



Tamil Catholic Association USA

February 14, 2010



A PRAYER FOR LOVE

*Teach me to love, Lord, as You
love,*

*Make it unconditional, honest,
and kind,*

*To ask nothing back in return,
Lord,*

*To encompass the whole of
mankind.*

*May I offer my love without
speaking,*

*May it radiate as it shines
forth from me,*

*May it be seen in my face and
my eyes, Lord,*

*May it be simple, sincere, and
shame free.*

*Make my love for others be
greater by far*

*Than any love that is offered to
me,*

*Led by the Spirit, Inspired of
God,*

*As forgiving as Jesus...and
free.*



Characteristics of Real Love

True love will have the characteristics listed in 1 Corinthians 13. Love is slow to lose patience. It does not demonstrate irritations or reflect anger or have a quick temper. It has fully accepted the character of the one loved. Love looks for a way to be constructive. Love is actively creative. It is able to recognize needs. It discovers successful methods of improving or contributing to the other's life.

Love is not possessive. Love does not hold exclusive control where one is allowed little or no freedom to fulfill himself apart from the one who loves him. Love is not anxious to impress. Love doesn't seek to make an impression or to create an image for personal gain. Love does not cherish inflated ideas of its own importance. It is not self-centered. It has the ability to change and to accept change. It is flexible. It doesn't allow, or expect, life to revolve around itself.

Love has good manners. It has respect for others which results in a set of Christ-centered standards. It has

discretion. It knows what is proper and when. Love does not pursue selfish advantage. It does not have primary concern for personal appetites or for social status; but it shows concern for needs of the one loved and families and friends involved.

Love is not touchy. Love is not hyper-sensitive or easily hurt. It does not take things personally. It is not emotionally involved with personal opinions so that to reject ideas is to reject the one giving them. Love does not keep account of evil. Love doesn't review wrongs which have been forgiven. It does not dwell on past sins. It destroys evidence of past mistakes wherever possible.

Love knows no limit to its forbearance. Love has the ability to live with the inconsistencies of others. It has empathy for the problems of others. There is no end to Love's trust. Love believes in the person loved and in the person's worth without question. It has no reason to doubt the person's integrity.

- Fr. Theemas

Youth Club Activities for 2010

Youth Club - 2010 Projects

1. ELIJAH'S promises Soup Kitchen – Every Third Friday of the month serving meal
2. Haiti Earthquake Fund Raising on Feb 14th.
3. Registration of volunteering activities at Hospitals, Reading for the blind and dyslexic
4. Clothes Drive, Food Drive during the year
5. Toy drive during Christmas (Successfully done in 2009)

Other Activities planned for 2010

- College visits – Princeton University
- Senior Center visit
- Fund Raising during TCA summer picnic
- Volunteering for blood drive
- Youth Club Retreat

Reality Awareness Program

The Lent season is on its way! The RAP team will be coordinating a Palm Sunday celebration. If you attended the year before, you will remember that it was a very traditional and spiritual event. We will keep you posted about this event! For any questions or general information about RAP, please contact *Nirmala Arokiasamy* or *Daphne Lawrence*. Thank you.

~ RAP Team

Tamil Catholic Association of USA Accounting 2009 - Summary

Item	Description	Amount
1	2009 Starting Balance	
	a) Regular TCA account Balance	\$3,555.50
	b) Educational Fund	\$5,233.25
	Total	\$8,788.75
2	2009 Income	
	a) Membership Dues	\$4,190.00
	b) Special Events - Gift Revenue	\$3,794.00
	c) Donated Goods Revenue	\$160.00
	d) Contributions - Individuals	\$415.00
	Total	\$8,559.00
3	2009 Expenses	
	a) Office Rental	\$1,040.00
	b) Printing and Copying	\$557.07
	c) Postage and Shipping	\$198.37
	d) Renewals- Organizations	\$130.00
	e) Office Supplies	\$160.48
	f) Equipment Rental	\$74.82
	g) Awards and Gifts	\$1,401.44
	h) Insurance Expense	\$327.00
	i) Conventions/Meetings	\$3,888.27
	j) Organizational Expenses	\$438.28
	Total	\$8,215.73
4	2009 Charitable Giving	
	a) Donations to Other Organization - Educational Assistance for two Students	\$1,750.00
6	2009 Ending Balance	
	a) Regular TCA account Balance	\$3,648.87
	b) Educational Fund	\$3,733.25
	Total	\$7,382.12

Tamil Mandram Updates

Tamil Mandram members convened earlier this month to discuss the plan for the Tamil Classes. Here is a synopsis of our plan.

1. We will restructure the Tamil classes to follow a standard curriculum.
2. We will affiliate with a recognized university (like Tamil Virtual University) to conduct exams at the end of the year and assess results.
3. We will schedule classes to coincide with the Academic year (Sep - Jun).
4. The minimum age for the kids will be set as 5 Years.
5. The students will be categories based on age and skill level into Basic, Intermediate and Advanced categories.
6. The classes will be held biweekly (mostly on Sunday afternoon) and the schedule for the entire year will be planned ahead of time.
7. A curriculum team will be put together to analyze the material that is currently available and formulate curriculum for the TCA students. This team will also plan on other activities like field trip, extracurricular activities etc.
8. We will look into various options/locations for conducting the classes.
9. A nominal fee will be assessed for each student.

Tamil Mandram will assess and propose the fee structure to EC within the next month.



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Editor's Note

Hello TCA members! Happy Valentine's Day! If you didn't notice, the theme for our gathering today is love. Love is a beautiful thing and we are all very lucky to have it.

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter, *please* email me at tcanewseditor@yahoo.com.

Otherwise, please contact an EC member and they will pass on the information. Do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to help in any other way (*sponsoring, submitting articles...*), or if you would like me to include an advertisement. Thank you for your support!

Sibyl Medabalimi

TCA Goes Green in 2010!

We are proud to announce that TCA will be going green in this new year. We encourage all of our TCA members to start using email as the primary mode of communication. That means you will receive only evite and not the snail mail for all of our TCA celebrations, if you prefer. Please visit the PR team during today's meeting for more information. Thank you for your support to help TCA go green!

-TCA PR Team

St. Valentine



St. Valentine was a priest near Rome in about the year 270 A.D. At that time the Roman Emperor was imprisoning Christians for not worshipping the Roman gods. During this persecution Valentine was arrested. Some write that he was arrested because he was performing Christian marriages, but others say it was for helping Christians escape prison.

During the trial they asked Valentine what he thought of the Roman gods Jupiter and Mercury. Valentine said they were false gods and that the God that Jesus called Father was the only true God. So the Romans threw him in prison for insulting the gods.

While in prison, Valentine continued to minister. He witnessed to the guards. One of the guards was a good man who had adopted a blind girl. He asked Valentine if his God could help his daughter. Valentine prayed and

the girl was given her sight. The guard and his whole family, 46 people, believed in Jesus and were baptized. Because these people had come to know Jesus, Valentine praised God right there in his prison cell. When the emperor heard about this he was furious that Valentine was still making converts even in prison, so he had Valentine beheaded.

Valentine knew that he might get caught in his Christian activities. He knew that if he told the court the truth about the Roman gods that he would be thrown in prison. And he knew that if he continued to witness to Christ in the prison he would make his captors angry. But he continued, because he loved the Lord and his fellow humans. He was willing to risk his life to free the prisoners and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who needed to hear it.

The Bible Says: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13) God showed us this love by coming in Christ to die for our sins. And St. Valentine demonstrated this love when he died for his friends. This is the kind of love that Valentine's Day is really about.



Valentines Word Search

E B V Z N B E B O E D T
 S G A E H E A R T K K I
 G G S C A N D Y E N O H
 Y Z A A S I E W U I D N
 A G R L R T R U F P I N
 P F R I E N D S H I P Y
 H K O S W E E T I E U Q
 T R W B O L N E X E C P
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| ARROW | HEART | RED |
| BE MINE | HONEY | ROSES |
| CANDY | LACE | SWEETIE |
| CUPID | LOVE | SWEETS |
| FLOWERS | PINK | VALENTINE |
| FRIENDSHIP | | |

Valentines Word Ladder

Directions: Change one letter in the first word to make the 2nd word. Then change one letter in the 2nd word to make the 3rd word, all the way to the bottom

From DEAR to LOVE in 6 steps

D E A R

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L O A D

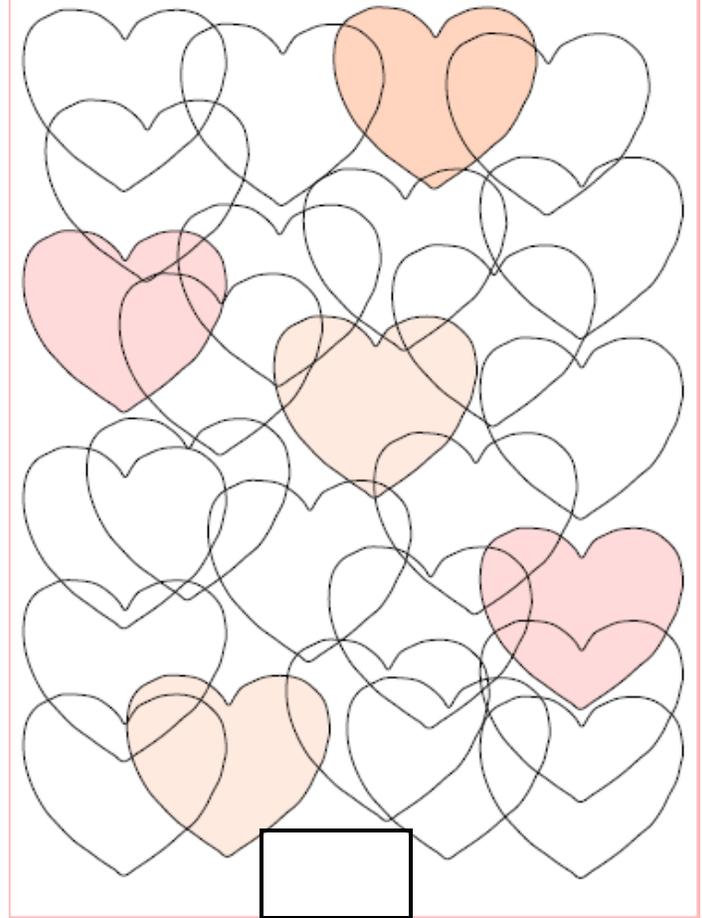
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L O V E



Correctly finish 3 of these puzzles, then show it to me, Sibyl Medabalimi, and win a special treat!

How Many Hearts?



Sudoku Puzzle

1					6
		4	2		
4					2
5					1
		6	5		
2					3