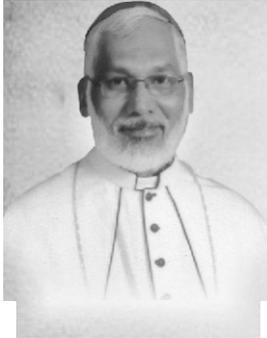




Glorious **50** *Years*
1960-2010
Golden Jubilee Celebration





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Message

Canossa Convent High School, Dhule is completing 50 years of its Educational services for the betterment of humanity. On this happy occasion I offer my hearty congratulations to the Past and Present : Principal, the Manager, the Teachers, Non-teaching staff and Students.

The Sisters of the Canossian Daughters of Charity at Dhule have formed the hearts and minds of a large number of students in the past 50 years. The students have excelled in the academic and co-curricular fields because of their mentors who have formed them through their dedicated services. I am happy to know that the Teachers cater to the physical, social, psychological and spiritual needs of their pupils, imparting to them an integrated education and making them aware of the presence of God within and around them.

In these 50 years, the Canossa Convent High School at Dhule has followed the footsteps of St. Magdalene of Canossa (the foundress of Canossian congregation) reaching out to all the people, irrespective of caste, creed, language or social status. In the words of this humble saint : "The school is the harvest that costs most, but which yields more fruit, for the conduct of one's whole life depends on the education one has received." The Canossian Sisters have always remained true to this principle and have dedicated themselves through the medium of Education.

May the Canossa Convent High School, Dhule, continue to flourish and bring Glory to God. I am confident that in the coming years Canossa Convent will achieve many more laurels and we will rejoice in many more jubilees yet to come.

With God's abundant blessings and assurances of my prayers, I remain,

Your sincerely

Bishop Lourdes Daniel,

Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Nashik

26 November 2010





**CURIA GENERALIZIA -
FIGLIE DELLA CARITA CANOSSIANE**

Message

My Dear Sisters, Friends and well wishers,
Happy celebration and commemoration of a very special day to you !

It gives me great joy to participate, through this message, in the ongoing celebrations of the golden jubilee of the Canossian presence in Dhule. This is a moment to recall with joy and gratitude the five decades of dedication, formative experiences, processes of growth, the challenges and the achievements that form part of this adventure of love that has been ignited by St. Magdalene of Canossa. As her spiritual daughters and partners in the great mission of love we continue to be a presence that communicates God's care and compassion.

It is indeed a special occasion to thank the Lord for the wonderful woman, spiritual leader and innovator that Magdalene of Canossa was and continues to be. She was animated by the Spirit of greatest love as revealed by Jesus in His life and teachings, His death and resurrection. May the same spirit of love inspire and animate us in everything that we plan and do.

On this happy occasion I rejoice with you and thank God for the good that has been done through this Institution which has become a meaningful point of reference for many. It is note-worthy that the 50th anniversary the Canossian presence in Dhule coincides with 150th anniversary of the Canossian Missions in the World.

Let us gratefully remember all the Canossian Sisters, teachers and other collaborators who have been part of this great venture to provide the youth and the little ones with values and orientations that enable them to be agents of transformation and change in our society. I wish God's Blessings and the Best in Life for our past, present and future students. Know that each of you is special to God our creator, to your parents and to us Canossian Sisters. You help us fulfill our Mission in life. Thank you for who you are who you could be with the grace of God.

On behalf of our Canossian Religious Family, I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all the Sisters and other generous person who have shared life and love within this Institution for the past 50 years and for their dedicated service and loving availability.

Let this celebration enthuse and energise each one of us to re-commit ourselves to continue this life-giving process of being and becoming, growth and transformation. With every good wish in the Lord !

Rome, 9th November 2010

Sr. Margaret Peter
(Superior General)





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Message

An occasion like this - the Celebration for the Golden Jubilee of our Educational Institution, is indeed a moment of immense joy to each one of us. No doubt it is a landmark in the history of Canossa-Dhule, for we have reached a milestone that proclaims a sense of "fulfillment, accomplishment, arrival and possibility."

At this moment I want to pay my humble homage first and foremost to our Pioneering Sisters who have "blazed the trail", some of whom are already with the Lord. Their silent yet unfailing witness speaks for itself. Difficulties did not frustrate them; success did not elate them either. They have gone into history as sources of great inspiration. My deep sentiments of gratitude to all the sisters and members of the staff, 'Past and Present', to make have given and are still giving of their best with dedication and a true Canossian spirit, to make the school what it is today. I too am a part of this history as I have spent several years in this very Institution contributing my mite for its growth and progress, enjoying the love and affection of those with whom I worked and cared for.

Now what shall I say to our Ex-students? You have kept the Canossian Motto, "Let Your Light Shine" so dearly in your hearts that it burst forth in gratitude to your Alma Mater, especially during this year of the Golden Jubilee. Congratulations to one and all and "Thanks" too! St. Magdalene of Canossa, mandates each one of us, "to set the world ablaze" with the fire of God's Love! Could we take up this challenge and then in turn bequeath it, to those who come after us?

I earnestly desire and pray that this Institution may rise to the heights imparting the allround development of the human person giving them "life and life in this fullness" and thus giving glory to God.

Congratulations and AD MULTOS ANNOS !

Sr. Maggie Mathew
(Provincial Superior)





Message

Friends, I am indeed very glad to be a part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Canossa, Dhule. Within a short period, we achieved much by way of planning and executing this great event which has truly bonded us together under the mantle of St. Magdalene of Canossa! My sincere thanks to all the Staff members, Core group and the Alumni. My joy is even doubled to recall with gratitude that my contribution too has gone in the history of the golden years of Canossa, Dhule.

My sincere appreciation and thanks to all the Pioneers who withstood great opposition and hurdles in the beginning, went ahead bravely and today Canossa Convent School Dhule, at 50, stands tall and proud.

A Jubilee is a time of great introspection, an occasion of thanksgiving to God for all that He has done in the past - years of God's kindness, patience, tolerance and certainly for all the achievements over the years. It is also a time of seeking forgiveness for failures, misused opportunities and wasted grace and talents.

As life unfolds, may you discover the richness and greatness of your BEING. This is true education. May each and every one of you dear Students, Teachers, Parents and members of the Organizing Committee, reach your biggest self, your greatest selves on your journey through life. May God's blessings embrace you and lead you on to discover the brilliance of your inner being. God bless You Today.....Tomorrow..... and All the days to come !!!

- Sr. Margaret Chettiar
Manager





Fifty Years of Letting Our Light Shine



The publication of a Souvenir to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of our Alma Mater fills us with a sense of accomplishment and pride. A Jubilee celebration allows us to take a good look at the past. It recalls the generosity and courage of the pioneers who present us with inspiring models of faith, hope and determination. Our beginnings in Dhule were really difficult. The school building had to be constructed. The Canossian Sisters had to inspire confidence in the local population. There was an acute shortage of funds. Gradually, with great trust in God, the school was built up brick by brick. It is these heroes and heroines of the past who are witnesses to the fact that any valuable achievement can only come about as a result of hard work and commitment.

A Jubilee celebration also enables us to look ahead towards the future with hope. We, the Canossians, believe that a value-based education is a powerful and positive force that helps to shape the lives of future citizens. It is our unceasing endeavour that each student leaving the portals of this institution goes out as a better individual, equipped with the right ideals and beliefs. This indeed is a reflection of the all-embracing philosophy that is followed by the school in its pursuit of excellence. Our dream is to produce not just brilliant students, but students endowed with an integral education. We wish to send into the world young women and men who can make a difference by their lives.

For Canossians, 'victory' is a success brought by healthy teamwork, that is, by the dedicated efforts of teachers, students and parents. As in the past, this academic year has also seen many proud Canossian students winning many laurels for their Alma Mater__in academics, sports, and in cultural competitions. We have achieved cent-percent success in the S.S.C examination. We believe and recognize that without the support and co-operation of the parents, our efforts to impart a value-based education would have been almost impossible.

A child is created in the image and likeness of his or her Creator. We do our best through the principles and the values that we impart to make children always remember their Creator and to acknowledge that the greatest manifestation of our love for Him is shown by the deeds that we render to our brothers and sisters. We believe in grooming students not just for different careers, but for the more basic and important project of life itself. We strive to instill in each child the right attitude, so that he or she is sensitive to the disadvantaged and the less privileged, and reaches out to those who are less fortunate.

The motto of the school is "Let Your Light Shine," which means to live life with the values imbibed in school and to share the energy and the goodness of life with others. Today, as we let our collective light shine on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Canossa School in Dhule, we need to give thanks to one and all for their ready & full co-operation.

Thanks to God for our early pioneers and for the entire Canossian Institute, teachers and other Staff members, who during these fifty years and during this Jubilee Year have contributed to the development and quality of this beautiful institution. Under their professional guidance, thousands of students have acquired knowledge and competence to face life's challenges and to be of service to society.





Glorious **50** Years
1960-2010

We congratulate all the past and present students of Canossa Convent School for their various achievements and we wish them well for the future. We pray that they may always be good witnesses of the values gained from St. Magdalene of Canossa and that they may be builders of peace and harmony in today's world.

We give thanks to everyone; the Church and civil authorities, parents, friends and well wishers, for their precious help and support to Canossa Convent School. We deeply appreciate their constant concern and collaboration.

Finally, we ask for God's abundant blessings upon all the past, present and future members of the Canossa family. We pray that all will continue to walk in St. Magdalen's footsteps, living life to the full, and being ever attentive to the needs of others. May our light shine, so that together we create a better society, a better India and a better world.

- Sr. Margaret Sequeira (FdCC)





MESSAGE



The flame of service in the field of education that was lit 50 years ago is kept alive even today. May the Lord bless each and every one who has contributed to keep this flame alive and may He give us and those who will serve this institute in the years to come, the grace and goodwill to continue this good Work

Sr. Julie Alphonso (FdCC)

MESSAGE



A journey of thousand miles starts with a single step.

"The school is the harvest which costs the most, but it also produces more fruit as the behavior of a person in life usually depends on the education received."

The aim of our Foundress St. Magdalena of Canossa has been fulfilled as several boys and girls from different sections of the society have been catered to and given meaning to their lives. The Almighty God has done marveleous things for which faise my heart in thanks giving to God for 50 years of Canossian fruitful presence in Dhule.

May God bless and guide the staff and students in the years ahead as Canossa Dhule continues to shed its light journeying joyfully to the next milestone in her history.

Wishing you Love, Joy and Peace.

- Sr. Cecilia D'souza (FdCC)





GRATITUDE



"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it, is like wrapping a present and not giving it." - Zig Ziglar

Gratitude is the memory of the heart. The mind may forget, but the heart always remembers. Gratitude is an attitude to be always thankful for things done to us. This reminds me of an incident:

As Thanksgiving day drew near, a class of first-graders were assigned to draw a picture of something to be thankful for. Some drew a house or a car or a hen or food or toys.

But one little boy drew a hand.

Then the class tried to figure out whose hand it was.....God's?

The Policeman's? The farmer's for growing the food?

But no one could guess; and the little boy would not tell.

Then the children all ran outside for the recess and the teacher came up to the little boy and asked softly, "Whose hand did you draw?"

He said, "Yours!"

Tears came to her eyes as she recalled all the times she had used her hand to guide his pencil or lead him across the street..... for he was lame.

All the good done by the teacher was woven by the child in his heart. He lived each day with an attitude of Gratitude which he expressed through a simple drawing which meant much.

Gratitude is a human virtue. Honest Gratitude keeps us humble and in an attitude of dependence on God.

Gratitude gives birth to only positive feelings - love, compassion, joy and hope. Gratitude is the sign of noble souls.

Gratitude emerges from a contented and joyful heart.

Let us all be grateful and thank and praise God for the wonders He has worked in these 50 years and be always grateful and rejoice always, as St. Paul says, "Rejoice evermore for this is the will of God."

Sr. Ruth Furtado (FdCC)
Dhule.





Canossa School Anthem

1. Canossa our own dear school,
Our voices we join in praise of you,
Your glory so widely known,
We do so proudly own.

- Ch. So, God, keep us true to you, Alma Canossa,
And bless our school, we love so well and true,
May our light shine brightly on you Canossa,
Our School Canossa, Alma Canossa.

2. In you we learn to work and play,
You direct us how to pray,
God we serve and then our land,
These two love for which we stand.





Combined words of fond gratitude



We are exceedingly overjoyed to state that Canossa, Dhule has brought out a Souvenir to cherish the wonderful memories of her past Fifty Glorious Years. To add to that, she has given myself Mrs. Sunanda Mayur and Miss. Naseem Shaikh, an opportunity to express all the thoughts of fond gratitude accumulated in our hearts for her ! Both of us are proud to walk and progress hand in hand with



Canossa, Dhule since the year 1960. Canossa Dhule has proved to be a wonderous boon and blessing for us since then. Our hearts shall ever overflow with gratitude towards all the pioneer Sisters whose presence and endless efforts have brought greatness, goodness, grace and grandeur to Canossa Dhule ! From the very time when Canossa Dhule was still at a nascent stage, our Sisters have left no stone unturned in offering us their best with an honest view to help us achieve our best and yes, we have done it. Thanks be to Canossa Dhule for sharpening our skills and moulding us into precious gems the way she wanted us to be. Dearest Pioneer Sisters, we do rejoice with you all from the inner depths of our hearts on this auspicious and memorable day of the 50th anniversary when Canossa Dhule has earned countless praises during the last five decades. We do miss you all today and are proud to state that the name of our Alma Mater, 'Canossa Dhule', was, is and shall ever be prefixed by 'Excellent', 'Splendid', 'Evergreen', 'Royal', and 'Unique'. And certainly this is no exaggeration as facts cannot be denied. Miss Naseem and myself are therefore urged to raise our minds and hearts with words of gratitude to the Almighty who inspired our parents to admit us in this Royal Institution. Their excellent presence of mind then, has granted us the honour of being the first and second students of Canossa Dhule. Their blessings and the precious guidance of our loving Sisters have shown us this wonderful day.

We shall always remember our beloved Alma Mater with nostalgic feelings as it has provided us with a platform that has helped us to gain a perfect place in the society and above all, has enabled us to make an independent and contented living. We heartily convey our warm appreciation and profound thanks for all the love and concern that we have received in Canossa Dhule as students as well as teachers. May the good Lord grant us the grace to uphold our unique motto 'Let your light shine' with high esteem. Both of us feel highly privileged and honoured whenever the moment arises to tell others that we are not only the students of Canossa, but we are also fortunate to serve in this institution. The knowledge and the values imparted to us by our Sisters and teachers have been of great help for us to encounter the various challenges in our lives. Dear Sisters and teachers, we assure you as





teachers, that all the healthy moral values and the sound education which you all have promoted in us, shall be inculcated in every student we come across. We shall try our level best to offer you a sense of fulfillment.

We cannot let the happy and joyful occasion of 'Golden Jubilee' just pass away without allowing ourselves the pleasure of wishing you and sincerely thanking you for giving us an opportunity to retrace our journey in Canossa Dhule, specially the cheerful moments that we have experienced during the batch-wise 'Get-to-gether' which proved to be an additional reason to enjoy ourselves. Memories and moments shared with each other once upon a time were rewinded. It was merely fun and only fun, filled upto the brim with thrill and excitement calling all the old friends on the phones to be present for the reunions. Phones after phone, message after message, exchange of addresses with sweet smiles and loud laughters, the warm hand shakes and the hugs of love, the sharing of life's experiences till late in the night accompanied with cups of delicious ice-creams and steaming hot coffee with some 'chatpata' to munch with. Oh ! we shall never forget this unique blend of emotions which carried us on the waves of nostalgia as long as we were together ! Thank you Canossa, thank you heartily for all that has been. Whenever we are in a vacant or in a pensive mood, we are very much confident that, the bubbling unparallel moments that we have spent together, shall flash upon our inward eye and will make our minds and heart rejoice once again.

We earnestly pray to the Almighty, to continue to shower his choicest blessings on our Dear Canossa and to keep the flame of love and joy lit enthusiastically 50 years before, burning over the years ahead with more and more brightness...

Hail to thee Canossa,
Long thou shall live ...!

Mrs. Sunanda Uday Mayur
Miss. Naseem Ahmed Shaikh
(Ex-students and assistant Teachers -
Canossa High School, Dhule.)





Go Canossian... and think beyond



The good God constantly keeps on sprinkling tiny but wonderful seeds of blessings on the earth each day. I happened to catch one, the day I stepped into this virtuous campus of Canossa, Dhule eleven years ago as a teacher. As the days rolled by I realized that God had planned my destiny for my future endeavour in Canossa Dhule. As a student, I had got an opportunity to study in six different schools in the various states of India. My teaching profession too posted me in different places of Maharashtra and finally I landed in Dhule city, adorned with a blessing just to be one of the lucky members of the Canossa family.

Really I have been presented with a lovely set of children to mould. I feel proud to state that each day when I step into this blissful campus. I guide my students not only in their studies but to bravely face the adversities of life and overcome difficulties of life cheerfully with a positive attitude and simultaneously I learn and grow with them. It is said, "It's not the presence of someone that brings meaning to life, but the way someone touches your heart that gives life a beautiful meaning. As days-weeks-months and years rolled by I experienced the love and concern showered by persons who touched my heart and created an everlasting relationship. My journey in Canossa since 1999 has been a beautiful, incredible tell-tale. Though not a Canossian, I never had a feeling of being out of place. Just as sugar blends with milk and makes it sweet, so did I. I didn't even realize how it all happened but somehow I did get merged as one, in the Canossian family atmosphere. This thought gives me tremendous joy and I really am proud to call myself a Canossian. As I continue this blissful journey I assure you Dear Canossa that for all the opportunities that will come my way I shall and always do my level best to tap the hidden potentials of my students and thus help them to think BEYOND and YONDER for....

I truly believe 'A little step by Canossa is surely a big stride in our lives.'

A million thanks to 'Ganpati Bappa' for planting me in the gorgeous garden of Canossa, Dhule and helping me to bloom with my duties and responsibilities allotted to me. Thank you Canossa for all that has been. Dear Canossa, my love for you is so very strong that it has literally compelled me to put my pen to paper. Really, I fall short of words to express my gratitude towards you nor do I possess any scale to measure its depth but even then I wish to say Thank You a thousand times. What I am today or may be in future I would like to convey the credit to you.

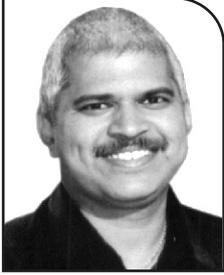
Hearty Congratulations to Canossa Dhule for the fruitful completion of 50 years ! Hearty Congratulations also to all the Canossian Sisters who came and went since 1960 and toiled to place this institution on an even keel.

Mrs. Rashmi Khamborkar
Asstt. Teacher
Canossa High School, Dhule.





Canossa Convent School Dhule...timelineDr. Noel Britto



As I sit down to pen a few lines for the souvenir to commemorate the 50yrs of Canossian presence in Dhule, a sudden wave of emotions has taken the better of me. The 35yrs of my association with the Canossian Sisters comes to my mind in a stroke of moment.

I have been fortunate to be associated with them as a child, student, parent, well-wisher and in whatever way I could in this journey of life. My 35yrs of association has made me realize that the Canossian sisters stretch their serving hand to the least fortunate in all the existing areas and all this with humility in charity. Talented as they are as evidenced by their successful work in schools, boarding schools, colleges, orphanages, hospitals, leprosariums, hospices for the aged, hostels for working girls, stand as witness to their indefatigable zeal & devotion.

The Canossian sisters came to India in the year 1889 at Cochin. 5 sisters arrived from Hongkong at the invitation of the Bishop of Cochin. The services rendered by the foreign sisters, who had to face difficulty of climate, language, culture and food etc. assisted & followed by Indian sisters in an India that moved from British Raj to Independence is appreciable.

A journey from Cochin to Dhule took almost more than half a century until they established a convent in Dhule in 1960 and later at Shirpur.

A brief timeline till the 1st batch passes out is herewith presented (derived from collections of late Mr. S.M.Britto & late Dr. Dolatkumar Shah). Reading this timeline would make those who studied in this era nostalgic. The same would be with those who witnessed the inception of the school, the silver jubilee, and now the golden jubilee.

- 5 June 1960 - The School opens for the first time with KG classes & Std I accommodated in the congested house on lane no. 2. The response from the public is good.
- 20 March 1961 - Day of first recognition from the education department.
- 8 June 1961 - The School secured the plot at Chalisgaon road.
- 18 March 1962 - Laying the foundation stone for School building by Mr.S.C.Bafna, the then President of the Municipality.
- 8 June 1962 - The Gujrati Samaj Hall, houses the overflow of students.
- 27 June 1962 - The overflow is shifted to the Panat Smruti Hall now called the IMA house.
- 1 Nov 1962 - We occupy the ground floor of the new building.
- 16 Dec 1962 - The new school (now the old school building) building is officially opened.
- 5 Oct 1963 - The official opening of the first floor of the school building by Shri. L.V. Kshirsagar, the then collector of Dhule.





- 9 June 1964 - The school begins the high school section for girls and the boys of Std. IV pass over to Std. V at St. Xavier's High School run by the Jesuit Fathers. These boys are the 1st batch of this new school.
- 19 March 1966 - Our high school gets the first recognition.
- 3 Aug 1966 - The Women Social Service center is started .
- 22 Jan 1967 - Annual function with the musical play "ZURIKA" for fund raising for the construction of the school building took place at Kalamandir, Dhule.
- June 1971 - The first batch of SSC passes out from the school with 16 girls passing out with 100% result.

My uncle and foster father Mr.S.M.Britto (fondly called Britto Kaka) had been closely associated with these sisters since their arrival in Dhule in 1960.He always mentioned the resistance the sisters faced from the fundamentalist local community due to fear of conversion did not deter them from their mission. History is testimony to the fact that there has not been a single conversion by these sisters in the last 50yrs. The people of Dhule have been fortunate enough to have the Canossian sisters among. I fear even to think what would India be, if these and like these_missionaries had not come to India to spread education. Let us not think of the situation we are not in. Their work at Talasari needs special mention. They run a 100 bedded hospital, catering to the state of the art medical facility at affordable prices to the tribals and a leprosy rehabilitation center. You may visit www.dayanand.org. Helps Monetary helps or likewise is anytime welcome.

Dr. Noel Philip Britto

■ Consultant Anaesthesiologist & Intensivist





नमो तुज कनोसा



ऋणानुबंध शाळेशी जुळले असे
माहेरच जणू मज नेहमी भासे
नाविण्याची खाण, ना कशाची वाण
शिकावे खूप काही आणि शिकवावेही
घेण्यासारखे बरेच काही आणि द्यावेही
माहेरात माझ्या जणू चांदणं फुललं
कनोसाच्या अंगणी माझे भविष्य डोकावलं
भव्य अशा संस्थेत मला संधी मिळाली
आपलेपणाची इथे किमयाच निराळी
अभ्यास, खेळासवे कार्यक्रमांत ही उजवे
दिवसांचे मोल ही इथे प्रत्येक दिन साजरे
नशीबवान स्वतःसच नेहमी मानते
सेवेचे आणि कर्तव्याचे मोल मी जाणते
उपकृत होऊन सिस्टर्सला धन्यवाद देते
कनोसा शाळेला मी माझे घर मानते
मॅगदलीन ऑफ कनोसाचे आशीर्वाद घेते
मरिया मातेच्या अमृत कुंभातून लाभलेल्या ह्या
दिव्य प्रेरणेची
सुंदर उबदार शाल आहे माझ्या अंगावरती
सुराची आणि समाधानाची !
माझ्या शुभेच्छांचा चषक भरला आहे काठोकाठ
प्रगती व्हावी, समृद्धी व्हावी यश मिळावे शाळेला,
हीच प्रार्थना परमेश्वराशी !

सौ. संगीता दिपक सोनवणे

शिक्षिका- कनोसा हायस्कूल, धुळे.





'CANOSSA' - what it means to me



Canossa is a wonderful, magnificent and divine PARADISE on earth, in which the lovely, marvellous, fragrant flowers of VIRTUES, have been blooming continuously since 1960.

Whenever I step into this institution, I forget all worries, anxieties and tensions in its cheerful and pleasant atmosphere.

Canossa is like a pretty, charming fairy, whose cheerfulness and smile soothes my mind and heart. It provides a friendly atmosphere and one gets the feeling of being in a family.

Canossa has inculcated upon my tender mind, right from childhood, innumerable values like humility, sincerity, generosity, charity, honesty, punctuality, regularity, humaneness. She has brought me up in an extremely unique culture.

I keep in mind her unique motto i.e. 'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE' and try my level best to give the best to my school, family as well as to society.

I am indeed lucky to receive good education here and fortunate to be associated with my school as a teacher today.

I am earnestly grateful to the Lord Almighty, the Management and my family for making me a part and parcel of Canossa and giving me the golden opportunity to serve my school.

I have always tried and shall strive hard to keep up the good name of my beloved Canossa. I shall always be faithful and loyal to my school and serve it with a humble attitude.

- Mrs. Sunita Chaudhary
Asst. Teacher





संस्काराचे मोती



'कनोसा' च्या शिंपल्यातील संस्कारांचे मोती
आयुष्याच्या ओंजळीतून उधळतांना,
उजळल्या लक्ष लक्ष ज्योती.
'Let Your Light Shine' सारखे सुरेख ब्रीदवाक्य,
हृदयाच्या गाभान्यात रुजवते अमौलिक सख्य.
भरमसाठ मुल्यांची इथे आहे रेलचेल,
ज्याद्वारे जातो गगनावरी जीवनाचा वेल,
शिक्षकांच्या चरणांशी जणू आहे वैकुंठ,
शिक्षणात इथल्या वाटे बुडावे आकंठ.
शिककामोर्तब नसे इथे केवळ पुस्तकी ज्ञानाचे
मिळतात असंख्य धडे इथे व्यवहार कौशल्याचे.
नितीशास्त्राचे अमाप दान देती कनोसाच्या भगिनी,
त्याची पावलोपावली येते आम्हा सर्वांना प्रचिती.
हळुवार, प्रेमळ शब्दांची त्या घालतात पाखर,
जीवनाचा मार्ग आमचा त्याद्वारे होतो सुकर.
लीलया संकटांना झेलावे कसे ?
वदती त्या सतत, "आम्ही सांगतो तसे;
असु द्यावी असीम परमेश्वरावर भक्ती,
जीवनमार्ग उजळण्याची देईल तोच शक्ती.
जीवनाचा गाभारा हादरला तरी,
हिंमतीने काळीज सावरावे,
शांतता फरारी झाली तरी,
ओंजळीत मांगल्य पेरावे.
सारे ऋतु भरकटले तरी,
हेलकाव्यांपासून वादळाच्या,
स्वतःला शिताफीने सावरावे.
आमच्या सोबत चालताना,
वादळाची तमा नसावी,
"संत मॅदलेना" प्रति मात्र
सदोदीत आसवती असावी! "
जपत असतो आम्ही सारे,
शब्दांचे हे अनमोल भांडार,
शाश्वत हे शब्द देतील जीवनाला आकार.
आणि म्हणूनच -
'सूर्याआधी वंदन पूर्व दिशेला करावे,
सर्वाआधी नमन 'कनोसाला' करावे.

- सौ. सुनंदा यु. मयूर
माजी विद्यार्थिनी आणि शिक्षिका,
कनोसा हायरस्कूल, धुळे.





मेरी स्कूल कनोसा



वह
खडी है पचास साल से,
जिसके पैरों तले धूल है ।
मानो काली झुल्फों में जैसे फूल है ।
जो हरदम मेरा इंतजार करती है ।

मैं,
रोज उससे मिलती हूँ
दिनभर बाते करती हूँ
मेरा हर दिन उसकी ही
मुलाकात से शुरु होता है ।

वह
मेरी जिदगी का हिस्सा है
मानो तो हकिकत का किस्सा है
आप शायद नहीं जानते
ऐसी महान कौन है वह ?
वह तो बस मेरी सुंदर सी
कनोसा स्कूल है ।



चार ओळी

गुलाबाचा रंग ही फिका पडावा,
जाई - जुईचा सुगंध ही विसरुन जावा,
पाहून भुवरी साक्षात माझ्या या
कनोसा स्कूलला,
नभीचा चंद्रमाही लाजून जावा.

- मिस स्नेहा सु. शेगांवकर
शिक्षिका,
कनोसा हायस्कूल, धुळे.





A Word from the PTA Vice-President



Habit starts as a thread, as new threads are added it becomes a rope, difficult to breakway from ?

This is the experience I have had during my association as a parent for last 12 years with canossa Convent High School.

I had the privilege of working as the Vice-President and during 2004-05 and 2010-11. I thank all my colleagues (PTA members) for giving me this opportunity to serve the school and to interact with the teachers.

'Teaching is a great profession', everyone has hidden instinct to become a teacher, but ?

During these years I noted the sincerity, dedication, inspiration, enthusiasm and respectful approach of all the Sisters and teachers for the betterment of students. On behalf of all the parents, I take this opportunity to thank them for this great Canossian Institution. It is really appreciable that an aided school is taking such interest in their pupils.

Principal, Sister Margaret Sequiera and her team of Sisters and teachers are taking all the efforts for the allround development of pupils. This year we had organized an interactive session for parents, teachers and students with Fr. Amrut Fonseca. Teachers and students took active part for 3 days. Everyone benefitted much.

Academic excellence along with Co-curricular activities has been the Hall-Mark of Canossa. As some one rightly said, 'the aim of education is the knowledge, not the fact, but of values'. Canossa provides a platform to children to showcase their talents. Such all round system of education has helped 'Canossa' to produce an ever increasing list of alumni who have made a name for themselves and the school in diverse fields.

I am sure parents and teachers will extend whole hearted support and Co-operation to the Canossa family in the years to come. On behalf of all my colleagues, I wish 'All the Best' to Canossa, Dhule.

LONG LIVE CANOSSA!

- Dr. Chhajed Vinod H.





My School Canossa



Canossa my school, the best,
Where we all are equally blessed.
With the sweet fruits of knowledge,
And the harvests of great advantage.

She always remains in the fore,
But never expects more.
And with the heights of its glory,
Has reached the Golden Jubilee.

Curricular and Extra-curricular,
Both activities are held here.
Children get full support and guidance,
To shine and show their brilliance.

'Let Your Light Shine',
Is my Canossa's motto prime.
Fascinating, inspiring and encouraging,
Is our teachers' way of teaching.

So, for this special Golden Year,
We wish our Canossa dear.
A special and hearty congratulations,
for her various great manifestations.

Wishing a prosperous future,
for gaining strength to nurture.
We bow to you Canossa,
'Long Live Canossa'.

- Vardhman Chhajed
Std. Xth C





Keeping in Control



Control your mind and check your tongue
Thus the elders once to us had sung.
For the ones who did abide by these two,
have always been respected and well to do.
They left success much far behind,
while still keeping the above two in mind.
But the ones who completely ignored these two
Had to experience dishonour Like a bolt from the blue.
So proud and engrossed were they in riches and money,
that bitter was now to them, the best of honey.
They realised their mistake far too late, when struck upon them
their own mother's fate
Then they closed their eyes... and wished they had paid heed to what
the elders once had sung
To control our mind and check our tongue.

- **Saad Ahmed**
IXth - A

Canossa My School

Canossa is so nice,
Teaches to be always wise
Values like truth are always right,
Vices like lies are away from my school's sight.

Classes are well
Where discipline in children dwell
Labs are cared
Where experiments are dared.

Let your light shine
This is our motto line
All children when at glance,
Do always chatting with dance.

When I thought,
What my school brought
It gave me a treasure,
Which fills me with pleasure.

Values to be gained,
So, discipline is aimed
My school is for charity
To overcome poverty.

- **Chaitanya Milind Shinde**
Std.: VIII 'B'





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– रोशनी मेहता

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कनोसा हायस्कूल, धुळे.





हमारी कनोसा



कनोसा हमारी जान है
हम बच्चों की शान है
संत मॅग्दलीन का प्राण है
सिस्टर्स का अभिमान है ।

यह एक ज्ञान मंदीर है
हम बच्चों की तकदीर है
आगे ही आगे बढ़ेंगे
हम कनोसा की तस्वीर है ।

मिला ज्ञान संत मॅग्दलीन से
हमेशा ही चमकते रहो
अपनी तकदीर खुद बनाओ
तारे बनकर दमकते रहो ।

अपनी प्रगती के साथ ही
समाज सेवा भी जरूरी है
खुद का जीना क्या जीना है
भगवान की सेवा जरूरी है

झूठ कभी ना बोलेंगे हम
मॅग्दलीन का फर्मान है
बढ़े आगे बढ़े कनोसा
यही हमारा अस्मान है ।

दुवाँ करु भगवान से
कनोसा हमेशा बनी रहे
सिस्टर्स हमारे खूश रहे
हर एक इसके गुण गाए ।
'सबको सुवर्ण महोत्सव की हार्दिक बधाई ।'

– मास्टर सिध्दांत बी. गरुड
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'CANOSSA' - what it means to me



Most of the people whom I came across, believe that a 'school' is a place where we get educated and tend to become good and successful people in our lives, but according to me, a school is not only a place where we learn new and important things, but also a place of a child's all round development. According to me, my school is a garden of flowers, where each year fresh and fragrant flowers bloom and add to the world's beauty and also the divine abode of God himself who cherishes it and showers his innumerable blessings on it.

My school can be compared to a chariot which is driven by the wheels of the principles like Equality, Impartiality, Brotherhood - cherishing and preserving the idea that we all are brothers and sisters and trying to remain friendly with each other without creating any unreasonable conflicts-Secularism. A place where students of all religions and castes are friendly and helpful to each other etc.

My school is just like a 'Gurukul' for me, where I am cared for, instructed, guided on the right path and moulded into a good shape. It's playground is where I gain my physical fitness and sportsman's spirit. The classroom is the place where my mind is nurtured and cherished. It is a place where my teachers introduce me to new ideas, concepts, discoveries and inventions. My school inspires me to create a healthy attitude that gives a broad outlook on life.

My Principal and the Management of the school are creators of various opportunities for personal growth that is provided in my school. My friends, like me, grow and develop side-by-side with me.

My heart is filled with deep gratitude for my school which is like a huge storehouse of knowledge and love for me that I had the good fortune to be associated with.

Since this is the 'Golden Jubilee' year of our school, my happiness and gratitude towards it has increased manifold. It's a year of celebration, rejoicing and enjoyment for all the people in contact with it and we the students, too. I am eagerly looking forward to all the new surprises and celebrations awaiting us in the coming days. I am 100% sure that this academic year would be a memorable one for all of us.

The school campus, the playground, the pictures on the classroom walls etc. will always be a part of me. Although it is said that nothing lasts forever, my school will always be in my heart wherever I go, whatever I do.

I'll always pray to God that my school may always be ahead in all the fields of development and activities in the coming years. I wish that it would be counted as one of the most renowned schools in the whole world and gain a prosperous and a very bright future.

"LONG LIVE CANOSSA"

- Deshpande Anjali Anil
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कनोसा माझे श्रद्धास्थान



‘श्रद्धा’ हा शब्दच खूप काही सांगून जातो. ‘श्रद्धा’ म्हणजे ‘दृढ विश्वास’, ‘निंतात भक्ती’, ‘आत्मीयता’ यांचा त्रिवेणी संगम होय हा त्रिवेणी संगम मला माझ्या शाळेत पहायला मिळतो आणि म्हणूनच माझी शाळा हे माझे श्रद्धास्थान आहे.

अरेच्छ्या ! नाव सांगायला विसरलेच मी माझ्या शाळेचं ! माझी शाळा ‘कनोसा कॉन्व्हेंट हायस्कूल, धुळे’ ही इंग्रजी माध्यमाची शाळा आहे. आज असंख्य विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी ज्ञानाची योग्य दिशा मिळण्याचे, तसेच ‘तिमिरातूनी तेजाकडे’ नेण्याचे स्थान झाले आहे.

‘शाळा’, विद्यार्थी आणि शिक्षण ही ज्ञानाची त्रिवेणी आहे. शाळा ही मुलांची दुसरी माता असते. आई आपल्या मुलावर संस्कार करते, तर सामाजिक बांधिलकी, योग्य-अयोग्याची ओळख, जीवनाची योग्य दिशा यांचे ज्ञान देण्याचे काम माझी शाळा करते.

शाळेचा पहिला दिवस मला आठवतो, आईचे बोट धरून शाळेत आलेली मी. वर्गात बसल्यानंतर आईला जातांना पाहून रडणारी मी आणि मायेने पाठवरून हात फिरवून अश्रू पुसणाऱ्या आईसारख्या भासणाऱ्या त्या बाई. पण त्या दिवसानंतर मी नियमितपणे शाळेत जायला लागले. कारण एका दिवसात मला ती शाळा ‘आपली’ म्हणण्यापेक्षा ‘माझी’ हक्काची वाटायला लागली.

माझ्या शाळेत विद्यार्थ्यांचा व्यक्तिमत्व विकास व्हावा. त्याच प्रमाणे विद्यार्थी हा परिक्षार्थी न होता ज्ञानार्थी व्हावा यासाठी प्रयत्नांची पराकाष्ठा केली जाते. त्यासाठी शाळेत संगणक दालन, प्रयोगशाळा, चित्रकला दालन, सांस्कृतिक भवन इ. यांचा समावेश करण्यात आला आहे.

त्याचप्रमाणे अभ्यासाबरोबरच विद्यार्थ्यांचा शारीरिक विकास होण्यासाठी मोठे पटांगण असलेल्या माझ्या शाळेत निरनिराळे खेळ खेळले जातात. त्याप्रमाणे विविध क्रीडास्पर्धांचे आयोजन केले जाते. विद्यार्थ्यांच्या कलागुणांना वाव मिळण्यासाठी सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम दरवर्षी आयोजिले जातात. नाताळच्या सणाची तर काही मजा औरच असते.

विशेष प्रविण्य मिळविणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांचा कौतुक सोहळा देखीत होतो बरं का आमच्या शाळेत!, त्यासाठी स्नेहसंमेलनाचे आयोजन केले जाते. त्याचप्रमाणे हस्ताक्षर स्पर्धा, रंगभरण स्पर्धा, चित्रकला स्पर्धा इ. निरनिराळ्या स्पर्धा घेतल्या जातात. यामुळे आम्हा वक्तृत्वाची आवड असणाऱ्या विद्यार्थ्यांना एक विलक्षण संधी मिळते आणि ती संधी कोणीही गमावत नाही. या स्पर्धांसाठी आम्हाला आमचे शिक्षक मोलाचे मार्गदर्शन करत असतात.

माझी शाळा एक ‘शिस्तप्रिय शाळा’ म्हणून नावाजलेली आहे. वर्गशिक्षक गैरहजर असतांना वर्ग नियंत्रित राहण्यासाठी ‘वर्ग नियंत्रकांची’ नेमणूक केली जाते. गरीब-श्रीमंत भेदभाव नको म्हणून शाळेचा गणवेश सक्तीचा केला आहे, मनाला भुरळ घालणाऱ्या कुठल्या वस्तू वापरू दिल्या जात नाहीत. ‘विद्यार्थ्यांचे जीवन हे आकाशासारखे स्वच्छंदी व पाण्यासारखे निर्मळ असावे’ असा संदेश आमचा निळ्या रंगाचा गणवेश देतो. माझ्या शाळेत शिक्षकांकडून सर्व काही भरवल्यासारखे-‘स्पून फीडिंग’ शिकवले जात नाही. विद्यार्थ्यांना येथे स्वयं-अध्ययनाचे धडे मिळतात. शिक्षक वेळोवेळी परिक्षण करतात आणि त्याला पुढचा मार्ग दाखवतात. म्हणूनच माझ्या शाळेतून दरवर्षी मोठ्या प्रमाणात विद्यार्थी बोर्डाच्या परीक्षेत गुणवत्ता यादीत चमकतात. तसेच विविध स्पर्धा परीक्षा उदा. स्कॉलरशिप, नॅशनल टॅलेंट सर्च, महाराष्ट्र टॅलेंट सर्च, विविध विषयांचे ऑलिम्पियाड, बृहन्मुंबई निम्नस्तर मराठी शिक्षक संघटना, हिंदी राष्ट्रभाषा परीक्षा, चित्रकला परीक्षा यात देखील विद्यार्थी नाविन्यपूर्ण यश मिळवितात. माझ्या शाळेत राष्ट्रीय शिक्षण देखील दिले जाते. उदा. सामाजिक शास्त्र, स्काऊट-गार्ड, मूल्यशिक्षण इ. यामुळे देशभक्तीची भावना जागृत होते.

माझ्या शाळेला आज ५० वर्षे पूर्ण होत आहेत आणि दृढ विश्वास आहे की, मी निश्चित केलेल्या त्या उत्तुंग शिखरावर पोहोचण्यासाठी; तो स्टार गाठण्यासाठी माझी शाळा माझ्या प्रयत्नरूपी परखांना योग्य मार्ग दाखवेन म्हणून मला म्हाणावेसे वाटते ‘कनोसा-माझे श्रद्धास्थान आहे.’

- मृणाल जीवनलाल बारड

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कनोसा हायस्कूल, धुळे.





मुले आम्ही संत मॅग्दलेनाची !

संत मॅग्दलेनची मुले आहोत आम्ही
खरे बोलतो आम्ही नेहमी
असतो आमच्या कडे प्रेमाचा साठा नेहमी
हीच शिकवण घेतो हो आम्ही
संत मॅग्दलेनची मुले आहोत आम्ही.

नेहमी बोलणे खरे
आचरणात आणताच जीवनात आनंद भरे
हीच शिकवण घेतो हो आम्ही
संत मॅग्दलेनची मुले आहोत आम्ही.

सदा मदत करावी इतरांना
सेवा द्यावी गरजवंतांना
हीच शिकवण घेतो हो आम्ही
संत मॅग्दलेनची मुले आम्ही.

सत्याच्या मार्गावर चालणे
मनात खोट्याला थारा न देणे
हेच शिकत आलो हो आम्ही
संत मॅग्दलेनची मुले आहोत आम्ही.

- अहिरे दर्शना शिवाजी
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कनोसा हायस्कूल, धुळे.





'CANOSSA' - what it means to me



'Canossa' my school is a pious place of learning. It is the temple of Goddess Saraswati, the Goddess which gives us knowledge. I admire St. Magdalene the Foundress of Canossa like Goddess Saraswati. Canossa is the place which is shaping my future, personality and my friends in Canossa. Canossa plays a significant role to provide good schooling to all the school going children. It is a centre for education, various cultural activities, sports, learning good habits, and values at a tender age, which has an everlasting impact. I am really very fortunate to be in Canossa.

Canossa is not only a school building, constructed with cement, bricks and concrete, but it is my sweet school which inspires me and builds my life with the perfect and best education and values, I am lucky and proud to celebrate the glorious fifty years, the Golden Jubilee this year. As the motto of Canossa is 'Let your light shine', I will always try to make Canossa shine.

I have thousands of brothers and sisters in Canossa. It is really a big family. Canossa is one of the best schools in Dhule. In games and other extra curricular activities, my school enjoys a high reputation. The word 'CANOSSA' is deeply carried in my heart and I feel that throughout my life I must stay in Canossa only. I enjoy to be a 'CANOSSIAN'. The sisters and teachers of my school are highly qualified. They are a devoted team of men and women headed by an experienced Principal. They love the students like their own sons and daughters. All are treated equally.

I have just started experiencing, what it means to be a part of this prestigious and reputed Canossa family. I am very proud that each and every family member of my family is a part of Canossa. It has educated so many students and today they are all ideal citizens with discipline and values rooted in them by their Alma - Mater, Canossa. All over the world Canossa, Dhule is the only Canossian institute having co-education. So I am really thankful and grateful for accepting boys as a part of this family of St. Magdalene, Canossa, my school.

I take pride in saying that I shall never tell a lie. As our dear St. Magdalene said the above sentence when she was just a child like me. In real sense 'WHAT CANOSSA MEANS TO ME' is an ideal school. I like Canossa, my school very much. I take pride in being a student of Canossa.

"East or West Canossa is the Best"

- Shreeraj M. Jagtap
Vth-E





‘कनोसा’ माझे श्रद्धास्थान



‘कनोसा’ च्या सुवर्ण महोत्सवाच्या निमित्ताने मला माझ्या श्रद्धास्थानाबद्दल लिहायला मिळतंय, याचा मला मनापासून आनंद होतोय. ‘कनोसा’ केवळ माझे श्रद्धास्थान नव्हे तर पवित्र तीर्थक्षेत्र वाटते कारण आमच्यात जास्तीत जास्त उत्तम नागरिक होण्याचे संस्कार इथेच मिळतात ना!

हे असे विद्यामंदिर जेथे आमचे गुरुजन केवळ विद्यार्जनाचेच पवित्र कार्य करीत नाही तर, आम्ही संस्कारसंपन्न होण्यासाठी ते परिश्रम करतात. आमच्या अंगभूत कलागुणांना प्रात्साहन देतात. अर्थात आयुष्य जगण्यासाठी महत्त्वाचा घटक असलेला ‘आत्मविश्वास’ वाढीला लागतो तो गुरुजनांच्या उत्तेजनामुळेच.!

संत मॅगदलेन यांच्या आशीर्वादाने स्थापित झालेल्या ‘कनोसा’ ची आमची ही धुळ्याची शाळा म्हणजे उत्तम वास्तूरचनेचे उदाहरण आणि मुख्य म्हणजे ‘सहशिक्षणाचा’ प्रारंभ करणारी ऐतिहासिक संस्था ! शाळेचे प्रशस्त आवार, भरपूर उजेड, खेळती हवा, भव्य मैदान आणि मोठे प्रेक्षागृह ! एखाद्या पवित्र क्षेत्री गेल्यावर मन जसे प्रसन्न होते, तशीच प्रसन्नता इथे लाभते. मानवाला आयुष्यभर निरोगी तन आणि सदृढ मन लाभावे म्हणून यातायात करावी लागते. पण याचं प्रशिक्षण आम्हाला बालपणापासूनच दिलं जाते, ते इथेच. स्वच्छता, टापटीप, वक्तशीरपणा हे आयुष्य यशस्वी करणारे आणखी महत्त्वाचे घटक त्याचं इथे तंतोतंत पालन केले जाते.

अगदी परवा ‘रक्षाबंधना’ च्या निमित्ताने रोपांना राखी बांधून त्यांचे संरक्षण आणि संवर्धन करण्याचा संदेश ‘पर्यावरणावर प्रेम करायलाच हवे’ हे शिकवून गेला.

खाद्य महोत्सव (Food Festival) च्या निमित्ताने सर्वात मिळून मिसळून काम करणे, एकमेकांना सहकार्य करणे हे गुणही विकसित होतात. ‘चॅरिटी बॉक्स’ च्या निमित्ताने समाजाचे ऋण फेडण्याची समज दिली जाते.

या स्पर्धेच्या, धकाधकीच्या जीवनात सशक्त शरीर आणि तसेच मन घडविणारी सकारात्मक भावना ‘कनोसा’ या नावाने दृढ होते. अर्थात कनोसा हे माझे श्रद्धास्थान अढळ पदावर राहिल. कारण मी जी घडले ती इथल्या सकारात्मक उर्जेनेच. ‘मानवते’ च्या शिकवणुकीतूनच ! म्हणूनच अभिमानाने सांगावेसे वाटते,

‘न केवळ विद्यार्जन

जनसेवेचे बांधून कंकण

त्रिभुवन सारे घेई जिंकून

नित भजती मानवतेला

तोचि आवडे सर्वांना’

‘कनोसा’ तुला ‘त्रिवार प्रणाम !’

– इंद्रायणी संजय मुंदडा

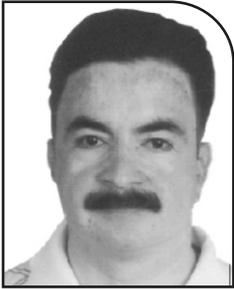
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Walking - A Good Therapy



The heart is a muscle that beats 24 hours a day for a life time, but like all muscles it needs to be exercised, so that it can pump more blood with each beat and save our energy. An unfit heart has more work to do. Then even simple tasks like walking to the shops or carrying the shopping bags can become quite tiring. If you exercise aerobically, then our muscles use oxygen more efficiently. The heart pumps more blood with each beat and it doesn't beat as fast. Aerobic exercise is vital for our heart.

Walking is the safest and most effective aerobic exercise for our heart because it is easy to begin a walking programme and easy to keep it up. Walking is an exercise that we can safely do for the rest of our life.

Brisk walking is an excellent stamina building exercise, says the Health Education Authority, in its, 'Look after your heart Campaign'. Your heart will benefit most from the kind of activity that builds up stamina. The vigorous effort of moving our muscles rhythmically creates a greater demand for oxygen in the blood and more work for the heart and lungs. Regular activity of this kind improves the balance of fatty substances in the blood stream, lowers the resting blood pressure level and strengthens the heart muscle. Similarly brisk walking helps to clear dangerous fats from the blood and cuts the risk of clogged arteries.

'Walk longer - Live longer'

- Manoj S. Jagtap
Batch 1982





Respected Mother,

On the auspicious occasion of Canossa Convent School celebrating its Golden Jubilee Year, I venture to put forward reminiscences of my happy and fruitful association with the school.

Canossa Convent School was established in 1960 in Dhulia. It was Mother Estelle who planted the seed and nurtured it. She was the first Principal of the school. It was a small house in which classes were started. Following year I enrolled my daughter in K.G., and thus began the most happy union. It was the most sincere and loving nature of Mother Estelle that helped the little school to grow to a mighty establishment which we witness today in its unique state.

My three daughters were educated in this school. A teacher, Miss Fatima Rebello, came into our lives. She not only taught my daughter but also enriched my life with her genuine love for my family. She joined the Convent Novitiate in the year 1966 and became a nun. To this day we are in constant touch and she has been a beacon to guide me on the straight path through my life. My grand daughters followed suit and completed their preliminary through this school. Today they are well settled.

Observing my daughters and grand daughters, I can say with conviction that Canossa School not only imparts academic knowledge of the subjects but builds the character of its students and prepares them to face the realities of this world. I am writing this to highlight the fact that without the strength of basic foundation laid by Canossa Convent School, happy and prosperous life of a student may not be easy.

Today, I am a very contented parent who can boast of a rewarding association with the school. From the bottom of my heart I wish this GIANT OAK to flourish to its full glory and may enrich the lives of its many students and make them happy and prosperous.

I end with my sincere regards to Sr. Fatima and life long indebtedness to Mother Estelle.

**Most Respectfully Yours,
Sushil P. Shah**

P.S. I enclose a copy of my most treasured possession - Mother Estelle's Letter. We can glimpse a golden heart full of compassion for the orphans.

22.11.97

My Dear friends, Mr. & Mrs. Sushil Shah and Children

Sorry I have lost touch with you dear Sushil Brothers and family. I have lost contact but not the loving remembrance because of which I offer my prayers to God for you, your wife and especially for Kalpana and also I keep in my prayer your good brother and family.

How are you all in Dhule? Unforgettable persons, with whom I spent most part of my youthful and precious days, cannot be forgotten. How is Kalpana and her little brother? How are their children?

I still have energy enough to care for our orphan boys, finding them jobs, settling their marriage, working with some kind benefactors to find them shelter. God has helped me Sushil, in caring for His parentless children and I feel happy to serve them even though at times they can be problems, being orphans. Do keep my apostolate for the needy in your prayers.

God is with you and your family. May He bless you and your dear ones in all you undertake. Love to all.

**Yours affly,
Sr. Estelle**





Hail Canossa !!! Long Live Canossa !!!



This is a personal saga of a fifty year old association with the Canossian presence in Dhule. It was the year 1960. The first English medium convent was started by the Canossian missionary nuns in Dhulia. My father was very excited that his youngest child was to be educated in a convent. I vividly recall my first day at school, though I was just five years old at the time. At the entrance of the old building in second lane stood a foreigner, a nun with the fairest of skins and sparkling blue eyes. The white garb, the smiling face and the blue eyes frightened me out of my wits. I scrambled off the steps and hid myself for the whole day in my friend's house. My father's persistence saw me holding his hand the next day to begin my voyage with Canossa Convent School, Dhulia.

Those were hard days of struggle for the Sisters. Classes, residence, hostel were all in the same dingy, dark building. There was a public furore against these foreigners. They were greeted everywhere with hostility, anger and suspicion. There was a fear that they were in Dhulia to convert innocents to Christianity. Parents who had enrolled their children in Canossa faced public criticism. The courage of the Sisters and their missionary zeal helped them face these early storms stoically. The school had no building of its own and shifted premises from one rented place to another. The second lane building remained the hostel and the residence. Classes were first held at St. Anne's Church, then Koparkar building in Navagrahi, in fourth standard we were in the Chalisgaon primary school building, in the sixth at Bhavanji Kanji K.G. Building which was still under construction. This constant shifting did not lead to a sense of dislocation. We were firmly anchored to the loving guidance and shelter of the Canossian Sisters.

In retrospect, I vividly recall Mother Estelle, the Headmistress, Miss Fatima, Miss Zilda Viegas, Miss Flory, Mother Margaret Alphonso, Mrs. Goghery and Mrs Randive, during my formative years of primary and fifth and sixth standards. Canossa was not just school but an extended home with an extended family. Since ours was the first batch we were thoroughly pampered and let me admit, a little spoilt, due to all the attention and care we received. I spent my Christmas eves with the teachers in their hostel, shared their food and even attended Christmas Mass. When Miss Zilda Viegas suffered from jaundice, my mother literally nursed her, took her to an ayurvedic doctor, sent her fruit juices and pieces of clean and cut sugarcane. Miss Zilda became a family member and that summer in the sixth standard the three Kakaria Sisters were guests at the Viegas's household in Belgaum for fifteen days. We were welcomed with open arms and warm hearts. Belgaum's shady lanes, the bullock cart rides in the rain, St. Joseph's convent are still firmly etched in my memory. Love was the bridge which crossed all hurdles of religion, caste, creed and language. No meat was cooked for the Viegas family as long as the Kakarias were there.

Under the supervision of Mother Margaret Alphonso, I learnt the values of honesty, integrity, hard work. We saw, and experienced closely the devotion and commitment of the Sisters of Canossa to the cause of the poor and needy. We collected old clothes, darned and mended them, washed and ironed them and then distributed among the poor. Sisters conducted stitching classes for the slum women who also learnt to weave baskets in the afternoon.





Our class was taken to the Shirpur Cottage Hospital which was very new at the time and were taken to the poor localities and made to wash and bathe the small children there. The seeds of social responsibility, the obligation towards the underprivileged were sown in our minds in those early days.

Since ours was the first batch and the numbers so few, each student was personally groomed. We participated in academics as well as all co-curricular activities - we were Girl Guides, actors, dancers, singers, debaters, sports-persons, helpers, prompters - just about everything. At such young ages we performed in a three hour musical dance drama "Zureeka" at the open air Theatre Kala Mandir. I was in dramatics, sometimes as Dr. Mashyamare or sometimes as Abu Hasaan. We helped in the organization of Fun Fares open to the general public. Our throwball team participated at a State-level tournament and Gertrude won laurels for Dhule by winning a Gold medal in shotput at Aurangabad State Event under the guidance of Mr. Salunkhe. Guide camps, stayed in tents, kept watch at night, cooked in the open and had camp fires. It was all very thrilling and exciting! Sisters took us for picnics on Sundays. We also had a well stocked library and were motivated to read books and children's magazines. We were everywhere - in the classroom, on the stage, on the playground, in the corridors, at the assembly, in every nook and corner of the present High School building. As the School Leader in Std X and the Blue House Leader in Std XI, the values of leadership, team work, friendship, discipline, national pride, self-reliance and total personality development were instilled in those days. Mother Irene, the Headmistress, Mother Giannina, the Mother Superior and Mother Edna, our class teacher were a lethal power packed combination of discipline, sternness, diligence, multi-tasking, love and nurturance. Our young wings were now gathering strength and we were blooming out into young ladies with dreams, new hopes and aspirations. Our confidence was building up. The emphasis was to always do the best, strive towards excellence and hard work. Earlier Mrs. Randive's impeccable English had made a deep impression on my mind. Listening to her dramatic narration of short stories, I had also become a voracious reader and had started the habit of collecting beautiful quotations in a notebook which I called "My Treasure Book". Under Mother Edna's keen supervision we learnt new skills of writing which improved our written and spoken English. Father Aleou's Chemistry classes, Prof Deshmukh's Mathematics, and the first batch was ready for the XI Board exams.

It may seem unbelievable, that everyday the Sisters themselves prepared egg-coffee and gave it to some of us so that we could keep up our stamina and cope with our studies. The delicious taste and the aroma still linger on my tongue. We were the stars of Canossa. All hopes rested on us. We proved true to the trust of our Sisters and teachers. The results were hundred percent and I had stood first in our batch with 74%. For the next five years the results were hundred percent. It was the pinnacle of achievement for Canossa. The Sisters had silenced all critics and won the hearts of the people of Dhule, specially Mother Maria Tambellini, the saviour who caught poisonous snakes in any household of Dhule and actively contributed to the infrastructural facilities at Canossa Convent.

This article is not just a journey down memory lane. It is a hymn of homage and tribute to all the Canossian Sisters, the teachers, the non-teaching Staff who braved all adversities and sacrificed their lives for the cause of education and service in Dhule. At all stages of my life,





through my joys and sorrows, the Sisters have always stood by me. I began my career as a teacher in St. Xavier's Canossa, teaching the II std. Sister Philomena, the then Headmistress, gave me the first compliment of my professional life -- "You are a born teacher." My two children Sonali, B. E. Computer Graduate and my Son Abhijit, a doctor, are also the alumni of Canossa!

I owe everything I have achieved in life to Canossa. From the Sisters, I have learnt endurance, resilience and "The Power of Positive Thinking", the book which was gifted to each of us at the Valedictory function of std XI. So I can only say "Hail Canossa! Long Live Canossa!".

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**NOTE : A letter written to Anil S. Patil
1977- S.S.C. Batch Student
by Sr. Teresa Lonan in 1984.**

**St. Mary's Convent
Cochin 1,
4th Sept. 1984**

Dear Anil,

The first thing I did after reading your letter was to praise and thank God for the marvels God has worked in you and your friends. Anil, your letter was not an intrusion into my timelessness but a moment that brought me great joy. Please do it again.

So dear Engineer, congratulations at being one ! Congratulations for your hard work, constancy and industry which has brought you the reward. I can still picture you in my mind in your navy blue shorts and white shirt ! I wonder how you look now in your long pants and white collared shirt !

Why do you say that there is no charm in service life? You can do a lot of good to humanity. Be noble in your work, be service minded, do not cheat any body, be a conscientious worker.

Well, I am glad to learn that I have been of some service to you in your growing age. I shall pray for you and the rest of my ex-students! Why don't you all arrange a trip down south ? It will be fantastic. You all could get together and think about it.

Write some times, keep in touch.

God bless you !
With much love,

***Yours lovingly,
Sr. Teresa Lonan***

Convey my regards to Raju !



