



Fr. Titus D'Costa Reaches the Golden Club

Fr. Titus D'Costa the principal of Balasinor appear to be in his late twenties. Of course the admirers of Fr. Titus cannot believe that he has reached half century. It is a matter of reality that he had completed fifty years on earth on 4th January, 2012. He hails from Gaas village of Vasai (West coast), joined the Diocese of Ahmedabad to be a Missionary. The zealous priest from the time of ordination showed to the fullest, his energy and enthusiasm in the mission work. Fr. Titus who is holding various portfolios has proved competent and capable in various ways. The hardworking and self sacrificing attitude of Fr. Titus has gained him many friends within the religious circle and outside. This great organizer and on the spot stage performer has been the source of inspiration and helping hand to many. There was a programme in the school to facilitate him and wish him many more returns of the day. The small kids of KG section were the attraction to give him the flowers and wish him in their melodious voice. In the evening some of the close friends of Fr. Titus gathered in the presbytery to show their love and concern. Many of his friends appreciated his efforts



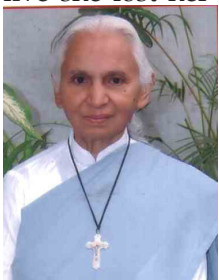
and expressed what he has been all these years and especially his contribution in the field of education and as a pastor. They wished him to continue the same good work to complete the century.

As he was requested from his brothers and sister, he agreed to have celebration in his native place which was arranged in his house on 14th January, 2012. Though the celebration was simple we could see the love of his relatives, friends, class mates etc... expressed in spectacular ways. Of course there were good numbers of priests from the diocese to join the celebration. The Vicar General Fr. Rocky Pinto expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Diocese where he emphasized the organizing capacity of Fr. Titus in the diocese and all over India. Fr. Lawrence M. in a refined Hindi expressed as a friend the trials and difficulties Fr. Titus faced in his life. As Fr. Titus wishes to keep his hair black (by any means) let us wish him Diamond, Platinum and Centenary year ahead! May the blessing of Lord Jesus and Mother Mary be with him all through the years to come.

- Fr. Charles G.

Sr. Asunta Celebrates her 50 Years of Religious Life...

Steady and consistent efforts will bring you success. Such saying is true here in the life of Sr. Asunta. She was born in 1940 at Isnav village of Amod Parish. She is the third among her siblings. At the age of five she lost her parents but in fact God turned to be her heavenly parents as she grew up. Her aunty took the whole responsibility to bring up and to look after the children. Sr. Asunta was admitted in the hostel of Daughters of the Cross at Anand by Fr. Francis Kebnak S.J. which turned to be the turning



point in the life of Asunta. When she completed her primary studies, she accepted the call of Jesus and was guided and trained by the Sister Superior. She accepted the Congregation of Little Daughters of St. Francis Xavier to offer her life in the service of the people. She took her vows in 1961 and changed the name as Sr. Maria Asunta.

She accepted the call with smiling heart, and was ready to go anywhere to serve the Lord by serving the people. She is very faithful in her vocation and therefore God is with her throughout this long journey of Religious Life. She completed 50 years as

Sister in the Congregation on December 8th 2011. All the sisters of the congregation were present to wish her on her great achievement on this day. Rt. Rev. Thomas Macwan and Rt. Rev. Godfrey de Rozario

Demise of Sr. Pushpamala L.D.

On 26th December 2012 Sr. Pushpamala L.D. breathed her last after receiving the last sacrament by Rt. Rev. Thomas Macwan at about 10:00 a.m. Her Funeral Mass was held on 27th December 2011. She lived 43

Employment at Pansora

Jagprakash Kanya Chatralaya, Pansora organizes Bosco Academy for skills and employment (BASE) which is sponsored by Ministry of Rural Development in their campus every three months. Various courses namely Sales and Marketing, Information Technology Enable Service (ITES) and Industrial Sewing Machine Operator (ISMO) are offered in this programme. The aim of this programme is to give job to the BPL students. Students are given three months of training. At the end of the training they are awarded with the certificate. So far 212

Remedial Classes

Jagprakash Kanya Chatralaya Pansora organizes tuition classes in the nearby villages. 250 students are enjoying the benefits of tuitions daily in the evening. Apart from their regular studies they have been given value based education once in a week.

Children's Day in Varana Parish



Indeed it was a great day in Catholic Church, Varana. 18th December was the day for Parish's Children. Around 200 Children from 8 villages came up with different items like Prayer Dance, Welcome

Communal Harmony Meeting in Umreth

With a view to preserve and promote Communal Harmony among the people of different religions, SADBHAVNA FORUM organized a public meeting in the campus of St. Xavier's School, Umreth on 5th January, 2012. Shri Morari Bapu, Rt. Rev. Thomas

S.J. presided over the Eucharist Celebration in the presence of other priests and prayed for her. The day was celebrated with lots of joy and good wishes to Sr. Maria Asunta.

-Sr. Johanna L.D.

years in Religious Life. The Congregation of Little Daughters felt a great loss in their Congregation. May her soul rest in peace!

-Sister, L.D Correspondent

students have been given the training. Out of that 176 students are already working in the well known companies. At present, third batch is going on which was inaugurated on 18th December. Rt. Rev. Thomas Macwan visited the campus and blessed the students in the morning. He advised the students to make use of the given opportunity and come up in life. He congratulated the Salesian Sisters for this wonderful work!

-Salesian Sisters, Pansora

Most of the students have excelled in their studies. They also celebrate all the festivals and take part in various creative activities.

-Salesian Sisters, Pansora.

Dance, Garba, Skits, One act play, Kawali, and so on. All the children took active participation. It was felt as if Christmas came one week early and it was very much fitting that those children celebrated the birthday of Child Jesus. Fr. J.L.Gorosquieta s.j. from Dhanduka Parish was the Chief guest. He was very happy and encouraged the children to come up as young and energetic ones. Sr. Marceline the Superior of Bhal Rashmi Convent was the guest of honour.

Finally, food was served. All ate happily and enjoyed the day. The success of the day goes to Fr. Tulsi Dabhi for his hard work and well planned Children's Day.

-Vegada Chandu

Macwan and Maulvi Lukman in their heart touching words addressed the meeting and appealed to the large gathering to work relentlessly for peace and unity which alone can contribute to the progress and prosperity and make the state of Gujarat a

happy home to live in. SADBHAVNA FORUM which launched 'Communal Harmony Movement' in Gujarat three years ago, takes initiatives for organizing public meetings, dialogues and programmes that will build up and strengthen friendship among the people belonging to different faith. The Forum also celebrates a three day 'Sadbhavanparva'



Communal Harmony public meeting
St.Xavier's High School, Umreth. 5-01-2012

in Mahuwa every year, where people interested in promoting communal harmony are invited. The Forum has envisaged forming of a group in Umreth which will extend the objective of the public meeting held today. The principal, Fr. Antony Raj went out all his way to make the meeting useful and fruitful.

-Fr William S.J.

Play on the life of Kavi Kant



A special committee was formed in Ahmedabad to celebrate centenary of DOOT, a Gujarati Catholic Monthly. After conducting successfully the inaugural

function in Ahmedabad in January, 2010. The group organized a blood donation camp, career counseling workshop for students and students-parents meet. When the year long centenary celebration came to an end in January, 2011, the same bunch of enthusiastic people decided to remain glued together and they gave a name "SANGATH" to their group. SANGATH joined hands with Ahmedabad Deanery to organize Youth Talent Day in the month of August 2011 also.

On Sunday January 22nd 2012, SANGATH brought a classic play "Jala ne Padade" along with Gurjarvani, Xavier Center for Culture and Communication. It was an apt decision to join hands with Gurjarvani as it is celebrating Silver Jubilee this year.

A mono-act play, "Jala ne Padade" portrays the life of the famous poet in Gujarati literature Manishankar Ratnaji Bhatt, better known as Kavi Kant who accepted Christianity to attain inner peace. The play written by Dr Satish Vyas and directed-acted by Mr. Kamal Joshi represents the deep struggle Kavi Kant went through while accepting Christianity for his personal reasons and later had to give up the new religious practices due to the on-going boycott by the entire society. The two act play was beautifully choreographed with sound and light arrangements to powerfully present the conflict and creativity in the life of Kavi Kant. Mr. Joshi succeeded in keeping the audience in rapt attention with his in-depth electrifying performance. Whether it was the scene of his father's death, playing sitar, his wife Narmada's death, giving medicine to his son, or when he was asked to stay in a separate room in his own house once he adopted Christianity. It was indeed a treat to watch Mr. Joshi perform for two and half hours continuously with same zeal and enthusiasm. The play gave a right message of Christ's love and peace to a hall packed audience at St Xavier's Loyola Hall auditorium. Kudos to SANGATH and Gurjarvani!!!

-Rajesh Christian

Family Get Together Celebrations by C.A.A.

The 22nd January, 2012 Family Get Together Celebrations of the CAA was yet another event of joy and thanksgiving for the parishioners of the Ahmedabad. The Mount Carmel Cathedral was packed to its capacity for the 8.30 am Eucharist Celebrations. Fr. Francis Chinnappa celebrated the High Mass along with the concelebrants Fr. Sergio Dias and Fr. Sebastian. Fr. Francis C. in his homily highlighted the need to reflect upon the Ten Commandments and the Five Precepts of the Church and urged the parishioners to whole

heartedly follow the same in full sincerity. The Offertory Procession and related prayers were well organized. The Parishioners from the various parishes of Ahmedabad City actively participated in the Eucharistic celebrations .

After the Eucharistic Celebrations there was a Get Together in the Cathedral Hall wherein the parishioners were welcomed with a cup of coffee and cake. Thereafter, the CAA President Johnny DCosta heartily welcomed all the people and urged them to

take in activities organized by the CAA. Also present on this occasion were the Past President of the CAA-Kirit Macwan, Past Secretaries - T.P. John and Rajesh Simon. In his address, Kirit Macwan encouraged and motivated the CAA for organizing more and more activities for the benefit of the parishioners of the Ahmedabad Diocese. Later on CAA-Treasurer Collin D'souza highlighted all the future programs which the CAA plans to organize during the year 2012 such as Blood Donation Camp, an Eye Check up Camp, Developing a Family Cell for Parishioners of Ahmedabad, Formation of a Marriage Bureau and organizing a Bible Quiz. He stressed upon the need for the parishioners to actively participate in all the

programmes organized by the CAA as that would motivate the CAA to perform better in future.

Thereafter, a Fancy dress was performed by some children and all the participants were given gifts. Naime, a student of Std 2 performed a beautiful dance which was appreciated by all. Then games such as Bombarding the City, Musical Arms, Passing the Parcel and Housie were organized for the various groups which the parishioners enjoyed to the fullest. Fr. Sergio then addressed the gathering and wished the CAA all success in their future Endeavours. The Family day celebrations ended with a vote of thanks by Rajesh Simon which was followed by the delicious lunch.

-Collin D'souza

Heart Disease Related Ailments: Check up Camp

A free Check up Camp on Heart Disease Related Ailments was organized by Catholic Association of Ahmedabad, on 20th and 21st December, 2011 at Krishna Heart and Super Specialty Institute, Ghuma, Ahmedabad in order to enable the parishioners of the Ahmedabad to avail the benefit of a free check up. The parishioners numbering 100 were taken to the Institute in a Bus arranged by CAA and various tests such as Cardiogram, Lipid Profile, PPBS, BP tests and Echo/Tread Mill tests were conducted by Dr. Atul Choksi and his team of doctors on both the days. An awareness programme on the causes of heart related ailments

was also organized by the Institute for educating the parishioners about the same. The medical reports were handed over to the parishioners later on in the day and 18 parishioners were recommended to go for Angiography which was also conducted on a later date at a nominal fee of Rs.3000/- only.

This programme organized for the benefit of the parishioners was a grand success and was appreciated by all. The parishioners requested the CAA to organize other such camps in future and ensured CAA of their full support in this regard.

-Collin D'souza



01st January, 2012, Inauguration of the Platinum Jubilee Year of Bochasan Parish, Diocese of Ahmedabad.

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