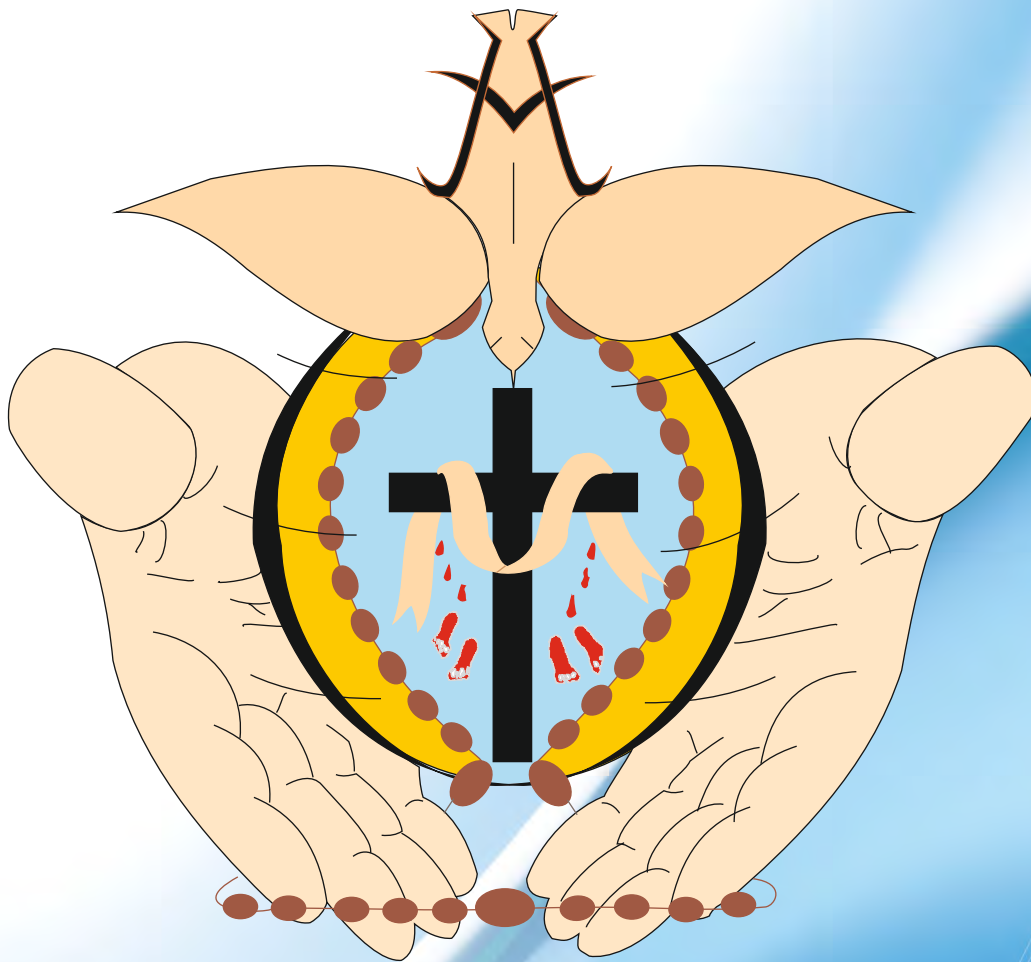


**A PROFILE**

**ASSOCIATION OF  
CRUSADERS FOR JESUS WITH MARY**

**AT THE SERVICE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**INITIATED IN 1997  
FOUNDED IN 2001**

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**T**he Association of Crusaders for Jesus with Mary (ACJM), a gift of the Holy Spirit, is a community of individuals fired up with the spirit of evangelization. It is a living and vibrant community of people whose hearts the Lord has touched, and whose lives have been transformed from being smouldering wicks of luke-warm Christians to now becoming blazing torches burning only with the love of Christ. This life transformation has resulted in those within the Association throwing open their lives, finances, time and other resources, and setting aside worldly pre-occupations to accommodate first the Lord's will in their lives, thus furthering the cause of Christ and the Kingdom of God. They seek to be in St. Paul's words: "What is life? To me, it is Christ." (Phil 1.21).

#### **OUR MISSION...**

*The core of the mission of the Association is the commitment to prepare lay men and women dedicated to the mission of Jesus and capable of responding to the call to holiness. The members of the Association thus set out to adopt the mission of Jesus in the world as their own, to live out the demands of the Kingdom and provide a service of evangelisation to the Church according to the Charism of its Patron Saint Joseph Vaz. While St. Francis Xavier is undoubtedly the greatest missionary the Church in Asia has ever seen, Saint Joseph Vaz is the greatest missionary the Church in Asia & the Third World has ever produced.*

*To live out its mission, the ACJM makes the Eucharist the center of its life and work as it strives to evangelize to the ends of the world and also to re-evangelize Catholics everywhere to return to meaningful Sacramental life in the Church. The Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Apostles, is the Patroness of the Association.*



**St Joseph Vaz**  
Patron of the  
Association of Crusaders  
for Jesus with Mary

**LETTERS OF REFERENCE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF GOA-DAMAN & DIU AND  
PATRIARCHATE OF THE EAST INDIES**

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CP/2304/2015

June 9, 2015

Dear Fr. Ellickal,

In the first place, I wish you the Peace and the Joy of JESUS.

I am pleased to present to you the bearer of this letter, Mr. Edmund Antao, who tells me he has been invited, along with his team, to preach a Retreat to the Priests of your Congregation in October 2015 and January 2016, respectively.

Edmund gave up a successful career as a lawyer in order to become a full-time evangelizer, some two decades ago. Having founded the "Association of Crusaders for Jesus with Mary," counting hundreds of members, he leads them into a deeper personal commitment to Christ in order to become active bearers of His Message, both to Christians and to followers of other faiths.

Besides holding 'street evangelization' programmes, attended by thousands in our Archdiocese, the Crusaders conduct various kinds of retreats and spiritual programmes to different sections of the People of God in a number of dioceses in India and even abroad. Some of the local bishops, especially in mission areas, regularly invite them to help in the promotion of Christian faith among non-Christians and in the faith formation of their own flock, as they find their ministry to be of significant spiritual advantage to the faithful.

In short, this is to say that Edmund Antao and his companions are well known lay preachers from this Archdiocese, whose orthodoxy in faith we have not had reason to place in question.

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LETTERS OF REFERENCE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF GOA-DAMAN & DIU AND  
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I take this opportunity to wish you abundant blessings on your important ministry to your Congregation and to the Church.

Yours sincerely in JESUS,

+ Filipe N. Ferrão

(+ Filipe Neri Ferrão)  
Archbishop of Goa and Daman

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CP/145/2015

January 21, 2015

Your Grace,

Cordial greetings to you from the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman in India!

I have the pleasure of presenting to you the bearer of this letter, Mr. Edmund Antao, who tells me he has been invited by Catholics from your Archdiocese to give them some Retreats, along with his team, in the coming days.

Edmund gave up a successful career as a lawyer in order to become a full-time evangelizer, some two decades ago. Having founded the "Association of Crusaders for Jesus with Mary," counting hundreds of members, he leads them into a deeper personal commitment to Christ in order to become active bearers of His Message, both to Christians and to followers of other faiths. The Association has been placed under the patronage of Fr. Joseph Vaz, a great missionary from this Archdiocese, who was canonized by Pope Francis earlier this month, on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Besides holding 'street evangelization' programmes attended by thousands in our Archdiocese, the Crusaders conduct various kinds of retreats and spiritual programmes to different sections of the People of God in a number of dioceses in India. Some of the local bishops, especially in mission areas, regularly invite them to help in the promotion of Christian faith among non-Christians and in the faith formation of their own flock, as they find their ministry to be of spiritual advantage to the faithful.

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In short, this is to say that Edmund Antao and his companions are well known lay preachers from our Archdiocese, whose orthodoxy in faith we have not had reason to place in question. I recommend them to your benevolent consideration.

I take this opportunity to wish you abundant blessings of the Lord on your Episcopal ministry to the Church in Istanbul.

Yours fraternally in JESUS,

+ Filipe N. Ferrão

(+ Filipe Neri Ferrão)  
Archbishop of Goa and Daman

# LETTER OF INVITATION FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF SAMOA - APIA



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16<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Mr. Edmund Antao

Dear Edmund,

Warm greetings from Samoa, I thank you sincerely for accepting our invitation in such a short notice, I am deeply grateful.

These are the dates of the Priests' Retreat 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> of August and the Deacons' Retreat from 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> of August, if you wish to come few days before then you may do so. There are about 45 Diocesan Priests and 15 Missionary Priests. Our Married Deacons are more than 60. There are about 50 fulltime and 10 part-time deacons, the latter ones they have jobs and serve in their own parishes.

If it is not asking too much of you will you be willing to give talks for our lay people between the two retreats if you are willing to take it especially in the evenings. We will take care of your ticket and provide accommodation for the rest of your stay.

Samoa is made up of four Islands; the biggest island is Savaii where the first Catholic missionaries arrived in 1845. The headquarters of the church and the Cathedral are in Upolu the most populated island and where the capital, Apia is situated. The three mainline churches in Samoa are the Congregational Christian Church (CCC) from the LMS, they arrived in Samoa in 1830, and the second arrived in 1835 which is the Methodist Church. The first Catholic Missionaries came from the islands of Wallis and Futuna where St. Peter Chanel was martyred.

There are 50 parishes, a strong youth who are very active in the life of the church. We have about 10 Religious Congregations and one Carmelite monastery, they have been here for 60 years and they have other monasteries in Wallis and Tonga.

The Archdiocese of Samoa-Apia belongs to the Episcopal Conference called CEPAC with our Major Seminary in Fiji. We speak two languages our native as our first language and English as our second language. There are Pacific islanders and Europeans living in Samoa who migrated here in the 1700s and 1800s. Flights to and from Samoa begin in Auckland, New Zealand, Nadi, Fiji and Honolulu, Hawaii. If there is anything you need please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely in Christ



†Alapati Lui Mataeliga  
Archbishop of Samoa - Apia





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13/04/2019

Dear Br Edmund,

You asked me to write about the sessions which I am more than happy to do, however, I find it hard to know where to begin, the sessions were just so rich, so full, pressed down and flowing over as they say, really, you managed to get so much into each session. We all expressed our deep gratitude to you and I do so once again in the name of each Little Sister. I believe it is fair to say the sessions have made a deep impression on us all of us without exception. It is not possible to remain the same, we have received many graces and must now render account of it, we received a necessary shake up in our spiritual life, perhaps one could say a spiritual jolt which is good for us, let us hope the efforts we have (made and will continue to make) to follow up will promote spiritual growth and bring forth fruit for the Kingdom. Our one desire is to keep alive the graces of this time by regularly reflecting on the Word of God, listening to the Lord through His Word, obeying the Word and striving to render Him total obedience so as to walk hand in hand with Him on our journey.

We have shared with each other about the sessions and indeed that helps us to keep it alive we have also started watching the DVD's you kindly left to us, another help to keep alive the momentum.

The sessions were so well planned with diverse input which captured our full attention that we did not even look at the watch! You have rekindled in each one of a renewed love for Sacred Scripture and a great desire to deepen our encounter, our relationship with Jesus on our pilgrimage in the faith.

You encouraged us to make more often prayers of petition of intercession and this we do at this moment for our Little Sisters in Auckland that they too will profit to the full.

We are about to enter into the most important week of the liturgical cycle Holy week, Jesus stands before us - as he stood before Pilate - revealing the truth. "What kind of a person am I" you often asked us during the conferences .....I pray we will be people who listen and obey.

Kind regards to Edlyn and Marlon. We hope you enjoy the rest of your stay in New Zealand and thanks you once again. With the assurance of our prayers for your ministry. Please pray for us.

God Bless  
Sr Ann Marie James, ple

## LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM MOTHER SUPERIOR OF MYSORE HOME, INDIA



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July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Dear Brother Edmund Antao

And the Team of Crusaders for Jesus with Mary,

Although I am a bit late in writing to you to thank you on behalf of the Community in Mysore, I want to assure you that we remember very well your Sessions. We often share what we have learned during those days of grace among ourselves – reminding one another of the retreat and often singing in our heart: “Jesus is mine forever....”

We are extremely grateful especially for instilling within us a love for reading prayerfully the Sacred Scripture and an ardent desire to come to know the Lord Jesus better, asking him often during our Scripture Reading and throughout the day to reveal Himself to us.

The two points you continually stressed: “to seek the Lord with all our Heart and then to render Him total obedience” we realize better are the essential and base of growth in our Spiritual Life.

The lessons we learned from King Saul, Moses, Abraham, David, and St. Paul are also often in our minds as we find ourselves at times in similar situations each day and their examples are a help to us in our Spiritual Growth.

In our Prayer Life, we understood also the importance to intercede for others - helping others through Prayers of Intercession.

This list could go on and on... but let me finish by saying that we feel the Sessions have helped us grow in our Spiritual Life – we will not be the same as

before and with the grace of God we hope to continue growing and living out our Bridal Relationship with Jesus our Spouse!

Once again we thank you and your Team and in return we promise the support of our Prayers for your important Mission in the Church in helping others come to know, love and obey the Lord Jesus.

Very gratefully yours,

In Jesus and Mary

Sr. Gemma Bernadette lsp

FRIDAY AUGUST 27, 2010

## Edmund to be on CCBI Panel

### VOX DEI NEWS LINK

**PANAJI:** Mr. Edmund Antao who hails from Goa has been made a National Consultant to the Proclamation Commission of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI). The appointment has been conveyed by the Executive Secretary to the Proclamation Commission Rev. Vijayshanti Raj from the CCBI Secretariat in Bangalore. Mr. Antao will also be associated as a partner in the running of the first ever Indian National School of Proclamation being setup by the CCBI.

The CCBI is one of the fourth biggest Bishops' Conferences in the world with over 173 active and retired Bishop members and covering over 128 dioceses in India. As a national Episcopal body it enables the Latin Catholic Bishops of India to exchange ideas and information, to deliberate on the Church's broad concerns and to take care



of Crusaders for Jesus with Mary". Commonly and affectionately called "Brother" Edmund, he has been committed as a full timer for over 12 years now to the work of being a messenger who brings God to others. His appointment comes in recognition of his commitment to the Proclamation ministry. He was a nationally decorated law graduate and a very successful Advocate until he opted to quit his career in order to serve full time in Proclamation work. Since then at the invitation of several dioceses all over India Mr. Antao has been actively involved in giving programmes for formation of youth, married people, professionals, Catechists, missionary priests, Seminarians and religious Sisters in order to become effective evangelisers. Edmund Antao is the son of late Remington and Palmira Antao and is happily married to Edlyn Vasco da Gama and belongs to the Parish of St. Andrew's Church, Vasco in Goa.

of the pastoral needs of the faithful. The CCBI functions through various Commissions consisting of select Bishops, clergy and lay persons. The Proclamation Commission of the CCBI aims to train youth, men, women, priests and religious so that they in turn can form others for proclaiming the saving love of God to all people. Most Rev. Isidore Fernandes, Bishop of Allahabad Diocese is the Chairman of the Proclamation Commission.

Mr. Edmund Antao is the Coordinator General of the Association called "Association

THE NEWSPAPER YOU CAN TRUST

# The Navhind Times

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2013

## Genuine humility is the only way to have a true encounter with God

JEROME DIAS

**VASCO:** Often our own achievements & talents block and do not allow those who are seeking a God experience to truly encounter God – the ongoing street evangelisation convention by the Crusaders was told at Margao. Speaker after speaker at the convention stressed that genuine humility involves us not thinking too highly of ourselves and requires that they regard one another more important than themselves. It does not mean to pretend that others are more important but to believe that others actually are more important. That is the kind of humility Christ had and which we need to live, they said.

The large audience at the convention which was held in the form of a road side public retreat at the Multi purpose grounds at Borda heard with rapt attention the speakers explain that perhaps the best way to have this seemingly impossible attitude is for each of us to consider our own sins. Any person knows far more about their own hearts than about the hearts of others. Recognising the sinfulness of one's own heart should exclude any boastful self exaltation, they said.



A section of the massive crowd seen in attendance at the ongoing Street Evangelisation Convention held at the Govt. Multipurpose Ground, Borda-Margao.

Delivering the key address at the convention the Coordinator General of the Association of Crusaders for Jesus with Mary (ACJM) Mr Edmund Antao used the analogy of marbles to drive home the point. He said that marbles of various sizes, colours and composition when packed closely together are bound exclusively by the container. But if the bag is opened or ripped the marbles spill out in all directions because there is nothing internal that binds them to each other. In contrast iron shavings by their nature respond to the power of the magnet

and are drawn together. Even if some outside force causes them to be pulled apart still the attractive force remains and they will reunite as soon as the separating cause is removed.

He explained that the unity the Bible so highly exalts is inward not outward, it is internally desired not externally compelled, it is spiritual not only ecclesiastical, more heart felt than creedal. Such unity is not grounded in sentimentalism but in careful, thoughtful and determined obedience to God's will.

Mr Antao told the 3 day convention that while Christians must of course never compromise doctrines or clearly biblical principles, but to humbly defer to one another on secondary issues is a mark of spiritual strength not weakness and it shows maturity. To insist on one's way in matters of personal choice is sinful as it senselessly divides people and reflects a pride-filled desire to promote one's personal views, style or agenda. He added that selfish ambition is often clothed in pious rhetoric by those who are convinced of their own superior abilities in promoting the cause of Christ.

Often such a narrow focus arises out of genuine passion for an important ministry or enterprise but disregard of fellow Christians no matter how un-intentional is a mark of indifference and sinful indifference. The "Better Than Thou" attitude is hurting the cause of Christ he said urging everyone to shed this attitude which is so much like the attitude of the elder son in the Prodigal son's story narrated by Christ. Giving in to others does not make us lose but in fact we win and we also thereby promote unity. A procession to honour the Virgin brought the curtains down on this Convention.

**NATIONAL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS IN BANGALORE, INDIA**



**NATIONAL RETREAT FOR MISSIONARY PRIESTS AND NUN SISTERS  
IN CHENNAI, INDIA**



**NUN SISTERS OF VARIOUS CONGREGATIONS SEEN  
HERE PRAYING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR A  
RENEWAL IN THEIR CONGREGATION DURING AN  
ORIENTATION SESSION IN GOA, INDIA**



**AFTER A 3-EVENING CONFERENCE WITH THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR  
AT ST PAUL'S HOME, MALTA**



**RETREAT FOR PHILOSOPHERS AND THEOLOGIANS OF THE  
MCBS CONGREGATION, VIJAYAWADA - ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA**



**A RETREAT FOR SEMINARIANS AT THE MAJOR SEMINARY IN NAGPUR, INDIA**



**AFTER ANOTHER RETREAT FOR PRIESTS OF THE CAMILLIAN CONGREGATION**



# CONFERENCES AND RETREATS FOR PRIESTS AND DEACONS IN SAMOA



**THE PRIESTS SEEN WITH THE ARCHBISHOP AND TEAM TOWARDS THE CLOSE OF THE CONFERENCES HELD IN PREPARATION OF WACOM 2020**



**THE DEACONS DURING THEIR RETREAT HELD IN PREPARATION OF WACOM 2020**

**FAITH CONFERENCES BY THE ASSOCIATION IN TURKEY**



## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



RETREAT IN JEBEL ALI CHURCH



WITH CORPORATE  
COMPANY MEMBERS,  
DUBAI



RETREAT IN DUBAI

# SWITZERLAND



DURING AN ORIENTATION SESSION FOR LAY CATHOLIC LEADERS

# BHUTAN





**AFTER THE 8th CHAPTER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015, THE NEW ELECTED COORDINATOR GENERAL AND COUNCIL OF ELDERS ALONG WITH THE HIGHEST OFFICIALS OF THE CHURCH, GOA-INDIA**



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# MULTIFACETED WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION



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Centre

Media  
Evangelization &  
Publications

Missionary  
Work in remote  
parts of India

Audio-Visual & TV  
Ministry

Disciple Formation  
Camps (Conclaves)

Village  
Evangelisation  
Campaigns

Prayer  
Meetings

Group Pilgrimages  
(Domestic &  
International)

Intercession  
Ministry

Music  
Ministry

Gospel Mass  
Conventions

Youth  
Ministry

Charity &  
Hospital  
outreach

Christ Every  
Home Crusade  
(CEHC)

The Association of Crusaders for Jesus with Mary operates through hundreds of Lay Catholics who, depending on their availability, dedicate themselves full-time or part-time to a ministry of their choice out of the multifaceted work/ministries of the ACJM.

# OUTREACHES by the CRUSADERS as part of its mission



## OFFICES & ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION



A view of the outside of the ACJM Head Office in Goa



Inside view of the ACJM Head Office at Vasco, Goa with staff

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