



Tamil Catholic Association USA

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TCA President's Message

As we celebrate our nations' Independence Day and Assumptions of Mother Mary today, I feel it is most appropriate to recall what our Father of the Nation Gandhi said,

Truth is God;

Non-violence is Love in Action; and

Peace, the result of enduring conflict resolution, is the Fruit of Satyagraha.

As we know, the violence and the war in the world have significant impact on not only at the affected countries but also across the entire world. In the modern days, it is trivial that Peace is extremely important across the countries, communities and our families. As we celebrate our Mother Mary's heavenly birthday today, let us pray to our beloved Mother to intersect our prayers to bring Peace to all of us, within our families, our communities and the entire world.

As the summer is coming to an end shortly, enjoy the summer to its fullest and have fun in the sun!

Happy Independence Day!

Enjoy the sun and have fun! **By Thomas Amutharasu**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

August 15 is a special day for us Indian Catholics. We celebrate the double happiness of our country's independence and our Mother Mary's Assumption into heaven. It is a great joy for us because our Mother Mary has been given the privilege of being taken in full body and soul into the heaven. Nobody else has this honor.

The Assumption is a gift from God for our Mother Mary. We believe that she received the special gift for these three values and goodness in her life.

First for her humility: humility is not submissiveness as sometimes mistakenly understood. Humility means submitting oneself to God, not boasting about oneself rather recognizing virtues and talents that others possess and giving due honor. Mary submitted herself completely to God and never took pride. She was given the best privilege of carrying God's own son but still she was humble. When she met Elizabeth, she was greeted with "the mother of God" and yet she did not take pride into herself.

Second for her service-mindedness: this we learn from the two incidents in the Bible. Though she was pregnant, realizing that Elizabeth needed support, she hastened to meet and help her. During the wedding at Cana, she came forward to help the host of the wedding.

We owe a lot to the Indians, who taught us how to count, without which no worthwhile scientific discovery could have been made!

Albert Einstein

If I were asked under what sky the human mind has most fully developed some of its choicest gifts, has most deeply pondered on the greatest problems of life, and has found solutions, I should point to India.

Max Mueller, German scholar

There are some parts of the world that, once visited, get into your heart and won't go. For me, India is such a place. When I first visited, I was stunned by the richness of the land, by its lush beauty and exotic architecture, by its ability to overload the senses with the pure, concentrated intensity of its colors, smells, tastes, and sounds... I had been seeing the world in black & white and, when brought face-to-face with India, experienced everything re-rendered in brilliant Technicolor.

Keith Bellows, VP - National Geographic Society

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Thirdly for her saying yes to God: our Mother Mary said always yes to God's plan and she accepted that everything happens according to God's plan. When she was told that the savior would come through her, she said "I am the hand maid of the Lord" and let it be done if it is God's will.

And as we celebrate Independence Day, we also remember all those who have given their lives for our independence and in a special way our Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. This man could win over the hearts of the people for the values shown by our Mother Mary. His humility committed service to the nation and his religiosity has won the freedom for us.

As we celebrate this double feast let us emulate the great values shown by these special people and imparting this values to our children and the generation to come.

Happy Independence Day to all

Fr. Clatton Sackarias

Some interesting quotes on India

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;
Where knowledge is free;
Where world has not been broken up into fragments by domestic walls;
Where words come out from the depth of truth;
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;
Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action--
Into that heaven of freedom, my father, let my country awake.

Rabindranath Tagore

Gitanjali

India is the cradle of the human race, the birthplace of human speech, the mother of history, the grandmother of legend, and the great grandmother of tradition. Our most valuable and most astrictive materials in the history of man are treasured up in India only!

Mark Twain

If there is one place on the face of earth where all the dreams of living men have found a home from the very earliest days when man began the dream of existence, it is India!

Romaine Rolland, French scholar

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Editor's Note

***Blessings on Assumption of Holy
Mother Mary and Happy Indian
Independence Day***

We hope you enjoy it.

Thank you all for your
contributions to this newsletter
and for your continued support of
the TCA Youth Group.

TCA USA Annual Pilgrimage to Blue Army – June 28th, 2011

TCA USA celebrated its annual Holy Mother Mary's festival on Saturday, Jun 25th, 2011 at the Blue Army Shrine, Washington NJ. Mother Mary was dressed in a beautiful Indian Saree and was decorated with flowers. Members took Mother Mary on their shoulders in procession. Holy Rosary was recited at the Rosary Garden and the Holy Mass was celebrated with Grandeur. Choir was excellent. The event ended with a grand dinner with delicious food brought in by the members. Almost 200 members attended the event and received Mother Mary's blessing.

John Lawrence
Secretary

TCA USA Annual Picnic - July 9th 2011

TCA USA held its annual summer picnic on Saturday Jul 9th, 2011 at Roosevelt Park, Edison NJ. The Picnic team led by Mr. Joseph Cruz did an incredible job filling the day with plenty of fun activities and fittingly the weather was excellent too.

With Grill masters (Chef Gerald & Chef Joseph Cruz) putting their grilling skill into work, there was great food for all. And, Members brought delicious food and made it even better. Mr. Anand Gaspar partnered with other TCA members and coordinated amazing games for all ages.

Overall it was a fulfilling day and all the 100+ members who attended enjoyed thoroughly it.

John Lawrence
Secretary

Puzzle Page!

by Damian Dhanaraj

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