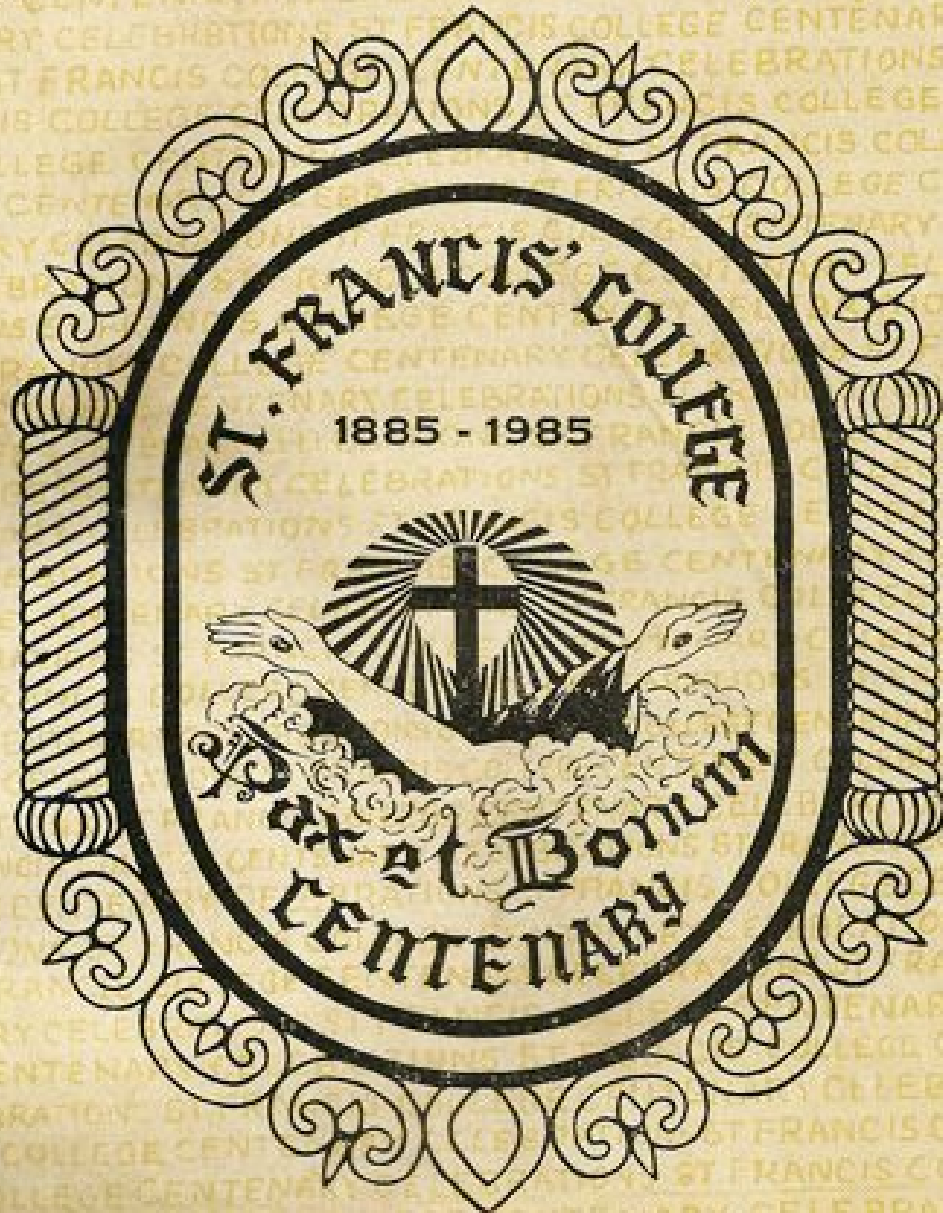


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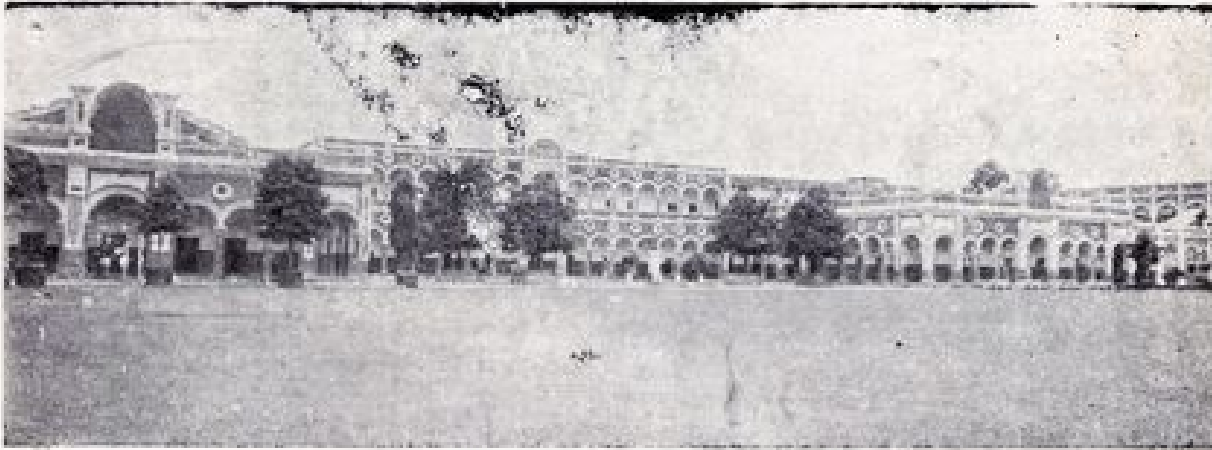
REV. FR. NORBERT O.F.M. Cap.
FOUNDER - PRINCIPAL
1885 - 1886

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St. Francis of Assisi
Patron of the College



COLLEGE ANTHEM

"We will Answer"

1. Tho' no bugles may blow and no drums beat,
Tho' we hear not the marching of proud feet,
Tho' no flags and no pennons the day greet,
We will answer when Duty shall call.

Refrain : To the end we'll be true; we'll forget not,
All the care Alma Mater thou spared not,
To the spirit of Francis we'll fail not,
We will answer when Duty Shall call

2. Through the heat of the day and the burden,
And thro' sweat and thro' toil without guerdon,
To dishonour we shall not be lured in;
We will answer when Duty shall call.
3. With a heart and a will where the right be,
Altho' arduous the task there or light be,
We'll be found in the thick where the fight be,
We will answer when Duty shall call.

Words by V. E. Vance



THE STAFF 1985-86

Seated : (L to R) Miss S. D. Chand, Mrs. O. Correya, Mrs. I. Sen, Mrs. M. Srivastava, Fr. V. Pinto, Rev. Fr. O. Lewis, (Principal), Fr. B. Quadras, Mrs. Z. Singh, Mrs. I. L. Wanchoo, Mrs. S. Singh, Mrs. M. Jalota.

Standing 1st Row : Mrs. S. Chatterjee, Mrs. B. R. Dean, Dr. N. Kamal, Mrs. G. D. Souza, Mrs. I. Mukherjee, Mrs. G. Godin, Mrs. S. Mitchel, Mrs. P. Rodricks, Mrs. B. Crasto, Miss V. Shifton, Mrs. R. Edwards, Mrs. M. Ramchander, Mr. E. Romauld.

2nd Row : Mr. V. Russell, Mr. A. Ramchander, Mrs. P. Jonathan, Miss R. Naidu, Miss A. Chattree, Miss R. Badhwar, Miss I. Menezes, Mrs. E. Sen, Mrs. C. Fanthome, Mrs. E. Joseph, Mrs. O. D' Souza, Mrs. M. Kandpal, Miss P. Khan, Miss M. Joseph, Mrs. K. Mukherjee, Mr. J. Crasto, Mr. R. D' Silva.

3rd Row : Mr. R. Robinson, Mr. L. D. Joshi, Mr. B. Britto, Mr. P. C. Agarwal, Mr. R. P. Gupta, Mr. L. J. Fuller, Mr. P. K. Singh, Mr. V. P. Sharma, Mr. J. Rodricks, Mr. I. E. Sharpe, Mr. R. M. Misra, Mr. S. N. Saxena, Mr. S. C. Johri.

4th Row : Mr. R. Parker, Mr. J. Hannah, Mr. P. Bhargava, Mr. P. A. J. Lewis, Mr. J. A. Camphor, Mr. S. D. Edwards, Mr. G. Davids, Mr. N. K. Vig, Mr. C. Minj.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I will give thanks to Thee
O Lord among the peoples.
I will sing praises to Thee
among the nations.

With these words the Staff, the students with their parents and the ex-Franciscans exalted the Lord of the universe for the hundred years of existence of St. Francis' College, Lucknow. Yes, a hundred years of yeoman's service is not too little for an institution to rise to these glorious heights from a humble beginning. Having completed a hundred successful years, St. Francis' College, today, has the honour of being one of the premier institutions in the country. Thanks to the Patronage of St. Francis' of Assisi and for God's blessings.

The credit goes to the far sightedness of the Founder, Rev. Fr. Norbert, O. F. M. Cap., an Italian Capuchin priest who that planted the seed in the city of Nawabs on 26th

April, 1885. Little did he expect at that juncture that that tiny seed would, after a hundred years, grow up into such a gigantic tree, sheltering almost two thousand boys. Meanwhile, more than 10,000 students have passed through its portals and are now cherishing nostalgic memories of the glorious past.

Walking in the footsteps of the Founder, the thirty Principals in succession, left no stone unturned for the growth and development of the College. With their sweat and blood they built this Institution, brick by brick. The colossal buildings that bedeck the campus today are the fruit of their innumerable sacrifices and dedication to the cause of education. "Love one another as I have loved you." (Jesus Christ) was their motto.

Here, I would like to place on record, our heartfelt gratitude to the Superiors of Bologna Province, Italy, to Late Bishop Dr. Conrad De Vito, D.D., Most Rev. Dr. Cecil desa and Rt. Rev. Dr. Alan de Lastic, from whom these Principals received inspiration guidance and encouragement.

The Centenary Year was inaugurated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Alan de Lastic, Bishop of Lucknow, on 19th January, 1985. To mark the occasion, an Inter-Religious Prayer Service was conducted, which was attended by a large gathering of students, parents and ex-Franciscans. Prayers from the Gita, the Koran and the Guru Granth Sahib were chanted by the students while the Holy Mass was concelebrated by the Chief Guest.

Centenary celebrations were on the horizon when the academic year 1985-86 commenced. A host of activities were planned and committees were formed for their smooth execution, and immediately after, the Staff and students got down to work.

The student-centred year-long programme had a variety of activities for our lads for Juniors and Seniors, for intellectuals and games lovers, for artists and musicians. Inter-House Debates, Elocutions, Quiz Contests, Essay Writing, On the Spot Painting and Singing Competitions were held; while matches, track and field events were conducted by the House Masters and the P.T.I.s.

Finally the long awaited golden day dawned on 18th November 1985. The all-excited students assembled in front of the Patron's Statue, where Rt. Rev. Dr. Alan de Lastic, Bishop of Lucknow, lit the Centenary Lamp and unfurled the College colours while the choir sang the College Anthem, "We will answer when duty shall call." An

Inter-Religious Prayer Service followed, invoking God's graces upon the College and on all those who take shelter in it. Inter-College Debates, Quiz, Talent Contests, Painting Competitions were conducted round the clock during the whole week. Students of the local institutions actively participated in them and won the coveted shields and medals.

The Centenary Exhibition, inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Romano, O. F. M. Cap., ex-Principal, was the talk of the town. St. Francis' College Down the Decades' occupied the pride of place, while 'India of My Dreams' was presented delightfully. The depiction of the different aspects of Indian life—social, cultural, religious, rural, scientific progress, health and hygiene, National leaders and Lucknow, the City of Nawabs, was informative.

The Centenary Concert held on 20th and 21st November, 1985, was presided over by the Honourable Shri Sunil Shastri, State Minister for Power & Energy and Rev. Dr. Alan de Lastic respectively. Our students' performance on the stage was beyond description. The audience rolled in laughter while "What Happened to Jones" was gradually revealed. The College Choir rose to the occasion by providing melodious interludes.

We were privileged to have Bishop Ignatius Meneses, ex-Principal, as our Chief Guest at the Centenary Sports on 22nd November, 1985. The unique feature of the day was the Inter-School Track Events while the Inter-School matches and Field Events which were previously decided, were equally thrilling.

The final day of the celebrations was a "Thanksgiving Day." A gaily decorated Altar was erected on the stage for the purpose. The Staff and students, ex-Franciscans and parents joined the Most Rev. Agostino Cacciavillan, Pro Nuncio to India, who along with two Bishops and 25 priests offered the Thanksgiving Sacrifice. The College Choir rendered apt hymns for the occasion.

A grand finale was provided by the gracious presence of the Honourable Shri Vir Bahadur Singh, Chief Minister of U. P., at the Inter-College Athletic Meet and Physical Training Display. Colourful performances of Mashael Drill and Torch-Light Tattoo brought the curtain down on the week long centenary celebrations.

We were privileged to have Rev. Fr. Ezio Venturini, O. F. M. Cap., Mr. Surendra Mohan, I. A. S., Miss Angela D'Souza, and our ex-Franciscans Dr. G. S. Misra, Dr. R. S. Rastogi, Dr. K. C. Mathur and Justice S. K. Dhaon as our Chief Guests at various

functions. Here I wish to add that Rev. Fr. Venanzio Reali, Provincial of Bologna Province, who could not be present, had sent Rev. Fr. Ezio Venturini, Rev. Fr. Christopher and Rev. Fr. Romano, ex-principal to attend the entire celebrations.

Our thanks are due to the Principals of Loreto Convent, La Martiniere Girls' College, St. Agnes Loreto School, St. Mary's High School, Christ Church College, St. Fidelis' High School, St. Paul's School, Mahanagar Boys' Inter College, Seventh-Day Adventist School and Spring Dale High School, whose co-operation was responsible for the success of the Inter-Institutional competitions held at St. Francis' College. We sincerely acknowledge the services of the judges who had the toughest role to play. We congratulate all the participants for their competitive spirit and sportsmanship. We remain ever grateful to Mr. H. D. Kamath, Works Manager, The Eveready Flashlight Company, Lucknow, who generously gifted 200 Flashers and 600 torch lights for our P.T. Display. May God bless you all.

We continue to keep the academic lamp burning with the same intensity as in the past. The Staff and students give their best for the purpose. The stars of the Centenary year were Rohit Chatterjee, Akash Maithi and Sanjay Gupta, who earned laurels by securing 5 points (92%) each in the I.C.S.E. Examination of 1985. Their exceptional performance is the best one in recent years. Sharad Mehrotra topped the I.S.C. (12) 1985. Examination by securing 89%. Congratulations boys! Aditya Agarwal was adjudged 'Best Boy' of the year while Sanjay Binal lifted the 'Sportsman of the Year' Trophy.

Pleased with the efforts of our students, we have announced freeship to those who secure the first five positions in the I.C.S.E. Examination each year. Centenary Medals have also been instituted to those who secure 80% and above in the I.C.S.E. and I.S.C. (12) Examination each year. These medals for the year 1985 were distributed by the Chief Guest during the Centenary Concert on Thursday, 21st November 1985.

St. Francis' College offered a centenary gift to the people of Lucknow this year by adding one section to each of the classes three and four. With the addition of these two sections we have reached the peak with 1975 students on the roll.

It is an acknowledged fact that the non-teaching Staff is the backbone of any institution. 'May Day' was celebrated as 'Workers' Day' in the College. All the employees and their families were entertained by the staff and student.

The programme included games for children of different age groups, for ladies and gents. A short Prayer Service and some musical items were provided. While everyone

was given a treat, the employees were given gifts ranging from Rs. 300 to Rs. 500. Gift cheques of Rs. 2,000/- each, were given to Sajjan and Nabi Bux for their long and meritorious service.

The Old Franciscans' Association, that has grown over the years, was very active this year. The Ex-Franciscans formed a Centenary Committee with Dr. P. N. Muttoo as the Convenor, in order to render immediate succour to their Alma Mater. They were generous, co-operative and offered every assistance whenever and wherever required. They really lived up to their commitment "We will answer when duty shall call." The Centenary Emblem was designed by Mr. Arun Dhir, an ex-Franciscan. Both the Centenary Committee and the Executive Committee worked hand in hand during the whole year. We say a big 'Thank You'.

We place on record the services of Miss P. Chakraverty, Mrs. C. Egbert and Mr. S. Ghosh, who left this institution, while Sr. Cecelia D'Souza and Sr. C. Mathew were transferred. A warm welcome is accorded to Rev. Fr. B. Quadras, Mr. J. Hannah Miss R. Naidu, Miss V. Shiftain, Miss A. Chattree, Mrs. K. Mukerjee, Sr. A. Sebastian Sr. R. D'Souza who joined the S.F.C. family in July 1985.

By the end of the centenary celebration, Mr. A. Ramchander turned 'Silver' Congratulations! We appreciate his selfless dedicated service for 25 years and pray that God may grant him many more fruitful years at S.F.C.

Personally I remain grateful to all our Staff members who slogged for the success of the Centenary Celebrations. I beg to be excused for mentioning just a few names, which I feel, I must - Mr. P.A.J. Lewis, (Convenor), Mr. Basil Joseph, Mr. S. C. Johri, Mr. R. Robinson, Mr. S. D. Edwards, Mr. V. Russell, Mr. R. Parker and Mrs. I. L. Wanchoo.

I sincerely thank Bishop Alan de Lastie for his continued support and encouragement; my co-workers Rev. Fathers V. Pinto and B. Quadras for readily sharing the burden, Rev. Sisters and the non-teaching Staff for what they are to St. Francis' College. Lastly I thank the students and parents for their co-operation and goodwill.

Every good gift comes from the Father of Light.
May He grant you His grace and every blessing
and keep you cheerful throughout the coming year.

Fr. O. Lewis
Principal



The Holy Father John Paul II
 paternally imparts
 his Apostolic Blessing to
 The Principal, Staff and Students
 of St. Francis College, Lucknow
 on the occasion of the centenary of their
 college

by the Holy Father on the 25.10.1915

J. Antonin, O.S.A.
Chaplain, St. Francis College



GOVERNOR
UTTAR PRADESH
RAJ BHAVAN
LUCKNOW

November 6, 1985

MESSAGE

I am glad to know that St. Francis' College, Lucknow is celebrating its centenary on 18th November, 1985 and a souvenir is also being brought out to commemorate the occasion.

I understand that St. Francis' College has been rendering meritorious services to the cause of education and building up character of the students since its inception.

The aim of our present day education should be to cultivate profound respect for our glorious heritage, encourage a spirit of innovation and promote the pursuit of individual excellence. I hope, St. Francis' College will fulfil these objectives and its future will be brighter than before.

I felicitate the Principal, Staff and students of the College and extend my best wishes for the Centenary celebrations of the College.

Sd/-
(Mohd. Usman Arif)



PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT
Rashtrapati Bhavan
New Delhi - 110 004

September 10, 1985

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter dated the 29th August, 1985. The President of India is glad to know that St. Francis' College, Lucknow, has completed hundred years of valuable service to the cause of education and is celebrating its Centenary in November, 1985. The President sends his greetings to the management, staff and the students on the occasion and best wishes for the continued progress of the College in the future.

Yours faithfully

Sd/
(K. Suryanarayana)



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE

It is never easy to assess the full impact made by a good educational institution. Apart from imparting knowledge, it instils character and civic responsibility. St. Francis' College, Lucknow, has rendered great service to the people of Uttar Pradesh. I am glad to know it is completing a hundred years.

My good wishes to the staff and students of the St. Francis' College on the occasion of its centenary. I hope it will continue to cover itself with credit.



APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE IN INDIA
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Chanakyapuri,
NEW DELHI - 110 021

17th September 1985

It is with great pleasure that I send my heartfelt greetings to the Principal, Staff and students on the occasion of the Centenary Celebrations of Saint Francis' College, Lucknow.

The Second Vatican Council described in the following way the special role the school has in the Church and society (see the Declaration on Christian Education, n. 5). Cultivating the intellect of its students with unremitting attention and bringing their capacity for right judgement to maturity, the school is to provide an introduction to the cultural heritage won by preceding generations while at the same time promoting a sense of values and readiness for the students' future life. By creating friendly contacts between students of different temperaments and backgrounds the school is to foster in them a willingness to understand one another.

For the past century, Saint Francis' College has been a centre whose operation and progress has engaged the joint participation of families, teachers, and various cultural, civic and religious groups to these same ends mentioned above, bringing many wonderful benefits to its alumni, to society and the Church. May God's blessings insure that the College's work of teaching in the name of Christ will continue to build towards a better future for many years to come.

+ Sd/—
(Agostino Cacciavillan)
Apostolic Pro-Nuncio



Cardinal L.T. Picachy, S.J.
Archbishop's House,
32, Park Street,
Calcutta - 700016

2nd September, 1985

I wish the Staff and students of St. Francis' College, Lucknow, every grace and blessing on the great occasion of the centenary of this well known institution. St. Francis' College has served the student community with exemplary dedication and competence during the past 100 years. The students and their family members will always remember the wonderful education that the boys received in this College.

I pray that the centenary week will be blessed and may this be an occasion of a happy re-union of the past and present students.

May God bless all of you.

Sd/-
Cardinal Lawrence T. Picachy, sj
Archbishop of Calcutta

Bishop's House
Hazratganj, P.B. 70,
Lucknow-226 001 U.P.

September 3, 1985

Dear Father,

It is with great pleasure that I send you this message on the occasion of the centenary of St. Francis' College, Lucknow.

The celebrations of a centenary gives one an opportunity of reflecting on the past, assessing the present and planning for the future.

Our first duty is to praise and thank God for His continued help and guidance to this institution which has withstood the onslaught of time.

We look back over the years with gratitude to the members of the Capuchin Order, whose lives of dedicated service will always remain inseparable from the history of the Church in this part of India. St. Francis' College is one among many institutions which stand today in silent tribute to their past labours. We must not forget that unbroken stream of principals and members of the staff, some of whom have since gone to their reward, nurtured the growth of the institution with love and dedication to this day.

The good work begun a hundred years ago is bearing fruit today as St. Francis' College continues the noble tradition of training the youth entrusted to its care according to sound principals of education. Since it is a Catholic college it is inspired and guided by a definite view of man, of the world and history. It not only continues its record of brilliant academic performance, but gives prime importance to the formation of character. The institution aims at the development of the whole person, intellectually, spiritually, morally and physically, and makes every effort to inculcate in its students the values of piety, brotherly love and concern, patriotism, justice, truth, purity of mind and body. In short it aims at helping the students grow into mature, responsible persons.

With such a glorious past and its present achievements, the institution is assured of a very promising future.

I am pleased to convey to the Principal the Staff and students my congratulations, my best wishes and my blessing on this historic occasion.



+ Sd/-
(Bishop Alan de Lastic)



CATHEDRAL HOUSE
Wazirpura Road
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11th September 1985

Dear Revd. Father.

It is with great pleasure that I heard that St. Francis' College was about to celebrate its centenary. I write to send you my sincere congratulations and good wishes and pray for God's blessing and grace on the institution, its Staff and its students.

Celebrating a centenary has deep significance. The pomp and show is not all that matters. St. Francis' College is not simply a hundred year old institution. It is an outstanding school known not only in Lucknow but all over the country for its excellence. It is known and respected for the good men who have passed through its portals and more for the good work it is doing in steadfastly upholding spiritual and secular values in today's pragmatic world.

Celebrating a centenary has significance as I said. The past must never be forgotten. He who forgets the past will make a mess of the future. He who forgets Hiroshima is a danger to society. That is why I am glad that you are celebrating the hundred year old story of St. Francis' College. The old boys will talk with nostalgia of the good old days. St. Francis' is seeing better days today, but it is worth capturing some of the glories and traditions of those years; this will inspire the present generation to preserve the spirit of St. Francis' which made the institution what it is today.

With my good wishes and blessing.

Yours sincerely,
+ Sd/-
Cecil de Sa
Archbishop of Agra

Minister of
Education and Muslim Waqf,
Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.

October 1, 1985

I am extremely happy to know that St Francis' College, Lucknow is celebrating its centenary this year and a souvenir is also being brought out to mark the occasion.

St. Francis' College is one of the pioneer educational institutions of Lucknow, which has attained a reputation of imparting qualitative standard of education. I hope it would continue to serve in this field and maintain its glorious traditions.

I wish all success to the institution on this happy occasion.

Sd/-

(SYED SIBTEY RAZI)

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Bologna
ITALY
September 22nd, 1985

Dear Reverend Father,

Thank you for your kind invitation to be with you for the Centenary Celebrations of Saint Francis' College, Lucknow. I am sorry, I shall not be able to come, but I shall be with you spiritually and most gladly I shall unite my voice with the chorus of voices which will remember with gratitude, partake with affection and rejoice with enthusiasm in these Centenary Celebrations.

Saint Francis' College is, perhaps, after the Lucknow Cathedral, the most outstanding monument that the Capuchin Missionaries of the Bologna Province have handed over to the Indian Diocesan Clergy, in this great and much loved India.

Saint Francis' College has come a long way since in 1885, took the sails off with only two poor boys, while today it is proud to number almost two thousand students. This speaks for itself of the generous energies and of the hard work put in by our Italian Fathers, which has brought fruits of Science and Virtue, of Progress and Goodness, of Peace and Goodwill.

With renewed thanks for your invitation, I pray to God to protect and bless the Principal, the Staff and the pupils, so that Saint Francis' College may continue to be a haven of knowledge and spirituality for the people of Lucknow and of India.

Sd/-
(Fr. Venanzio Reali)
Father Provincial.



Bishop's House
Ajmer - 305 001
Rajasthan (India)
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Date : 20-9-1985

Dear Fr. Oswald,

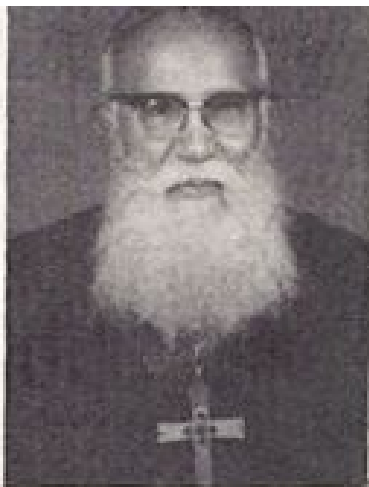
Thank you very much for your letter dated August 24, 1985 requesting me to send a MESSAGE, which would be published in the SOUVENIR that you intend to bring out at the time of the CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS of St. Francis' College, Lucknow. Indeed, it gives me great joy to do the needful.

I have been personally associated with the history and growth of this great institution as I had served the same from July 1965 to July 1967 as Vice-Principal and from July 1977 to December 1978 as Principal and Manager. During these one hundred years of past history of the institution, there were certainly hopes and fears, anxiety and diffidence, joy and sadness; the adverse feelings have now vanished and the Institution stands as a sign of stability, growth and future hopes. On this occasion, I can not but thank God and the authorities of the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow for opting to render this educational service through this Institution to the parents and students of Lucknow.

Looking ahead of time, I can visualize a bright future for this Institution because the students who study there are really talented and they can make a mark when helped and guided. As such, my simple wish and prayer is : May the giver of all gifts shower His abundant blessings on the Management, Staff and the students and may He continue to bless this Institution and help it grow from strength to strength, through the devoted services of the Staff.

With my personal good wishes and sincere thanks to each one of you. I impart my blessing.

Devotedly yours,
+ Sd/-
(Ignatius Menezes)
BISHOP OF AJMER-JAIPUR



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BISHOP'S HOUSE
32, Thornhill Road,
Allahabad-211 002

22 - 10 - 1985

Dear Rev. Fr. Oswald Lewis,

It is with great pleasure that I write these few words for the centenary magazine of St. Francis' College, Lucknow.

I am acquainted with St. Francis' College, Lucknow from 1933 when Late Rev. Fr. Celestine, O.F.M. Cap. was the Principal and Mr. D'Souza was the Headmaster. The name and fame of the College then, as now, was sky high with the strict discipline of former days.

The people of Lucknow are lucky that even to this day, in the midst of an atmosphere of indiscipline, St. Francis' College holds its head up. We are proud that a series of able Principal have been able to maintain these high standards both of discipline and teaching. We thank God and St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron of the College, for this grace of being able to lay the basic foundation of the lives of hundreds of brilliant men in North India. We wish and hope that this noble work will continue for many years to come.

Each student leaving this college will carry with him the beautiful message inscribed in the motto of the College - Peace and Good Will. These two words were the life-motif of St. Francis of Assisi.

Yours Sincerely
+ Sd-
(B. Mudartha)
Bishop of Allahabad



BISHOP'S HOUSE

45, Varanasi Cantt.
226 002. U.P. India.

4th October 1985

Dear Father

On the occasion of the Centenary of St. Francis' Lucknow, along with all the well wishers of the College, I send my greeting to the Management, Staff and students, with the prayer that the future may be even brighter. May you be able to serve the country even more effectively in the years to come.

With every kind wish.

Yours in Our Lord,

+ Sd/

(Patrick D'Souza)

Bishop of Varanasi

BISHOP'S HOUSE

64, Cantonment,

Jhansi-284 001.

U. P., India.

October 9, 1985

Dear Fr. Lewis,

Please accept my heartiest congratulations and prayerful greetings on the occasion of the Centenary celebrations of St. Francis' College, Lucknow.

During the last one hundred years St. Francis' College has earned a name for itself not only in U. P. but also in the other parts of our country. It can be rightly proud of the galaxy of men it has produced, who have done and are doing great service to our country. But the task ahead is much more challenging; in a world of loose morals and lost ideals, we need men and women of integrity, honesty and sincerity, people who are deeply convinced of the moral values that our institutions try to instill in their students, people who can stand the test of the time, who can uphold the dignity of the people around them, who are prepared to render unselfish service to mankind. To produce such men and women, I believe, is the primary duty and responsibility of every educational institution, especially, of those, which have their foundation in the teachings of Christ. May God, the source of every true knowledge and wisdom, guide St. Francis' College in this all-important task in the years to come.

With all good wishes and renewed felicitations.

Yours in Our Lord,

+ Sd/-

(Rt. Rev. Frederick D'Souza

BISHOP OF JHANSI



BISHOP'S HOUSE
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U. P., INDIA

4 - 10 - 1985

Dear Rev. Fr. Oswald,

Received your circular letter with the information about the Centenary Celebrations of our St. Francis' College, Lucknow. This information gave me immense joy.

On this occasion I gratefully remember the founding of the College who with deep insight planted the seedling of this might tree which now gives shelter and ample chances for the seekers of knowledge. Great indeed is the service rendered by the institution during these one hundred years. And great people, struggling against many difficulties brought the institution to the present important position it holds among the educational institutions of the country. Let us honour them and receive inspiration to carry on this torch they lit and handed over to us, with renewed vigor and adjusted to the demands of our times.

I send my heartiest wishes to you, the Staff and students of the College.

May God bless us all.

Yours in Our Lord,
+ Sd/ —
(J. Gratian Mundadan) C.M.I.
BISHOP OF BIJNOR

BISHOP'S HOUSE,
St. Paul's School,
Udaipur-313 001
Rajasthan-India.
17-9-1985

Dear Father Lewis,

Thank you for your letter of August 31, 1985. I am pleased to learn that one of our Catholic educational institutions in North India is celebrating its centenary. I know that St. Francis' has a name and fame that go beyond the limits of the town it serves. Allow me to congratulate you, therefore, the Principal and Staff and students, both past and present, on this occasion. I pray for all of you and send you my greetings on the occasion of the jubilee. The following is my message for the souvenir, which you have requested me for :—

In the past when anyone who could read and write in most parts of India was considered an educated person, the Church could be happy that she had pioneered in the field of literacy. However today many agencies, including the mighty machinery of the government, are in the field. Therefore many are asking if Christian educational institutions have a role at all.

On the other hand, there is a lot of debate going on about our educational policy, and the idea that education must be made one of the chief agents of change in society is gaining more and more acceptance.

It is in this context that our Christian institutions of higher education in particular will have a very significance role to play. There is so much of injustice and exploitation of the weaker sections of our people that the priveleged class of students coming to our prestigious institutions, is hardly aware of. Our curriculum should be such that the students should get this awareness and direction to work for a just and equitable society.

I wish and pray that St. Francis' College, after a hundred years of outstanding service to the people of U. P., should now strive to make this new dimension of our educational system a reality.

With my heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the centenary and prayers for all success in the future.

Your well-wisher
+ Sd/-
(Joseph Pathalil)
BISHOP OF UDAIPUR



Convento Cappuccini
Via Bellinzona 6
40135 Bologna
I T A L Y

30th September 1985

Dear Rev. Father,

While celebrating the Centenary of the Foundation of St. Francis' College. I thank you for your kind invitation to partake in the joy bursting out of our hearts on such occasion.

Even though it won't be possible for me to be present physically, I will certainly be with you, the Staff and the boys spiritually during the Celebrations.

I should be very much obliged if you could kindly send me a detailed copy of the programme of the festivities, so that I may follow more intimately all the functions.

During my 35 years of missionary life, I have been very closely connected with St. Francis'. In fact, apart from having held the post of Principal three times, I have very often been consulted personally when it was necessary to deal officially with the Government on matters pertaining to the School.

As we all know, St. Francis' School was started by Fr. Norbert on April 26, 1885 to meet the need of education in Lucknow. Since then, 27 Principals have succeeded to one another giving their best for the welfare of the School.

It has fallen on me, the last Italian Principal, the task to hand over St. Francis' School to the Clergy of the Lucknow Diocese (11th May 1971), but I was happy, knowing that the Clergy would continue on the same footsteps of the founder and his successors.

On this happy occasion of the First Centenary of the College, I wish you, the Staff and students 'Peace and Good'.

Yours fraternally,

Sd/-

(Fr. Cyril G. Pisi, O.F.M. Cap.)



SAN FRANCESCO PARISH
4, Springfield Road, Charlo,
Port Elizabeth, 6065,
SOUTH AFRICA

26th September, 1985

Dear Reverend Father,

I should have liked to have been with you for the Centenary Celebrations of St. Francis' College.

I think back with gratitude to God for my many years as the Principal of St. Francis' and the struggle to make it the best school in Lucknow. We had wonderful pupils, teachers, parents and friends who became deeply involved and interested in the progress of the school. Today I feel so happy that the College has reached the tremendous goal of 100 years of existence, this inspite of Catholic schools closing down all over the world, due to a shortage of priest and nuns.

Under the patronage of St. Francis, may the College continue for many years its good work, and may the generations to come learn from the Alma Mater the best way to serve their Church and their Country, as the pupils of the past 100 years have done.

With all best wishes.

Sd/

(REV. FR. ALFRED)



Convento Cappuccini
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I T A L Y
30th September 1985

Dear Rev. Fr. Lewis,

Thank you for your circular letter dated August 31, 1985. I have already accepted the invitation sent to me by the Convener of St Francis' College Centenary Committee, Lucknow, and so, God willing, I will be present at the Centenary Celebrations which will start on November 18, 1985.

During my 10 years spent in St. Francis' (1953 to 1955 as Vice-Principal and Disciplinarian, and from 1961 to 1968 as Principal and Manager). I never dreamt of seeing this day : it seemed, then, so far away..... So, my whole concern, as well as the concern of all Principals before and after me, was to nourish, keep on watering and protect the small seed planted by Rev. Fr. Norbert, an Italian Cappuchin, on April 26, 1885, and see that it could grow up into a straight and healthy tree.

It is a privilege for me this year to be present at these Centenary Festivities, and a pleasure to witness that this tiny plant not only rooted itself firmly in the ground, but has grown into such a big and mighty tree offering shade and shelter to thousands. In fact, from the initial two pupils, the number has grown to nearly two thousand; from a single room, to these imposing buildings; from an orphanage, to a College. Yes, I can truly say that from "nothing" St. Francis' College has become one of the leading institutions in Lucknow, and can well compare with the best ones in the country.

Oh, how I would like that all the previous Principals of St. Francis' School (the few still living and the many who are no more) could be present with me to witness these Centenary Celebrations; Especially Fr. Norbert, the Founder; Fr. Celestine, the builder and the one who put the school on its own feet; and then all the later ones; Fr CYRIL Fr. Alfred, Fr. Clement, Fr. Fulgentius..... just to mention a few. But I am sure that all of them (living and dead) are present in spirit, prayer and admiration, thanking God for this big day, and happy that their hard work and dedicated service helped St. Francis' College to see the glorious dawn of its first Centenary.

In the Annual Magazine of the School, "The Franciscan" 1965, page 27, there is an article, whose author, M.P. Prins, among other things writes; "It is often remarked - and

not without truth - that the Capuchins have left none or very little trace of their footprints on the sand of the Mission field where they have laboured for many years; these footprints seem to have been erased as swiftly as the oncoming tide washes away all traces on a beach, leaving the golden sand smooth and untrodden again and again. And yet, in one's wanderings one comes across schools, convents, Priests' House, Chapels, buildings, some of which bear a fugitive resemblance, some a decided similarity, particularly in their facades or layout, which stir one's mind to the conclusion that here the Cappuchins have left their sandal prints."

This year St. Francis College - ministered by the sons of India celebrates its first Centenary, but the sandal prints left by the Cappuchins during the hundred years of life and history of this Institution are still visible and deep.

I do not want to write anything about the past struggles nor to boast about the past achievements of St. Francis' College : it would take another hundred years to mention them all; moreover, it would not be in line with the spirit of the Founder of the School and his successors - in fact it would not be in line with the spirit and policy of the Cappuchin Order. All I want is to remind myself and you of the beautiful words the great Apostle and Missionary St. Paul wrote about 2000 years ago to the first Christians of Corinth :

After all, what is Apollos? What is Paul? We are simply God's servants
Each of us performed the task which the Lord allotted him. I planted the seed, and Apollos watered it; but God made it grow. Thus is not the gardeners with their planting and watering who count, but God, who makes it grow. Whether they plant or water, they work as a team, though each will get his own reward for his own labour, we are fellow-workers in God's service and you are God's garden." (Corn. Chp. 3 : 5 - 9)

So, let us all rejoice today and be glad that God has worked such marvelous things in this wonderful garden of St. Francis' College though such poor and miserable tools;

May the deceased Principals, Staff-members and Pupils rest in peace and may they continue to help and protect this Institution from above.

May the present and past students of St. Francis School and College be always faithful to the words of the Anthem;

"To the end we'll be true; we'll forget not
All the care Alma Mater thou spared not,
To the spirit of Francis' we'll fail not,
We will answer when Duty shall call!"

To the present Principal, Rev. Fr. O. Lewis, staff Members and Students of our dear St. Francis' College : AD MULTOS ANNOS! and may this First Centenary be the glorious dawn for many future Centenaries!

S/d-

Fr. Romano A. Bubani

O. F. M. Cap.



INDIAN CENTRAL SCHOOL
P.O. BOX 5470,
RUWI,
SULTANATE OF OMAN

October 1, 1985

My dear Fr. Oswald,

I am pleased to learn first from Mr. P. Lewis, Convener of the College Centenary Committee and now from you that St. Francis' College is celebrating its centenary, though needless to say, I have known all along that 1985 would be the Centenary year of the College. While the Centenary of an institution is a matter to be proud of, I feel all the more so on this occasion, since I had been closely associated with the college for some of the best years of my life, and feel happy to have done so.

I take this opportunity to congratulate you the Staff and all Franciscans past and present. The College has rendered yeoman service in the field of education and many a young man has passed through its portals sufficiently fortified to take the first important step in life. My wish to the college, on this occasion, that St. Francis' achieve higher goals with each passing year and Franciscans scale newer peaks to college colours flying ever higher.

With my best wishes to you, to all Staff members and students.

Yours sincerely,

Sd-
(L. LOBO)

List of Principals of St. Francis' College, Lucknow.



Rev. Fr. Norbert, O.F.M. Cap.

Bologna Province

Principal from : 26th April 1885 to 1886

Born : 8. 7. 1846

Ordained Priest : 9. 2. 1869

Arrived in India : 18. 3. 1871

Founded the St. Francis' School 26. 4. 1885

Died in Lucknow (India) 24. 3. 1886

Rev. Fr. Emanuel, O.F.M. Cap.

Belgian Province

Principal from : 1886 to 1890

Born : 18. 6. 1854

Ordained Priest : 21. 12. 1879

Arrived in India : 22. 12. 1884

Bishop of Lahore : 21. 11. 1890

Archbishop of Agra : 2. 5. 1892

Died in Bruxelles (Belgium) : 15. 10. 1921



Rev. Fr. Bartholomew, O.F.M. Cap.

Milan Province

Principal from - 1890 to 1893

Principal from : 1899 to 1900

Born : 30. 1. 1856

Ordained Priest : 21. 12. 1878

Arrived in India : 1. 2. 1890

Died in Bergamo (Italy) 21. 1. 1920





Rev. Fr. Petronius, O.F.M. Cap.

Bologna Province

Principal from : 1893 to 1899

Born :	13. 12. 1844
Ordained Priest :	19. 12. 1868
Arrived in India :	18. 3. 1871
Bishop of Allahabad :	10. 8. 1904
Died in Allahabad :	18. 12. 1917

Rev. Fr. Francis of Castel, O.F.M. Cap.

Bologna Province

Principal from 1900 to 1901

Born :	3. 10. 1869
Ordained Priest :	2. 4. 1892
Arrived in India :	27. 12. 1894
Died in Bologna (Italy)	21. 2. 1955



Rev. Fr. Francis Mary of Ravenna, O.F.M. Cap.

Bologna Province

Principal from : 1901 to 1903

Born :	29. 4. 1864
Ordained Priest :	31. 10. 1886
Arrived in India :	27. 1. 1893
Died in Rimini (Italy)	24. 12. 1915



Rev. Fr. Lewis of Casola, O.F.M. Cap.
Bologna Province

Principal from: 1903 to 1906

Born:	9. 3. 1866
Ordained Priest :	22. 9. 1888
Arrived in India :	23. 12. 1890
Died in Naini-Tal (India)	25. 4. 1932

Rev. Fr. Cherubim, O.F.M. Cap.
Bologna Province

Principal from : 1906 to 1908

Born :	6. 4. 1875
Ordained Priest	4. 10. 1897
Arrived in India :	23. 11. 1910
Died in Santarcangelo (Italy)	23. 9. 1919



Rev. Fr. Peter Mary, O.F.M. Cap.

Bologna Province

Principal from 1908 to 1909

Born :	14. 8. 1879
Ordained Priest :	15. 3. 1902
Arrived in India :	11. 2. 1903
Died in Barcilly (India)	25. 2. 1949



Rev. Fr. Henry, O.F.M. Cap.

Bologna Province

Principal from : 1909 to 1910

Born : 28. 7. 1878

Ordained Priest : 24. 2. 1902

Arrived in India : 7. 1. 1904

Died in Lucknow (India) 22. 5. 1910

Rev. Fr. Celestine, O.F.M. Cap.

Bologna Province

Principal from : 1910 to 1922

Principal from : 1925 to 1935

Principal from : 1936 to 1941

Born : 24. 7. 1881

Ordained Priest : 31. 1. 1904

Arrived in India : 7. 12. 1905

Died in Lucknow (India) 1. 4. 1941



Rev. Fr. Stephen, O.F.M. Cap.

Bologna Province

Principal from : 1923 to 1924

Born : 25. 7. 1889

Ordained Priest : 25. 7. 1914

Arrived in India : 27. 11. 1920

Died in Bologna (Italy) 7. 5. 1948



Rev. Fr. John Chrysostom, O.F.M. Cap.
Bologna Province

Principal from : 1935 to 1936

Principal from : 1941 to 1942

Born - 12. 6. 1876

Ordained Priest : 15. 1. 1899

Arrived in India : 7. 12. 1900

Died in Lucknow (India) 14. 6. 1958

Rev. Fr. Leo, O.F.M. Cap.

Malta Province

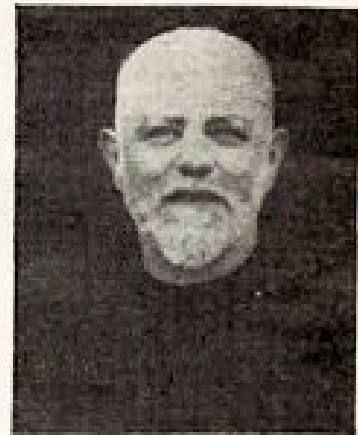
Principal from : 1942 to 1944

Born : 27. 8. 1886

Ordained Priest : 18. 12. 1909

Arrived in India : 8. 10. 1926

Died in Jhansi (India) 1. 4. 1949



Rev. Fr. Jeremiah, O.F.M. Cap.
Bologna Province

Principal from : 1944 to 1947

Born : 4. 4. 1901

Ordained Priest 21. 12. 1924

Arrived in India : 1. 5. 1926

Died in Naini-Tal (India) 22. 6. 1947



Rev. Fr. Clement, O.F.M. Cap.

Bologna Province

Principal from : 1957 to 1959

Born : 21. 9. 1914

Ordained Priest : 18. 9. 1937

Arrived in India : 3. 12. 1937

Died in Bologna (Italy) 14. 11. 1962

Rev. Fr. Fulgentius, O.F.M. Cap.

Bologna Province

Principal from : 1959 to 1960

Born : 11. 2. 1911

Ordained Priest : 6. 4. 1935

Arrived in India : 3. 12. 1937

Died in Bologna (Italy) 15. 2. 1978



Rev. Fr. Romano, O.F.M. Cap.

Bologna Province

Principal from : 1961 to 1968

Born : 12. 9. 1927

Ordained priest : 10. 3. 1951

Arrived in India : 11. 2. 1952

At present : Port Elizabeth (South Africa)



Rev. Fr. Leo Lobo, Diocesan

Lucknow Diocese

Principal From : 1. 7. 1971 to 15. 5. 1977

Born : 11. 4. 1941

Ordained priest : 16. 4. 1966

At present : Muscat (Oman)

Rev. Fr. Ignatius Menezes, Diocesan

Lucknow Diocese

Principal from : 16. 5. 1977 to 12. 1. 1979

Born : 3. 1. 1936

Ordained priest : 21. 12. 1963

At present : Bishop of Ajmer - Jaipur (Rajasthan)



Rev. Fr. Baptist D'souza, Diocesan

Lucknow Diocese

Principal from : 13. 1. 1979 to 30. 6. 1981

Born : 6. 6. 1939

Ordained Priest : 27. 9. 1967

**At present : Parish Priest, St. Peter's Church, Bailparao
District Nainital, U. P.**



Rev. Fr. Oswald Lewis, Diocesan
Lucknow Diocese
Principal from : 1. 7. 1981.....
Born : 30. 7. 1944
Ordained priest : 30. 12. 1972



The Stars of the Centenary Year



Rohit Chatterjee
ICSE - 92%



Akash Maithi
ICSE - 92%



Sanjay Gupta
ICSE - 92%



Aditya Agarwal
Best Boy



Sanjay Bansal
Best Sportsman

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Vice-Principals and Head Masters of St. Francis' College, Lucknow.

1.	Mr. H.A. Cosgrave		1893 - 1894
2.	Rev. Bro. A. Nagle		1895 - 1906
3.	Mr. G. Demoy		1906 - 1907
4.	Mr. J.M. D'Souza		1908 - 1910
5.	Mr. P.O. Brien		1910 - 1910
6.	Mr. J.M. D'Souza		1911 - 1940
7.	Mr. N. Kelly		1941 - 1947
8.	Mr. C. Keelor		1947 - 1951
9.	Rev. Fr. Antony, O.F.M. Cap.		1951 - 1956
10.	Mr. B. Joseph		1956 - 1961
11.	Rev. Fr. Constant, O.F.M. Cap.		1961 - 1962
12.	Rev. Fr. Peter, O.F.M. Cap.		1962 - 1965
13.	Rev. Fr. Constant, O.F.M. Cap.		1965 - 1966
14.	Rev. Fr. I. Menezes	Diocesan	1966 - 1968
15.	Rev. Fr. J. Lobo	„	1968 - 1969
16.	Rev. Fr. Fulgentius, O.F.M. Cap.		1969 - 1969
17.	Rev. Fr. L. Lobo	Diocesan	1969 - 1971
18.	Rev. Fr. R. Menezes	„	1971 - 1972
19.	Rev. Fr. L. D'Souza	„	1972 - 1975
20.	Rev. Fr. L. P. Pinto	„	1975 - 1978
21.	Rev. Fr. S. Sequeira	„	1978 - 1980
22.	Rev. Fr. V. Nazareth	„	1980 - 1985
23.	Rev. Fr. V. Pinto	„	1985 -

Centenary Medals awarded to the following meritorious Students of ICSE/ISC-1985 on the occasion of the College centenary :—

ICSE — 1985

1st.	Rohit Chatterjee
2nd.	Akash Maiti
3rd.	Sanjay Gupta
4th.	Subail Ahmed
5th.	Dimpy Garg
6th.	Prateek Verma
7th.	Shrikant Tamhane
8th.	Harish Chandra Kumar
9th.	Prashant Shukla
10th.	Pankaj Kumar Singh
11th.	Mukul Gupta
12th.	Anupam Shome
13th.	Hemant Srivastava
14th.	Milan Moudgill
15th.	Siddhartha Prasad
16th.	Prashant Shankar Pathak
17th.	Tanmay Sinha
18th.	Vivek Narain
19th.	Amardeep Misra
20th.	Saurabh Bharadwaj

ISC — 1985

1st.	Sharad Mehrotra
2nd.	Khan Mohd Muneer
3rd.	Puneet Saxena
4th.	Prashant Kumar Jain
5th.	Ashwini Kumar Tewari
6th.	Ranodeep Banerjee
7th.	Kamal Kumar Mukherjee
8th.	Gautam Tripathi
9th.	Ashish Sharma
10th.	Amitabh Saran
11th.	Pradeep Bhargava
12th.	Pranay Singh Palni
13th.	Praveen Goyal
14th.	Ranjan Ganguli
15th.	Apurva Narain

The award of Centenary Medals to meritorious students of I.C.S.E and I.S.C (12) Examinations has been instituted on the occasion of the celebration of the Centenary Year. Boys obtaining 80% and above in these examinations will henceforth qualify for this award.

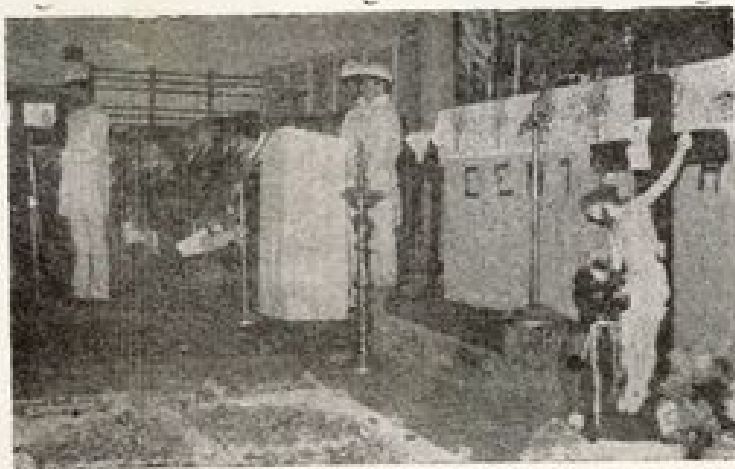
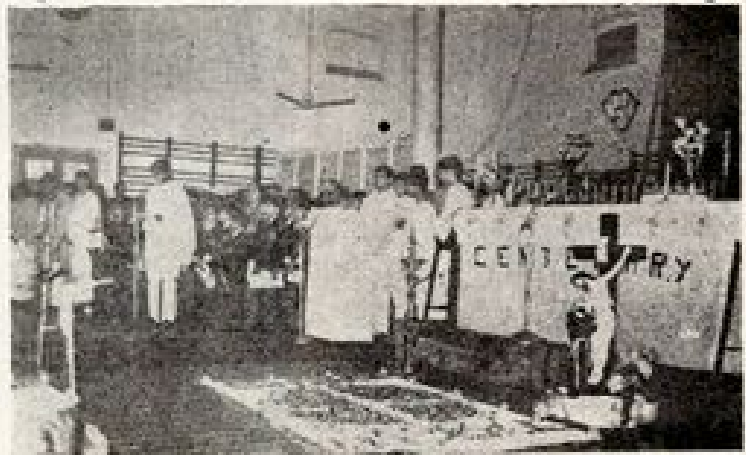
CENTENARY PROGRAMME

19th Jan.	OPENING CEREMONY. Non denominational Prayer Service Treat to Students.
23rd Feb.	Singing Contest—Classes I-V.
9th Mar.	Holi Mela.
1st May	WORKERS DAY. Class IV employees entertained and given gifts.
3rd Aug.	English Essay Contest Classes VI—XII English Elocution Contest Classes I-V.
5th Aug.	Hindi Essay Contest Classes 6-12
10th Aug.	Fancy Dress Contest Classes I-V.
17th Aug.	Inter House English Elocution Contest Classes VI-VIII.
19th Aug.	Inter House Hindi Elocution Contest Classes IX-XII.
24th Aug.	Inter House English Elocution Contest Classes IX-XII.
26th Aug.	Inter House Hindi Elocution Contest Classes VI-VIII.
2nd Sept.	"On the spot Painting Contest" Classes 1-12.
5th Sept.	TEACHERS' DAY.
4th Oct.	PATRON'S DAY.
5th Oct.	Inter House Quiz Classes 6-9.
4th Oct.	Inter House Quiz Class 10-12.
14th Oct.	Inter College Football Tournament Commences.
16th Oct.	Inter House Eng. Debate.
17th Oct.	Inter House Hindi Debate.
21st Oct.	Inter School Badminton Tournament.
27th Oct.	Inter College Cricket Tournament.
1st Nov.	Past vs Present Hockey.
2nd Nov.	" " " Football.
3rd Nov.	" " " Cricket.
4th Nov.	" " " Basket ball
5th Nov.	" " " Table Tennis
6th Nov.	" " " Badminton
9th Nov.	Centenary Fete.
14th Nov.	Childrens Day.
16th Nov.	Inter College English Debate, Inter College Hindi Debate.



The lighting of the lamp by the Bishop of Lucknow followed by the Principal, an ex-Franciscan, a student and a servant marked the beginning of the Centenary Year celebrations.

The students chanting the verses from the Bhagavat Gita during the beautiful inter-religious prayer service.



Praising and thanking God by reciting prayers from the Quran.



Invoking God's blessings by chanting the verses from the Guru Granth Sahib.

Bishop Alan concelebrating Holy Mass with the Principal and Vice-Principal on his right and Fr. B. D'Souza, Ex-Principal and Fr. V. Pinto on his left.



"All things are thine O Lord
We offer Thee what we receive
from Thy hands"
Students led by the College
Captain, offering the College
colours, books, games, articles,
fruits and flowers to the Lord
of the Universe.

CENTENARY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

18th NOVEMBER 1985-23rd NOVEMBER 1985

MONDAY, 18th November, 1985.

- 8.00 a. m. — Inter-Religious Prayer Service
9.00 a. m. — Inter-College Talent Contest. (Hindi)
5.00 p. m. — Inter-College Talent Contest. (English)

TUESDAY, 19th November, 1985.

- 9.00 a. m. — Inauguration of Exhibition.
5.00 p. m. — Centenary Concert.

WEDNESDAY, 20th November, 1985,

- 8.00 a. m. — Inter-College Quiz Contest.
9.00 a. m. — Inter-College English Debate.
6.00 p. m. — Centenary Concert

THURSDAY, 21st November, 1985

- 8.00 a. m. — Inter-College Painting Contest.
6.00 p. m. — Centenary Concert.

FRIDAY, 22nd November, 1985

- 8.00 a. m. — Inter-College Hindi Debate.
3.00 p. m. — Annual Athletic Meet &
Inter-School Athletic Meet
7.00 p. m. — Old Franciscans' Get-together.

SATURDAY, 23rd November, 1985

- 8.00 a. m. — Thanksgiving Service.
3.30 p. m. — Inter-College Athletic Meet. &
Physical Training Display.
8.00 p. m. — V. I. P. Dinner.

OUR CENTENARY CELEBRATION IN CAMERA

MONDAY, 18th NOVEMBER



Stepping into our Centenary Celebration.

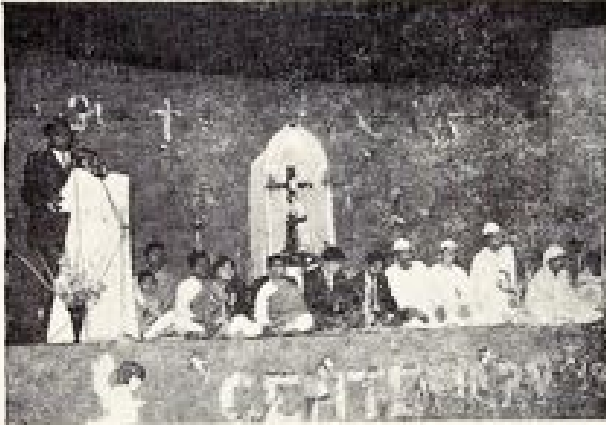


An enlightening experience.



BISHOP ALAN DE LASTIC raising our standard.

MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER



ST. FRANCIS — Where all religions meet.



What more can I say?

TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER



Will he, will he not? ! — **FR. ROMANO BUBANI** at the Centenary Exhibition.



Was the treasure chest 'IN MEXICOLAND' jes, after all.



Who are these? Plague yourself to find out.



Are these 'THE TEN PLAGUES'?



I wonder.....



What's happened to him?



This is "what's happened to Jones?"



I wonder.....



What's happened to him?



This is "what's happened to Jones?"

23rd NOVEMBER, SATURDAY



We're sure glad to meet here.



We thank THEE.



Have we thanked GOD for everything?



This is THE YEAR the Lord has made.



The victorious stand. There's place for more.



He who bows humbly shall merit.



Who said we're few? Look behind the flag.



This is team spirit!



The way to this shield has been long -



ACTION REPLAY —



KIM, where are you looking?



Let's all smile.



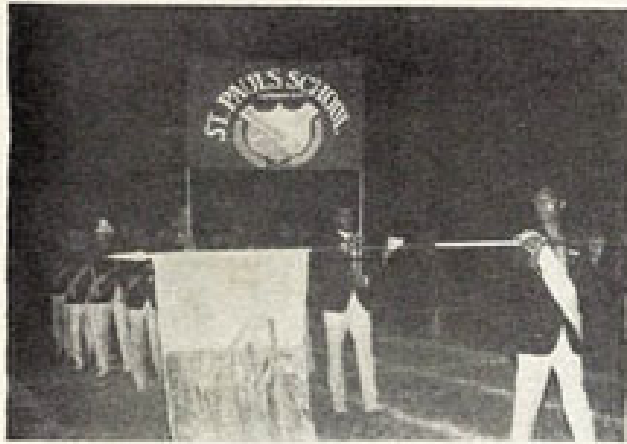
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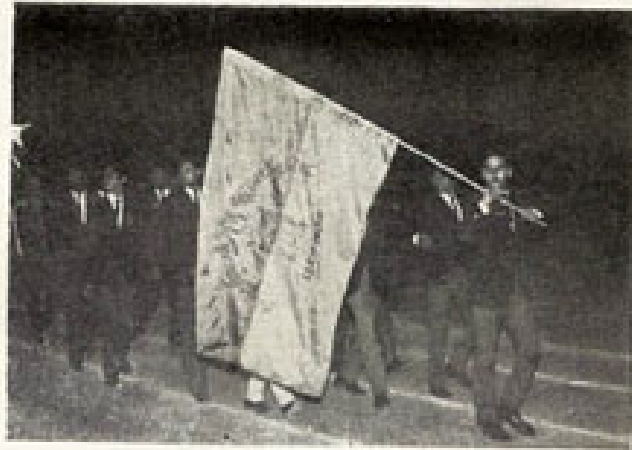
These are not T.V. ads, these are our P.T. Lads!



This page is not upside down, your downright — right
These are our gymnasts in action!



ST. Paul's School spearheading the MARCH PAST.

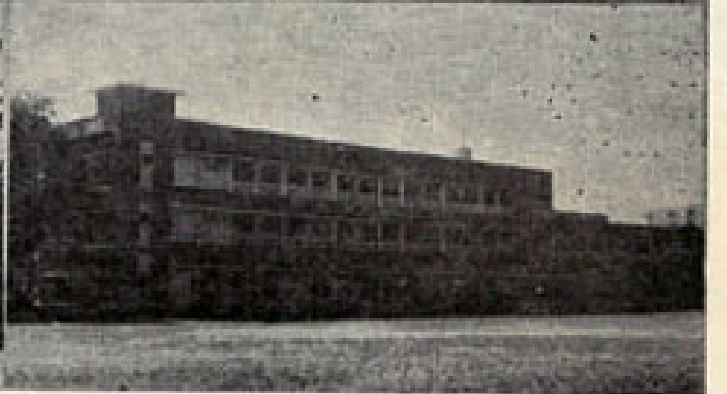
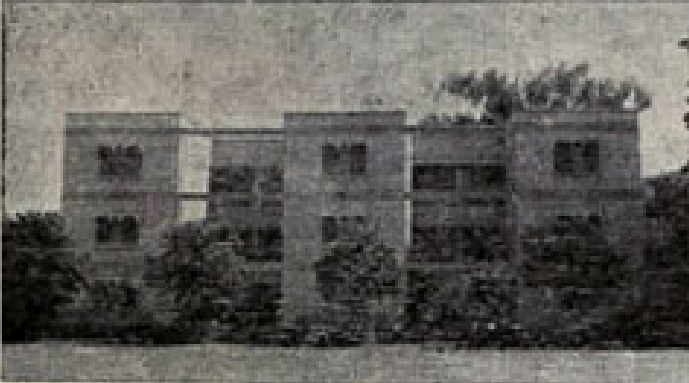
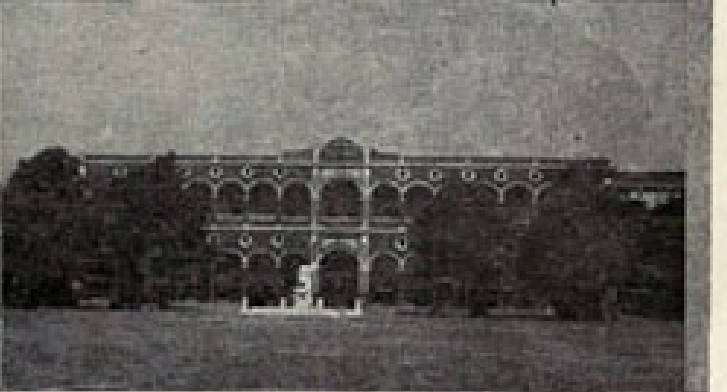
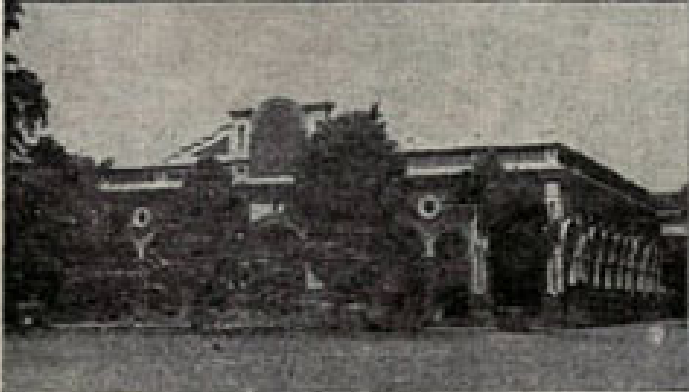
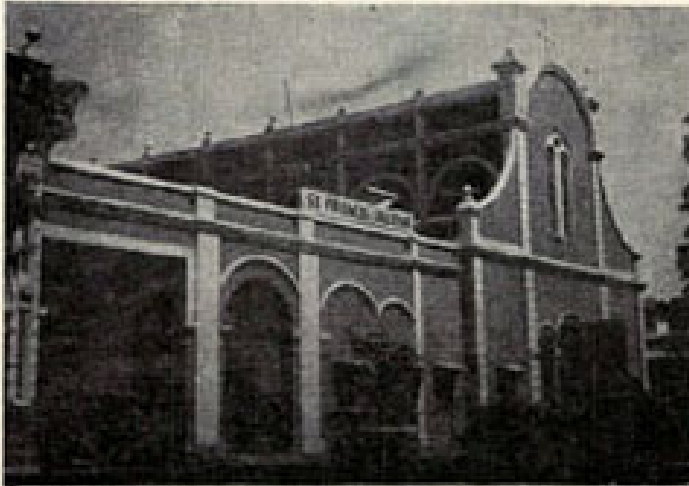


Following footsteps.



Is it really over?!

S. F. C. TODAY





ROLL CALL OF HONOUR

I.S.C. (12) RESULTS - 1985

Alok Jain	Shishir Saksena	Rakesh Sah
Amit Agarwal	Shalabh Deenger	Rajiv Prasad
Anupam Sinha	Shailendra Tandon	Rajiv Tewari
Anurag Rastogi	Shabih Haider Naqvi	Ravish Khare
Apurva Narain	Vipul Mohan	Rajesh Mehrotra
Ashish Sharma	Vikas Mathur	Ranjan Ganguli
Anupam Kunwar	Vivek Khare	Rehan Pervez Jamali
Amul Kapoor	Vishal Kehr	Ranodeep Banerjee
Ashwini Kumar Tewari	Vidhu Shekhar Chandola	Sharad Sharma
Ashish Kaul	Atul Raja	Sharad Mehrotra
Akshay V. Singh	Anuj Khanna	Sarvesh Dayal
Anil Khemani	Amitabh Saran	Saibal Sirkar
Bipin Gupta	Abdul Khalid	Srinivas C.
Dinesh Lalwani	Ashish Kumar	Vijay Shankar Dube
Carrol Paul Joseph	Anil Razdan	Vikram Verma
Devjeet Mitra	Debashis Das	Vishwa Prakash P.
Debashish Bagchi	Hitesh Ranjan	Vishal Guglani
Errol Mark Joseph	Kamal Kumar Mukherjee	Atul Khettry
Gautam Tripathi	Kayeeda Johar	
Moin-uddin	Kuljeet Singh Gambhir	
Maneesh Joshi	Khan Mohd Muneer	
Naresh Sharma	M. Joseph Nainan	
Pushpendra Sharma	Manish Saxena	
Praveen Goyal	Mohd Fareed Siddiqui	
Puneet Saxena	Manish Singh	
Prashant Kumar Jain	Navneet Singh	
R. K. Banerjee	Neeraj Narula	
Rajesh Verma	Pranay S. Palni	
Saumyajit Dutta	Peyush Chandra	
Sanjoy Ghosh	Pradeep Bhargava	

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Ajai Vikram Singh	Saeed Ansari	Sanjay Mehrotra
Anil Khare	Saif Ehtram Alavi	Sanjay Nanda
Anshuman Agarwal	Sanjai Lulla	Sanjive Gurnani
Anupam Kumar Singh	Vinay Mahajan	Santosh Oommen Mathews
Ashim Kumar Bhattacharya	Vineet Kumar Gupta	Sarvesh Bhasin
Atul Kumar Saxena	Abhai Srivastava	Saurabh Rana
B. K. Bhagwan	Ajay Rawat	Shiladitya Sirkar
Deepak Arcus David	Aloke Arora	Suhail Ahmad
Devendra Sehgal	Amardeep Misra	Sundeep Mathur
Gautam Basak	Amit Kumar Bhutani	Vikramjit Misra
Harbir Singh Gulati	Amit Chakraverty	Vivekanand Rai
Hemant Sharma	Amit Kumar	Vivek Narain
Inam-Ul-Ghani	Anand Vithal Chitley	
Madhav Kulshreshtha	Dinesh K. Lalwani	
Malay Chaturvedi	Inderpal Singh Jabbal	
Manish Sethi	Jagjeet Singh Nanda	
Manish Chandra	Jeetan Bhatia	
Michael Steve Correya	Jiten Aley	
Milan Moudgill	Joydeep Bose	
Mohd A. Hussain Siddiqui	Kishore Roy	
Mukul Gupta	Manav Prakash	
Naib Hussain Tahir Abidi	Manesh Kumar Singh	
Niraj Agnihotri	Maneesh Govil	
Nirmal Pant	Manish Kharbanda	
Noel Christian Joseph	Niloy Banerjee	
Prabhash Khanna	Praveen Srivastava	
Praveer Bahadur Shah	Rajiv Agarwal	
Prashant Shukla	Rajnish Srivastava	
Rajat Agarwal	Rajneesh Swaroop	

Ajay Kumar Masand
Amar Ashok Pradhan
Anadi Sathi
Anirban Nath
Anupam Shome
Ashutosh Goyal
Bhupendra Singh Batra
Deepak Chandiramani
Dimpay Garg
Gautam Bhasin
Girish Kumar Srivastava
Gopal Kapoor
Hareesh Chandra Kumar
Jaideep Bhargava
Mohd Adnan Khan
Mohd Ajmi Khan
Mudit Lal
Pankaj Kumar Singh
Rajesh Devnani
Rakesh Kumar Gupta
Sachin Pandey
Sanjay Agarwal
Sanjay Arora
Sanjay Gupta
Sanjeev Singh Marwa
Saurabh Bharadwaj
Shinu Raj Kapoor
Srikant Tamhane
Siddharth Prasad
Sumit Kalsi
Sunay Tripathi
Sundeep Pal
Syed Rizvan Ahmad
Tanmay Sinha
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Vipin Malik
Vishal Bajpai
Vishal Singh
Amar Kumar
Amitab Dey
Anand Kapoor
Anil Bharadwaj
Anil Cheria
Anup Batra
Atul Sharma
Azizul Hasan
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Desh Deepak Misra
Feroz Agha
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Hemant Srivastava
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Rahul Misra
Rajesh Sharma
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Ravindra Nath Gautam

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St. Francis' College, Lucknow One Hundred Years of Service

The institution had a very humble beginning. From the first two destitute children to the present strength of nearly two thousand students is a far cry, yet it is a proof of the sound foundation and enlightened leadership that this institution has been blessed with.

It was on April 26th 1885 that Rev. Fr. Norbert, O.F.M. Cap., the then Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Church, Hazratganj. [the present St. Joseph's Cathedral] took under his protection ISSAC and CHARLES CLAUDIUS and started teaching them himself. This posed to the good priest a serious problem but it was also a germ that produced an idea. Realizing that his congregation were in dire need of an educational institution for boys, he went about putting his plan into action. It was a bold step because in those early days schools of this kind were few and those that existed catered mainly to the British, the then rulers of this country. From the pulpit and in his house to house visits to his parishioners, the enterprising priest spoke of his scheme and appealed for help. Without means and without funds he started St. Francis' School and Orphanage. He knew no help would be forth coming from Government yet he persevered.

At first he converted a portion of his bungalow on the south-east of the church ground into classrooms and a small thatched room that served as his kitchen and store into a dormitory. Originally the Priest House at Hazratganj was situated on the plot where Cathedral School now stands. Children started flocking in. Mr. J. B. S. Boyle a leading advocate of his time was generous with his advice and financial assistance and Mr. H. A. Cosgrove the first full time teacher.

Unfortunately on 26th March 1886, Father Norbert expired at a young age of forty years. He was succeeded by Fr. Emmanuel Van den Bosch, a Belgian Capuchin who carried on the good work with the same vigour. The school was still in its infancy but the rapid increase in enrolment rendered necessary a new building programme. On Sunday, 4th May 1890, Fr. Bartholomew, O. F. M. Cap., laid the foundation stone of St. Francis' Boarding and Day School for boys. The cost of Rs. 5,094 was paid by the Bishop of Allahabad, and some well wishers. In 1893, Fr. Bartholomew built the new

priest house on the site where the Bishop's House now stands and released the old presbytery to the school and served as the boys dormitory. In 1894, Fr. Petronius Gramigna, O. F. M. Cap., later to become Bishop of Allahabad brought the school under the Educational Department securing for it the recognition of a Middle School. Constant additions and re-adjustments were being made to cope with the continuous expansion but little could be done due to lack of funds and space. In 1908, it was brought to the notice of the school authorities, that a large and extensive property together with a building in the centre was for sale.

The property was adjoining the church compound on Shahnajaf Road and was purchased, the amount being paid for by Dr. Petronius Gramigna, the then Bishop of Allahabad. The said property is the present site of St. Francis' College.

Fr. Celestine, O. F. M. Cap., was appointed Principal on 1st June 1910. Young and eager, he submitted to the Educational Department a building project to be erected, on the newly acquired land. Though the scheme was approved of by both the Inspector of European Schools and Director of Public Education, sanction of the building Grant was slow in coming. Too much precious time was used up in correspondence and finalization of the Building Plan. Ultimately an amount of Rs. 85,410 was sanctioned while the remainder of Rs. 35,557 had to be met by the Diocese. On May 6th, 1915, Fr. Celestine laid the corner stones of two imposing and spacious buildings on either side of the central bungalow. One building [present Concert Hall] was meant to House the school hall and classrooms while the other [present Gynasium] was to be a dormitory for Boarders. In the foreground was the front field [180 x 90 yards] suitable for games and other school functions. The building contract was given to Messrs. P. Labanti and Company of Italy who despite the restrictions and high cost of material due to the war years were able to complete the building by January 1918. On 7th February 1918, H. E. Sir James Meston, Lt. Governor of U. P. paid a State visit to the new school. While construction work was going on the school authorities were on the look out for more land. At the back of the out-houses was a large field 150 X 100 yards [Backfield] which was acquired for Rs. 6,644. The acquisition of Dayal Bagh Land came next. Thus, St. Francis' School was given its footing in a large open space with healthy surroundings.

In 1921, the school secured recognition as a High School and affiliated itself to the Cambridge University for the Senior Cambridge Examination. From the year on its course has been one of steady progress both in the educational field as well as in build-

ing expansion. In 1923, Fr. Stephen, O. F. M. Cap., set free the school hall for study purpose by the erection of the refectory. Two years later in 1925, Fr. Celestine realised his long cherished dream by providing the school with an Infirmary (Present Principal's office and Staff Room) and Chapel. In 1929, another urgent need was supplied by the erection and equipment of a Science Laboratory (present Chemistry Laboratory and Balance Room). This was made possible by a grant from the education department and a contribution by Bishop Poli. At the death of Fr. Celestine on 1st April 1941, who had been Principal of St. Francis' High School for over 30 years, his place was taken by Fr. John Chrysostom, O. F. M. Cap., who went all out to provide new classrooms and remedy a long felt want. So far the central building an old house, served as Principal's and Headmasters office, Principals and Disciplinarians living quarters in addition to housing the library and classrooms. In front of the infirmary, on 12 October 1941, the foundation stone of the St. John Chrysostom block in keeping with the style of the other buildings, was laid. Part of the cost was given by the Government and the rest by the mission. It housed the Principals and Disciplinarians living quarters, Principal's office and some classrooms.

About the same time in 1940, due to the rapid expansion of the Church in North India, the Diocese of Allahabad became too big to be handled by one man. Hence the Diocese of Lucknow was carved out and Fr. Conrad De Vito, O. F. M. Cap., was appointed as its first Bishop. However due to the war the British had interned all foreign missionaries at Dehradun and so it was not till 16th February 1947, that Fr. Conrad was consecrated as Bishop of Lucknow.

In post Independence year the school was ushered into a new era of progress and expansion and brought in line with the new educational policy. The old central building had become an eye sore and was pulled down, and a new double storey building containing 14 airy classrooms erected. The corner stone was blessed by Bishop Conrad de Vito and was laid by Dr. Sampuranand, Minister of Education, U. P., on August 2nd 1947, "as a pledge of co-operation between the Catholic Church and the State in the field of education in the new and independent India" and declared open on 21st March 1951 by H. E. Shri H. P. Mody, Governor of U. P. The new block was dedicated to Bishop Poli as a mark of gratitude for his endeavours in the field of education during his 50 years ministry, and for the keen interest he took in the school during his 32 years as Bishop of Allahabad.

The St. Francis' Hospital and Charitable Dispensary was officially opened on 8th

February 1953, thus providing the school with a well equipped and upto date infirmary making its former accommodation available for the school library and Principal's office.

Since 1920 the school had dreamt of a Teachers' Quarters. On 6th July 1959, the Bishop had the satisfaction to bless the new Teachers' Quarters at the entrance to the school compound.

While these three major tasks were being done the authorities did not lose sight of general improvements and minor additions, to the already imposing pile of buildings. New classrooms, a garage, re-modelling of the servants quarters were all part of the integral plan of adaptation to present times.

But demand for admissions were relentlessly increasing. More classrooms were the need of the hour. Thus in 1963 an old-house at the back of the central building was pulled down and a three-storey building containing eight classrooms, a study hall, a new sanitary block, two large dormitories and a library were constructed by the Principal Fr. Ramano, O.F.M. Cap. The building was opened on 30th September 1963, by H. E. Shri B. N. Das, Governor of U. P. The original dormitory was given a wooden flooring and converted into a well equipped and modern Gymnasium. In the same year the name of the Senior Cambridge Examination was changed to Indian School Certificate Examination.

In 1968 Fr. Ramano left for Italy after a long and faithful tenure in India. In recognition for the service rendered to the school, the new Principal, Fr. Cyril, O. F. M. Cap., instituted the 'Fr. Ramano Merit Scholarship' for poor Catholic students in recognition of the work done by Fr. Alfred during his tenure as Principal from 1953 to 1958.

In 1971 the school was handed over to the Diocesan Priests and Fr. Leo Lobo became the second Indian to become the Principal of St. Francis' School, the first being Fr. Raphael who was Principal from 1949 to 1952. In October of the same year Right Reverend Dr. Cecil de Sa, was consecrated as the second Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow as a successor to Bishop Conrad De Vito who had expired in November the Previous year.

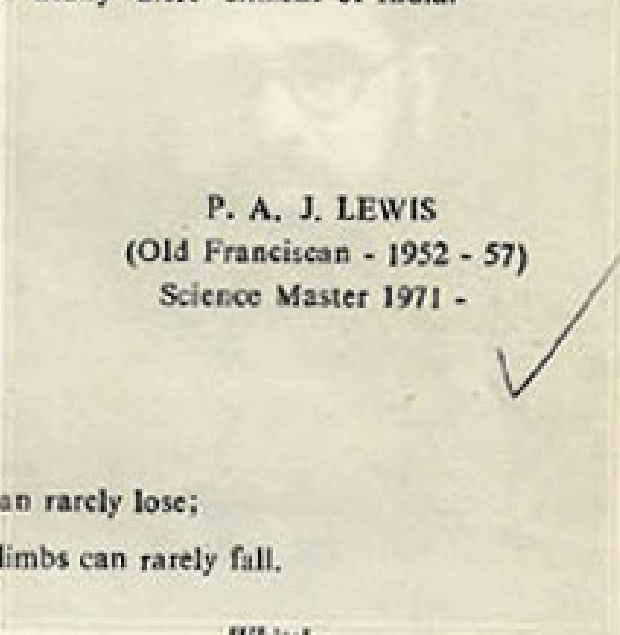
Still the demand for admission kept increasing. In 1972 the St. John Chrysostom block was pulled down and the foundation stone was laid for a Junior block. The new

two-storied block was completed in July 1974 and opened by Fr- Raymond in the absence of the Bishop.

Meanwhile the Council had decided to do away with the old I. S. C. Examination at the end of Class Eleven and introduce the new 10 + 2 system with an examination at end of Class Ten (Indian Certificate of Secondary Education called I. C. S. E.) and another at the end of Class Twelve (Indian School Certificate examination called I. S. C. (12) leading directly to University education. In 1975, the first batch of I. C. S. E. students appeared for their examination. Since there was a lack of Intermediate Colleges in Lucknow where our students could join; it was decided to open classes Eleven and Twelve and the institution was re-christened "St. Francis' College" in January 1976. But the Science Laboratories were small to meet these demands, thus the existing laboratories were broken down and in its place a two storeyed structure was put up. In May 1977, Fr. Leo Lobo was transferred and Fr. Ignatius Menezes became Principal. The Council had decided to change the scholastic year from January-December to April-March. This made it necessary to have two short years, one from January-May in 1978 and another from July-March in 1978-1979. In January 1979, Fr. Ignatius Menezes was elevated to the rank of Bishop of Ajmer-Jaipur (the third Principal of St. Francis' College to be given this honour) and Fr. Baptist D'Souza became Principal. Under him the College saw many improvements. The entire front quadrangle and pathways were paved, old furniture periodically replaced and classrooms and buildings given facelifts. In July 1981, Fr. Baptist D'Souza was transferred and Fr. Oswald Lewis took over the reins of office. In January 1984, Bishop Cecil de Sa was appointed Archbishop of Agra and in September of the same year Bishop Alan de Lastic took over as the third Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow. Meanwhile in 1983, a third storey was added to the Junior block by the present Principal.

Today St. Francis' College is recognised but unaided Anglo-Indian College established and administered by the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow, a charitable registered Society. It aims at imparting modern education to catholic students in a manner that will preserve their religion, language, script and culture but admission is not denied to students possessing other faiths.

The College provides education from Class I to Class XII and English is its medium of instruction and examination. It strive towards the integral and personal formation of young boys who will grow into mature, spiritually oriented men of character. It encourages boys to keep their ideals high and strive for excellence in every field. It endeavours to inculcate into them the value of freedom and its judicious use. Besides catering to scholastic needs the College attaches great importance to extra and co-curricular activities in an attempt to produce physically and mentally alert citizens of India.



P. A. J. LEWIS
(Old Franciscan - 1952 - 57)
Science Master 1971 -

Who never wins can rarely lose;

Who never climbs can rarely fall.

Whittier

The greater the glory, the nearer it is to envy

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They never taste who always drink;

They always talk who never think.

Prior



CONRAD DE VITO O.F.M. CAP.

First Catholic Bishop of Lucknow
Diocese

Dr. Conrad De Vito, O.F.M. Cap., will go down in the history of the Catholic Church in North India as the architect of Lucknow Diocese. The Diocese of Lucknow, was carved out of the Diocese of Allahabad and Rev. Fr. Conrad was made Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Church, one of the important churches in the Diocese of Allahabad in 1942. But because of World War II and restrictions on Italian Missionaries, Fr. Conrad was consecrated as its first Bishop only in

1947. These were eventful times, and challenging days for the Nation as well as the Diocese of Lucknow. The former, was emerging from a long period of foreign rule as an Independent Nation, while the Diocese had to be built from scratch to be an instrument in the service of the people as well as in spreading the Good News of the Gospels. The Diocese covered an area of 78,500 S. km, and Bishop Conrad had at his disposal 15 foreign missionaries, 2 Indian Capuchin Priests and personnel of the Irish Christian Brothers, I. B. V. M. Sisters (Bavaria) and I. B. M. V. sisters (Ireland), the latter three being involved in Educational Institutions. The work was hard painful and frustrating, but his labours gradually bore fruit.

Under a phased development programme that he planned, all the existing schools were enlarged under him and St. Francis' School was no exception. The old central building was pulled down and new centre block completed in 1951 as "a pledge of cooperation between the Catholic Church and the State in the field of education in the new and Independent India." The St. Francis' School Dispensary was opened in 1953 and the infirmary shifted there, thus providing space for the Principal's office and living

quarters. A three-storyed structure for the Staff to live in was constructed at the entrance of the school campus. The old out-houses at the back of the main building were demolished and a three-storyed building housing the dormitories and classrooms constructed and finally the St. John Chrysostom block was pulled down and two stories of the present New Block in which the Junior School is situated was constructed. Many new schools were established in far off places so that the children of the State would receive a good education. One among these was Sacred Heart School, Sitapur. Started originally as an orphanage, it has become today an Intermediate College.

The abandoned babies and orphans were given a home at Anand Bhawan, Barabanki. To look after these unfortunate children he founded a secular congregation called, "The Maids of the poor." Some of these sisters are surrogate mothers to the student of St. Francis, looking after the Infirmary, Kitchen and Dormitories.

The old people were not forgotten and a "Home for the aged" opened at Kathgodam thus fulfilling a long felt need in the north of India.

As a true son of the church, Bishop Conrad wanted to love his own clergy-sons of the soil—to look after his vast flock. To this end he opened St. Pauls Seminary Dilkusha in 1949. The large number of Priests serving this Diocese and in other parts of the country bear a living testament to the foresight of the Bishop in providing the people of India with an Indian clergy.

But more clergy were required to look after his vast flock. Thus in 1951 the canoness. Sisters took over the St. Maria Gorretti school, Bareilly. In 1955 the sisters of St. Ann took over the Infirmary and looking after the small children at St. Joseph's College Naini Tal. In 1957 the Sisters of the Appostolic Carmel come to run a girls school at Mahanagar. In 1959 Mahanagar Boys School was opened by the Brothers of Saint Gabriel. In 1965 the Ursuline Sisters of Mary Immaculate came to take over St. Mary's School at Bazpur and in 1967 they took over the home for the aged at Kathgodam and also opened a school there. In 1964 the Redemptorist Fathers came to take care of the spiritual needs of the people of Alambagh. In 1966 the Halimann Capuchine Friary and Boys School was established at Izzatnagar and in 1970 the Friary, Retreat House and Navitiate established at Fidelis Ashram Aliganj. Started as a clinic, Fatima Hospital rapidly grew into a modern well equipped Hospital and put in the charge of the Medical sisters of St Joseph since 1968. St. Pauls School Dilkusha was opened in 1958 to answer the pressing demand for a school, in the Cantonment and in 1969. Mother Teresa's Sisters of Charity were invited to open Prem Niwas to look after the destitute.

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Further all the existing stations needed renovation and expansion. Thus a new Priest House and Cathedral Hall was built and the old Priests House converted into the Bishops House. Gradually buildings came up on Mahatma Gandhi Marg and Shahnajaf Road and Cathedral School came into being. The orphanage and school at Jeolikote was renovated and expanded in 1958. In 1953 a Priests House and Summer Residence was built at Nainit Tal. In 1958 a Church and Priest House was constructed at Bazpur in the Terrai forests at Bana the Priest House was broken down and rebuilt.

Finally after providing for the poor, the abandoned babies, the education of the more fortunate ones, the sick and the infirm and the temporal needs of his clergy, he turned his attention towards establishing a land mark that would soon heavenward and bear witness to what he and his co-workers had achieved with blessings from above. He initiated the building of the new Cathedral but was unable to see its completion as Death called. However it stands today as a tribute to the "little gaint" the architect of Lucknow Diocese.

PAJ LEWIS
Old Franciscan
1952-1957



ANGELO POLI O.M.F. CAP

On the 3rd January 1970, Archbishop Poli, former Bishop of Allahabad breathed his last in St. Joseph's Home, Jeolikote, where he had spent his retirement. Yet one could hardly say that the Bishop had retired for till the very end he was physically and mentally interested in people and in his work. His last effort which probably strained his heart but which filled him with joy and pride was to travel to POLIGANG a small village named in his honour to bless the new church erected there. When he returned he expressed a desire to visit Poligang once again to

view the church and the station more closely, but it was not to be.

Fr. Angelo arrived in Allahabad from Italy on 24th Feb. 1901 and spent 69 years, in U.P. in the service of the Catholic Church and the poor. In Nov. 1904 he was appointed secretary to the Rt. Rev. Dr. P. Gramigna Bishop of Allahabad, and former Principal of St. Francis' Orphanage and School as it was called at that time. In November 1915, he was consecrated Bishop and Coadjutor to the Bishop of Allahabad, to become the youngest Bishop in the world, at that time, to the biggest Diocese on this Globe. In December 1917 Bishop Gramigna expired and Bishop Poli succeeded him.

The first need he felt was for Priests, so in 1919 he started a Seminary for Indian Priests at KURJI and in 1919 the miniature Seminary was shifted to Allahabad. During his episcopate, 37 churches and Chapels were opened in the undivided Diocese of Allahabad and 28 schools including 8 orphanages were opened or housed in new Commodins and well equipped buildings at a cost that only he would know. St. Francis' comes

under the latter category and we are ever grateful for his generosity. He made it a point to visit all his mission stations, using at times the most primitive methods of transport. What is unique in the History of the church is that during his 32 years episcopate the Diocese of Allahabad contributed to form entirely or partially the Diocese of Patna in 1919, the prefecture Apostolic of Jabalpur in 1932, the Prefecture Apostolic of Indore in 1935, the Diocese of Lucknow in 1940, the Prefecture Apostolic of Jhansi 1940 and the Prefecture Apostolic of Gorakhpur in 1946. Allahabad Diocese was handed over to the Diocese an Clergy, "The Sons of the Soil" in 1947.

As a man Bishop Poli was known to be a "Man of prayer." He was an eloquent preacher with faultless diction that he acquired with great pains and the desire to attain perfection. He was sympathetic to all and a source of inspiration to all those who came in contact with him and has been labelled by those who intimately knew him as one who had an insatiable love for souls, as a gaint among Bishops, as one who had the gift of reaching hearts and as one with a spirit of magnanimity and foresight. A loving father to all, Bishop Poli, who was raised to Archbishop on his Golden Jubilee on 30th Nov, 1965, will be remembered for those fortunate ones who knew him with love and gratitude for what they learnt from him.

MAY GOD GRANT HIM INTERNAL PEACE.

BISHOP CECIL DE SA

The appointment of Right Rev Cecil de Sa as the Bishop of Lucknow marks the end of one era and the beginning of another in the history of the Diocese of Lucknow. In the past, missionaries from Italy had come to India leaving behind their homeland with all its comfort to preach the good news of Christ in a land where everything including language, food habits and culture were alien to them. Now, sons of the soils clergy, religious and laity under the leadership of a Bishop chosen from among them would continue the work started by their Italian predecessors and bring it to completion with the same zeal and dedication.

It was on 26th June 1971, that Vatican Radio announced that Fr. Cecil de Sa Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Bhopal had been chosen to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Bishop Conrad de Vito on 16th Nov. 1970. The date of the consecration was fixed for 16th Oct. 1971 in the grounds of St. Francis' School. Weeks of preparation were spent in getting the venue ready for this great occasion, however on the evening of the 15th it rained heavily and continued to do so on the 16th, so the venue had to be shifted to the school gymnasium which unfortunately was not big enough to accommodate the large numbers that had come from the four corners of their large diocese spanning nearly 78,000 square kilometres to meet and greet their own Bishop Swami.

Bishop Cecil was officially enthroned as the first Indian Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow on Sunday 17th Oct. 1971. Speaking at the occasion, the Metropolitan Archbishop Athaide of Agra said that this day was a milestone in the History of the Diocese and a milestone it proved to be, for, if Bishop Conrad is considered as Architect of the Diocese then Bishop Cecil in his short reign of thirteen years proved to be the Engraver, using the foundation left to him by his predecessor and etching deeply into it this leaving an indelible mark on the diocese in general and the people of Lucknow in particular.

Under his guidance and help new churches were opened at Amausi, Bakshi ka Talab, Bailparao, Bhambhi Bazpur, Chorgallia, Bhowali, Dab, Gonda, Kakhra, Mohan Lalganj and Indra nagar, St. Josephs Cathedral and unposing monument to Bishop Conrad was also completed and opened under him.

Sickness is highly prevalent in the Diocese of Lucknow and to combat this to some extent Health Centres were opened at Adrianpur, Alambagh, Chorgalia and Izatnagar. To look after the lepers and the Homeless, a Leprosy Centre at Mohan Lalganj and

Prem Niwas at Bareilly were opened. A Hospital at Poliganj was started by him and Fatima Hospital was given a phased expansion to include a surgical Block, and outdoor department and a house for the sisters and nurses. To care for the physical and spiritual need of the people of the diocese more "labourers in the Lords Vineyard" were needed. To this end he invited various religious congregations to come and work in the Diocese, among these are Holy Cross Sisters of Amravate, Holy Cross Sisters from Hazaribagh, Teresian Carmelite Sisters of Verapoly, Franciscan Hospitaller Sisters, Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary, Franciscan Ursuline Sisters, Sisters of Queen of the apostles, Sisters of St. ann of providence, Canossian Sisters and the Sisters of Charity at Jyotinagar.

The wealth of a Nation lies in its children, provided they are educated to become good citizens. To do this schools were required thus Nirmala school Kathgodam, St. Paul's School Shahjahanpur, St. Thomas' School Amausi, St. Xavier's School Bakshi ka Talab, Puspha Vidyalaya, Lucknow, St. Johns School Gola, St. Francis School Nigohan, St. Patrick's School Majola, St. Anthony's School Bara Banki, St. Peter's School Mohanlalganj, Don Bosco School Lakhimpur and Dominic Savio School Indranagar were opened by him.

But even these schools were not enough to meet the increasing demands for English Medium education, thus existing schools had to be extended and up graded. Thus St. Anthony's Jeolikote, Anand Bhawan Barabanki, St. Agnes' School Lucknow, St. Pauls School, Lucknow, St. Pauls School Shahjahnpur, St. Mary School, Manaknagar and Carmel School Mahanagar were expanded. St. Francis College too was not neglected. Under him a New Junior Block was completed, the laboratories were extended and reequipped, and the status of the institution was raised from that of a school to college preparing students for entrance into University.

Even though condensed these few lines bear testimony to the hard work and zeal shown by Bishop Cecil. Perhaps it is in recognition of his abilities that Bishop Cecil was raised to Archbishop of Agra in Jan. 1984.

God Bless You Bishop Cecil. We Franciscans are grateful to you.

PAJ LEWIS
 OLD FRANCISCAN
 1952 - 1957

PASSING AWAY OF A PRINCIPAL

On the 14th June, Very Rev. Fr. John Chrysostom, O.F.M. Cap., passed away peacefully at Lucknow after 58 years of Missionary life in India. The funeral took place the following day and his mortal remains were interred at the Loreto Cemetery, Lucknow.

On 12th June his 82nd birthday, V. Rev. Fr. Chrysostom had celebrated Mass as usual. It was to be his last Mass. On that day he made his general confession as if it were his last one. Long before, he had repeatedly asked to be given Extreme Unction while still in his senses. "The only grace", he said, "I ask of God is to receive the last Sacraments before I die."

In the evening of the 12th, he felt tired and complained about the excessive heat. During the night he did not sleep and felt very restless. Upto the 14th noon his condition did not give any cause for anxiety. Then at about 3 p.m. he started running a temperature and within a few hours he passed away suddenly, a victim of heat exhaustion.

On Sunday morning a stream of people came to pray and pay their last respects to the memory of the dear departed. The funeral was well attended inspite of the heat.

Born at Lugo in Italy, on June 12, 1876, Fr. John Chrysostom was ordained priest on August 3, 1899. He came to India in December 1900 and remained here for the rest of his life.

ALLAHABAD AND LUCKNOW

Nearly a dozen missionary stations, in the old and new dioceses of Allahabad and Lucknow, had him as their Chaplain. Wherever he went, he distinguished himself for his zeal, leadership and saintly life.

He held many responsible posts which he discharged with dignity and ability. He was Superior of the Mission, Principal, Diocesan Councillor, Notary, Treasurer, Censor of Books, Director of the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies and for many years Chancellor of the Dioceses of Allahabad and Lucknow.

With keen foresight he started the Catholic Orphan Press at Kanpur, the publication of "Catholic Life", a parochial magazine of Lucknow and founded a Museum for the Mission at home. Since 1923, he was commissioned to collect articles for the World

Mission Exhibition, which was held in Rome in 1925, to which he was sent as a representative of the Allahabad Diocese. In appreciation of the good work done he was awarded the Silver Medal 'PRO EXPOSITIONE MISSIONARIA VATICANA.' Allahabad Kanpur and Lucknow were the missionary stations which benefited most by his enterprising activity.

The early years of his missionary career were spent at Allahabad in the capacity of Assistant Chaplain of St. Joseph's Cathedral and later as Chaplain of that important railway colony. Kanpur had him for many years. There he embellished the church and erected its main marble altar. While in Lucknow from 1932 to 1942, he was chiefly responsible for the building of Holy Redeemer Church at Alambagh, in the railway colony. He was also Principal of St. Francis' High School, Lucknow from 1935 to 1936 and again in 1941 - 42. He constructed several classrooms and the administrative block. On September 30, 1955, he was awarded the title of 'Very Rev. Father' in recognition of his long and active missionary life.

PRAYER AND FAITH

A priest of prayer and of faith, he selflessly spent his energies in the service of the people of India. His activity was marked by a rigorous routine of life, which enabled him to utilise to the utmost every single spare minute. In the midst of his manifold pre-occupations, he found time to collect and set in order numberless precious documents in regard to the origin and development of the old Mission of Allahabad. He also published some religious books and historical records. The following incident gives us an insight of his inner life!

Immediately after his death his Superior looked for the "Despatch Box", which he was sure would contain the last wishes of the deceased. There in he found a slip of paper in which the late Fr. John Chrysostom had written that he wished, with the permission of his Superior, to be buried with the same religious habit, Rosary and Crucifix, which he first wore at his religious profession, nearly 66 years ago. He had carefully kept these articles all these years with veneration as a pledge of his total consecration to God and in order to appear before Him dressed in the very same clothes of his first religious profession.

This alone bespeaks of his high standard of spiritual life and we may consider it the last spiritual will he has left to us.

FR. CYRIL PISI, O.F.M. CAP.

"Hum buddha admi Hai", we often heard Fr. Cyril sigh. By 1968, he felt that Old Father time was his constant companion. This was his fourth assignment in St. Francis', his third as Principal, so he knew well the complex burden this post carried. But then, he brought to it the experience, wisdom and knowledge of old age from which the institution, staff and students reaped a rich harvest during the three and half years he was Principal before he left India.

Father Cyril came out to India in 1937, so he had observed a stage in the growth of St. Francis'. Whenever it was placed in his custody he watched over it with a personal care of a good gardener. Like a father he would not permit his charges to forget those who had from time to time strengthened the foundations of the institutions - Bishop Poli, Bishop Conrad, Fr. Alfred and Fr. Romano - to name just a few. Establishing the Fr. Romano Merit Scholarships and Fr. Alfred Silver Jubilee Scholarships was proof of this, likewise he affiliated the institution to matters world wide - whether it was to mourn the death of a leader, rejoice in man's achievements in space or perpetuate the teachings of "Bapu".

Father Cyril answered promptly the call of duty. He was always found "in the thick where the fight be." In the office, in the classroom, on the games field, in the concert hall, with the boarders, teachers, domestic staff and parents, there was Father Cyril ready to share a task, encourage, crack a joke and even reprimand if necessary - all in the interest of S.F.S.

Many innovations took place during his time. The School Captain, Prefects and House Captains were not just appointed but "sworn" in. This made them feel the responsibility of the post they were given. Parents day added afresh chapter in the progress of S.F.C. After the parents had met the teachers, Fr. Cyril spoke to them. He conveyed to them in no uncertain terms the importance of their cooperation in the education of their boys in honesty and truth as well as knowledge. The School Fete was revived by him, and he saw it that boys profited from the experience. They planned and worked alongside the Staff thus learning the value of well organised and disciplined work. He taught them to be thoughtful of their less fortunate class-fellows, as the proceeds of the Fete were utilized for the education of poor scholars.

The school day was long and busy enough but in addition he had other Diocesan responsibilities. It was not surprising that this already delicate health often suffered under the load of his duties. He took all this in his stride, always with a smile. It was therefore, with mixed feelings that the news of his leaving India was received. We would lose a Principal and friend but he needed a rest from heavy work for a while.

Perhaps we shall meet again. Perhaps we shall hear his golden voice, as we remember it, lifted in prayer, light with laughter, heavy with sadness or rich with music.

Thank you father Cyril for giving so generously to so many in India and Lucknow in particular the best years of your life.

MISS M. GOMES

Ex - Teacher

The happiness of our times depends not on what we have in our pockets or on what is happening outside us, but on what is in our hearts and what is happening in our souls.

Human nature doesn't change. More than fifteen hundred years ago, St Augustine said: We are the times; such as we are, such are the times."

—Paul Leonard S J.

FATHER ALFRED O.F.M. CAP.

Rev. Fr. Alfred, former Principal of St. Francis' High School, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his ordination as a priest on 3rd June 1969 at Walmer, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

In 1953, Fr. Alfred became Principal of this institution. Those were post independence days - a period of transition for the school - and it was through this difficult period that Fr. Alfred steered this institution with a sure and steady hand, with shrewd foresight, undaunted courage, relentless sacrifices and limitless patience and understanding. Within the six years of his tenure of office he more than tripled the number of boys on roll. It was mainly due to his magnetic personality that he succeeded in making this vast improvement and firmly establishing the school as one of the most popular and leading educational institutions in Lucknow.

Paucity of funds and limited accommodation did not deter his valiant heart from going ahead with his plans. With a singleness of purpose, selfless devotion and a smiling face he set about the self imposed task of expanding the school. Every conceivable method was mobilised and geared into action to meet the ever growing need of extra classrooms.

With his inexhaustible fund of ingenuity, repartee, good humour and shrewdness, he was never at a loss to face any exigency which occurred, be it occasional by exacting school inspectors, irate guardians, exasperating teachers or recalcitrant students.

He possessed an astonishing abundance of bonhomie and good faith, placing implicit trust and confidence in those who worked under him. He had the rare quality of believing in the goodness of others. Incapable of animosity or deception, he would never credit others with the same. He loved simplicity, freedom and direct action and he succeeded most admirably in creating an atmosphere of devotion to duty around him, free of tension and discontentment.

Those who had the good fortune of working under him have nostalgic memories. He was to all a Principal, a complete anti thesis of a martinet; he was a friend, effervescent with good humour and joviality, kind and generous to a fault, sympathetic and understanding to every little need. Those were halcyon days - reminiscent of the days of the Nawabs - for that is how he made each one feel a master in our own domain.

Not only did Father Alfred leave an indelible mark on the hearts of all those who had the good fortune to know him, but he left lasting impressions on the very grounds where present generations tread. The entire quadrangle and pathways were paved during his time, the statue of our Patron Saint with its little garden, another reminder; the school dispensary opened during his tenure; and the building of the Staff residential quarters were envisaged during his tenure. Numerous improvements were made in every sphere of school life which no doubt have been forgotten, in view of the more imposing buildings that followed in later years.

Words are inadequate to express in their magnificent fullness the rare qualities that endeared Fr. Alfred to all those who knew him. His name will echo through the corridors of the institution as long as its floors are trodden upon by those who have known him. A man's worth is known not by the stones raised in his memory, but by the hearts which remember him with love and gratitude.

Mrs. F. Small
Retired Teacher

A friend is a person with whom I may think aloud... A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature .. I do them where I can find as I do with my books, I would have them where I can find them, but I seldom use them .. Happy is the house that shelters a friend.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

FATHER ROMANO - THE BUILDER

Do not be confined by thoughts of brick and mortar alone. Try to encompass the diversity of what a builder means to a school. This is how we look up to our Rev. Father Ramano, Principal of St. Francis' High School, from 1961 to 1968.

Over these years we came to know and understand him as a Principal, guide and friend, meeting the demands of S.F.S made upon him. Many and varied were these demands. They were met with calm assurance and surmounted with a finesse born of untiring efforts and attention to detail.

The pressing need for more accommodation was first eased by the addition of three class rooms, a study hall and a library. These were but stepping stones to the imposing 'New Block' of five class-rooms, two dormitories and a new sanitary block completed in 1963. By this time too, each class-room boasted new and more durable furniture. The Gymnasium, Laboratories and Concert Hall shone in the light of their respective improvements. A 'face lift' for the kitchen and hospital, a new statue of our Patron, St. Francis' of Assisi, a modern sanctuary for our chapel and swimming pool were among the glowing points of the years 1961-67.

Perhaps this unflagging spirit permeated the air of S.F.S. It burst forth in bud and then flowered in the steady improvement of the Indian School Certificate Examination results and English and Hindi Elocution Contest and debates of a higher standard. The school N.C.C. sports, games and debating teams thus gathered laurels.

School activities both academic and extra-curricular, have from the spring-board of Father Romano's incentive been launched into wider spheres.

The first charity-ball in October 1961 was a fine method of mixing business with pleasure. Owing to Father's initial guidance and organisation this event has grown to be one of the social events of the town.

A keen sportsman himself, Father Romano often joined both Staff and boys in lively games of football, badminton and also in the swimming pool. His sportsman's

spirit must have been highly contagious for even 'bookworms' like myself were drawn to the happy 'Tin and bottle Tournaments.'

You may well imagine what enjoyable occasions the Staff picnics, excursions and even annual dinners were with a friend and guide at the helm.

He smiled, worked and even mourned with us. So often, though, must he have toiled and worried alone, for every victory achieved means a battle fought. Often the leader stands alone-not always an enviable position, any principal will assure you.

MARY GOMES
Ex-Teacher

Did it ever strike you that goodness is not merely a beautiful thing, but by far the most beautiful thing in the whole world? So that nothing is to be compared for value with goodness; that riches, honour, power, pleasure, learning, the whole world and all in it, are not worth having in comparison with being good; and the utterly best thing for a man is to be good, even though he were never to be rewarded for it.

—Charles Kingsley

In Memoriam

(Mr. P. Flynn)

The 11th of February 1964 closed an eventful Chapter in the life of Mr. P. Flynn. It was a sad day for those who had known him to learn that Mr. Flynn was no more; and sadder still was his funeral where realisation emphasised that he had indeed gone from our midst.

Mr. Patrick Flynn was born on the 26th of September 1885. In 1892, while yet an infant he was admitted to this school which too was in its infancy. He completed his studies in 1901 and was appointed a teacher here in January 1902. He left for his teacher's training which he received at the Sanawar Training College, and returned to his beloved School as a trained teacher; and what a teacher! A more punctual, regular and methodical man was never known. We could synchronise our watches by Mr. Flynn's arrival at the school premises. His students would eagerly anticipate the day of Mr. Flynn's absence from school, but in vain, for Mr. Flynn would bestride into their narrow world - a Nemesis stern of eye and heavy of hand.

There is an anecdote which I recall from my school days. It was common knowledge that Mr. Flynn was a lover of Cock fights-a sport which had been the favourite of the Nawabs of Oudh. He kept the finest breed of cocks and looked after them with the utmost care, and every Sunday had a Cock fight at his residence. Rumour was prevalent among us boys that if Mr. Flynn's game cock won the fight then Monday would be an easy day for us; but if not, then we would have to 'book our seats' for the forthcoming lashing. Hence Monday morning would find us anxiously awaiting his arrival, to wish him 'good morning' and watch his reaction. If 'Old Patsy' reciprocated with a smile then our world was coloured with a rosy hue; if with a frown, then with trembling limbs and fearful hearts we took our seats, each recommending himself to his patron saint.

In later years when Mr. Flynn discovered our secret apprehension he was very, very amused, for he had never imagined that we could ever attach so great an importance to his Sunday amusement which most probably was forgotten by the evening.

Apart from the fear we had of his swift retribution we loved and admired him for his kindly nature and for the lucid way he would impart knowledge to us. He had accumulated a great fund of miscellaneous knowledge which by a peculiar promptitude of mind was ever ready at his call.

I recollect many incidents with which this wonderful man was associated and it is not without regret that I realise what an excellent teacher this school and this generation had lost at his retirement after forty-five years of unflinching and selfless devotion to his Alma-mater; what a paragon of a man his friends and his family have lost at his sad demise! Sad indeed, but we must console ourselves with the thought... ..

'To every man upon this earth,

Death cometh soon or late'.....

And so with mournful hearts, but with resignation to God's will we join his family and his friends in saying

GOODBYE Mr. FLYNN, GOOD BYE ..

J. A. CAMPHOR

Assistant Master

St. Francis' College

CHARLES KEELOR

Often we hear the rustle of his wings but faintly and from afar. Sometimes, however the Angel of Death brushes his wings nearer home, and when he passed by a loved one, relative or friend, accompanies him away. On the 16th June 1969, like an energetic Tax gatherer he came collecting his toll, and because he could not be denied our beloved Mr. C. Keelor answered his summons.

Charles Keeler was born 9th Nov. 1888. He passed the Matriculation examination in 1906 and underwent a course of training in teaching for two years in the government Training College at Sanawar. He secured a diploma of the First Class with Special Merit in the practice of Education. He was appointed to the staff of the institution in 1929 and in 1948 assumed the office of Head Master, till 1951 when he retired after long and devoted service.

Mr. Keelor presented an arresting personality to the world. As a teacher he understood the boys' little troubles and appreciated their problems and it was this quality that endeared him to those under his guidance. Never was there a pupil or a member of staff who sought the Headmaster and failed to find a friend. His was the restraining hand against the impetuosity of school boys and the calming influence over the sometimes misguided zeal of the staff.

Indefatigable as a worker, there was nothing that he could not put his hands to, and that to some purpose. Little things that went awry as little things have a way of doing in the best of regulated establishments, were promptly and efficiently dealt with by him. Was the school hall to be settled, a cricket match to be played? Did a boy need help in a crossword puzzle or "Macbeth" explained? Was there a referee short on the playing field or a coach at tug-o-war? He was there to fill the gap and to lend a hand. He was the efficient worker that found no work beyond or beneath him.

He was not only a boy among boys: he was essentially a man's man, and his inherent good nature made him a host of friends. Everyone felt in him the qualities of a friend on whom they could lean with confidence. Never did he fail in extending that supporting hand or refrained from a word that encourages or elevates. The magic of his magnetic mind drew everyone within its benevolent circle to a realisation of devotion to duty in its most lovable aspects. His was the friendship not reserved for high occasions, but gave evidence its existence of in the subtle little things of every day life—a cheery smile, a hearty handshake, a kindly greeting, a sense of humour and an understanding heart. For this we loved him. For this we remember him.

Mr. B. BRITTO

Mr. Leonard Manuel

In the recesses of a musty room, an old man sits at a table, pen in hand, staved paper in front of him. Making a gesture of disapproval he crosses out a bar, and shuffles thoughtfully across the room. He sings a phrase over and over to himself. Then with a great light on his face he shuffles back to the table and writes in a new bar. Tomorrow and the day after, and the day after that, for days, perhaps for weeks, he will be seated in front of that same manuscript, crossing rewriting and interporating.

Who could that old man be ? It was Mr. Manuel arranging a musical score for the forthcoming school concert or P.T. display. It was Mr. Leonard Manuel our Band Master.

Mr. Manuel was born in Madras and descended from a long line of musician. Though he was a versatile instrumentalist his reputation as a trumpeter and arranger brought him to the notice of men and St. Francis'. Whether it was the P.T. display or an occasion like the school. Concert, he never failed to entertain people with his varied repertoire.

He was never dismayed by the immensity of the task he was undertaking in preparing new boys for the many school functions. Grossly determined to make them into a band of five musicians he would start off in right earnest. The practices were marked with "volley and thunder" followed by joy and laughter.

In the Band room in the far corner of the school, the young ones are playing, with intensity of purpose a singularly monotonous scale passage. Their fingers stray off into a quaint trilling fugue which pleases them, and they weave fanciful arabesque, half dreaming. Soon a petulant voice, a little thickned and slurred is heard, "Yet on with your work" he says, "Get on to something useful, there is time for pretty tunes afterwards."

Towards the end of January 1972 he was taken ill. He put up a great fight for days. His face, lined by mental struggle, but indicative of strength and rugged simplicity, grew paler with increasing exhaustion. On February 2nd 1972 he was sinking fast.

Yvonne Robinson

"The death of the just is precious in the sight of God." We are today faced with the tragic reality of death. We see this Lady Death, as St. Francis of Assisi used to call her, striking people down in their infancy, in the prime of youth, in manhood and womanhood and in old age. But while the work of Lady Death goes on many of us are unperturbed about it. It is when she strikes down someone dear to us that we come face to face with this tragic reality, and Yvonne was dear not only to her dear husband, to her dear children to her mother and father, to her mother-in-law, to her brothers and sisters, but she was dear to every one of us who lived with her in St. Francis High School. Her end has come too soon. None of us excepted that God in his inscrutable designs had decreed that Yvonne was already ripe for Heaven. I used to joke with her when she would tell me. "Father, I feel that I will never get well again." But she said these words with such resignation to the will of God, she spoke them with such a fascinating smile on her lips that could never take her seriously. But then every one of us has been assigned by God a span of life within which one has to work out his salvation and Yvonne has accomplished the duty that God assigned to her in this world as a daughter to her parents, as a wife towards Ray, as a mother towards her children and as a teacher towards the pupils who had been entrusted to her, always with a smile on her face. We could say that her smile was contagious. As a matter of fact even the icy wing of death could not take that out of her face because even in her sleep of death she preserved it and she continued to smile at all those who went and paid their last homage to her.

We have all prayed together during the Holy sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of of the soul of dear Yvonne. She died fully resigned to the holy Will of God, and she prayed to our Lady of Perpetual Succour to take care of her. I am sure that for many years to come Yvonne will still be with us. She will be with the pupils whom she has taught with dedication and devotion; she will be with the members of the staff who will remember her smile her affability, her cheerfulness. She will be with all her dear friends who will remember her kindness towards everybody. She will live above all in the hearts of her dear parents, of her mother-in-law, of her boys, forever in the heart of Ray.

with a look, of perfect resignation and peace he seemed to fall asleep. It was an unusual day. Distant rumblings of thunder were heard and vivid flashes of lightning lit up the room. He was unaware of it all. He never opened his eyes to the cares and sufferings of this world.

No one knows all the details of his life, but all paid homage to the "Grand Old Man", whose sound of music, orchestrated by his smiling affability and simplicity of heart, contributed to the light and colour of St. Francis'. People still remember him, we miss and mourn for him.

Mr. Bosco Britto
Old Franciscan

Music is the mediator between the spiritual and the sensual life. Although the spirit be not master of that which it creates through music, yet it is blessed in this creation, which, like every creation of art, is mightier than the artist.

—Beethoven

because her affection for them, her attachment to them, her dedication especially to the boys and to Ray will always be an inspiration for them to accept this trial, of her sudden demise from God, to bow their head to God and to say: "Thy Holy will be done".

According to our Holy Faith, life is changed for the faithful servants of God-it is not taken away; because we firmly believe that when our earthly dwellings are destroyed an eternal home is made ready for us in Heaven.

With our prayers for the repose of the soul of dear Yvonne offered to God, on behalf of all the members of Staff, of all the dear friends of the family, I express to Ray, to the boys and to all Yvonne's relatives, our deepest sympathies and the assurance of our prayers for the repose of the soul of Yvonne and for strength, for each one of them, to be fully resigned to the Holy Will of God.

Rev. Fr. Cyril
Principal

The bar-room is a bank: You deposit your money—and lose it; your time and—lose it; your character—and lose it; your manly independence—and lose it; your home comfort—and lose it; your self control—and loss it; your children's happiness—and lose it; your own soul—and lose it.

J. B. Gough

Mr. HARRISON LOYALL

Whom the gods love die young :—So it is said. Did we love Harry less, that we were denied his pleasant company ? One fault of which, we his colleagues stand guilty is that - we did not realise or perhaps we did not want to realise that Harry was a very sick man before he died.

The boys and staff of St. Francis' High School will always remember him for his wide sunny smile and easy laughter. Whether he was playing a prank on someone or if he was the butt of a joke, Harry made us smile, and this was often.

He joined the staff in August 1963 to share the work of P. T. Instructor. Harry loved children, so he was a favourite with the Juniors during P. T. periods. Long after most of us left school he would still be seen on the grounds of S. F. S. As a matter of fact he went home after games in the evening, and home was pretty far from town.

Home is where the heart is and Harry's heart we came to know lay in Literacy House on Kanpur Road. On August 9th 1967, Miss Agnes Shaw became Mrs. Loyall. We were happy for him. On that day little did Agnes know how soon she would loose Harry, for, after only five years, on December 8th 1972, Harrison Loyall passed away.

His sickness had caught up with him some time before. He had to be hospitalised. With heavy hearts we stood by helplessly and watched Harry suffer. Pain was his constant companion. Death was a release. It came the day before school closed for the winter vacation. Harry joined us for a while before he was laid to rest, his funeral procession slowly passing through S. F. S. while assembly of boys and staff stood in sad silence, the school choir sang in tribute to a master and a friend.

Miss. M. Gomes,

Mr. P. P. MISRA

Lives many vicissitudes, its embarrassing coincidences, its mocking perversities, its confounding contradictions, its subtle ironies, its slow platiitudes, all litter the bewildering road of human destiny.

And along this road, so chequered with light and shade, are many milestones, so many farewells; the farewell to the innocence of childhood, the farewell to the power and

vitality of youth, the farewell to friends and loved ones, the farewell to ones profession and then the last farewell to life itself.

So in the fullness of time Mr. P. P. Misra had to bid farewell to St Francis' after a period of 18 years. The staff will long remember his touching speech, saturated with emotion, delivered in tremulous accents and with breaking voice. His sorrow was noble, for he enobled the profession even as the profession had enobled him. Here in the halls and class rooms he honed his skills and grew to full stature. Within these walls he found and atmosphere in which he could acquit himself well. Here he found full scope.

Mr. Misra was a man of broad humanity and compassion. His favourite subject was History, and he dedicated to it and an intensity of effort, a thoroughness of preparation that gave him a mastery of date and detail.

He had a deep regard for English as the vehicle for international communication. Here was the complete Indian, as patriotic and nationalistic as any other, who firmly believed that this beautiful language provided the key to the store house of the worlds knowledge, particularly in the sciences and technologies. He always tried to improve his knowledge of it, appreciating the chissled phrase, the polished expression.

He had immense regard for discipline. In these tumultous times and permissive society, discipline and self restraint were to him both the subterranean foundation and visible arch that gave, to achievement permanence, life durability and to culture sweetness and abiding beauty. Without it life would be a matter of quick sands and marshes, swallowing everything up, if not today, then tomorrow. He believed that discipline was the distinguishing characterstic of S. F. S. When this quality vapourised then all effort would be futile and all success ephemeral.

Mr. Misra himself had the implicit obedience of the classic Roman and the chivalry of a Nawab of Oudh. It made his gray hairs even more venerable. I hope that the generations that passed through his hands will always remember his class room wall emblazoned with the heroic words "Work is Worship."

Mr. B. Joseph

ST. FRANCIS' COLLEGE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Exactly a hundred years ago, a Capuchin friar, Fr. Norbert Badiali founded the St. Francis' School and Orphanage for Boys at Lucknow with two students on its roll. Today, St. Francis' College has nearly two thousand students. The tiny seed planted by Fr. Norbert has grown into a mighty tree, a great institution imparting education and moulding its students into men of peace and goodwill (Pax et Bonum - the College motto). The tree has blossomed and borne fruit as Franciscans have carved out a niche for themselves while treading the path from the portals of this hallowed institution to the Hall of Fame. St. Francis' can claim amongst its old boys - civil servants, engineers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, academicians, men of letters, soldiers, executives, businessmen and musicians - one of whom has even made it to the Guinness Book of World Records.

The college campus was the scene of hectic and feverish activity as students and teachers alike geared up and worked with near-fanatical zeal to make the week-long Centenary Celebrations a success. Whether it be the Centenary Exhibition or the P. T. display, all involved worked with a strange ardour and fervour never seen before. As D-day drew closer, the hustle-bustle gained momentum and anticipation increased. All had toiled for days together. At last, it was time for all to taste the fruits of success.

The entire school building, which looked like a poem in brick and terracotta, was illuminated with numerous tiny multicoloured bulbs and blushed like a newly-wed bride bedecked in all her bridal finery. At sunset, as the lights were switched on, one could make out the outline of the building while the path was illuminated by several mushroom lights. The analogy of a wedding is further carried on if one thinks of the majestic shamiana set up in the bash green front lawns of the campus as the wedding pandal. A stage had been erected, too and a gallery had been made for the College Choir.

Message of goodwill and cheer had been arriving from all over the world, wishing the centenary success. A special message had been sent by His Holiness Pope John Paul II. The Pope's message was framed and given pride of place on the stage. The President of India, Giani Zail Singh and the Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi also sent their good wishes.

The week-long Centenary Celebrations formally began on Monday, 18th November 1985 with the Rt. Rev. Dr. Alan De Lastic, Catholic Bishop of Lucknow, lighting the Centenary Flame which was to be kept burning all through the week long celebrations. The flame was lighted under the benign eyes of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of our college and one felt one could almost see him pray for the success of Centenary his arms folded in silent and solemn benediction. The Bishop then proceeded to hoist the College Flag to the strains of "Tho' no bugles may blow" which is the College Anthem.

To begin the Centenary Celebrations on an auspicious note, an Inter-Denominational Prayer Service had been arranged. A few students, sitting around the beautifully decorated statue of St. Francis, the college patron, recited prayers from the scriptures of the four major religions of India, viz. Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism and Christianity. The College Choir rendered some devotional hymns with an aura of austerity and solemnity befitting the occasion. While thanking God for His bounty, those assembled prayed for the welfare of the College, the Principal, staff, students and servants.

Special Centenary badges had been made and these were distributed to the boys soon after. The badges were a great hit with the students and staff members and soon almost all the students and teachers (including our Principal) could be seen wearing the badges on the lapels of their coats!

The Prayer Service was followed by an Inter-College Talent Contest in Hindi. Students from various colleges all over Lucknow came and gave ample proof of their singing talent. In the vocal section, the fare was quite varied and ranged from classical and semi classical compositions to the down-to-earth film songs. St. Francis', the home team, came first but not before Mahanagar Boys' put up a tough fight. The Chief Guest for the contest was Mr. Surendra Mohan, Secretary, Department of Cultural Affairs and Tourism to the Govt. of U. P. He apprised the boys of the need to preserve our rich cultural heritage while keeping pace with modern times.

In the evening, the Inter-College Talent contest was held in English. Most of the entries related to light western and pop music. In this event, Loreto Convent got the better of St. Francis' and walked away with the trophy.

The next day, the 19th of November, 1985 saw the inauguration of the Centenary Exhibition by Fr. Romano Bubani, O. F. M. Cap., an ex-Principal of the College, who had come all the way from South Africa specially for this occasion. He felt that the

The Centenary Concert in the evening for the parents of the Junior School students had Mr. Sunil Shastri Minister for Power and Energy, Govt. of U. P. as the Chief Guest. The highlight of the concert was an original farce, "What happened to Jones." The play was so hilarious that members of the audience held their sides as they split with laughter. Some of our fellow Franciscans are really talented and one feels that their capabilities need to be fully developed and channelised. The "ladies", specially brought the house down.

Another attraction of the evening was the operetta, "In Mexico Land". The College Choir had turned up in full strength that evening, looking rather dandy-like while they were dressed nattily in velveteen bows, ruffles and red cummerbunds. On the whole, a thoroughly entertaining evening.

On Thursday, the 21st November, one could watch budding Picassos and Dalis at work as they sweated away with gouache, crayon and paint for the Inter-College painting Competition. Here, too, St. Francis' proved that they were better than the rest and painted their way to the trophy.

In the evening, the Franciscans demonstrated their historic capabilities to the parents of Senior School students.

The Almighty and St. Francis of Assisi have been particularly kind to St. Francis College in its Centenary Year even in the academic field. Three boys - namely, A. Maiti, R. Chatterjee and S. Gupta figured in the All-India Merit List for ICSE examinations with over 92% marks while Sharad Mehrotra found a berth for himself in the Merit List for the I.S.C. examinations. Apart from this, several boys obtained over 80% marks. As a token of appreciation for the labour put in by these boys, special centenary mementoes were given away to them by Dr. Alan De Lastic who was Chief Guest for the Concert. The Management of the College also announced the institution of freeship for the boys getting the first five ranks in the ICSE examinations.

The Inter-College Hindi Debate was held the next day, the motion before the House being, "Philosophers are impractical fools." Unlike the English debate, here was scope for amusement and laughter. The participants drew applause from the audience as they regaled those present with their lively and witty anecdotes. The image of the teenagers as an iconoclast was consolidated as the participants began to tear apart men who might be said to have become institutions in themselves. There were reference galore to Plato, Aristotle and Marx. The St. Francis' team acquitted themselves creditably. One wishes

there were more debates of this type which evoke mirth and gaiety and in which the spectator begins to thoroughly enjoy himself.

Thereafter, the Annual Athletic Meet and Inter-School Athletic Meet began with the lighting of the Olympic torch by the Chief Guest, Rt. Rev. Dr. Ignatius Menezes, Catholic Bishop of Ajmer and former Principal of the College, which was handed over to the College Captain. Finally, the College Captain lit the Olympic lamp which remained burning for 2 days. It had become quite obvious that St. George's House would be lifting the Cock House Trophy. In spite of tough competition, offered by students from Mahanagar Boys' and St. Paul's, the students of St. Francis proved their worth in the School-level athletics.

The show was rounded off with a spectacular fireworks display courtesy the Old Franciscans' Association. Indeed, the old boys have been doing a lot for their Alma Mater and all their efforts have been saying out clearly, "We will answer when duty shall call" Whether it be organising "Ghazal Nites" and donating gifts for the raffle, the old boys always took the initiative. The old boys organised a get together in the Concert Hall and reminisced and shared fond memories about St. Francis' College.

Saturday, the 23rd of November, 1985 was the last day of the Centenary Celebrations. A Special Thanksgiving Service had been organised and the Chief Celebrant was His Excellency the Most Rev. Agostino Cacciavillan, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to India, who had flown down all the way from Delhi specially for this purpose. In the Mass, we sang the glory of the Lord and thanked him for making the Centenary a success. The Pro-Nuncio was full of praise for the Liturgy selected for the Mass and appreciated the efforts of the College Choir. The visit of the Pro-Nuncio, might then, be called the piece-de-resistance of the entire Centenary Celebrations.

Several students had been preparing for the Mass P. T. display. The day had come to prove themselves. In the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Meet, creditable performances were put in by St. Francis' College, Christ Church College and Mahanagar Boys' Inter College. The Chief Guest for the evening was Mr. Vir Bahadur Singh, Chief Minister of U. P. He gave a highly educational and inspiring speech to the boys. He then proceeded to distribute certificates and medals to the prize winners. The prestigious prize of Best Boy of the college went to Aditya Agarwal while S. Bansal was declared the Sportsman of the year. We, then, settled to watch the P. T. display. A Scottish Highland dance, a feather dance, a rustic Bhangra performance and a freehand display by the seniors. The most attractive items were however the Mashal drill and the Torchlight Tattoo where boys formed intricate and complex patterns.

The programme concluded with a scintillating fireworks display, an affair to remember. The teachers in the announcement booth had a hard time ordering excited students to move out from the path of the crazy fireworks. As the rockets zoomed to the sky, one felt that the Omnipresent was showering down his blessings. The Centenary flame was giving its last spurts before finally dying out.

Incidentally, the entire Centenary Celebrations were being filmed on video so that the events might be recorded for posterity.

Silence. When one returned to College after four days, one could see the bare skeleton of a pandal lying in the front-field, a mute reminder of the Glorious Centenary. There was sorrow in our hearts. Yet we were happy for were we not among the lucky ones who could work and contribute our mite, however small for the centenary. Such an affair comes only once in a lifetime, for a hundred years is a long long time. We all seemed to be hoping against hope that we would be around for St. Francis' bicentenary in 2085. It was an affair to cherish, the splendour and the pomp. We will not forget, St. Francis. When we pass out after completing our education, we will remain true to our College anthem.

Yes, St. Francis, we will answer when duty shall call.

Akash Maiti

Class XI A

Some Reminiscence of the Past

'All, all are gone the old familiar faces.'

As I stand here in the campus of St. Francis' College in a reflective mood, looking at the building with nostalgic memories of the past good old days, when, I as a student of this, my Alma Mater shared the joys and sorrows of my boyhood years with my Co-mates, the old familiar faces flash across my mind's eye, and I once again relive my old experiences. Occasionally when I chance to meet an old colleague, invariably our conversation drifts to our good old days and we regale our flagging spirits with some anecdotes of our School days with an accompanying feeling as though a palpable obscure had dimmed the face of things, but that a veil had lifted giving a momentary glimpse into the sacred precincts of the past.

On the 11th of January I was brought to the school by my brother Nelson. Rev. Fr. Celestine the Principal welcomed me with a broad smile and said, 'So, Nelson, you have brought the pocket edition of the family.' I was then 'parcelled' off to 'Daddy' D'Souza the Headmaster whose remark was, "well, well, here we have the miniature of the Camphor brothers. Well my boy, I hope you prove to be as good as your two brothers. Much in awe of his imposing personality I mumbled some reply. From here I was sent to class IV escorted by Radhey, the chaprasi. Mr. Flynn the class teacher read the slip which Radhey gave him, looked at me with a frown and said, 'you are Camphor? Far too skinny-you'll feel the sting of my cane more. You can imagine what must have been the feelings of a lad of unfledged year after such a welcome. I felt that a sentence of 'Ultima Supplicia had already been pronounced on me, Mr. Flynn was a very strict master who would brook no nonsense. Well could Goldsmith's lines be quoted for him, 'A man severe he was and stern of view'. We, his students quailed at the very mention of his name and his presence bereft us of all speech, A day would not pass without some of us falling victims to the solid old 'malacca' which he always carried with him. Occasionally, as if realizing the phobia he was creating in us, he would crack a few jokes, and the cloud of gloom would be dispelled for a few moments.

In this Class Mr. Lefevre taught us Geometry. With him too we had hardly any respite, but we had one consolation that he would take away the sting from the flogging he gave us by his scintillating humorous remarks as the cane descended upon our open palms.

Our stay in standards V & VI was comparatively uneventful with Mr. Barket as our Class teacher for both Classes V and VI. He was a genial old soul to whom we could take our problems and be sure of a willing ear. From Standard VII upto Senior Cambridge we were in the hands of Mr. N. E. Kelly (Head Master), Mr. Charles Keelor, Mr. A. Ferns and Mr. V. Vance. Mr. Kelly 'The absent minded Professor' was nevertheless nick-named Sherlock Holmes as he was tall, thin, fair, with an aquiline nose, sharp handsome features, and a far away look which suggested that he was in the process of solving a mystery. But he was a good teacher and a capable administrator. He took over as Headmaster when 'Daddy' D'Souza retired.

Mr. Keelor who later succeeded Mr. Kelly as Head Master was quite a jovial individual, though he put on a gruff exterior to appear formidable. His genius was acknowledged by all. He was precise in his thinking. You could not hover with him upon the confines of truth or wander the maze of a probable argument. He always kept his path. You could not make excursions with him for he soon set you right.

We had the good fortune of being taught by Mr. Vance the versatile genius of our School. He was a Gulliver among his little people, endeavouring to fit the stature of his understanding to ours. Yet he was humble, kind and very generous with a humane temperament. He was the 'Gold smith' of our age. Once he took off and gave away his coat to a poor old man on a November evening, while he himself went shivering home. I may here mentioned that it was he who composed the words of our College anthem. He has written a number of poems, many of which have found their way in the school magazines.

Mr. Ferns taught us Maths. He was a learned and clever teacher but he always seemed to be lost in the void as if mounted upon airy stilts of abstraction. He was the butt of jokes both among teachers as well as students, because of his absent mindedness. He would suddenly burst out with some rare utterance which would evoke a few titters all around, with Mr. Ferns happily oblivious to the stir he had caused. Sample there howlers :

"Bullockcarts ply in the Tundras"

Elephants roam wild in the jungles - (Pause) - They will enter your dining room, sit on your arms and bite you and you get malaria". He was teaching us about Burma

during Geography period and his gaze happened to dwell upon a chart on the wall on which was shown the anopheles mosquito under the caption 'Malaria-its cause and prevention'.

These 'August' personalities I have summoned up before you are now unsubstantial, and only memories, but their importance is from the past, both for me and for those who knew them.

Many memories revolve in my mind as I look at the old buildings of the school. I trace my steps to the concert hall and as I stand there my mind flashes back some forty five-fifty years and once again I recall my school days when my school mates and teachers assembled there on the first day of a new session.

As I remember, the Principal would welcome the new pupils and exhort them to work hard and with a will. How the years would pass in toil, play, laughter and tears. The finals would come and be over. Once again we would assemble in the Concert Hall, but with pounding hearts and bated breaths with hopes and fears, but with hopes belying our fears, we would wait for the results to be declared and then ... the joy and the relief of being declared successful. The Principal would then address the assembly and a hush would descend upon the entire hall. He would wish us happy holidays. A short Prayer would be recited and the hymn 'O cause Nostra Leticia' would be sung in all solemnity, with the haunting melody of the hymn a feeling of sadness would descend upon us. The last strains of the hymn would cease, and then the assembly dispersed. There were handshakes and Choruses of farewells as we prepared to depart Soon the echoes die and silence reigns where once there was a hubub of activity. The very walls that stand as silent spectators give a mute testimony that holidays have indeed come.

I once again become conscious of my surroundings, and realize that what my mind conjured up was but a reverie. I see the empty hall, remember my friends who, one by one have left. Some have gone to their eternal rest. I remember my dear, dear mentors who are now no more (Rest to the souls of those fine old pedagogues; the breed long since extinct). I look back on them with a blind veneration; what mystery lurks in this retroversion! and I think the past is everything, being nothing. With a sigh I reconcile myself to the present and it brings to my mind these lines :—

'I feel like one
 Who treads alone
 Some banquet-hall deserted,
 Whose light are fled,
 Whose garlands dead,
 And all but he departed.

Yes, all have departed and I, care worn, oppressed with sorrows that have come my way and weary of life's buffets, climbing on the last steps of time, wonder how long will it be before I too will belong to the past and be ... a memory.

J. A. CAMPHOR

DIGNITY OF MAN

You did form my inward parts,

You did knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise You, for You are fearful and wonderful.

Wonderful are Your works !

You know me right well;

My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance;

In Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

—Bible (Psalm 139)

Lucknow - Revisited 1985 November

I left Lucknow in December 1972 after helping in and celebrating the Centenary of Loreto Convent where I had been educated and later had taught for 37 years. Little did I think then that I would return, and this time to partake in the celebrations for the the Centenary of St. Francis College - then a High School - where my father, known popularly as 'Daddy' D'Souza, taught and was Headmaster for over thirty years.

When I arrived in Lucknow, I realised that I was perhaps the only visitor from abroad connected directly with the college, and was soon made to feel that I was an honoured guest. I was given a programme of the activities and invitations to most of them, and was asked to be Chief Guest at the Inter-College English Debate on the 20th November. This was a task for me, as I was not used to making speeches, or being a guest of honour. However I spent an interesting morning there and was made aware very soon of the care that had gone into collecting the arguments for and against the motion, by the speakers, and the ease and vitality of their delivery. "India should have the Nuclear Bomb" was the motion. Strange to say, I also had the pleasure of handing over the first prize to a Loreto girl and the prize for the best debating team to Loreto College. Was I proud? However I must apologise for the fact that in the few words I said after, I failed to refer to the performance of the speakers, but instead reminisced on an incident which had taken place in the Concert Hall many years ago when my father was Headmaster, illustrating the old adage "In the midst of life we are in death" probably recalled by the aura of death and destruction which pervaded the whole debate. Well, I can now say that the quality of most of the speeches and the delivery testified to the fact that the education in our schools in India is still of a high standard. The large buildings and vast number attending them testify to this.

I attended many of the other functions and was very interested in the exhibition held. The section on the history of the college was interesting and illuminating though there was a lack of photographs of the past years. The layout portrayed development and life in India with special emphasis on Lucknow. Thanksgiving Service celebrated

by the Most Rev. Agostino Casciavillan was beautiful. The Mass having been composed by a local student Vijay Upadhyaya. The Inter-College Athletic Meet and P. T. Display brought the week to a close with a Torchlight and Fireworks Display ending the day.

My visit was not deliberately planned for this, but I am glad now that I was able to be present at it-in a school filled with so many memories of the past. I wish the school many more years in the service of God and of the people of India.

Miss Anegla D'Souza.

Melbourne, Australia

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St. Francis' College Centenary - Some Glimpses into the Past

During this centenary year perhaps the reminiscence of the only surviving family member of one who spent 44 years in SFS (as it was then) from 1902 to 1946, may be of interest to present and past associates of the College.

My father, Patrick Flynn, had 44 years association with SFS both as pupil and teacher - retiring on 7. 11. 1946. In token of affection, esteem and appreciation the farewell address printed on silk was presented to him in a silver casket which is still in my possession. Though it is a very long time ago now, and I was a child then, I can still recall some happy times spent on the SFS campus particularly during the three days Fancy Fair held every October. While Dad ran the Tommy Dod table (he was one of the last to close down), I enjoyed a short ride in the 'Aeroplane' rigged up for the benefit of children, among a number of other fascinating stalls. The "Ladies' Race" was an item of much amusement and laughter. The SFS concerts were fine performances, and the Tableau which followed each performance is something nobody who saw them could forget. I still recall clearly "Jesus walking on the waters", "The Agony in the

Garden" and "The Crucifixion"; how realistic those tableaux were. The boys taking part and the painting of the scenes were excellent and made possible through the tireless efforts of the Principal, Fr. Celestine and the Arts Master, Mr. Hoff, not forgetting the pupils. Most of the performances had some singing items and voices of boys like Brogan live on in memory.

Also with me is a photograph of the entire school taken on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Mr & Mrs J. D'Souza. Mr. D'Souza was Head Master at that time and affectionately known to all as "Daddy D'Souza". Unfortunately only half the photograph remains, the other half having given way to time and the elements ! Looking at the existing half, some names come to mind. There sits Mr. Claudius one of the oldest teachers of the institution; beside him is Mr. Thomas the Band Master and though the boys said he instructed them to 'beat the bugle and blow the drum' he certainly achieved success and the SFS Band was something to see and hear. I see two lady teachers - one is Mrs. Mary Perry and the other (her name escape me !). Mr. Vance has his arm in a sling for some reason, and beside him is, if I'm not wrong, Mr. Vaish. Next comes my father (Patrick Flynn). I recognise Fr. Evans a frequent visitor to many homes though not always at a convenient time (making for remarks like 'good heavens, it's Evans). There is the Principal - Fr. Celestine who had long association with the school; in the centre are the Jubilarians . . . Joe D'Souza and his gentle wife Adeline ('Daddy' D'Souza passed away many, many years ago but Adeline passed away in February 1985 in her mid nineties). Then there is the handsome Fr. John Chrysostom, Parish Priest of that time; though the second half of the photograph is not available, I can recall another of the lady teachers . . . the music teacher, Miss Martin. Also in that missing half I remember Mr. Manuel Lowe, Mr. La Feyre, Br. Dennis and among the pupils, my brother Patrick.

Grouped near the Jubilarians stand Mr. Andy Ferns and Mr Charlie Keclor the former apart from being on the teaching the staff was also one of the Disciplinarians and quite feared, though affectionately remembered in other ways particularly for his strange saying like 'come here the pair of you three boys. . . I'm sure there is somewhere an old boy who has jottings of 'Andyisms' and who could send them on to the College. Mr. Keclor was one of the last Head Masters. Near by I see Mr. Cyril Perry, spruce as ever with his 'solar topi' tucked under his arm . . . some of his family members are closely associated with the College during the present time. Among the pupils I can recognise :

Leslie Jacobs . . . later he became Rev. Fr. Antony;

Austin D'Souza . . . Inspector of A. I. Schools in W. Bengal of recent years;

George Barker . . . he served the Indian Police & is now in Australia;

Alfred, Stephen & Lenny Ferns - who all did well for themselves in UK;

Kenneth, Tony & Gerry Perry . . . the first migrated to Australia, the second to UK & more recently to Australia & the third brother a doctor in USA.

Ashley Morehouse . . . with his cheeky grin; his idea of fun was to dress as a girl & have Tommies chase him while he cycled fast and recklessly leading them into mishaps;

William Riberio . . . a little boy then, but later to become DMO in the Kashmir region;

Pat & Barney Collins, Charlie McWilson and many more who have gone their separate ways but no doubt all are grateful to the education they received in SFS which paved the way to their success in later years.

In the SFS Annual Magazine 'The Franciscan' there was always a separate page devoted to Mr. Le Fevre entitled "Laugh with Laf", . . . this short tubby member of the teaching staff was seldom without a joke on his lips & in after years when meeting an ex pupil about to get married his advice was "my lad, to live a happy married life remember to let your wife go her way, and you go . . . hers".

And here I end my memories of the past, but not before wishing St. Francis College its Principal, Staff and Students all the best of every thing; may the Institution & all connected with it be like a tree planted near running water, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves never fade.

Lucknow.

(Mrs Sheila D'Costa nee Flynn)

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Early years at St. Francis' High School

Reminiscing is a habit one indulges in when one gets older. It is a privilege of the elderly to reminisce. This may be because we begin to feel that our more recent memory becomes less sharper and a little more defective while the brain keeps the lower layers of memory intact and they are the last memories to be lost. Thus, when Mr. Lewis wrote to me out of the blue, and I don't know how he found out my address, he set me off in a train of thought and pattern where I begin to think of the good old days. Being a psychiatrist, much of my ramblings will be probably my own feelings of environmental influences and will be centered around me. I'm going to also indulge in that process called free association and let the thoughts be expressed as they come. I am visualizing now what was in the years before 1936. I have no idea of the construction and arrangement of St. Francis' College as it exists now, so I am going to think of the high school that was when I was a boarder at the school.

The front of the school was the hockey field and this area occupied predominance particularly on the October 4th, when the school celebrated its biggest day, or its Corpus Christi when the procession passed in front, and the altars, which rivaled each other were facing that lawn or that field. It also occupied a central position in the annual presentation of the drama that was enacted in the middle of that center building which became a stage for an open door concert, event or presentation of awards. That center building occupied the more important people in the school, mainly the seniors from the seventh to the tenth grades. It also had the teachers' lounge on the left hand side while the awesome offices of the principal and the headmaster was on its right flank. Facing this building on the left hand side was the large study hall and the indoor stage. The school was noted, in the town of Lucknow for its stage play or comedy and ran for three days and attended by the population at large. Night performances were attended by the big brass with black tie and tails or long gowns. Those were exciting days for the school and particularly for those who took part in the drama or the play. I was a ham then and took some leading roles. I remember particularly of the presentation of the Leghorn Hat and Norman Kelly, the teacher who usually coached and directed the occasion and the actors. That was also the hall where we took our examinations and so one cannot forget the tension and stress during that period. That building housed the kindergarten to the sixth grade. Talking about the kindergarten, I remember the

teacher, Mrs. Martin who apparently took a fancy to me and tried to make me into a piano player and a singer, both of which embarrassed me greatly as I had no talent for either of them and as it turned out I was meant to be more of an actor that did not sing.

To the right of the central building was the dormitory. I wonder whether you have such a large open dormitory now. That served many purposes, the annual dance and the place where I learned to skate on its slippery pavement floor. It also brings back memory of the boys who sneaked out at night from the dormitory and brought back pillowcases of either guavas, green mangoes or other fruit. While I did not have the courage to venture out and do it, I participated in enjoying the loot that was brought back. Attached to the dormitory, I cannot forget the primitive latrines and bath houses that were all that were available in those years. I do not believe that they would pass any health criteria in the present time, particularly in the United States. They may not even pass the criteria for a camp which we all went to. Talking about camps, and I am going to ramble now, those were delightful camps, meaning the scout camps where we went far out into the countryside and had such fun and such good food provided by the scoutmaster and his family, the Fern's. It used to be, I believe, a three day camp and I wonder whether that practice is still in existence. Further to the right of that dormitory was the newest building, the infirmary with the chapel above it. I also happened to be in charge of the chapel and thus have many more memories of it. I enjoyed a taste of the leftover mass wine or the cuttings of the host that was supplied. Going to the rear of these buildings was the refectory or the dining hall and behind that was the football field or the major field where all great events took place. That field brings back many memories beginning with the years when we had the floods from the Gomti River which filled the whole of the backyard of the school and caused great excitement and fun in playing in the water, etc. even though it may have been quite dirty. But the greatest memory was the annual event for the sports and field events that were run in that backfield and attended again by parents and population at large. It brings to mind the healthy rivalry and competition among the three houses that existed, St. George's, St. Andrew's and, I believe, St. Patrick's. The houses competed for points in various events throughout the year and the house that had the greatest number of points won an award and were allowed to go and seek contributions from the staff, from people and have a big bash or picnic with plenty of food and fun. The competitions among the houses was so great that one did not feel the loss of first place, when you were second, because the boy who is in first place belonged to the same house. I remember the com-

petition inspired me to even take up long-distance running to win points for the house which was St. George's at the time. That back field also presented a beautiful marching drill each year, with costumes and over one hundred students participating. The massive drills that the United States had in every school and college on the playing fields often reminds me of those clever drills and spectacular shows, put on by Mr. Charles Keeler, a great inspirer, leader and who participated to even playing with the students on the team in football and other games. Charles Keeler was also the head of St. George's house and a great sponsor and mentor of mine. He was my latin teacher, my coach and the one who perhaps did the most encouragement prompting me to enter competition in the country for selection into medical school. If there was one teacher, and there is always one teacher that inspires one, it was Charles Keeler, who even introduced me to Sir Henry Gidney, who started me on my career and to what I am now.

The other spectacular and joyous event for the school was always at Corpus Christi time when we marched with the band and I, being the assistant scoutmaster to the troop, led the boyscouts behind the band, through the streets to what was the church and then return in the evening for the great procession; the rivalry of the beautiful altars that were built all along the route, through a neighboring school, St. Joseph's School. I wonder if that's still there. Talking about the school band we had a bugle, fife and drum only and there were occasions when the buglers, not practiced enough or suffered a loss of breath, had embarrassing moments.

There were other little things that were enjoyable or traditions in the school and one was a vendor who had a basket full of fruit and peanuts and who extended credit to his favorite students, I being one of them. The vendor, I remember the name was "Tincha" and he was quite a symbol in the school who had been there for many, many years. And there was the sweet shop in the rear of the bakery. The school had its own bakery at the back and cooked and prepared its own bread. Obviously anything that was edible to boys at a boarding school were attractions and at high premium. There was also the great rivalry and competition with the other college in Lucknow which was the Protestant College, La Martinere. I wonder what is the situation now. We also had inspiring first class hockey and football teams in the community and in the town. This school did shine in many areas and was well known for its accomplishments. I do believe that that early training and the opportunity for leadership in whatever I have done in my life. When I studied hard and when I played, I played hard and followed that principal all along.

Chemistry !-Oh Chemistry !
 I don't know how to capture thee
 Try as I may,
 Thou escapest me.

To make peace with thee,
 Is not in my powers,
 For try as I may,
 You never come near me.

Sandeep K. Gurbuxani

XII B

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THE DAWN

The other morning,
 When I woke up,
 It was foggy and grey,
 It was cold,
 and the sun had not yet woken up.
 Even the birds,
 hid themselves in their nests.
 It was gloomy,
 It was grey.
 But as I opened the door to pickup the newspaper,

a lonely little bird,
chirped somewhere far away,
Further away, another, did the same,
And from the other side,
Yet another bird chirped,
And yet another, and yet another,
And Suddenly,
as if, through some unseen control,
the whole universe,
turned into a deep, rich, flowing,
melody,
Unending,
Everlasting !
And then the sun woke up,
Yawning, it looked through the
Eastern window—
"Tis late !" said he
And rose up above;
Shining in the Sky,
A rich, bright face,
Smiling.
And then,
the buds yawned,
and opened into flowers,
And as the cool breeze
caressed them softly,
They shook and whispered to each other;
and poured into the air,
their sweet scent
and the breeze went its way,

drowning the word, in that scent,
 The fog vanished,
 gone was the grey,
 And it was beautiful,
 And bright,
 Oh ! it was great !
 A perfect dawn,
 As perfect as could ever be.

—SANDEEP GURBUXANI
 Class XII-B.

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MAJOR DUTY OF A DOCTOR

Caring—not curing—always has been a physician's major duty toward a patient.

From the moment he or she enters medical school, the future doctor is not to forget the ancient proverb: "To cure rarely, to relieve sometimes, to comfort always."

As a result, I find it hard to look upon any patient's visit as "unnecessary."

Mike Oppenheim M.D.

हिन्दी विभाग

शताब्दी-अभिनन्दन

सन्त फ्रांसिस कालेज, शत वर्ष पर तुमको,
शत-शत अभिनन्दन अरु शत-शत प्रणाम् ।

नगर-नगर में है नाम तुम्हारा,
देश-विदेश में है गान तुम्हारा ।
पशु-गौरव गाता है जग सारा,
कितना तेजस्वी स्वरूप तुम्हारा ।

सन्त फ्रांसिस कालेज, शत वर्ष पर तुमको,
शत-शत अभिनन्दन अरु शत-शत प्रणाम् ।

सदी-पूर्व हुआ, जन्म तुम्हारा,
बने दो अनार्यों के नाथ, सहारा ।
छोटा था प्राणिज-भवन तुम्हारा,
जिस में ज्ञान का तुमने दीप उजारा ।

सन्त फ्रांसिस कालेज, शत वर्ष पर तुमको,
शत-शत अभिनन्दन अरु शत-शत प्रणाम् ।

सतत् किया दूर अज्ञान अंधेरा,
अबोध जीवन के तुम बने सबेरा ।
निराशा में आशा के बने किनारा,
अनगिन जीवन को पार उतारा ।

सन्त फ्रांसिस कालेज, शत वर्ष पर तुमको,
शत-शत अभिनन्दन अरु शत-शत प्रणाम् ।

अब कितना विनाश भवन तुम्हारा,
प्रांगण सुन्दर नित-नूतन न्यारा ।
अंक द्वय, हजार गुणित बढ़ाया,
तुमने स्वयं अपना रूप सँवारा ।

सन्त फ्रांसिस कालेज, शत वर्ष पर तुमको,
शत-शत अभिनन्दन अह शत-शत प्रणाम् ।

नव-सदी प्रवेश, उत्थान तुम्हारा,
बने तुम्हारा यज्ञ, पितान हमारा ।
शान्ति-ज्ञान-प्रीति, उम्मान तुम्हारा,
बने गीत नया, अभिमान हमारा ।

सन्त फ्रांसिस कालेज, शत वर्ष पर तुमको
शत-शत अभिनन्दन अह शत-शत प्रणाम् ।

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शताब्दी समारोह-कुछ मधुर स्मृतियाँ

आज से सौ साल पूर्व लखनऊ की भूमि में एक छोटा सा विद्यालय स्वी पीसा रोपा गया था । जो समय के हटने बड़े संतराल के बाद आज एक कल्पतरु के समान बहुत घान से अडिग खड़ा है । दिन प्रति दिन उसकी शाखाओं एवं पत्तियों में वृद्धि हो रही है एवं उनके द्वारा उत्पन्न हुए फल फूल संपूर्ण भारत में विख्यात हैं । यह कल्पतरु और कुछ नहीं अपितु हजारों विस्फाट संत फ्रांसिस कालेज है । जिसने सन् २५ (में पूरी सफलता के साथ) अपने बीसवसुर्ष १०० वर्ष पूरे किए हैं । इसी शताब्दी को मनाने के लिए कालेज में पूरे उत्साह के साथ शताब्दी समारोह प्रारम्भ हुआ ।

इस अवसर पर वाद-विवाद, प्रश्नोत्तरी, गीत-संगीत एवं चित्रकारी से संबंधित अनेकों प्रतियोगिताएँ आयोजित की गयीं जिनमें लखनऊ के कई अन्य स्कूल एवं कॉलेजों में भी भाग लिया । परन्तु हर्ष का विषय यह रहा कि अधिकतर सभी प्रतिस्पर्धियों में सेंट फ्रांसिस कालेज के छात्र हावी रहे हैं एवं प्रतिस्पर्धियों को अपनी असीम क्षमता से अवगत कराया ।

समारोह के उपनयन में एक ज्ञानवर्धक प्रदर्शनी भी तैयारी गयी जिसमें छात्रों एवं अध्यापकों के मिल कर काम किया एवं इस प्रदर्शनी को समारोह का एक प्रमुख आकर्षण बना दिया। इस प्रदर्शनी को अनेक भागों में विभाजित किया गया जैसे सेंट फ्रांसिस कॉलेज के स्वयंसेवक अतीत एवं वर्तमान से सम्बन्धित जानकारी, भारत की विविधता में एकता को प्रदर्शित करते अलग-अलग राज्यों के रीति-रिवाज, गांवों में प्रगति के साधन, स्वास्थ्य से सम्बन्धित जानकारी, यातायात विभाग आदि अनेक विषयों पर ज्ञानवर्धक एवं मनोरंजक सामग्री को एकत्रित किया गया। कक्षा ११ एवं १२ के सहयोग से सीरमण्टन के कई पहलुओं पर प्रकाश डालती प्रदर्शनी रोचक एवं अनगही होने के कारण अत्यन्त लोकप्रिय रही। इस सरी के अंत तक मनुष्यवाद पर कौन-कौन सी उप-सम्बन्धों प्राप्त कर लेना इस से सम्बन्धित 'मास्टर ऑफ पेरिज' से निर्मित सलोना चांद अनायास ही सबका चहुंता बन गया। सोलर कुकर एवं ग्रीन उर्जा से चलने वाले अन्य उपकरणों का भी प्रदर्शन किया गया। इन सबके साथ 'असलऊ' की ऐतिहासिक हमारतों एवं गौरवपूर्ण परंपरा की जगह देते हुए मांजिल एवं जतरंज से मिले हुए तैयारी पोसाक में नन्हें-नन्हें नवियों के भी दर्शकों का मन मोह लिया।

कार्यक्रम से राजि तक चलने वाली मंच-कला में नाटकों एवं नृत्यों ने अपार भीड़ एकत्रित की। उच्च कक्षा के छात्रों द्वारा प्रस्तुत किया गया अचेशी हास्य नाटक सब दर्शकों के द्वारा प्रशंसनीय रहा एवं दर्शकों से हंसी के फवारे छूटने में सफल रहा। 'मेक्सिको' की नृत्य कलापर आधारित नृत्य नाटिका ने भी दर्शकों को जोरदार तानिया बजाये पर विवश कर दिया। भववान पीपु के जीवन पर आधारित नाटक भी पुष्पता सफल रहा। इन सभी कार्यक्रमों की जो एक अत्यंत विविधता बात थी वह यह कि सभी भागों के परिज भी लड़कों द्वारा ही अभिनीत किए गये। केजसज्जा, पोसाक, मेकअप एवं अभिनय सभी इतने स्वाभाविक बन गये थे कि छात्रों के अविभाजक मन भी अपने बचपन की नहीं पहचान पा रहे थे एवं उन्हें लड़किया ही समझ बैठे।

केल-दिवस का उद्घाटन उत्तर प्रदेश के मुख्य मंत्री श्री नीर बहादुर सिंह ने किया एवं इस कालेज के पीछे वाले विद्यालय मैदान में आयोजित किया गया। अस्ताह एवं सनित से भरपूर युवा खिलाड़ियों के विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं में अस्ताह के साथ भाग लिया एवं पुरस्कार ग्रहण किए। इसी अवसर पर आयोजित आग के गोले से कूटने वाले अंतरराज्य कार्यक्रम में दर्शकों में एकदम जाति एवं सहृदय-सहृदयता का सातावरण उत्पन्न कर दिया। विभिन्न प्रकार की पी० टी० भी छात्रों ने सफलतापूर्वक की। इन कार्यक्रमों में समय के बीतने का किसी को भी ध्यान न रहा और दर्शकों की संख्या तब टूटी जब पूरे मैदान की बरतियों की बुझा दिया गया परन्तु अचानक ही मैदान के दूसरे सिरे पर बहुत ही छोटी छोटी रंगीन लाइटें जगमगा उठीं जो अस्दी ही बहुत सुन्दर रूप में पूरे मैदान पर फैल गयी। ऐसा लगता था मानो आकाश के खिलारे धरती पर बिखरने करने जा गये हों। छात्रों के द्वारा की गयी टूट "टाच पी० टी०" ने सभी को विस्मित कर दिया। उसके बाद मजालों की मदद से पूरे मैदान में एक बार फिर नई जाति प्रकलित कर दो इस पी० टी० की भी युक्त कंड से प्रशंसा की गयी। अंतिम कार्यक्रम का विभिन्न आतिथ्यवाकियों का प्रदर्शन। लगातार छूटते बमों, अनारों एवं राकेटों ने करीब-करीब बीस मिनट तक दर्शकों को मंत्र मुग्ध कर दिया।

समारोह का समापन "THANKS GIVING SERVICE" से हुआ जिसमें भारत एवं दुनिया के भग्न भागों से आये प्रमुख पादरियों ने भाग लिया एवं अपने अमूल्य वचनों से छात्रों को बंधे रखा। इस कार्यक्रम के समापन के साथ ही सेंट फ्रांसिस कॉलेज का पतान्धी समारोह भी संपन्न हुआ।

आज सताभी समारोह समाप्त हो चुका है परन्तु उसकी मधुर स्मृतियां सदा के लिए हर एक छात्र के मन में संचित हो गयी है । सेंट क्रॉस कॉलेज एक बार फिर से कड़ी एवं सखी मेहनत की राह पर चल पड़ा है । वह जानता है, कि अभी-अभी तो उसका मार्ग प्रारम्भ हुआ है और न जाने कितनी ही मंजिलें उसके स्वागत के इंतजार में आँसू बिछाए बाट जोह रही हैं ।

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पढ़ाई सेंटोनीरी की

परीक्षा छूटता है, जैसे दो सुनो पढ़ाई
न करो पढ़ाई तो होती है पिटाई
मजदूरी है, किताबों से करनी पड़ती है लड़ाई ।
पर इस बार 'सेंटोनीरी' ने जान बवाई,
खूब जम कर पिटाई खिलाई,
कॉन्सर्ट ने 'सेंटोनीरी' की टोंक बढ़ाई
पी० टी० भी खूब जगमगाहट लाई,
वरना रोज-रोज स्कूल का कर होमवर्क,
खूब हुईं खिचाईं
मास्टरजी करते खूब पिटाई,
पर सेंटोनीरी ने पढ़ाई दूर हटाई,
खेलो-करो मोल मनाओ,
घर लौटकर खाना खाओ ।
अब 'सेंटोनीरी' हुई खरम तवालों में अपना सर खपाओ ।
अब फिर करनी पड़ रही है, किताबों से लड़ाई
इसी का नाम है 'पढ़ाई'

भास्कर साह
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कॉलेज के सौ वर्ष

कॉलेज के सौ वर्ष हो गये,
विद्यार्थी छात्रों में मग्न हो गये ।
कॉलेज रंगीन लाइटों में जगमगा उठा,
जैसे गुलाब एक खिल उठा ।

छात्रों की फ्लोरिडियाँ हैं जली हुई
धूम-धड़ाम हैं मची हुई ।
कई कार्यक्रम परर्षित हुए
लोग देखकर पसन्न हुए ।

पहले बच्चों को मिली मिठाई
आतिशबाजी बाद में आई ।
मंत्री महोदय भी आये कॉलेज में
प्रशंसा करके गये कॉलेज की ।

खेल क्लब की भी हुई प्रतियोगिता
साक्षित हुई कॉलेज की योग्यता ।
कॉलेज के सौ वर्ष हो गये,
विद्यार्थी छात्रों में मग्न हो गये ।

मंदीप सिंह रंभावा

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तैयारियाँ रंग लाई

नवम्बर के महीने से ही सेप्टेम्बरी हफ्ते की तैयारियाँ आरम्भ हो गयीं । लड़कों के तो मजे हो गये थे । पढ़ाई से जान जो बच गयी थी ।

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आखिर सेन्टनरी हफ्ता भी आ गया। इतवार की बड़िया समाप्त हुई और कार्यक्रम शुरू हुए। लड़कों, टीचरों और फादर की मेहनत रंग लायी। सेन्ट कानिजस कॉलेज कुल्हन की तरह सजाया गया था। कहीं किसी प्रकार की कमी नहीं थी।

सबसे पहले हिन्दी और अंग्रेजी की डिबेट हुई। अपने कालेज ने दोनों में पहला पुरस्कार जीता। फिर प्रदर्शनी गयी। उसका उद्घाटन फादर रोमानो ने किया था। प्रदर्शनी बहुत ही अच्छी थी। लड़कों ने बहुत मेहनत की थी और फलस्वरूप प्रदर्शनी बहुत अच्छी थी। सबसे उसकी प्रशंसा की।

फिर टीवेंट कान्फेन्स हुआ। हिन्दी और अंग्रेजी में अपना कालेज प्रबन्ध आया। फिर सेन्टनरी कान्फेन्स हुआ। लड़कों और प्रबन्धकों ने बहुत मेहनत की थी। अच्छी कहानी और अच्छे अभिनय की वजह से इसे बहुत पसन्द किया गया था।

कान्फेन्स तीन दिन चला। सब महमानों को मिठाई और काशी भी गयी। कान्फेन्स के बाद स्पोर्ट्स दिवस आया। इस दिन पुराने लड़कों की तरह से बहुत अच्छी आतिथ्यवादी का प्रदर्शन किया गया। अपने दिन P.T. हुई। हर क्लास के लड़कों ने इसमें भाग लिया और इसे सफल बनाया। इस दिन भी बहुत अच्छी जतिवत बानी हुई।

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आकाश — एक स्वच्छ, अनूठी नीलिया में डूबा है। घास पर अभी भी ओस की बूँदें मोतियों के समान चमक रही हैं। विद्यालय की घास इमारत सूरज की रोशनी में एक अनोखी कान्ति विकीर्ण कर रही है। घीरे घेरे बहनी पवन, जीवन के मीठमोम होने का एहसास दिला रही है। विद्यालयों के उस्ताह की तो कोई सीमा ही नहीं है। अहा ! कौन सुन्दर वातावरण है। सूर्य में आज एक नई चमक है विद्यियों के कलस में भी आज एक विशेष उस्ताह विद्यित है। ऐसा प्रतीत होता है मानो प्रकृति को भी आज के दिन का महत्व मान्य है। जड़-पेठन, सभी में एक अनुत्पूर्व उस्ताह है।

गाठ बने बज रही स्कूल की घंटी भी मानो एक संवीर की लहर है। विश्व के भावमन की प्रतीका है।

और वह क्या ? सम्पूर्ण आतावरण संघीत में डूब गया । बेंच पर बजती धुन मानीं एक एक छात्र के नीरशाश्वित पक्षमयल में बहकते हृदय से निकल रही हैं । वह अब गताम्बी पट्टिका का विमोचन करेगे और सन्त प्रांसिस की प्रतिमा के नीचे लगी इस पट्टिका के ऊपर एक मन्त्राल जलावेगे । अहा ! कैसी अबभूत् भटी, कैसा अबभूत् आतावरण ! हृदय गर्व से फूला जाता है । विद्यालय का ऐन्थम प्रत्येक विद्यार्थी की भावनाओं के प्रतीक के रूप में गाया जा रहा है ।

और अब संवर्धन प्रार्थना से आरम्भ होना छः दिनों तक चलने वाले गताम्बी समारोह । जी हां, आज हमारे विद्यालय ने अपने जीवन के सौ वर्ष पूरे कर लिये हैं । और गताम्बी भी कौसी एक अनोखी ऐतिहासिक गताम्बी नीरवपूर्ण ! अभूतपूर्ण ! सम्पूर्ण विद्यालय को दुःख की तरह गजाया गया है । समारोहों के आयोजन के लिये गजाया गया लम्बियाया भी बहुत सुन्दर है , किन्तु इससे पहले कि हम समारोहों में लीन, हो जाए हमें कुछ करना है ।

बारी बारी के पिछों से सुसज्जित मञ्च हमें वाद दियाता है कि हमको क्या करना है । मञ्च पर सेन्ट प्रांसिस की प्रतिमा भी है-उन्ही सेन्ट फ्रांसिस की जिनके आतीर्वाद के रूप में हमारे विद्यालय का फलता-फूलता परिवार समस्त विश्व के समक्ष लडा है । एह भीनी-भीनी ली सुन्ध पूरे आतावरण को एक रहस्यमय रूप से सुषद बना रही है । हमें बहुत ही बारी के लिये उत ईश्वर को धन्यवाद देना है ।

धन्यवाद इस बात का की उसने हमें इस संसार में इतना सुख दिया । धन्यवाद इस बात का कि उसने हमें इस विद्यालय के कुटुम्ब का सदस्य बनाया—धन्यवाद इस बात का, कि उसने इत कुटुम्ब को अपने आतीर्वाद से इतन समृद्ध बनाया । धन्यवाद और भी न जाने किसनी बारी का । साथ ही यह प्रार्थना भी करनी है कि यह जलसे, यह गताम्बिया आती ही जाय-पहनी, दूसरी, तीसरी तब तक—जब तक यह विश्व रहे ।

और इस धन्यवाद इस प्रार्थना को ईश्वर के समक्ष रखने का इससे अन्दा और क्या तारीका हो सकता है कि हम ईश्वर के हर रूप की स्तुति एवं गन्दना करें ।

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कुछ आनन्द पूर्ण क्षण

मीली - पीली रीसमियों से जगमगाती हुयी इनारों, एक सुबमूरत पन्नास, सुन्दर-सुन्दर बरसों से सुसज्जित लडके - लडकियां ! तो क्या मैं किसी मेले का वर्णन कर रहा हूँ ? हां, दूख तो मेले का ही था, कभी भी तो बस मेले की गंधगी और मोर - सराबरे की । मैं कल्पना जगत में विचरन नहीं कर रहा हूँ बल्कि एक सत्य का विवरण जो कि सेन्ट प्रांसिस विद्यालय के गताम्बी समारोह के रूप में मेरे सामने आया । तो आइये आज को भी घेर कर लानें उत बेहद मजेदार और सुन्दर सप्ताह की !

कलाह कि हायामह डिवालय

१९५१ की शुरुआत ही हमने गताम्बी समारोह की तैयारियों में की और देखते ही देखते नवम्बर १९५१ हमारे सामने आ कर खड़ा हो गया। अब तो किसी की पढ़ने की फुर्सत ही न थी। मीत्र ही पी० टी०, प्रदर्शनी, श्रीडा दिवस एवं सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमों की रूपरेखा तैयार कर, सब तैयारियाँ कर ली गईं। जब १० नवम्बर को गताम्बी समारोह शुरू हुआ तो छात्रों और अध्यापकों के चेहरे सुन्नी और तौर बसे दमक उठे। नवी नवेनी दुःख की तरह सजा हुआ विद्यालय, पूरे सन्नाह प्रतियोगियों से भरा रहा। पूरे ससनऊ में विद्यालय की धूम मच गयी। ससनऊ - वासियों ने अचरज से उँगलियाँ बाँटो लते देखा ली।

हमारा विद्यालय हरेक क्षण में - चाहे वह खेल-कूद हो, चाहे पाठ विचार या कला, सब में बाजी मार ले गया। प्रदर्शनी तो देखने लायक थी। हरेक स्टाल एक से बढ़कर एक था। और होता भी क्यों न, अध्यापकों और छात्रों ने मेहनत कर के दिन और रात जो एक कर दिया था। स्पेश टेकनोलॉजी, वाईल्ड फाइल आफ इन्डिया एवं बुकफेस्ट के स्टान बहुत तन्नाये गये। सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमों की तो सदा ही निराली थी। लोग हँसी से थोट-थोट हो गये।

खेल-कूद प्रतियोगिता में भी हमारे प्रतियोगियों का प्रदर्शन सराहनीय रहा। हमारा विद्यालय अन्य सब विद्यालयों से आगे रहा और आतिशबाजी की तो बात ही क्या थी फूलझड़ियाँ ली छूट रही थीं। ऐसा लग रहा था कि तारे भरती पर उतर आये हों। माननीय मुख्यमंत्री श्री बीर बहादुर सिंह ने श्रीडा दिवस का उद्घाटन किया। उन्होंने हमारे विद्यालय की बहुत ही प्रशंसा की। निश्चयियों में जन-पान का बितरण हुआ। इस प्रकार वह गताम्बी समारोह समाप्त हुआ।

कई समाचार-पत्रों ने हमारे विद्यालय के गताम्बी समारोह के बारे में अपने विचार प्रस्तुत किये और साथ-साथ विशेष लेख भी निकाले। यहाँ तक कि दूरदर्शन ने भी समाचारों में जलकियाँ दिखाईं। जिस अनुशासन एवं सुन्दरता से इस समारोह का आयोजन हुआ वह निश्चित ही प्रशंसनीय था। प्रधानाचार्य महोदय, अध्यापकों और छात्रों की मेहनत देखते बनती थी।

फिर भी हम सचका विचार रहा कि यह समारोह बहुत ही सुन्दर तरीके से आयोजित एवं सन्पन्न हुआ है। आज भी उन अवसरों की याद करके हृदय खिल उठता है और याद आता है विद्यालय का गौरवमयी इतिहास।

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शताब्दी समारोह की झलक

नये दिन की नयी आशाएँ साता हुआ अब उस दिन दिखाकर ने अपनी किरणें भरा के इस मुख पर विखेरी तो कितने ही लड़कों ने उसे गर्व से देखा होगा। इसी दिन पर उनकी कितनी ही आशाएँ अबलम्बित थी। इसी दिन के लिये उन्होंने घंटों मेहनत की थी। अब देखना यह था कि वह दिन क्या रंग लाता है।

आज के दिन को सफल बनाने के लिये कितने ही लड़कों ने जग कर मेहनत की थी। सेन्ट फ्रांसिस पर तो जैसे इस दिन के नाम का जादू सा सवार था महीनों पहले से इसकी तैयारियाँ शुरू हुई थीं। पिछले डेढ़ दो महीनों से जिसको देखो, कोई न कोई काम कर रहा है। कोई चाट बना रहा है, कोई भारत को बना रहा और कोई-कोई तो अपने हाथों से स्पेस राकेट बना रहा है। भारत के उस छोटे से रूप उस कालेज को उस बनत कोई देखता तो उस उल्लास, उस स्फूर्ति को देख कर वह यही कहता, हाँ भारत, तरक्की के मार्ग पर है।

आखिर कार वह दिन भी आ गया और मुवह आठ बजे की घंटी के साथ सब फासतिकम्ब जमा हो गये जहाँ उन गवित हृदयों के सामने फादर अलग डे लासिक ने सेन्टेनरी को जलाई। वह तो उस स्कूल की थी जिसने आज, सौ साल तक, हर साल इस देश को नये, सफल और अच्छे नागरिक के नागरिक प्रदान किये थे और जिसकी मजबूत इमारतें और दीवारें आज भी अपने बच्चों को अनुशासन तथा अच्छी शिक्षा दे रही थी। आज कालेज के प्रांगण में घूमते हुए सचमुच गर्व और खुशी महसूस होती है। ऐसा लगता है—हां, इस दुनिया की भीड़ में हम भी उन कम लोगों में से एक हैं, जो ऐसे बड़े कालेज में पले हैं, एक गर्व का महसूस होता है अपने ऊपर, एक ऐसी भावना जिसे लिखा नहीं जा सकता। आँसों में खुशी की दो बूँद चमक आती है।

इन सब कार्यक्रमों में मेरा ख्याल से और सब के विचार में सब से बढ़िया तो डिपेट ही था। इसमें आने वाले भारतीय नागरिकों के विचार छिपे हुये थे जो कि भारत के उज्ज्वल भविष्य का संकेत कर रहे थे। इस सप्ताह का अंत एक अत्यन्त ही आकर्षक P. T. Display से हुआ। जवान फ्रांसीस्कन्स ने एक अत्यन्त ही मनमोहक प्रदर्शन किया जिसको देख कर मन द्रवित हो उठा, कि क्या फिर कभी इससे खूबसूरत नजारा देखने को मिलेगा? क्या फिर कभी ऐसी आतिथ्यवासी देख सकेंगे? हृदय फूल कर कुप्पा हो रहा था। मन बार-बार यही दोहरा रहा था, “यह है हमारा सन्त फ्रांसिस।” इन शब्दों ने तो जैसे जादू ही कर दिया हो। ऐसे आनन्द का एहसास हुआ रहा था कि बस समय नहीं रुक जाने तो अच्छा हो यह वह पल नहीं था जब मन खुशी से नाच उठता है, यह वह पल था जब हृदय सारे वातावरण को अपने अंदर समा लेना चाहता हो। तालियाँ बजा-बजा कर हाथ नहीं बकते थे, बस खुशी के दो आँसू निकल आये!

“सौ साल कालेज के”

समय किसी का हज़ार नहीं करता! देखते ही देखते इतना समय बीत गया, इस बात को जब हम फुरसत में बैठकर सोचते हैं तो अतीत में मिलने वाली सफलताओं पर एक ओर तो सूखी होती है, तो दूसरी ओर व्यर्थ में समय गंवाने पर दुःख भी। हम सबको समय के साथ चलने और समय के मुताबिक ही अपने में बदलाव और सामंजस्य करने का तरीका भी सीखना चाहिये।

मनुष्य की औसत आयु एक सौ वर्ष मानी गयी है व्यक्ति को इन्ही सौ वर्षों में अपना व्यय, सुधावस्था और बुढ़ापा तथा उसके साथ ही अपना उद्देश्य और कार्य भी निश्चित करना पड़ता है जिस व्यक्ति ने अपने जीवन के सौ वर्ष पूरे कर लिये वह दिवंगत होने के साथ ही मानव समाज में सम्मान का पात्र बन जाता है।

अप्रैल 1885 का वह दिन लखनऊ नगर के शैक्षिक व विद्यालयीय इतिहास में कितना महत्वपूर्ण दिन रहा होगा जब भारतीय बच्चों को अच्छी शिक्षा देने के लिये सेंट फ्रांसिस कॉलेज की आधार विद्या रची गयी होगी। लखनऊ नगर के उन बच्चों को जिनको इस संस्था में पढ़ने का अवसर मिला होगा उन्होंने पश्चिम की सभ्यता और संस्कृति से परिचित हो कर भारतीयता के अनुरूप बनने की कोशिश की होगी। आज भी अंग्रेजी माध्यम से शिक्षा देने वाले विद्यालयों में सेंट फ्रांसिस कॉलेज सार्वभूमिक है। यहाँ का अनुशासन, अध्यापकों के मध्य सहयोग व कार्य के प्रति उत्सुकता व लगन देखने योग्य है।

इन वर्ष अर्थात् 1985 में इस विद्यालय ने अपने जीवन के सौ साल पूरे कर लिये हैं। सौ वर्षों की अवधि बहुत होती है। अधिकतर संस्थायें तो अपना अस्तित्व ही खो बैठती हैं। परन्तु सेंट फ्रांसिस कॉलेज के भवन तथा वातावरण को देखकर ऐसा मालूम ही नहीं होता है इस विद्यालय ने सौ वर्ष पूरे किये हैं। 19 जनवरी 1985 को विद्यालय में शताब्दी समारोह का उद्घाटन हुआ। विज्ञान एलन डी लास्टिक द्वारा उद्घाटन समारोह संपन्न हुआ। विद्यालय ने अपने यहाँ सभी धर्मों की प्रार्थना करवाकर अपने धर्म निरपेक्ष होने के भाव को भी दिखाया पूरे वर्ष सभी क्रियाकलापों (खेल कूद, सांस्कृतिक, शैक्षिक) द्वारा शताब्दी समारोह चलता रहा।

18 नवम्बर से 23 नवम्बर तक, एक सप्ताह विशेष रूप से शताब्दी समारोह बड़े ही रंगारंग एवं भव्य तरीके से मनाया गया। इसमें धार्मिक, राजनितिक तथा विभिन्न क्षेत्रों के विद्वान एवं सम्प्रतिष्ठ व्यक्तियों को विभिन्न अवसरों पर निमन्त्रित किया गया। विद्यालय के भूतपूर्व तथा जीवित प्रधानाचार्यों को बुलाया गया। प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री जेएनएच समारोह में तथा ऊर्जा मंत्री श्री सुनीलदत्त भी आये। देश विदेश के लोगों ने विद्यालय के शताब्दी समारोह के उपलक्ष्य में शुभकामनाएँ भेजी। 23 नवम्बर 1985 दिशिष्ट जनों को दिये गये राजी भोज के साथ ही विद्यालय का शताब्दी समारोह संपन्न हुआ।

इस सताब्दी समारोह में सभी अध्यापकों, छात्रों एवं भूतपूर्व छात्रों का सहयोग सराहनीय रहा। कालेज की ओर से सभी विशिष्ट जगों, अतिथियों, छात्रों एवं अध्यापकों को सताब्दी समारोह की यादगद में 'सोबिनियर' दिये गये। कक्षा में तथा विद्यालय में सर्वोत्तम अंक प्राप्त करने वाले छात्रों को छात्रश्रुति एवं सुलकमुचित की भी घोषणा की गयी। अध्यापकों के वेतन में वृद्धि तथा वेतनमान का नवीनीकरण किया गया तथा अध्यापकों अविस्मरणीय प्रीतिभावकाय में मंसूरी तथा शीत अवकाश में मोवा-बम्बई की यात्राएँ विद्यालय की ओर से इस सताब्दी समारोह के अतिरिक्त अंग बन गयी।

बढ़ती हुई परिस्थितियों के अनुकूल विद्यालय में धर्मनिरपेक्षता, भारतीय परिस्थितियों के अनुरूप ही पाठ्यक्रम तथा अध्यापन के साथ ही अन्य सहस्रमामी विद्याकलाय आदि इस कालेज की अपनी विशेषताएँ हैं।

इस सताब्दी समारोह में शामिल होकर हमने अपने को गौरवान्वित महसूस किया। सो वर्ष की जीवन मय करने के का वावजूद भी विद्यालय का शैक्षिक अनुशासित स्तर उच्चतर ही हो रहा है। इस सभी अध्यापक, छात्र विद्यालय का स्तर उन्नति एवं कई सताब्दी समारोह मनाने की ईश्वर से कामना करते हैं।

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विद्यालय के सताब्दी - सप्ताह के समारोह समान्त हो चुके थे। तथा विद्यालय क्लबमठ तथा शीतकालीन

अवकाश के उपलब्ध में बन्द होने वाला था। ऐसे अवसर पर अमानाचार्य महोदय ने विद्यालय के सप्ताही-वर्ष के उपहार स्वरूप अम्पापकों की मोसा-पासा की घोषणा की जो अपने में एक सुन्दर आरम्भ था।

रोचक यात्रा की प्रतीक्षा की स्थिति में एक रोचकता रहती है। विश्राम का उत्साह अपने जीवन पर था तभी यात्रा का मुहूर्त भी आ गया। सतत स्थान का आनन्द तो जो होता है वह होता ही है, परन्तु वहाँ तक पहुँचने के लिए की तभी यात्रा का आनन्द कुछ अलग ही होता है। २७ दिसम्बर को प्रारम्भ की गई तलनऊ से धर्मवीर तक की यात्रा के सम्भव अट्ठाइस घंटे किस प्रकार बीत गये पता ही नहीं चला। सम्भव चौतीस स्थितियों के इस दल में यात्रा का समय पता भी कैसे चल सकता था।

यात्रा का अगला चरण रात्रि कालीन था जिस में हमलोगों ने महानगरी एक्सप्रेस से रात्रि ९ बजे यात्रा का प्रारम्भ किया। ट्रेन में आरक्षण की पूर्ण व्यवस्था के कारण किसी भी अशुविधा का सामना नहीं करना पड़ा। रात्रि पर्यन्त यात्रा करके हम सब 'मिरज' नामक एक छोटे स्टेशन उतरे वहाँ से हमें मोसा राज्य स्थित 'महर्षीव' नगर तक की यात्रा करने के लिए दूसरी ट्रेन पकड़नी थी। यात्रा का यह चरण अत्यन्त ही रोचक था महाराष्ट्र और कर्नाटक के कुछ भाग तक तो दृश्य सुन्दर रहे परन्तु ज्यों ही हम लोगों की ट्रेन मोसा प्रदेश की सीमा में प्रविष्ट हुई हम ठके से रह गये। वनों की सीमा समाप्त होले ही हरे-भरे पहाड़ों और लुम्बानी बाटियों ने हमें मग्न मुग्ध कर दिया हम एकटक प्रकृति की उत अडिमीय छटा को देख रहे थे। ट्रेन मध्यम गति से कभी रुकती तथा कभी चलती आ रही थी। मार्ग में ट्रेन अनेकों सुरतों से होकर निकती जो पहाड़ों को काट कर बनाई गई थी। मार्ग में 'सागर' नामक एक जल प्रपात का दृश्य तो अत्यन्त विस्मयकरक था। सरने का जल पर्वत की एक ऊँची चोटी से निकल कर पहाड़ियों में से होता हुआ और नीचे ट्रेन की पटरियों के नीचे से हाँके हुए और नीचे बाटियों में कहीं बिलीन होता आ रहा था उसका जल ऊँचाई से गिरने के कारण दुग्ध की तरह वेत भी जाने का पूरा मार्ग प्रकृति ने सुभाबने दूरों से भरा हुआ था। हम सभी गैरानी क्षेत्र के निवासियों को वहाँ की मनोरम प्रकृति ने निरन्तर आकर्षित ही रहा।

सार्ध १ बजे के लगभग हम महर्षीव पहुँचे। मोसा की भूमि पर चरण रखने की अनुभूति भी भावक थी। महर्षीव में मोसा नगर तक की, मानवाहो मेटाबोर टुक की यात्रा का आनन्द भी हमने अनुभव किया।

मोसा मोसा का एक लघु नगर है। वहाँ के बाजार में आवश्यकता की भी वस्तुएँ उपलब्ध है। मोसा का सेन्ट्रल चर्च नगर का प्रमुख चर्च है चर्च के व्यवस्थापक आदरणीय आदर देवेरियन नवाहुस हैं। जो अपने विद्यालय के आदर वैपदिष्ट नवाहुस के अवतार हैं। उन्हें हम लोगों के जाने की पूर्व सूचना थी। हम सबके मोसा निवास की व्यवस्था उसी चर्च में थी जो पूर्णतया सुविधा जनक थी।

अगले तीन दिनों तक सम्पूर्ण मोसा के भ्रमण हेतु एक बस की व्यवस्था थी। ३० दिसम्बर, प्रातः ८.३० हम सबने भ्रमण का प्रारम्भ किया। दर्शन-भ्रमण के प्रथम चरण में हम सब प्राचीन मोसा की तरफ गये, जो अपने नाम के अनुसार ही प्राचीन है वहाँ प्राचीन भवन और प्रकृति, आकर्षण के केन्द्र है। सेन्ट्रल चर्च की भव्यता और विज्ञानता उसकी प्राचीनता के अनुकूल ही है। वहाँ सुरक्षित रखा हुआ सेन्ट्रल कम्प्लेक्स (वेविमर) का शव दर्शनार्थियों का प्रमुख आकर्षण है। चर्च के पश्चात् हम लोग 'मोसा मोसा' नामक आकर्षक स्थान पर पहुँचे। वहाँ हमने इतनी तन्वी यात्रा के पश्चात् सर्वप्रथम सागर के दर्शन किये। समुद्र तट के दर्शन के लिए

हम सब "वीरा मार" तट पर पहुँचे रोपहूर का समय था । तट के बाजू तक रही थी वहाँ कुछ समय रुक कर हम रोपहूर के भोजन हेतु पनबी पहुँचे । पनबी ही मोमा, वसन, विनु प्रदेश की राजधानी है । नगर विनाल व नुम्बर है तथा पर्वतकों से भरा रहता है । भोजन के पश्चात् हम सब मौस्य ही, वहाँ से चल पड़े । 'मापोसा' नगर पर्वतकों की दृष्टि में खरीदारी के लिए महत्व पूर्ण है । हम में से अधिकाँश अभ्यापकों ने वहाँ से अनेक वस्तुएँ खन की और चल पड़े ।

कार्तवीर्य तट देवी-विदेवी पर्वतकों से भरा था । हम सब में से अधिकाँश मिन पहुँचते ही सागर-स्नान के लिए भातुर हो उठे । वहाँ का पूरा दृश्य एक विनाल सांस्कृतिक व प्राकृतिक स्नानागार की तरह था । पत्थरों से लेकर बड़े तक सागर की लहरों का आनन्द ले रहे थे । हम सब एक घण्टे से अधिक समय तक स्नान का आनन्द लेते रहे । पश्चिमी तटों पर सूर्यास्त का दृश्य सबसे अधिक आकर्षक होता है । अस्त से लगभग १० मिनट पूर्व ही निवाह पश्चिमी क्षितिज की ओर उठ गयी, कौन्से तैयार हो गये । देखते ही देखते अग्नि का विनाल मोला अगाध सागर के गर्भ में समा गया और हम सब अपनी बस की ओर लौट पड़े ।

३१ दिसम्बर की रात भी प्राकृतिक दृश्यों से भरपूर थी । रात के प्रथम चरण में हम सब संवेद्य देवालय गये जो संवेद्य प्रसन्न नामक एक शिव अस्त का उपासनाकेन्द्र है । मन्दिर भव्य तथा विनाल है । रात में हम सब "विनार" नामक सिमिन्टी पहुँचे । यह स्थान प्राकृतिक दृष्टि से कितना मनोरम है, पार्श्विक दृष्टि से उतना ही महत्वपूर्ण । सिमिन्टी का भवन पर्वत की चोटी पर स्थित है तथा स्वयं कई मंदिनों से युक्त है ऊपर से बहुत दूर-दूर से दृश्य, वन तथा सागर दृष्टि बोधार्थ होते हैं । विनार से हम वास्कोडिवामा नगर के पास स्थित बन्दरगाह पर पहुँचे वहाँ देवी विदेवी अनेक मालबाही जलपोत खड़े थे । उन पर लक्ष्मणों के लिए गोहे की खानों से लाने गये लीह अयस्कों के डेर लाने हुए थे, जो मशीनों से जहाज पर लाया जा रहा था ।

वास्कोडिवामा नगर से होते हुए हम मङ्गलिय पहुँचे वहाँ हम अपने रोपहूर का भोजन किया और इच्छुक लोगों ने खरीदारी की । शाम के समय हम सब कौन्सा नामक कनुद्र तट पर पहुँचे वहाँ भी अधिक भीड़ थी तथा विदेशियों की संख्या अधिक थी । इच्छुक लोगों ने स्नान किया । सूर्यास्त देख कर हम वापस पोम्बा जा गये ।

३१ दिसम्बर की रात रंदा रंदा थी । नव वर्ष के आगमन का उत्साह या हमने कौन्सागर के माध्यम से उत्साह प्रकट किया, रात में वर्ष में प्रार्थना में सम्मिलित हुए । 'जोय रात भर नाचते, गाते, आनन्द मनाते रहे तथा एक दूसरे को नव वर्ष की शुभकामनाएँ देते रहे ।

नव वर्ष का प्रथम दिन हमसबका मोजा में अतिथि दिन था । रात के दिन हम जोय 'मेथान' नामक प्राकृतिक झील गये । रास्ते में हमने एक झरना भी देखा जिसके जल प्रवाह से अल्प विद्युत का उत्पादन भी हो रहा था । झील तथा वहाँ स्थित उद्यान दोनों की मोमा अपूर्ण थी । हम सबने वहाँ नौका-विहार किया तथा शाम तक वहाँ उपवन तथा जलाशय का आनन्द लिया । सांस्कृतिक वापस पोम्बा आये ।

२ जनवरी को हम सब बस से पनबी के लिए प्रस्थान किया वहाँ से हमसबों को जलपान द्वारा बम्बई के लिए प्रस्थान करना था ।

पणजी का बन्दरगाह मोखा से लौटने वाले पर्यटकों से भरा था। पोत पर जाने के लिए यात्रियों की पंक्ति देख कर हम सब दंग रह गये लगभग प्रातः ९.३० बजे "कोकठा-सन्नि" नामक जल यान तट पर आकर लगा लगभग १५-२० मिनट बाद यान पर जाने की अनुमति मिलने पर तो बन्दरगाह पर भूकम्प सा आ गया। सारी व्यवस्था अखण्डस्थित हो गयी। लोग दौड़ दौड़ कर जहाज पर चढ़ने लगे। हम में से कुछ युवक पहले ही अन्दर पहुँच गये और यथासम्भव जगह ले ली। यान पर हमनी भीड़ थी कि दस कदम जाने के लिए बीस व्यक्तियों को सोंपना पड़ता था। पणजी से बम्बई तक की २४ घंटे की यात्रा अनुभव पूर्ण थी।

हमने बम्बई में दो रातें बितानी थीं। हम बम्बई लगभग १० बजे प्रातः पहुँचे। डाक गार्ड से हम सीधे मॅग्नैसिय स्विट सेन्ट पीटर स्कूल पहुँचे। हमसब को बही रहना था जो कि पूर्व नियोजित था। हम सब उस विद्यालय के प्रधानाचार्य श्री एडमंड मेयोल के कृतज्ञ हैं जिनकी व्यवस्था में कोई चूटि नहीं थी। हम विद्यालय के छात्रवास में रहे थे।

उस दिन हम सबसे बड़ा विश्राम किया और निकटवर्ती कुछ स्थानों का स्वेच्छा से भ्रमण किया। ४ जनवरी को एक अरक्षित बस व्यवस्था थी, जिससे हम लोगों ने गेट वे आफ इन्डिया, ताजहोटल, संग्रहालय, मत्स्यालय, हेमिगनबॅन, जीजाबाई-प्राणि उद्यान, नक्षत्र जाला तथा नाटूंगा स्थित ज्ञान वास्को चर्च तथा विद्यालय आदि प्रमुख स्थानों का भ्रमण किया। महाराष्ट्र की इस सुन्दर राजधानी ने हम सबका मन मोह लिया।

दूसरे दिन हम अपनी इस चिरस्मरणीय यात्रा से लौटने के लिए १० बजे प्रातः बम्बई के भव्य बी० टी० स्टेशन पहुँच गये। आरक्षण की पूर्व-व्यवस्था थी।

प्रायः भ्रमण से लौटना उतना उत्साह पूर्ण नहीं होता जितना कि जाना परन्तु हम सब वापसी यात्रा में भी उतने ही प्रसन्न थे। इसका कारण सम्भवतः यह था कि हमने अपनी सम्पूर्ण यात्रा का सम्पूर्ण आनन्द प्राप्त किया था।

६ जनवरी के उपरान्त हम पुनः अपनी प्रिया नगरी लखनऊ में थे। इस प्रकार विद्यालय के सताब्दी समारोह का अन्तिम चरण हम सबने पूरा किया जो अगले सौ वर्षों तक स्मरण किया जायेगा।

प्रदीप कुमार सिंह
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“ विद्यालय का गौरव ”

प्रकृति गतिशील है और गतिशीलता ही जीवन है जिसमें गति नहीं वह जड़ है। परिवर्तन उसमें कदापि सम्भव नहीं ! भला गतिशीलता के समक्ष जड़ का क्या अस्तित्व !

समय चक्र के साथ-साथ सब कुछ परिवर्तित हो— यही तो प्रकृति का नियम एवं सम्पूर्ण सृष्टि के अस्तित्व का सार है। सम्भवतः ऐसे ही मानव जीवन और सभ्यता का उद्विकास हुआ होगा। किसी काल विशेष में हमारी संस्वाओं का जन्म हुआ होगा वे प्रौढ़ हुई होंगी और जनैः शनैः अपने विकास की चरम सीमाओं पर पहुँची होगी।

१० नवम्बर १९८५, हमारे प्रिय कालेज सन्त फ्रान्सिस का शताब्दी समारोह दिवस वास्तव में विकास एवं प्रगति का एक विशेष सोपान ही तो है। एक सौ वर्ष पूर्व जन्मे इस शिक्षण संस्था की स्थापना फादर नॉरबर्ट वैडाली जैसे सुयोग्य, महान एवं धार्मिक व्यक्तियों के हाथों हुई। इस लम्बी अवधि में न जाने कितने परिवर्तन भारतीय जीवन के राजनैतिक, आर्थिक, सामाजिक एवं शैक्षिक पहलुओं में घटित हुए ! किन्तु इन सामाजिक परिवर्तनों के बावजूद भी यह विद्यालय अपने अस्तित्व की स्थिरता एवं सुदृढ़ता को बनाये रखते हुये सलनऊ जैसी शैक्षिक नगरी में अपना एक महत्वपूर्ण स्थान बनाये रखने में सफल रहा है, जिसकी प्रतिभा एवं महत्वपूर्ण पहचान से कोई भी अनभिज्ञ नहीं है।

ऐसी सज्जक संस्था से किसी का प्रत्यक्ष सम्बन्ध निम्नचर ही गौरव एवं (उल्लास) का विषय है। इस गौरवमय आनन्द का व्यक्तिगत अनुभव मुझे उन दिनों हुआ जब कि हमारे विद्यालय में शताब्दी समारोह दिवस का आयोजन हुआ। कितना वैभवशाली था वह दृश्य जब कि विद्यालय के प्राण में विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों के आयोजन हेतु विशाल पंहाल अपने रंग-बिरंगे पर्दों और जुगनू की तरह टिमटिमाते विजली के बत्तों के साथ समस्त विद्यालय की गरिमा को चार-चाँद लगा रहा था। यह कालेज के लिये बहुत गौरव व सम्मान की बात है। इसके लिये कालेज के प्रभासक एवं प्रत्येक सदस्य विशेष रूप से बधाई के पात्र हैं।

मैंने अपने भाग्य को सराहा और परमेश्वर को हार्दिक धन्यवाद दिया कि उसने मुझे ऐसे गौरवपूर्ण संस्था का सदस्य होने का सुअवसर प्रदान किया।

इस महान विद्यालय के परिवार की सदस्यता मेरे लिये ही नहीं बल्कि इससे सम्बन्धित सभी विद्यार्थियों, अध्यापकों, अध्यापिकाओं एवं समस्त कर्मचारियों के लिये गौरव का विषय है। हमें अपने सद्भाव, प्रेम एवं कठिन परिश्रम से अपने विद्यालय के गौरव को बनाये रखना है और इसकी परम्पराओं एवं आदर्शों को निरन्तरता तथा दृढ़ता प्रदान करनी है।

के० पुरानी
(हिन्दी अध्यापिका)

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8th July : College re-opens after the summer vacation. The Principal, Rev. Fr. O. Lewis congratulates Rev. Fr. V. Pinto on his appointment as Vice-Principal of the College. He then welcomes Rev. Fr. B. Quadras, Mrs. K. Mukerjee, Miss A. Chattree, Miss R. Naidu and Mr. J. Hannah. He also thanks Mr. S. Ghosh who had left St. Francis and joined another institution.

This year there will be two assessments - the first quarterly and the final examination.

9th July : We observe two minutes silence in prayer for the repose of the soul of Sachin Pandey, a student of Class 10 C. He got drowned in the Gomti river.

14th July - St. Francis' College represented by fifteen senior boys defeats Spring Dale College by 14 points to 7 in a T. V. Quiz Contest organised by Lucknow Doordarshan. The first and second prizes go to A. Joshi and S. Srivastava, respectively.

20th July : Each of the four Houses selects four debaters for the Inter-House English Debate to be held on 30th September, 1985.

The Investiture Ceremony commences with the arrival of the Chief Guest, the Principal of the College, Rev. Fr. O. Lewis. A biography of each senior House Master and each House Captain follows :—

The College Captain is : Ranil Nair

St. Andrew's House :— Captain : Vinod Nair

Vice-Captain : Swapnil Edwards

St. Francis' House : Captain : Jaideep Bhargava

	Vice-Captain : Ranjan Manocha
St. George's House :	Captain : Rajneesh Sethi
	Vice-Captain : Ryan D'Silva
St. Patrick's House :	Captain : Robert Wu
	Vice-Captain : Rizwan Ahmed
College Prefects are :—	R Banerjee, V. Chandra, S. Sabore,
	A. Joshi, S. Baksi, D. De, R.
	Rozario, S. Shome, M. Moudgill
	S. Gupta, S. Prasad and A. Siddi-
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27th July Each of the four Houses select four debaters for the Inter-House Hindi Debate to be held on 1st October, 1985.

29th July : A few lectures on the "Importance of Sex Education" in our curriculum in the Gymnasium Hall at 6.30 p.m. The speakers include Dr. Harish Chandra, Assistant Director, C.D.R.I., Lucknow, Dr. B. N. Kapoor, Physician and Child Specialist, Fatima Hospital, Lucknow, Mrs. Iyengar and Mrs. Sharma from the Family Planning Association of India, Lucknow. The meeting decides that the College curriculum should include 'Sex Education'.

Mr. S. C. Johri, on behalf of the Principal and Staff thanks the Guest Speakers for taking 'time off' in delivering their lectures to the parents and staff.

30th July : Principal's Birthday.

Holy Mass is concelebrated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Alan de Lastic, Rev. Fr. O. Lewis, Principal, Rev. Fr. V. Pinto, Vice-Principal and Rev. Fr. B. Quadras, in the College Chapel at 6.45 a.m. The General Assembly follows. The Concert commences with a Greeting Song. "We greet you, Father, today," by the College Choir. Ranil Nair, the College Captain, speaks on behalf of the staff and the students.

Presentation of bouquets There sure is a long line of well wishers. The English Skit 'The Escape of Robin Hood.'

evokes much laughter from the audience. Once again the Choir renders a birthday song. The Hindi playlet, 'Khamosh' is another hit with the audience. The Principal requests the boys to work hard for it is only through hard work and discipline that they will achieve many laurels. The Programme draws to a close with the choir chorussing 'Showers of Blessings'. The boys end up with a cup of ice-cream each. The staff too has its share - tea with the Principal.

3rd August : English Essay Contest for Classes 6 to 12 from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Orient Longman's organises a workshop to discuss the methods of teaching Gul Mohar Series in the Gymnasium Hall. 75 teachers from different schools, along with our teachers, attend it.

English Elocution for Classes 1 to 5. The prize winners are :—

Group I	—	(Class 1)	
1st Prize :	Adish Mehrotra	—	Class 1 B
2nd Prize :	Mayank Mohan	—	Class 1 B
Group II	—	(Classes 2 and 3)	
1st Prize :	Adnan Halim	—	Class 2 C
2nd Prize :	Arun Sarin	—	Class 3 D
Group III	—	(Classes 4 & 5)	
1st Prize :	Ashrad Jaffri	—	Class 5 B
2nd Prize :	Jaspreet Singh	—	Glass 5 C

We thank Mr. R. Robinson, Mr. B. Britto and Miss E. Gupta for judging our boys.

5th August Hindi Essay Contest for Class 6 to 12, from 11.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

6th August : Catholic Youth Association, Lucknow beats St. Francis' College by the odd goal in three.

10th August : Fancy Dress Contest for Classes 1 to 5.

Group I	—	(Class 1)	
1st Prize :	C. Egbert	—	Class 1 B
2nd Prize :	R. Sahai	—	Class 1 A
Group II	—	(Classes 2 & 3)	

1st Prize :	R. Jhingram	—	Class 2 B
2nd Prize :	R. Singh	—	Class 2 C
Group III	— (Class 4 & 5)		
1st Prize :	C. Rai	—	Class 4 A
2nd Prize :	M. A. Khan	—	Class 5 C

14th August : In the Inter-Collegiate Elocution Contest organised by the State Information Department & Inspectorate of Schools at Maharaja Agrasen College, Motinagar, Ranil Nair secured a special prize in the English Debate while Ravi Banerjee received a Consolation prize in the Hindi Debate. Congratulations :

15th August : Rev. Fr. O. Lewis, Rev. Fr. V. Pinto and Rev. Fr. B. Quardras concelebrate Mass and offer prayers for the welfare of our country in the College Chapel. The G. A. is followed by the Flag Hoisting ceremony. The Chief Guest, Dr. Shrish, I.R.S., Assistant Income-Tax Commissioner, Lucknow unfurls the National Flag. In a football match, Staff versus the College XI, the latter scores thrice without any reply.

17th August : The awardees are :—

For Class 6	—	First Prize: V. Agarwal - St. Francis' House
		Second Prize : P. Goel - St. Francis' House
For Class 7	—	1st Prize : Mohd. Arshi - St. Andrew's House
		2nd Prize : A. Zaidi : St. Gerge's House
For Class 8	—	1st Prize : R. Chauhan - St. Francis' House
		2nd Prize : R. Gupta - St. Patrick' House

In another friendly match, S. F. C. turn the tables on Catholic Youth Association, Lucknow with a 5 - 1 win. The scorers are Ajmi Khan, Narender Shah, Sanjay Bansal (2) and A. Rawat. D. Maclure reduces the margin.

19th August : Inter-House Hindi Elocution Contest for Classes 9 to 12.

The winners are as follows :—

For Class 9	—	1st Prize : Prashant Agarwal, St. Francis' House
		2nd Prize : Anupam Agarwal, St. George's House
For Class 10	—	1st Prize : Vivek Awasthi, St. Andrew's House
		2nd Prize : Anupam Sachan, St. Francis' House
For Class 11 & 12		1st Prize : Sandeep Gurbuxani, St. George's House

2nd Prize : Ravi Banerjee-St. Patrick's House

We thank Mrs. S. Mitchell, Mrs. M. Kandpal and Mrs. P. Mukhejee

22nd August : In the Inter-Collegiate Football Tournament organized by L.M.P.(C), St. Francis' College pips the host team 1 - 0 through a self goal.

24th August : Inter-House Elocution Contest - English - Classes IX to XII. The winners :—

For Class 2 - 1st Prize : P. Joseph - St. Francis' House

2nd Prize : G. Thapar - St. Andrew's House

For Class 10 - 1st Prize : Amit Sagar - St. George's House

2nd Prize : R. Chauhan - St. Francis' House.

Classes 11 & 12 : 1st Prize : Sandeep Gurbuxani -

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2nd Prize : Swapnil Edwards - St. Andrew's House.

We thank Mrs. P. Mathur, Department of English, Lucknow University, Mrs. O. Cooke, La Martiniere Girls' College, Mr. J. De Castré of Christ Church College for being our judges.

26th August : Inter-House Hindi Elocution Contest for Classes 6 - 8

Class 6 - 1st Prize: P. Goel - St. Francis' House

2nd Prize : C. Pant - St. Andrew's House

Class 7 - 1st Prize : B. Bahadur - St. Andrew's House

2nd Prize : V. Garg : St. Patrick's House

We thanks Mrs. R. Massey, La Martiniere Girls' College, Dr. R. Yadav, Christ Church College and Mr. R. K. Srivastava, formerly of St. Francis' College.

In a quarter-final in the ongoing Inter-College Football Tournament, S.F.C scores thrice through A. Rawnt (2) and Ajmi Khan with no reply from G.M.C.

27th August : In the Inter-Collegiate Debate organized by Avadh Girls' Degree College, Lucknow, Ranil Nair and Abhijit Sengupta win the Second and fourth individual prizes respectively. St. Francis' also walks away with the Team Prize - the Shield.
Id-Ul-Zuha-Holiday.

- 30th August :** Raksha Bandhan - Holiday.
- 31st August :** Parent - Teacher meeting from 8.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
- 2nd September :** 'On The Spot' Painting Contest for Classes 1 to 12.

Class 1 -	1st Prize : M. Mohan	-	Class 1 B
	2nd Prize: R. Singh	-	Class 1 B
	3rd Prize : S. Bisht	-	Class 1 C
Class 2 -	1st Prize : R. Singh	-	Class 2 A
	2nd Prize: T. Jafar	-	Class 2 B
	3rd Prize : M. Khare	-	Class 2 A
Class 3 -	1st Prize : R. Sirdar	-	Class 3 D
	2nd Prize: V. Singh	-	Class 3 B
	3rd Prize . A. Goel	-	Class 3 D
Class 4 -	1st Prize : M. Umar	-	Class 4 A
	2nd Prize: A.S. Kapoor	-	Class 4 C
	3rd Prize: M. Bhatia	-	Class 4 A
Class 5 -	1st Prize : V. Arora	-	Class 5 C
	2nd Prize: A. Pande	-	Class 5 B
	3rd Prize : S. Misra	-	Class 5 A
Class 6 -	1st Prize : A. Chatterjee	-	Class 6 B
	2nd Prize: P. Srivastava	-	Class 6 B
	3rd Prize : S. Swaroop	-	Class 6 A
Class 7 -	1st Prize : V. Dikshit	-	Class 7 B
	2nd Prize: V. Bahadur	-	Class 7 A
	3rd Prize : A. Ahmad	-	Class 7 C
Class 8 -	1st Prize : S S Chauhan	-	Class 7 C
	2nd Prize : A Nath	-	Class 8 C
	3rd Prize : S. Ahmed	-	Class 8 A
Class 9 -	1st Prize : M. Khemchandani	-	Class 9 B
	2nd Prize : V. Gupta	-	Class 9 A
	3rd Prize : P. Saxena	-	Class 9 C
Class 10-	1st Prize : P. Mittal	-	Class 10 C
	2nd Prize : A. Vardhan	-	Class 10 B
	3rd Prize : I. Waris	-	Class 10 D

Class 11	1st Prize : S. Tripathi	-	Class 11 A
	2nd Prize : M. Moudgill	-	Class 11 A
	3rd Prize : J. Bhargava	-	Class 11 A
Class 12	1st Prize : S. Edwards	-	Class 12 A
	2nd Prize : A. Sengupta	-	Class 12 A
	3rd Prize : V. Nair	-	Class 12 B

We thank Mr. J. K. Agarwal, Mr. S. Chandra and Mr. M Mahpatra, all from the Faculty of Fine Art, College of Art, Lucknow University, for judging the entries from Classes 9 to 12. We a'so thank Mrs. I. Mukherjee, Miss I. Menezes and Mr. R. D'Silva for their evaluation of entries from Class 1 to 8.

- 5th September : Teacher's Day. The boys entertain the Staff with a variety programme. This includes music and jokes. In a Basketball match the College team baskets more than the Staff. The Score 36 - 28. The Principal gives the Staff a tea.
- 6th September : Debating Contest organized jointly by Campa Cola and Colvin Taluqdar College, Lucknow at Mini Ravindralaya. Ranil Nair wins the second prize.
- 7th September : JANAMASHTAMI - Holiday.
- 9th September : Quarterly Examination begins in right earnest. All the best, boys!
- 14th September : The end of the examination. What a relief!
- 26th September : MOHARRAM - Holiday.
- 28th September : Answer Scripts are shown to the boys. A day of mixed feelings for the boys.
- 2nd October : GANDHI JAYANTI - Holiday.
- 4th October : Mass is conocelebrated by his Lordship. Bishop Alan de Lastic, Fr. O. Lewis, Fr. V. Pinto and Fr. B. Quadras. The College Flag is hoisted by the Chief Guest, Bishop Alan de Lastic.

In a keenly contested hockey match, the College XI pips the Staff 1 - 0. Rajneesh Sethi makes the difference. Rev. Fr. Lewis treats the Chief Guest and the staff with tea.

- 5th October :** Inter-House Quiz for Classes 6 to 9.
 1st Prize : St. George's House
 2nd Prize : St. Andrew's House
 3rd Prize : St. Patrick's House
 We thank Mr. Vikram Singh for conducting the quiz and Mr. Chandra Prakash for sponsoring the Contest.
- 7th October :** Inter-House Quiz for Classes 10 to 12.
 1st Prize : St. George's House
 2nd Prize : St. Patrick's House
 3rd Prize : St. Andrew's House
 We thank Mr. Vikram Singh for conducting the quiz and Mr. Chandra Prakash from Universal Booksellers, for sponsoring the contest. Both are old Franciscans.
- 10th October :** Inter-College Debating Contest organized by Times of India at Avadh Girls' Degree College. Ranil Nair is adjudged the 'Best Speaker'.
- 11th October :** Science Form organised by Loreto Convent. St. Francis' represented by Abhijit Sengupta, Ashutosh Joshi and Aditya Agarwal bag the first prize. However, St. Francis' College is luckless in the Extempore Speech. In 'What's the Good Word ? St. Francis' represented by Madhav Joshi and Ashutosh Joshi win the Second Prize.
- 12th October :** Parent - Teacher's meeting from 8.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Parents consult the teachers about their children's progress. A very poor turn out due to incessant rain.
- 14th October :** The Centenary Sports and Games Ceremony commences with Inter-College Football knock-out competition. St. Francis' College 5-Christ Church College 0. The goal-getters for the winners are Samir Mohanty (2), Nishi Dwivedi (1), Mohd, Ajmi Khan (1) and Vikram Singh (1)
- 15th October :** Inter-College Football : Mahanagar Boys' Inter College 9-Spring Dale College-1.

15th October : Inter-House English Debating Contest. The motion of the house is :—

“It is high time India made the Nuclear Bomb.” The winners are :—

1st Prize -	S. Gurbuxani	St. George's House
2nd Prize -	Madhav Joshi	- St. Patrick's House
3rd Prize -	S. Ahmad	- St. Patrick's House
Winning House:		- St. Patrick's House

We thank Mrs. A. Singh, Dr. (Mrs.) A. Garg, Lucknow University and Dr. R. N. Srivastava, Lucknow University, for being the judges.

17th October : Inter-College Football. St. Francis' College 9 - St. Mary's 0. The scorers are :— Kaushik Bandhopadhya (2), Vikram Singh (1), Nishit Dwivedi (1), Dev. Verma (2), Samir Mohanty (2) and Mohd. Azmi Khan (1).

Inter-House Hindi Debating Contest. The motion of the house is :—

“Philosophers are impractical fools.” The winners are :-

1st Prize :	Ashutosh Joshi	- St. George's House
2nd Prize :	Sandeep Gurbuzani	- St. George's House
3rd Prize :	Vinay Pathak	- St. Andrew's House

The Shield goes to St. George's House. We thank Mrs. V. Srivastava from Bharti Balika Vidhyalaya, Mrs. M. Saxena from Janta Girls' Inter College and Mr. R. K. Srivastava for being the judges.

21st to 23rd October : DUSSEHRA HOLIDAYS.

30th October : In the finals of the Inter-College S. F. C. Centenary Football, the hosts St. Francis' College blanks Mahanagar Boys' Inter College 3-0. Sameer Mohanty with two goals and Azmi Khan with one goal strike for the winners.

- 31st October : A prayer meeting to commemorate the death anniversary of Mrs. Indira Gandhi and to celebrate National Integration Day is held in the Gymnasium Hall. All Staff and students attend this function.
- 1st November : The Past versus Present annual fixtures begin with a hockey match. The Past pips the Present 1-0 through a goal scored by Kevin Robinson.
- 2nd November : College Marathon : Rodney Rozario of St. Andrew's House is the first home. Sanjay Bansal of St. Patrick' House is second and Ernest Rozario of St. Francis' House get the third spot. The Marathon Shield goes to St. Francis' House with 44 points, St. Andrew's has 30 points, St- Patrick's with 27 points and St. George's 17 points.
- 9th November : Centenary Fete. There is fun and frolic for one and all.
- 11th & 12th November : DIWALI HOLIDAYS.
- 13th November : The College winter uniform comes into effect from today.
- 14th November : Children's Day, programme begins with a prayer by the College Captain, Ranil Nair. Mr. S. C. Johri delivers the Children's Day Message. Then we have a devotional song from the film, "GUDDI." Hilarious comedies follow. First a Hindi Skit, "Laabar Dhaun, Dhaun" the Father Abraham and finally the English playlet, "The Hen Pecked Husband." "The Greeting Song draws the programme to a close. Well done, Staff actors and actresses. The boys are then given a treat by the Principal.
- 16th November : Inter-College Hindi Elocution Contest. St. Francis' College wins this keenly contested event. St. Mary's High School is very close second. S. Bannerjee of S. F. C. gets the 1st prize, while M. Banerjee of St. Mary's and S. Gurbuxani of S. F. C. tie for the second prize. The Chief Guest is Dr. R. S. Rastogi, an Ex-Franciscan of the Department of Business Administration, Lucknow University. Prof. T. R. Verma, Mrs. S. Agarwal and Mrs. P. K. Lall kindly consent to judge the contest.

The Inter-College English Elocution Contest follows :

Mrs. A. D'Souza from Australia and daughter of 'Daddy' D'Souza (who was the Headmaster of the host institution for forty years) is among those present. It's St. Francis' College all the way with S. Edwards and S. Gurbuxani taking the first and second prizes respectively. S. Mukherjee of St. Paul's got the third prize. The runners-up is St. Paul's School. The judges are :

Dr. (Mrs.) A. Garg, Lecturer, Lucknow University, Miss Z. Viccaji, Lecturer, English Dept., Avadh Girls' Degree College and Prof. O. R. Siddiqui.

18th November :

The Bishop of Lucknow Diocese, Rt. Rev. Dr. Alan de Lastic lights the Centenary Torch which will remain lit through the Centenary week and then hoists the College Flag in the presence of the entire college.

It is right and proper to begin the Centenary Week with an Inter-Religious Prayer Service at 8.00 a. m. Boys of different faiths participate in this Service which begins with the hymn, 'Sing a new song unto the Lord', by the College Choir. This is followed by Hindu, Muslim, Sikh and Christian prayers. Our Chief Guest is Rt. Rev. Alan de Lastic.

The Inter-College Talent Contest in Hindi commences at 9.00 a. m. The host College once again makes it a clean sweep with Mahanagar Boys' Inter College coming a very close second. In the Vocal Solo category, N. Verma of Mahanagar Boys' is first while P. Siddiqui and R. Gupta of S. F. C. are second and third respectively. S. F. C. wins the Vocal Group followed by Mahanagar Boys' and St. Paul's School.

The instrumental solo prize winners are all players of the Tabla. V. V. Ratna and S. Banerjee both of S. F. C. are first and second respectively; while A. Prakash of Christ Church College is third. The Chief Guest is the Secretary for Cultural Affairs and Tourism. Mr. Surendra Mohan, I. A. S. The judges

are Mr. G. Bharti and Mr. L. H. Khan from the Sangeet Natak Academy and Mr. S. K. Misra from the Bhatkande College of Hindustani Music.

18th November : Inter-College Talent Contest (English) commences at 5.00 p. m.
The results :- VOCAL SOLO-1st Prize : J. Rodricks-La Martiniere
2nd Prize : A. Dikshit-St. Francis'
3rd Prize : R. Nair-St. Francis' College

VOCAL GROUP - 1st Prize : Loreto Convent represented by
M. Kapoor, S. Mathur,
M. Singh, T. Mishra,
A. Rodricks and C. Chaing.

2nd Prize : La Martiniere Girls' College represented by S. Shah, B. Sharma,
S. Perry, T. Fernandes, E. Ali,
Z. Naqvi, N. Ambuy and
N. Mahajan.

3rd Prize : St. Francis' College represented by R. Nair, A. Dikshit,
R. Banerjee, S. Anwar and
S. Acharya.

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO 1st Prize : A. Shukla-St. Francis' College
2nd Prize : D. Edwin-La Martiniere Girls' College.
3rd Prize : A. Bhattacharya-St. Francis' College.

The Team Prize goes to La Martiniere Girls' College while Loreto Convent is the Runner-up.

19th November : The Centenary Exhibition is inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Romano, O. F. M. Cap, a former Principal of St. Francis' College. He takes keen interest in each stall and spends quite some time going around. The Exhibition held in the College Gymnasium depicts all facets of India from village life to space technology.

The teachers and boys put in everything to make this exhibition something worth talking about. The exhibition is held for three days.

The Centenary Concert is held at 5.00 p. m. It comprises of a three-act play. "What happened to Jones" an opera. 'In Old Mexico' and a tableau, 'Let my people go. The play deals with the shambles to which a house hold is reduced with the advent of a fast-thinking salesman. Jones is trouble with the law. The actor playing Jones unfortunately loses his voice. The dubbing is done so successfully by A. Agarwal, that it is only at the end of the concert when this is revealed, that many of the audience get wise to the fact. The opera, consisting of a Plate, a Grecian, a Mexican and a Carnation dance, all of which leaves the audience spell-bound, is about the discovery of a golden carnation, that leads to a treasure. The tableau is about the ten plagues that God sent to Egypt.

20th November :

The Inter-College Quiz Contest commences at 8.00 a. m. St. Francis' College, represented by A. Joshi and A. Sengupta wins the contest., followed by St. Paul's School, represented by P. Jain and P. Agarwal. La Martiniere Girls' College with A. Puri and A. Mohan comes third.

The Chief Guest is Dr. K. C. Mathur, Reader, English Department, Lucknow University and an Ex-Franciscan. He delivers a witty speech. The Quiz Master is Mr. B. Joseph of the host college.

Inter-College English Debate. The topic is 'It is high time India made a Nuclear Bomb'. The various viewpoints of the participants and lively competition gives the audience their time's worth and more. The first prize goes to Loreto Convent while St- Paul's School is second. N. Bansal of Loreto Convent is adjudged the best speaker. S. Gurbuxani of S. F. C. is Second. The third place has a tie between S. Jha of St. Paul's and R. Nair of S. F. C. The Chief Guest, Mrs. A. D'Souza gives a vivid and

moving picture of St. Francis' College in her days. The judges are Dr. (Mrs.) A. Garg, Mrs. M. Malhotra and Dr. P. C. David, all Lecturers in the English Department of Lucknow University.

The evening's concert has Mr. Sunil Shastri, Minister for Energy, Government of U. P., and son of Late Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri, as the Chief Guest.

21st November : Inter-College Painting Contest. The Chief Guest is Mr. S. Dhaon, Justice, Allahabad High Court. He was a student of St. Francis' College from 1940 to 1950. St. Francis' wins the Class Ten Team Prize. St. Mary's School is the Runner-up. In group one for Classes 9 and 10, N. Gathoratha of St. Mary's comes first, M. Agwekar also of St. Mary's is second while V. Gupta of St. Francis' is third.

In group two for Classes 11 and 12, S. Gurbuxani of St. Francis' comes first O. Nair of L. M. G. C. is second and I. Choudhary of Christ Church College is third.

In group three, (Classes 9 to 12), P. Mittal of St. Francis' is first, R. Mehrotra of Loreto Convent is second and A. Vardhan of S. F. C. is third. The highly qualified judges for this contest are Mr. A. M. Lobo, Chief Architect, U. P. Government, Dr. A. C. Das, Ex-M. L. C. (Arts-Science) Medical College and Prof. N. Mahapatra of the Department of Fine Arts, Lucknow University.

At the evening's Concert, Rt. Rev. Dr. Ignatius Menezes, Bishop of Ajmer-Jaipur, is the Chief Guest.

22nd November : Inter-College Hindi Debate. The topic is 'Philosophers are impractical fools'. The Chief Guest is Dr. G. S. Misra, Ex-Pro Vice-Chancellor of Lucknow University and an Ex-Franciscan. The judges are Dr. U. Johri, Dr. S. P. Dixit and Dr. L. S. Nishank, St. Mary School takes the Team Prize with La Martiniere Girls' College bagging the Runners-up prize. S. Sharma of St. Mary's is first, A. Joshi of S. F. C. is second and A. Puri of L. M. G. C. is third.

At 3.00 p. m. we have the Annual Inter-House and the Inter-School Athletic Meets. The Chief Guest is Rt. Rev. Dr. Ignatius Menezes, Bishop of Ajmer Jaipur. This function commences impressively with a torch which is lit from the one front of St. Francis' Statue. The College Captain then carries the torch to the back field where the House Captains and Vice-Captains take turns in carrying it round the field. It is finally carried by the College Captain, A. Nair and the Captain of the winning House, R. Sethi to the top of the building, where another torch burns for both sports days.

The Cock House Shield is won by St. George's House. The highlight of the day is the sterling performance of St. Andrews' Athletes. The Inter-School Athletic Shield is won by St. Francis' College, followed by St. Mary's School. S. Bansal of St. Francis' College is undoubtedly outstanding.

At 7.00 p.m. 'Old Franciscans' Get Together., It is an evening of memories and nostalgia.

23rd November : The last day of the Centenary Week starts with a 'Thanksgiving Service' at 8.00 a.m., with the Pro Nuncio, the Pope's Ambassador to India, as the Chief Guest, namely His Excellency, the Most Rev. Agostino Cacciavillan. The Inter-College Athletic Meet commences at 3.30 p. m. The Chief Guest is the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Vir Bahadur Singh. The Inter-College Athletic Shield is won by St. Francis' College, closely followed by Mahanagar Boy's College. A torch-light tattoo by Classes 7 and 8 steals the show. Both Sport Days end with captivating fire works shows provided by the Old Franciscans Association. The hectic week comes to a close with the V. I. P. Dinner. It is a grand affair with elite of the town present.

2nd December : In the 'On the Spot' Inter-School Painting Contest organized during 'Police Week' at the Police Grounds?

8th December : In a friendly Cricket Match, St. Francis' College scores 84 all out, while Catholic Youth Association replies with 86 for 5.

- 9th & 10th December : Musical Programme by famous artistes.
- 15th December : Cock House Picnic. St. George's House has a wonderful time at Nawabganj.
- 19th December : Christmas Celebrations. 'Jingle Bells' brings the house down: Who is Father Christmas? The little ones find it difficult to guess.
- 21st December : College closes for the winter vacation.
- 6th January 1986 : The College re-opens.
- 26th January : REPUBLIC DAY. The celebration begins with the choir singing 'Vande Mataram'. The Chief Guest Mr. R. K. Malhotra, I.R.S., Commissioner, Income-Tax, Lucknow stresses the need for hard work. Three boys of the Senior School addresses us. Finally our Principal thanks our Chief Guest for his presence.
- 27th & 28th January : PAPAL VISIT TO INDIA. A holiday is given in honour of the Supreme Pontiff, Pope John Paul II. Our reverend Fathers go over to Delhi to receive His Holiness.
- 22nd January : Farewell party for the outgoing boys of Classes 10 and 12. The evening function commences with a Prayer Service conducted by Rev. Fr. O. Lewis, Principal. The Staff and Students then sing "God will take care of you." Rev. Fr. Lewis, Mr. B. Joseph, Ranil Nair, Neeraj Saha, Sanjay Nayar and Madhav Joshi each light a diya on behalf of the College, the Staff, Class 12 boys, Class 10 boys, Class 11 boys and Class 9 boys, respectively. The Principal, Rev. Fr. Lewis then addresses the boys and wishes those appearing for the I.C.S.E. and I.S.C. (12) Examinations success. While M. Moudgil speaks on behalf of the present students, Ranil Nair, the College Captain replies on behalf of the outgoing boys. Class 9 boys sing 'May the good Lord bless and keep you'. The Hindi Skit and the News Broadcast keep every one in 'splits'. The handing over of badges of rank follows.

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- The last item the tea. Souvenirs are presented to the outgoing students. All said and done it is a very enjoyable evening.
- 19th March : Sister Rosita Gomes from Mound Mary Convent, Bandra, Bombay speaks to the boys of each section of Class 9 and 11. She shares her personal experiences in her apostolate. In each class, she speaks on a different theme. Thank you, Sister, for your inspiring talk.
- 23rd March : The College closes for Holi and Easter.



Ranil Nair Captain
at a loose end.

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The passing of one year and ushering in of the next has gone on for centuries, yet this year was something special, for this was St. Francis' Centenary Year.

There was an air of expectancy in the campus till the celebrations got going. And then came times that we, who were there, will never forget.

Feelings are difficult to put into words, it was an unforgettable experience. Once the centenary year had passed it left us, as all good times do,

We, in class XII, specially, felt it as in a few short months we'd have to bid goodbye to our cherished Alma Mater.

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Inter-College Athletics meet. The torchlight, mashaal and the fireworks display at the end of both days were captivating. An Old Franciscans dinner was held followed by a V. I. P. dinner the next day.

The days that followed were filled with nostalgia. And for the tens and twelves the fun was over and it was preparation, preparation all the way.

And so we bid goodbye to our beloved College, we wish it not only many more years of glorious service to the nation but also many more centenary years.

Rand Nair
College Captain



Rajnish Sethi Captain

ST. GEORGE'S HOUSE REPORT

House Motto 'In Honour Bound'

After three years of waiting in the wings our house with its usual immaculate timing has finally made it. And that too bang in the Centenary year. It is an achievement to bag the Cock House Shield. And doing it on such an important occasion makes it all the more commendable, recalling our days of past glory and giving many glimpses of exciting future prospects.

Of course, smash hit as our performance was, it would not have been possible without the help and guidance of our house staff members and the Physical Training Instructors. They acted as the rudder of our ship, inevitably guiding us on towards the goal and finally victory that was due to us. The hands of Mr. Ramchandra the senior house master was firmly on the steering wheel and his inspiration was taken up in full measure by Rev. Fr. V. Pinto, Mr. J. Crasto and Mr. L. Fuller.

We started the new year propelled by the crusading zeal of our Basketball team who, of course won us the Basketball shield. We continued our string of successes in Volleyball, where we came second. Next to come into our bag was the Football shield. Then came a slight setback in Table Tennis which found us in the third spot. We regained our prestige the top spot in Badminton and showed our unbeatable form in Hockey and Cricket both of which got us the first place and the trophies.

The main disappointment and setback for us was the Marathon the gruelling long race where we finished a poor last. But we shrugged it off with the beautiful Athletics trophy.

In great demand were our C and D division Midgets, tiny yet terrific. We were specially egged on by the feats of Ambika Misra, Navinder Shah, Anupam Agarwal, Vikram Singh, Anurag Singh, Kapil Arora, Adnan Khan, Sriram Desai and S. Vashist in Hockey Cricket and Football. In A and B divisions we had a display of extreme talent fulfilled and guided by Rev. Fr. Pinto and shown by Adnan Khan Gauri M. Chaturvedi, Anand Kapoor, Kim King Liu, S. Roy, Ryan D'Silva, K. Lalwani and R. Pathak. Cricket especially saw a gem of an innings by S. Shome in the A division match against St. Andrew's house, who with his magic willow sent the red dragon soaring over the greens, as Neville Cardus might have put it in one of his unguarded moments, leaving the fielders stand in utter disbelief. In B division Cricket, our opponents were holed up below the water line by the inspired swing and sting of my deputy R. D'Silva and D Mulwani. Senior league superstar R. Lalwani was our trump card in the A division fixtures who bamboozled the batsmen in match after match. So the Cricket Shield came to us in a matter of course. Similarly in our A and B divisions Hockey and Football we were ably served by our outstanding players amongst the staff members were Fr. V. Pinto and Mr. J. Crasto and amongst the students were R. D'Silva, R. Pathak, Adnan Khan Gauri Malay Chaturvedi, A. Kapoor, Kim Liu, S. Roy and Rajnish Sethi.

Badminton went off equally well for us. Again the credit goes to our juniors in the C and D division. As usual they gave us a flying start with Navinder Shah, Anurag Singh and Sriram in smashing form. We did well in the B division as R. D'Silva played tremendously well to reach the finals. Our A division performance was not upto the full potential, though modesty forbids me from giving my name.

Now for the pride of any house Captain-Athletics-Kim Liu the King was in tremendous form in the 200 Metres. Broad Jump and Triple Jump and ably supporting him was the towering Adnan Gauri who towered over Broad Jump and Triple Jump. Our Herculean Sanjay Pandey tried his enormous strength in shot put and discus. But had it not been for a broken leg at the last minute our house would have been richer by 7 points.

In B division the house Vice Captain Ryan D'Silva steered us on golden path to the beautiful Athletic trophy. In C division Navinder Shah showed his class, our D division champs of tomorrow Adnan Khan and Kapil Arora, gave welcome indication of their undoubted promise in almost every event under the sun of course with such sterling performance the Athletics trophy had to be ours.



Ryan D'Silva, Vice Captain

The newly instituted Centenary Shield for extra-curricular activities was bagged by us, naturally the top cream was with us, S. Gurbaxani, A. Joshi, S. Bakshi, A. Sagar, A. Khanna and A. Mishra we had to win.

On the whole I would like to thank each and every Georgian for the zeal displayed in pushing us further towards the ultimate goal, for the prestigious Cock House Shield. And very special thanks to our house staff members Fr. V. Pinto, Mr. J. Crasto, M. J. Fuller, Mr. P. C. Agarwal, Mrs. I. Wanchoo, Mrs. I. Mukherjee, Mrs. S. J. Mitchell besides these we had the encouragement and guidance of our veteran P. T.I's Mr. Parker and Mr. Vig. There are many whose names could not be mentioned due to lack of space. I hope and, indeed, pray that this shall not discourage them from showing even better form in the years to come.

Thanks boys and best of luck.

Rajnish Sethi

St. Patrick's House Report



Robert Wu-Captain

trophy of the year.

Football season began and we of course were the hot favourites this year too. The 'C' and 'D' div. matches started with a bang and a lot of enthusiasm among the players. Little did we know that St. George's our arch rivals for the 'Cock House' had been practising. They tied with us in 'C' division with 5 points each, but in 'D' div. they took the lead and we lagged behind and ultimately down to third place, which was a big set back for us. The 'B' div. won all its matches and gave us a clear cut-6 points lead, then again, the 'A' div. failed to win any match and George's scored over us with the first

Hockey was a big disappointment for us. We were beaten to 4th and the last place, and again it was George's with the second trophy.

Though beaten we did not give up hope and contented ourselves with the volleyball shield. This was a big morale booster for us, and helped us in gaining the Table Tennis shield convincingly, and dropping George's down to the third place.

They bounced back into the fight by winning the cricket trophy and we had to be content with the second spot, and the 'Cock House' began to slip away from our grip.

Basketball was one game in which we never expected to lose, and again this time it was the George's who brought us down to the second place.

Though having a very strong Badminton team, in our ranks, we had players like Luv Sama the 'A' div. king of the court, and S. Bansal who surprisingly won the 'B' div. Championship beating a more experienced Ryan D'sila 15-3, 15-7 we lost the trophy and once again to George's.

The long race 'Marathon' was a big setback and saw us down to the 3rd position. S. Bansal being the star performer for us.

Though having Athletics like Robert Wu, Azmi Khan and S. Bansal we still could not win the Athletic trophy and our fate was sealed. The 'Cock House' the most presti-

ous shield had slipped away from our grip, despite our house lads had put up the best individual performance ever.

In the 'A' div. Athletic Championship Robert Wu and Azmi Khan tied for second place with 12 points each.

S. Bansal had no opposition in the 'B' div. Championship. He claimed Golds in 200m, 400m, 800m, Broad Jump, Triple Jump, and Shot Put-What a performance by any Athletic so far. He beat seasoned runners in the 1500 metres to win the Gold, and besides Athletics he gave creditable performance in other game too. Bansal became the College junior open badminton Championship, beating Navinder Shah in the finals. He represented the college teams in football, Athletics and Badminton.

His prowess in Athletics brought glory and honour not only to our house but to the College. He helped the College to win the Inter-School and Inter-College Championship Centenary trophies. Another lad who needs special mention is Vikas Chaube, after winning the 'B' div. table tennis Championship claimed the College senior Open Championship.

Azmi Khan the all rounder gave his best to the College and house team in almost every game.

Luv Sama the College Senior Open Badminton Champion won every match he played. In the Inter-School badminton Championship, he led the College to victory.

Others who contributed towards the house in all games were Dev Verma, S. Mohanty, Rizwan Ahmed, S. Gupta, P. Pathak to name a few. But I thank all the others who brought Glory to St. Patrick's in the past, I cannot mention all their names here but they shall always be remembered.

I thank Mr. S.C. Johri our senior house master for his guidance and encouragement and a very special thanks to Mr. G. David, who was the main force behind the house,



Rizwan Ahmed Vice Captain

He would go back after every match we played with a soar throat and he kept us on the move all the time, both on the field and off the field.

I thank all the other staff members of St. Patrick's House in-giving us encouragement for what we are today-I thank you, Mr. V. Russell, Mr. Saxena, Fr. Quadras, Mr. P. K. Singh, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Crasto, Mrs. G.D'souza, Mrs. Srivastava, Mrs. P. Rodricks, Mrs. E. Sen, Mrs. S. Chatterjee, Mrs. K. Mukherjee and Miss. A. Chatteree.

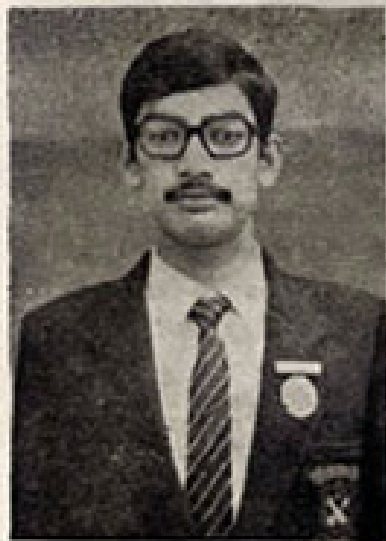
Robert Wu

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St. Francis' House Report

Thousands of sportsmen take part in different games but there is only one winner, the team or person with maximum capability and spirit. Our boys possessed both but preserved their capability, and the luck was not too favourable.

The start was not too good for us as we began losing the C and D football matches, with the result that A and B division boys could not do much and the fourth place came like an uninvited guest. Cricket was both sad and exciting. One side there was the A division, with Ranjan Manocha and



Jaideep Bhargava Captain

Nishit Dwivedi winning all their three matches and becoming the undisputed kings. While on the other side were the other three divisions dragging their houses to fourth place. Hockey was very lucky for us, with the contribution of points from C and D divisions our hopes increased and the A and B divisions tried to pull the house to second place, but our efforts were in vain, we lost to St. Andrew's house by a mere margin of a single point. Our luck evaded us in Table Tennis too. We started well with Pushkar Chaube claiming the D division title, and Saket Mishra emerging the C division

Champion and A. Singh the C division runner up. Ravi Verma, the College 2nd seed, did not live up to his expectation and was knocked out in the quarter finals. Although A division performed well we had to be content with the second place behind St. Patrick's. Though we had a slow start but began gaining momentum but all was again shattered in Badminton. C division performed well, but A division, though having players like Ranjan Manocha, Milan Moudgill and Vikramaditya in our ranks, could not stand the onslaught of the Sama brothers.

The house Elocution was dominated by our house, there was a superb performance from our boys. Purushottam Goel, Vibhu Agarwal, Rohan Chauhan and Percival Joseph in the English, and P. Goel, A Clifford, P. Agarwal Anupam Sachan and R. S. Chauhan in Hindi.

The Marathon shield was clearly ours, like previous years we gained the top spot. Our boys won three places out of the first five in this long distance race. The main point contributors were F. Rozario, Jaideep Bhargava, Rohit Singh, N. Dwivedi and A. Singh. Well begun half done, this is exactly what happened to us in Athletics, we started off great guns, but in the end we were made to struggle for points. The main highlight was in C division when P. Agarwal broke the years old high jump record clearing 5ft. 1½ ins. and A. Ghildiyal emerging the A division Champion.

In the end I would like to thank my Vice Captain Ranjan Manocha for his help and contribution towards the house, and the guidance of our house staff members Miss I. Menezes, Mrs. Dean for giving their valuable time and advice in elocution. And to Mr. Britto, Mr. Rodricks Mr. Lewis, Mr. R. P. Gupta, Mr. Meerza and Mr. Sharma for their encouragement in all our house activities.



Ranjan Manocha, Vice Captain

Jaideep Bhargava

St. Andrew's House Report

A house is what its boys are; we had plenty of sportsmen, but other houses happened to have better. So two houses beat us, we managed to beat one.



Vinod Nair Captain

In the beginning of the year we compared one talent to rest and found we'd come third. But we decided to have a jolly good try for a better slot anyway.

The highest we were placed in any game was second in hockey. D division won all their matches while B division lost all theirs, C and A performed creditably.

We made the third place in Football, Cricket, Basketball and Badminton. In football D division shone again. While C weren't as good and the jinxed B worse. A division won one, lost one and drew one.

In Cricket too, it was D division to the forefront with C and B putting in mediocre performances. A division lost all their matches.

Basketball was fun. We lost two matches by a narrow margin. In both these, the opposing teams expecting easy victories, didn't recover from their stupefaction until the break when they made frantic efforts to stay ahead.

In Badminton, G. Mowdell emerged as the D division champion while K. Sama was the runner-up in A division.

Volleyball—the less said about it, the better. We lost all our matches.

In spite of making a clean sweep of the A division Table Tennis and putting three semifinalists into the senior open Table Tennis Championship, we ended up last even

though A division and D. Garg bagged the champion and runner-up titles respectively. The Badminton open for seniors also saw K. Sama emerging as runner-up.

We fixed up third in Athletics, thanks to our inspired C and D division athletes who actually managed to double the points on Sports Day.

We came second in the marathon, which incidently, also goes to prove our spirit and doggedness. Rodney Razario got the first place in this long distance race. P. J. Shah became the C division Champion. He's sure to go far.

We also proved to be the strongest house in Tag-O-War, literally sweeping our opponents off their feet before the third round and in the finals we really sweated it out against hot favorites, the mighty St. George's, using every muscle, and finally got the better of them,

In the non athletic extra curricular events too, we did admirably, turning in notable performances in painting, where we bagged most of the prizes and in Quiz where our junior team and senior team came second and third respectively.

Remember that in the past decade St. Andrew's House have won the Cock House five times. Let's stick our chests out and put our chins up and be proud that we belong to St. Andrew's House. And let's make sure that we keep that blue flag always flying high. Another thing about our motto 'For honour alone,' stick to it, as we always have Sportsmanship, is what counts, that. and the will to keep going. Never has an Andrew's house team given up hope and the fight and we trust it never will.

What remains now is the most important of all, a vote of thanks, of recognition, of appreciation.

Thanks, to all our house mates for their excellent response sterling behaviour and splendid spirit.

We thank Mr. Minj and Mr. Hannah for their unquestioning co-operation and constant encouragement. Mr. Hannah played Hockey and Cricket for us, and Mr. Minj was a wizard in Hockey and played a lion-hearted game in Football.

We would also like to thank Ma'am Julota, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. D'Silva, Mr. Mishra, Mr. Bhargava, Ma'am Bhardwaj and Mr. Hannah for helping during the selections for the elocution and debate, as also Mr. Camphor for his unflagging patience in training the boys. We also thank Mr. Edwards for being behind everything, always organizing, helping, encouraging. We thank our house master Mr. Robinson too, primarily for his no-nonsense attitude with us. His iron hand in a not-so-very-velvet glove worked wonders.



Swapnil Edwards, Vice-Captain

All said and done, I think ours is the best house going, all we need is a little more practice.

When I was a new boy here, I wanted to be in the 'Blue' house and when my dream came true, I remember I thought I'll see that St. Andrew's house never regrets this, and I hope I was right.

VINOD NAIR

HAPPY FAMILY

Happy is the family whose members play together and work together and know one another's hearts. They think differently, but their thoughts meet with understanding. They follow different ways, but their actions have a common purpose. The unities of such a family are like silken threads, strong and true, and woven together harmoniously.

—Author Unknown



Class I-A : Miss. S. D. Chand



Class I-B : Mrs. R. Edwards



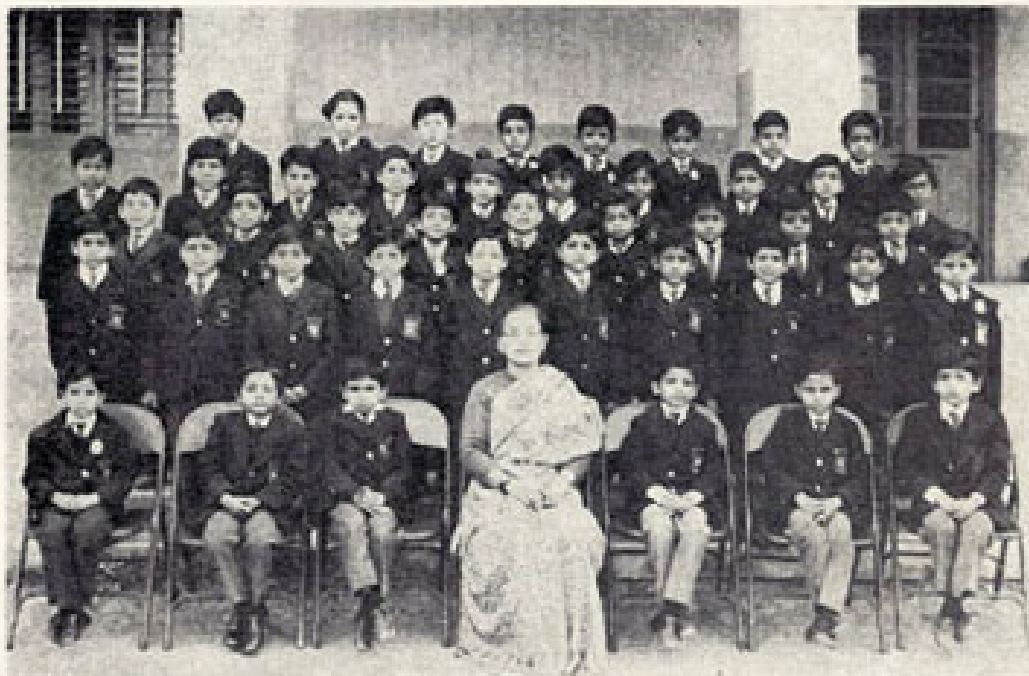
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Class I-A : Miss. S. D. Chand



Class I-B : Mrs. R. Edwards



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Ex-Pro Vice-Chancellor
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The attainment of the centenary by any institution is a matter of pride and satisfaction to its members, particularly so in the case of an academic institution in which the academic and moral values have withstood the test of a century. The St. Francis' School of yester century has blossomed into a College with an unbroken record of a full hundred years. Throughout the course of its existence it has stood forth as one of the premier Colleges of Lucknow, devoting itself to the elevation of the academic and moral stature of the boys committed to its charge in accordance with the Christian Principles as embodied in the person of the great apostle whose name the College bears.

As an old alumni of the College and hailing from a family which for three generations has been Franciscans, I take particular pride in recording my feelings of joy and jubilation on the Occasion of the centenary celebrations of the College. May the College prosper and live to see many more centenaries, devoting itself to the cause of uplift of secondary education in the Capital of the largest State in the country.

I felicitate the Principal, staff, students and such functionaries as happen to be associated with the College on the jubilant Occasion of the centenary celebrations of St. Francis' College, Lucknow.

G. S. MISRA



No. 40 Wing, Air force
C/O 56 APO

On the occasion of the Centenary of St. Francis' College, Lucknow, I convey to the Principal, Staff and students, past and present, my warmest regards and felicitations. It is with great pride that I have, over the years, watched the College develop to meet the growing needs of the society and the results that the College has produced are commendable. I wish the College greater success in the years ahead.

D Keelor, KC, VrC
Air Commodore
Air Officer Commanding



On this Centenary of my old School I wish the past, present and future Franciscans God's Blessings, good health and prosperity.

My association with the School dates back more than five decades to include the period when my late father, "BALDY", was on the staff, and later the Head Master.

I can proudly proclaim that the moral, physical and mental fibre which led to my successes in life was founded in the chapel, in the classrooms and on the games fields that exist even today.

I urge the present and future students to grasp this judicious "quality-combination" inherent in the educational environment, so that, in future, they can serve our Motherland with the true spirit and character of Franciscans.

Wing Commander Trevor Keelor
Vr C,VM (Retd)

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Dy. Chief Operating Superintendent
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Dear Father Lewis,

It gives me great pleasure to learn that you are bringing out a Souvenir to commemorate the occasion of the School Centenary. It is my proud privilege to have studied at St. Francis' College. Though the College has grown since then, the spirit of St. Francis' College has remained the same—teaching the boys to go out and serve mankind.

On this occasion, I offer you, the staff and the students my best wishes. May our College march ahead, in the days to come, leaving behind trails of glory.

Yours sincerely,
Nisheeth M. Katara



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1/10/85

Dear Fr Lewis,

Greetings to you, members of the staff and students of this illustrious College on the occasion of its Centenary year;

What greater pleasure can I have than to be present for the Centenary of my dear Alma Mater, St. Francis' School then and now a College!

It is with some nostalgia that I look back to the years I spent in S. F. S. and am truly grateful & thankful for the education I received within its precincts, I can even say that those were the best years of my life.

Now as I sit back and recall the past, I can see myself playing in first XI teams of football and Hockey and running the mile race & winning it, amidst cheers. I remember with gratitude the Principal, Fr Celestine and the staff of my time and bless them for the care and love with which they moulded my life.

I feel I could have enjoyed this Centenary year better, had I been able to take an active part in all its functions, But alas! due to the loss of my eyesight, I can only see and feel with my minds' eye and wish that my institution may grow from strength to strength and may God's blessings rest on it now and always.

With Best Wishes.

Yours Sincerely
Klyne Collins Aitkins
1922 — 1926

जीवन है

यह फलकल करती नदियाँ क्या ।
सावन की मस्त कुहार है क्या ।
यह शीतल मस्त बघार है क्या ।
उसमें हिलते वे पत्ते क्या ?

पक्षियों की ऊँची उड़ान है क्या ।
नम को छूने की चाह है क्या ।
शुश्रूषा का यह उल्लास है क्या ।
मन को छूती वह आह है क्या ।

क्या है धरती के पत पर वे,
जिन्दु के डगमग करते वे पत ।
जीवन से जीवन की पाला,
देखा करता जिसे सारा जग ।

कलियों का रोज वे मिल जाना,
और साँझ होने मुरझा जाना ।
हंसते हंसते फिर से देना ।
करते सकेत है वे मन क्या ।

पर्वत से विरली धरती पर,
इस जोर मचाती धारा का ।
कायर की विजाल लहरों में,
हँसते, हँसते मिल जाना भी ।

जहनाइयों की सूत्रों में,
किसी विरहल का कण धटल ।
टप-टप करती यह अश्रुधार,
जो दुःख और मुःख की सूचक है ।

हमको सिखलाते हैं वे क्या ?
यह सब क सब इस जीवन की,
मतिजीवता के परि सूचक हैं ।
जीवन यह एक पहेली है,

जिसको हल करना कठिन नहीं ।
जीवन यह अज्ञा है,
जिससे चकराओ जरा नहीं ।

करना यह एक प्रतिज्ञा तुम,
जीते ही सदा कर्म करो ।
जीवन की सुखी खोसो,
जीवन का अक्षयी मंत्र यही ।

अश्वनी कुमार तिवारी
भूतपूर्व विद्यार्थी

“ A Curious Letter ”

Dear Sir,

Your method of teaching has become irksome and you have not tried to make it more interesting and thought-provoking. You lack patience and tolerance and you do not possess admirable qualities.

Besides, your lectures make all of us abhor and detest you. Truly, Sir, none of us feel elated that we have become your students. Whenever you come to our class to teach us, I find myself firmly and fully determined to make you an object of ridicule. I shall not respect you and hold you in high esteem.

Your ways of imparting knowledge are rather severe. You are unlike others who are gentle, sensible, impressive and effective; you do not spare the rod and fail to show that you possess a human and magnanimous character.

Your behaviour gives me nothing but extreme displeasure and irritation instead of enjoyment and satisfaction. I cannot help but despise you and fear you, although I try to be your most humble and obedient student.

Now read the same letter, but omitting the alternate line of each paragraph.

K. Srinivasan

9 B. 1962

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To,
The Principal,
Saint Francis' College,
Shah Nazaf Road,
Hazratganj,
LUCKNOW.

Dear Rev. Fr. Lewis,

Allow me to introduce my self as an ex-student of your institution. I had the privilege of being in the SCHOOL from my 3rd standard right upto the Sr. Cambridge, i. e. standard ten. At that time in the year 1946, our school did not provide education the above Xth. First Mr. D'Souza and thereafter Mr. Kelly were our Head Masters. Other teachers were Mr. Keelor, Mr. Ferns, Mr. Vance, Mr. Barker, Mr. Flyn and a few others. Among the lady teachers were Miss Breganza, Mrs. William, and a few others who were not teach our classes. I had two Principals in my time.

At that time the principal was not in the teaching cadre. He was just the administrative head. We had quite a few teachers at that time direct from England. Mr Collins and Mr. Tobit were from U. K. The teachers and the students were in those days, part of the same family. There was no difference, no diversion and no neglect. The birth-day of our class teacher was a festivity for the entire class. Adorned and decked was the teachers mantle-piece with our humble presents and remained so for months of end on display to visitors. We in turn-the full class-were feasted by mummy i.e. our class teacher's lady.

Sir, I do not think I can convey into so many words, the quality of my class mates. The stuff with which they were made exists no longer. At lunch-hour or even at tiffen break we used to pool our food and share it; even the boarders got a share. Any function at home was no function unless joined by all. If some body was absent one of us used to cycle down to find out why he had'nt come.

The school was divided into 3 main parts. First the big block of the southern end used to house the main hall and classes from Kindergarten to the Sixth. std. Then there was the middle tiled portion, housing the library, office, our Head Master's office,

teacher's rest room and standard 7 to std. 10. On the northern side was the main block, housing the House Master's room, the dormitory and the stairs leading to the chapel. Behind the chapel was the small hospital. And what a hospital it was ? It was funny to find that no other medical cure was sufficient to heal than a phial of water from sister Angela which had the properties of an all curing ambrosia. Then the wonderful supreb neem-tree behind the hospital bordering our back-field. The serene calm quiet and sublime shade, the gathering of all crammers who had to learn poetry by-heart, or the pleasure of just sitting on the brick-lined terrace was a miracle to be experienced.

There was a building right across the rear of the school from the science lab, to the toilet on the northern end. In this building a room was allotted to the commerce class, and a big room called THE MESS. Here too was our "Buddha's" tuck-shop. Sir, I am just giving these details to show you, how much I miss my school. College, University and those other parts of our world cannot call evoke in me more sincerity and effection. Today only those by gone reminiscences and recollections bring nostalgia, wave after wave, because they brings to mind a home, a family and blessed parental teachers who used to pour out their hearts into our stupid brain. Peace be to them wherever they are.

Yours obediently,

Sd-Raghuraj Pratap Singh.

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A few lines from an Old Boy

Many years ago in 1926 I become a boarding pupil at St. Francis' at the age of 10 years. Then there were about 250 boarders, and around the same number of day pupils.

During this time I was one of the three monitors, and House Captain of St. Georges' House for my last three years.

I left St. Francis' in 1934 having passed both junior and Senior Cambridge exams, which is what we had in those days. After leaving school I joined the B. N. N. Railway as an apprentice. From there I was selected to join the Indian Army in 1939. In the meantime war broke out, and I was posted to Africa for the duration, spending time in Egypt, Somalia, Lybia and the Western Desert.

After the war I returned to India and joined the Railway again as a Guard. The highlight there was being selected from 100 Guards to work the first President of India's

Special train Dr. Rajendra Prasad for which I was awarded a certificate which I hope will be kept at the College.

In 1951 I immigrated to the U. K. where I now live. I returned for a tour of India two years ago, and on my second visit I returned to see St. Francis'. It is much larger now, having a two storied building with extensions built on. I was very pleased to see again the Neem trees and all the progress which has been made since my time.

I have many happy memories of my stay at St Francis', and I hope all of you today, when you are old man like me, will be able to attend the next Centenary of your College and look back on happy days. I shall treasure the Plaque given to me. Kind regards.

C. V. Rozario
Surrey, U. K.



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OLD FRANCISCANS ASSOCIATION

A. REPORT

The Old Franciscans Association formerly called the Old Boys Association, St. Francis College, Lucknow, has been, from the time of its inception way back in 1931, the organ by which out going students could keep in touch with their Alma Mater. Over the years the membership of the association has gradually grown till today the association can boast of a membership of over two hundred of which no fewer than 58, are life members.

Today many of the old Franciscans are well placed in life, and true to the words of the College Anthem, "WE WILL ANSWER WHEN DUTY SHALL CALL" have come forward with a readily helping hand to assist the College when necessity required.

In 1983 that it was brought to the notice of the association that the College, would be celebrating its centenary in 1985. The General Body decided that the Association should help the College to raise funds for, this unique occasion, hence a centenary committee under the chairman-ship of Dr. P. N. Muttoo was elected. The committee decided on various methods to raise funds. The Ghazal and Bhajan Maestro Anoop Jalota was invited to perform at the Ravindralaya. Even, though the date of the performance clashed with a religious festival, the occasion was well attended and the distinguished audience were given a treat to be remembered.

The Association assisted the College in organising a fete in November 1984. Many Old Franciscans whose names I cannot mention in case inadvertently some one is left out, donated generously and worked selflessly to make the day a success, which it ultimately turned out to be.

Another method to raise funds for the Centenary was a Raffle run by the College, again, the old franciscans, were not found wanting in their generosity, all the gifts for the said Raffle were donated by them, notable among them being Mr. U. S. Halwasiya, Mr. C. S. Khosla, Dr. P. N. Muttoo, Mr. Sumer K. Agarwal, Mr. Lov Verma, Mr. Kush Verma, Mr. Ajai Anand, Mr. Arun Dhir, Mr. Suresh Dhir, Mr. Inder Pal Singh Sethi, Mr. Amit Wanchoo and Dr. P. N. Bhargava. Tickets were sold jointly by the College

students and the old Franciscans and the funds raised helped in a great way to meet the expenses of the week long Centenary Celebrations, which according to reports coming in was one of the grandest that Lucknow has seen so far especially from an institution the size of St. Francis' College that has a strength of only two thousand students.

The College decided to bring out a Souvenir Magazine, covering different aspects of College life including the Centenary Celebrations. To supplement the expenditure of this magazine it was decided to collect advertisements, again the Old Franciscans have helped in a big way. Further, ex students were asked to send articles to be published in the said magazine. The response was fairly good, though many, articles cannot be published due to lack of space.

Every year, during Patron's Week, games fixtures between the Past and Present students are held. All running trophies for these events have been donated by old Franciscans.

During the Centenary week, the guests and present students were treated to a fire work display after the Annual Athletic Meet. The hour long display was given by the old Franciscans and highly appreciated. After the Athletic Meet the old Franciscans held their annual Reunion Dinner. The occasion was very well attended and it was heartening to see old Franciscans of all age groups freely mixing with each other.

It has been my good fortune to be the secretary of this Association for four years. During this period it was a pleasure to serve the Association in whatever way I could. May it continue to do the good work and be a source of inspiration to future generations.

PAX ET BONUM.

P. A. J. LEWIS

Hony. Secretary

1981—1985.

Recollections of an Old Franciscan

Possessiveness is human. And when you are possessive about your Alma Mater one is sure to believe that the attachment is something beyond the human sphere which is not easy to explain. St. Francis' High School (now College), to me means too many things. Besides everything else I owe two important things to my Alma Mater-my pen and my speech. If I am a Dr. Jekyll it's due to SFS and if I am a Mr Hyde again it's SFS.

I was a reluctant pupil of this school in 1955. Reluctant, perhaps because there was no minimum age barrier and also because I was a spoilt child and I would do anything to prevent my entry to the classroom. I was literally and virtually dragged by my brothers to the school while Miss Paul entrusted with the burden of keeping me in the classroom and helping me pick up the alphabet. At times, during the intervals, I would make use of the gaps between the grills of the gate opposite our house, and rush back home. The second school coming was more fruitful as my brothers would be away and appeasement was showered on me to go back to the school. Finally, the practice had to be given up because Rev. Fr. Alfred, (The Principal), decided to put a tin sheet to prevent the misuse of the otherwise gaping grills.

Whenever I see Mrs. Edwards, nee Miss Paul, I feel like thanking her each time rather than just wishing her with a 'Hello' She taught me to hold a pencil, she taught me the letters and the numbers and despite all my reluctance to be a good student she endured me patiently.

By 1956, I was used to the surroundings of SFS, and Mrs. Dale, an elderly lady who took great care of all her pupils, was my class teacher. During the interval I stood there watching 'Gulli danda' being played by the senior boys. The 'Gulli' accidentally hit me in the eye. I was rushed to the school dispensary and Mrs. Dale was wild with anger. She saw to it that this country-game was no more played in the school precincts. The same year co-education too came to a close in SFS.

In 1957, Miss Massey was the class teacher and the same year she was married to Mr. Sen.

Class IV brought before me the appealing teacher Miss Braganza (I do not recollect her first name). My attendance was perhaps most regular during this period. And