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THOU HAS MADE ME KNOWN TO FRIENDS, I KNEW NOT
THOU HAS GIVEN SEATS IN HOMES NOT MY OWN
THOU HAS BROUGHT THE DISTANT NEAR AND MADE A
BROTHER OF THE STRANGER

RABINDRANATH TAGORE - Gitanjali

**INDIA CELEBRATES ITS
77th INDEPENDENCE DAY
15 AUGUST 2023**

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH KANARA (CASK) & CASK CENTENARY TRUST

Contributions to the Annual Tuition Fees of Thirty (30) Manipur students admitted to St Agnes College, Academic Year : 2023-24

For Batch-1 – Ten (10) Students @ Rs. 15,000/- per student :

- | | | |
|----|--|--------------|
| 1. | From Catholic Association of South Kanara (CASK) | ₹ 1,00,000/- |
| 2. | Mr Norbert Shenoy & Mrs Clotilda Shenoy | ₹ 20,000/- |
| 3. | Mrs Gulobi Fernandes | ₹ 20,000/- |
| 4. | Name withheld on request | ₹ 10,000/- |

Total – ₹ 1,50,000/- @ ₹ 15,000/- per student

For Batch-2 & Batch-3 – 20 Students @ Rs. 15,000/- per student from CASK Centenary Trust : Total ₹ 3,20,000/-

1.	Dr Errol Pinto – Rs.50,000/- & Mrs Ratna Pinto	₹ 50,000/- ₹ 1,00,000/-
2.	Dr Manoj & Dr Rana Shenoy	₹ 60,000/-
3.	Mr Trevor Pinto & Sharlet Pinto	₹ 30,000/-
4.	Mr & Mrs Archibald Menezes	₹ 15,000/-
5.	Mrs & Capt Arul Aranha	₹ 15,000/-
6.	Mr & Mrs Vivian Peres	₹ 15,000/-
7.	Mr & Mrs Neville Peres	₹ 15,000/-
8.	Mrs Sheela & Mr Nicky Sawney	₹ 30,000/-
9.	Drs Anand & Geeta Pereira	₹ 15,000/-
10.	M/s Peter, Paul & David Mathias	₹ 15,000/-
11.	Capt Vincent Pais	₹ 10,000/-

Vision of CASK: Striving to create and enrich a connected community that cares, of all those with roots in this beautiful corner of the globe, called Konkan Karaval

Mission of CASK: Reaching out to the marginalized by extending support for their education, health care and housing needs. Preserving and promoting the unique culture of this region and joining hands with all those committed to the preservation of environment.



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(Regn. No. MNG/130/2021-2023)

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EDITORIAL

We are pleased to publish the Annual Reports 2022-23 of the Catholic Association of South Kanara (CASK), along with the Auditor's Report and Financial statements. We hope the members will appreciate the report and financial statements which will be presented at the Annual General Body meeting of CASK in September 2023.

It has been a very satisfying month for CASK and CASK Trust. We positively responded to the appeal by the Principal, St Agnes College to sponsor the education of Thirty (30) students from Manipur, out of Forty (40), admitted to the College. Another 12 students from Manipur are admitted to St Agnes Pre-University College. The Apostolic Carmel Congregation has graciously and generously waived 50% of the College fees and were looking for sponsors to contribute the remaining 50% - approximately Rs.15,000/- per student. We had a 'Welcome' event for all 52 students of Manipur on 3rd August 2023 at the College. It was a rewarding and gratifying experience to see the confidence and courage of these students from Manipur. All kudos to them.

Under the auspices of CASK Centenary Trust, we distributed footwear to **153** students of Sr Raphael School-Badyar and **67** students of St Anthony's School-Gardady on 15th July 2023. Capt. Arul Aranha, generously sponsored the entire cost of the shoes; the shoes were distributed by Capt Arul and Capt Vincent Pais, Managing Trustee of CASK Trust. We are grateful to Capt Arul Aranha and to James & Company for providing the shoes at cost price.

I was saddened to note the Headlines in Deccan Herald dated 28th July about Govt Schools with '**ZERO**' enrollment of students and '**ZERO**' teachers. According to data published by Dept of School Education, **3,646** schools have **Zero or <10 students** and **6,529** schools with more than 100 students are managing with **ONE Teacher**! This is indeed a sad and pitiable situation that needs urgent attention and resolution by the Government. Let us remember "**Teaching is not a service profession or a job. It is a pillar of the society**"

There have been a number of protests across India about the horrific crimes perpetuated in Manipur with no signs of resolution and heralding of peace so far. The citizens of Mangalore had a huge protest on 27th July 2023 in front of the Town Hall Mangalore, with many speakers calling for action and accountability on the part of State and Central Governments and an end to the conflict. We wish and pray that Manipur is soon blessed with Peace.

Until next time.....Patsy Lobo

TO ALL MEMBERS OF CASK

Notice of the 110th Annual General Body Meeting of the Catholic Association of South Kanara (CASK)

Date : Sunday, 10th September 2023

Time : 10.00 am

Venue : Avila Hall, St Agnes College, Mangalore

AGENDA

1. Prayer
2. Welcome by the President
3. Remembrance – Departed Members
4. Consideration & Adoption of the Minutes of the last AGM of CASK, held on 18th September 2022
5. Consideration & Adoption of the CASK Annual Report 2022-23
6. Consideration & Adoption of the Auditor's Report & Statements of CASK, for 2022-23
7. Appointment of Auditors
8. Any Other Matter with the permission of the Chair

Please Note (1) Questions or Clarifications regarding the Annual Report or Audited statements of CASK, should be sent to the Secretary-CASK, at least Seven (7) days prior to the date of the AGM.

Dated : 1st August 2023 Issued by Dr Anand Pereira-Secretary



THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS...

August is the month that reminds us of our Independence. At this juncture, we have to seriously ask ourselves and reflect on whether our country is slipping from democracy to anarchy? The serious incidents in Manipur which have brought India in the limelight, really speaks volumes of our country's democracy. The present dispensation tends to pass the buck on the past governments but they have been in power now for nine years with an absolute majority, so why haven't they dealt with these problems since they came to power?

On the 15th of August, apart from Independence Day, Mother Church celebrates the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We believe that Virgin Mary having completed her earthly life, was assumed body & soul into heavenly glory.

We are happy to inform our readers that on 8th July 2023, CASK and CASK Centenary Trust distributed scholarships worth **Rs.16,09000/- to benefit 154 students**. The distribution was done at the Bishop's House Hall, with Monsignor Maxim Noronha, Vicar General as the Chief Guest. We profusely thank our donors for their benevolence.

This issue carries the Notice for the 110th Annual General Body meeting of CASK on Sunday 10th of September 2023 morning at St. Agnes College. We are also happy to present the CASK Annual Report and audited statements in this issue. I hope the members will appreciate the report and realize the progress made by CASK in the last few years making a difference in our community. We are indebted to all those who have magnanimously contributed to the various activities of CASK and the CASK Centenary Trust. With your support, CASK implemented many activities during the past years. We anticipate the same support from all our well-wishers in the coming years too.

The present team of Office-bearers and Governing Council members complete one year and will continue for another year. I also have the pleasure of announcing that we tentatively plan to hold our annual CASK Re-union 2023 on Saturday the 11th November at

Mangalore Club; more information will follow. Please save the date and attend the function in large numbers.

On 3rd of August CASK/CASK Trust distributed scholarships to **30 Manipur students** admitted to St Agnes College-Mangalore at **Rs.15,000/-** per student – total outlay-**Rs. 4,50,000/-**. We thank our donors who generously responded to our appeal.

These students who have come empty-handed, need to be supported for the next two years, until they acquire a degree. I seek your generous support for their studies at St Agnes College. The cheque may be issued favouring ‘CASK Centenary Trust’ and posted to the CASK office or you can execute a NEFT favoring ‘CASK Centenary Trust’, A/C No – 0046073000061495, South Indian Bank, Hampankatta-Mangalore; IFSC – SIBL0000045 - Thank you.

Jai Hind – Until we meet again.....Capt.Vincent Pais

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH KANARA (CASK) ANNUAL REPORT: 2022-2023

INTRODUCTION

The Annual Report of the Association for the year 2022-2023 is presented. During the year, the Governing Council met **8** times to conduct the business of the Association, taking appropriate decisions and organized various activities/programmes in pursuance of the objects of the Association.

The General Body Meeting of the Association was held at the Avila Hall, St Agnes College, on **18th September 2022**. **168** members attended and duly approved/adopted the Annual Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2021-2022.

A thanksgiving mass was held prior to the AGM at St.Agnes Convent Chapel, officiated by Rev Fr Rahul Dexter D’Souza.

M/S Rodrigues & D’Souza were re-appointed as Auditors. A new set of **6** Office-bearers and **10** Governing Council members were unanimously elected at this AGM for the term 2022- 2024.

OFFICE-BEARERS: 1. President – Capt. Vincent P. F Pais; 2. Vice-President-1- Dr. Rohan S Monis–; 3. Vice-President-2 –Mr. Archiebald Menezes; 4. Secretary, Dr Anand T Pereira; 5. Joint-Secretary – Mrs Gulobi Fernandes; 6. Treasurer – Mr. Norbert Shenoy.

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS : 1. Mrs Joan Lobo; 2. Dr Caren D’Souza; 3. Mrs Sharlet Pinto; 4. Dr. Eric Christopher Lobo; 5. Mrs Olivia Pereira; 6. Mrs Ratna Pinto; 7. Dr Libert Anil Gomes. 8. Miss Trisha Lara D’Souza; 9. Mr. Vincent Camillo D’Souza; 10. Mr. Dane D’Souza; Mr Dane D’Souza subsequently resigned and Mrs Marjorie Texeira was co-opted in his place.

The following members were CO-OPTED :

I. FROM CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS : 1. Mr Louis Pinto (President-Mandd Sobhan); 2. Mr Ulhas Rasquinha – Ex-President-Gentlemen Sodality ; 3. Mr Stephen Mascarenhas (Hemacharya) – Founder – Ian Cares Foundation;

II. EMINENT PERSONS of CATHOLIC COMMUNITY-MANGALORE : 1. Mr Jeevan Saldanha (Ex-President-KCCD); 2. Mr Richard Rodrigues;(Entrepreneur & Past President-CASK) 3. Mr Mario Saldanha.(Agri Expert & Past Vice President-CASK); 4. Mrs Nayana Fernandes (Social Worker & Past President-CASK)

III. EX-OFFICIO : 1. Dr Derek Lobo (Retd Regional Advisor, UN-WHO & Past President-CASK) - Representative of the Patron-Bishop of Mangalore; 2. Mrs Patsy Lobo – Editor “Mangalore” magazine; Mr Daryl Andrade - Advocate, Legal Adviser & Permanent Invitee to GC Meetings.

SUB-COMMITTEES - The following Sub-Committees which were formed at the AGM in September 2016, continued. They met as needed and reported to the Governing Council. The conveners of the sub-committees for the year 2020-2022 are : 1. Mr Ulhas Rasquina – Administration/Finance & Scholarships; 2. Dr Derek Lobo – Centenary Projects & Health; 3. Ms Nayana Fernandes-Programmes; 4. Ms Patsy Lobo-Teacher Enrichment & Personality Development Programmes; 5. Editorial Team – Patsy Lobo(Editor), Joan Lobo, Dr Anand Pereira, Miss Trisha D’Souza & Hemacharya.

PATRON OF CASK - The President and office bearers of the Association periodically met the Patron of CASK-Rev Dr Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore and briefed him about the activities of CASK.

1. ADMINISTRATION and FINANCE: The Administration and Finances of the Association continue to be efficiently managed, with due adherence to the relevant provisions of the Income-tax Act and the Registrar of Societies. The computerized membership records, accounts and the subscriber list of “Mangalore” are constantly updated.

1.1. MEMBERSHIP

1.2. Enrolment of New Life Members – During the year **213** new members were enrolled and Life Membership fees collected was **Rs.2,13,000/-**. This amount has been taken to Income and Expenditure Account. With the enrolment of **213** new Life Members during the reporting year, the new members enrolled since October 2010 in **NL series is 867**.

2. ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2022

CASK provides Scholarships under two categories **(1) from Endowments; (2) Regular Annual Scholarships;**

The main criteria for granting scholarships in NOT ‘merit or marks’ but the low financial status and problems faced in terms of family issues (Father/Mother deceased, Single parent, wife/children abandoned by husband, daily wage earner, domestic workers, parent suffering from major diseases). The beneficiaries are selected irrespective of Caste, Creed or Religion.

2.1.Franklin Mathias Endowment – the core amount of this Fund is **Rs.6,00,000/-**. Interest accrued on investment of this Fund during the year was **Rs. 40,000/-**, which was utilized to grant Scholarships during 2022-23 to 4 students.

2.2.Annual Scholarships: CASK has been granting Annual Scholarships for deserving students each year, towards Books, extra coaching and transport. **In 2022-2023, 92** beneficiaries were granted scholarships under this head, with a total allocation of **Rs.8,22,710/-**.

Our Patron Rt. Rev. Dr. Peter Paul Saldanha distributed the Scholarships in the presence of the major donors, Members and well-wishers of CASK, on Saturday **6th of August 2022** at the Bishop's House Kodialbail, Mangalore.

3. Status of CASK Centenary Celebration Fund : The balance carried forward from the last fiscal year on account of this Fund was Rs. **35,66,589.42/-**. This amount, along with the Rs. **18,514/-** earned as interest from investments, increased the balance to Rs. **35,85,103.42/-**. The balance of Rs. **35,40,509.42/-** in this Fund as of 31st March 2023. This includes the value of the CASK office at Pio Mall-Bejai.

4. "Mangalore" Magazine: "Mangalore" with Ms Patsy Lobo as Editor and Ms Joan Lobo, Dr Anand Pereira, Ms Trisha D'Souza & Mr Hemacharya in the Editorial team, have continued to maintain high quality and done a commendable job. With varied articles & News/ Notes of interest, the magazine has continued to receive much appreciation from the readers.

The expenditure in publishing 'Mangalore' magazine during the year amounted to Rs. 4,45,254/- and the receipts by way of subscriptions for the year, advertisements, sponsorship, etc amounted to **Rs. 4,54,849/-** resulting in a surplus of Rs 9525/-. CASK records its appreciation and thanks to the Editor and the Editorial team for achieving a surplus. We also record our appreciation and thanks to our regular contributors—Veronica Shearer, Patsy Lobo, Joan Lobo, Norbert Shenoy, Prof Jeffrey Sachs, Mr Frank Islam, Ms Flavia Agnes, Fr Cedric Prakash SJ, Dr Derek Lobo, Dr Anand Pereira, Mrs Geeta Pereira.

The subscribers to the 'Mangalore' magazine, including those on the free mailing list comes to (a) within India **1,205** and abroad **63** = Total : 1,268.

5. Income Tax Assessment: The income tax assessment of the Association for the year 2021-2022 has been completed and a refund of Rs. 6,734/- has been received.

6. OTHER PROGRAMMES

6.1.The Annual CASK Reunion was held at Mangalore Club on **19th November 2022**, with Fund Raising as the primary goal. It was attended by about 400 guests which included members of the Executive Committee & Governing council of CASK and a large number of members and their guests.

It was a spectacular show of music, dances, skits, games and entertainment followed by a sumptuous and delicious dinner and varied thirst quenchers.

The collections for the Reunion from dinner coupons, donations and other receivables was **Rs.6,04,930/-** and the total expenses were **Rs.1,84,910/-** giving a **net income (surplus) of Rs.3,94,000/-**.

6.2. Placement of Flowers and Candles on Unattended Graves on All Soul's Day – 2nd November 2022 - Members of the CASK Governing Council placed flowers and candles on **220** unattended graves in Milagres and Angelore parishes on All Soul's Day – 2nd November 2022.

6.3. International Women's Day Programme - CASK in association with the Kinnigoli Parish celebrated Women's Day at the Kinnigoli Church Hall. Dr. Derek Lobo presented a talk titled **“Gender Equality & Sensitivity”**. There were a total **189** participants. CASK was represented by President Capt. Vincent Pais, Ms. Gulobi Fernandes, Mr.Stephen Mascarenhas (Hemacharya), Mrs Patsy Lobo along with Dr.Derek Lobo. CASK earmarked a fund of Rs.20,000/- for the function.

7. CASK WEBSITE-CASK has a new website: <http://www.caskmangalore.org> – Apart from important information about CASK, the website has Editorials and President's Messages and selected articles of interest from the “Mangalore” magazine. We are grateful to Ms Shubkeerthi for uploading the necessary content to the website.

8. Up gradation of office furniture/file organizer/ almirah painting/ new computer/ laptop/ accessories / software - Tally Accounting

Software was installed. A one terabyte portable Hard drive was also bought for the office. A file organizer was also bought for safe keeping of the files

9. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

CASK continued its policy of collaboration with other organizations and associations based in Mangalore. During the reporting year, the organizations/institutions collaborated include the All India Catholic Union (AICU), Christian Planters Guild, St Aloysius College, St Agnes College, Fr Muller Institutions, CODP, Rotary Club of Mangalore and Kanara Chamber of Commerce & Industry. CASK continued to be in contact with Kanara/ Mangalorean Catholic Associations in different cities of India and abroad.

10. CONCLUSION – CASK wishes to thank our Patron – His Lordship Peter Paul Saldanha for his constant support and guidance. We thank all our donors/supporters, Government agencies, our members, subscribers of “Mangalore” and well-wishers. The Office-bearers and Governing Council members deserve our gratitude for their time, efforts and commitment to CASK. We also thank the Editor and Editorial team of “Mangalore” for the sustained quality of the magazine and projection of CASK activities. We request continued support from our members and well-wishers to scale up the charitable activities, and take the Association to greater heights.

Dated 1st August 2023 **Dr Anand Pereira – Secretary**

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE MEMBERS OF CASK	
Bangalore	7. James J. Madtha
1. Rohith Walter Fernannndes	8. Mr. Alwyn Noronha
2. Rashmi Vanessa Fernnades	9. Mrs. Saritha Dsouza
	10. Dr. Ritesh G. Menezes
Mangalore	
3. Dr. Savita Lasrado	Mysore
4. Vivek Ligoury Dmello Kamath	11. Gracia Janet D’Mello
5. Anitha Dsouza	
6. Jackson Castelino	

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the attached Balance sheet of **THE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH KANARA, MANGALURU**, as at **31st March 2023** and the annexed Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.

The said Balance sheet and Income and Expenditure Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said accounts along with accounting policies give a true and fair view:

- i) In the case of the Balance sheet of the State of Affairs of the Association as at **31st March 2023**,

AND

- ii) In the case of the Income and Expenditure Account of the **Excess of Income over Expenditure** of the Association for the year ended **31st March 2023**.

Place: Mangaluru
Date: 01.08.2023



For Rodrigues & D'Souza
Chartered Accountants
[Firm Registration No. 003284S]

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Partner

[Membership No: 222651]
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THE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH KANARA, MANGALURU
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

R E C E I P T S		P A Y M E N T S	
	₹		₹
To: Opening Balances :		By: Salary	
Petty Cash	7,238.13	" Printing and Stationery	1,26,188.00
Cash at Bank :		" Meeting Expenses	4,160.00
M.C.C. Bank, S.B. A/c No. 2313	3,23,962.17	" Telephone Expenses	26,697.00
South Indian Bank, S.B. A/c No.43007	1,12,407.26	" Miscellaneous Expenses	8,367.68
Yes Bank	5,35,401.00	" Repairs and Maintenance	10,584.00
Fixed Deposits		" Postage	236.00
		" Pio Mall Office Maintenance	1,039.00
		" Conveyance Charges	9,390.00
" Donation :		" Bank Charges	2,411.00
Education and Health care	1,23,400.00	" Website Maintenance	631.70
Other Donations	5,100.00	" Electricity Charges	32,000.00
		" Cask Programme	2,142.00
" Life Membership Fees	2,14,000.00	" Cask Reunion Expenses	20,500.00
			1,84,910.20
" Mangalore Magazine :		" Mangalore Magazine :	
Subscription	3,18,801.00	" Printing, Research and DTP Expenses	3,63,754.00
Advertisements	74,000.00	" Postage	76,311.00
Sponsorships	61,000.00	" Conveyance	1,270.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,048.00	" Stamps	3,777.95
		" Miscellaneous Expenses	142.00
			4,45,254.95
" Bank Interest :			
Savings Bank Account		" Outstanding Expenses Paid :	
Fixed Deposit :		" Professional Charges	4,307.00
General	45,133.00	" Audit Fees	6,500.00
Franklin Mathias Education Fund	28,724.00		
CASK Centenary Celebration Fund	22,826.00	" Tax Deducted at Source:	
		" On Bank Interest	
" T.D.S Collected :			
Mangalore Magazine		" Franklin Mathias Education Fund :	
		" Scholarships	
Income Tax Refund Received AY 2021-2022	9,355.44		
Income Tax Refund Received AY 2022-2023	11,065.00		
Interest on Income Tax Refund	1,259.56		
			40,000.00



RECEIPTS		₹	PAYMENTS		₹
"	Cash Reunion	6,04,930.00	"	T.D.S Remitted : Mangalore Magazine Mangalore Magazine March 2022	5,917.00 574.00
"			"	Capital Expenditure : Hard Disk Tally Software	9,440.00 20,650.00
"			"	Contributions: Contribution to trust A/c	3,00,000.00
"			"	Closing Balance : Petty Cash Cash in Hand Cash at Bank : M.C.C. Bank, S.B. A/c No. 2313 South Indian Bank, S.B. A/c No.43007 Yes Bank Fixed Deposits	3,825.18 10,750.00 1,18,338.85 1,81,378.00 6,55,066.00
		<u>43,57,451.56</u>			<u>43,57,451.56</u>

Significant Accounting Policies - As per schedule.

Per report of even date.

For Rodrigues & D'Souza

Chartered Accountants

[Firm Registration No.003284S]



Maxim M Fernandes
Maxim M Fernandes
Partner

[Membership No:222651]

UDIN: 23222651BGWIZW9515

Place : Mangaluru

Date : 01.08.2023

President
President

Secretary
Secretary

Treasurer
Treasurer

THE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH KANARA, MANGALURU
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

EXPENDITURE		₹	₹	INCOME		₹	₹
To: Salary			1,26,188.00	By: Bank Interest :			
" Printing and Stationery			4,160.00	Savings Bank Account			30,690.00
" Meeting Expenses			26,697.00	Fixed Deposit		45,133.00	
" Telephone Expenses			10,134.68	Less : Accrued Interest of Previous year		14,637.56	
" Miscellaneous Expenses			10,584.00			30,495.44	
" Pio Mail Office Maintenance			9,390.00	Add: Accrued during the year		29,791.56	60,287.00
" Conveyance Charges			2,411.00				
" Postage			1,039.00	" Mangalore Magazine :			
" Bank Charges			631.70	Subscription		3,18,801.00	
" Professional Charges			1,947.00	Less : Subscription of future years		1,48,575.00	
" Website Maintenance			32,000.00	received in advance		1,70,226.00	
" Audit Fees			600.00				
" Electricity Charges			2,142.00	Add : Current year subscription		76,775.00	
" Cask Programme			20,500.00	received in advance in earlier years		2,47,001.00	
" Repairs and Maintenance			236.00			74,000.00	
" Cask Reunion Expenses			2,08,510.20	Advertisement		61,000.00	
				Sponsorships		1,048.00	3,83,049.00
" Mangalore Magazine :				Miscellaneous Income			
Printing, Research and DTP Expenses	3,63,754.00						
Postage	76,311.00			" Donation :			
Conveyance	1,270.00			Other Donations			5,100.00
Stamps	3,777.95						
Miscellaneous Expenses	142.00			" Cask Reunion			6,04,930.00
			4,45,254.95				
" Depreciation			1,18,438.00	" Interest on Income Tax Refund			1,259.56
" Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year			64,452.03				
			10,85,315.56			10,85,315.56	

Significant Accounting Policies - As per schedule.

Per report of even date.

For Rodrigues & D'Souza

Chartered Accountants

[Firm Registration No.003284S]

Maxim M Fernandes

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Partner

[Membership No:2226511]

UDIN: 23222651BGWIZW9515

Place : Mangaluru

Date : 01.08.2023

President
President

Secretary
Secretary

Treasurer
Treasurer



THE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH KANARA, MANGALURU
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st MARCH 2023

FUNDS & LIABILITIES

Centenary Celebration Fund :

Balance as per last Balance Sheet
Add: Received during the year
Interest on Investment

Less : Contribution to CASK Centenary Trust
Scholarship Disbursed

Franklin Mathias Fund :

Balance as per last Balance Sheet
Add : Interest on Investment

Less : Scholarships Disbursed

Advances :

Subscription

Education and Health care

Balance as per last Balance Sheet
Add: Donation received during the year

T.D.S. Payable :

Mangalore Magazine
Less: TDS remitted

Outstanding Expenses :

Audit Fees
Professional Charges
Cask Reunion Expenses

Less: Outstanding Audit Fees Paid
Less: Outstanding Professional Charges Paid

ASSETS

Fixed Assets :

(As per schedule)

Investments :

Shares of KCES

Telephone Deposit

Income Tax Refund Receivable :

AY 2021-22 9,355.44
AY 2022-23 11,065.00
AY 2023-24 6,734.00
Less : Refund received 20,220.44

Fixed Deposits :

(As per Schedule)

Cash in Hand

Petty Cash

Cash at Banks :

M.C.C Bank S.B. A/c No. 2313 1,18,338.85
South Indian Bank S.B. A/c No. 43007 1,81,378.00
Yes Bank SB AC No 01150 6,55,066.00

Accrued Interest

Income and Expenditure Account :

Balance as per last Balance Sheet 8,18,466.49
Less: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year 64,452.03

Less : Life Membership Fees 2,14,000.00

9,21,181.00

1,000.00

500.00

6,734.00

21,26,194.00

10,750.00

3,825.18

9,54,782.85

23,057.56

5,40,014.46

45,88,039.05

Significant Accounting Policies - As per schedule.

Report of even date

For Mangalore

Chartered Accountants

[Firm Registration No.0032845]



Maxim M Fernandes
Partner

[Membership No:222651]

UDIN: 2322651BGWIZW9515

Place : Mangaluru

Date : 01.08.2023

Maxim M Fernandes
President

Maxim M Fernandes
Secretary

Maxim M Fernandes
Treasurer

THE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH KANARA, MANGALURU
SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS AS ON 31st MARCH 2023

Sl. No.	Assets	Opening Balance as on 01.04.2022	Additions before 30.09.2022	Additions after 01.10.2022	Deletions	Total	Rate of Depreciation	Depreciation	Closing Balance as on 31.03.2023
1	Furniture and Fittings	50,298.00	-	-	-	50,298.00	10%	5,030.00	45,268.00
2	Office Building	9,28,644.00	-	-	-	9,28,644.00	10%	92,864.00	8,35,780.00
3	Website	1,877.00	-	-	-	1,877.00	25%	469.00	1,408.00
4	Software	-	20,650.00	-	-	20,650.00	25%	5,163.00	15,487.00
4	Computer	27,182.00	9,440.00	-	-	36,622.00	40%	14,649.00	21,973.00
5	Laser Printer	1.00	-	-	-	1.00	40%	-	1.00
6	UPS	1,391.00	-	-	-	1,391.00	15%	209.00	1,182.00
7	Modem	136.00	-	-	-	136.00	40%	54.00	82.00
		10,09,529.00	30,090.00	-	-	10,39,619.00		1,18,438.00	9,21,181.00

SCHEDULE OF FIXED DEPOSITS AS ON 31st MARCH 2023

Sl. No.	Name of the Bank and Branch	F.D.R. No.	Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Rate of Interest	Amount ₹
1	General Fund					
	The South Indian Bank, Mangaluru Main	0046100000003086	03.10.2022	03.10.2023	6.40%	50,000.00
	The South Indian Bank, Mangaluru Main	0046101000003618	21.10.2020	21.10.2023	5.50%	1,36,204.00
	The MCC Bank Ltd., Hampankatta Branch	FD/20200052/1	16.11.2022	15.08.2024	6.50%	2,00,000.00
	Yes Bank, Mangalore Branch	006340100023541/1	28.12.2021	28.12.2024	6.25%	1,00,000.00
	The MCC Bank Ltd., Hampankatta Branch	FD/20220005/1	25.04.2022	25.04.2023	5.75%	1,00,000.00
	The MCC Bank Ltd., Hampankatta Branch	PCDFD/20220103/1	07.02.2023	07.02.2025	7.60%	5,00,000.00
						10,86,204.00
2	Frankline Mathias Fund :					
	Yes Bank, Mangalore Branch	006340100023634/1	12.01.2022	12.01.2025	6.25%	4,00,000.00
	The MCC Bank Ltd., Hampankatta Branch	PCDFD/20220106/1	14.02.2023	14.02.2025	7.60%	2,00,000.00
				Total		6,00,000.00
3	Centenary Fund :					
	The South Indian Bank, Mangaluru Main	0046100000003085	03.10.2022	03.10.2023	6.40%	39,990.00
	The MCC Bank Ltd., Hampankatta Branch	FD/20140076/2	25.03.2022	25.12.2023	5.75%	2,00,000.00
	The MCC Bank Ltd., Hampankatta Branch	PCDFD/20220105/1	14.02.2023	14.02.2025	7.60%	2,00,000.00
						4,39,990.00
				Total		21,26,194.00



Secretary

Treasurer

President

THE JOY OF GIVING!

CASK Distributes Scholarships Worth Rs 16,09,000/-

Courtesy Alfie D'Souza, Mangalorean.com

It was a heartwarming event at the Bishop's House Hall on **8th July 2023**, when the Catholic Association of South Kanara (CASK) and the CASK Centenary Trust distributed scholarships worth **Rs.16,09,000/-** (Sixteen Lakhs Nine Thousand) to **154** student Beneficiaries from Mangalore, Udupi and Chikmagalur dioceses, which included **60** school students, **30** PUC students, **39**-degree students, **6** Engineering, **5** nursing, and **14** students from other professional courses, irrespective of religion, caste or creed.

I Quote Saint Mother Teresa "If you judge people, you have no time to love them. Not all of us can do great things but we can do small things with great love. At the end of life, we will not be judged by the number of diplomas or wealth we possess. We will be judged by "I was hungry and you fed me; I was naked and you clothed me; I was homeless, and you took me in". Together we can do great things. A life not lived for others is not a life".

The above quote by Mother Teresa aptly suits the community service rendered by the members of the Catholic Association of South Kanara (CASK), who have been doing yeomen service in helping the needy and less-fortunate for decades. Their service with love and care towards the poor and downtrodden has continued for the 109 years of their existence (established in 1914) and significantly escalated in the last decade.

In furtherance of their care for the poor, CASK annually grants scholarships towards the education of deserving students. This academic year (2023-24) scholarships were granted to **154 students**, pursuing their education in schools, colleges and professional institutions. The scholarships are given irrespective of caste or creed and the amounts ranged from Rs.5000 to Rs 40,000 depending on their family financial status. The total outlay was **Rs.16,09,000/-**.

Let us therefore appreciate the tremendous community service done by CASK. To summarize, CASK has done commendable service

particularly in the field of Education and Health Care, in erstwhile South Kanara (DK & Udupi districts). **CASK has been implementing many impactful charitable and community service projects, particularly in the last decade.**

On behalf of CASK Patron-Bishop Rev.Peter Paul Saldanha, the Vicar General of Mangalore Diocese–Monsignor Maxim Noronha, distributed the Scholarships, along with Endowment donors and the Present & Past Office-bearers of CASK, in the presence of the Major donors, Members and well-wishers of CASK.

In her address, the Guest of Honour **Dr Thelma Sequeira** said “It’s always an honour for me and my family to be part of CASK community programmes, and our family has been very supportive of the various CASK activities. I want to make a special request to CASK that they should set up an additional initiative for the benefit of the students-sensitizing them against domestic violence. Scholarships will enable students to pursue their selected careers and will motivate them to perform better in their academics. And my family and I will always support CASK projects”.

In his Presidential address, **Msrgr Maxim Noronha** said, “Such scholarship programmes benefit the needy students to pursue in their academics and encourage them. The generosity of the Catholic community who have supported CASK and CASK Trust with donations is evident. The concern and help provided by CASK towards people through financial aid should be immensely appreciated. The distribution of scholarship by CASK and CASK Trust to 154 deserving students is indeed a generous act. I hope these beneficiaries will contribute part of their future earnings to CASK, thus helping other students to complete their studies.”

CASK Centenary Trust manages the following **Endowments** for granting Annual Scholarships from the interest accrued : 1) Judith Brown Endowment; 2) Cuthbert & Juliet Pinto Endowment; 3) Marigold Endowment; 4) Ladislaus B.Aranha Endowment; 5) Joe Pereira Scholarship Fund; 6) Olivia Pereira Scholarship Fund; 7) Late Jerome & Late Iris Pinto Endowment; 8) Benedicta Moris Endowment-the interest accrued goes to Ave Maria Palliative Care Centre; In addition **CASK** operates-Franklin Mathias Endowment.

Today's scholarship programme began with a prayer song by Ms Gulobi Fernandes-Joint Secretary, CASK, followed by a welcome address by Capt Vincent Pais-President-CASK and Managing Trustee of CASK Centenary Trust. Briefing on the Annual Scholarships was done by Ullhas Rasquinha, a CASK council member and Coordinator of the Scholarships. This was followed by the distribution of scholarships to students from schools, PUC, Degree to post-graduate studies. The Chief Guest was Mnsgr Maxim Noronha-Vicar General, Mangaluru diocese (in the absence of Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha who was outstation); Guest of honour was Dr Thelma Sequeira, a renowned doctor.

Alister Shaun D'Souza, a IIIrd year B.A. student at St Aloysius College expressed his gratitude to CASK for the scholarship. He said that during the COVID-19 pandemic, his father was hospitalized for covid and was serious but finally recovered but the hospital bills were huge. At this difficult time of financial crisis, he received a scholarship from the CASK Covid fund, which helped him and his sister to continue their studies. "Today's scholarship from CASK will go a long way in helping me in pursuing my studies, and I promise - when I complete my studies and start earning, CASK will surely get a contribution from me so that some needy students can benefit"

The programme was eloquently compared by the duo Ms Ratna Pinto and Ms Marjorie Texeira, both governing council members of CASK, and the vote of thanks with a touch of wit, was proposed by the ever-smiling Ms Nayana Fernandes, also a Council member. Kudos to Dr Derek Lobo, the senior-most active member of CASK who was the man behind this project especially the establishment of the Covid Support Fund.

In conclusion, in my perspective, while CASK is doing valuable service in helping the needy students, and to carry on with their community service, they deserve the support from generous donors and well-wishers. And we should know that giving is something done voluntarily and not out of compulsion or coercion. There are some exceptions, of course. When you do give, you are to give what you have chosen in your heart. Those who take pity on those less fortunate than us are true neighbours and caregivers.

The joy and satisfaction of being able to love, care, bless and help someone and make a difference in their lives, bring a smile on their faces, is priceless; knowing that you have made someone else's life a little brighter and better is a special feeling. So if you are looking for a way to enhance your act of sharing. Let's give to the less fortunate, either directly or through non-profit organizations like CASK, and make a difference in their lives. And one organization you can be generous to is CASK—let us try to be their well-wishers and partners in their endeavours to help in their impactful community-oriented projects.

We need to share part of our wealth towards those in need but never expect anything in return. Then your reward will be great! And I am happy that CASK is doing yeomen service towards the needy and also to the students who want to better their future careers.

LONG LIVE CASK!

LIFE IS TO CELEBRATE

Joan Lobo

“CELEBRATING HER LIFE” was a funeral announcement of a dear departed lady I received which initially astounded me but on second thoughts, her having lived to a grand old age of 102, sure deserved a befitting farewell. As much as it got me thinking, grieving the loss of a loved one is inevitable, To deny oneself of sadness is inhuman, and rarely even possible. It is an imminent emotional reaction that, in its own way, helps us celebrate the death of a loved one instead of mourning them. A Celebration of Life validates the positive influence they have had on their loved ones. When we celebrate life, we learn to look back on the memories with fondness. instead of burying ourselves in sadness. With the loss of a loved one, we still could find ourselves at peace as we recollect the beautiful moments spent with them, focus on the positive influence they've had on us, acknowledge how they stood with us in good times and bad, recall with love how much they meant to us and reminisce the sweet memories we cherish of them. Celebrating their life allows us to heal while grieving. As desolate I was with my mums passing away, sharing her beautiful life with others, reliving her memories was my way of celebrating her. Wherever a

beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories to be celebrated.

Life gives us many gifts that we should savour and celebrate. Every day brings a new dawn which in itself is a celebration. Life can be happy or sad and at times a struggle. Our challenge is to embrace, appreciate and celebrate every day. Celebration is life's frosting: Isn't frosting the best part of the cake? quoted by Bethenny Frankel says it all. While life is a celebration of happy moments, it is actually how we make life beautiful for others too. But often we live life in a constant rush of doing things and never really stop to reflect and count our blessings. Life is full of opportunities. We need to use them to create a life that feels good on the inside as well as on the outside. We should cherish every opportunity and treasure life with joy and gratitude. Celebrations are often reasons for bringing family and friends together, thereby creating stronger bonds. How we looked forward to celebrate feasts in our growing years be it Easter, Nativity or Christmas because it brought the family together..It is never too late to start celebrating every step of our journey.

We should enjoy the little joys in life that come our way each day! All of us may not be destined for great things. Most of us live perfectly ordinary lives, doing simple things. It is up to us to make our life count anyway and every which way.. Have you experienced the joy of winning a competition or felt that excitement when you paid a surprise visit to your grandparents? Indulging even in simple pleasures brings untold happiness and contentment. We need to celebrate life in the smallest of wonders-the smile of a baby, the smell of the first raindrops on parched earth, the sight of a kitten gambolling after a piece of string, the smell of the sweet dish on the stove, the beauty of a colourful rangoli, the sound of the chirping birds early in the morning, the smell of paper in a new book, the abandon with which children greet the last bell signalling the end of a school day, their laughter on a playground- all these are everyday things that bring great joy and these little joys in life should be celebrated. While I was leisurely going through my school autograph book, I happened to come across a note penned by one of my favourite teachers, "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift-that's why it is called the present. Celebrate every moment of it." How true! Life can be lived only once and one day at a

time. Human nature being what it is, we fret over the past and worry about the future... yet in the process we miss out on accepting today as it is. When life becomes overwhelming, it becomes easy to follow a monotonous routine. Let's not get stagnated. Life is a celebration when you choose to live life queen size with whatever it throws at you. To begin with, we should rise and shine each morning with a grateful heart which makes life blissful. Make it worthwhile by not only celebrating little events but also kind people that walk into our life. There's that magical feeling you experience when you make a difference in someone's life and vice versa.

Celebrations don't have to be limited to a particular occasion. Do you appreciate the opportunity to share and celebrate a special moment with those you love? Well! that's creating bonds making life a celebration. Besides fun and frolic, celebrations make life more meaningful and enjoyable.

We live life in a constant rush from one point to another accomplishing much but never really stand still to count our blessings and celebrate life. Most of us would be familiar with the immortal lines of the W H Davies poem, "What is this life if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare." Many people lose the little joys in the hope of finding greater happiness and in the process we rush through our day without stopping to smell the roses. What happened to the little thrills in life, that once made our life so much fun and alive and a celebration of sorts. On the other hand, why is it that we don't get time to stop? Time, to stop for a moment, forget everything that is going on, look around us, absorb the feeling of being able to breathe in and be thankful for it. On one side, most of us only focus on the fact we live in a fast-paced world and our goal is "accomplishment", which means getting as much as possible done in a day. However, many of us do not give a thought to celebrate our accomplishments.

The more we celebrate our life, the more there is in life to celebrate. There are so many reasons to celebrate everyday. You should celebrate who YOU are. Celebrate your family and friends. Celebrate the many little things and big things that make your life wonderful. Make sure you start focusing on how to celebrate life every day and you will find greater happiness, peace, and joy. Good luck to that and more!!

CASK CENTENARY TRUST

Footwear Distribution : 15 July 2023

At St Raphael's Hr. Pry. School, Badyar



At St Antony's School, Gardady



CASK & CASK CENTENARY TRUST

Programme to Welcome Students of Manipur admitted to St Agnes College, Mangalore

Distribution of Scholarship Cheques

03.08.2023



Prayer Song - Manipur Students



Welcome
Sr Venessa - Principal St Agnes
Capt. Vincent Pais - President CASK



David S. Haokip



Precilla C. Mate



Sonthianlun Haokip

Sharing of Experiences by Manipur Students



Handing over of Scholarship Cheques



Handing over of CASK Files

CASK & CASK CENTENARY TRUST

Distribution of Scholarship Cheques for Manipur Students at St Agnes College



Motivation Talk - Dr Derek Lobo



MC - Gulobi Fernandes



**Vote of Thanks
Naukim Naumneikim**



Students with CASK Files



**Students with CASK members &
sisters of St Agnes**

THANK YOU FROM PRINCIPAL ST AGNES COLLEGE

Dear CASK Friends – I am writing to express my deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks for your generous contribution of Rs. 4.5 lakhs for education of thirty (30) Manipur students at St Agnes College.

Your act of kindness has left a profound impact on me and of course the students of Manipur. It was a wonderful day yesterday! Thank you for bringing smiles to their faces. We have experienced your energy and enthusiasm to help those in need. Your little gifts like "A Heart with Love", Files and Pearls of motivation have made a difference to them.

Your support has not only provided much-needed financial assistance but has also given me a renewed sense of hope and motivation. Your belief in our mission and your willingness to contribute have made a significant difference in our ability to make a positive change. Please know that your support has touched not only my life but also the lives of those we serve. The impact of your kindness will be felt for years to come, inspiring and empowering others to join in our mission.

Once again, I extend my sincerest thanks for your invaluable support. Your compassion and willingness to make a difference have made you an exceptional donor and a true advocate for our cause. Wishing you continued success and fulfillment in all your endeavours.... *Thank You & Regards,*

Sr M. Venessa AC, Principal, St Agnes College

4th August 2023

CASK/CASK TRUST OUTREACH TO STUDENTS OF MANIPUR ADMITTED TO ST AGNES COLLEGE

Olga Noronha

Compassion, kindness and generosity were the hallmarks of the CASK Program for 45 students, from Manipur, admitted to St Agnes College-Mangalore, held on 3rd August 2023. The students were ushered in with red heart-shaped badges, with appropriate quotes - symbols of love, empathy, solidarity and welcome. A hearty beginning of the meaningful program that followed!!

The program started with a Prayer Song by 20 Manipuri girls, setting the right tone for the event. The Principal Sr Dr M Venissa, welcomed the gathering and quoted Helen Keller **“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much”**. Gratefully acknowledging the generosity of CASK and CASK Trust, for sponsoring 30 students from Manipur, by contributing Rs.15,000/- per student – total outlay **Rs.4.5 lakhs**, she shared the inspiring words of the Foundress of the Apostolic Carmel-Mother Veronica, "God is a banker who never fails". She then expressed the words of Jesus from Luke's Gospel "give, and it will be given to you in good measure. CASK will be rewarded a hundredfold for their compassionate gesture.

In his address, Capt Vincent Pais, President-CASK said that they had organized this program aiming at supporting the Students from Manipur towards their education so that they could achieve their goals in life. He appreciated that the students had taken a difficult step of travelling so far, to a new environment and a new culture. He expressed the hope that the students being young, full of enthusiasm and courage, would do well at St Agnes.

Three students shared their experiences - David Sonkhogin Haokip said he believed that if you trust in the Lord, you don't need to worry about today or tomorrow. His deep trust in God was very inspiring, and this in spite of the traumatic experiences that he and the other students had been through. He considered himself and the other students admitted to St Agnes lucky and blest. He expressed deep gratitude to the Principal of St Agnes College-Sr Venessa.

Sonthianlun Haokip who spoke next said that St Agnes College was a beautiful place. The students here welcomed all of them like brothers and sisters and did not let them feel excluded. Initially, he hoped to study in Bangalore and he was disappointed when told that he had to Mangalore. Feeling sad, he boarded the train to Mangalore but when he was admitted to St Agnes College he knew that it may have been the wrong train but it brought him to the right station! He was very grateful for this opportunity.

The third student who spoke was Precilla Chinneichoi Mate. Her mother was reluctant and sad to send her so far away to Mangalore. But soon after when she heard about the Scholarships from CASK, her mother was very happy and relieved. She assured that all of them admitted in St Agnes would try their best to bring a good name to the College.

The handing over of the Scholarships by the President of CASK, Capt Vincent Pais and his Team to the Principal, was the crowning event of the program. They handed over the cheques totalling **Rs.4.5 lakhs to support Thirty (30) students**, amidst the thunderous applause of the students!

Patsy Lobo, the very active former Vice President of CASK, with assistance from Olivia Pereira, Joan Lobo and Archie Menezes presented each student with a Folder, containing motivating material, which included a copy of the song **“Carry Your Candle”**. She encouraged them to carry their candles to help others who have undergone misfortunes to come out of their darkness.

The final session was conducted by Dr Derek Lobo and consisted of a PPT with series of positive messages shared by means of interesting and practical quotes. He also emphasized on acquiring seven soft skills essential for success in life and wound up with words of guidance from Mahatma Gandhi to students.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Naukim Naumneikim, expressing deep gratitude on behalf of all the students from Manipur present, to the Principal and Management of St Agnes College and to CASK/CASK Trust for organizing the program for them.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REGULAR CONTRIBUTORS TO “MANGALORE” MAGAZINE

1. PROFESSOR JEFFREY SACHS (born November 5,1954) is



an American economist, academic, public policy analyst, and former director of The Earth Institute at Columbia University, where he holds the title of University Professor. He is known for his work on sustainable development, economic development, and the fight to end poverty.

Sachs is Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University and President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network. He is an SDG Advocate for United Nations (UN) Secretary-General António Guterres on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a set of 17 global goals adopted at a UN summit meeting in September 2015. From 2001 to 2018, Sachs served as Special Advisor to the UN Secretary General, and held the same position under the previous UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and prior to 2016 a similar advisory position related to the earlier Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), eight internationally sanctioned objectives to reduce extreme poverty, hunger and disease by 2015. In connection with the MDGs, he had first been appointed special adviser to the UN Secretary-General in 2002 during the term of Kofi Annan.

Sachs is co-founder and chief strategist of Millennium Promise Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending extreme poverty and hunger that has come under scrutiny from critics and was the subject of a book by the journalist Nina Munk. From 2002 to 2006, he was director of the United Nations Millennium Project's work on the MDGs. He is co-editor of the World Happiness Report with John F. Helliwell and Richard Layard. Sachs has written several books and received several awards.

Professor Sachs regularly contributes articles which are published in all major Newspapers in USA.

2. FRANK ISLAM - Frank Islam is a successful entrepreneur, philanthropist, civic leader and thought leader with a special commitment to civic, educational and artistic causes. He currently heads the FI Invest Group, a firm that he established after he sold his information technology firm, the QSS Group in 2007.



Frank serves on a number of boards and advisory councils including the Kennedy Center Board of Trustees, the U.S. Institute of Peace, the Woodrow Wilson Center, and the Brookings Institution. He also serves on various boards and councils at more than half-dozen universities including Johns Hopkins University, American University, and George Mason University.

Frank has written two well regarded books on the American condition, *Working the Pivot Points: To Make America Work Again* (2013). *Renewing the American Dream: A Citizen's Guide for Restoring Our Competitive Advantage* (2010). (Learn more.)

3. FLAVIA AGNES – heads **Majlis-Mumbai** which means an ‘association’, a registered Society and Public Trust since 1991. The Trust has two distinct centres - Legal and Cultural.



The Majlis Legal Centre, headed by **Advocate Flavia Agnes** who is a women's rights activist and a legal scholar, works on issues related to women's legal rights and access to justice. Our vibrant all-women team comprises lawyers and social activists. A large group of individuals, interns and other organizations contribute to our functioning.

At the micro-level, we help individual women access their rights through legal interventions in court and training. At the macro level, we endeavour to bring about social change through policy level interventions, public campaigns and public interest litigations.



4. FR CEDRIC PRAKASH SJ - is a human rights and peace activist and the founding director of PRASHANT, A Centre for Human Rights, Justice and Peace, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India.

He is at the forefront on issues on behalf of the poor, the marginalized, minorities, and other vulnerable sections of society in Gujarat and in other parts of India. Father Prakash is a Catholic priest and a member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) of the Gujarat Province, and has also served as the convener of the Gujarat United Christian Forum for Human Rights. In 2009 and 2010, the University of Wisconsin named him the Wade Chair Scholar for the academic year, and he has received numerous other awards for his humanitarian work.

5. Ms AUDREY D'MELLO – Director, Majlis-Mumbai - joined



Majlis in 2007 as a Programme Director. While working in the field of programme implementation, she acquired two formal qualifications, a degree in law from Bombay University and a post graduate degree In management (specialisation in Governance and Accountability) from Narsee Monjee Institute of management Studies (NMIMS). Apart from streamlining the existing programmes around access to justice and evolving internal control systems and monitoring mechanisms, her main contribution has been to evolve Majlis' collaborations with the government in two important areas – the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and RAHAT, providing support to survivors of sexual violence and bringing in systems for state accountability towards victims. Towards this, she has evolved protocols, guidelines and training modules to various stake holders including the judiciary and the police.

6. Ms VERONICA SHEARER



Veronica Shearer (maiden name – Veronica Gonsalves) is a Mangalorean settled in Morpeth-UK.

Though she lives in UK, she is a Mangalorean by heart and soul. She is a versatile English scholar and has been a teacher since 1975, having taught all ages in India and mainly adults in the UK.

Now retired, she spends time doing voluntary work for the Church and social service activities in and around Morpeth..

7. MR NORBERT SHENOY



Norbert Shenoy qualified both in India and abroad and upon returning to India, joined the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as a Senior Officer. In a bold and rare decision, he sought voluntary retirement from RBI/NABARD at Age-46, to start his own business. He established a Financial Services company called ‘Arunanjali Securities’ in Mangalore.

Arunanjali Securities is registered with SEBI, AMPI, and IRDA and is authorized to channel Investments of clients into Mutual Funds, Equities, Derivatives, Bonds and Insurance products. The firm also advises clients on Tax Planning. He is a very popular Financial Consultant based in Mangalore and is considered a Financial wizard.

Norbert jokingly says that his friends remind him that he often makes millionaires out of billionaires but the truth is vice versa!. He is a visiting faculty at many educational institutions. He contributes articles to many periodicals, including the “Mangalore” magazine. Many readers await his monthly article in “Mangalore” titled ‘Points to Ponder’. Once again, he jokingly says “even at age-77, I haven’t given up barking up the wrong tree!”

8. MRS JOAN LOBO



Joan Lobo is an English graduate and has a natural flair for writing, inherited from her father, who was a well-known writer in his lifetime and who even wrote for the “Mangalore” magazine 50 years ago.

Joan is a regular contributor to “Mangalore” magazine, writing articles on a variety of subjects that are much appreciated and awaited by the readers.

9. #Chhotebhai



Allan de Noronha (born 1951), commonly called **#Chhotebhai**, is an Indian writer who was President of the All India Catholic Union (AICU) from 1990 to 1994.

#**Chhotebhai** is from a Goan family that for generations had been based in Kanpur. He later assumed the name “Chhotebhai” by which he is known in public life and in literary circles.

Chhotebhai was elected national president of the AICU in May 1990. He is known as a prolific writer on a variety of subjects and as an activist for ‘Special Rights for Dalit Christians’. He also worked towards amendments to the Indian Christian Marriage Act 1872 and the Indian Divorce Act 1869. These two acts were outdated and unfair to women, and the Christian Marriage and Matrimonial Causes Bill 1990 was proposed as a replacement. Chhotebhai worked very hard to bring about unity among all the Christian denominations in amending or replacing the outdated and unfair laws. Changes to the Christian Adoption and Maintenance Bill were also proposed

In April 2000 the government was planning to introduce “Christian Marriage Bill 2000”. As convenor of Christian Personal Laws for the AICU, Chhotebhai Noronha welcomed the decision. He said “previous laws were male-oriented, but provisions in this bill are pro-women...I would say this is a sincere attempt by the government for the social upliftment of the women”.

In October 2009 Chhotebhai Noronha was elected president of the Kanpur Catholic Association (KCA) for a two-year term. On 20 December 2009 the KCA held its annual Christmas Milan and Inter-Religious Prayer for Peace. It was attended by leaders of the Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi, Bahá’í and Protestant communities. Chhotebhai was AICU Spokesperson for the 2010-2011 period.

In February 2012, a new TV series in the Hindi language called “Masihi Satsang” (A Christian Search for Truth) began to be broadcast across India. The series was directed by Chhotebhai (Noronha).

10. Dr ANAND PEREIRA & Dr GEETA PEREIRA



Dr Anand Titus Pereira has a Doctorate in Agri-Microbiology and is a National and International Consultant on Coffee Cultivation. He is an ardent Environmentalist and Activist for Western

Ghats Bio-diversity Conservation. He is also an expert photographer and his collection of photographs of the 'Flora and Fauna' of the Western ghats is universally acclaimed. He is a recipient of the RACHANA (Catholic Chamber of Commerce & Industry) Professional of the Year Award and is currently the Secretary of the Catholic Association of South Kanara (CASK)

Geeta N Pereira is a horticulturist by Profession, with a Master's in Horticulture from Oklahoma State University-USA. Along with her husband Dr Anand Pereira, she is co-author of the book **"Eco-Friendly Coffee"** Volume-1. This book is used as a reference by the Coffee Board, all Coffee Growers, Traders, Exporters, Researchers and Coffee Entrepreneurs. Geeta is also a distinguished Toast Master.

11. DR DEREK LOBO



Dr Derek Lobo, retired in April 2007, from the United Nations-World Health Organisation (WHO) after a highly successful professional career with WHO of Thirteen (13) Years and prior to that with two International NGOs – Emmaus-Switzerland and German TB/Leprosy Association for twenty-four (24) years. The working career spanning 37 years was dedicated to the control and elimination of poverty-related diseases such as Leprosy, TB, Filaria and other neglected tropical diseases.

Upon retirement, he worked as Visiting Faculty, Department of Public Health, Manipal University from 2009 to 2016 and Department of Public Health, Nitte University from 2013 to 2017.

His last pre-retirement posting with WHO, was as "Regional Adviser for Leprosy & Other diseases targeted for elimination", WHO South East Asia Region, comprising eleven countries – Bangladesh, Bhutan, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor-Leste.

He did his MBBS from Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore and post-graduation in Tropical Medicine at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine-UK, where he secured the First Rank and the coveted Worrington Yorke Medal in International Community Health.

He was the President of the Catholic Association of South Kanara from 2010-2014. The Association successfully celebrated its Centenary under his able leadership. He also served as the Vice-President of Christian Planters Guild – Karnataka from 2014-2018.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation, New Delhi. He is also the representative of Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha on the Governing Council of CASK and is a member the Governing Board of Fr Muller Institutions. He is also a Trustee of Ian Cares Foundation-Mangalore.

Dr Lobo is a versatile speaker on a variety of subjects – medical & non-medical. He is the recipient of the Eminent Aloysian Award 2007 and RACHANA Professional of the year Award 2008.

12. MRS PATSY LOBO



Mrs Patsy Lobo has had a distinguished teaching career spanning over 40 years, in 3 countries – Ethiopia, Bangladesh and India. Though her teaching experience covers all classes from pre-school to class-10, she zoomed on teaching 8-10 year olds as her special calling.

Her last posting as a teacher was at the renowned Vasant Valley School in New Delhi run by the India Today Media Group. Until recently, she worked as a Facilitator for “The Teacher Foundation”, an NGO involved in empowerment and capacity building of teachers. On behalf of the Teacher Foundation she has trained over 3,800 teachers in different states of India and in UAE.

She also ran a theatre group for children from the ages 4 – 10 called Little Theatre in Mangalore and has so far had 14 productions. She was a member of the team that conducted a Soft Skills programme at the MV Shetty Engineering College, Moodbidri. She was the Educational Advisor for an online computer programme for children called ‘Sparkling Minds’.

She has functioned as the Co-ordinator of the CASK Personality Development Programme (PDP) from 2011-12 to date (5,665 students benefited) & the CASK Teacher Enrichment Programme (TEP) from 2017-18 to date (1,458 teachers benefited).

Apart from teaching, her other accomplishments include

- Announcer with ‘All India Radio’; Organizing and compering a number of shows and events in various countries; Writing and directing Children’s plays; Honorary Editor – Citizens Focus – A quarterly publication from Chennai-India(1986-1994), dedicated to creating awareness on stigmatized diseases such as leprosy, mental illness, epilepsy, vitiligo and HIV/AIDS;
- Involvement & Leadership of many organizations: President – United Nations Women’s Organization, Dhaka-Bangladesh; 1999-2001; Secretary – International Club, Dhaka – 1996; President – Catholic Women’s Fellowship, Chennai; 1990-1991; President – Kanara Catholic Association, Chennai – 1991-1992.

GRANDPARENTS REJOICE

chhotebhai

Though a creature of the day, I am not particularly enthused by various “Days” like Father’s, Mother’s, Doctor’s, Nurses, Widows etc. I suspect that in the era of greeting cards (now extinct) they were invented by manufacturers like Archies, to promote their wares. However, I got a pleasant surprise when my parish priest, Rev K.K. Antony, announced that Pope Francis had declared Sunday 23rd July as a day for Grandparents and the Elderly (GPEs). He even gave me a brochure prepared by the CCBI Youth Commission to commemorate the day. This seemed like two ends of the spectrum – youth at one end and GPEs at the other.

It reminded me of a Cliff Richards movie that I had seen as a teenager many moons ago. It had a song whose lyrics endure:

“But when they need doing well....It takes youth and experience
To really ring the bell.....When something needs to be done
It takes youth and experience.....To really fire the gun”.

During my years of youth ministry I had modified it to:

“Old is gold.....,Youth is bold,
Put them together.....,Your product is sold”.

Pope Francis has chosen a phrase from Mother Mary's Magnificat as the theme for this year's GPE day. It is: "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50). I use the New Jerusalem Bible that translates it as "His faithful love extends age after age to those who fear him". I find this text more expressive. Be that as it may, the inference drawn by Pope Francis is that of God's enduring and steadfast love from generation to generation – be it youth, parents or GPEs.

Let us also not miss the second half of Mary's declaration of faith, "to those who fear him". So God's love is steadfast, but it also requires a faith response.

The Pope makes another statement that "alone we cannot move forward". This again is an appeal to all generations to bond and work together.

When I was making a 30-day Ignatian retreat in 1980 I saw an image of nothingness, like a person falling in outer space. A person in agony screams to give vent to the pain. But in this scenario there was no sound. There was nothing and nobody. For me this was Hell, if at all it exists! A state of nothingness, abandonment and loneliness. If God didn't want man to be alone, then It would surely do everything in Its power to avoid such a scenario.

These thoughts were perhaps playing in the back of the Pope's head when he chose to commemorate and honour GPEs in this special way. Loneliness is hell, and despite living in an era of mass communications and instant messaging, where time and space no longer exist, loneliness is increasing. I am reminded now of a Hindi movie song: "Duniya ka mela, main hoon akela, kitna akela hoon main" (In the caravan of life I am alone, how lonely am I").

Family, community, society are the antidotes to loneliness and its resultant depression, especially for the GPEs. Yet we are in for a shock from the very same chapter of Genesis that warned about loneliness. "This is why a man leaves his father and mother and becomes attached to his wife and they become one flesh". Mind you this was written about 4500 years ago when patriarchy was at its zenith.

Despite that, at the very outset, the Bible, gives more importance to the wife than to the parents. This is not how it was at the beginning of time.

Here is where the two ends of the spectrum meet – grandparents and grand children. In a marital relationship it is absolutely essential for the couple to give precedence to each other. But there is an old philosophical saying, “An affirmation of one thing is not a negation of another”. So if a man loves his wife, it in no way means that he is abandoning his parents.

The progression of nature is that the grandparents now enjoy a special bond with their grandchildren. As a grandfather myself, I can say this with authority. The more important thing is to maintain a balance of relationships, especially in joint families where “generation unto generation” are living under one roof.

Pope Francis makes two more important statements in his appeal. He says “Let us look ahead” and adds, “Make a concrete gesture that would include GPEs, visit your grandparents”. Let us examine both.

Many GPEs would be nostalgic about the past, often described as “the good old days”. This attitude is fraught with danger. We cannot live in a “rosy” past and curse the present. Nor can we turn the clock back, which is precisely why the Pope, a very family person, advises us to look ahead. We need to learn from the past, live in the present and look to the future with courage.

The greatest danger for GPEs is to slide into despair and despondency. An individual may not be able to lift one’s self out of this quicksand, which is why Pope Francis calls for external support – concrete gestures. Families, communities and society must take concrete steps to make the GPEs loved and welcome.

I recall my childhood. We played a lot of indoor games – draughts, ludo, cards etc. With the advent of TV and mobile apps this social action, as with greeting cards, is becoming extinct. But when my grand daughter recently visited us she took the initiative to play ludo and snakes and ladders with us. I treasured those moments. Indeed the child is the father of the man. We need to revive these social interactions.

There is a saying that age is but a number and you are as old as you feel. True. The body may be slowing down but let us remain

mentally agile and involved, looking beyond our own limited parameters. Being close to nature – animals, birds, flowers, is another way to counter aging; as is physical exercise.

Let the Second Innings be better than the first. I was always inspired by Padmavibhushan Capt Dr Lakshmi Sehgal, a companion of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, who at the age of 95 was still attending to poor patients in her clinic, and earlier when she was a candidate for the President of India. My father-in-law, after retirement from the Railways, learnt how to use a computer and the internet.

I conclude with the words of the psalmist: “The upright will flourish like the palm tree, will grow like a cedar of Lebanon. Planted in the house of Yahweh they will flourish in the court of our God. In old age they will still bear fruit and remain fresh and green to proclaim Yahweh’s integrity, my rock in whom no fault can be found”. And again, “Such a one is like a tree planted near streams, it bears fruit in season and its leaves never wither”.

Happy Grand Parents and Elders’ Day!

GENTLE REMINDER

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CASK SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMATIVE

Alister Shaun D'Souza (III Year BA-St Aloysius College)

Today, I stand before you with immense gratitude in my heart, to express my heartfelt appreciation for the incredible scholarship programme that has been a **‘transformative force’** in my educational journey. This scholarship has not only provided me and my younger sister Alisha with financial assistance but has also paved the way for countless opportunities and opened doors that I never thought possible.

The 2019-2020 Covid pandemic had disrupted lives and communities worldwide, causing much suffering and loss. My family was affected - my Dad was a covid victim and was hospitalized. He was serious and in his last stage. The financial condition of my family was poor. Thankfully, my Dad recovered from Covid-19 but the huge hospital bills created an uncertain situation regarding my education. We were not able to pay our college fees; pursuing our education seemed impossible.

During this difficult time, financial assistance provided by the CASK Scholarships was a life-line for my family. Dr Derek Sir and my parish priest – Fr Frederick Pais helped us in obtaining the CASK Covid Fund scholarships. This not only eased our financial worries but also allowed us to focus on our studies, preserving the promise of a brighter future for myself and my sister – Alisha.

Today, I stand here, not only as a beneficiary of this scholarship but also as a testament to the ‘transformative power’ it holds. **I am also motivated when I start earning, I will allocate a portion of my income for education of needy children.**

In conclusion, on behalf of my family, I want to express my deepest appreciation to the CASK scholarship programme and sponsors for their unwavering support during the most challenging chapter of our lives. Your generosity, empathy and commitment to education of the needy students have made an indescribable impact, not only on our education but also on our journey of healing and personal growth.

I thank CASK for giving me this opportunity to share my thoughts.

***The speech delivered by a scholarship beneficiary of CASK/
CASK Trust at the scholarship distribution programme.***

POINTS TO PONDER, AUGUST 2023

Norbert Shenoy

Economic Progress or Data Delusions? One keeps wondering why Cricket is so popular in a poor but populous country like India. Presumably, because every action of the batsman, the bowler and the fielder is reduced to easily comprehensible numbers. But the power and reach of numbers is not confined to sports alone. Data as they say is the new oil that lubricates the wheels of commerce. Today, big tech companies collect data in many subtle ways and they zealously guard the same. Obviously, data provides them enormous, cost effective reach and influence. We have instances where such data has been harnessed to even influence election outcomes by “micro-targeting”. This has given rise to global wrangling on data colonization and where the data has to be stored and accessed.

The political leaders and their governments have now woken up to the potential uses of data not only to manipulate public opinion but also to target dissenters. The ministry for Information & Broadcasting informed at the recent monsoon session in the Rajya Sabha that the government has spent >Rs 3000 crores since 2018 on advertisements. And despite all the protestations to the contrary, the digital revolution has rendered it easy for government to snoop on its own citizens through imported, clandestine and embedded spyware like Pegasus. Although in August 2017, a nine-judge bench of the Supreme Court, in Justice K. S. Puttaswamy (Retd) Vs Union of India unanimously held that Indians have a **constitutionally protected fundamental right to privacy** that is an intrinsic part of life and liberty under **Article 21**, the government has repeatedly used the “national security card” to justify such infringements. However, it is reassuring to see that Government has now tabled Digital Data Protection Bill 2023 in the parliament. While there is consensus on the need for such a Bill, no less a person than Justice Shrikrishna (retired) of the Supreme Court, who had proposed the first draft of the Bill in 2018, says that the provisions granting exemption to the government and government bodies from all sections of the law in the draft Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Bill, 2023, cause “great concern”, particularly when

the government acts as the enforcer, judge and the jury, all rolled into one.

An equally worrying aspect is dressing up macro-economic data to suit the political masters of the day. This takes various forms like using outdated data, arbitrarily shifting the base year for computing series like employment figures or GDP statistics, changing composition of indices or using extrapolation and all manner of surrogates to infer economic outcomes. For example, India's services sector is now responsible for roughly half of the household's spending as per surveys by RBI and others, but it has a weight of only 24% in CPI, which hasn't been updated since 2012. No wonder Economic Advisor Bibek Debroy says that our ability to track inflation has been seriously undermined. Or, take this classic case of bureaucratic somnolence—the Ministry of Statistics collects or extrapolates sales data for near obsolete items like audio cassetts. How will companies and investors, both domestic and foreign, form a nuanced picture of the demographic and consumption pattern in the world's 5th largest economy? Apart from outdated data frequent revisions to existing data have added to frustrations of statisticians and economists. Data revisions in recent years made India's growth look impressive during the devastating cash ban and its aftermath. During a later revision, economic contraction from pandemic narrowed making our recovery look bouncier. According to F C Mohanan, the former head of National Statistical Commission, who resigned in 2019 to protest the government's decision to withhold a jobs report, "there is a credibility crisis when it comes to using the official data". Dr, Pronab Sen, former Chief Statistician and a highly regarded person for his professional integrity, warns that lack of reliable data increases the risk of policy errors. He says; "we have programmes for people below the poverty line, but we do not know the number of poor".

There is a surfeit of cases where the Government cherry picks data to be highlighted in the media. The latest MPI (Multi-dimensional Poverty Index) is now touted as the measure of success achieved by India in substantially reducing the proportion of MPI poor. MPI incidentally takes into account health, education and standard of living, but not income in a direct sense. While sundry politicians talk about

UNDP figures which estimate that an impressive 415 million people have moved out of MPI poverty between 2005-06 to 2019-21, rarely anybody speaks of UNDP's Human Development Index (HDI) which is modeled around per capita income, life expectancy at birth and mean years of schooling which paints a poor picture with India ranking a lowly 132 out of 192 countries, (just managing to be above countries like Ghana and Pakistan). So, "economic progress" is often predicated on cherry picked than objective data.

Of course, there are any number of "experts" in the bureaucracy and subservient median channels who trot out all manner of explanations, befuddling and hijacking debate beyond common sense of the common man by indulging in esoteric discussions on sampling techniques like stratified sampling, random sampling or frequency distribution patterns, etc. It is worth noting what Shri Samanta, Chief Statistician said at an event recently: "What we cannot measure, we cannot manage", highlighting the need for data to be reliable and easily comprehensible to all stakeholders.

One hopes that the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) will introspect and expand its coverage to provide apolitical data, if only because its consumers need to expand beyond Central and State Governments. Granular or, micro-level data that are currently collected by large MNCs via AI tools is proprietary with them. Why should it be difficult for CSO to do better than these firms? India has digitized massively in the last few years. Certainly CSO has the expertise and resources to use this new feature in the Indian economy to collect and collate more reliable data faster.

In his book "Something Doesn't Add UP, Surviving Statistics in a Post Truth World", Paul Goodwin, the well known teacher of statistics notes that "there are two worlds; they are the world of reality and the world of numbers. And the second world is usually at best a simplification of the first and at worst a gross distortion of it".

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NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP PETER PAUL SALDANHA FELICITATED IN CINCINNATI-USA



Most Rev Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore, visited Cincinnati-USA at the invitation of **Mr Harold D'Souza**, Co-Founder of Eyes Open International on 23rd July 2023. He celebrated 'Holy Mass' at Saint Saviour Church in

Cincinnati-USA, which was followed by a 'Felicitation' programme.

St. Saviour Parishioners participated in the 'Mass' celebrated by Bishop Peter Paul. Pastor Pat Sloneker thanked Harold D'Souza, an active parishioner, for inviting Bishop Peter Paul and said "We're blessed to have Bishop Saldanha with us". Referring to Harold he said "Harold's story is powerful; he was a victim of human trafficking related to labor. He experienced that reality and is now working outstandingly in the USA, to create awareness on human trafficking, and to work against that.

Harold introduced the Bishop as a happy, humble, honest, and good human being. In India the national bird is 'Peacock'. When you visit any Palace, Museums, Art Gallery etc, there is a photo-frame of a 'Peacock' without any caption below saying it is a 'Peacock'. Similarly, in India, everyone knows Bishop Saldanha as a compassionate Bishop, working for the poor.

The Bishop in his homily, explained the gospel of the 'Sower and the Seed', and credited the *farmers who sowed the Word of God* in us. "He prayed especially for our ancestors in faith, who sowed the love of Jesus in our hearts. His presence, words, and reverence made an impression on all of us".

Sister Therese DelGenio of Sisters of Mount Notre Dame de Namur (SNDdeN) shared, "Our guest Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha is a close friend of Dancy and Harold D'Souza who originally belonged to Mangalore Diocese. Unfortunately, this wonderful couple and their

two boys were duped by a person who encouraged them to come to USA and let them down. What should have been the beginning of a wonderful life turned nightmarish as they became victims of labor trafficking. The Sisters befriended and assisted the family.

In his remarks, Bishop Saldanha informed that Mangalore Diocese has 124 parishes, 1,70,000 Christians, 281 diocesan & 170 religious' priests & 1,700 sisters. He cited some factors as the cause of poverty among his people. He also referred to the tribal warfare in Manipur State between two ethnic groups resulting in torture, death and the burning of many homes and churches.

The audience promised to keep him and his people in their prayers. In his concluding remarks, Harold said 'Dancy and I were deeply touched by Bishop Saldanha's stay at our house. Bishop is a fabulous, inspiring, humble, and caring human being'. The Bishop visited some Museums in the area, including the 'National Underground Railroad Freedom Centre' and was emotionally touched by the Exhibit on the 3rd floor '**Shine a Light**' and **the audio-video story of 'Harold D'Souza'**.

Harold D'Souza was nominated for the "**Human Rights Hero Award**" **2023**" at United Nations Headquarters, New York on July 6th, 2023 during the 17th Annual International Human Rights Youth Summit 6-8 July 2023.

CASK congratulates Harold D'Souza on scripting his life from slavery to stardom, hurt and pain to happiness, fear to freedom, poverty to prosperity, failure to fame, and from being zero to the 'Human Rights Hero Award 2023'.

MIND MAPPING & WORK-LIFE BALANCING

RACHANA – the Catholic Chamber of Commerce & Industry organized a very interesting and useful talk on "**Mind Mapping and Work-Life Balancing**" on 27th July 2023 at the MCC Bank Hall. The mesmerizing talk was given by Dr Sarfaraj Hasin, a reputed Psychologist.

The carry home message was "You, Yourself are the best person to influence and decide about your life".

SANDRA MARIA LORENA APPOINTED AS GENERAL MANAGER – KARNATAKA BANK



We are pleased to know that Ms Sandra Maria Lorena is promoted as General Manager – Karnataka Bank. Sandra, started her banking career as Secretary to a General Manager, and has now become a General Manager herself.

We quote her friends – **Gerard and Disha Colaco** “Daunting challenges on the personal and professional fronts did not deter her as she balanced family and work with a finesse few could have found. As a brilliant career banker, Sandra achieved great heights, and also broke barriers. She was the first woman to head the corporate finance branch of Karnataka Bank at Mumbai (only 2 such branches in India, the other being in Delhi), a testament to her ability and her tenacity. Having spent her entire career in retail banking in Mangalore, the sudden shift to the world of high finance in India’s corporate capital would have intimidated and unnerved most others. But Sandra rose to the occasion with characteristic aplomb, leading the branch with unwavering determination. Her tact, grace, poise and resilience resulted in a glittering track record for that post too. Sandra is not just an exemplary banker but an extraordinary human being. Her accomplishments serve as a beacon of inspiration for aspiring young women, encouraging them to aim high and shatter glass ceilings”.

CASK congratulates Sandra Lorena on being elevated as General Manager, Karnataka Bank and wishes her continued success.

MASSIVE PROTEST BY CITIZENS OF MANGALORE AGAINST ATROCITIES IN MANIPUR

In an impressive and huge show of solidarity with the people of Manipur, the citizens of Mangalore took part in a protest on 27th July 2023, against the non-resolution of the tribal conflicts and horror stories of death, rape, destruction of homes, churches and farms in Manipur over the past three months. The speakers included Roy Castelino, PRO-Mangalore Diocese, Mr Stany Lobo, President-Catholic Sabha, Human Rights Activist–Vidya Dinker and SB Mohammed Darimi, President-Darimi Ulaima Federation.

All the speakers condemned the violence in Manipur and the crimes against women especially parading two women naked. It was pointed out that the suspension of internet services in Manipur resulted in crimes not being exposed.

Msgr Maxim Noronha, Vicar-General of Mangalore and Former Minister-Ramanath Rai also joined the protest.

OBITUARIES - JULY/AUG 2023

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

- ❖ Jay P Danniell (79), Bendur, husband of Rosalina (Rodrigues) Danniell, father of Jennifer/Kennedy Saldanha and Gerald/Neda, on July 3, 2023.
- ❖ Lizzy D'Souza (84), Milagres, wife of late Harold D'Souza, mother of Jawar/Lenny, Raymond/Leena, Fr Peter, Dorina/Lt Robert, Mariette/Lawrence, Stanley/Sandra, Maxim/Sylvia, Claudia/Malcolm, Praveen/Lynette and Veena/Nixon, on July 4, 2023.
- ❖ Babitha Lavita Lobo (44), Bejai, wife of Julius Lobo, mother of Justin Lobo, sister of Stephen, Jeevan, Shabitha & Roshan, on July 04, 2023.
- ❖ Hyacinth Pinto (69) (ex-Syndicate Bank), Bendur, wife of John Pinto, mother of Praveer/Melissa and Anish/Sushma, sister of Dr Placid Lasrado and Sandra Rasquinha, on July 5, 2023.
- ❖ Gertie Menezes (93), Bendur, wife of late John Victor Menezes, mother of Rony/Winnie, Rudy/Irene, Margaret, Maxy/Clotty, Lydia Clement Anchan Jane/Vincent Sequeira, Tony/Shalini, Maria D'Souza, Gerald/Margaret and Dony/Rita, on July 7, 2023.
- ❖ Norbert Aloysius Rosario (69) Milagres, husband of Ivy, father of Jean and Lynn, brother of Patrick Rosario/Judy Rosario, on July 7, 2023.
- ❖ Prof Dr S A Mariadoss (77), Milagres, former Maths Professor at St Aloysius College, Mangalore, husband of late Jacintha Mariadoss, father of Anik, Ajith and Albert, on July 12, 2023.
- ❖ Gration Joseph Noronha (69), Bendur, husband of Sophia Grace Noronha, father of Griselda & Grishma, father-in-law of Vergil Rodrigues, brother of the late Veronica, Edwin, Jacintha, the late Valerian, Gretta, Olwyn, Ronald, Vivian, Flavian, Sylvia and the late Lavina, on July 13, 2023.
- ❖ Francis Arthur D'Mello (69), Bendur, husband of the late Florine Fernandes, on July 15, 2023.
- ❖ Steevan D'Souza (25), Valencia, son of late Francis and Veronica Saritha D'Souza, brother of Shifani D'Souza, on July 17, 2023.

- ❖ Paul D'Souza (86), Bejai, husband of Irene D'Souza, father of Cynthia Diana/John Louis, Alfred/Carol, Jyothi, Naveen/Pramila, Meena/Alan and Praveen/Careen, brother of late Stephen, Catherine, Sr Agnes, Robert and Roman, on July 18, 2023.
- ❖ Leenas Rasquinha (43), Kulshekar, son of Sebastian & Cynthia Rasquinha, brother of late Loy Rasquinha and Lyta/Conald Nazareth, on July 19, 2023.
- ❖ Philomeena Felcy Ferrao (63), Milagres, wife of the late Rudolf Francis Ferrao, mother of Daphney/Gerald, Preethi/Johnson and Preetham Ferrao, on July 20, 2023.
- ❖ Joseph Patrao (94), Bejai, husband of the late Eliza Patrao, father of Juliet D'Almeida, on July 20, 2023.
- ❖ Claud D'Souza (Konkan Kalashree) (66), Bendur, husband of Marie, father of Moushmi/Praveen, Melissa/Abhijit, brother of Laura, Jossy, Molly and Vivina, on July 24, 2023.
- ❖ Ronald Dsouza (79), husband of Antoinette (Ulla), father of Nelofer/Jeevan Saldanha, Dr Eugene/Ana Totoeva and Karen/Kiran Bellubbi, brother of the late Dr Harry, the late Celine, the late Philomena, the late Sheila, Merlyn, Veronica and Dr Jawahar, on July 25, 2023.
- ❖ Michael Mascarenhas (86), Bendur, husband of Rosy, father of Jancy/Oswald, Nancy/Merwyn and Rancy/Sumithra, on July 25, 2023.
- ❖ Robert D'Costa (79) (Ex-Serviceman), Valencia, husband of the late Celine, father of Jenifer/Cedric and Caroline/Arunraj, on July 25, 2023.
- ❖ Monthi D'Souza (83), Milagres, wife of the late Michael D'Souza, mother of Kenneth and Stephen/Marilou, on July 26, 2023.
- ❖ Alice Rodrigues (82), Kulshekar, wife of the late Joseph Rodrigues, mother of Lucy, the late Vincent, John, Joy, Shalini, Malini and Naveen, on July 28, 2023.
- ❖ Dr Hazel Furtado (81), wife of Dr H W Furtado, mother of Dr Sunil/Shirean and Dr Arul/Jonita, on July 31, 2023.
- ❖ Calist D'Souza (76), Valencia, husband of Jacintha D'Souza, father of Anitha & the late Anil, on August 1, 2023.
- ❖ Theresa D'Souza (86), Bendur, wife of the late John D'Souza, mother of Dorathi/Alwyn, late Jossy, Juliet/the late William, Lilly /Vincent, Vincent/Sonia, on July 31, 2023.
- ❖ Maxim Donald Allan D'Souza (66), son of the late Thomas D'Souza and the late Irene D'Souza, brother of Clara D'Souza and the late Benedicta D'Souza, on August 2, 2023.
- ❖ Florance Koland (91), Jeppu, wife of the late John William Koland, mother of Vincent, Patrick, on August 2, 2023.

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LADISLAUS BONIFACE ARANHA

Born: 5th June 1921 Died: 18th August 2010

*I am the Resurrection and the life
Whoever believes in me will live
Even Though he dies (John11:25)*



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