

Tamil Catholic Association USA

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Shrines Dedicated to Mary in India

- ✚ Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health, Vailankanni
- ✚ Poondi Matha Basilica, Poondi
- ✚ Shrine of Our Lady of Ransom, Kerala
- ✚ Our Lady of Snows Basilica, Tuticorin
- ✚ Our Lady of Remedies, Maharashtra
- ✚ Our Lady of Bandle, West Bengal
- ✚ Our Lady of Sand, Sakkankudieruppu
- ✚ Our Lady of Snow, Kallikulam



^Vailankanni^

A Message from our President

Dear TCA USA Members,

Welcome you all to our annual Pilgrimage to our Lady of Fatima Shrine Washington, NJ. June is the month dedicated by the Church to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This extraordinary devotion is said to draw souls close to the heart of Our Lord. Blessed be the Most Loving Heart and Sweet Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the most glorious Virgin Mary, His Mother, in eternity and forever.

June is also considered as a month dedicated to fathers of the world. I want to borrow few words from our President Obama: 'The journey of fatherhood provides unique and lasting joys. Cradling a baby in his arms, a father experiences the miracle of life and an unbreakable bond. Fathers imagine a world of possibilities awaiting their children and contemplate the privilege of helping them reach that expanse of opportunity. Fatherhood also brings great responsibilities. Fathers have an

obligation to help rear the children they bring into the world. Children deserve this care, and families need each father's active participation. Fathers must help teach right from wrong and instill in their kids the values that sustain them for a lifetime.' I wish all fathers of our association good luck and happy life with their family.

Our association is growing day by day and we are able to achieve the goals set before us for the first half of the year. Tamil home works are being sent to parents and students and the outcome is very encouraging. We are about to complete our selection of students for education sponsorship for the coming academic year. You will be receiving more updates from EC soon.

Wish you all a happy and blessed pilgrimage today.

*Francis Xavier
President, TCA USA*

Mark your Calendar!

Our TCA Annual Picnic is coming up next month.

Place:

COLONIAL PARK

Somerset, NJ

Date: July 26, 2009

Time: 11 am – 5 pm

Bring your family & friends!

Stay Tuned for more Info...!

--- TCA Picnic Coordinators



Editor's Note:

Summer has finally arrived! This is the third year that the newsletter has been around and I would appreciate any kind of feedback. Please don't hesitate to e-mail me at tcanewseditor@yahoo.com; I'm always open for suggestions! Also, if anyone would like to help with the newsletter (printing, writing) please contact me. Have a great summer!

Sibyl Medabalimi

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Milestones in the Activities of TCA-USA

The TCA-USA is profoundly happy in starting Tamil Mandram and Youth Club, the two Milestones in the growth of TCA. During April 12, 2009 TCA Fellowship, the first Tamil Class for the kids of TCA USA was conducted.

Enthusiastic response was shown by the registered children for the Tamil Class. The overwhelming participation of the TCA children revealed their desire to be part of Tamil culture and community.

Doss Britto and John Lawrence coordinate this noble activity. Vijayanthi Benno, Punitha Shekar, Julie Gerald, Florence George, Daphnie Lawrence and Maggie Amal are the volunteer Teachers. Registered TCA kids names for the Tamil Class:

Class-1: Saharikah Sagaya, Sofia Stanley, Royce Arokiaraj, Kevin Gerald, Rislyn Feron, Chelzhiyen Chris Valanarasu, Siona Indra Anto, Geolynn Nickson, Adrian Gaspar, Angelin James, Melvin Joseph, Rohan Iruthayaraj, Ryan Arokiaraj, Gio Nickson, Athalya Joseph, Sheno John, Sahanah Sagaya, Joel Britto, Steven Antony Sekar, Jenocent Michael Edwardraj, Johnathan Paulraj, Anusha Mathias, Avina Mathias.

Class-2: Sharon Stanley, Jennifer Gerald, Kevin Joseph, Jeremy Earnest, Cyril Medabalimi,

Mario Jayakumar, Anush Devadas. Class-3: Ajay Benno, Jenniston Francis, Sibyl Medabalimi, Jerry Prakash Britto, Alin Clement, Sharal Stanley, Maria Tina Benno, Chris Gerald, Jennifer Francis, Jerome Francis, Damian Dhanaraj, Jessica Francis, Margaret Ruchita Christian.

TCA Youth Club was also inaugurated on April 12, 2009 TCA Fellowship. Registration is open to children with age 12 and above. There should be a form filled out by the parents/guardians for allowing the children to take part in all the activities of Youth Club. Building leadership and social awareness among young TCA members is the main goal of the TCA Youth club. This club will concentrate its focus on guidance towards college education, guidance to participate in social work in US and India and guidance to attain moral excellence. Gerald Sebastian and Clement Antonysamy are the coordinators for this noble activity of TCA-USA.

All TCA members are requested to encourage their children to participate in these activities. For more information, please contact the respective coordinators or the Tamil class teachers or any Executive member.

Florence George
Secretary – TCA USA



Youth Club

Registration for Youth Club is free for children of registered member of TCA USA in the age group of 12 and above. Registration forms will be available on our TCA USA website (<http://www.tamilcatholicsusa.org>).

Activities planned are given below. These activities are subjected to change based on suggestions given by the Youth club, EC & GB members.

1.Monthly meetings which will be organized and run by kids with guidance from the mentogs.

2.College and University visits including meetings with College professors, university graduates.

3.Participating in social work such as blood drive, soup kitchen, visiting senior citizen centers etc.

4.Participating in TCA meetings, ushering in TCA mass.

5.Youth club members will provide Tutoring in English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Art for need-based kid

6.Participating in seminars and camps run by TCA for the youth club for building leadership, social awareness etc.

Gerald Sebastian and Clement Antonysamy are leading the youth club activities. Please send your comments and suggestion regarding the youth club to their following email addresses:
s_gerald@yahoo.com,
cmraj@yahoo.com or to TCA USA e-mail Id:
tamilcatholicsusa@yahoo.com with subject TCA USA Youth Club.

Independence Day



The Fourth of July is celebrated throughout the United States of America. This holiday commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence which occurred on July 4, 1776.

Britain
Colonies
Declaration
Fireworks
Freedom
Holiday
Independence Day
July Fourth
Parade
Philadelphia
Picnic
Self Government
Stars
Stripes
Thirteen
United States

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This famous American man wrote the Declaration of Independence. His name is hidden in the word search.

Can you find it?

