

St. Louis Parish

Dahisar (W), Mumbai 400 068.

Souvenir
20th April, 2014

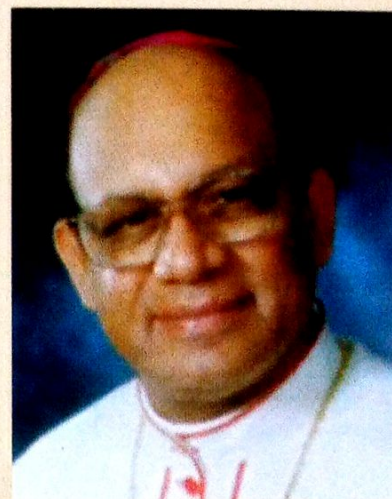


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MESSAGE



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Oswald Cardinal Gracias

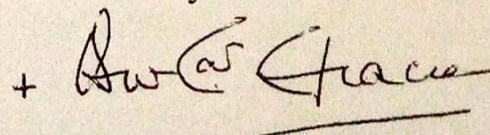
Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever., Ps 107:1

It gives me great joy that the parishioners of St Louis Church are planning to bring out a souvenir in view of raising funds for the school project, which will be released on 19th April 2014, during the Easter Vigil mass.

St. Louis Church started as a small chapel, a sub-centre of one of the oldest churches in the Archdiocese of Mumbai - Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church, Borivli West. A nursery level school was started in 1983. The centre was looked after by the Carmelite Fathers from 1984 to 1988. It was in 1994 this small prayer centre got a prayer hall and various associations were started in the centre.

This became a sub-centre of Immaculate Conception Church, Borivli until 2003 when the Holy Cross Fathers, who already had their house in the neighbourhood, took over responsibility for the pastoral care of the people. The project for building a Church and a school was soon initiated. The primary school was started in the year 2004. Through various fund raising activities and donations, the parish team was able to raise funds for the project. On April 6, 2008 the first phase of the project was completed. I was privileged to bless it which included, the consecration of a beautiful Church dedicated to our patron St. Louis.

I know that many of our dedicated priests and lay faithful have contributed their best to complete the second phase of the school project. May you through the apostolate of education continue to build God's Kingdom of love, peace and harmony.

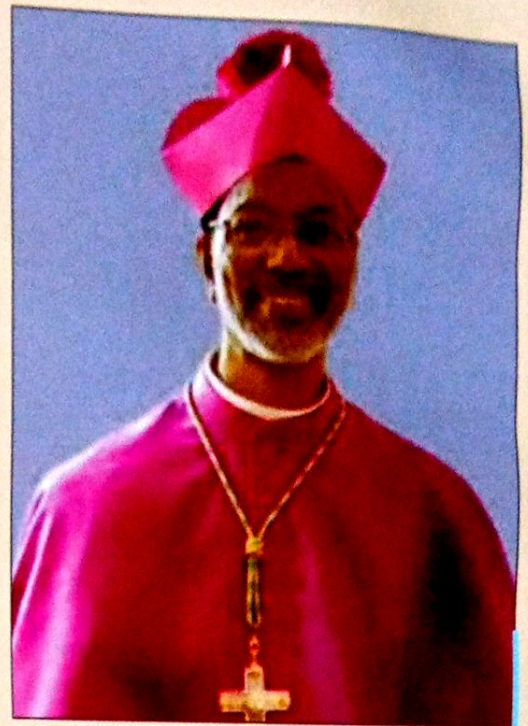
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✠ **Oswald Cardinal Gracias**
Archbishop of Bombay
& President, CCBI

April 15, 2014

MESSAGE

Bishop Dominic Savio Fernandes
Auxiliary Bishop
Archdiocese of Mumbai



The transformation of a sapling into a giant Oak tree comes to my mind when I reflect on the journey of ST LOUIS SCHOOL that began almost three decades ago with a small asbestos roofed structure doubling as a church as well as a nursery classroom. The gigantic structure that today houses a full fledged school is a reminder of a historic event reaching maturity in the field of education

Many years ago, St. Louis Parish began to serve the people of Dahisar that comprised mainly of locals engaged in the fishing industry. There was no sign of any Educational Institution for miles around and the Priest engaged in the Parish welfare thought of the need of putting up a school for the social upliftment of the people.

Beginning from grassroots , a small nursery for the tiny tots was started in 1983 with a view to educate the growing population. This grew up gradually to a status of a full-fledged secondary school by 2013 to educate the entire population of Dahisar.

Kudos to the Priests of HOLY CROSS for catering to the spiritual welfare of the people and also taking keen interest for their education and upliftment and for the human service rendered to the residents of Dahisar. May they be blessed a hundred fold.

Congratulations to the Management , Staff and Students of St Louis School. May you keep the flag flying high

MESSAGE



Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church

Mt. Poinzur, Borivali (W), Mumbai 400103

Fr. Barthol Barretto

Dean & Parish Priest

At the request of Fr. Ronald Fernandes csc, Parish Priest, I feel honoured to write a message which will be printed in the Souvenir to be released on the occasion of the Easter Vigil Service.

If one looks at the history of St Louis (Church and School), Dahisar, one will be amazed at the strides it has made over the past few years. From a very small beginning, way back in 1983, the Holy Cross Fathers, with their persevering efforts and zeal have contributed to the growth of the Church and School. The newly built St. Louis Church under the leadership of Fr Lawrence Almeida and his clergy team and various Committees, parishioners and well-wishers was dedicated and blessed by His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay on April 06, 2008. The Nursery level of St Louis School which started in 1983 slowly started growing and today, it has risen to a High School Building. Having obtained full recognition quite recently, the School has sent its first batch of Std X students to appear for the Board Examination in March 2014. The School which has been built phase-wise has stuck to its motto, Lead kindly light. It is this light that inspires and challenges the Staff and students to dispel the darkness of corruption so very rampant in our society and become children of God's light of justice, peace and good-will.

I pray that the Parish clergy team and parishioners, Management, Staff and students may collaborate together effortlessly, and make St Louis Church and St Louis High School, Dahisar, a reflection of God's Kingdom of love, peace, joy and happiness forever.

Fr. Barthol Barretto

April 02, 2014

MESSAGE

Provincial Superior Fr. Leo D'Souza, C.S.C.



In the very humble Chapel of St. Louis Sub-Centre in Dahisar a seed was sown by the founders of St. Louis Nursery School in 1983 and was nurtured over the years by all the priests-in-charge at the Sub-Centre. In the year 2003 the Congregation of Holy Cross took responsibility of the school, and through the tireless efforts of Fr. Herve Morissette, Fr. Lawrence D'Almeida, Fr. Gordon Didier'Serre, Fr. David Adaikalam, Fr. Leo D'Souza, Fr. Johnny, Fr. Ronald Fernandes and their team of priests, teachers and staff assisted the original seed that was sown to grow into a Mighty Tree with a strength of 1,500 students.

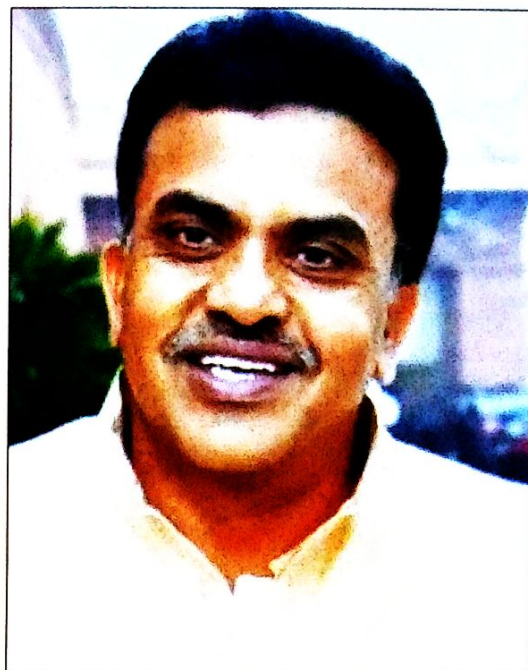
Our school's first batch appeared for their Class X examinations in March this year. We can be confident that we will have many intellectual giants who will tread the portals of St. Louis School. The Fathers of Holy Cross have focused on educating both the heart and mind of all the students of Dahisar who come from a variety of ethnic communities and income groups. I foresee the present and future students of St. Louis School being catalysts of change in our country. These students will definitely make a difference in the lives of the people of Dahisar, Mumbai and India.

As the Management, Staff and Students of St. Louis School are on the threshold of embarking on a new era in the annals of the history of their school, my sincere appreciation and gratitude to every single person who has contributed his share in making St. Louis School what it is today. The time is ripe to continue to give to the future generations an education that is holistic, that would empower the future students with a work ethic, moral and spiritual discipline and an intellectual calibre to strive not only for the prospects of a brilliant career but also for an integration of all the facets of life: human, spiritual, psychological, political and social. May all at the School cooperate passionately and purposefully towards fulfilling this Vision. Do continue your holistic educational policy in enabling all to make a difference in the lives of the poor with audacity and resilience, by nurturing in the students the competence to see reality as it is and the courage to act to eradicate the present evils of our society.

On behalf of all the members of the Province of South India, Congregation of Holy Cross, I congratulate Fr. Ronald Fernandes, Manager and Trustee of the School, Fr. Johnny T, Principal and the lay collaborators of the School Project Committee who, over the years, have toiled to make the School what it is today. Continue the good work you have begun! May God bless your efforts!

MESSAGE

Hon'ble Member of Parliament
Shri Sanjay Nirupam



To,

Fr Ronald Fernandes
The Parish Priest of St Louis

The growth of ST LOUIS SCHOOL, DAHISAR over the past 25 years from a humble asbestos roofed nursery school to the new school building with classes upto SSC is indeed commendable. It goes without saying that this achievement was possible due to the dedication and untiring efforts of the Fathers Holy Cross and the support of the Archdiocesan Board of Education, Mumbai.

The school located in the far flung suburbs of Mumbai has catered to the educational needs of thousands of lower middle class and economically weak students of the area. I whole heartedly support your endeavor to bring out a souvenir with the noble objective of raising funds for St. Louis School Project.

MESSAGE



Janet D'souza
Vice Chairperson
State Minorities Commission
(State Minister Status)
Govt. of Maharashtra

Date: 14/03/2014.

To,
Rev. Fr. Ronald Fernandes Csc
Parish Priest
St. Louis Church
Dahisar

Rev. Fr. Ronald,

I feel joyous seeing that a small sapling planted by the Carmelite fathers has grown into a big tree branching out in a Church, School, Community centre and various active associations.

It is a long journey in a short time and I congratulate the entire team of Fathers & parishnors of St. Louis Church. I really feel proud as a Christian that I had the opportunity to meet & interact with Fr. Johny and his team during the pre-recognition days of the school and also I am grateful to the almighty that I could be of some help to the school.

On behalf of the State Minorities Commission, I would like to assure you of my support & Co-operation from time to time.

Yours sincerely,

Smt. Janet D'souza
Vice Chairperson
State Minorities Commission

From the chair of the Parish Priest

Parish Priest.
Fr Ronald Fernandes, csc



St Louis School Project came into existence with an objective to reach out the preferential love and compassion of Christ to all the young ones of our locality. This is resulting in moulding and nurturing the minds of our young ones with human values. To achieve this goal many a people have extended a helping hand, given their time and have spent their energy, to see a mighty structure in the name of St Louis High School.

Vivekananda believed that if we want to make a student a good human being, the development of moral values within him is the prior task of education. This is what is being tested at St Louis. The school tries to bring out the best in every student. To a great extent, we are able to witness the fruits of our labour. The goal of education is to teach the students to live, to discern the deeper meaning of life and of transcendence, to learn to interact with others, love creation, think freely and critically, find fulfilment in work, plan their future, or in one word, to learn "to be". It is in and through education that one can hope for a more humane future and a more harmonious society.

As the Parish Priest, it has been a golden privilege to work with the dedicated members of the Souvenir committee who worked hard to ensure successful completion of the project. To a great extent we have achieved our goal.

I will be failing in my duty, if I do not express my sincere thanks to all the 13 sector councillors and the link persons. They have all gone out of their way to motivate people to come forward to contribute towards this fund raising project.

Along with Fathers Johny, Ronson, Oliver and Deacon Terence, I sincerely thank every member of the Souvenir committee. We do appreciate your untiring enthusiasm to continue to be part of St Louis School Project. May the Risen Lord and St Louis our Patron Saint continue to intercede for you, keep all your families and loved ones under God's care and all your endeavours bear plentiful fruits.

MESSAGE

Principal
Fr Johny T, csc



Education is a way to make a difference in the life of young hearts and minds. The growing generation needs to be nurtured and sustained through proper guidance and direction. With this vision and mission in mind, we at St Louis School strive to promote academic excellence, uphold the traditions and culture of our student community and advancement in sports and games.

St. Louis School is indeed a monument of love and generosity. From its humble beginning as a pre-primary school in 1983 it is now a full fledged School. It gives me great joy to note that 40 of our first batch of SSC students would be graduating from our school this year. Today, St Louis School is a landmark in the suburb of Dahisar, with almost 1500 students studying in this august institution. We provide ample opportunities to bring the best out of our students. Curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular activities make learning more interesting. The School Annual day and School Magazine provides outlets for our children to manifest their varied talents. We have established excellent facilities such as Computer Lab, Science Lab, Language Lab, Knowledge Centre, well stocked Library, Audio Visual Room and the latest addition is a spacious school playground. Today, all those who were part of this dream project can proudly say that it is a job well done and we are blessed with this well equipped centre of academic excellence.

I am proud and blessed to have been associated with this project for the past six years. It is said that unless the Lord builds, the labourer's efforts are in vain. The Lord's guiding watch was always upon us. There have been numerous constraints and challenges along the way. But we were able to overcome all those difficult moments and conquered the peak because of the synergy and collaboration among the various partners of St. Louis community. The Management, together with the staff, students and parents remain ever grateful to our parish community. You were the source of inspiration for this school project - our strong pillar of support. Without your generosity, love and dedication, this dream project could not have seen the light of day. On this occasion, together with the staff, parents, management and students, I pray that the God of love may shower His choicest blessings on all those who are associated with this project in one way or the other, directly or indirectly.

Thank You and God Bless You

MESSAGE

No eye has seen, No ear has heard, No mind has conceived what the Lord can do.....

My association with The Holy Cross Fathers has been way back in the 80's. Later, appointed to animate the SCC meetings for St. Louis Parish community under the guidance of Fr. Morissette CSC, I was very fortunate to work under his guidance. I would like to describe him as

"A man with high thinking and simple living."

Not in my wildest dream did I ever think that one day, I would also be closely associated with St. Louis School, but God has His plans for each one of us.



St Louis High School makes a difference as its vision statement is ***"Educating both heart and mind"***. The Parish Community of Dahisar had a dream of a school with the best infrastructure for their children, in order to make teaching-learning a joyful experience, and right before us stands a huge magnificent six – storey structure.

The long awaited dream has at last become a reality, However all this would never have been possible without the Parish Community playing a major role together with the Holy Cross Fathers. It was indeed a long, rough, tough roller coaster ride, but they accepted the bumps that came their way and never gave up on their dream.

The school had an extremely humble beginning. You would never fathom, if told that a few years ago the school just had a hundred students with two teaching staff. Today we have as many as fifteen hundred students and sixty staff members.

St. Louis school is a minority Catholic Institution, but the paradox is that we have a mere 10% of Catholics. Even though there is a linguistic, economical, cultural and religious diversity there is no discrimination whatsoever. The dignity of every student is held high and every student is encouraged to aim high despite humble roots.

Equal importance is given to sports, extra-curricular activities, academics, values, fine arts etc in order to mould the child into a holistic individual.

Being a co-educational school, both girls and boys are given equal opportunity for growth. Respect for the girl child is upheld. Girls are empowered and thus several milestones have been achieved in terms of education, freedom of choice, liberty and equality.

Our teaching staff under the leadership of our principal Fr. Johny encourages students to unleash their potential supporting them fully irrespective of the results, most of them have come out as winners and have made their families, school and teachers proud.

Lastly we just cannot rule out the hand of God in all our achievements because all good things come from his generous hands. And we continue to pray with grateful hearts

"Lead Kindly Light"

**Mrs. Maisy Nunes
School Supervisor**

From the Secretary

*"Coming together is the beginning,
Staying together is Progress
and
Working together is Success"*



In order to realise our vision of completing the St. Louis School Project, we came out with an idea of bringing out a Souvenir, which provided a platform for the creation of a Souvenir Committee to oversee the various aspects.

In spite of hectic schedules, the members of the Souvenir Committee, under the guidance of Fr. Ronald Fernandes had held numerous meetings to discuss, distribute and strategise various activities such as pitch-in, collection of advertisements and finally working on its contents and design to ensure that the Souvenir would be something that all of us would feel proud of.

On behalf of the Souvenir Committee, I take this opportunity to thank all the donors, parishioners and well-wishers, with whose support this Souvenir has seen the light of day. I also take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the Souvenir Committee, for their selfless support, co-operation and dedication in bringing out this beautiful Souvenir in time.

God Bless

JOSEPHINE MENEZES
SECRETARY, SOUVENIR COMMITTEE

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Fr. Ronald



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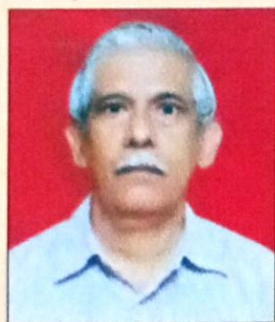
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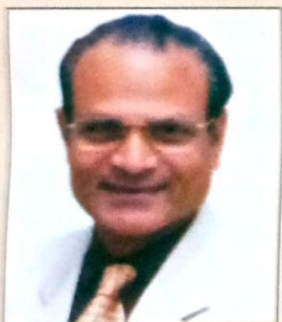
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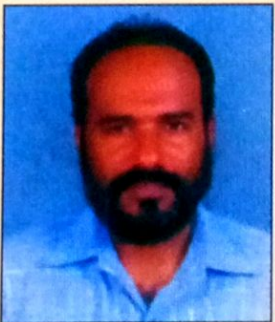
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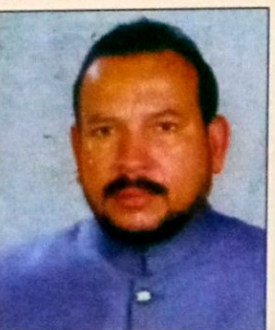
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SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE, CSC POWERFUL INTERCESSOR FOR THE SICK

"I'm only Saint Joseph's little dog." That was the way Brother André used to call himself when the sick came to him seeking to be healed. His whole life proved that he was more than a "little dog," for he was canonized in Rome by Pope Benedict XVI on October 17, 2010.

Alfred Bessette was born on August 9, 1845, in a small town near Montreal, Canada. He was so frail at birth that the parish priest baptized him conditionally the following day, completing an emergency ritual performed soon after Alfred was born. His father, Isaac Bessette, was a woodcutter who lost his life in an accident, crushed by a falling tree. Alfred was nine at the time. Then his mother found herself widowed at the age of forty with ten children in her care, but she died of tuberculosis within three years. Later, Brother André would say: "I rarely prayed for my mother, but I often prayed to her," for he said, "she was always smiling, such a lovely smile!"

Since he did not have a trade, Alfred wandered from job to job for 13 years, with few belongings and little education. He was barely able to write his name or to read his prayer book. When he was 20 years old, Alfred migrated to the United States to earn a living. He worked four years in the textile mills. Though he was physically weak, he worked doggedly. "Despite my weak conditions," he said, "I did not let anyone get ahead of me as far as work was concerned." He returned to his native country in 1867.

His parish priest, Fr André Provençal, was much impressed by the devotion and generosity of the young man. Observing how Alfred was often seen praying in the church, the priest advised him to join the Congregation of Holy Cross in Montreal, which had sent its first missionaries to India in the year 1847. In a letter of recommendation, Fr. Provençal wrote to the superior: "I'm sending you a saint." The Brothers found that difficult to believe. Although initially the superiors thought of rejecting him because of frail health, archbishop Ignace Bourget of Montreal intervened on his behalf and, in 1872, Alfred entered the novitiate and took the name of André, in honor of Fr Provençal, his parish priest.

Brother André was given the task of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal. He fulfilled this function for some 40 years while at the same time doing innumerable odd jobs for the community. He used to joke: "At the end of my novitiate, my superiors showed me the door, and I stayed there for 40 years without leaving." His great confidence in Saint Joseph inspired him to recommend the saint's devotion to the afflicted who came to seek his help. Although he had a deep devotion to Saint Joseph, his primary love was the Passion of Christ, on which he often meditated. He spent much time in prayer, especially during the night, but never neglected his assigned responsibilities. All his activities for which he became famous were done in his off-duty time as doorkeeper. For 25 years, in his small office or in the tramway station across the street from the college, Brother André spent six to eight hours a day receiving the sick who sought healing from him.

On his many visits to the sick in their homes, he would recommend them in prayer to Saint Joseph and anoint them with oil from the lamp of the college chapel which always burned before Saint Joseph's statue. Many people claimed that they had been cured through the prayers of the good Brother and Saint Joseph. Brother André steadfastly refused to take any credit for these cures. On his window sill, facing Mount Royal was a small statue of Saint Joseph to whom he was especially devoted. "Some day," he said, "Saint Joseph will be honored on Mount Royal."

So, Brother André's reputation grew and soon he was known as the miracle worker of Mount Royal. He had to take the criticism of numerous adversaries, some of them being his own confreres. Doctors called him a quack. However, he had the strong support of his superiors and the diocesan Church. Thousands of cures without apparent medical explanation made him the object of popular acclaim.

In 1924, construction of a basilica, named Saint Joseph's Oratory, began on the side of the mountain. By 1931, the walls were completed, but money ran out. The aging Brother had only a few words of advice: "This is not my work; it is the work of Saint Joseph. Put his statue in the middle of the building. If he wants a roof over his head, he'll get it." So, the construction of the magnificent Oratory – the largest church in the world dedicated to Saint Joseph – resumed smoothly. It took fifty years to build.

Brother André died in 1937, at the age of 91. He did not live to see the completion of his cherished dream. A million people filed past his coffin. Today, his body lies in a tomb built below the Oratory's main chapel. Numerous miracles have been credited to his intercession with Saint Joseph. At the Oratory, there is a wall with hundreds of canes propped against it, each having been left by a cripple who walked out after being healed.

Miracles can still take place today thanks to the saint's intercession.

Hervé Morissette, CSC

FR. PATRICK PEYTON, CSC - THE ROSARY PRIEST

Patrick Peyton was known all over the world as "The Rosary Priest." He had experienced Mary's powerful intervention in his own life and he wanted to tell the families of the world what Mary would do for them if they would open their hearts and their homes to her by praying together the family Rosary. He spoke softly in his native Irish tongue. He delivered his message with such humility, simplicity and earnestness that those who heard him were moved profoundly. Families committed themselves to pray the Rosary in their homes every day and remained faithful to those commitments for the rest of their lives. Nor did they forget him. They cherished the times when they were in his presence and heard him speak as precious moments of divine grace.

Patrick Peyton was born January 9, 1909. He was the sixth of nine children born to John and Mary (Gillard) Peyton, who gathered the whole family together every night to pray the Rosary by the light of the turf fire. The family made a meager living on their small farm in Carracastle, County Mayo, Ireland. In 1928, he and his older brother Tom went to the United States to find work. After meeting a priest who invited them to join the Congregation of Holy cross, they went to Notre dame and began their studies for the priesthood.

While still a student of theology, Patrick was stricken with tuberculosis. For almost a full year he languished in his hospital bed while his situation became increasingly grave. Father Hagerty, an old priest advisor, encouraged him to put his trust in the power of Mary's intercession and the Holy Cross community began a novena of Masses for his recovery. During that week he announced that he was better. The astonished doctors who examined him confirmed his cure and allowed him to return to his studies. He was ordained with his classmates on June 15, 1941.

In gratitude to Our Lady he was determined to spend his life promoting devotion to her so everyone would come to know the blessings she is eager to bestow on those who turn to her with confidence and love. Father Peyton was faithful to that commitment to the end of his life.

In 1942, with the approval of his superiors, he officially founded the family Rosary. His zeal was prodigious. He promoted family prayer, especially the Family Rosary, in parish missions, on radio and later on television. He founded Family Theatre of the Air, the longest running radio program in history, and for twenty-two years the great stars of Hollywood donated their talents to help him. In 1948, he began his famous Rosary Crusades, which took him all over the world and drew crowds estimated at two million in cities like Manila and Rio de Janeiro. Strengthened by prayer and his total commitment to Our Lady, he was able to overcome his natural shyness and in the most simple, artless, unaffected way he convinced millions of people all over the world to commit themselves to pray the Rosary every day with their families. No one ever said that he was a great orator, but all who heard him preach could sense that he was a holy man. He radiated the love of God and inspired everyone with his simple, tender, single-minded devotion to Our Lady.

He offered Mass and prayed his breviary daily with great devotion. He spent long hours in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and prayed the Rosary whenever he could free his mind from the burdens of his work. In fact, the more troublesome his problems, the more earnestly he prayed. He had committed himself to work wholeheartedly for Our Lady, not for himself, and he knew she would come to his aid. His confidence in her was unbounded and she did not disappoint him. No matter how complex the problems of organizing huge Rosary Rallies, financing the production of movies and radio shows, traveling to distant cities and countries, or corresponding with the hundreds of people who wrote to ask for his prayers or to offer their contributions, he never lost his peace of mind or gentle manner. He never let the burdens he had to carry extinguish the love in his heart for the people he was trying to help. In fact, he manifested not only love, but also joy, peace, patience and all the other fruits of the Spirit (Cf Gal. 5: 22). He was truly a man of God. He spoke of himself as "Our Lady's donkey."

He died on June 3, 1992. At the urging of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the bishop of Fall River initiated Father Peyton's Cause of Canonization. Father Peyton is now called "Servant of God." Although Father Peyton died in 1992, his work continues as Holy Cross Family Ministries carries on his mission in 17 countries around the world.

By praying for favors through the intercession of Servant of God Patrick Peyton, CSC, many have found that their own devotion to our Lady has been rekindled. They have rediscovered the power of the Rosary to bring them inner peace and quiet confidence in Our Lady's motherly protection. They have realized the truth contained in the slogan that Father Peyton popularized: "The family that prays together stays together."

The Rosary Priest

EDUCATION-MOULDING GOOD HUMAN BEINGS

A heart of education is the education of heart.

The word education comes from the Latin word "educare", which means to bring out the best in the students and to inculcate in them the values to live for and to die for; values which guide our behaviour and put meaning into our existence. "Swami Vivekananda has said "Education is the manifestation of the divine perfection already existing in man."

Mankind is poised to enter a brave new age-an age where an effective level of international competitiveness is proving to be of essence. Also, our Hon'ble H.E. Ex-President Shri A.P.Abdul Kalam has given us a dream and aim to transform our country to a "Developed Country" from a "Developing Country". Here, academic institutes have a great role to play in enabling young people to have grand vision and to equip them with overall ability and precise skills to change the vision into a reality.

Students were different those days. They were docile, respectful, attentive, obedient and well disciplined. Classes were smaller, divisions were fewer, teacher pupil relationship was warmer, closer, life was less stressful and relaxed.

But in our modern age students are more knowledgeable, vibrant, alert and alive but are more restless. This is because of the media i.e. Facebook, e-learning, mobile, WhatsApp, e-mail etc. To top it all they are under tremendous pressure of cut throat competition of unrealistic expectation from parents, society, teachers, school, peer group etc. They are vulnerable to all these pressures. Here the parent as first teachers and teachers as second parents have to be more aware of these forces which are shaping the lives and the future of our students by being more loving, caring, understanding and sensitive to their needs. Therefore our teaching system should be holistic, dynamic, meaningful, useful, beneficial and above all relevant to their day to day life.

Just as the potter knows that it is next to impossible to reshape the pot after it is baked, similarly the young ones have to be moulded at this young age as it will be more difficult to reshape them at a later point in their lives. Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression. Teaching is a vast field of relationships. Teacher pupil and teacher parent relationships are the foundation of education. We all, those who are involved in all round development of a child, have to be inspirers and motivators to mould, shape and guide them to become good citizens, thereby making this world a better place to live in.

A child is young only once and only for a short time. An Educationist, Ham Ginet, says that while parents possess the original key to children's experience the spare one is held by teachers. Hence let us join hands and march with full vitality, zeal and enthusiasm and complement, strengthen and encourage each other's endeavours to make children good productive citizens and make education more meaningful and enjoyable.

Children are very precious as they are God's gift to us. They have to be moulded, shaped and guided with moral, ethical, and spiritual values, to build their character so that they are able to discriminate between right and wrong.

Education is the most significant instrument of individual self-realisation. Young Indians are driven by the aspiration that if they adequately educate and train themselves they have the potential of achieving anything in the world. Education is strongly connected with inspiration.

Let me conclude by the words of Solomon Ortiz - "Education is the key to success in life, and teachers make a lasting impact in the lives of their students"

DIAGO TUSCANO, DAHISAR.

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