVE THIS MAN A STANDING OVATION!

Courtesy - Bikram Vohra (forwarded by Remy L. Pai, Mumbai)



To my mind more important than the Narendra Modi delegation's huge US success, **the Oscar for courage, conviction and commitment goes to a man called John Michael D'Cunha.**

He is a judge in Bangalore and he is the first judicial official in the history of our country to remove a sitting Chief Minister and an icon in her state and have her locked up. To go against Jayalalitha on her turf in a politically passionate state required immense fortitude. The man risked his life and it is a seething indictment of all our media that no one appreciates the milestone in the realm of justice that man has created.

Sir, I don't know you but I salute you. You risked your life. It is now incumbent upon the government to ensure your security and safety and that of your family. Instead of having all those black cat commandos 'protecting' politicians a squad should be there ensuring that you are not a victim of harassment of any sort.

Please be safe for you are really an example to this country of a man who could easily have slipped past the risk and waffled on indefinitely.

Sir, you are a true Indian, an example of those rare individuals who comes out of nowhere and do the right thing for the right reasons. You have put yourself and your family and friends in jeopardy and it would be very sad if India did not appreciate this display of guts in a nation where political icons have total power. **It took 18 years for a man like you to give the rule of law meaning.**

No one knows you, no one knows your history and the way our media is organized in its priorities its spearhead will babble on about diddley but won't even notice how awesome a verdict

you gave and what it must have meant to stand by the book.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Oscar goes to....John Michael D'Cunha.....Give this man a standing ovation!!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Special Judge John Michael D'Cunha, who convicted Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa in the disproportionate assets case, has a reputation of being a no-nonsense judge who gave an indication of his stern approach while dealing with the politically volatile case. Mr D'Cunha, who has grabbed attention for delivering the historic verdict and is the man of the moment, is the fifth judge to deal with the 18-year-old case after it was transferred to Bangalore by the Supreme Court in November 2003.

John Michael D'Cunha, hails from Kaikamba-Gurpur of DK district and is a Law Graduate of SDM College-Mangalore. He started practise as a lawyer in 1985 and was selected to the post of district judge in 2002. He served in Dharwar, Bellary and Bangalore in various positions, including as Secretary to the Chief Justices and as Registrar (Vigilance) of the High Court prior to his present posting.

CASK is immensely proud of this great son of Mangalore, our Catholic Community and our country and salutes him for his honesty and courage. We wish him God's choicest blessings and further success.



White Doves
Presents
A CELEBRATION OF FAITH
A COUNTRY GOSPEL MUSIC CONCERT
Date: 22nd Oct 2014 Venue: Sebastian Platinum Jubilee Hall Time 5:45 - 9:00 PM
Featuring Leading singers & Musicians from Mumbai, Bangalore & Mangalore
Vivienne Pocha (Mumbai) All are Welcome Gerard Machado Bangalore

The poster features a collage of black and white photographs of musicians performing. On the left, a woman (Vivienne Pocha) is shown singing into a microphone. In the center, a man (Gerard Machado) is playing a guitar. On the right, another man is shown singing into a microphone. The background of the poster is a light gray color with a subtle pattern.

TRIBUTE TO VINCENT GREGORY BRITTO



An epic journey through life began in June 1957, when Vincy met Vivien as she set foot in Mangalore to enrol as a 3rd batch KMC student.

Years rolled by..... In the seasons of time, the true nobility of my father Mr Vincent Gregory Britto stood the test of time. He married our Ma in spite of her having cancer and was blessed with three daughters Sabrina, Nayana & Sherna.

Mr Britto's, as he was popularly known as, had great passion and love for Mangalorian cuisine.

Milagres church was his life's corner stone.

The Falnir Britto family his pride and joy.

Daddy's Humor was loved and enjoyed

Britto's handshake firm and impressive.

His simplicity is a cherished legacy he left behind

The story of my fathers life is one of a life well lived!

On 12/10/2013 Time stood still.

We were not ready for this reality..

We were not ready to say goodbye...

The ache that your passing brings just won't go away...

I believe you are in heaven past the sky not too far away...

Love you daddy forever,

Nayana

CASK CENTENARY ANTHEM

MUSIC AND LYRICS COMPOSED BY GISELLE MEHTA

1. Sylvan land by turquoise sea
 Reckoned the perfect place
 By wanderers down history
 Seeking tranquil, fervent space.
 Warm unity of sentiment
 Faith and Tongue the binding chords,
 A sense of shared accomplishment
 Rouses pride and close concord.

**Chorus: A centenary is the dazzling date
For CASK's festivity-
A lofty past to venerate,
Commend to infinity...
And from collective inspirations
Continued confidence of stature
For strong invigoration
In onward march into the future.**

2. Some steadfast in the native home
 Fashioning foundations,
 Others with a zest to roam
 In the comity of nations:
 Rooted in strong identity
 Ancient depth of self secure;
 Exploring, yet diversity
 Assimilated and mature.

**Chorus: A centenary is the dazzling date
For CASK's festivity-
A lofty past to venerate,
Commend to infinity...
And from collective inspirations
Continued confidence of stature
For strong invigoration
In onward march into the future...(2)**

DO NOT LEAVE THE ELDERLY BEHIND PROMOTE A SOCIETY FOR ALL!

Fr Cedric Prakash SJ

October 1st is the day on which the United Nations reminds us to recognize the contributions of older persons and to examine the issues that affect their lives. In a message for this year's 'International Day of Older Persons' on the theme '***Leaving No One Behind: Promoting a Society for All***', the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon says, "*older persons make wide-ranging contributions to economic and social development. However, discrimination and social exclusion persist. We must overcome this bias in order to ensure a socially and economically active, secure and healthy ageing population*".

It is blatantly obvious that as we 'develop' materially, we increasingly tend to neglect the old. The reasons are many: the traditional joint family is breaking fairly large % of married couples prefer having just one or two children; apart from the family going nuclear, in growing percentages, both parents work full-time; above all, with the advancement of technology and the invasion of the TV into the sacred domain of the family, family members have less time for each other and much less for the elderly.

The outcome is the growth of 'homes for the aged'; if one can afford them, some children are all too happy to "dispatch" their parents to such homes. There is also another reality: the elderly often opt to go to one of these homes to be cared for in their twilight years. The painful reality is that in several parts of India, old people are just sent out of the homes which were once their own and left to hunger and die on the streets of very lonely cities. A case-in-point is 'Shanti Nilaya' in Ahmedabad where the Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa Sisters) care for 180 dying and destitute men picked from the streets of Ahmedabad and most of them very elderly.

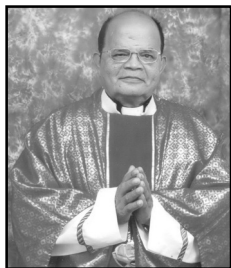
Pope Francis has condemned the practice of leaving the elderly in such homes for the aged, calling it as a form of 'hidden

euthanasia'. He recently praised the values of the older generation to society and the enormous contribution they make, enough through their wisdom and experience. *"There are times," said Pope Francis, "when generations of young people, feel a deeper need to be independent from their parents, 'breaking free', from the legacy of the older generation. If the meeting of generations is lost and not re-established, the inevitable result will be, serious impoverishment for everyone"*.

So as we celebrate the elderly in our homes and society, let us pledge today to **listen**, to **learn** and to **love** them as never before. **Let us ensure, above all, that we do not leave our elderly behind: but we promote a society for all!**

NEWS & NOTES

FATHER RAVI SANTOSH KAMATH SJ TURNS 75



October is a month which has seen its share of births of great and noble people. Among its list of luminaries, surely, our dear Father Santosh must find some mention. He was born on the 5th of October 1939 to Elias and Agnes Pereira, in Bajpe Mangalore. He joined the Jesuit order in June 1958 in Calicut, Kerala and was ordained a Priest 44 years ago on the 27th of March 1971 by the late Cardinal Valerian Gracias at St. Mary's Church Mazagon, Mumbai. An erudite man, Fr. Santosh has Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from the Gregorian University - Rome. He has held several positions with distinction including Professor of Theology, St. Joseph's seminary; Pastor, St. Joseph's Church Jeppu; Director, Fatima Retreat House; Director, Asha Kiran; and, Marriage and Youth Counsellor.

Some of us will recall that 24 years ago when Fr. Santosh was posted as Director, Fatima Retreat House, it was indeed a Retreat House - silent and passive. Many in Mangalore would have been hard pressed to locate the place. Father Santosh brought, in his

own inimitable style, a verve and dash to the place that saw people flocking to the Retreat House. Services were suddenly participative and meaningful. He reached out to all those who needed prayer, succour and communion. At that time, when crowds were just beginning to attend services at the House, Fr. Santosh gave a call from the pulpit, "Let us together, make this campus into a POWERHOUSE of prayer." Less than a quarter of a century later, it is just that! The foundations that he laid were strong enough for others to build on.

From there he single-handedly began renovations at a home, Asha Kiran, which was leased out to the Jesuits to start a Jesuit House. Later, he organised Jesuit Nivas at Pumpwell, a house for young Jesuits in formation. He was then transferred back to the Retreat House. Over the years Fr. Santosh has initiated many projects that coupled with his green fingers have turned Fatima retreat House into the place we see today.

On the Hollywood Walk of Fame, celebrities have left an imprint of their hands with their name and date of birth. When the mortar dries, the impression is left for posterity to see. Fr. Santosh may have left no prints of his hands on any sidewalk. He has rather, tried to walk in the footsteps of his maker and in doing so left invisible prints of his hands and his heart in most of the things that you see around you.

Starting from the Prarthanalaya, a place of Perpetual Adoration at the main gate, to the beautiful house of prayer at the rear gate, most of you have watched the Fatima campus grow from strength to strength. Today when we see there is so much inter-faith misunderstanding, Fr. Santosh has been blessed with the ability to subtly portray our vibrant faith among our brothers and sisters who follow different faiths. He is the one they call to bless their enterprises and preside over interfaith meetings. Father Santosh is a linguist among his many skills and he has been teaching young people for years to navigate the treacherous shoals of the French exam.

Modern life is full of stress and worry. Father Santosh's name often springs to mind when people need help - he has a special place in his heart for the sick, disabled and the poor, and you will see his brisk figure dashing from place to place, visiting the sick, cheering someone in a hospital bed and always smiling. When he sees an old, infirm or disabled person, he will make it a point to rush up, be they in their cars, homes, a hospital or in the church with communion, sparing them the agony of walking up. He is available at any time to help others in their time of need. Father is one of those rare people who makes it a point to visit the sick and the families of those bereaved in tragedies regardless of their religion or whether he knows them. He is the one who young couples come to, to help them get married, to organise a job, an admission to school, college...the list is endless!

No wonder people donated generously to help build the beautiful Divine Mercy Church, the first Jesuit church in Mangalore. With his supervision, the church has come up in record time and in such splendour. He is the "event manager" par excellence! His booming voice and stentorian singing can rouse the most lackadaisical catholic to greater effort!

As we felicitate Father, on completing his 75th year, we are not going to praise him for his good works. Only God lives in the praises of his people. But our expression of gratitude is meant to serve as an elixir to encourage him to carry on the good work he has been entrusted with by the Jesuits and the Lord we all serve. We pray that God grant him many years of good health to continue being a channel of blessing to people in Mangalore.

SR NIRMALINI A.C. RECEIVES DELHI'S BEST TEACHER AWARD

The Teacher's Day celebration 2014 became special for New Delhi's Carmel Convent School as its principal Sr. Nirmalini A.C. was given the Best Teacher Award by the Delhi Government, the only one from a Catholic school to receive the award this year.



Ms Sudha, a senior teacher of the school remarked “The award to Sr. Nirmalini was well deserved and long overdue. We are happy that the government of Delhi has finally recognized her immense contribution to education”. Sr

Nirmalini has been the principal of Carmel Convent for last 11 years where she had also served as a vice-principal.

She took charge as Principal in 2002 and soon launched a Social outreach programme involving the students and parents by adopting a Muslim village – Nuh in Mewat district Haryana.

Carmel Convent is one of the few Schools of Delhi which has student exchange programme with Germany and Thailand. Last year the school’s project on ‘Women’s Empowerment’, was rated as the best programme by the German government. One of students won the best German speaking Quiz Contest and went to Germany representing India for the International Contest. Much before the sad incident of the Nirbhaya rape case, which shook the conscience of the nation, Sr. Nirmalini had already introduced in her all girls’ school, “Mission Prahar (attack)”, as a self-defence technique course in the school.

Not someone to accept any diktat from the government blindly and mutely, Sr. Nirmalini is known for regularly challenging the government’s decisions, which attempt to interfere with the rights of Minority schools, in different courts. And she has won all the cases so far. Sr. Nirmalini, besides being the Education secretary for the Delhi Archdiocese is also the Secretary for the Northern Region Bishops’ Council. Her family hails from Vittala in DK district. She is in great demand to conduct seminars for principals and school teachers. The list of ‘feathers in her cap’, undoubtedly runs long, filled with all the colours of the rainbow.

CASK congratulates Sr Nirmalini A.C. on the award conferred on her and wishes her further success.

Obituaries - September/October

CASK offers its sincere condolences to the families of the following members of our community, who passed away recently:

1. Stany Charles Mascarenhas (63), Cascia, husband of Pramila, father of Sharath/Shobitha, Savitha/Dax & Suchitha, on September 6, 2014.
2. Felcy Monteiro (53), Angelore, daughter of late Baptist and Alice Monteiro, on September 8, 2014.
3. Sr Antonine BS (78), Maryvale Convent, Kinnigoly, daughter of late Gregory and late Christine D'Souza, on September 9, 2014.
4. Sr Joan Carlo UFS (80), Shanthi Dham Convent, Derlakatte, Mangalore, on September 10, 2014.
5. Clifford J. C. Rodrigues (67), Milagres, husband of late Rita Nellie Rodrigues, father of Laveena/Rovan & Lloyd/Jovitha, brother-in-law of Leonard Patrao, Emilda Andrade, late Leena Sequeira, Sophia Saldanha, Vincent Patrao & Mabel Patrao, on September 11, 2014.
6. Monthi Tauro (83), Angelore, wife of late Antony Tauro, mother of Irene, Pauline, Celine, Norbert, Ronald, Flavia, Molly, Joyce, Robert and Jane, on September 12, 2014.
7. Bridget Angeline Pereira nee Rego (92), Kulshekar, wife of late William Pereira, mother of Allen/Eveline, Margaret/Arthur D'Souza, & late Sr Marie Violet AC, on September 13, 2014.
8. Mary Martis (79), Urwa, wife of Joachim Martis, mother of Jacintha and Joseph, Victor and Lavina, Ronald and Jacintha, Joseph and Asha, Herald and gretta, Irene and Rudolf, Richard and Lavina, on September 13, 2014.
9. Victor Coelho (88), Angelore, father of Muriel Rebello and Merlyn Coelho, on September 15, 2014.
10. Clarence Desmond Pinto (46), Valencia, son of William & Grace Pinto, brother of Joseph/Cynthia, Mariette/John, Dr Cletus/Stella, Terence/Alka, Hariet/Dennis & Roshan/Joyalla, uncle of Adena, Errol, Darryl, Andrea, Crystal, Christon, Trevor, Asher, Liane & Ethan, nephew of Msgr Edwin Pinto, Mount Rosary Institution, Alangar, on September 19, 2014.
11. Leo Lobo (66), Mumbai/Cascia/Urwa, husband of Charlotte Lobo, father of Amanda Lobo, brother of Cyprian/Jacintha, Denis/Ritty, Elize/late Pascal, late Theresa/Valerian, Evelyn/Walter, Rosy/late Victor & Joseph/Gladys, on September 19, 2014.

12. Agnes Rodrigues (70), Kirem, mother of Fr Ivan Micheal Rodrigues, parish priest, St Ignatius Loyola Church, Paladka, on September 20, 2014.
13. Wilfred G. S. Pinto (79), Bangalore, husband of Leena Pinto, father of Iona/Tony Mascarenhas, Shanthi/Christopher Sequiera, Denzil/Reena, on September 20, 2014.
14. Symprose Tauro (Celine Miranda) (58), Bendur, wife of Frank Miranda, mother of Flywon & Floyd, on September 21, 2014.
15. Letitia Joyce D'Souza (92), Hyattsville/Maryland, USA, originally from Bendur, sister of late Edwin Leonard; late Valerian Piedade; Frederick Francis; late Walter; late Elvira Theresita, on September 26, 2014.
16. Vincent Paul D'Cunha (72), Milagres, husband of Maizie D'Cunha, father of Vinod/Priya, Vibha/Mohan, Viola/Jacob, Vivian/Manuel, on September 27, 2014.
17. Cecilia Lewis (87), Valencia, wife of late B. S. Lewis, mother of Ophelia/Anthony, Alban/Freeda, Alwyn/Anitha, Austin/Nora and Joyce/Felix, on September 29, 2014.
18. Magdaline Vas (93) Valencia, wife of late Lovis Vas, on September 29, 2014.
19. Leena D'Souza (74), Loreto, wife of Valerian D'Souza, mother of late Precilla, Marcel, George/Thanuja D'Souza, Wilma/Clifford Saldanha, Sunitha/Vincent, Felix/Alun D'Souza, Reema/Sunil Veigas, sister of late Fr Bernard D'Souza, Fr. Charles D'Souza, Fr Herald D'Souza, Sr Staphany, on September 30, 2014.
20. Sr M. Mystica BS (BP), Bangalore, (Bangalore Province), she was a member of our community at Doddabelavangala, Bangalore, Rural, on September 30, 2014.
21. Mary D'Cunha (80), Gurpur-Kaikamba, wife of late Victor D'Cunha, mother of Frank/Olive, Cecilia/Alwyn, Jacintha/Valerian, Michael/Usha, Tracy/Albert, Christopher/Shanthi & Blany/Matilda, on October 2, 2014.
22. Peter Fernandes (83), Bendur, husband of Lilly Fernandes, father of late Antony/Merleeta, Asha/Bonaventure D'Souza, Anitha/Ashok Pinto & Ashok/Asha, on October 2, 2014.