

# St. Lawrence's School

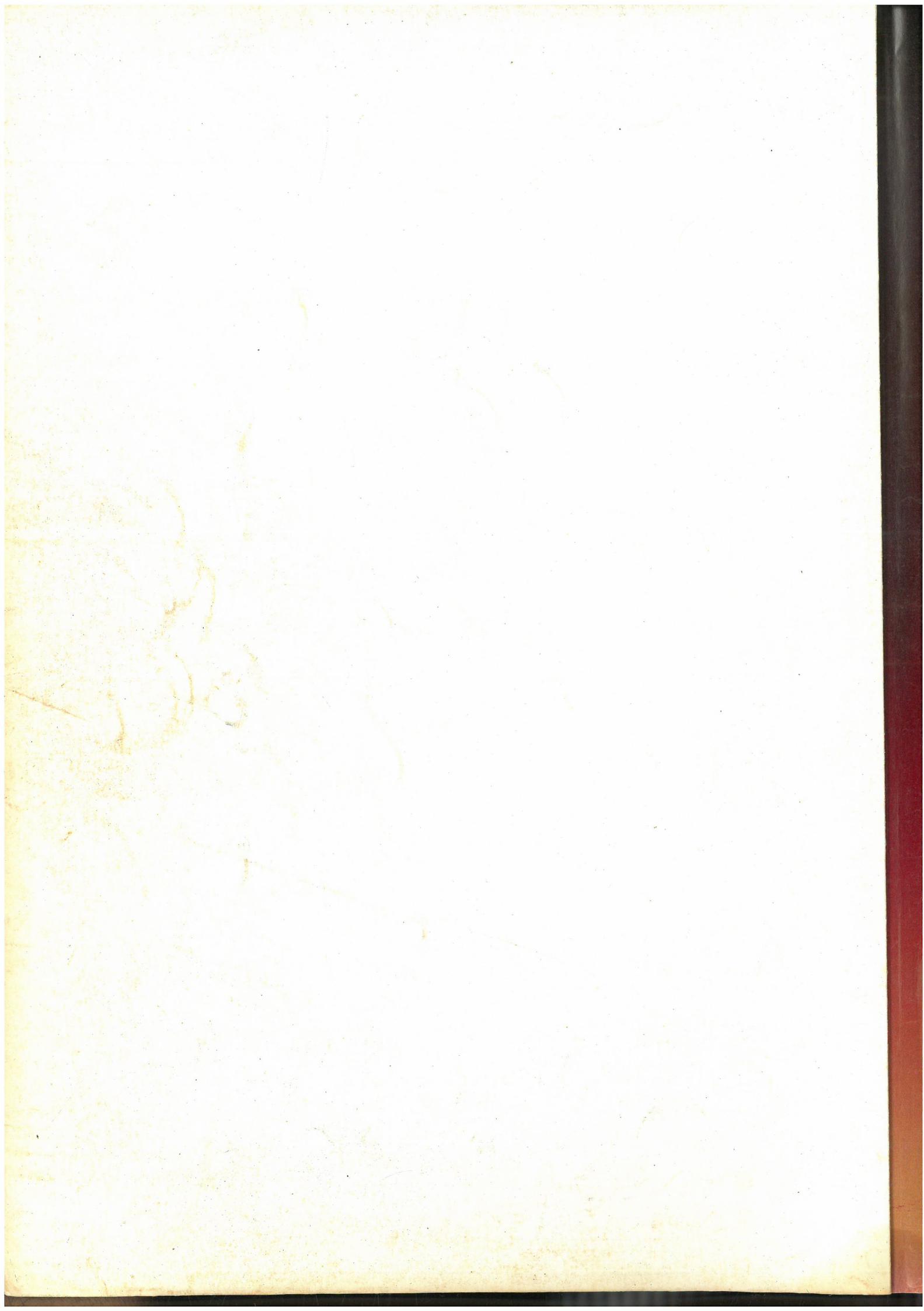
## Wellawatte



1900-2000



REFLECTIONS OF A CENTURY



# Saint Lawrence



Saint and Martyr  
Lover of Youth  
Whose Treasure was the poor

# Foundress of St. Lawrence's School



Mrs. Janet Poulier won recognition as a competent educationist during her teaching career. Said to be "truly a personification of devotion to duty" the school flourished under her direction.

"Rs. 200,000 was offered but Mrs. Poulier sold (the school) to the catholic church for Rs. 140,000 as education was to be continued" - signed Fr. Robert Fernando who bought the school for the church.

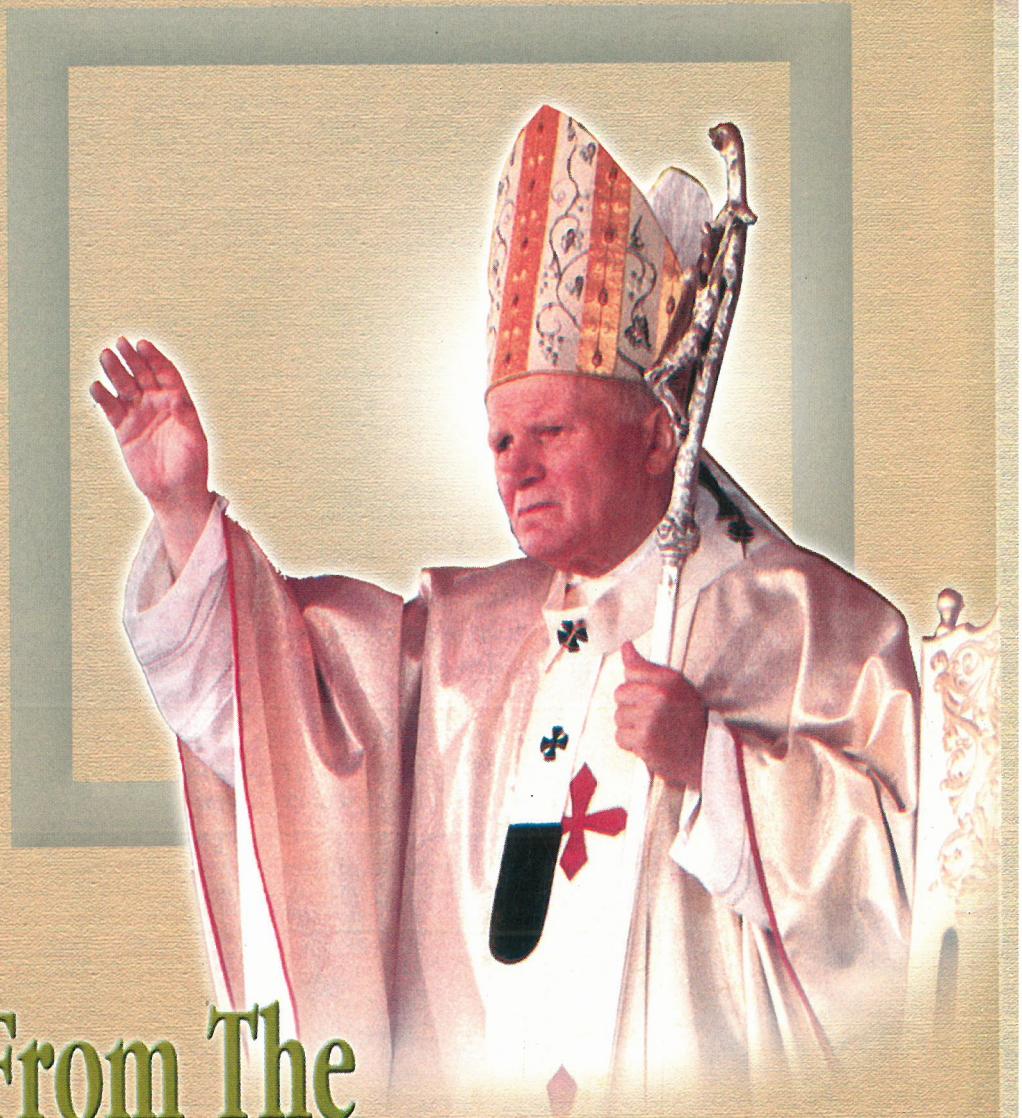
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make money through education.  
A worthy example indeed for all engaged in the  
field of education.

A devoted educationist beyond compare



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From the Vatican



# Message From The Holy Father

Dear Sister Mary Gertrude,

The Holy Father was pleased to be informed that St Lawrence's School in Wellawatte, Colombo, is celebrating the Hundredth Anniversary of its establishment.

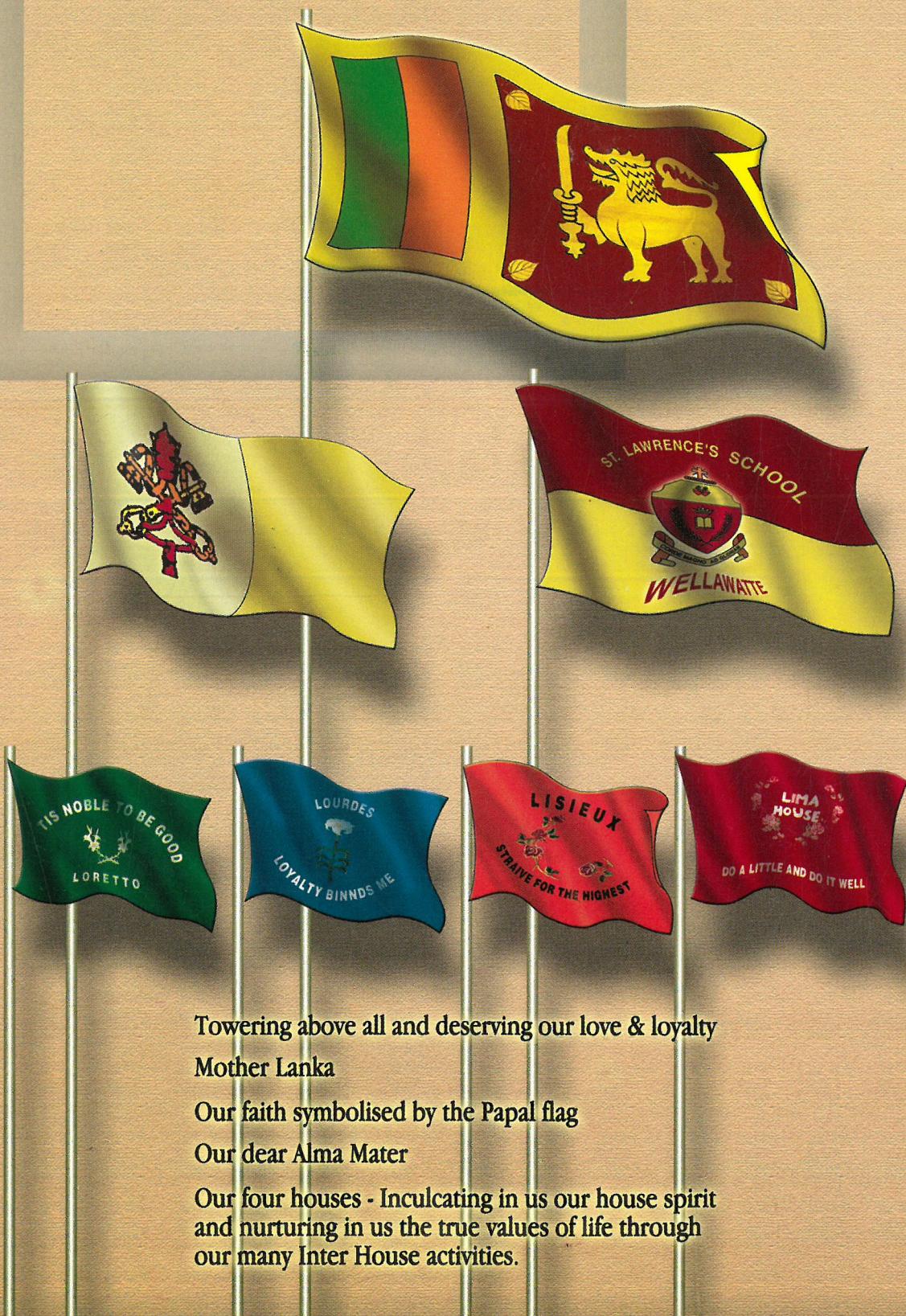
On this significant occasion His Holiness sends cordial greetings to the entire School community. He invokes abundant divine gifts upon the Staff and Students and their families, as well as upon all who support the fine work of the School.

I am also pleased to convey the requested Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of strength and peace in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ G.B. Re  
Substitute

# Flags of Significance to all Lawrentians



Towering above all and deserving our love & loyalty

Mother Lanka

Our faith symbolised by the Papal flag

Our dear Alma Mater

Our four houses - Inculcating in us our house spirit  
and nurturing in us the true values of life through  
our many Inter House activities.



## Message from his Grace the Archbishop

The Centenary of the establishment of St. Lawrence's School, Wellawatte is an occasion to thank God for the blessings showered upon all those who are associated with it. I too join that chorus of praise and thanksgiving for the immeasurable service rendered by the School to the Church and to the Nation especially in the field of education.

St. Lawrence's School was founded in 1900 by Mrs. Janet Poulier who was Principal of the School till 1936, and handed over to her niece, Miss Gladys Poulier. In 1951, the then Parish Priest of St. Lawrence's Church, Wellawatte, Rev. Fr. Robert Fernando OMI, with the cooperation of the parishioners purchased the School and Miss Gozmao assumed duties as principal of the School. In January 1953, two Good Shepherd Sisters from Kotahena were sent to the School. The first Principal of the Good Shepherd Congregation was, Rev. Mother Finbarr. The late Rev. Fr. Robert Fernando purchased the present Montessori building and two houses down High Street in July 1955 and the Good Shepherd Sisters took up residence as a community at 42, High Street, Wellawatte. Since then Good Shepherd Sisters have been Principals of St. Lawrence's School.

On this happy occasion I wish to pay tribute to the pioneers and all those who were responsible over the years for the growth of this School into a leading Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Colombo.

A celebration of this nature should also spur us to look ahead. For, the challenges of today and tomorrow are different from those of yesterday. Guiding and preparing the children to be torchbearers of the third Millennium is no easy task in a world that is changing so rapidly.

As I congratulate and rejoice with the present Principal, Rev. Sr. Gertrude, staff, students, parents and well wishers of the School, let me commend you to our Good Shepherd to lead you in the new Millennium, through the intercession of St. Lawrence your Patron.

May God bless you !

+ N. Marcus Fernando

Nicholas Marcus Fernando  
Archbishop of Colombo

# The School Crest



**Motto :** "Corde Magno ad Gloriam"

Victory and glory here, and hereafter are achieved by the practice of a magnanimous and generous heart, particularly so by the women.

**Red :** "Red" the basic colour of the Crest.

- a) A generous heart swells with red blood.
- b) Red reminds of the sufferings and sorrows of the Martyr Patron - calls for hear, sustained work and toil from the students and staff.

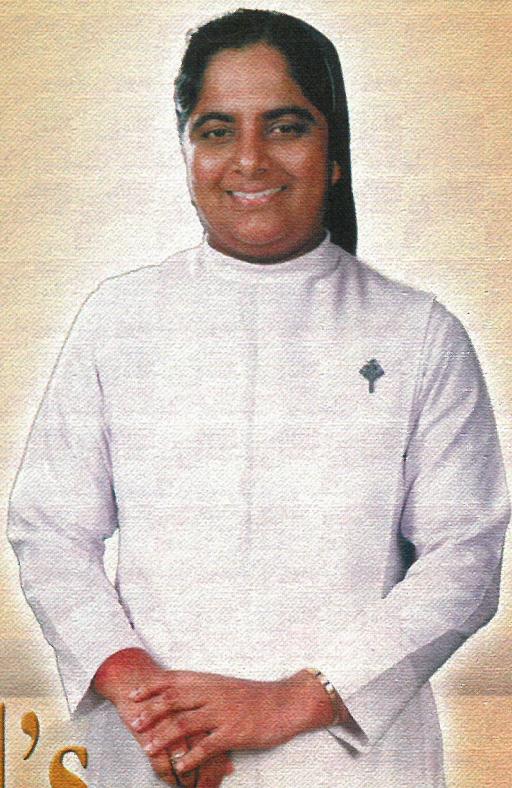
**"Palm of Victory" :** The palm tree soars aloft nobly.

**Crown :** "Crown" of Glory

**"Gold Colour" :** is in higher level in the Crest, symbolic of the Glory that was the outcome of the supporting blood - shedding red. Gold is outer in the flag as the bright effulgence of the blood red.

**"Heart" :** Invite imitation of the virtues of Jesus and Mary.

**"Cross" :** In this sign you shall conquer, and such victory will surely lead you to true Glory.



# Sr. Principal's Message

**"Coming together is a beginning, Keeping together is progress  
Working together is success" (Henry Ford)**

Most often God works miracles in quiet unobtrusive ways. He has indeed worked marvels at St. Lawrence's in the last hundred years. Janet Poulier's little "Drawing room school" was a beginning - a coming together. Developing this school to what it is today required much keeping together on the part of students, parents and teachers - that was progress. The school being offered on very generous terms to the Catholic church by Mrs. Janet Poulier who was really and truly a committed educationist, the Good Shepherd Nuns taking over the school administration and the dedicated service over the years of the Principals and members of the staff became the working together - the success story.

A centenary celebration is a time to wonder and ponder. Over the years we see the students enjoying better facilities and more advantages but the same value based all round formation that does not go out of vogue with the passing years since it is rooted deeply in the undying Christian principles.

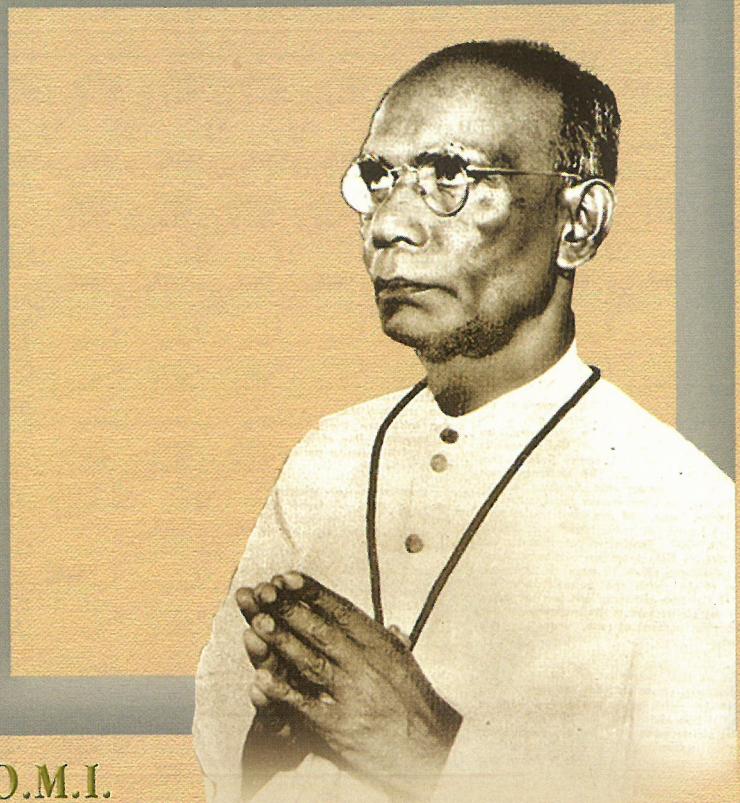
I am indeed happy and proud to pen these few words. Yet I am filled with humble thanks giving when I recall all those who went before me whose dedicated services helped the school to reach the position it occupies today.

Education does not merely mean good examination results. Producing young girls and in the early years boys of integrity who will contribute to society as good worthwhile citizens has been the endeavour of those at the helm of our school.

Let us keep undiminished our love and loyalty to our dear Alma Mater.

Let us venerate our loving Saint and Martyr, the patron of youth - St. Lawrence  
Let me conclude with these prayerful words keeping them close to our hearts  
"Jesus our help of today / Our hope of tomorrow"

St. M. Gertrude



REV. FATHER  
**ROBERT FERNANDO O.M.I.**  
PIONEER PARISH PRIEST OF  
ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH  
AND FIRST MANAGER OF  
**ST. LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL,**  
WELLAWATTE.

established in 1938 in Wellawatte, with the appointment of Rev. Fr. Robert Fernando as the first Parish Priest, an era that spanned 30 years from 1938 to 1968. It was Mrs. Janet Poulier a born teacher who took over a house called "Lawrence Villa" in 1900 and began to hold classes in its drawing room. It was not long, before the Pouliers christened their school "St. Lawrence's School". By another coincidence the Archdiocese of Colombo decided to dedicate the new parish of Wellawatte to St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr in 1938 and when in 1951 Miss. Gladys Poulier decided to hand over St. Lawrence's School to the Archdiocese, even though she was a staunch Methodist, the name Lawrence would most certainly have weighed much in her decision and so it came to pass that Father Robert Fernando in 1951 was entrusted with the management of the school in its first one and a half years, to be followed by the Good Shepherd nuns who have administered this great school for the last half a century.

It is a strange coincidence that St. Lawrence's School was in existence since 1900, thirty-eight years before the parish of St. Lawrence was

**A BLESSING** - Truly the existence of the Good Shepherd nuns in close proximity to St. Lawrence's Church has been a blessing to the progress of St. Lawrence's Parish from 1951. Indeed, St. Lawrence's Parish without St. Lawrence's School would have lacked the character and poise that the school has given since its inception in 1951.

**FR. ROBERT FERNANDO O.M.I. THE PIONEER** - Born in Negombo, he had joined St. Aloysius Seminary, Borella, when in his early teens. All seminarians, at that time had to attend St. Joseph's College, Colombo for their secondary education and so Fr. Robert like many other seminarians of the time, came under the benign and scholarly influence of that great Catholic educationist Very Rev. Fr. Maurice J LeGoc O.M.I.

**A MIGHTY ATOM** - Very slightly built, Fr. Robert answered the call of the Archdiocese, displaying grit, determination and stamina of a high order. No microphone was required for his sermons in the little chapel at St. Lawrence Road, where the parish first took root. His stentorian voice rent the air Sunday after Sunday. A fine linguist, Fr. Robert was equally fluent in English, Sinhala and Tamil, and this stood him in good stead in leading his multilingual and literate flock to God. Parishioners of that era will remember his lucid exposition of Church Liturgy and his untiring efforts to make St. Lawrence, Patron of the parish and First Patron of the City of Colombo known to one and all. As a result the parishioners of Wellawatte were well founded in matters of Faith, under his able guidance.

**30 LONG YEARS** - The Archdiocese had made the right choice. No wonder then that Fr. Robert was destined to stay as Parish Priest for 30 long years, perhaps the longest stay by any Parish Priest in the Colombo region, in the history of the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka. That Fr. Robert was able to consolidate his leadership of his flock and win their confidence for thirty long years is in itself a great tribute to this man of God. It is a fact that he not only baptised many at St. Lawrence's but stayed long enough to marry them and in many instances bury them as well.

**A PERFECTIONIST** - What parishioners of St. Lawrence's, past present and future will remember Fr. Robert by, will undoubtedly be the beautiful red church with its unique design, which stands today as one of the most impressive landmarks and architectural monuments of the metropolis and indeed the whole of Sri Lanka. Every ounce of brick and mortar, every beam of steel or timber, had to pass his eagle eye. No technical skill did he spare to build soundly against the wear and tear of exposure.

**TRIBUTE TO SAINT LAWRENCE, MARTYR** - Right through his stay at St. Lawrence's and particularly during the building of the church of St. Lawrence, Fr. Robert was conscious of the fact that the church was to be dedicated to St. Lawrence, one of the greatest martyrs of the Catholic Church, the Patron of the parish of Wellawatte and above all, the First Patron of the City of Colombo. This church then had to be seen rising up to the stars, soaring into the clouds, almost challenging the sky in our adoration of God. In this context it seems a pity that Fr. Robert was unable to complete the tower-facade in front of the present church, which still remains as it were an unfinished symphony.

Fr. Robert took great pains to emphasise to his flock that Catholicism was preached in Sri Lanka for the first time from the Church of St. Lawrence, at the foot of the South West breakwater of the Colombo harbour, as far back as 1505. From the purchase of the 1 3/4 acre block of land fronting Galle Road, exactly midway between the two bridges that guard the approaches to Wellawatte, to the building of this Romanesque styled edifice, so happily blending with Oriental architecture, it was Fr. Robert who led from up front. It was he who set the seal and laid a solid foundation for the future.

**COLLABORATION OF PASTOR & PEOPLE** - It would be apt to quote from a message of the late Thomas Cardinal Cooray, on the occasion of the Consecration of this beautiful church, a message of congratulation and sound advice, in March 1968: "Not to us then but to God's glory in Heaven, to His saving Presence in our midst, let this Church be a lasting monument. Let not its stateliness and adornment convey any suggestion of challenge. To all, its rising dome, its wide portals are an assurance of brotherliness in the footsteps of the Deacon Lawrence, glowing symbol of benefits and blessings nobly shared. Therein lies the greater achievement, of the fine, fruitful collaboration of the Pastor, Curates and People of the Parish. "Yes, Fr. Robert carried all before him. He was able to enthuse his parishioners into action for the glory of God. His one day's pay schemes and as many as seven carnivals bear testimony to the full support he received from the entire parish. He was able to draw on all sources of generosity to make the House of God a delight to His children and so pleasing to the Eye of His Goodness.

**UNITY-THE KEY TO HIS SUCCESS** - Fr. Robert's parting tribute to his flock when he was transferred in 1968, bears repetition here, words which we hope will echo and re-echo through the years to come. He said: "I might mention one thing in particular for which this parish ought to be ever grateful to merciful God, owing to which steady work and progress were possible. The demon of party spirit didn't find a place within this Parish. That this blessing will ever remain is my earnest prayer. May St. Lawrence, the Heavenly Patron always watch over the Parish and help it to become holy, productive of more and more zealous lay apostles, and more vocations to the priestly and religious life".

**PIONEER WHO SHOWED THE WAY** - There is no doubt that Father Robert has earned a permanent niche of affection in the hearts of the people whom he sought to serve so selflessly at Wellawatte. His name is synonymous with St. Lawrence's. The parish of Wellawatte was himself. For 30 years he was the leader, the shepherd of his flock. Everybody knew it and felt it. He was simple. He was saintly, He was to his parishioners a great pride and a shining example. His name and the things he did for the parish of St. Lawrence, its parishioners and indeed the whole of Wellawatte will never be forgotten. People may come and do better than that. People will come who will do much more than that. But Fr. Robert Fernando was the pioneer. Our children will see him only as a mythical figure. He is the pastor who showed the way.

So in this Centenary Celebration let us remember Fr. Robert Fernando with gratitude, love and affection. He passed away to his eternal reward on 1st October 1977, stricken with an illness bravely borne. Of his 51 year priesthood he had spent 30 years at St. Lawrence's. Let us pray for him and for the repose of his soul. Let us pay our profoundest respects and thanks to him for all the good things that came through him to the Parish of St. Lawrence, Wellawatte, and St. Lawrence's School.

**MAURICE PERERA**



## The Message of The National Director

### of Catholic Education and General Manager of Catholic Private Schools, W.P.

As St. Lawrence's celebrates its Centenary, let's gratefully remember Mrs. Janet Poulier, the first principal of this hundred-year-old bastion of Christian education of Colombo 06. Mrs. Janet Poulier held reins of office as principal till 1936 when Miss. Gladys Poulier succeeded as principal, the former continuing to be Manageress till 1951 when Miss. Gozmao took over as principal.

In 1953 two Good Shepherd Nuns joined the then staff and Sister Finbarr assumed duties as Principal in July 1955. The first Community of Good Shepherd Nuns took residence at 42, High Street Wellawatte.

Now isn't that interesting history ?

During the forty-five years the Good Shepherd Nuns have been shepherding the school it has created a name for itself well beyond the confines of Colombo 06, touching the shores of the island. Statistically the show-up may not be imposing - 1400 students and 60 staffers and not a number people will be impressed with, given the swelling numbers of the so-called prestigious schools of the island. That itself brings out the ideals of St. Lawrence's! They did not put up buildings to shelter three thousand. Statistics never bothered them nor do they now. Bravo ! St. Lawrence's ! Keep up your standards. Stick to your principles and noble ideals.

Remember:

Numbers do swell and impress  
But at what a cost of stress !

Be yourself, St. Lawrence's. May your teachers not wilt under pressure of competition and may the young ladies leaving your portals become the "valiant women" the Bible speaks of.

May the Lord continue to bless the leadership of the Good Shepherd nuns and may the beams of your educational endeavours shine well beyond our shores !

*Fr. Ivan Perera*



## Message from The Provincial Superior Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

Remember what God has done and give thanks to Him .....

It gives me great pleasure to be able to give this message for the souvenir of the Centenary of St. Lawrence's School, Wellawatte.

The school which had a modest beginning, run by two ladies was purchased by the Parish of St. Lawrence's by Rev. Fr. Robert Fernando in 1951. The school then began functioning with the Good Shepherd Sisters in 1953 and continued to grow from strength to strength to become one of the leading Catholic Girls' schools in Wellawatte.

In the Jubilee year- March 3rd, with the whole hearted co-operation of the Staff, students, parents and past pupils, a new floor of class rooms was declared open. Several religious, social and cultural activities were celebrated. We hope and pray that the laudable efforts of the Principal, Staff and Past pupils will continue to forge ahead, to carry the School through the third Millennium. May she be a treasure house of good values and knowledge, building up the lives of the staff and students intellectually, morally, spiritually and socially transforming them to become helpful and honourable citizens of our Motherland.

We appreciate and thank all those who have been generous and responsible for bringing this school to the high status it holds today in education.

May the dear Good Shepherd bless and help St. Lawrence's to lead many young girls to green pastures and living waters in whatever walk of life they will choose in the future.

*Sr. Mary Winifreda Perera.*

Provincial Superior  
Sister's of the Good Shepherd.



## A Former Principal Sr. Carmeline Speaks

I have no words to express my feelings of gratitude for the invitation extended to me to give a message to your centenary magazine.

On this happy occasion I am glad to be able to join many others in conveying my warm greetings and best wishes.

I think it is a pleasant privilege to congratulate the Principal, Staff, Past Pupils and benefactors for their efforts during the past years which have covered many milestones in the journey to attain academic excellence and the spiritual values that a school needs.

In the past years the school has grown in stature and today she holds a prestigious position in spite of various difficulties. I wish you every success in all your endeavours which will ultimately achieve the development of our nation.

Here I wish to take the opportunity to thank all who have assisted in upholding firmly the old traditions of St. Lawrence's School and I congratulate this institute of which I am proud to have been a past principal.

Hoping that you will take greater strides in the future I conclude with Hearty Cheers to St. Lawrence's School.

*Sr. Carmeline*

# Message from Sister Mary Agnes de Alwis



A Jubilee Celebration turns us thankfully towards the past to magnify the Lord for what He has done. The 100th anniversary of St. Lawrence's School, Wellawatte calls for thanksgiving to God for His Blessings, and a kind remembrance of the founders, the Sisters, the Staff and all collaborators down the ages to the present day. It is also, a most important stimulus for the future. May the remembrance of the dedication of those who built these hundred years, spur on the present generation to ever greater fidelity and daring to stride out into a new era of loving service and growth with confidence and joy.

It is my great pleasure to offer my congratulations and good wishes on this happy occasion. One hundred years of service to the young is something to celebrate. Therefore look back with immense wonder and gratitude to the ways and plans of God and look forward with equal confidence, that what God has begun will continue to grow and flourish - move forward courageously!

May God continue to shower His Blessings on St. Lawrence's School, as it enters the second centenary of its history !

*Sister Mary Agnes de Alwis.*  
Former Principal

# Message from Former Principal Sr. Mary Lynette



I have great pleasure in writing this message on the occasion of the Centenary Celebrations of St. Lawrence's School - a school much admired by hundreds of people today.

Although it started with a simple humble building with a very few children on roll, today it is one of the leading schools in the island with many graduates teaching and a number of past pupils who are professionals and are of great service to the country.

My experience as a teacher and a Principal of this Convent is a memorable one. It was a joy working with a united staff and I really enjoyed working here in this small but beautiful convent. The experience will be an unforgettable one.

It is a co-incidence that this Centenary is being celebrated in the year 2000. I have a few words for the children - May Jesus the Divine Teacher protect and Guide this Convent and help the children who have to face many challenges. "Unity is strength" and may they unitedly walk onwards with trust and confidence in Jesus the Good Shepherd. All for the glory of God.

*Sister Lynette.*



## Former Principal Revd. Sister Nivard Senarath

St. Lawrence's School, Wellawatte, mourned the passing away of one of its well - loved principals - Sr. Nivard Senarath. The fact that the sisters of the Good Shepherd Congregation, elected her provincial of their order, speaks for her qualities of mind and heart. She left our school to take up the office of provincial.

Sr. Nivard became our principal in 1985. From the very first, her happy, cheerful smile, warm heart and humane qualities endeared her to students, teachers and parents. Soon the principals office room took on an air of kindness, warmth and accessibility and the students trooped in and out of it sometimes just to say good morning to her, to shake her hand at the end of the day or give her a slice of their birthday cake.

No longer was the principal a figure of authority or fear but an approachable, friendly person willing to lend an ear. There were many parents who came to her for counsel and guidance or seeking a solution to their many problems.

Her qualities of care, concern and humaneness were really outstanding. At times teachers would go into Sister's office to discuss what should be done about a problematic child only to discover that Sister was only too aware of the difficult background of the student and suggested leniency or sympathetic handling of the case.

It is not fair to judge the worth of a person by the buildings erected or external ornamentation. However, even by this measure Sister Nivard stands out. During her tenure as principal, the school building saw many new additions to it. With the aid from the German Holy Childhood Fund, Sister Nivard built a beautiful pavilion with a block of classrooms above it - large enough to accommodate parents and children at the primary school sports meet was sister's wish.

The school hall was extended to accommodate the increasing numbers at assembly and a new office was constructed for the principal and to make provision for the housing of the office staff- all this without any extra strain being placed on the parents of the school.

The school had no facilities for Advanced Level studies and students wishing to do higher studies had to enter another school. With permission from the educational authorities, Sister commenced Advanced Level classes in commerce with provision for an Arts stream as well. Thus many students could continue their studies in school with no interruption.

With monies sent by the pupils from abroad, Sister helped very unobtrusively many of the pupils who faced financial difficulties. Discipline was maintained with a capital 'D' but not with the traditional cane. Every assembly would be made use of by sister to impart values and correct attitudes. She praised students for their good qualities thus strengthening them further and spoke of the values they needed to inculcate.

The doctors who attended on Sister Nivard during her prolonged illness were amazed at the good cheer and patience she showed during her times of trial. No word of complaint was heard - instead she would always greet visitors with a cheerful smile while discussing her symptoms and medication.

She was held up to others by many who knew her, as an example of courage and positive acceptance of the long illness she bore bravely. Even after the diagnosis of cancer and chemotherapy and ray treatment ravaged her constitution, Sister emerged ready to carry on the work that God had in mind for her. She ended up being chosen provincial by her fellow nuns and carried on the onerous duties the office entailed very competently despite ill health dogging her from time to time. Her complete trust and confidence in the Lord and in the efficacy of prayer were the rocks she clung to in the sea of pain and suffering.

She maintained that her illness had brought the congregation closer to the Lord since they were all praying for her recovery and some with fasting and abstinence too.

The finest tribute that can be paid to Sister Nivard is to emulate the values she upheld and do what was dear to her. One of her greatest wishes, she once said, was to build a home for retired old nuns. She said she was saddened very much to see some of them having to climb stairs to get to their rooms - stricken as they were with rheumatism, old age and feebleness. She had been really sorry to see one of her own superiors doing this one day when she visited a particular convent. With this in mind she had started working towards this project. Please God, it will see completion.

What Sister missed most when she took office as provincial, she once said, was the children. They missed her too. They ran to say hello to her whenever she came over to the school. To be open to the needs of others and to be ready to help them, is the best way of following the Master who was always available to his followers. Sister Nivard followed the Master she served in this spirit and this is a trait that all Christians especially those in high places would do well to keep in mind. The Lord is best served in his people.

The Master would have welcomed Sister warmly to her new home after a well spent life serving his people. She now rejoices in the Lord !

*Audrey de S. Wijeyeratne.*



## A few words from the V. P. or Vicey

**"Five Cents !! Only five cents ??"** They chorus. "Yes" I reply. "That was the bus fare I paid when I first joined St. Lawrence's almost four decades ago." The years have flown by swiftly enough. I joined as a young girl just twenty awaiting the results of the degree examination and here I am a grandmother on the threshold of retirement and St. Lawrence's and I have grown together and advanced in years and maturity.

Right through the years what I have held most dear was the simplicity genuineness and willing helpfulness of the students and their adaptability to any given situation. This is what I pray God, will be the hallmark of our students in the future as well. The integrity of a person is more valuable than good exam results and that's what St. Lawrence's has tried to inculcate in the students with the passage of time.

We cannot boast of eminent past pupils in high places though we do have our share of good professionals. We have still to see them reach the pinnacles of their particular fields which I am very sure they will do as they grow in experience and seniority. But we are indeed very proud of the good name our pupils hold in the world outside as well disciplined, courteous persons, co-operative, loyal and dedicated to their duty.

**"Strive for the highest"** says one house motto and **"Loyalty binds me"** says another. **"Its noble to be good"** and **"Do a little and do it well"** are the others. All worthy exhortations which will lead you on the correct path especially if you do all things "For the greater glory of God". Well chosen words for you to live by.

Celebrations of this nature require that we look back in thanksgiving for God's blessings as St. Lawrence's grew in **"Wisdom and age and grace before God and man"**, and pay tribute to all those who went before us to guide the school and serve it, to bring it to what it is today. We need to peep into the future and hope that while eradicating our faults and failings, the spirit which is uniquely that of St. Lawrence's will continue to flourish in this beloved institution in all the years to come with God's blessings and the inspiration of our Patron, St. Lawrence.

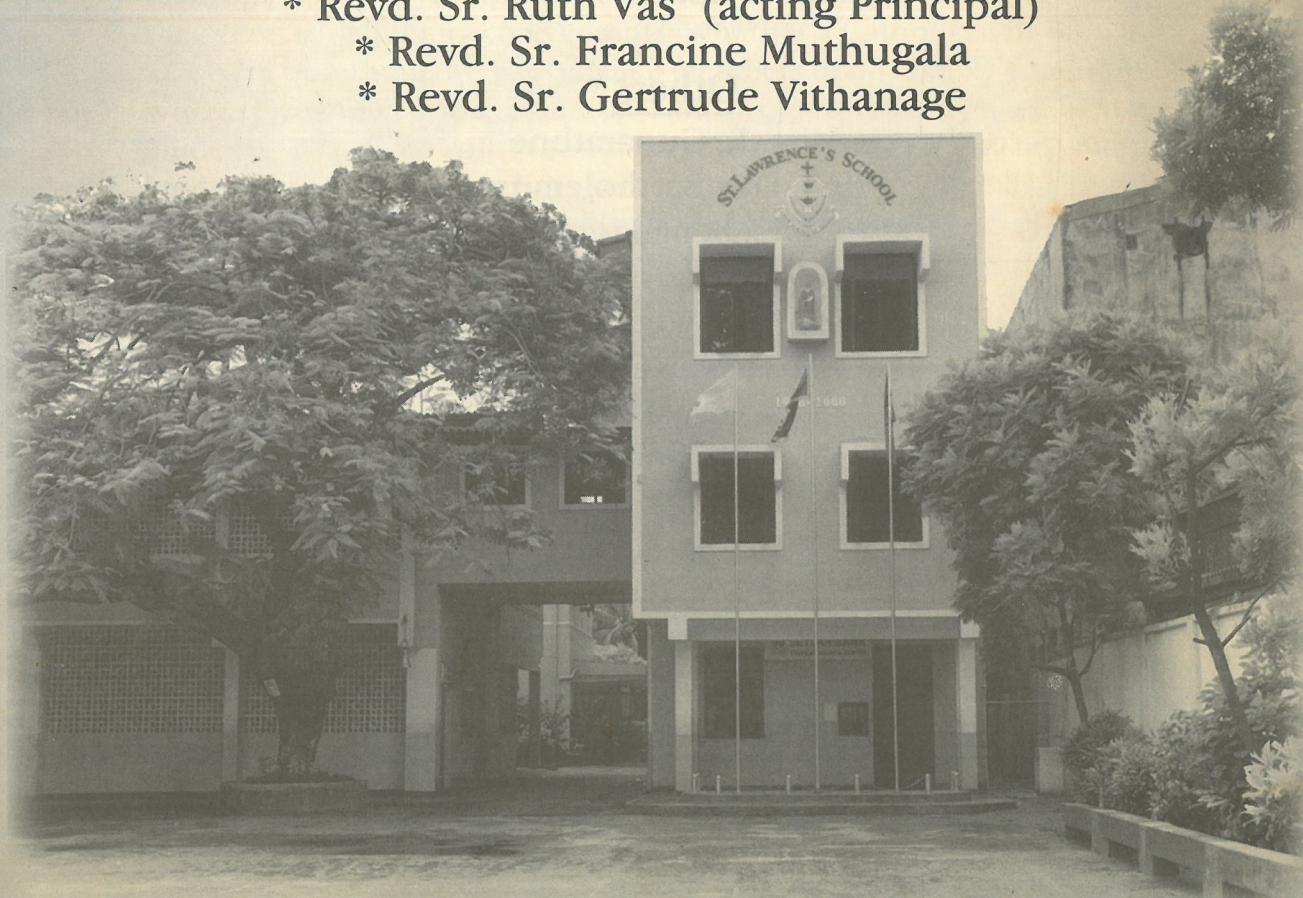
Happy Centenary Celebrations one and all !

*Audrey de S. Wijeyeratne.*



## THE PRINCIPALS WHO GUIDED OUR SCHOOL

- \* Mrs. Janet Poulier \* Miss. Gladys Poulier
- \* Miss. Gozmao \* Revd. Mother Finbarr
- \* Revd. Mother Madeline \* Revd. Sr. Scholastica
- \* Revd. Sr. Carmeline \* Revd. Sr. Agnes
- \* Mrs. Audrey de S. Wijeyeratne  
(acting Principal)
- \* Revd. Sr. Colette \* Revd. Sr. Lynette Perera
- \* Revd. Sr. Nivard Senarath
- \* Revd. Sr. Ruth Vas (acting Principal)
- \* Revd. Sr. Francine Muthugala
- \* Revd. Sr. Gertrude Vithanage



# **"BLESSED ARE THEY WHO DIE IN THE LORD"**

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## **Founders of the school**

Mrs. Janet Poulier  
Fr. Robert Fernando

## **Past Principals**

Miss. Gladys Poulier  
Rev. Sr. M. Finbarr  
Rev. Sr. Nivard Senarath  
Rev. Sr. M. Colette

## **Teachers who died in service**

Mrs. Nirmala Wanniarachchi  
Mrs. Devaki Cumaraswamy  
Miss. Nadeera Perera

## **Others**

Miss. E. Gunarathne  
Miss. Lou Bartholemusz  
Mrs. Senanayake  
Miss. Felsianes  
Mrs. Julie Weerasinghe  
Miss. May Oorloff  
Mrs. Girly Dabrera  
Mrs. M. Sinharayar  
Mrs. N. Muller  
Mrs. R. Sieble  
Mrs. V. Baptist  
Mrs. J. L. Jayawardana

## **Students who died while in school**

Krishani Thilakaratne  
Nadishika Lorensuhewa

# FOREWARD

St. Lawrence's School has just completed 100 years of useful and dedicated service to the community and it's with great hope and enthusiasm that we look forward to another century of the same.

This Souvenir attempts to focus on the objectives and progress made so far, so as to give everyone an opportunity to see us as we are. Starting as a small "Drawing room School" in Wellawatte, it has blossomed out to be one of the leading girl schools in Colombo and Sri Lanka today. This position was not attained over night but, through a long period of time with great dedication and loyalty on the part of all those who toiled for it. Most of the articles written here would divulge the golden history of this institution and also the hardships undergone by the pioneers. The most important purpose of the foreward of this magazine is to emphasize the fact that all those glories were due to sheer untiring efforts of all those who served the school, whether as principals, teachers, parents or students. It must be noted that St. Lawrence's School is well known for its family feeling and team spirit in everything that they do. This feeling of unity has been the secret for all their achievements. Whether a Catholic, a Buddhist, a Muslim or a Tamil, we were all like members of one family genuinely working together for a common aim, progress and welfare of the students. That same spirit should prevail in the future too. The young students, the young teachers serving under their principals should take it into their hearts, that this spirit should go on. Then everyone would feel that she is a part and parcel of the school and this would inspire everyone to give of her best. This should secure the future progress of St. Lawrence's.

The magazine committee wish to say 'a very big thank you' to all specially to Mr. Deega Somapala who was responsible for all the photographs, Mr. M. D. M. Rizvi for this publication turning out a beautiful end product. The Principal Rev. Sr. Mary Gertrude for the immense support given to us.

May all of us who have the welfare of the school at heart direct our efforts to uplift its activities both academic and extra - curricular so that together in the new millennium we will achieve " the greater glory of God and the honour of the school".

## THE PREFECT BODY OF ST. LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL



PREFECTS BATCH 2000

**Seated Left to Right :** Randima Ariyarakah (Dept. Games Captain), Mrs. Marietta de Silva (Teacher in Charge), Gimara Goonawardene (Dept. Head Prefect), Sr. Mary Gertrude (Principal), Louzanne Perera (Head Prefect), Mrs. Audrey de S. Wijeyaratne (Vice Principal), Dilshani Candappa (Games Captain)

**1st Row Left to Right :** Tanuja Chetandas, Gayani Hettiarachchi, Dilini Perera, Piumi Manikuwadura, Shalani Samarasinghe, Harindiani Bellana, Kanisha Handapangoda, Patricia Arander, Nimani Andradi, Ishari Byrde.

**2nd Row Left to Right :** Michelle Jarkie, Jayashani Ankuburegedara, Ruzna Azmeer, Tirsha Misso, Jayani Dissanayake, Sunisha Abeywardene, Shehara Perera, Neloufa Jaleel, Nilanthi Ekanayake, Jacqueline David, Tania Kelaart, Sahani Randika.

**3rd Row Left to Right :** Tarika Perera, Piumini Pieris, Kithmini Boteju, Achini de Silva, Raneesha Jayaweera, Sandamali Maniksagara.

When we speak or hear of St. Lawrence's the first thing that is mentioned is the high level of discipline. This is the reputation that the school has kept alive through the 100 years of its existence. And indeed it is something to be proud of. But maintaining it is not an easy task. And this is why the prefect body was formed. Even though there were prefects and houses from the time of Mrs. Poulier the four houses were re-named to what they are known as today by Revd. Sr. Mary Finbarr after the nuns took over the running of the school.

Under the leadership of the head girl of the school, assisted by the deputy head girl, the games captain and the deputy games captain (unfortunately the records of all these names are not available) along with the four house prefects from each house formed the prefect body of the school. These prefects along with the others who succeeded them over the years took up the responsibilities given to them and strived hard under the watchful eyes of our dear principals and teachers to maintain discipline in the school.

Aside from maintaining law and order, the prefects both past and present have been instrumental in assisting the staff at important school occasions. For example at prize givings, sports meets, concerts and many other functions. Organizing and taking part in prefects days and other projects are also part of the responsibilities of being a prefect. We were given insights into leadership that helped us to realize the tasks that lie ahead of us at a



#### PRIMARY PREFECTS

**Left to Right :** Primeshika Fernando, Shaade Cuttilan, Abhirramy Paramarajah, Shezina Zarook, Sanora Rodrigo, Inoma de Silva, Malshinie Perera, Ruqaiyah Ariff Nilanthi Gooneratne (Primary Sectional Head) Sr. Principal

leadership programme organized by the Subodhi Institute of Integral Education. Almost a 100 years on, the prefects body of the school today consists of 40 Prefects which include the head prefect, the deputy head prefect, the games captain, the deputy games captain, 16 house prefects, 12 senior prefects and 8 junior prefects. As the number of students increased over the years so did the number of prefects. Appointed at the begining of each year, the prefects take up their duties after a simple ceremony at which they give a solemn promise, which is taken on their behalf by the head prefect.

There's a lot to gain by becoming a prefect. It opens our eyes towards many aspects of life. It gives us a sense of responsibility, loyalty, discipline and duty. It also helps us to take firm decisions and act accordingly, to set an example to others, to work together as one team and above all to preserve the good name of the school. It also shows us that education is not just confined to classrooms and books but that there are many opportunities lying beyond.

It is indeed an honour and a privilege to become a prefect. But it is also a challenge. A challenge waiting to be met by bringing out the best in us, and I hope that we've met this challenge and given it our best. I conclude by wishing the future leaders of our school the best of luck and hope that they too like their predecessors will continue to carry on their duties according to the oath we take with pride, as we were worthy to be chosen to lead with humility, for we realize only too well our own faults and failings.

"We promise to carry out the duties entrusted to us to the best of our abilities for the greater glory of God and the honour of our school".

**GIMARA GOONAWARDENA**

# LEADERS THROUGH THE YEARS

## HEAD PREFECTS

	Tania de Jong, Gloria Perera
	Romaine Jansan
1968	- Mausooma Kamaldeen
1969	- Rukshana Hashim
1970	- Rukshana Hashim
1971	- Dilrukshi Fernando
1972	- Rohana Renganathan
1973	- Lindoll Williams
1974	- Vanessa Chapman
1975	- Sheren de Alwis - Jennifer Henricus
1976	- Angela Paulpillai
1977	- Nirmala Gomez
1978	- Nirmala Gomez
1979	- Dushyanthi Thurairatnam
1980	- Rossitha Dissanayake
1981	- Jessica Gunawardena
1982	- Jessica Gunawardena
1983	- Nicolette Alphonso
1984	- Marguerite Hopman
1985	- Karen Parsons
1986	- Avis Muller
1987	- Sabrina Christoffelsz
1988	- Geraldine Parsons
1989	- Thushari Nathaniel
1990	- Tamara Avery
1991	- Jacqueline Thangarajah
1992	- Dilani Dhammapala
1993	- Deborah Ferdinands
1994	- Judith Fernando
1995	- Natasha Goonawardene
1996	- Anne Nicholas
1997	- Therese Khan
1998	- Michelle Alles
1999	- Eunice Benjamin
2000	- Louzanne Perera

## GAMES CAPTAINS

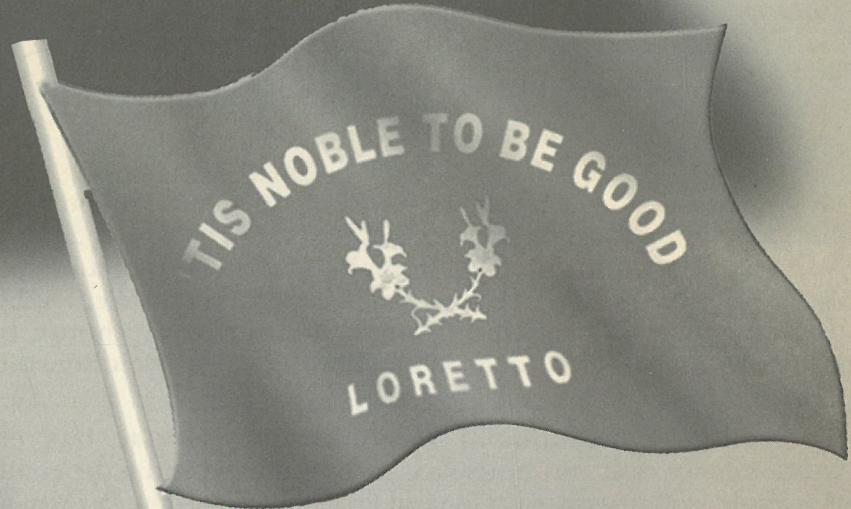
Sandra Bastiansz
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Chandani Perera
Chandani Perera
Sharron Neydorff
Sharron Neydorff
Chrisanthie Perera
Rosie Hubert
Shazlin Saheed
Ranmali Fernando
Ranmali Fernando
Anushka Amunugama
Jaqueline Fernando
Sunethra Amarasinghe
Sunethra Amarasinghe
Tania Joseph
Sharon Peitersz
Gayani Sudusinghe
Samanthi Liyanage
Mohana Weerakoon
Mizly Mackie
Chandrika de Silva
Inaaz Jawfer
Rochelle de Livera
Michelle de Livera
Lakmali Perera
Shehara Grero
Ayesha Thajudeen
Zeenath Hidaya
Rozanne Kelaart
Sabrina de Livera
Ann Gunasekera
Dilshani Candappa

These names were obtained from the records available. We are very aware that the list may not be a complete one. Our apologies if any names have been inadvertently omitted.

# LORETTO HOUSE

## House Mistress

Mrs. Nilani Suraweera  
Asst. House Mistresses -  
Rev. Sr. Nilanthi  
Miss. Rani Joseph  
Miss. Lasanthi Fernando  
Mrs. Latha Ranathunga  
Mrs. Erin Dias  
Mrs. P. Kularathnam  
Mrs. Nilanthi Goonerathne  
Miss. Samara Perera  
Miss. Devmini Fernando  
Mrs. Sriyani Fernando  
Miss. Nimali Fernando



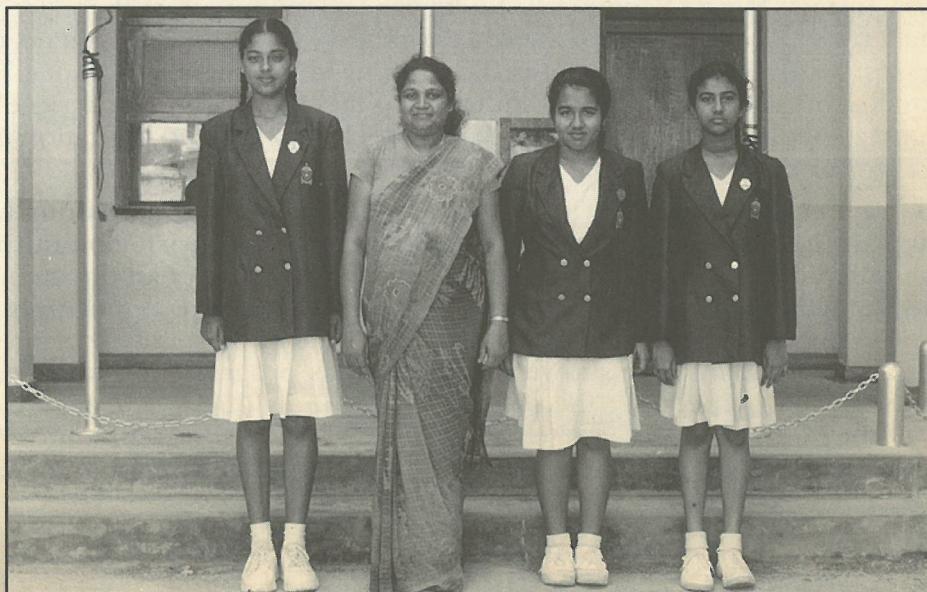
**House Captain** - Jacqueline David

**Deputy House Captain** - Patricia Arander

**Games Captain** - Shalini Samarasinghe

**Deputy Games Captain** - Ruzna Azmeer.

Thanks to the untiring efforts and moral support from the House Mistress, Teachers, House Captains, Senior Prefects and members in the past as well as at present, I am glad to say that our house has managed to keep up the standards both in the sports and academic fields, achieved by team spirit of the members, which the teachers of our house always encouraged us to cling on to. The colour of our house is dark green, although it used to be light blue in the past. It can be said that Loretto House with green as the colour, has sailed quite smoothly throughout the years, gaining experience as well as achieving victory in all endeavours undertaken.



L to R :- Shalim Samarasinghe, Mrs. Nilani Suraweera,  
Jacqueline David, Ruzna Azmeer Absent :- Patricia Arander

Even though the four houses were founded in 1954, our first inter-house sportsmeet at St. Peter's College grounds was held in 1968 and it also became a success story, as we achieved obtaining the second place, while also bagging the trophies for the march past as well as the senior, junior and intermediate championships. Thereafter in 1969 we became the overall champions and later was pushed to second place in 1970. We became the overall champions in the years '72, '75, '81, '82, '96, '97. We have been striving hard to secure a place at the top, always securing either first or second place. We have also succeeded in winning coveted trophies at the sports meets such as the Trophy for the march past as well as the Challenge cups for the championships of different categories. Loretto also won the first place many times at the inter-house netball matches held annually. Thanks to the co-operation and unyielding spirit and team work of the girls, at this years sportsmeet too, we were able to secure second place, while bagging the trophies for Gymnastics as well as the under 15, under 19, under 21 championships and Inter house winners of all group relays. Romany Jansen Jayaranjani Selvaraj, Dhammadika Athureliya, Indu Kodikara, Medha Abeysinghe, Deepa Dissanayake, Meththani Herath are some of the out standing athletes who brought honour to the house by excelling in athletics and establishing school records while proving the unyielding spirit within the Athletes of our house.

Speaking of the special merit Loretto House has earned as a result of the academic success, our house has achieved in winning the challenge cups at the prize giving for English, Mathematics, General Proficiency and the Do You Know competition on Science most of the time throughout the years as well as the Challenge cup for General Knowledge continuously.

We won the inter-house challenge cup for English this year and the challenge cup for the Centenary Quiz - which is also an event that was organized especially for the Centenary Celebrations. I am very glad to say that the girls eagerly learnt about our school's history and her journey throughout the century and once again proved that our team spirit and commitment to the house, keep us going.

It is a fact that what we are today is because of the unstinted support, guidance and dedication of the house mistresses in the past as well as at present. Speaking of these dedicated house mistresses Mrs. G. Dabarera was the first house mistress. Thereafter came Miss. R. Joseph who served as the house mistress for about 20 years assisted by Mrs. L. Ranathunga. Miss. Joseph still continues to be the live wire of our house, for she has been right behind us through all the times and her great service rendered to the house was not limited to the period that she served as the house mistress but continues up to date. After Miss. Joseph, Mrs. L. Ranathunga took over as house mistress thereafter followed by Miss. Bernadette de Silva, and Miss. Lasanthi Fernando who were all energetic, dedicated house mistresses. Mrs. Nilani Suraweera is the present house mistress. A special word of thanks goes out to them for we are greatly indebted to them for their great service rendered to the house and also for their advice and guidance which they have no hesitation in offering to us, and also continues up to date.

So I conclude saying that while striving hard to maintain the standards our house has pulled through quite successfully, due to the unstinted support, commitment and co-operation of the house mistresses, teachers, captains and most of all the members who have all helped in making our endeavours successful. I also take this opportunity to thank the parents of the past and present members of Loretto House for their generosity, commitment and genuine interest shown in their child's progress in the sports and the academic fields, which helped our members to excel individually and also the overall performance of the house. I hope that the girls will keep up the good work, most of all, the team spirit which has kept us going, while living up to our motto "It's noble to be good" in school as well as in society.

*Jacqueline David*

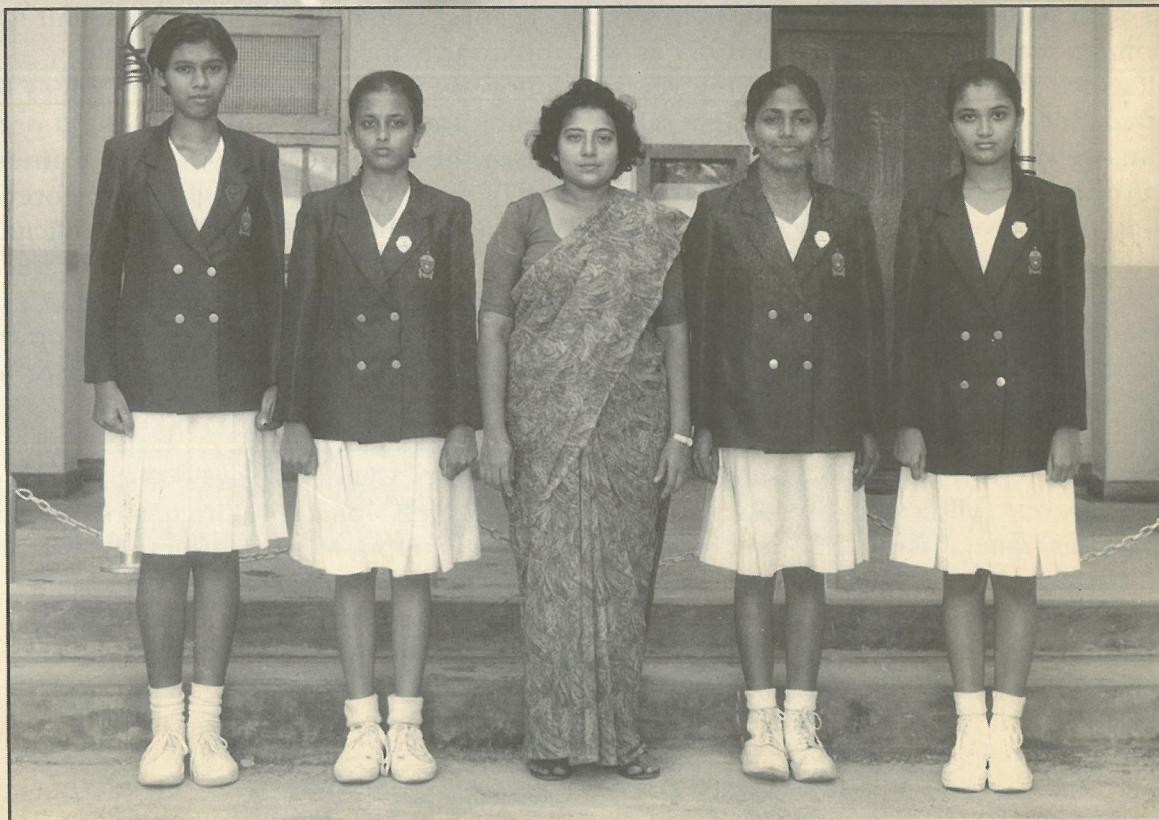
House Captain

# LOURDES HOUSE



House Mistress - Ms. Dilrukshi Perera  
Asst. House Mistresses - Ms. Christa Perera  
Ms. Gayathri Fernando  
Mrs. Dilini Wickramasinghe  
Ms. Iresha Fernando,  
Mrs. Padmini De Silva.  
House Captain - Nilanthi Ekanayake  
Deputy House Captain - Tirsha Misso  
Games Captain - Tania M. Kelaart  
Deputy Games Captain  
Kanisha Handapangoda

Lourdes House together with the other three houses were established in the year 1954. Since then the girls with team spirit and the motto in mind, have pulled through with great effort and determination. With the guidance of our teachers we have achieved much in the athletics and academic fields.



L to R :- Kaneesha Handapangoda, Tania Kelaart,  
Miss. Dilrukshi Perera, Nilanthi Ekanayake, Tirsha Misso

Although annual sports meets were held in the school grounds since the four houses were founded, the inaugural inter-house sportsmeet was held in the year 1968 at St. Peter's College grounds. The girls with the spirit of dignity and grace, gloriously led the marching squad. We succeeded in winning the Intermediate Championship and the shield for Senior Champions. In 1970 we clinched the second place in the march past. Although our house had no spectacular achievement we never gave up and strove courageously. 1971 was an impressive year in the field of athletics as our house produced a record breaking champion, Razeena Rashid. We had a successful end to the day as we won the trophy for the best marching squad. In the years to follow laurels were not for us, but we gained much experience in co-operation and teamwork. To win is our goal to attempt is our ideal. With that in mind we succeeded in securing the overall championship in the years 1984, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1992 and 1993. Throughout the years we have produced many outstanding athletes who kept the spectators spell bound as they brought pride and joy to the house and even to the school. Razeena Rashid, Jinesha Amarasinghe, Taniya Jayawardene, Michelle De Livera, Chandrika De Silva and Malindra Silva are the names of those whose desires were Citius, Altius, Fortius or Faster, higher and stronger. Netball has also been a popular game for our girls from as early as 1960's. We have won many trophies in inter-house netball tournaments and have produced many outstanding performers for the school team. In the year 2000 sportsmeet we succeeded in winning the most coveted trophy, that is the trophy for the march past for the second successive year. Eleven year old Sherine Illapperuma was the star of the meet as she was awarded the shield for the under twelve champion. Unfortunately victory was far away for us. But, the determined efforts of the prefects together with the guidance of our teachers and the co-operation of the members made us glad reaching this milestone.

Our achievements in the academic field were quite spectacular through the years. Our first accomplishment was in the year 1965 as we won awards for conduct and application as well as for studies in general. In the years to follow we have been awarded trophies for Mathematics, English Language, General Proficiency and Science. At the year 2000 prize giving we succeeded in winning the second place in the science Do You Know? Contest. Healthy competition has always been the intention of our house. And the girls have forever bound themselves with loyalty to their house of unchanging blue. Here I thank and felicitate all our members past and present for their untiring efforts to achieve everything we've accomplished. And I present my profound gratitude to all the parents of the past and present members who are earnestly devoted and committed to discover and develop the true abilities in us. I also offer a special vote of thanks to the past House Mistresses for encouraging us to put forth strength, force and ability through thick and thin.

The ever cheerful, yet sacrificial and dedicated teacher Mrs. Charlotte Silva was the founder house mistress followed by Mrs. Bernadette Guneratne, Mrs. Monica Moldrich, Mrs. Rangani Wickramasinghe, Miss. R. Subramaniam, Mrs. Asoka Kuruppu, Mrs. Chandima Perera and Mrs. Heather Perera. The time and energy that they sacrificed will always be remembered in a special way. Although a slight haze of bad luck has prevented us from achieving our goal for the last few years, it is obvious that our ambitious and talented girls will never give up and will continue striving like their predecessors did till they emerge victorious one day. That spirit and the guidance of Our Lady of Lourdes will always keep us true to our house.

***Nilanthi Ekanayake***  
**House Captain**

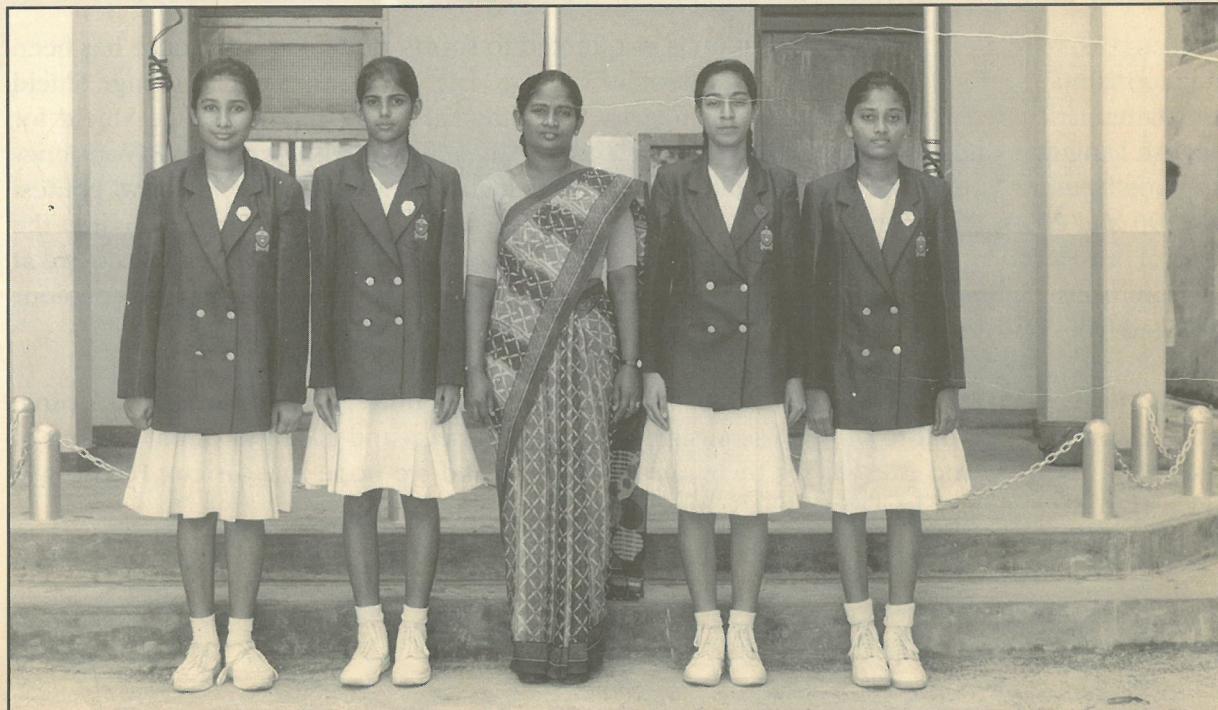
# LISIEUX HOUSE



**House Mistress** -  
Mrs. Jacintha Wickramasinghe  
**Asst. House Mistresses** -  
Mrs. A. de S. Wijeyeratne  
Mrs. Rose Mudalige  
Mrs. Marie Dias  
Mrs. Udeshika Kumarasinghe  
Miss. Shyama Fernando  
Miss. Chamindre Hewawasam

Rev. Sr. Priyangika. House Captain - Shehara Perera  
Deputy House Captain - Raneesha Jayaweera  
Games Captain - Michelle Jarkie  
Deputy Games Captain - Jayashani Ankumburegedera

During the period under review fortune has come our way and crowned most of our endeavours with a measure of success. This was due mainly to the determination of every individual student of the house, the painstaking services of the house prefects and the unstinted efforts of the dedicated House Misstressses.



L to R :- Raneesha Jayasekera, Michelle Jarkie,  
Mrs. Jacintha Wickramasinghe, Shehara Perera, Jayashani Ankumburegedera

Success first came our way at the very first Inter house sportsmeet held at St. Peter's College grounds in 1968, at which time we were under the guidance of Mrs. A. de S. Wijeyaratne. We became the overall champions and this was followed in the years 1970, 1971, 1978 and so on. Since then even though we cannot boast of winning the overall championship, we have been able to carry away many other awards and shields such as the Interhouse Netball championship for 5 years (which we still continue to win at the Interhouse Netball matches held every September), the shield for Interhouse Marching also for 5 years, the Interhouse Relay championship for 4 years, the All round Juvenile championship for 4 years, the All round Junior championship for 2 years and the All round Senior championship also for 2 years. This outstanding performance led us to winning the Challenge Shield for Interhouse Sports at the Annual Prize Giving of 1976.

The founder House Mistress was Mrs. Misso who was succeeded by Miss. Noelle Pandithakoralage, Mrs. Sujatha Arsecularatne, Mrs. Audrey de S. Wijeyaratne, Mrs. S Shanmugarajah, Mrs. Rose Mudalige, Mrs. Clotilda Fernando, Mrs. Charmaine Akmeemana, Miss. Anne Perera and finally Mrs. Jacintha Wickramasinghe in the years 1999 and 2000. It was during her time after a lot of hard work and determination that we were able to reach the highest place once again. In 1999 we became the Overall Champions of the Interhouse Sportsmeet and this was followed in the year 2000 as well.

Amongst many outstanding performers Sandra Bastiansz, Sharmini Felix, Enoka Ramanayake, Sharmila Fernando, Sharon De Silva, Sandra Jayasekera, Shuan Barbutt, Fazeena Akram, Gaya Wickramasinghe, Sharon Neydorff, Sabrina De Livera and Anne Gunasekara have established records in the history of Lisieux House. Sandra Bastiansz who has won fame as an outstanding Games Captain and Athlete, still holds unbroken records in hurdles and long jump. Sabrina de Livera and Anne Gunasekara participated in the circuit, Zonal and Provincial meets this year and won places in all events they entered. Anne Gunasekara is also a member of the Colombo District Netball Team and the Junior National Netball Development pool as well as the Colombo District Basketball Team and the Sri Lanka Schools Basketball Team. Melanie Mack is also another member of the Junior National Netball Development Team. They have the honour of being the first Athletes due to receive student colours this year.

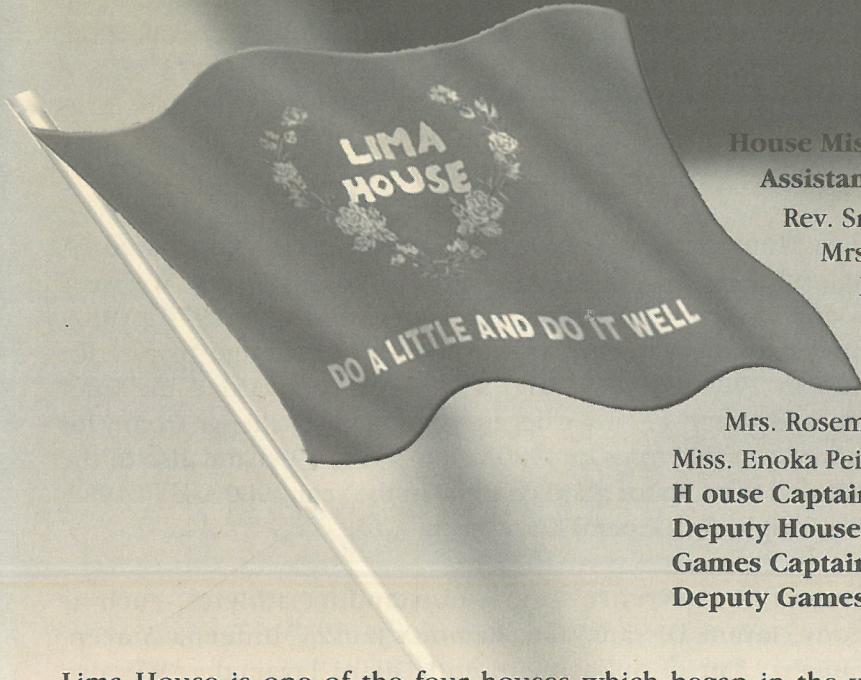
The success, hard work and determination is not limited to sports alone. Lisieux House has been able to maintain a good record in studies as well. We started off by winning the Challenge Shield for Mathematics in 1975 and thereon for 6 years including this year. The Challenge Shield for English Language came to us for almost 10 years and the Challenge Shield for General Proficiency was won by us for 7 years. We also won the Challenge Shield for the Science "Do you know" contest in 1996 and 2000. The talent that our students possess was also shown when we celebrated the feast of our Patron, St. Therese of Lisieux on the 3rd of October 1969, when we were placed 3rd at the Interhouse Singing Competition held this year. It was during this time that our House colour changed from pink to orange.

**"STRIVE FOR THE HIGHEST"** is our motto and that is definitely what we intend doing. A big Thankyou goes out to our House Mistresses, House Prefects and each individual student of Lisieux House past and present for their unstinted effort and we hope that Lisieux House will always be at the highest levels in whatever they strive to attain.

*May our patron Saint Therese of Lisieux be with us in all our endeavours.*

**SHEHARA PERERA**  
House Captain.

# LIMA HOUSE



House Mistress - Mrs. Manel Boteju

Assistant House Mistresses -

Rev. Sr. Madeline

Mrs. Marietta De Silva

Mrs. S. Amarajeewa

Mrs. Lena Rajakarunaratne

Mrs. Sajeewani Silva

Mrs. Philomina Mudalige

Mrs. Rosemary Senarath

Miss. Enoka Peiris

House Captain - Tarika Perera

Deputy House Captain - Piume Manikkuwadura

Games Captain - Jayani Dissanayake

Deputy Games Captain - Dilini Perera

Lima House is one of the four houses which began in the year 1954. The first Sports Meet was held in 1968. Although the students of Lima House did not do well they lived up to their motto "Do a little and do it well" as best as they could.

In the year 1968 the Sports Meet was made an annual feature, this year however was quite propitious as we won the Senior relay trophy. In the year 1970 Lima had the foremost



L to R :- Piume Manikkuwadura, Tharika Perera, Manel Bothaju,  
Jayani Dissanayaka, Dilini Perera

jumpers and junior runners. We also managed to collect the most amount of money on the Flag Day competition, and also became the throw ball champions. Lima House was unanimously declared winners in the Singing Competition held that same year. In 1965 we achieved the runner up award for the inter house netball shooting and also I am proud to say that we were awarded two trophies for good conduct and punctuality. Once again in the years 1971, 1972, and 1973 we were awarded the trophy for the Flag Day collection. In 1973 and in 1999 we came first in the inter house marching squad. In 1973 and in 1974 we were awarded the inter house challenge trophy for Netball shooting. Limarites became over all champions in 1983, 1987, 1989, 1995 and 1998. In 1997 Lima House was awarded first place in the Drill display.

Not only did the students of Lima House prove their worth in Sports but also in studies. This I disclose to you by showing what we have achieved during the past years. We were awarded the inter house challenge trophy for Maths in the years 1973, 1974, 1982, 1993, and 1996. We did not stop at that. We went on to take the challenge trophy for the Science Do You Know contest in 1991 and 1994 and also we were awarded the Inter House challenge trophy for English in 1993 and 1974. We began winning the challenge trophy for General Proficiency in 1975 and it was awarded to us in 1980, 1988, 1994, 1996 and also in the year 2000. Once again we were awarded the Cup for good conduct in the year 1980 and in 1982. We were also awarded the challenge trophy for General Knowledge.

Lima House has produced some of St. Lawrence's most outstanding athletes, such as Christina Nugara, Rasangi Anthony, Jayani Dissanayake, Ramona Jansz, Muffeena Ameen, Vasana Fernando, Dulangi Jayamaha, Turini Subasinghe and Dilani Jayamaha. We also have had many active House Teachers in the past, some of them are Mrs. Rani Karalsingham, Mrs. L. Ratnasingham and Mrs. J. Maheshwaram. They are not with us anymore as they have moved on to greener pastures and are very happy in Canada.

**“Do a little and do it well”** is our motto and we certainly have been doing just that. I would like to take this opportunity firstly to thank our dear teachers who have been the makers of Lima House for the past four decades. Secondly I would like to thank the house prefects for all the hard work and last but not least I would like to thank my fellow Limarites for never giving up hope of victory.

***Tarika Perera***  
**House Captain.**



# Past Pupils' Association

The Past Pupils' Association was founded on the 2nd of March 1985. Prior to this, we are given to understand that there were many attempts to form a PPA, but without success. However, thanks to a group of the senior teachers (Mrs. Audrey Wijeratne, in particular) who spread the word around requesting as many Past Pupils to meet in the School Hall on the 2nd of March, we have bounded together for the past 15 years.



The inaugural meeting was attended by a very small group of approximately 50 Past Pupils, where they appointed a Committee to set about drawing up a Constitution and getting some activity going. Since then, the Membership has grown to 264 at present with 30 Life Members Standing firm by the PPA motto "Let Love and Loyalty Bind Us".

## The Activities of the PPA has included:

- (1) Annual Picnic and Year - end Christmas parties (for the families) with a view to "foster social relationships and build a bond of unity amongst the Past Pupils."
- (2) Joint celebrations of our Patron's feast with the present pupils. This has indeed helped to bond with the present pupils/ teachers - especially the Annual Netball Match for the Noelle Jayamaha Trophy.
- (3) Fund raising events to support the advancement and welfare of the School. We have Organized 2 Raffles, a Coffee Evening, two "One Day Fairs" and the first Dinner Dance last year. The Funds collected have been utilized to purchase 2 computers for the School, books for the library and equipment for the new Building.

In 1999, we felicitated the teachers who had completed 25 years of service to the School, with the presentation of Plaques in appreciation of the dedicated service.

It must be mentioned that in comparison to the number of students who have been in St. Lawrence's School over the century, the number of members in the PPA is only a minute percentage. It is hoped that many more will make an effort to join in and renew old friendships and make several new ones and bond with their Alma Mater.

May the PPA grow in strength and unity for a great many more years to come!

*Mrs Nirmala Rayen, first President of the Past Pupils' Association*

# LAURENTIAN FELLOWSHIP OVERSEAS

The Past Pupils of St Lawrence's School in Australia, celebrated the Centenary Year with a Dinner Dance held on the 19th August, in Melbourne. Given below is an extract from the Dance Souvenir that was published for the occasion.

## The Laurentian Fellowship in Australia

In July 1986, a small but noisy and enthusiastic group of 'old girls' gathered in Carnegie to meet and reminisce about the 'good old days'. Thanks to our dear friend Sr Tania de Jong for initiating this happy get-together the Laurentian Fellowship in Australia was born.



PPA - Branch of Australia

Fourteen years on we have grown in strength and unity. Our meetings - where Laurentians of all ages and from all walks of life can meet, relax, have a few laughs and plan our fund raising events - are always warm and homely. However do bring along your sense of humour, because I have to admit on occasion the jokes and anecdotes could be a trifle risque. In the old days the racalcitrant would have been admonished with a good old fashioned 'thundering slap' a long detention or more than a few penitent Hail Mary's in the chapel after school.

Here in Australia we have seen each other through the good times and the bad; rejoiced in each other's happiness and success and been supportive and caring in times of sadness and hardship. It is truly wonderful and inspiring to realise that after so many years a bond of true friendship to each other and loyalty to our Alma Mater has been forged and will hopefully continue for generations to follow.

Let us keep up the good work we have been able to accomplish, and after heartfelt thanks to all our friends in Australia who have so generously supported us with donations and sponsorships. This has enabled us to keep the school scholarship fund afloat and help support the Good Shepherd orphanage in Nuwara Eliya. Mother Finbarr, our first principal from the Good Shepherd Order who has sadly passed away and holds a very special place in all our hearts, initiated this institution. Mother Madeleine - also very dear to many of us 'older' old girls is now carrying on her good work.

Last but not we are gathered here to have a great time and dance the night away in true Laurentian style, while we welcome new friends, renew old ties and continue to keep the red and gold flag proudly flying in our new homeland.

Thank you all for your presence and support and have a wonderful evening.

*Terri (Pereira) Paulusz*

## REPORT OF THE PARENT - TEACHER ASSOCIATION



### Committee Members - P.T.A. 2000 - 2001

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As the Secretary of the Parent - Teacher Association, it gives me great pleasure on this occasion to give this message, as to how the P.T.A. has been participating in the school activities.

The Inaugural General Meeting of St. Lawrence's School, Parent - Teacher Association was held on the 26th of January 1971 and office bearers were elected to form a committee. The first committee meeting was held on the 2nd of April 1971. From this year onwards the P.T.A. of St. Lawrence's School has been moving forward.

Though the school completed 75 years in 1975, the school did not celebrate it because the Good Shepherd Nuns took over the school in 1951. So the school celebrated its Silver Jubilee on the 10th of July 1976.

In 1980 a building project for new class-rooms was started and successfully completed it in 1982 January, By 1986 the school had the status of a fully fledged senior secondary school with the right to hold A/L classes in Commerce and Arts. A/L classes commenced in 1986.

The Past Pupils Association was firmly established in 1986. A fund raising project was inaugurated for the expenses of the pavilion for sports activities and some class-rooms in the upper storey. In 1994 a fair was organized by the P.P.A. to collect funds for a Computer Section. The computer section was declared open on the 26th January 1996, where our children now have the privilege of learning computer studies while in school. It was at this stage that our present Rev. Sr. Principal Sr. Gertrude decided to put up a few more class-rooms. The total expenditure for the building was 33 lakhs.

The P.P.A. organized their first dinner dance in aid of the building fund. The Lawrentian Walk was organized in 1999 to commence Centenary Celebrations and it was a success. A drama was staged by the students and many more fund raising projects were organized to make this a success. We had the ceremonial opening of the new class-rooms in March 2000, and now we have come to the much awaited Centenary Celebrations.

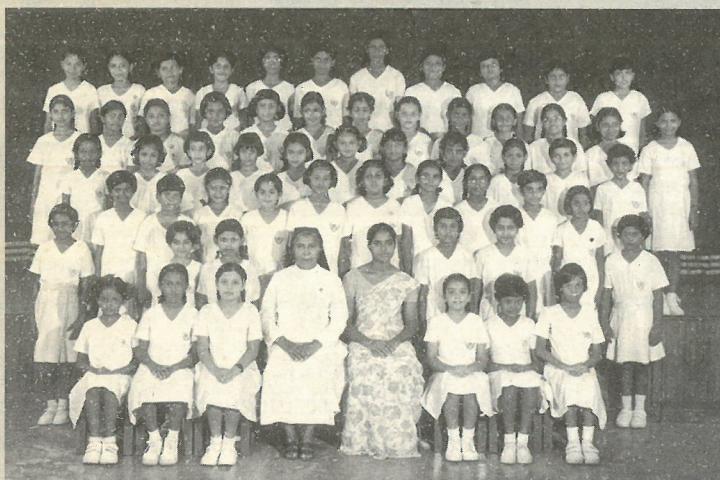
This message is not complete without our special thanks to all our Past and Present Rev. Sr. Principals under whose wise guidance and steward-ship this school has progressed into a much respected educational institution. Not forgetting our past and present tutorial staff, all the committee members who have served in the committees for the past so many years and our parents whose fullest support is with us at all times.

Finally I conclude my message stating that the aim of our Association is to work for the betterment of the school and where there is understanding, co-operation and loyalty, then we could make the school a leading educational institute.

I wish the school all success and may it grow under the Good Lord's Guidance.

*E. David*

## The Holy Childhood Society



The Holy Childhood Society of St. Lawrence's School was inaugurated in the year 1994, under the guidance of the Principal Rev. Sister Mary Francine. All the students of Grades 3, 4 and 5 were the members of this society. At the beginning there were about 250 members and about 17 animators including a few teachers who were trained to conduct the meetings. At the start Rev. Sister Mary Theresa was in charge of this society.

The Director of the Holy Childhood Society, Rev. Fr. Tony Martin takes a keen interest in this society and helps us whenever he is asked and celebrates Mass with the members and the other students.

The present children too take a lot of interest in the activities of the society. Presently Rev. Sister Madeleine and Miss Nilani Mallawarachchi conduct the meetings every fortnight in the mornings, and these help the children to inculcate spiritual and human values and help them to be little apostles of Christ spreading the values of the Kingdom to those around them.

A member of the  
**Holy Childhood Society**

# THE ROSE VIRGINIE CLUB

In our school the Rose Virginie club was started in the year 1996. At the beginning we had a membership of thirty students. These members meet regularly on every first Wednesday of the month. The meeting commences with the meditation on a relevant Gospel passage for the theme of the day. This is followed by a reading on the life of Rose Virginie and then the members share their experiences.

In the early years it grew under the direction of Mrs. Sherani Amarajeeva. In the year 1997 there were fifty six members and gradually the members increased. In 1998 there were 100 members and now we are nearly 125 members.

As the members increased in 1998 the club divided into two groups Seniors and Juniors. The Senior section is directed by Rev. Sisters Shermila and Namalie and presently Sister Namalie and Sr. Priyangika are working on it. Mrs Sherani Amarajeeva is directing the Junior Section.

## **Our Motto -**

Like our Patron Rose Virginie we try to learn and imitate her many virtues, specially helping the poor, the marginalized, the neglected and the disabled and praying for the church and the conversion of sinners.



## **To make this a reality-**

We pray together for people who are in need of our prayers on the two important days of Rose Virginie's life that is her birthday and her feastday. Holy Mass is celebrated together with the other students in the school.

In order to widen our knowledge of Rose Virginie and her life a quiz programme was organized.

We visited Mother Theresa's Orphanage in Moratuwa and distributed some gifts to them.

We also visited a home for mentally retarded children at Prithipura where our members showed their love, care and concern to the inmates and also offered gifts to them.

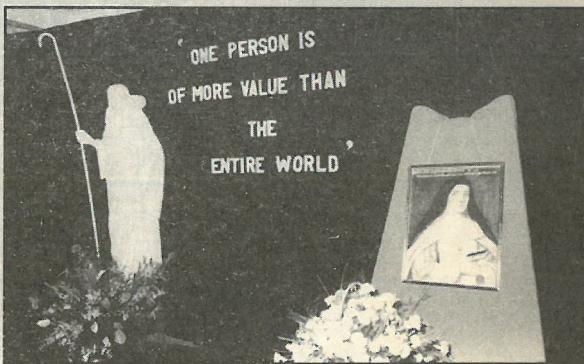
We visited a Home for the Elders at Nayakakanda and Wellawatte.

We had a tea party with the children who are in the Wellawatte orphanage and had a great time with them.

Every year we participate in the Annual gathering of the Rose Virginie club members at Tewatta.

During the lent season we participated in the way of the cross with the members of the other clubs at Mabima.

As we are striving to achieve the qualities of Rose Virginie we the members of the club hope and pray that our aim will be actualized in our lives so that we may grow in grace and help others along their way.



**The Rose Virginie Club Celebrates the Feast of St. Euphrasia**

# Legion of Mary



Left to Right Seated : Roshini Dabare (Vice President), Christine Senaratne (President), Eshaidhi, Ratnayake (Secretary), Dulani Mihidukulasiriya  
Standing : Nadinka Perera, Melanie Benette, Hishani Arasaratnam, Rashmi De Silva, Poorna Perera, Taryna Dharmarathe, Janice Benjamin.  
Absent : Yoshini De Cruze, Shalini Halpe

The Legion of Mary is an Association where the Legionaries are the soldiers of Mary who fight the battle of evil.

Meetings are held every Monday at 2.30 p.m. in the Legion of Mary room. The rosary is recited and the meeting commences. Each member receives a work assignment and does it under the guidance of Mother Mary. Subjects are discussed by every member during the allocutio.

The Curia is formed by the different praesidiums of schools and parishes in Colombo. The Curia organizes functions and outings and also requests the office bearers of each praesidium to attend the monthly Curia meetings.

The Legionaries participate in the Acies function, visit homes and orphanages. Maw Sevana in Mattakkuliya, is the orphanage which all praesidiums in Colombo give donations to.

The current office bearers of our praesidium are as follows -

<b>President</b>	-	Christine Senaratne
<b>Vice President</b>	-	Roshini Dabare
<b>Spiritual Directress</b>	-	Nilanthi Arasaratnam
<b>Secretary</b>	-	Eshanthy Ratnayake
<b>Treasurer</b>	-	Shalini Halpe.

## Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The inaugural meeting of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul was held in the year 1986, when the principal Sr. Nivard wanted all the pupils in the higher classes to belong to some religious society, and be actively engaged in showing love and concern for all those around them.

Revd. Fr. Leslie Fernando who was the National Director of the S.V.P. celebrated Holy Mass and spoke to the participants who wished to belong to the society. There was a fair number of students who were keen and committed and the work of the S.V.P. commenced at St. Lawrence's.



Meetings were held once in two weeks. A passage from the gospels was read and discussed and a message drawn from the days reading to be related to our daily lives. Our objective was to help the poor and needy and also those who might be in want of a sympathetic hand or someone to give them just a hearing. Members were asked to keep an alert eye and see who required their assistance in any way.

In a more material way we offered our help in many ways. Over the years students would bring extra sandwiches and pack a few bags of food which were then kept in the office and those who needed lunches would come to the office and unobtrusively collect a packet of food each. In the early days before uniform materials were given by the state, students were provided with uniforms in good condition which were collected from those who left school or had out-grown them and these were given to any needy students, again through the school office. Free help was given after school to students who needed assistance in their studies, by the senior S.V.P. members.

The feast of St. Vincent de Paul was celebrated with holy mass and an offertory procession, and dry rations were given to the needy. Once a year a raffle was organized and the money collected was used to purchase gifts for a children's home or a home for the aged and the members visited the home and spent some time with the inmates making them happy with their affection and gifts.

The Lama Gramaya in Hanwella, the homes for the aged in Darley Road, and Wellawatte, the Marcsri Grace Nivasaya, Nayakakanda homes, Negombo, are some of the other places we have visited. Some more than once over the years. The students benefitted immensely from these visits both in the joy of giving and sharing as well as realising their own blessings in having good homes of their own.

Unfortunately today the situation is different. Many children travel by van and do not want to stay after school and miss their usual transport. Others don't want to miss their tuition classes. As a result members are very few. However those who have joined somehow wish to continue with their membership.

Office bearers are appointed from among the senior members annually. The teachers in charge over the years were Miss. Charmaine Akmeemana, Miss. Deepthi Perera, Miss. Jacintha Wickremasinghe, Miss. Anne Perera, Miss. Amabel Croning and Mrs. A. de S. Wijeyeratne.

May our patron St. Vincent de Paul guide and inspire us to carry out further, the work of our society.

**CARLYN DE NIESE**  
Secretary.

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අඳ සාගරයේ විතකම් විභාග කර ගැනීම සඳහා අයිති දිඹු විකිනිඩ, කාර් යේලීම, කොඩි විකිනිඩ, සහ පානිර විකිනිඩ විෂය මෙන් අපට තරමක විතකම් ප්‍රමාණයක් සපයා ගත ඇති විය. වසර 7ක් තුළ මෙන්න පාසල වල විභාග තරඟා රිස්කිනාග ඩිජ් දිජ්වලට සභාගා මෙන්න ආ මේ මෙන්නයේදී අපට ගෙරුණය හා ගක්කිය බාව දුන් අරද කාලීන යෝජා කොළඹයුරුහිටු, කොළඹ දිස්ත්‍රික්කය හාර පිළුගාලුව ද ස්ථානි කරමු. එමෙන්ම අප පාසලට සියලුම සහිත විභාග මේ වසර සහාය හා ලෙකම් තත්ත්වය් නිම් වි ඇත්තා සෙවා සෙවා මෙන්න පෙරට්‍ර හා ප්‍රකාදීන් සපරුම්ද සහ කොළඹයුරුයෙන් දෙදුනාටයි.

මෙම වන තෙකු ඉතා ප්‍රිය දත්තයෙකු යෙදුම්හි අප පාඨ එකාලෝක කළ අප සාමාජික දිරුප් කාලයෙක වැඩෙලු! දන්න අප කාලයෙහි පැමුණුදී.

# THE ENGLISH LITERARY ASSOCIATION



**The English Literary Association.**

1st Row (Seated) L to R- Shameema Azeez (President), Anitra De Silva (Secretary), Rev. Sr. (Nilanthi Teacher Incharge), Rev. Sr. Mary Gertrude (Principal), Miss. Chamindre Hewawasam (Teacher Incharge), Jayahirumi Jayawardena (Treasurer)  
2nd Row (Standing) L to R: Christeen De Silva (Vice President), Nihala Amir (Asst. Secretary), Chauntelle Serpanchy (Asst. Treasurer)

During the early years of our school the field of English elocution and drama was under the guidance of Mrs. Yolande Abeyweera and her staff. Public performances were held annually in our school hall, under the direction of Mrs. Abeyweera. The Annual English days introduced by Mrs. Monica Moldrich were organised by the English Literary Association. The early pioneers were Mrs. Monica Moldrich, Mrs. Bernie Gunaratne, Mrs. Ranganie Wickramasinghe, Mrs. Rita Rodrigo, Mrs. Charlotte Silva, Miss. R. Joseph, Mrs. C. Fernando, Mrs. Sharon Barbutt and Mrs. Audrey de S. Wijeyeratne, who set the English Association on its course. The school choir which was trained by the school music teacher also participated in many of these activities. We also remember with gratitude Kalasuri Lyle Godridge who trained us in singing for many years and prepared us for our musical items.

Some of the chief guests invited for these English day activities were well recognised people in the English field, such as representatives and directors of the British Council, professors Rajiva Wijesinghe, Arjuna Parakrama and Reggie Siriwardena, Mrs. Daphne Lord, Mrs. Dianne Inman, Mrs. Nirmalie Hettiarachchi, Mrs. Kamala Wijeratne, and Mrs. Hemamala Bibile.

These distinguished guests who came to grace the occasions appreciated the items presented by the students and admired their skills and talents. In addition to the English day, the English Literary Association also conducted a programme for Christmas with a Christmas service and carols for many years successively.

The English day is an event looked forward to eagerly by the students. The purpose of the English day is for students to get over their stage fear, grow in confidence and to develop their English skills, outside the classroom atmosphere. Organizing a day such as this helps the students to work together as a team and interact with other invited schools as well. We have won a fair measure of recognition as a school with a high standard of English and the activities of the English Literary Association, we are happy to say, go a long way in fostering this idea.

The community singing and the traditional dancing allowed on this day make it a thoroughly enjoyable

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President Anitra de Silva - Secretary

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සංගමයේ වුලාරුණික සහායිතිය වූයේ ගැටිවා ප්‍රත්‍යාදු හිඟනාවයි. උග්‍රකම් තනතුර දුරුලි අනුල බිජාම හිඟනාවයි. අප පාසලට සියලුයකු සිරිරෙන මේ වකසර එම වාසනාව හිමි වී ඇත්තේ සිලුවලෙන මුද්‍රිතිකාර්යන් ට දිලුත් වෙළුගමට ග.



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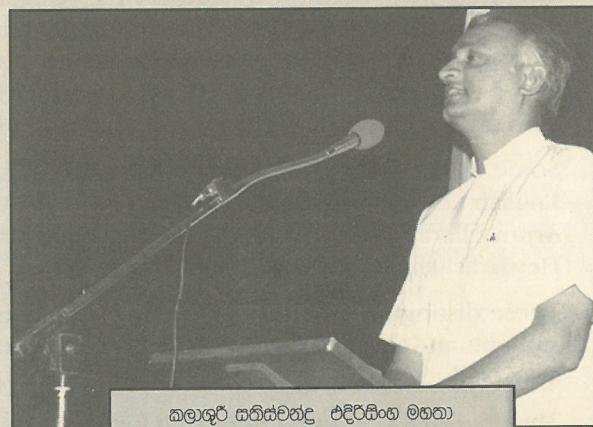
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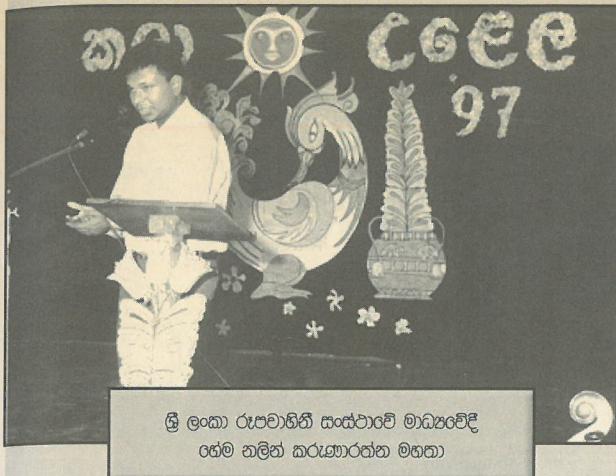
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මුළුන වත්කම් අතින් ඉදිරියට ගොඩ කිවු. වත්කම් තර කර ගැනීමේ රළු තියෙට වූය ශ්‍රී ලංකා ගුද හමුදාවේ සංස්කෘතික අංශය, අට සංගම වෙනුවෙන් ලබා දුන් දේශීය නැවුම් සංදර්ජනයයි. කිරිතාත් දෙශලුව මහතාගේ පුරුෂාම්වත්වයෙන් 1980 දී ගෙනත පිතර විද්‍යාලීය ගාලුවේ පැවත්වූ මේ සංදර්ජනය මින් අපට සැහැන මුදලම් පුරුෂාවයක ලැබේයි.

වසර 20 කට ආකන්ත කාලයක තුළ වාර්ෂිකව කළ උපදෙශක ප්‍රතිච්චිත වෙනත් කාරිත්ත කිවයුතු වෙතින් අපට ඉන්දියා ලෙස නැති සිරිමට ගෙරෙන ගෙවිත ලබා දුන උතුතරිතර පුරුෂගෙක ඩිජිප්ලොන් මතක කර දීම වේ. අප කාගම්පයේ කළ කිවයුතු වෙට අතරදීම්ත අද ප්‍රවා කළ උපදෙශක දී ගෙයෙන ආර්ථික ජය මගුල ගිතය රැවනා කොට පුරුද පුහුණු කර දුන්ත අගිරු මැසැලින් ජයග්‍රීකා පිශ්චතු ය. එතුම්න අද අප අතර නැති වුවත් එතුම්තයෙන් අපට ලැබුණ අමුල යෙවෙය ඉතා ගෞරුව හෙත්තියෙන් සිංහල කරමු. එතැන් පටන් අපට ස්විරිකාර අත්වැලක වුයේ ගරු බෙන්ඩික්ට් පේශීර පිස්තුමාය. අකුරු වෙළුන්තු. නාට්‍ය මිය පුරුද පුහුණු දිරිමේන් අපට උදුව් දුන එතුම් අද ප්‍රවා අඟ කාරිත්තමය කිවයුතු වෙ දී කොම් සාක්ෂක ලබා දැකි. එමෙන්ම අපගේ සාම කළ උපදෙශක දීම ඉදිරිපත කරනු ලැබු විත්තාකර්ෂකයි අය කිහිපයේම රැවනා කොට පුරුද පුහුණු කර දැමීන් අපට සායන වූ එම්.රි. කරුණාලික මොන්විය ද කෘත්‍යාපුවක ව සිංහල කරමු. ඔහු මිලුවාර්මි, විරුද්, පුහුණුව්, රැවනාබි මුළුක සහ විශේෂාංග ද. විකාර මහා දේව්.. සොලා දේව්. සහ නාට්‍ය එතුම් විසින්



## କଲାକୃତି ଓ କର୍ମଚାରୀ ମହାନ୍ ମହାନ୍



ශ්‍රී ලංකා රුපවාහිනී සංශෝධනේ මාධ්‍යවලිදී  
ගේ ම තිබුන කරුණුරුත්ත මගතා

අඟ කළ උපලට දායා කළ වට්තා තිළිය වේ. සාම්ප්‍රදාය සංගමයේ ආරම්භක දුගය දී සිසුව්‍යන්ට ගායනා ප්‍රත්‍යා සිරිල් ලා සහය වුයේ ලංකාවේ තම්බික කළයාවක් වූ ඔයිලය වෙළුම් සාහා මෙහෙයුම් මහතා ද. එතුමන්ගේ ප්‍රතිග්‍රීත්‍යානයෙහි 1984 ප්‍රථම වරට අප පාසලේන් වෙසක ගක්ති ගී රැඹුවා සිතිය දිස්ත්‍රික්‍රීත්‍ය ප්‍රවාරය විය. එතුම් ඇද අප අතරින් වියේ වී අනුත් ගායනා කෙතුදෙය දී අප දැරියෙන්ට ලබා දැන මග පෙන්වීම තුවම් වෙත තෙයා පෙන්වීම් විය.

1966 වසර පටන සියලුමක පිරෙන රේ මොයාත දැක්වා සිංහල කාර්මික සංගමය ගැනීම්වත පදනමක මත ගොඩනග පාසල් පහත වැඩුණ බවට පත කිරීමේ සහ කාර්යය දෙයු වූ එහි අනුග්‍රහය ගරු



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ඉඩිවරුන් නිර්පාත පළුම සිනිපත තිරුම ද තුළකමකි. එ අන පිළිවෙළින මෙයෙක. ගරු පෙළරනස පැවිදී ගොගායුරුය, තිබිර ද අයේ. විජයත්න, එම රඟතුළු, රෝස මුදලිඟ මත්මිනත, ගරු තුළ පෙටරු පැවිදී ගොගායුරුය, රෝනි පුරියාභාරවිටි මි, මාර ඩිස් මි මි. කළා උලුල 19ක පැවත්වීමේ අමතරව සිනු දුරියන්ට අත් අකරා, අක්ෂර වින්නසක, සාහිතය දුනුම හා වෙනත සහා දැන්නාවයන උදුදුපෙනය නිර්මි ල ඉහත නම් දැක්වූ ගුරු මැඩිවරුන් තා ඔවුන්ට නිතර සහය දැක්වූ ගුරුමෙන් පිළිය වෙනත ගුරුවරුන්ට ද සංගමිය ප්‍රජාමය දැන කරමු.

2000 වසරයේ කළ උපුලක තොප්පිතවුයා පාකිස්ථාන ශ්‍රී ශ්‍රී සාම්බුද්ධ ප්‍රජාත්‍යාමනි. ඒ සඳහා අප සාම්බුද්ධ සංගමය මිනින් කොළඹ දිස්ත්‍රික්කයේ පාකිස්ථාන අතර සිංහල, ක්‍රි තිර්මාණ, රාජ්‍ය, ම්‍යා හා පෙෂ්ටර, ව්‍යාපෘත තරගාවලියන් ප්‍රතිච්ච ලදී. එම තහන තෙවැනු දැනු ලැබුවේ විජ්‍යාලි කමර් දිනදිය. ගැනීම උපුලක විජ්‍යාලි නාමය කොළඹ දිස්ත්‍රික්කය තුළ බැඳුළුවේම එය විශ්වාසිත සිද්ධියක විය. ඒ සඳහා සාම්බුද්ධ සංගමයේ සාම්බුද්ධ මත උපුලක උත්සාහය දුර්මින වශයෙන් යොමු විය යුතු වේ.

## ବିଭିନ୍ନ ପେଣ୍ଟିଙ୍ଗ୍

ලේකම් - සිංහල කාරිත්ත සංගමය

# කලා උගේල - පියසටහන

- ◆ 01 වැනි උගේල 1973:  
කොළඹ විශ්ව විද්‍යාලයේ සිංහල පියාධිපති අම්. ඩී. ආරියාල මැයිතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්
- ◆ 02 වැනි කළ උගේල 1976:  
කොළඹ පුද්ගලයේ අධ්‍යාපන අධ්‍යක්ෂ බිම්ලිවී. ඩී. ප්‍රතානද මැයිතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්
- ◆ 03 වැනි කළ උගේල 1978:  
ගරු. මරස්මිනු රුගකාධි වියතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්
- ◆ 04 වැනි කළ උගේල :  
ගරු අධ්‍යාපන යේවා ඇමති රෙනල් ප්‍රයත්තු මැයිතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්
- ◆ 05 වැනි කළ උගේල 1983:  
සංස්කරණ දෙපාර්තමේන්තුවේ නියෝජන අධ්‍යක්ෂ (කළ) කමිතාත් කළයෙන්ද දෙප්ලුව මැයිතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්
- ◆ 06 වැනි කළ උගේල 1985 :  
අම්. ඩී. කරුණාවිලක මැයිතියෙන් ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් වියුණු ආරාධනය කැළඩිය විශ්ව විද්‍යාලය ජේජ්ස් කිවිකාවාරය වන්දුසිර පළමුයුරු මහතා.
- ◆ 07 වැනි කළ උගේල 1986 :  
ගරු බෙන්ඩික ජෝශර වියතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් වියුණු ආරාධනය සතිස්වනද එදුරිංඡ මහතා.
- ◆ 08 වැනි කළ උගේල 1987 :  
ශ්‍රී ලංකා රුපවාහිනී සංස්ථාවේ නියෝජන අධ්‍යක්ෂ හෙතුරි රුගයේන මැයිතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්.
- ◆ 09 කළ උගේල 1988:  
අතිගරු දේශ බරාවාවාරය ඔත්තුවැඩි ගෝමිස කොළඹ සහයක රදුගුරුතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්.
- ◆ 10 වැනි කළ උගේල 1990:  
ප්‍රවත්තත් කළාවේදී, ප්‍රවිෂා ගිත නිඛන්දක හා විනුවට අධ්‍යක්ෂ දරමසිර ගෙවෙන මැයිතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්.
- ◆ 11 වැනි කළ උගේල 1991:  
ගරු අර්නස්ට් පෝරුගොට වියතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්.
- ◆ 12 වැනි කළ උගේල 1992:  
ජාතික අධ්‍යාපන ආයතනයේ සහකාර අධ්‍යක්ෂ ජනරාල, මිලිතික පියාධිස්ක බිඩුල් මැයිතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්.
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කළ ශ්‍රේෂ්ඨා, මානල ජයසේකර මැතිතියෙන් ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්.
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කොළඹ විශ්ව විද්‍යාලයේ ගෙවදු පියාධිපති මහාචාරය තත්ත්දාය කොදුගොඩ මැයිතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්.
- ◆ 15 වැනි කළ උගේල 1995:  
කැළඩිය විශ්ව විද්‍යාලය ජනකාන්තිවේදන ආගය කිවිකාවාරියී වන්දුමා නියුණුක මැතිතියෙන් ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්.
- ◆ 16 වැනි කළ උගේල 1996:  
කැළඩි ගෙවදු පියාධිපති මහාචාරය කාරුල ගොන්සේකා මැයිතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්.
- ◆ 17 වැනි කළ උගේල 1997:  
කොළඹ විශ්ව විද්‍යාලයේ ජේජ්ස් කිවිකාවාරය සරත විජ්‍යුරු මැයිතුමාගේ ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන් වියුණු ආරාධනය ශ්‍රී ලංකා රුපවාහිනී සංස්ථාවේ නළුන් කරුණාරත්ත මහතා.
- ◆ 18 වැනි කළ උගේල 1998:  
කොළඹ විශ්ව විද්‍යාලයේ සාර්ංච් කිවිකාවාරය, මහාචාරය කුලේරිලක සුමාරයිංහ කළාකරුවාභාෂ්‍යතා ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්.
- ◆ 19 වැනි කළ උගේල 1999  
රු ශ්‍රී වන්දුසිර කළාකරුවාභාෂ්‍යතා ප්‍රධානත්වයෙන්.

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Since St. Lawrence's was converted to a Catholic School and the Good Shepherd nuns took over, there have been records of dramas dealing with various topics in the religious field being produced in the very early years which are said to have been of a very high standard. However, since 1965 with the help and guidance of Mrs. Yolande Abeyweera the school has been successful in producing a string of well-known classics. 'My Fair Lady', 'Jane Eyre', 'Ali Baba', 'Tempest', 'Lady Precious Stream', 'Great Expectations' and 'The Bishop's Candlesticks' are some of them. These productions, which were staged annually by talented young students were under the direction of Mrs. Abeyweera while the musical direction was by Mrs. Eileen Guneratne and they were staged in our very own school hall. Mrs. Bernie Gunaratne, Monica Moldrich, Sharon Barbut and Charlotte Silva are names closely connected with drama in the school.

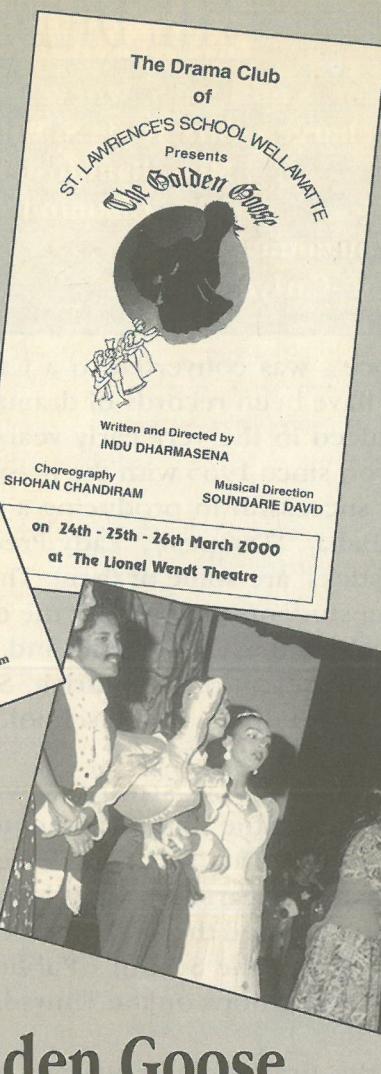
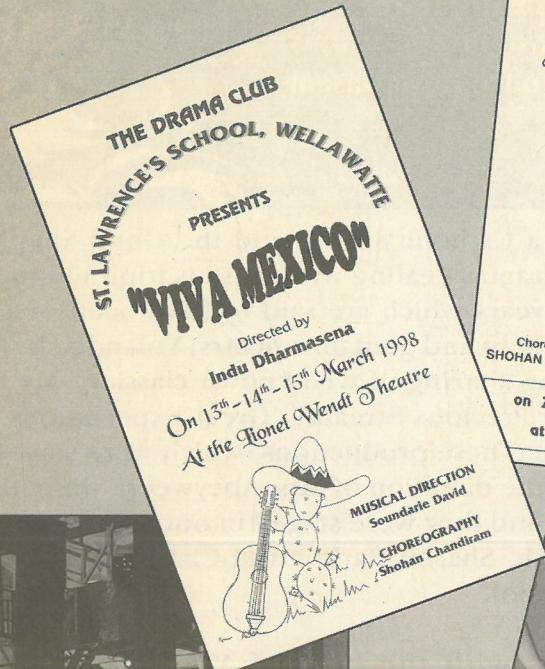
Once again in 1994 a few students with the help of Mrs. Petula Joseph and Mr. Sanith de S. Wijeyeratne trained and entered our students for the Shakespeare Drama Competition, with 'The Taming of the Shrew', which was rerun at the English Day and Prize giving of the same year. Two years later under the direction of Mr. Sanith we started the Drama Club and entered the Shakespeare drama competition once again with 'Othello', which was also rerun at the School's Public Concert in September 1997. Since then we continued to have workshops on the Thursdays of every first and third week of the month.

In March 1998 the drama club together with the school choir produced a three-act comedy, thereafter gaining a good reputation in theatrical productions. The drama 'Viva Mexico' was done in March 1998 at the Lionel Wendt. This was under the direction of Indu Dharmasena. The Choreography was done by Shohan Chandiram and the musical direction by Soundarie David. In March 2000 we produced another drama 'The Golder Goose' also at the Lionel Wendt under the guidance of the same team. Our sincere thanks go out to this team for their guidance and training. Both productions were very successful. The profits of the two shows went towards the school building fund.

Throughout the years the goal of the club has been to encourage and improve the talents of the students in the field of theatre. We have achieved this with the help of Sanith and Surein de S. Wijeyeratne and the workshop players. To them we say a very big 'Thank You' for all the help in numerous ways to succeed in our endeavours. A big 'Thank You' to all the teachers for their unstinted support throughout the years and 'Thank You' to each and every member of the club for her undying effort in making this club a success. We hope that the club will prosper in the years to come.

**Louzanne Perera**

President



## Memories of the Golden Goose

The cast of  
Viva Mexico with  
Director  
Indu Dharmasena  
Choreographer  
Shohan Chandiram  
Music by  
Soundarie David



# SENIOR CHOIR

<b>Moderators</b>	- Miss Christa Perera Rev. Sr. Nilanthi
<b>President</b>	- Iresha Wickrama
<b>Vice President</b>	- Roshinee Dabare
<b>Secretary</b>	- Nadinka Perera
<b>Treasurer</b>	- Carlyn de Niese

The Lawrentian Choir has been in existence over a very long period of time. Since it was founded there are a few Mistresses who bear special places in the success of the choir. Namely Mrs. E.B. Cadmen who was the music teacher at the beginning of the school, Mrs. Eileen Gooneratne, Mrs. Estelle de Niese, Miss. Devika Perera, Miss. Roshinee de Silva and at present Miss. Christa Perera and Rev. Sr. Nilanthi are those who come to mind. For it was they who helped us to achieve our main objective which is to render praise and glory to God and bring honour to our school.

From the very beginning we have been very successful in bringing out the talent that our students possess. Though we started out by conducting interhouse-singing competitions annually, we now conduct an open singing competition for juniors, intermediates, seniors and advanced seniors at which the winners are awarded certificates at the annual prize giving. By this we hope not only to help students to show their talents but also to help them get over their fright and gain confidence on stage.

Throughout the years we have had the privilege of working with well-known personalities in the field of music. The late Kalasuri Lylie Godridge is one of them. It was in the very early seventies that the choir as well as the school was trained by uncle Lylie. A special club known as the 'Teen Glee Club' was formed and it was this club that joined many other schools in singing for the '1000 Voice' choir, a concert held annually under the training and direction of Kalasuri Lylie Godridge. A Music Day was held in 1995, which turned out to be very successful indeed. Later with the help of uncle Lylie, Miss Roshinee de Silva together with Rev. Sr. Nilanthi formed a special choir, which sang for important occasions such as the School's Public Concert in 1997. At the end of that same year we were able to gain a good reputation as a School Choir at the Interschool and Interchurch Carol Service organized by the youth of St. Mary's Church, Dehiwela.

At the beginning of 1998 we joined forces with the Drama Club to produce a theatrical production 'Viva Mexico' which in return gave all of us a very good vocal training. A special Thank You goes out to Miss Soundarie David whose training made an immense change in the choir. Once again at the beginning of this year we were glad to have the privilege of working with her in producing yet another drama, 'The Golden Goose' together with the Drama Club and also for the Jubilee celebrations. The year 1999 was also a fruitful year for us. We participated in the Zonal Singing Competition and were placed 4th for the performance of the well-known classic 'Sound of Silence'. The choir continues to perform for all principal school events, such as the Annual Prize givings, First Holy Communion Services, English Days, etc. In addition to all these we also have an annual Carol Service at the end of the year.

The choir, which consists of 60 - 80 members, has so far been a 'society of fellowship, love and teamwork'. These are the qualities that have brought us where we are today. A very special vote of thanks goes out to all those who have helped us reach this height, mainly Mrs. Eileen Gooneratne, Mrs. Estelle de Niese, the late Kalasuri Lylie Godridge, Miss. Soundarie David and all the past and present teachers and trainers. Thank you so much for all your support and guidance and hope that in the future we will be able to achieve greater heights and by doing so bring honour to our school.

**Nadinka Perera**  
Secretary

# JUNIOR CHOIR

**Teacher - in - Charge -**  
Ms. Chamindre Hewawasam  
**President -** Marietta de Fontain  
**Vice President -** Andrea Cramer  
**Secretary -** Prasadi Amaratunga  
**Treasurer -** Hazel Perera  
**Conductress -** Chrihashni Peiris.

The Junior Choir which was founded in the year 1995 has been doing very well during the past few years. We are students from years 5 to 7 and so far have been under the guidance of Ms. Chamindre Hewawasam, the founder mistress. It is under her guidance that we sing annually for the first holy communion services and carol services. In addition we also join forces with the Senior Choir in singing for the annual prize givings, English days etc.

As a junior choir we have had many fruitful experiences in the past. In 1998 not only did we have the privilege of singing for the theatrical production 'Viva Mexico', we also took part in the Inter school Carol competition organized by Trans Asia Hotel Ltd., and were placed first runner up amongst many other leading local and international schools. In 1999 we took part in the Zonal singing competition with the well known hit - 'From a distance'. Once again this year we had the opportunity of taking part in yet another drama 'Golden Goose' under the vocal training of Ms. Soundarie David.

It is these experiences that have made us a successful society and brought us where we are today. A very special 'Thank you' goes out to Ms. Chamindre who has trained us, accompanied us and helped us to succeed in all our endeavours during the past and present years. We hope that this amateur choir will grow from strength to strength in years to come.

**Prasadi Amaratunga**  
**Secretary.**

## GIRL GUIDE COMPANY - 26TH COLOMBO

The Girl Guide Company of our school was inaugurated and registered in 1954, with Mrs. Vivian Baptist, its founder, as Guide Captain, Miss. Noel Pandithakorale as 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. Romayn de Kretser as 2nd Lieutenant.

The first batch of guides was enrolled by Mrs. Sita Rajasooriya, the Chief Commissioner of the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association at that time. With the energetic enthusiasm and competency of Mrs. Baptist,

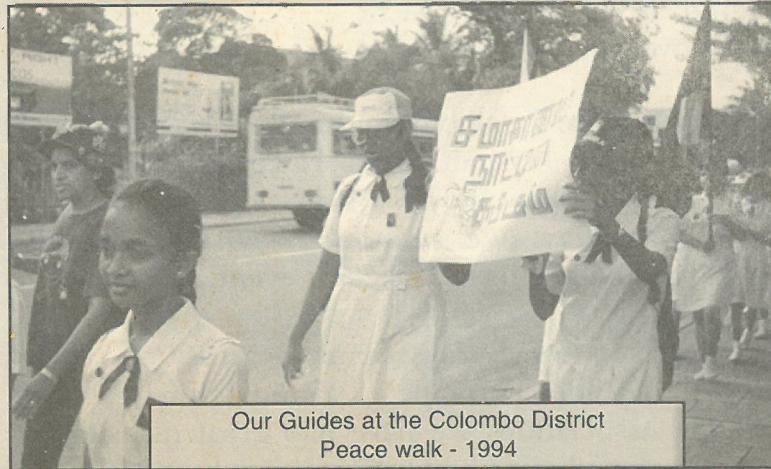
the company attained a high standard of work and the most noteworthy event was a day's camping at Horana. In 1968, Miss. Latha Pattiaratchi took over as Captain. Following are a few landmarks during her term of office.

1968 - A hike to Kandawela Estate, Ratmalana (The present Sir John Kotalawela Academy) - The guides who participated in this venture had the experience of walking from



26th Colombo - 2000

1st Row - Zeenath Faruji, Kaushalya Wickramasinghe, Maryeese Ranaweera, Miss. D. Asiri Withanage - Lieutenant, Rev. Sr. Principal, Mrs. Latha Ranathunga - Captain, Harshani Dias Amarawardena, Melani Mack, Shanaleen Silva  
Middle Row - Fathima Azra, Nadeeka Samaranayaka, Krishani Peiris, Sayuri Serasinghe, Sanduni Kulathunge, Leisha Anandappa, Kiyoshi Lorenshewa, Asma Hussain,  
Last Row - Sonali Fernando, Yasara Katuwandeniya, Anushka Fernando, Sheza Faique, Mugeena Ameen, Kalhari Bandara, Harshani Palihakkara, Pavithra Silva, Mindini Mathews



Our Guides at the Colombo District  
Peace walk - 1994

Wellawatte to Ratmalana along the sea beach. They will never forget Rukshana Hashim's 'Iced Sherbert' which they carried in cans and drank on their way to quench the thirst. The hike cooking, following a track, stalking various pets of Sir John, were part of the outdoor life they enjoyed. A big "Thank you" goes out to Miss. Shanta Wickramasinghe (now Mrs. Shanta Jayalath) who

helped and guided all of us to a well organised and enjoyable hike.

1968 - Golden Jubilee Celebrations at Golf Links - Colombo 7. Our whole company visited the "All Island Camp" at which the "World's Chief Guide", Lady Baden Powell was the chief guest. Although we could not camp together with other guides from all over Sri Lanka and the world, we had the privilege of meeting the chief guide and our counterparts from all over the world.



Our Guides at the Colombo District Peace Walk - 1994



Guide Captain - Mrs. Vivian Baptist (then Vivian Perera) Addressing the guides.

1971 - All Island "Thinking Day" Rally in Kandy - All of us participated in this and the most interesting part of this was, travelling in the special train set aside for all the guides to travel from the Fort to Kandy. This "Guide Train" was beautifully decorated with all guide symbols and was boarded by 'uniformed' guides. It was a great sight for on lookers. Our guides enjoyed this trip very much while it was a great opportunity for them to come to know their sister guides from all over Sri Lanka.

1973 - A hike to Godagama Estate - A fine day's experience was gained by a hike to Godagama. Guides went up to Homagama by bus and then walked from there to the Estate. This was done on the invitation of Mrs. Rita Rodrigo, a staff member at that time, and we are ever grateful to her for the fine opportunity afforded.

1979 - A three day camp on the school premises - We held a camp here, with the able guidance of Mrs. Kalyani Weeraratne, the then Colombo Division Commissioner who acted as the Licence Holder of the camp. Miss. Hoover too



Our Guides at the "Thinking Day" Celebrations - Year 2000 at their stall representing "Egypt"

joined us. This was an unforgettable experience for all our guides. They learnt the way to carry out responsibilities and duties of a patrol system, to make all camp gadgets and do work according to a time schedule. Besides, they enjoyed a 'sing song' every evening. A 'camp fire' was held on the last day. We remember with gratitude, Mrs. K. Weeraratne and Miss. Hoover who helped us to make this event a success.

Besides, our company has always undertaken to sell 'Flags' on many occasions to help the needy and share responsibility. Our guides participated at the "Thinking Day" activities organized by the Girl Guide Association. We have had great pleasure in performing "Guard - of - Honour" to almost all our Chief Guests invited to school, on Prize Days. Our guides have taken part in the massive project of building a wall around Girl Guide Headquaters in Colombo 07, along with other guides and the members of the 'Sarvodaya Movement'.

Although we have not been able to produce any President's Guides from our company so far, we are proud and happy to state that we have always been a smart group to perform 'Colours' well and that some of our guides and Guide Captains have been called up to hold various responsibilities and high posts at the Girl Guides Headquaters.

They have rendered a wonderful service there bringing credit to the company and our school.

Before conclusion, we would like to pay tribute to our Guide Captain, Mrs. Latha Ranathunga and the following members of the staff who acted as Lieutenants from time to time. They are Miss. Iris Fernando, Miss. Janaki Kumarasami, Mrs. Asoka Kuruppu, Miss. Bernadette de Silva and Mrs. Rosemary Senarath. Our special thanks go out to some of the guides who brought us honour by their special "good turns". They are Jeanne Fernando, Gayathri Wallooppillai, Mohana Weerakoon, Ayesha Thajudeen, Nilma Hewagamage and Chathuri Salgamuwa.



Enrolment Ceremony 1954 The Chief Mrs. Sita Rajasinghe



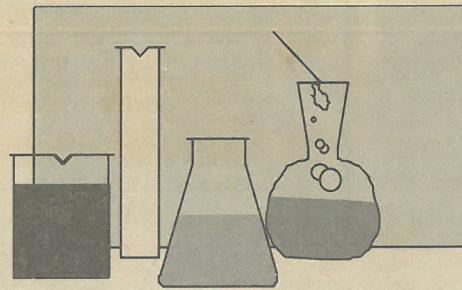
A guard of Honour Chief Guest Revd. Sr. Christina (Superior)

From the year 2000 we are happy to welcome Miss. Asiri Withanage, our new Guide Captain who takes over our company and we hope that with her able guidance and competency the Guide Company will grow from strength to strength in the new millennium and reach its highest rung by producing a few President's Guides to add distinction to the company.

## **B R A V O - Our Loyal Guides !**

Ayesha Thajudeen.  
A past Guide.

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එම වාත්මිජ සංගමය මිනිටුවේ ප්‍රත්ථිතයක ලෙස 1992 විසයදීම පාසංද මාගල වාත්මිජ දිනය පවත්වන ලද එතැන් පෙන වර්තමානය වනතුරු සාම වර්ෂයක පාකම අධ්‍යාපිත ගුරු මැණිවර්තන්ගේ හා සිදුවියන්ගේ දැනුකත්වය විය.

දිනයක පවත්වන ලද විෂය දැනුමෙන් පෙනෙනු පොගාමි වූ අප සිදුවියන්ට මුළුන්ගේ ගැනුවෙනු කුකාලතා ඔත් සාමා ගැනීමට මෙවන වාත්මිජ දිනයන් මූල්‍ය අවස්ථාවක විය.

මෙතුවක කළ අප වාත්මිජ සංගමයේ මුළුක්තවය ගුරු රැජා ගෙවාබවගෙයි වශයෙන් 1995 ව්‍යෙරදී අප පාසංද සමු ගැනීම නිකා එතැන් පෙන සංගමයේ අනුකාසිකාවන් ලෙස තිලාන් දුරටිර ගුරු මූල්‍ය සිදුවියන් හා පෙන්වන් ප්‍රකාන්ද ගුරුවෙන් විසින් එම දක්වා තොකිවා සිය අගනා දැනුකත්වය ලබ දැන්. වර්තමානය වන විට අප වාත්මිජ සංගමයේ සිදුවියන් වාත්මිජ සිංහ පදනම්ල සාමාජිකාවන් බවටද පත්වී ඇත. මෙයට අමතරව වාත්මිජ විෂය සෙෂ්‍යාය පිළිබඳ වාත්මිජ සෙෂ්‍යාය සිදුවියන්ට මුළුක්තවයෙන් සාම්බන්ධ කෙරීම්. සිදුවියන්ගේ වාත්මිජ දැනුම ප්‍රංශේ සිදුවියන් විවිධ සම්මුඛාවලට සහභාගි කරවන අතර පාසංද දී ද තොගක වාරවල සම්මුඛාව පවත්වන ලදී.

වාත්මිජ සංගමයේ තවත් එක පියවරක ලෙස පාසංද පවත්වා ගෙන යන කෙළුවෙන් බැංකු ගාබාල් විධි කටයුතු වාත්මිජ සිදුවියන් විසින් ඉටු කරන අතර එක කටයුතු කරන සිදුවියන්ට සෑම ව්‍යුහක පාසංද සෙළාන් බැංකුව ප්‍රංශාය සහතිකායක ලබ දේ තවද වාත්මිජ සංගමය විසින් උපයන මුදල විත් පාසංද සංවර්ධන කටයුතු වෘත්ත හැකි පෙන්වන දායක වී ඇත

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# SPORTS CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The first sportsmeet of St. Lawrence's school was held in the year 1966 at which the Chief Guest was Dr. P.de.S. Jayasinghe. The meet was held in the school premises. Some of the events at this sportsmeet were flat race, hat race, sack race to mention a few. The students were divided into groups for the championship events as Juveniles, Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors.

In 1968, the Sportsmeet was held at the St. Peter's College grounds with Hon. V. A. Sugathadasa, Minister of Nationalised Services and Sports and Mrs. Sugathadasa as Chief Guests. This was the first year, where the participants were divided into age groups, as Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Over 16.

In the year 1976, for the first time there was the 200 meters event and the age groups were different to the earlier years. They were divided into age groups, as Under 8, Under 10, Under 11, Under 13, Under 15 and Over 15. Standing long jump was a field event at the sportsmeet for the juniors.

When the school held its 15th annual inter house sportsmeet in 1980 at St. Peter's grounds, ten new ground records were established that year.

After more than fifteen years of service as Games Teacher of St. Lawrence's school Mrs. Noel Jayamaha retired in 1990.. She was succeeded by Mrs. Kamala Kulathilake and then by Mrs. Chitra Wickramathilaka who left us in 1999. We are grateful for the services rendered by these dedicated games mistresses.

To succeed her was Mrs. Janaki Samaratunga and her assistant Miss. Deepa Dissanayake.

Under the guidance of our new Physical Education Instructress school introduced Table Tennis, Swimming, Chess and Gymnastics. Now the students have a variety of sports to take part in.

In the year 2000 we had our 35th annual inter house Sportsmeet held at St. Peter's College grounds. There were six age groups. Under 12, Under 13, Under 15, Under 17, Under 19 and Under 21. The Chief Guest was Mr. A. C. Derwin Perera, Deputy Director of Sports and National Athletics coach and Mrs. M. Perera. At this meet for the first time there was a display of Gymnastics

It is a proud moment for the school, as our school name is represented in the Sri Lanka Junior Netball team. The Athletics, Table Tennis and Basketball teams too have brought fame to the school at sports events in the island. This marked improvement shows how far sports have developed and progressed in the school during the last few years.

**Dilshani Candappa.**  
**Games Captain.**

# SPORTS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

## REPORT FOR 1999 - 2000

The Sports Development Association of St. Lawrence's School, Wellawatte was inaugurated on the 3rd of February 2000. The main objective of the association was to provide the necessary inputs to uplift the standard of sports activities in the school, thus enabling our students to represent the school at various meets. The first office bearers of the Sports Development Committee are -

President	-	Rev. Sr. Mary Gertrude (Principal)
V. President	-	Mr. M.H. Bellana
Secretary	-	Miss. Chamindre Hewawasam
Asst. Secretary	-	Mrs. Kumari Morris
Treasurer	-	Miss. Lasanthi Fernando
Asst. Treasurer	-	Mrs. Shirani Hewage
P.E.T.	-	Mrs. Janaki Samaratunga
Asst. P.E.T.	-	Miss. Deepa Dissanayake

The Sports Development Committee together with the members of the Parent - Teacher Association and the Staff were responsible for successfully organising the school's Premier Colours Nite and Games Award Ceremony 2000 which was held at the Bishop's College Auditorium on the 17th of March 2001. The Hon. Lakshman Kiriella, Minister of Sports and Tourism graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Mrs. Shereen Kumaratunga, President, Sri Lanka Netball Federation, Mrs. Karuranayake representing Hon. Ravi Karuranayake M.P., Mrs. Jayani Pinawala, Add. Secretary, Ministry of Sports and Tourism, Mr. Prem Pinnawala, Secretary I.A.A.F., Deshabandu Miss. Thilaka Jinadasa, National Netball Coach were among the Guests of Honour.

### NETBALL

Netball has been one of the oldest sports in the school's curriculum. Our girls have actively taken part in the school inter - house, inter - school and other tournaments every year under the guidance of the physical training instructresses who have served the school in the past. In the year 1999, Mrs. Janaki Samaratunga took over as our new P.E.T. and the training of the school's netball teams. Miss Christine Senaratne and Miss. Shayama Fernando were appointed as the teachers in charge.

Our teams participated in the inter - school Milo Tournament in the years 1999 and 2000. The under 15 team was selected to play in the semi - finals, while the under 19 team reached the quarter finals. The teams also participated in the "Eva Knock Out Tournament" where the under 15 team reached the finals.

A netball club was formed in November 2000 and the teams once again participated in the club tournament held at the Maharagama Central College.

Under the guidance of our present coach Deshabandu Miss. Tilaka Jinadasa, the teams participated in the circuit and provincial meets and have displayed a marked improvement in their standards. As a result, six of our players were selected to be included in the Colombo District Netball team. They were -

Anne Gunasekara	Sabrina De Livera
Melani Mack	Dilshani Candappa
Christina Nugara	Randima Ariyarajah

Of the above, Anne Gunasekara and Melani Mack were selected to be included in the National Pool.

## **BASKET BALL**

This game was introduced in the early 1980's by the P.E.T. at that time Mrs. Noel Jayamaha. At present the team is coached by Mr. Rohana Sirisuriya. The teachers in charge are Miss. Deepa Dissanayake and Mrs. Shirani Amarajeewa.

In 1999, the teams participated in the Zonal and Division 'B' matches. In the year 2000 the teams once again participated in these matches held at the Presbyterian Girls School, Dehiwela. Our teams were also invited to represent the school at the 'Sri Lanka Army Golden Jubilee Basket Ball Carnival' which was held at the Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium from August to September '99. The teams also participated in the 'Five - a - Side' Club Tournament held at St. Josephs College, Nugegoda.

The under 17 team participated in the zonal matches held at Jayasinghe Madyama Maha Vidyalaya, Dehiwela. While the Division 'B' Matches were held at Holy Family Convent, Kurunegala. Our team was placed fourth at this tournament.

A basket ball coaching camp for our teams and that of De Mazened College was held at our school.

The basket ball calender for the year concluded with the Inter - house basket-ball tournament. We are also proud that, Anne Gunasekera was selected to the Colombo Division School team in 1999. She was also included in the Sri Lanka Youth Squad, the Sri Lankan School's Squad and the Colombo District Team for the year 2000.

## **ATHLETICS**

The athletes of the school are trained and guided by the Sri Lanka Junior Athletic Coach Mr. Ananda Athukorala. The teaches in charge are Mrs. Jacintha Wickramasinghe and Mrs. Nilani Senarath. Last year the following athletes represented the school at the circuit meet held at the Sugathadasa Stadium.

Sabrina De Livera	-	Javelin throw
Nilma Hawagamage	-	High Jump
Fiona Crusz	-	100m Hurdles
Anne Gunasekera	-	400m & 800 m
Rasangi Anthony	-	Shot Putt

The above athletes also participated in the Women's Meet held at the Sports Ministry Grounds. Sabrina De Livera, Anne Gunasekera, Rasangi Anthony also participated in the Western Province meet. Sabrina De Livera was placed amongst the first ten in the javelin throw. Anne Gunasekera and Rasangi Anthony too were placed in recognized positions.

## **SWIMMING**

Swimming is one of the recently introduced sports to the school, having been introduced in the year 2000. Practices are conducted every Monday and Wednesday for the students at the Ananda College swimming pool under the guidance of the swimming coach Mr. Kithsiri Fonseka. The teachers in charge are Miss. Dilrukshi Perera and Miss. Chamindre Hewawasam.

Six swimmers participated in the Novices Swimming Meet, National swimming meet, Sri Lanka schools swimming meet and the National school swimming meet. Chinta Hewage qualified to enter the finals in the individual medley.

An inter - house swimming meet was held on the 1st of December 2000 at the Ananda College swimming pool where more than 100 students participated.

## GYMNASICS

Gymnastics too was introduced to the school in the year 2000. The students are being trained every Thursday under the guidance of the gymnastics coach Mr. Lal Silva. The teachers in charge of this are Miss Christa Perera and Mrs. Anoma Perera. The gymnastics squad performed for the first time at the sportsmeet held in the year 2000 and their performance at the school Premier Colours Nite and Awards ceremony held recently was acclaimed by all those present. A special feature of the squad was that most of the members were under 10 years of age.

## TABLE TENNIS

This too was introduced in October 2000 and the students are being trained under the guidance of Coach Mr. Deepal Piyathissa. Mrs. Nilanthi Goonaratne and Miss Enoka Peiris were appointed as teachers in charge and practices are regularly held on Tuesdays from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in the school.

The first tournament the school was represented at, was the Western Province under 14 and 19 Table Tennis Championships which was held on the 11th of March 2000 at St. Thomas' College, Kotte. Tania Jesudason won the match played against St. Paul's Milagiriya.

In April the teams participated in the Western Province Open Table Tennis Championship held at S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia. Sanuri Semini and Anushka Fernando won their first round matches against St. Paul's Milagiriya. Maryese Ranaweera and Dewshi Dias won the Western Province under 18 and under 12 Championships respectively.

Our teams also took part in the Seventh Milady Open Table Tennis Championship where Melani Mack was the first player to enter the quarter finals while Dewshi Dias, Sanuri Semini and Anushka Fernando won their first round matches against St. Paul's Milagiriya.

Thereafter the teams participated in the National Schools Table Tennis Championship held in September 2000 at St. Joseph's College, Maradana.

The school was also represented at the Western Province Inter Club League Table Tennis Championship where our players achieved success. Sanuri Semini and Anushka Fernando won their matches against St. Joseph's Girls' High School and Bishop's College respectively, while Gayani Hettiarachchi, Dilupa Ankuburegedara and Hasna Jainulabdeen out beat St. Joseph's Girls' High School, Holy Cross Convent and Anula Vidyalaya and were the first to enter the quarter finals. Maryese Ranaweera, Melani Mack and Tania Jesudason too won their matches against St. Paul's Milagiriya and Samudradevi Balika Vidyalaya.

A junior team too was formed to play in the above tournament. The team included Jessica Perera, Zafra Lufar, Sandali Hennayake and Ranesha Fonseka. This team won their matches against St. Paul's Milagiriya to the surprise of everyone.

On the 26th and 27th of October 2000 the teams participated in the all Island Inter school Table Tennis Championship held at Vishaka Vidyalaya. Here too Dewshi Dias, Dilupa Ankumburegedara and Hasna Jainulabdeen entered the quarter finals of Division 'G' having won against St. Paul's Milagiriya.

The teams also participated in the Gunadasa Munasinghe Memorial Open Table Tennis Championship held in November 2000 at S. Thomas' College where Dewshi Dias and Sanuri Semini won their matches against Girls' High School.

The School Table Tennis calendar closed with the inter house Table Tennis Tournament in November 2000.

## CHESS

Chess was introduced to our school on the 2nd of October 1999 and practices are conducted every Wednesday morning under the guidance of Mrs. Suneetha Wijesuriya, President and the chief instructress of the Anatoly Karpov Chess Club of the Russian Centre and Gold Medalist World Chess Olympiad. Miss. Damayanthi Fernando and Mrs. Heather Fonseka are the teachers in charge.

In February 2000 the players participated in their first chess tournament "The new millennium open women's chess championship" conducted by the Anatoly Karpov Chess Club, which was held in our school. Out of the 24 participants, Prasadini Saparamadu and Sunisha Abeygunawardane were placed 4th while ten others were placed 6th. This was quite encouraging considering the very short period of time they had to master the game.

From the 30th of June to the 2nd of July 2000, the under 12,14 and 15 teams participated in the inter school chess tournament of the Western Province at Vishaka Vidyalaya.

In September a few players participated in the All Island Chess Tournament which was held at Rathnvali Balika Vidyalaya. Rochelle Fernando was placed 4th in the under 10 years group this tournament.

Apart from the tournament the teams participated in an Advanced Chess coaching camp conducted by Mrs. Suneetha Wijesuriya at the Russian Centre.

The Inter - house chess tournament was held in November where keen competition was observed with over forty eight students participated.

While congratulating all our winners we wish them the strength and courage to continue in their respective sports and bring honour and glory to our Alma Mater and our country.

**Miss. Chamindre Hewawasam**  
**Secretary**



### THE COMMERCE SOCIETY

1st Row Left to Right - Cherryl Pereira (Treasurer), Desiree Suares (President),  
Mrs. Nilani Suraweera (Teacher in Charge), Rev. Sr. Gertrude (Principal),

Miss. Lasanthi Fernando (Teacher in Charge) Sachini Amarasinghe (Secretary), Danushka Fernando  
2nd Row Left to Right - Nimmi Undugoda, Mahesha Thilakasiri, Roshini Amarasinghe,

Amali Perera Chaturi De Silva (Vice President), Anushka De Silva,  
Lakmini Fernando, Rizla Anver, Nadeeshani Weragoda (Asst. Secretary)



### TABLE TENNIS

Seated Left to Right - Gayani Hettiarachchi (Captain), Miss. Deepa Dissanayake (Asst. P.T. I.),  
Mrs. Nilanthi Gooneratne (Teacher in Charge), Rev. Sr. Gertrude (Principal),  
Mrs. Janaki Samaratunga (P. T. I.), Miss. Inoka Peiris  
(Teacher in Charge), Maryese Ranaweera (Vice Captain).  
Standing Left to Right - Sanuri Semini,  
Dilupa Ankumburagedara, Inoka Derekze, Hasna Jainulabdeen,  
Melani Mack, Jayashani Ankumburagedara, Dewshi Dias, Lakmini Perera.  
Absent - Mr. Deepal Piyathissa (Coach)



### ATHLETICS

Seated (Left to Right) : Dilshani Candappa (School Games Captain), Miss. Deepa Dissanayake (Asst. P.T.I.),  
Mr. Ananda Athukorala (Coach), Rev. Sr. Mary Getrude (Principal), Mrs. Janaki Samaratunga (P.T.I.),  
Mrs. Jacintha Wickramasinghe (Teacher in Charge), Mrs. Nilani Suraweera (Teacher in Charge).  
Standing 1st Row (Left to Right): Nipuni Fernando, Chrishani Peiris, Nelani Hewagamage, Surangi Soysa,  
Fiona Crusz, Ann Gunasekara, Oshadi M. Sabrina de Livera, Nelani Fernando, Kalhari Bandara, Madusha Fernando,  
Standing 2nd Row (Left to Right) : Mahesha Thilekesiri, Dilini Kannangara, Thejani Illangage,  
C. Senpathi Jayawickrama, Shashika Gothami, Rishani Bernadeth, Niroshini Rodrigo, Nimali Perera,  
Darshika Ekanayake, Shiranthi Hettiarachchi, Michelle Thiel, Shalini Weeraman.  
Standing 3rd Row (Left to Right): Oshinika Jayamanna, Harshini Palihakkara, Marieleys Martin,  
Shalini Illeperuma, Madeeshani Perera, Peumini Peiris, Taiya Jayamanna, Delma Hewagamage.  
Standing 4th Row (Left to Right) : Vasana Fernando, Kaushalya Perera, Mufeena Ameen, Christina Nugara,  
Kachana Rajasinghe, Maryese Ranaweera, Shamila Thilekeratne, Kithmini Boteju, Thakshila Fernando.



## CHESS

Seated from Left to Right - Sunisha Abeyawardane (Captain),  
Miss. Damayanthi Fernando (Teacher in Charge)

(Teacher in Charge), Miss. Deepa Dissanayaka (Asst. P. T. I.), Rev. Sr. Gertrude (Principal),  
Mrs. Sunitha Wijesuriya (Coach), Mrs. Janaki Samarthunge (P. T. I.), Mrs. Heather Fonseka  
Standing 1st row - Shehara Mendis, Naadra Jazeel, Dilini Perera, Kanchana Rajasinghe, Sachini  
Anushika, Piumi Manikkuadura, Prasadini Saparamadu, Sayuri Serasinghe,

Maryese Ranaweera, Yasara Katuwandeniya.

Standing 2nd row - Minoli Fernando, Nadeeka Samaranayake, Raisa Subain,  
Kalhari Bandara, Poorna Perera, Nilanthi Ekanayake, Dewshi Dias,  
Lakmini Perera, Jayashani Ankumburegedara,



## SWIMMING

Seated Left to Right - Oshadi Morris (Vice Captain),  
Mrs. Janaki Samarthunga (P. T. I.), Miss. Dilrukshi Perera (Teacher in Charge),  
Rev. Sr. Gertrude (Principal) , Mr. Kithsiri Fonseka (Coach),  
Miss. Deepa Dissanayake (Asst. P.T. I.), Miss. Chamindri Hewawasam  
(Teacher in Charge), Chintha Hewage (Captain).

Standing Left to Right - Sandu Mendis, Mufeena Ameen,  
Tarika Perera, Insaaf Zahir, Sanuri Wijeweera



### NETBALL Under 19

Seated Left to Right - Sabrina De Livera (Captain), Miss. Shyama Fernando (Teacher in Charge), Mrs. Janaki Samarathunga, (P.T.I.), Rev. Sr. Mary Gertrude (Principal), Miss. Deepa Dissanayake (Asst. P.T.I.), Miss. Christine Senaratne (Teacher in Charge), Ann Gunasekara, (Vice Captain)

Standing L to R - Sandamali Meniksagara, Romain De Silva, Kristina Nugara, Dilshani Candappa, Peumini Peiris, Nilakshi Wijetilake.



### NETBALL Under 17

Seated Left to Right - Jayani Dissanayake (Captain), Miss. Shyama Fernando (Teacher in Charge), Mrs. Janaki Samarathunga, (P. T. I.) Rev. Sr. Mary Gertrude (Principal), Miss. Deepa Dissanayake (Asst. P.T. I.), Miss. Christine Senaratne (Teacher in Charge), Louzanne Perera (Vice Captain)

Standing Left to Right - Jenita Silva, Harshani Palihakkara, Bernadine Panasinghe, Pandima Ariyrajah, Eureshi Wijesuriya, Shamila Thilakerathne, Avonna Vandort.



#### NET BALL Under 15

Seated Left to Right - Miss. Christine Senarath (Teacher in Charge),  
Miss. Deepa Dissanayake (Asst. P. T. I.), Rev. Sr. Mary Gertrude (Principal),  
Mrs. Janaki Samarathunga (P. T. I.), Kaushalya Wickramasinghe (Captain),

Miss. Shyama Fernando (Teacher in Charge).

Standing Left to Right - Rifka Azmeer, Michelle Thiel, Rochelle Barber,  
Amra Zareer, Maryese Ranaweera, Melani Mack, Mufeena Ameen,  
Madusha Fernando, Shalini Weeraman



#### UNDER 19 BASKETBALL

Seated Left to Right): Nilma Hewagamage (Vice Captain), Mrs. Janaki Samarathunga (P.T.I.),  
Mrs. S. Amarageewa (Teacher in charge), Rev. Sr. Mary Gerirude (Principal),  
Mr. Rohana Sirisariya (Coach), Miss. Gayathri Fernando (Teacher in Charge),  
Miss. Deepa Dissanayake (Assi. P.T.I.), Kanchana Rajasinghe (Captain)

Standing 1st Row (Left to Right): Kaushalya Pereira, Nirmalee Perera, Shehari Peiris,  
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Standing 2nd Row (Left to Right): Dharshitha Perera, Vasana Fernando, Thakshila Fernando.



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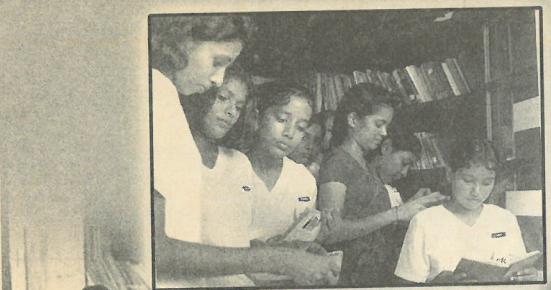
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**Standing (Left to Right) :** Nilakshi Wijetilleke, Ruwesha Samarawickrama, Jayani Dissanayake, Delma Hewagamage.



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**Standing 1st Row -** Mihiri Pinto, Naadra Jazeel, Shalini Illeperuma, Celest Ranasinghe, Madushani Kariyawasam, Madusha Fernando, Lakshani Fernando, Zeenath Faruj  
**Standing 2nd Row -** Melissa Fernando, Shashini Palihakkara, Chintha Hewage, Roshini Palihakkara, Denise Ranasinghe,

**Students engaged in extra curricular and co-curricular activities outside their regular classrooms.**



**Students' making use of the facilities at the school Library**



**Students' being taught the fine art of cooking, vegetable carving and pottery painting**

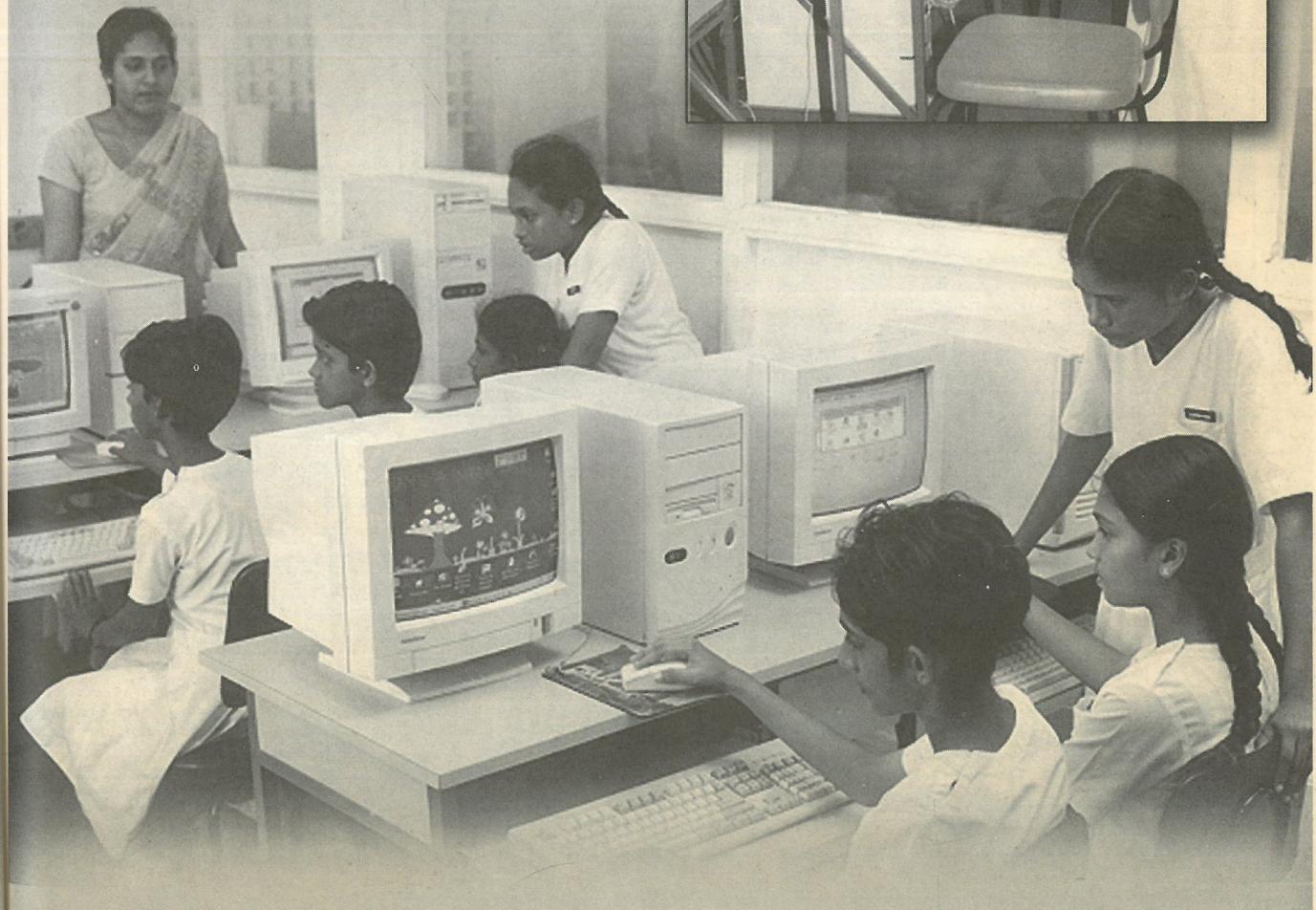
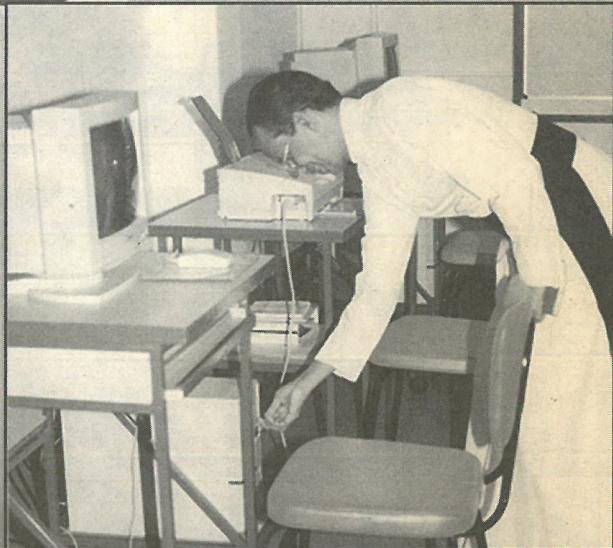


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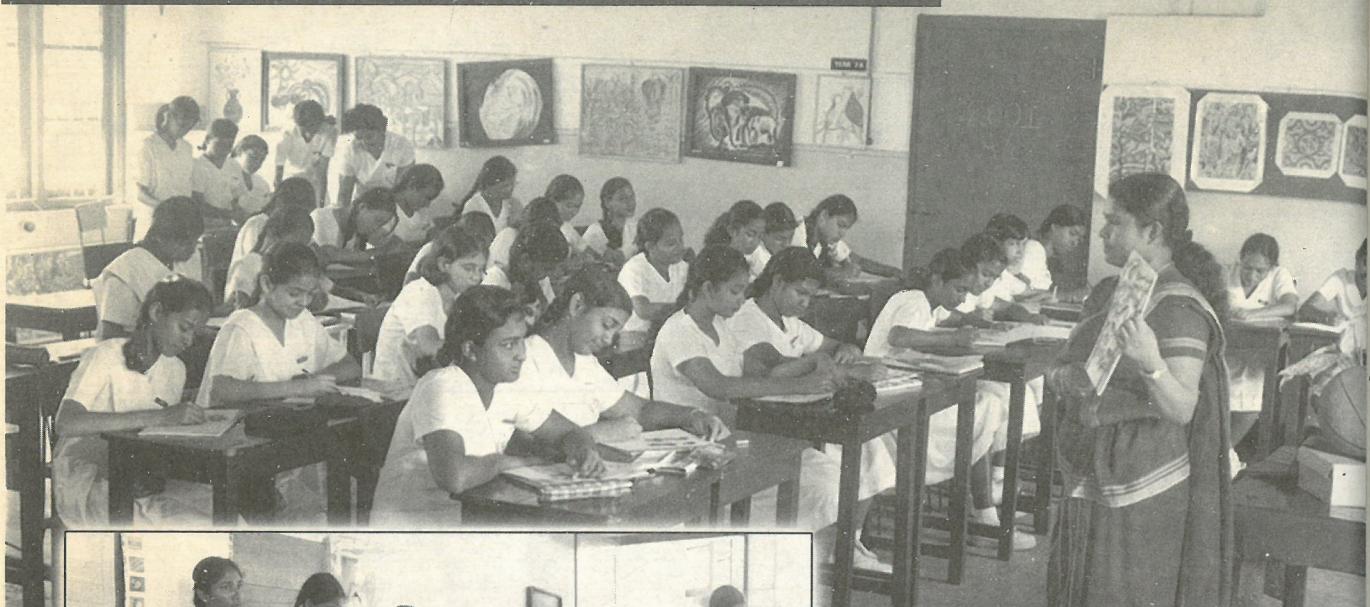


The Chief Guest  
Revd. Fr. Cyril Perera  
cutting the ribbon declaring  
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The Chief Guest  
Revd. Fr. Cyril Perera  
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# Appreciation of Aesthetics



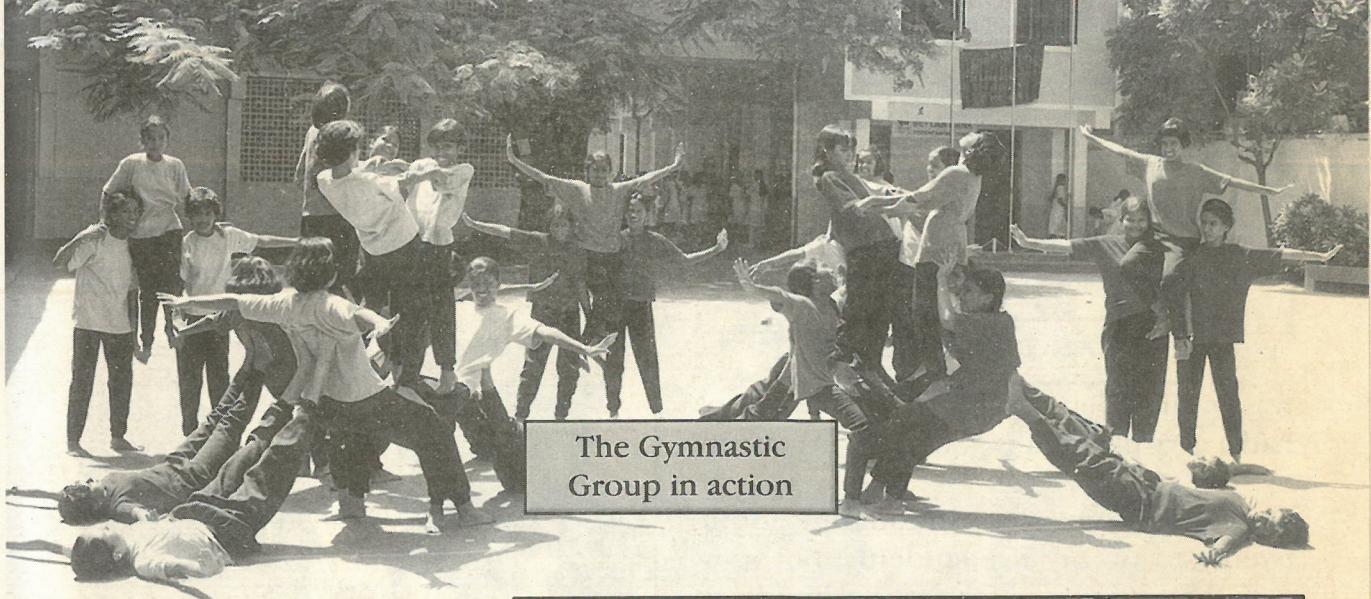
Instruction on the finer points of Art and Music



Dancing class in progress



**The School Hewisi Band**  
Leader -  
Chiranthi Kulawansa



**The Gymnastic  
Group in action**

**The School Western Band**  
Leader - Carlyn Deneise



# THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is with much pride and joy that I recollect the unforgettable moments during my thirty two years of service here at St. Lawrence's to be included in the Centenary Magazine.

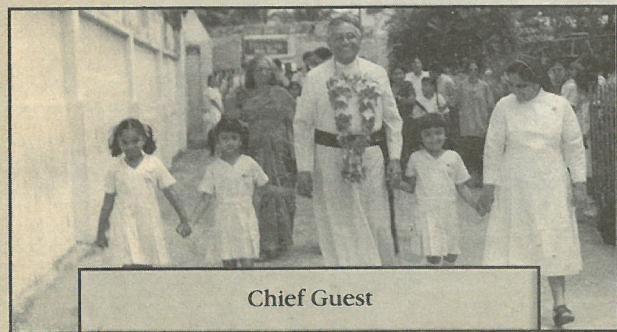
In 1968 when I first joined the school the little ones of the primary were very interesting indeed. Girls and boys talkative and bubbling with mischief. Their fairy or



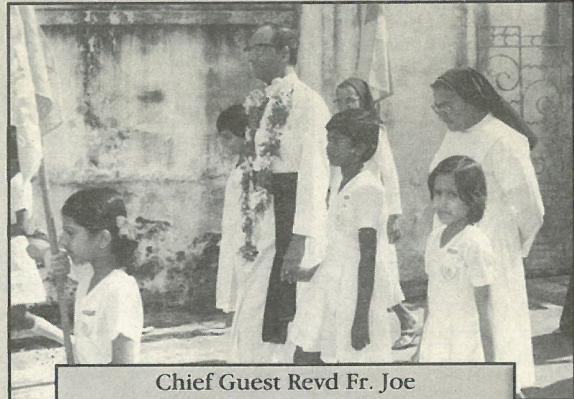
Chief Guest The Papal Nuncio

was worthy of note and above all the school had a very pleasant working environment.

The classrooms accommodated about twenty to twenty five students, but now with the expansion of the school buildings the student population has increased too and there are about thirty five to forty children in each Primary class. Presently we have only the Sinhala Medium. We had a

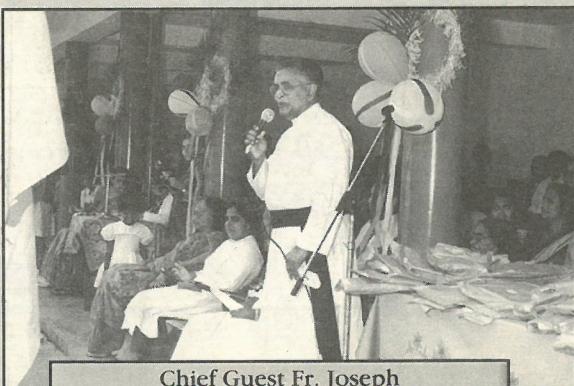


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Chief Guest Revd Fr. Joe Wickramasinghe

pixie like appearance still lingers in my mind. There were boys up to the year 1968 in the Primary School. We had classes in all three media. Sinhala, Tamil and English. There were teachers of all three races. Sinhalese, Tamils and Burghers. The cordiality and friendship that existed among students and teachers



Chief Guest Fr. Joseph  
Benedic Fernando

lot of extra-curricular activities but emphasis was more on education. Every teacher endeavoured to mould her students into clever and good human beings. The parents too contributed to education.

The present system of education aims at learning through activity and more

participation of the child in outdoor activity. Now the students enjoy their school work and they are more willing to participate in extra-curricular activities.

The Bi - annual Sports meet of the Primary section and the concerts held bear witness to the high performance of the



students. The concerts held in the school Hall, at St. Peters' College Hall or at S. De S. Jayasinghe Hall displayed the talents in dancing, music and drama of the students. We also celebrated recently the Sinhala New Year Festival together with the schools that belong to the "Olu" group. They also took part



in Bakthi Geetha which was held at Visaka Vidyalaya.

It is with gratitude that we record our thanks and gratitude for the support extended to the Primary by the teachers, students and prefects of the upper school in all our extra-curricular activities. Their support was an inspiration to all of us in achieving success at



in their task of training them in their respective religions. We have many religious functions. We stress the importance of religion in their daily life and mind purification.

I wish to show my appreciation for the guidance and inspiration given to me by all



Primary School Mrs. Nilanthi Goonaratne who is a versatile teacher and who works hard to improve the standard of the Primary School.

It is my sincere wish that the Primary of St. Lawrence's School will go from strength to strength and be one of the most prestigious and popular ones in Sri Lanka.

***Mrs. Erin Dias***

these events.

We appreciate very much this kind gesture in not forgetting the work of the primary staff which tendered education in the early years of the students. I am justly proud to note that they are well disciplined and now truly reaping the fruits of their Education.

We have a multi - religious population of students. The teachers do not fail



the principals with whom I had the privilege of working throughout my years in school.

I thank the teachers of the primary who rallied round me and supported me in every way to uplift the standard of the primary.

I hope the same co-operation will be extended to the present Head of the





**St. Lawrence's Convent - Religious Community 2000**  
Srs. Annette, Madeline, Louis de Montfort, Gertrude, Xavier, Narmalie,  
Christina, Nilanthi & Priyangika

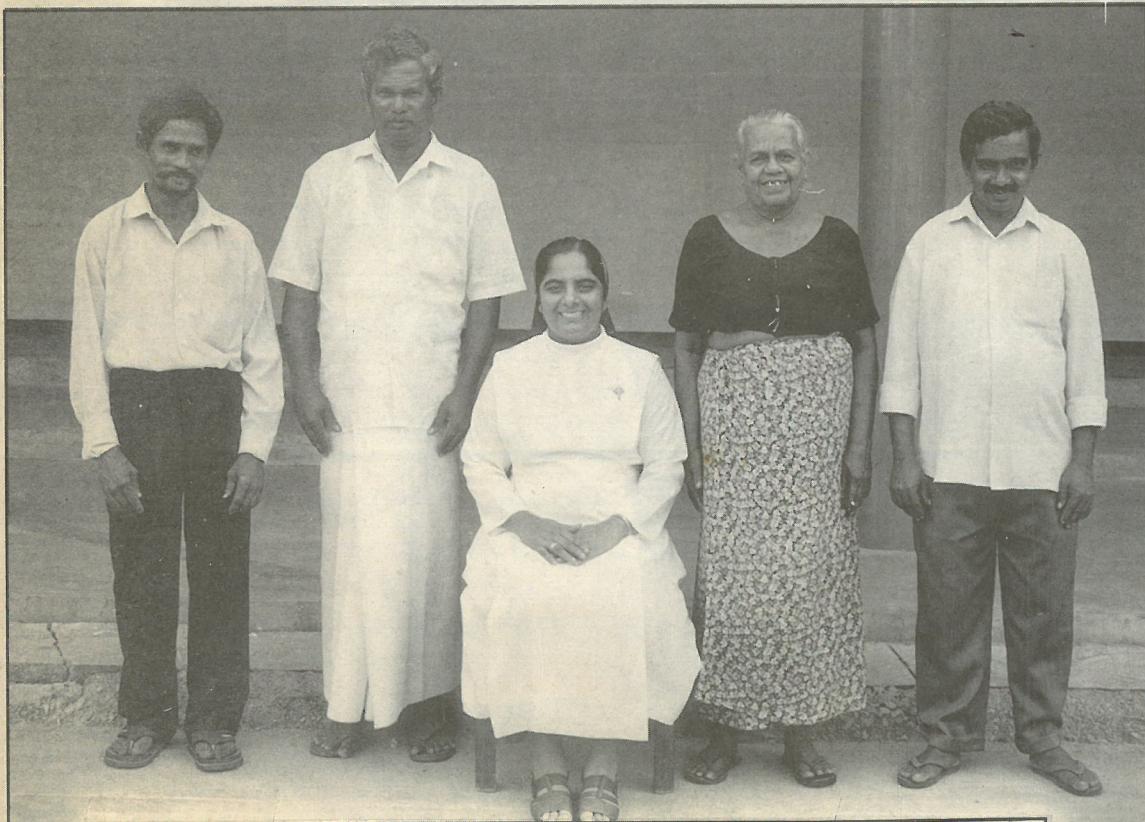


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#### **SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF**

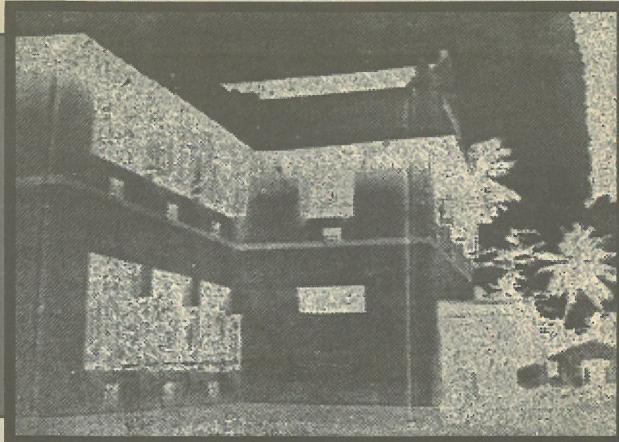
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Vinodani Wijesinghe, Amabel Croning, Thilini Mendis**



#### **SCHOOL MINOR STAFF**

**The Minor Staff of the School - Nimalsiri, Miguel, Alice, Ranjith  
with the Principal Revd. Sr. M. Gertrude**

# A window on St. Lawrence's School



This story is another milestone in the history of the school.  
It begins where the Poulier family left off...

As it stands to day, this modest spiritual, educational and cultural oasis, off the noisy, crowded and commercial Galle Road route in Wellawatta, owes its existence to the humility and importunity of our Parish priest, Rev. Father Robert Fernando, O.M.I., and the zeal and generosity of Mother Mary Immaculate Conception, R.I.P., former Provincial of the Good Shepherd nuns in Ceylon; who could not see her way clear to take St. Lawrence's under her wing, the first time Father Robert asked her to do so but who, touched by his perseverance, when, after trying all over the Island, without success, to find religious willing or able to undertake the work, he made a second appeal to her generosity. Owing to her zeal for souls she could not refuse him and she took the first step, the most important one in such an enterprise and sent two Sisters from Kotahena to start the work. Thus began the 'New Testament' in the story of St. Lawrence's School, in January 1953. By July 1st, 1955, a permanent Community was formed, and the Sisters took up residence at 42, High Street. The Story of the 'Old Testament' is well known to our Parishioners and the names of the Poulier family will live forever in the school archives. The Foundations of St. Lawrence's were laid on the solid rock of virtue, portrayed in the lives of the gallant men and women who went before us and set their seal upon the School. The nuns of the present day, only six in number, are doing their utmost to maintain the high standard of education and at the same time to move with the times, all for the glory of God and the good of youth.

## MONTESSORI

We shall begin at the school gate on Galle Road and take our readers on a tour of the Institution as it is to-day. The Montessori House of Children ushers us in, and 120 youngsters, in age from 2 1/2 years to five, bid us welcome with the customary Montessori hand shake and lead us through their class-rooms and hall where little tots are busily and quietly at work, according to the methods of Dr. Marie Montessori. We marvel at the skill with which they use their apparatus and listen to them explain the methods in their own way. Then they recite and sing for us and finally treat us to a Percussion Band Concert. They play with great gusto and enjoy what they are doing. They look very smart, too in their gold and maroon Band costumes. Here each child receives individual attention.

We leave these little ones with reluctance to continue our way along the games field Pavilion. The netball teams are on the courts getting in trim for the inter-school matches. As we pass the lower grades, we notice children hard at work in some classes while others are at singing in the Hall or engaged in drill or eurhythmics. Not wishing to disturb the teachers, we continue along the way to pay a visit to "Noirmoutier" the Transition Hostel - an absolute

'New Testament' feature, which owes its origin to our present Mother Provincial, Mother Mary Good Counsel, who wishes us to undertake something by way of Social Service. "Noirmoutier" houses working girls from various parts of the Island. Most of the girls are out working. We are received by a few girls who are off duty during the morning. They show us the dormitories and loggia upstairs, and the kitchen, dining-room, sitting-room and offices down stairs. We notice some of the students having music and theory lessons in the hall and some Girl Guides at work in the garden, getting their "Agriculture programme" under way. Sugar cane is growing beautiful in one corner of the garden and we notice fruit trees and odds and ends of vegetables as well as pretty plants and shrubs. The Hostellers do a good bit of gardening in their free moments.

We return by way of the main school building where the Concert Hall and business offices are also located. This is a veritable hive of activity. Besides classes working at academic subjects, certain sections of Seniors are doing a play soon to be produced; others are engaged in Needlework and Handwork projects. Delicious aromas waft from the Home Economics Lab, where a class of juniors experimenting in the art of cooking bid us welcome. The Commercial class is deep in Shorthand but we don't stop there. As we pass through the main office where typewriters are clicking and the gestetner machine is rolling off copies of songs and poems for the inter-house competitions, we notice a few members of the Past Pupils' Association trying to persuade the typists to do some work for their Annual Meeting; just on the horizon are the office bearers of the Youth Club who happen to come in at the moment and invite them to listen to the debate they are going to have with the leaders of the Tabernacle Youth Club early in March.

As we cross through the Hall we are quite taken up with some of the posters and friezes from the Art Department. In a remote corner of the Hall a group of Legionaries are thrashing out a programme for the Assembly next morning. All seem full of zeal.

### POINSETTIA

On our way over to the Convent we pass the Tuck Shop where a group of teachers, during a free period, are enjoying a "Tea Break." Along the way, we notice how every available bit of garden space is cultivated in one way or another.

The Poinsettia, in full bloom is gorgeous. Our attention is drawn to a neighbouring property which good Father Robert hoped to use for school expansion. The nuns are hoping for a Convent and Chapel there but alas' This is a hope not likely to be realized in our life time.

### LITTLE FRIENDS

Now, we enter the small Convent on the right and after paying a visit to the Blessed Sacrament we partake of some refreshments and then leave by way of the Convent garden where some "Little Frieds" former "Brownies" are weeding the flower plots and picking up the bus tickets blown in from High Street when the buses stop near the gate instead of at the bus stand. The "Little Friends" consider this chore a "good deed" for the day.

As we pass through the gate we find it difficult to realize that six nuns, fifty five lay teachers, twenty seven Hostellers, 921 students, and four devoted men helpers, all work together in unison in such a small space, all for the greater glory of God and the good of St. Lawrence's School.

*An excerpt from the "Golden Book"*

# ST. LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL - FROM 1952

## (What I know and can remember)

I joined the staff of St. Lawrence's School on 01-02-1952. The Principal then was Ms. Gosmeyer Miss. Bartholomeusz often lead the morning Prayers. The other teachers I remember are Mr. Cardoza, the Science Master, Mr. Fernando the Head Master, Mr. Peiris and Mrs. Paul, who stayed in the little house at the far end of the school. Later a Hostel for working girls was constructed in this area, which in later years was re-structured for the use of the School Home Science Unit and class rooms. A few more parishioners joined the staff. Mr. David Thambinayagam and Mr. Tommy Perera who in later years helped us as an Announcer at our Inter House Sportsmeets.

In 1953 we welcomed Mother Finbarr and a few nuns from the Good Shepherd order. Mrs. Charlotte Silva arrived with the nuns. They travelled daily from Kotahena. In a short time one of the two houses, bought for the school, was made available for the nuns to reside.

The other teachers I can remember during this period are Miss. Felsianas, Miss. May Oorloff, Mrs. Girlie Dabarera and Mrs. Herft who together opened the Brownie Pack (Little Friends). Mrs. Vivian Baptist (nee) Perera who started the Guide Company - 26th. Colombo with Miss. Noelle Pandithakoralege as 1st. Lieutenant, and Miss. Romaine de Krester as 2nd. Lieutenant.

Four places of great religious importance selected by Mother Finbarr, were announced as the names for the Four Houses for the School. The staff and the children were equally divided. Thereafter many inter house activities were held.

The first four House Mistresses were :

LOURDES HOUSE	-	Mrs. Charlotte Silva.
LORETTO HOUSE	-	Mrs. Girlie Dabaera.
LIMA HOUSE	-	Mrs. Dahanayake.
LISIEUX HOUSE	-	Mrs. Misso

\* Mrs. Misso migrated to Australia a few months later, and Miss. Noelle Pandithakoralege was appointed House Mistress of Lisieux House. Miss. Marina Van Rooyan took over in 1956.

Apart from the classroom work, we had many extra curricular activities which helped the children to build the team spirit in healthy inter house competitions - Poster Competitions in Religion, Drama, Singing, Spelling, Do you know contests, Drill & Dance Displays and Sports.

In 1966 and in 1967 we conducted Mini Sportsmeets within the school premises. In 1968 we launched a big regular Sportsmeet at St. Peter's College, Grounds. Our Chief Guest at this meet was the then Hon. Minister of Sports and Nationalised Services, Mr. V.A. Sugathadasa who was very pleased with a well organised, disciplined and an enjoyable Sportsmeet. The standards in both the Track and Field events were very good. The over 15 years Long Jump Record of 15'1 3/4 ins. established at this meet by Sandra Bastiansz of Lisieux House, still remains a School Record.

\*Inter house Sportsmeets were held annually, Besides athletics, Netball, Elle and Swimming were enjoyable events with the students. Recognition and many Awards have been won in these activities too.

\*In 1968 - Mother Superior was Rev. Sr. Eleanor  
Principal was Rev. Sr. Carmaline.  
Head Girl was Marsooma Kamaldeen  
Games Captain was Sandra Bastiansz

The overall championship was won by Lisieux House.

*Noelle Jayamaha*

# ST. LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL

## through the years

Providence works in unexpected ways. When Mrs. Janet Poulier began her little drawing room school in the year 1900 in a house called "Lawrence Villa", she never envisaged that in later years the City of Colombo would be dedicated to St. Lawrence in whose name the first Catholic Church was built in the fort of Colombo by Lorenzo de Almeida whose patron saint happened to be the same saint. When Fr. Robert Fernando built the new parish church of Wellawatte he dedicated it to this same saint - the lover of poor and friend of the youth. Perhaps it was the name of her house that made Mrs. Poulier interested in the life and work of St. Lawrence. Though a Protestant by denomination, in later years she called her school St. Lawrence's School.

The Poulier school flourished under this great lady an educationist dedicated to her calling. In 1932 when Mrs. Janet Poulier found the pressure of work hard to handle she appointed her niece Miss. Gladys Poulier her successor, though she still remained on the scene as consultant & adviser.

In the early years the school catered to both boys and girls. Mrs. Poulier and her noble band of teachers worked tirelessly and the school expanded moving premises from the early "Lawrence Villa" which later became the old post office at the site of which stands today's structure, to across the Galle Road where Mrs. Poulier purchased land for her new school building.

When she decided to sell the school Mrs. Poulier was adamant that the school should remain an educational institution and refusing an offer of Rs. 200,000 she offered the school for Rs. 150,000 to Fr. Robert on condition that it remained a school and always bear the name of Lawrence. Thus in 1951 Fr. Robert Fernando purchased the school on behalf of the Catholic Church. The school came under the direction of Miss. Gozmao. In 1953 two Good Shepherd sisters with Mother Finbarr as the head of the school began their work here. Certain changes were inevitable but the school continued along the same lines for some years more.

Girls and boys continued to be educated here till later on the boys were allowed to remain only up till standard 5 and in the early sixties they were stopped altogether. Sinhala, Tamil and English classes ran parallelly though numbers at the start were small. Some of the dilapidated classrooms gave way to a new building which included a laboratory as well. An old house at the bottom of the garden gave way to a two storeyed building.

One of the stalwarts from Mrs. Poulier's time who continued to serve the school for many years afterwards on the administrative staff and gave her best loyal and devoted services to the school is the unforgettable Miss. Lou Bartholemeusz. She was associated with school for almost half of its existence.

The school went onwards from strength to strength and today as an assisted private school holds its own as a small school producing well conducted all round students

who take their place in todays society holding responsible positions in various fields. Ten principals have held office in the second half of the schools existence with each principal developing the school in one field or the other.

Since it was initially a private school the staff was not transferred and many there were who spent their entire teaching careers in the school. The success of the school was in large measure the results of their dedicated loyal service. A word about our parents who were always with the management at all times - supporting advising but never interfering in the administration of the school. The wonderful rapport between the management, parents, teachers and past pupils is worthy of note as it contributed much to the development of the school.

The hallmarks of a true Lawrentian are courtesy, versatility and responsibility. Small is beautiful they say - it is advantageous as well. Since the numbers are manageable there is more interaction between students and teachers and among the students as well. The child, her skills and talents, her home background are all known and these help the teachers to bring out the best in a child or offer her guidance and support when necessary.

God has been generous with His gifts to St. Lawrence's and has helped us to grow not just in age but in wisdom and grace as well. To Him we humbly rededicate ourselves and declare that all we did was for 'The greater glory of God" as our motto invites us. To our patron St. Lawrence we add our salutations with the prayer that his inspiration and guidance will lead us ever onwards to greater heights and achievements.

*"School of our girlhood years to thee  
We pledge our love and loyalty  
Oh Red and Gold through triumph, through strife  
Blazen our trails to endless life"*

***Audrey de S. Wijeyaratne***

# FROM DRAWING-ROOM SCHOOL TO FULL-FLEDGED CONVENT ST. LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL IT'S EARLY BEGINNINGS...

by  
**S.J.K. Crowther**

St. Lawrence was a saint with an irrepressible sense of humour. He Joked on the gridiron on which he was roasted because he would not renounce his faith. It was a joke, a deadly joke cracked at the expense of the Roman Governor, that bought him to the gridiron. The Governor had heard that the church was rich in treasures. He sent for St. Lawrence and offered to spare his life on a condition: "Present me," said the Governor, "with the treasures of your Church and your life will be spared." St. Lawrence readily agreed.

A day was appointed for the treasures to be presented. On the due date, St. Lawrence invited the Governor to come. He opened the doors of his church where the poorest of the poor were gathered. "These," said the saint, "are the treasures of the Church. If you wish you can have the whole lot of them."

The Governor in a fit of ungovernable rage ordered St. Lawrence to be roasted on a gridiron. It was while his flesh was sizzling that St. Lawrence made his most memorable joke. He told his executioners: "One side of my body is now well baked. Why not turn me over so that the other side is equally well roasted."

## HUMOUR

St. Lawrence with his keen sense of humour must have smiled at "the set of curious chances" - to use a Gilbertian phrase - which brought about the establishment of St. Lawrence's School long before St. Lawrence's Church was established in Wellawatta.

In the spacious days of queen Victoria there

lived in Colombo South, a worthy citizen by the name of Lawrence. History does not state who he was and what he was doing. But he did one thing worthy of note and destined to hand down his name to posterity. He Called his house Lawrence Villa.

Then came Mrs. Janet Poulier, a born teacher, who had started her teaching career at the Methodist High School. Now Methodist College. Her one ambition she realised when she took over the house called Lawrence Villa and started to hold classes in its drawing room.

## DRAWING ROOM

This Drawing - room - School prospered, as it was bound to prosper with one so devoted to teaching as Mrs. Poulier. It grew, members multiplied and soon Mrs. Poulier found she had to have a proper school room. Came the question of naming the school. She called it St. Lawrence's School.

Why did she call it by that name? Not merely because it began its existence in Lawrence Villa. There was something more to it than this. And it is here that we see the inspiration of St. Lawrence. Just at this critical juncture, at the psychological moment, we may say, Mrs. Poulier chances on a life-sketch of St. Lawrence. She was greatly impressed by what she read of him: his pre-eminent love of God and man, his steadfastness in the faith and his cheerful heroic martyrdom. Ordinarily, Methodists hold no truck with Catholic saints. But Mrs. Poulier nobly rose above narrow prejudices. Already her school was

connected with the name of Lawrence. Now she boldly christened it St. Lawrence's School.

### **"POULIER SCHOOL"**

Thus, long before the Church thought of building a church in Colombo South in honour of St. Lawrence, a good Protestant lady had founded a St. Lawrence's School, which was later to be attached to St. Lawrence's Church.

"Poulier School" as many called it, developed and more accommodation had to be found. A move was made to the first house on the left hand side in Lily Avenue. Even this did not suffice. Another move was necessitated, this time to the right side of the Lane, to a building which is now the Post Office.

Mrs. Janet Poulier had presided over the school since its modest foundation in 1900. In 1936, she handed over the principalship to her niece, Miss Gladys Poulier, while she remained as manageress. The school continued to prosper, but it was no easy task to conduct a school, private school, under the new educational system of the Government. The Poulier family thought that in the best interests of the school it must be handed over to some agency competent to run it as a school, with this one's honourable record of disinterested service, should be run. To whom were they to entrust their sacred charge?

### **HANDED OVER**

Dedicated as Colombo had been to St. Lawrence since Portuguese times, after the demolition of Lorenzo de Almeida's Chapel, there had been no church to commemorate St. Lawrence! Then quite late in the day St. Lawrence's Church came up in Wellawatta. Mrs. Poulier, who had named her school after the Saint, doubtless noted the coincidence. When therefore it came to handing over her beloved institution to an educational agency, what was more natural

or proper than to hand it over to those who were in charge of the Church of St. Lawrence?

*The Catholic Church has an impressive list of Colleges and Schools to its credit all over the world. She felt - there is no doubt that St. Lawrence secretly inspired her - that it is to the Catholic Church authorities she should entrust her school.*

### **IDEAL**

And so it came to pass that in 1951, the Poulier ladies transferred their 51 years old school to the Catholic authorities of Colombo, who in 1938, had opened a church and a parish at Wellawatta, in honour of St. Lawrence without knowing in the least that cheek by jowl with their church there had been in existence a St. Lawrence's School. In doing so the Pouliers once more exemplified the ideal which had always guided them. They might have got a better price if their object was wordily gain. But the wealth of this world was least in the mind of St. Lawrence. So it was also in the mind of the Poulier family, who sold their school for much less than they could have got for it in the open market.

To Miss Gladys Poulier the school owes much more than can be described in a short article. No less a born teacher than her aunt, Miss Poulier had raised the school to a degree of efficiency rarely achieved in modern schools. When she recently retired from the school her work as well as the tone which she set for the school formed the subject of universal praise.

# *A token of my appreciation.....*

"Keep on climbing up the long, hard trail.  
Keep on trying though you faint and fail.  
Keep on looking for the golden gleam.  
Keep on believing in your dearest dream.  
Keep on singing though there's none to hear.  
Keep on jesting though there's none to cheer.  
Keep on ploughing though you've reaped no crops.  
Keep on marching if the drummer stops.  
Keep on fighting till the battle's won.  
Keep on keeping on till all is done.  
Keep on following your guiding light....  
Till a turning brings the goal in sight."

## **Harvest of Dreams - Patience Strong.**

This is a small token of my love and appreciation which I dedicate to all my teachers, from the day I started school till I left those gates of safe haven and security to enter the world of bitter rivalry and merciless competition.

I remember my first teacher in year one had a very hard time with me, since I couldn't understand Sinhalese. I used to go home crying that she scolded me, everyday. She is one teacher I take my hat off to, for her patience and fortitude in coping with crying, wailing and utterly spoilt six-year olds. The memories of my speech teacher will never leave me, for her subject was 40 minutes of utter terror as I never made the effort to study her poems and even if I did, a cowering classmate of mine would plead with me not to raise my hand. So it was always a case of being punished. Yet another was a rather formidable nun, who inflicted such an amount of terror and dread among the whole class that one day we all stood up before she could punish us herself as was her daily custom! Even the girls who knew the answers were never able to express themselves for fear of calling down her wrath upon themselves.

I was the bane of all my Sinhalese and Maths teachers, who never seemed to be able to hold my attention long enough. And we all know that if you can't do maths, no force on this earth can ever get you to understand and grasp that intricate process of working out a sum. But my teacher did; I passed with a distinction for her subject. (The number of times I got hit on the head and poked in the stomach with her pen bears a lot of relation to this case.) History was always a 40 minutes to catch up with the sleep I missed getting up at 6.30 in the morning, but towards the latter stages, I discovered it was one of my best subjects, all thanks to my teacher. And even the dreaded subject of Economics was a hurdle I jumped successfully thanks to the unflagging determination of my teacher.

One thing I did realise was that once I came to the higher grades, my expectations and requirements of my teachers began to vary, as I grew both in age as well as in my load of responsibilities. I will never be grateful enough to all of my teachers for the solid foundation and grooming they gave me and for the implicit trust they placed in me. Their unwavering faith in my ability, their quiet (sometimes not!) support and steady guidance was the anchor that kept my head above the waters that tend to close above you at times when under pressure. The capability of holding my own in society and the drive I have to make something out of myself, is in large thanks to my teachers, who also taught me to be patient, respectful and accommodating to others in all walks of life and of various kinds of temperaments.

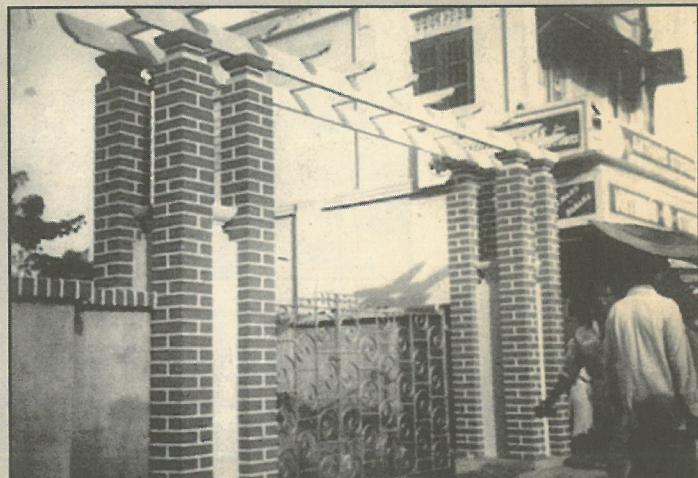
Strength of character, perseverance, integrity and loyalty are all values generated by my teachers, when sometimes cease to be merely autocratic beings of academic learning, but become your safeguard and shoulder to lean on in times of trouble and unease. This is my experience with some of my teachers, who will always play a vital role in my life.

Which is why I owe so much to my teachers and my school life. It's only now that I truly appreciate the carefree, safe and hassle free life of my school days that seemed never-ending and such a drudge at that stage. But I'm thankful for all the memories and the experiences gained from school and my teachers, for I am who I am today because of them. All the very best to you dear teachers, and thank you with all my heart for the teachings and the care all of you showered upon me during my school career.

# HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL IN PICTURES

## THE MONTESSORI SCHOOL JUNE 1953

The old entrance  
to the school



The Montessori School

Children and members  
of the staff of the  
Montessori



# KINDERGARDEN BLOCK 1954-1955

Kindergarten  
Class Room Block  
in 1954

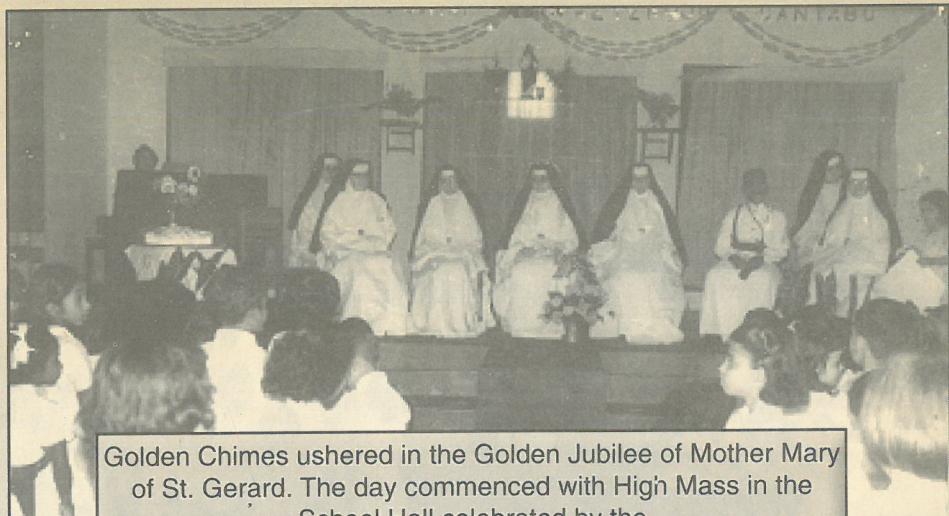


Montessori Children  
at work

Mrs. Dabarera  
Mrs. Herft and  
Mrs. de Joudy  
with the  
students



Kindergarten  
Children with the  
Teacher



Golden Chimes ushered in the Golden Jubilee of Mother Mary of St. Gerard. The day commenced with High Mass in the School Hall celebrated by  
Very Rev. Fr. Serru O.M.I. assisted by  
Rev. Fr. Robert Fernando O.M.I. as deacon and  
Rev. Fr. Herat O.M.I. as sub deacon.



Rev. Mother Mary of Sr. Gerard's at the Golden Jubilee celebration with the students in September 1956

# 1st Holy Communion



Commicants in  
Coloured and veils.



One with Mrs. Bertholomeuz



Receiving the sacrament of confirmation.

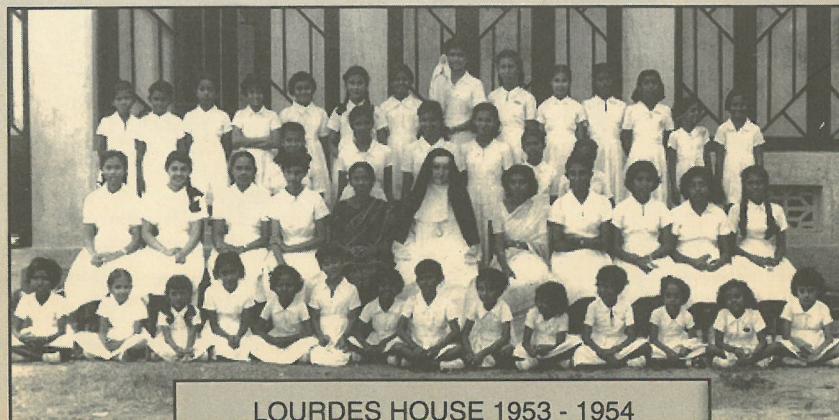
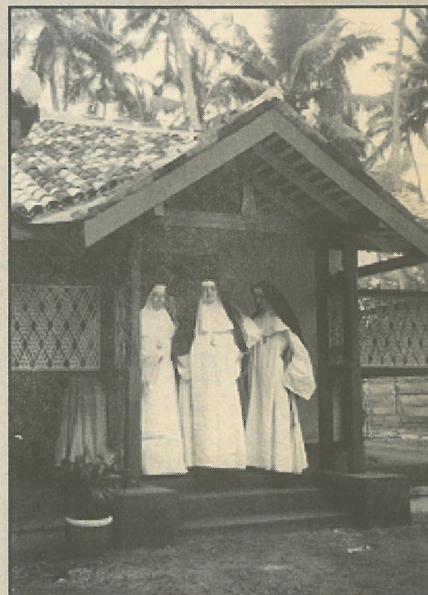
# THE CONVENT - 1954



REV. FR. RIOU



LEGION OF MARY 1953 - 1954



LOURDES HOUSE 1953 - 1954

## INTER HOUSE SPORTS MEETS IN THE EARLY YEARS



Mother Eleanor (Superior) escorting the chief guest Hon Minister V. A. Sugathadasa at the first meet to be held on St. Peter's College Grounds in 1968



An event from the first meet held in 1966 on the school grounds. The old school pavilion is in the background and the Chief Guests was Dr. & Mrs. P. de S. Jayasinghe.



The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany Dr. Pleiffer who was the Chief Guest at the Sportsmeet being garlanded by the Games Captain of the School Sharon Pietersz on his arrival.



Games Captain Sandra Bastiansz at the Microphone in 1969 with Chief Guests Mr. & Mrs. Julian Grero.



Sandra Jayasekera  
intermediate  
champion  
receiving her  
award from  
Mr. I.D.M. Van  
Twest DIG - 1972

Sharon Pietersz  
winning the under 15  
100 metres event



Staff  
and  
officials Race  
1972

## SMILIN THRU FAIR & FETE 1956



The Mayor of  
Colombo  
Mr. V. A. Sugathadasa  
cuts the ribbon to  
open "Smilin Thru"  
The Fair & Fete -  
organised  
by the School

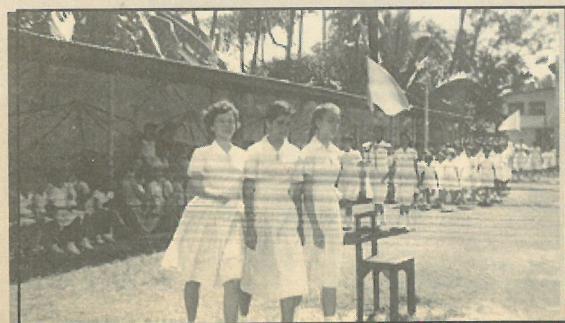
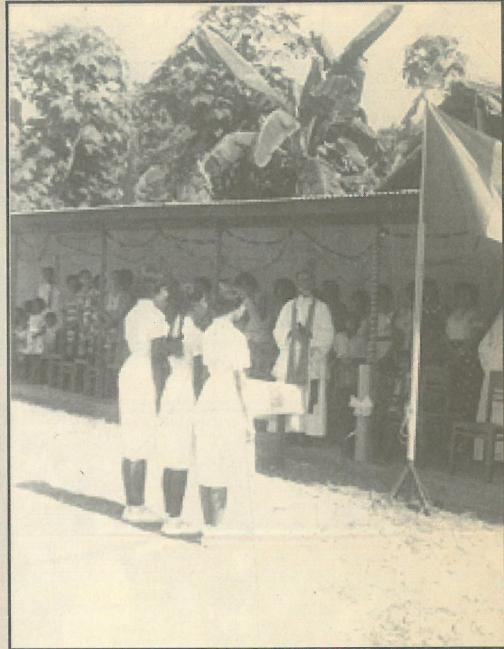
## St. Lawrence's School Celebrations - 11th August 1957

Rev. Fr. Robert  
Fernando  
blesses the Crest.

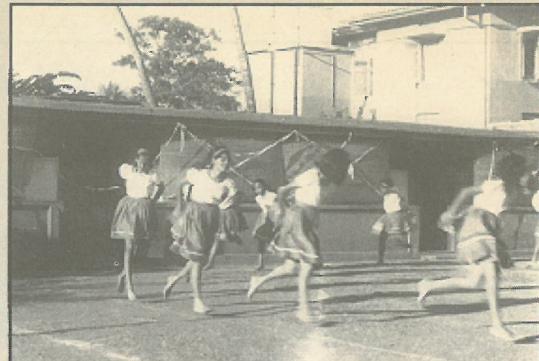


The March Past.

# ST. LAWRENCE'S DAY CELEBRATION (1956 - 1963)



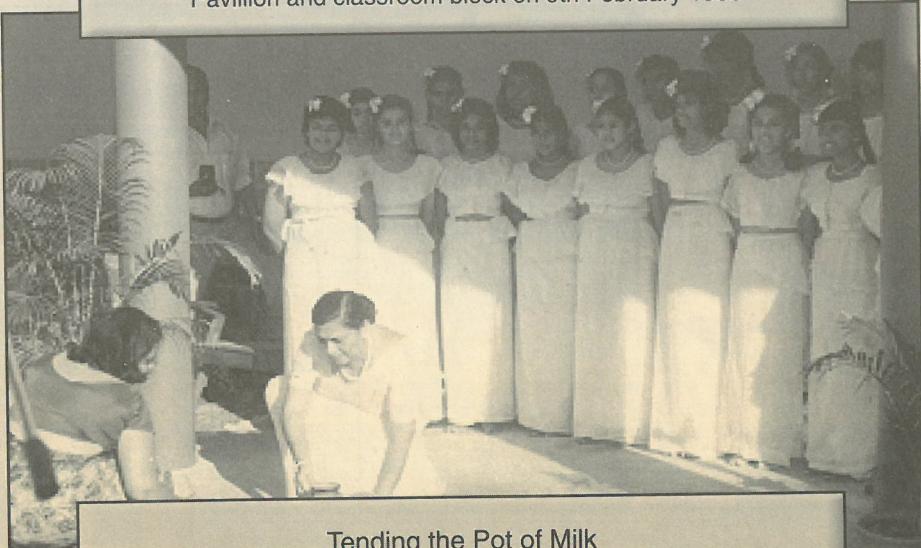
# DRILL AND DANCE DISPLAY - 1968 - 1969



THE FOUNDATION STONE WAS BLESSED ON  
30.7.1987  
AND THE BUILDING DECLARED OPEN ON  
9.2.1988  
BY THE  
MOST REV'D. DR. NICHOLAS MARCUS  
FERNANDO  
ARCHBISHOP OF COLOMBO  
FINANCED BY  
RT. REV'D. MGR. ARNOLD POLL  
PRESIDENT HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION  
WEST GERMANY.



Principal Sr. Nivard Senerath welcoming the  
Most Revd. Dr. Nicholas Marcus Fernando,  
Archbishop of Colombo and other guest to the opening of the  
Pavillion and classroom block on 9th February 1988



Tending the Pot of Milk



Rev. Fr. Martin Gunaratne.  
Bishop Oswald Gomis,  
Rev. Fr. Manik Muttukumaru  
and the  
Principal Rev. Sr. Lynette at  
the Opening of the New Set of  
Classrooms - 1978 / 79



Bishop Oswald Gomis cutting  
the ribbon declaring open the  
New Set of the classrooms



The Principal Rev. Sr. Lynette  
welcoming  
Bishop Oswald Gomis and  
other guest to the opening of  
the new set of the classrooms

# SCHOOL AWARD DAYS



## FIRST AWARD DAY

Chief Guest Aux. Bishop Frank  
Marcus Fernando  
with Rev. Sr. Eleanor - 1965



## PRIZE GIVING 1974

Chief Guest - Rev. Sr. Carmeline, Former Principal  
with Rev. Sr. Colette, Principal.



## PRIZE GIVING 1983

Hon. Prime Minister R. Premadasa and Madam Hema Premadasa with Principal Rev. Sr. Lynette

## PRIZE GIVING 1982

Chief Guest Hon. Minister. Anandatissa  
De Alwis.



**PRIZE GIVING 1984**  
Rt. Rev Mgr. Ambrose De Paoli  
Papal Nuncio

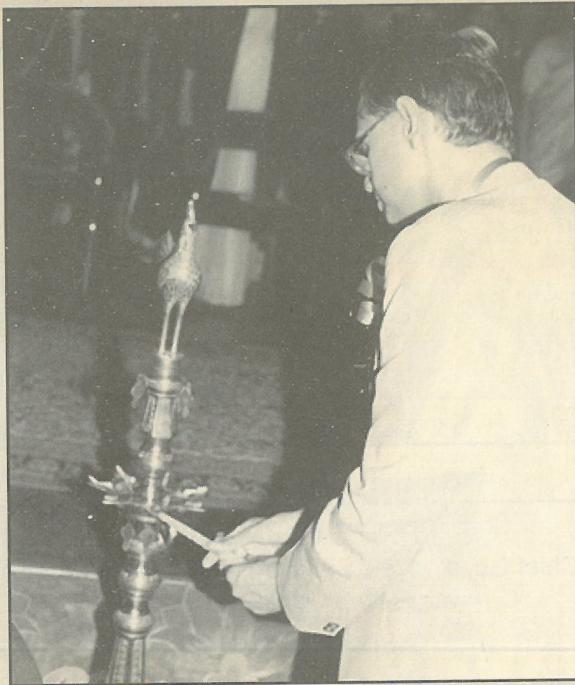
**PRIZE GIVING 1985**  
Hon. Minister of Land, Land Development and  
Mahaweli Development Mr. Gamini Dissanayake  
and Mrs. Dissanayake with Principal  
Rev. Sr. Nivard Senarath

**PRIZE GIVING 1988**  
Chief Guest Prof. Willie Mendis,  
Vice Chancellor  
Moratuwa University



### **PRIZE GIVING 1991**

Hon. Minister of Education and Higher Education Mr. Lalith Athulathmudali with Principal Rev. Sr. Francin and Mother Superior Sr. Mari Niyomi



### **PRIZE GIVING 1993**

Chief Guest Prof. G.L. Peiris  
(Vice Chancellor University of Colombo)



### **PRIZE GIVING 1992**

The Chief Guest Hon. Justice Mark Fernando  
Judge of the Supreme Court with  
Rev. Sr. Mary Gertrude



### **PRIZE GIVING 1999**

Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Ivan Perera  
(National Director Catholic Education)

### **PRIZE GIVING 1997**

Prof. Mrs. Wimala de Silva, Vice Chancellor  
Jayawardhenepura University with  
Principal Rev. Sr. Mary Gertrude

# ITEMS FROM SCHOOL CONCERT

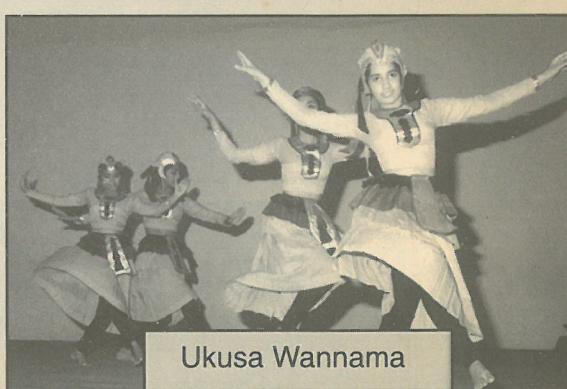


Chief Guest  
at a school concert  
Rev. Fr.  
Felician Perera  
Rector  
St. Peter's College  
being welcomed by a  
student

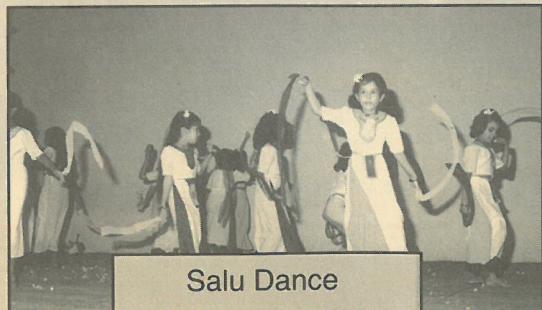
Chief Guest  
at a school  
concert  
Kala Shuri  
Mr. Anil Mihiripenna  
and  
Mrs. Mihiripenna  
being welcome by  
the Principal  
Sr. Mary Gertrude



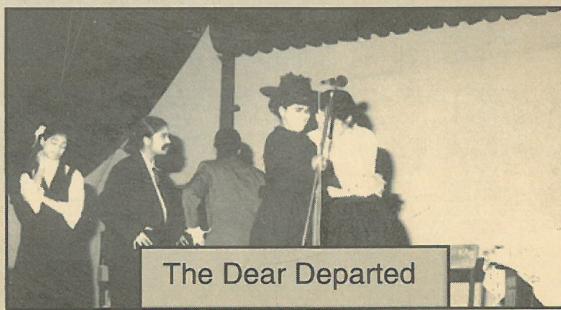
Items 'Ran Malak'



Ukusa Wannama



Salu Dance



The Dear Departed



Thuranga Wannama



An Action Song



"Krishna"



The Chariot Song



Kohomba Kale Dance



An Action Song



An Organ Recital

## STAFF TRIPS



At Subodhi



At Kandalama Hotel



At the Culture Club

**'THANK YOU" TO MISS. LOU BARTHOLEMEUSZ**  
**by the**  
**Staff, Past Teachers and Members of P.P.A.**



# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



Santa arrives for the Christmas party  
followed by children



Christmas Party organised by the Past Pupils  
Association in the school for the children



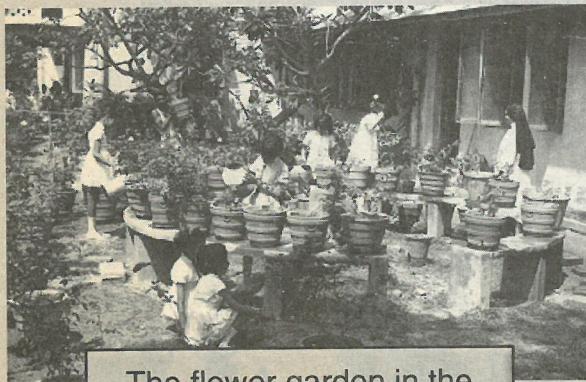
Santa greets and distributes gifts at the  
Christmas Party



A scene from the Ballet  
"Hansa Vila"

The Actresses were  
K.D. Nilanthi (Mrs.  
Nilanthi Goonaratne),  
Geetha Deveraj and  
Sherine de Alwis.  
This ballet which was  
directed and trained by  
Mrs. Manel Boteju was  
staged at  
St. Lawrence's and at  
the Maharagama  
Training College  
in 1971.

Scenes from the play **Lady Precious Stream**  
produced by Mrs. Yolande Abeyweera in 1971.

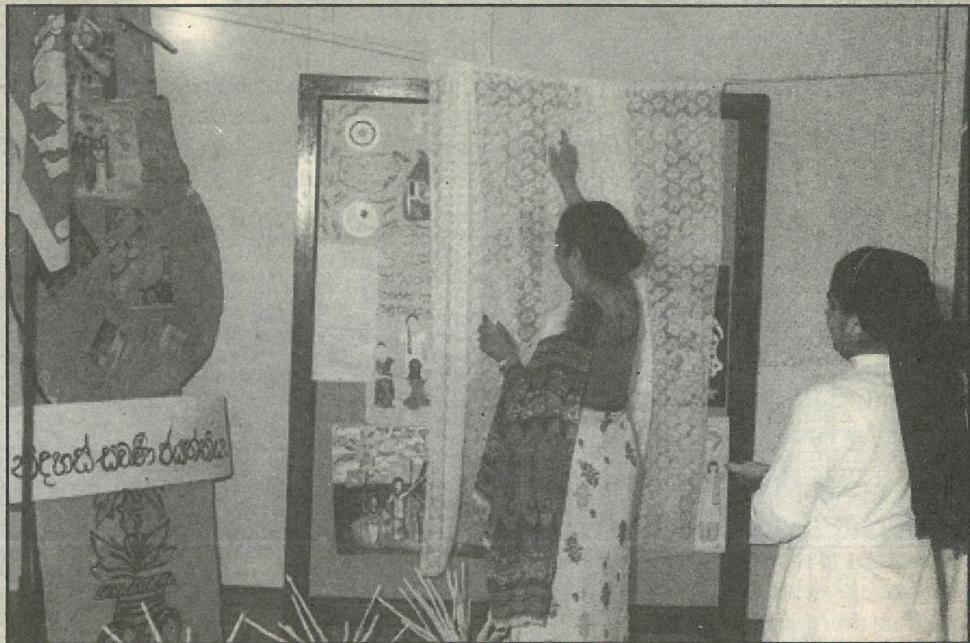


The flower garden in the  
school premises in 1971



The winning table at the  
Table Decor Competition  
organised to celebrate  
St. Lawrence's School Day

# School Celebrates 50 Years of Independence - 1998



The 50 years of Independence was celebrated in the school with religious services be conducted by the students at which Chief Guest was Mrs. Kariyawasam, Zonal Education Directress

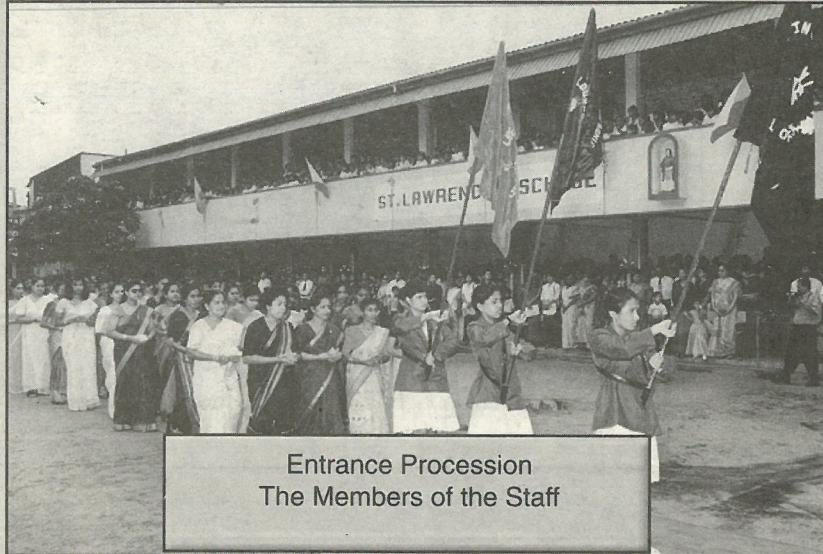
The Chief Guest  
Mrs. Kariyawasam,  
Zonal Education Directress  
hoisting the School Flag



# ST. LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Years ago, a Lady - Mrs. Janet Poulier, had a vision to start a school which she did. Mrs. Poulier began a little school in the year 1900 in a house called "Lawrence Villa", which through the years grew from strength to strength. Today, we the present students of St. Lawrence's School have the good fortune to celebrate hundred years of its existence.

Quite fittingly, Rev. Sr. Gertrude our Principal and the staff members, drew up a programme as to how we should celebrate this great event. Accordingly the first event was the "Centenary Walk". Students, past pupils, teachers and parents took part in the walk, sporting badges and caps in school colours, with the two school bands leading the way. Thereafter there was a mini fair. There were many stalls selling miscellaneous items, clothes, books, plants and delicious home made eats.



Entrance Procession  
The Members of the Staff

A band kept our feet on the go. At the end of the day, we were tired, but happy.

The next item on the agenda was a drama. The very popular Indu Dharmasena came forward to train us. It was hard work, but when it went on Boards on the 25th, 26th and 27th of March 2000, our drama "The Golden Goose" was a great success.

During this period a new storey was under construction. Sr. Principal had expressed the desire to have this building completed for the Centenary Celebrations. The people involved in this project agreed, and took all necessary



steps to see that the building was completed before the celebrations. By the grace of God the building was ready in time. His Lordship, Bishop Nicholas Marcus Fernando declared the new building open. Holy Mass was celebrated. Religious observances were conducted by both Buddhist and Muslim students. After the religious ceremonies were over, the children were treated with musical entertainment, which was enjoyable.

On a subsequent date an Evening of Prayer and a Healing Service conducted by Rev. Fr. Darrel Coonghe, was most inspiring and helped us



A Hundred red lamps

spiritually. This service was greatly appreciated by the students as well as their parents. The Buddhist children too in accordance with their religious beliefs went to the Temple and invoked the blessings of Lord Buddha on the school and the students.

Thereafter we eagerly awaited the 'Big' event, and put our hearts and souls practising for many weeks. Preparations were made for the event, and then came the 29th of September 2000, the day the whole school was a hive of activity. The 30th of September 2000, dawned. It was a cloudy day, so we prayed that the rains will hold off, and by the grace of God

the skies cleared. The Chief Guest Rt. Rev. Dr. Nicholas Marcus Fernando arrived on time and was escorted to the beautifully decorated outdoor stadium. His Lordship celebrated Holy Mass attended on by several priests. After mass the Papal message was read out. There were many priests and nuns invited to this joyous day. Among them were three of our past Principals.

We did not forget our Buddhist and Muslim students, who were included in the religious ceremonies invoking the blessings of Lord Buddha and Almighty Allah.

After Holy Mass ended the Western Band together with the Eastern Band presented a band display, followed by



a dance. The two items were a success inspite of the showers of rain, and it was greatly appreciated by the audience. Thereafter the Chief Guest and invitees were treated to a sumptuous lunch. By this time it was raining heavily, but that did not dampen the spirits of all the children who danced merrily to the accompaniment of good music. Infact it was more fun dancing in the rain. Indeed these were showers of blessing on our school. I would like to visualise the foundress of our school smiling at us from her heavenly abode. It was a most exciting and memorable day for us. Souveniors were sold to remember this event.

We also had an exhibition on the 8th and 9th of November 2000. We students got together and presented our exhibition to the best of our ability.

In conclusion we are most grateful to our Principal, Rev. Sr. Gertrude and all the staff members for their untiring efforts to make the Centenary Celebration the grand success that it was.

**Harshini Dias Amarawardena**  
Grade 9C

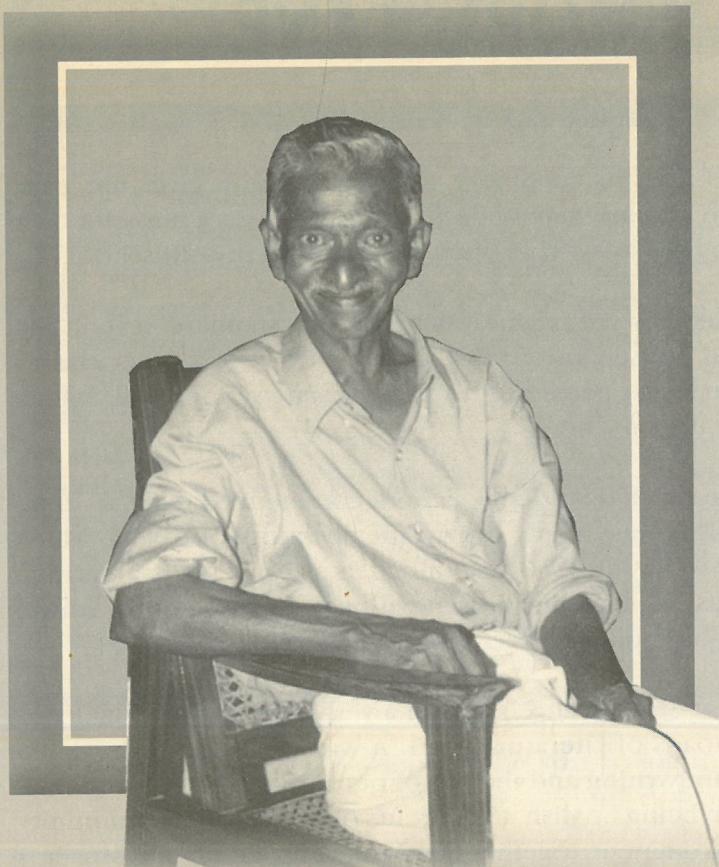
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# Man at the Wheeel

It is indeed a great honour bestowed on me to pen a few golden memories about the commendable and the long standing service of Mr. Michael Jayasinghe, the office aid of our school.

Mr. Jayasinghe was a strong pillar of St. Lawrence's School, where he served 28 years. There are a few distinctive features which anyone who is connected with St. Lawrence's School would have observed in him.

One of these was the "Influence for good". He was one of the finest gentleman I have come across in my life time. As I grew up in my school, day by day, we had the opportunity of associating with this fine man in our childhood.

The jokes he shared with us and the stories he related to us were peculiar to our childhood, though he was much older than us. He said "no" to nothing. He was a positive man. He was a friend not only to the senior teachers but he was the friend of little children as well. Consequently he couldn't be dropped on school trips and outings. On those trips he was good fun and a willing helper.

He was always aware of his duties, more over his performance was beyond his duties. At night he was the watcher of our school. Mr. Jayasinghe was doing his duties mindful of the outcome of possible mistakes on a respectable educational institute. Therefore he always attempted to pave a good way for the young girls by way of his exemplary character and his sincere devotion to the school for which he worked for 28 years.

Though he was not a great educationist he was aware of the fact that working for the school was just not a livelihood but it is something that goes to the roots of the culture, heritage and the conscience of the people and the children.

In short Mr. Jayasinghe was a man who can be trusted absolutely with the grit to stick to a unpleasant job of work and see it through to the end. Whatever he did he did alone with out grumbling and was always with a smile. There are instances where he was scolded by the sisters for helping others in good faith.

Currently he is spending the evening of his dedicated life living with his family in Gampola. May God Bless him and we wish him all health and happiness in his sunset years.

**CHRISTINE SENARATNE - 98 A / L.**

# DOWN MEMORY LANE.....

As St. Lawrence's School celebrates its centenary, as a past pupil it gives me great pleasure to write a few lines on my early school days. Although, I was a pupil for only 3 years (1942 - 1945) yet, I do have a few cherished memories of my old school.

It was a mixed school and classes were from kindergarten to standard seven. The lower school was in a very old house close to the school gates. A few other classes too, were in old buildings in close proximity to the present school hall, which comprised a major part of the upper school.

The school population was nearly 250 students. School commenced daily at 10.00 a.m. and closed at 4.00 p.m. This was mainly due to the Second World War, which was in progress. Very often the Wellawatte Police sounded its air - raid siren, a warning drill for another Japanese invasion and the children with a pencil in mouth, cotton wool in ears were taught to creep quickly under table or school desk.

During this period education at St. Lawrence's was of a very high level. Consider at standard two reading "High Roads of Literature" and "A way to History", using the Royal Crown copy book for handwriting and the use of pen and ink by the students. With the medium of instruction being English, the parents of the Burgher community of Wellawatte, which was very prominent, together with Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims chose St. Lawrence's for their children's education.

The teaching staff was very dedicated and I can still remember teachers like Mr. Brohier, Miss. Ludwick, the very stern Principal Miss. Gladys Poulier and my own class teacher Miss. Bartholomeuz to whom I owe much in life.

Being a loyal student of my old school, I chose to send my two children to St. Lawrence's and once again had the opportunity of meeting my class teacher Miss. Bartholomeuz who had retired from teaching but had taken up duties in the school office. When I met her to pay school fees I told her it was for my two daughters. She promptly told me she knew they were my children.

While my children were educated at St. Lawrence's I took a keen interest in all the activities of the school. My children are now past pupils and they together with other past pupils work hard for the up lifting of their school.

St. Lawrence's has now grown from strength to strength and as its centenary is celebrated, I take this opportunity of wishing its principal, staff and pupils all success with the hope that St. Lawrence's will be a leading institute in the field of education in Sri Lanka.

*Carlyle Neydorff*

## OF SCHOOL DAYS AND TEACHERS

School days - a never to be repeated experience! Our teachers - all great ladies, who patiently and kindly guided us all during our years in school, instructing us in the fundamental rules of life.

They were responsible for instilling in us the discipline and self-confidence that we took with us when we left school. We learnt to believe in ourselves and in our talents, and reach for our highest goals. To be the best we could be - and that lesson I took with me when I left school to face the outside world.

Those lovely, carefree days are long gone, where our biggest problems were studying and passing our exams. Such agonies we went through, trying to understand our lessons in Sinhalese. Personally, it was like feeling my way through a fog - but the determination to get out of the fog was strong, and I'm glad to say I did it! I studied myself into a fever at times, but I passed every exam I sat for. All thanks to my teachers, for their infinite patience and understanding. I am grateful to you all.

When I think back to the good old days, my happiest memories are, unfortunately, not of studying and striving to excel in my lessons, but of the more lighthearted events like sportsmeets and concerts. Never will I forget the long walks to Cooray Park for sports practices. The hours spent in the sun trying to march in synchrony, to win the coveted March Past Trophy. Excitement would run high on the day of the Meet, with the girls eyeing their rivals cautiously, and the House Teachers egging on their girls to do their best - at loggerheads with their colleagues, who were now in the enemy camp! All would return to normal a few days later!!

Mrs. Yolande Abeywira trained us for several concerts, and Mr. Lylie Godridge, dear to us all in the choir, would arrive on Tuesday mornings for our singing sessions. He taught us old folk songs and harmonising. He trained us for the 1000 Voice Choir - a unique and unforgettable experience. They are both with us no more, but, I suspect, will never be forgotten. Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves was directed by Mrs. Abeywira, and all the songs composed by Mr. Godridge. That was a great success and all who took part in it really enjoyed themselves. Well, I did! We also put on A Christmas Carol, which too was very enjoyable. These were the 'big time' plays of our time, but I'll not forget the Christmas concerts we did every year-end when we were younger. The heady excitement of Christmas nearly always started at those get-togethers.

Prize Givings were another highlight of our school days. Receiving a prize was the greatest reward for our hard work, and gave us a very special feeling. I also remember a couple of school day trips, highly educational, but no less exciting, where once we even ended up in the Chilaw Police Station!

Yes, there are many memories, both good and bad, but, whichever way you look at it, our school days were the best. A strong foundation stone for the rest of our lives.

Congratulations St. Lawrence's - a 100 years of producing girls who were, and always will be, proud of their alma mater!

*Jessica Gunawardena*

## Thoughts of a past Lawrentian...

As I sat and began to write a few words about my school days there came the memories which I cherish and treasure so much. I remember a particular incident which took place even before I entered school. At the time of the incident the choice of school had been finalised and my brother and my cousins started to make fun of my school and I remember how I cried, shouted and even threw stones at them. I was just 6 years but fighting in an attempt to defend my school.

While at school we never used to value our school days. I used to dream of the day where I would leave school. I used to count the number of years that were remaining for me to leave school. Only when I came to my O'Level year did I really look with much sadness and regret at the couple of years I was to spend in school.

A child generally spends 13 years in school. Through the years teachers played the role of mothers. On numerous occasions my teachers have addressed us as "Duwey" (Daughter). We could always go to them with any problem and with much love and care they would always try to help us in which ever way they could. Of course we used to imitate them and even dread some of the teachers lessons but that's part of being young and mischievous. Though the teachers were strict at times now as an adult I look back with much gratitude for their dedication towards the profession they were engaged in. Even now if I happen to meet any teachers it is with much respect and joy that I go upto them and chat. Recently I met my year 3 class teacher at a shopping mall and she would have been around 70 years or so and with no hesitation I walked upto her and spoke but of course she couldn't remember me but it's that bond that we built during school that remains which is so strong and never fades away.

During my school career I remember how we were told to stand straight when a superior is addressing us. Even now it is repeated in my day to day life. Punctuality was very much stressed at S.L.S. and the late comers had to do rounds around the grounds and were taken to the principal's office. We, students at S.L.S. were never allowed to wear short uniforms. It had to be knee length or longer with hair tied in two plaits neatly combed (no fancy hair styles) and with two red ribbons. Shoes had to be cleaned or polished, nails cut short and no safety pins on the uniform. As a young girl we never saw the value of such discipline but now as an adult I look back and am thankful for the strict discipline and upbringing I obtained at my alma mater because it helps me to be level headed and to keep my head above my shoulders. That's the reason why we Lawrentian's stand out in todays society. S.L.S. has trained us in a conservative manner and with certain values .

I remember how boy's were never to be associated with while in school. There would be much speculation if a girl had a male acquaintance. Severe rules were imposed for our benefit and betterment. As an adult when looking at our society it's with much appreciation and pride that I look at the strict upbringing we got from the good shepherd nuns. Indeed they were shepherds by showing and guiding us in the correct path. The prefects used to check bags and confiscate things like magazines, letters and sweet dreams books and as teenagers we used to think it was highly stupid but as a mature adult I realise what good it has done to me. The convent upbringing that I obtained has helped me to behave in society in a way that is compatible to our culture. I would like to tell all those present Lawrentians reading this article, you may not value it now but ten twelve years down the line you will no doubt see the value of it.

Being at S.L.S. moulded me to a complete person with many values put into me and confidence and fluency in English and Sinhalese has enabled me in my day to day life. At S.L.S. since the number of students is only about one thousand two hundred everyone gets a chance to take part in extra curricular activities. The exposure that I and past Lawrentian's gained at S.L.S. is immense

Each girl was given the opportunity to take part in debating, drama, sports, guiding etc. Most of the girls were given a chance to be a leader in some way or the other, maybe as a prefect or maybe as an office bearer in an association. This brings out those leadership skills and organising abilities in a person from a young age. These qualities help us to take the lead next to others in society. It's that exposure that brought the best in us which enables us to shine in society. The biggest event in the school calendar "The annual inter house sports meet" is an event that brings the whole school together. Team work was instilled in us by such events and also Science day, English day, Sinhalese day, Prize Giving, Prefects day brought out the best in us. From the year 5 students to the principal used to work together as one in order to make the occasion a success.

When I look back, I remember school as being a big family unit. It has been several years since I left school but still if I see a Lawrentian however junior to me I can recognize her and a "Hi" is always exchanged. Recalling my old memories I still remember the last day of my school career. The whole class started to cry as the silence bell was heard at 07.25 a.m. As the periods passed by the smiles faded away and tears started to roll down our cheeks. No one could stop them. After thirteen long years it was time to bid adieu. After school hours we had organised a lunch for the teachers who guided us throughout, as they dispersed we hugged each other and cried in a way that we have never cried. Up to date the saddest day in my life has been that last day that I walked out of the gates of St. Lawrence's. I still have two uniforms hung in my closet with my house badge and two prefects badges in jewellery boxes safely kept and which I intend to pass on to a daughter of mine one day. The school magazines and the photographs are the only things that bring me memories and the occasional visits that I pay to school when ever I have free time.

I long for that day where I would see a daughter of mine wearing that very familiar uniform and me walking through the gates of St. Lawrence's, this time not as a student but as a parent. I want to make that wise decision that my mother made so many years ago and would love to see a daughter of mine under the care of my Alma Mater St. Lawrence's. I am certainly not in a very high post but I am here doing a job, working my way through the business world and I owe all this to my Alma Mater. I owe so much to you my school and I sincerely hope and pray that I would be able to pay back my debts and that St. Lawrence's which was initially called Lawrence Villa will grow from strength to strength and will produce Lawrentians who will be loyal citizens taking the lead in society.

***Taniya Fernando***

A Past Lawrentian

# THE IMPORTANCE OF ETHICS

With the dawn of the twenty first century, Globalization which is a result of the advancement of Science and Technology has reached its zenith. Globalization has had a good and bad impact on society, especially on developing countries where people tend to ape the westerners forgetting their back grounds and culture. As a result the value of ethics too has begun to decrease rapidly. Ethics could be described as moral principles or rather philosophies. But from my point of view I think it has something more to it. Ethics is not something to be "spoon fed" to somebody but to be explained to a person so that it is understood by him very clearly and that he would realize the value of life and how it helps greatly in the formation of his character.

As stated above, the advancement of Science and Technology and the communication facilities it has provided through e-mail and the internet which "quenches the thirst for knowledge and information" could be described as the main spring of globalization. Thus the young generation has chosen the computer not only as a source of education but also as a source of entertainment which exceeds its limits beyond computer games even to pornography. Pornography not only corrupts the minds of all those who dare watch these scenes, but also takes away the sense of respect that everyone should have and owe the other, and violates the rightful privacy of people. It is no wonder then that women and perhaps men too live in fear of being abused, as the amount of corruption caused by pornography seems to escalate daily. It has spread like a wild fire even among teenagers and seems to be a force no one could ever oppose and which has contributed to the degradation of ethics.

Eventhough in the past a woman was respected and given her due place in society, today they have been brought so low, even to the point of being used as "play things" of the opposite sex. The age old saying and belief that in the past a pretty woman adorned with jewels could walk unaccompanied from Point Pedro to Dondra in our country seems only a myth to the present generation, as women have to suffer harassment of all sorts, be it while travelling in public transport or at work places because of gender discrimination etc. Ethics has been degraded to such an extent that in the present day a son would not hesitate to kill his own mother in order to get money not considering how much a mother has to go through to bring up her children. So at a time where mothers do not get the respect due to them even from their own off spring how could another person expect to be respected by such people?

As the rat race, to possess more, never seems to cease, people do not bother how they earn their money; be it by selling drugs, pornography, prostitution, theft or fraud and live as people without a conscience, as money seems to be their only goal in life. And so it is no wonder that people forget their own parents who have gone through all the trouble to bring them up, and with no sense of thankfulness or gratitude, isolate them in Homes for Elders or even worse at times chase them out of their own houses. It is indeed a very pathetic state that has dawned on our society, for people don't seem to know what love, kindness, honesty, gratitude, responsibility and obedience mean.

I think it is about time that at least the younger generation stand up against such vices in society and take the trouble to get to know what ethics is, and how ethics can help a person to form his character and show the adults and also tell them that we want to see and bring about a change in society. Instead of the vices and selfishness we want to see a righteous society with chivalrous people and at least some of our elders would become aware that humane qualities and ethics still do exist and take the trouble to enlighten the future generation and ensure a safe stable environment for the future generation and also hope that people would live according to their conscience, so that in the future there would be people of strong characters and most of all with kind hearts.

*Jacqueline David.*

## A few words from a Past Pupil...

I feel extremely happy and honoured to have been invited to contribute to the centenary Magazine of my alma mater, St. Lawrence's which in a long noteworthy and interesting career has had a most eminent line of Principals like Mother Magdalene, Mother Carmeline etc. St. Lawrence's has indeed sustained its endeavour and achievements through the commitment of generations of eminent Principals, dedicated Teachers, thousands of students in the past and present. The School was steeped in the conservative Roman Catholic background, but has encouraged individual development and always fostered concern with social issues, cooperate living, tolerance, generosity and understanding across ethnicity and religion. Girls big and small came to the school from all parts of the country and even from abroad, undoubtedly the school must have had a worthy reputation.

Among numerous virtues of dedicated teachers one that stood out was true humility. They were modest about their intellectual attainments and imparted the vast knowledge that they have accumulated through the years to every student who sought it. Their lives evade the skill of the biographer. They cannot be assessed for there are no windows to their lives but they have sent out through their hands a set of students who did not have prejudices, who did not view through coloured glasses, that was the difference in the students who passed through St. Lawrence's. I consider it my greatest privilege to have had my education in this great school under Teachers like Mrs. Audrey Wijeratne, Mrs. Latha Ranathunge, Mrs. Felsianese, Mrs. Singarayer, Mrs. Shanmugarajah, Mrs. Monica Moldrich, Miss. Oorloff and host of other teachers. Whatever little I have attained in life it is purely due to my school St. Lawrence's.

This great institution was a breeding ground of ladies, who were fashioned to make their contribution to the society they live in whether here or abroad. St. Lawrence's has linked all who passed through it through a century and kept all its old girls connected in friendship and togetherness as members of a very vibrant pluralistic society.

May this great institution live for a number of centuries to serve generations of students.

LONG LIVE DEAR OLD ST. LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL.

*Padma de Silva*

Attorney-at-law

President

Sri Lanka Woman Lawyers Association.

## WHAT ST. LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL MEANS TO ME - A MESSAGE FROM A PAST PUPIL.

I send this message to the Centenary Magazine of St. Lawrence's School, with fondest memories of my school days.

My dear late grandmother was personally acquainted with Mrs. Janet Poulier, and urged my mother to send me to St. Lawrence's School. My grandmother was only literate in Arabic and Tamil and had a limited knowledge of Sinhala. She was desirous that I attend a good school and pursue my studies.

We were taught by very dedicated teachers. Most of whom were trained teachers. The few graduate teachers at that time were our present Vice-Principal Mrs. Audrey Wijeratne, Mrs. Rose Mudalige, Mrs. Shanmugarajah and Mrs. Lata Ranatunga. Ms. Felsianes, Ms. Rosemary Jansz, Mrs. Siebel, Mrs. Rubera, Mrs. D'Abreara were some of our teachers who guided us. Whether it was Arithmetic or English Language, it was taught with the best objectives. Their aim was to ensure we knew it and remembered what was taught.

Their methods of inculcating knowledge in us were unique as well as interesting. I remember in Grade 8 (then known as Form III) Mrs. Siebel got us to sit right around her in a circle. She made the subject interesting by making it a story. She made us co-operate with each other. I do not remember fighting or being angry with my friends. We were one big team. There was no jealousy among us. The clever and the weak were alike and the clever ones never hesitated to help the weak, whether it was buying her a new pencil or giving her a helping hand in her weak subjects.

At drama time it was as though we were one family. I have nostalgic memories. When we staged "Lady Precious Stream" directed by the late Mrs. Yolande Abeywira, I had one of the lead parts of being the father of Lady Precious Stream-Diane Inman. (who was once the Personal Assistant to our Madam President). All of us even helped to sew and decorate each other's costumes. There was such perfect harmony and teamwork during that play, that we staged it three times over schedule to the acclaim of the general public. Our Principal at that time, Sister Carmeline, who was a very strict disciplinarian boosted our morale during our performances.

What I am attempting to convey in this article, is to send a silent message to the present pupils of our school. Study, make friends and when you get out of school and walk into the wide big world, walk like a Laurentian ----- Bravely, loyally, honestly and with dignity and pour out to Sri Lanka and to every one around you what St. Lawrence's taught you. Studies alone do not make you complete. Knowledge coupled with the charm and ability to mix in a cosmopolitan society and the ability to give and take with a religious and God fearing feeling makes you a useful person in society.

When I was chosen the President of the Past Pupil's Association in 1992, it was just not only status, but a challenge ----- the challenge of organizing the first ever public Coffee evening at the Hotel Hilton. It was no easy task. The funds we had in our coffers had to be paid as an advance to the Hotel. We began sponsor hunting with only two months left for the show; I urged all the old girls to come around, join together and foster their relationship and start finding sponsors. Sponsors poured in slowly and steadily and before long we found that we had sponsors for every single item in the show. The show was a grand success and I achieved my budgeted target. Thanks to the joint efforts of my committee and to all the past pupils, parents and teachers who helped us. The subsequent committees have gone beyond and made great strides in launching many fund raising projects for the benefit of our school. This is now a continuous process, and the zest to help our school, after leaving St. Lawrence's, goes on .....

Lisieux House which I captained in 1971 had as its motto "Strive for the highest" and that is what each one of you young people should do. Your reach should exceed your grasp or what's a heaven for.----

I also send this message to the young students who are aspiring for a career in a chosen profession. Commitment to your cause is of paramount importance. Long hours of hard work is necessary to achieve your goal.

*Mrs. Z. Farhana Refai*

## CENTENARY MEMORIES

Seeing is believing and the sea refuses no river  
Time passes bringing wonders that live for ever  
Like crystal water falls from black clouds  
And flowers bloom every where  
With the guidance of the Lord  
Ring the bells of Saint Lawrence's school  
Entering the year of its Centenary  
No wonder we are thrilled  
Cause you mean so much to us  
Education, self - dignity is wealth more precious than gold  
Stumbling feet are guided over rugged paths  
Sharing , caring , holding and letting go will be with us for evermore  
Corde Magno Ad Gloriam" is our dear school motto  
Hearken to the Red Gold  
Our spark of love and happiness will burst into golden memories  
On the day we celebrated, the great golden day, 30th September 2000  
Lord your blessings on our school we pray.

*Michelle Benedict*

Grade 7 C

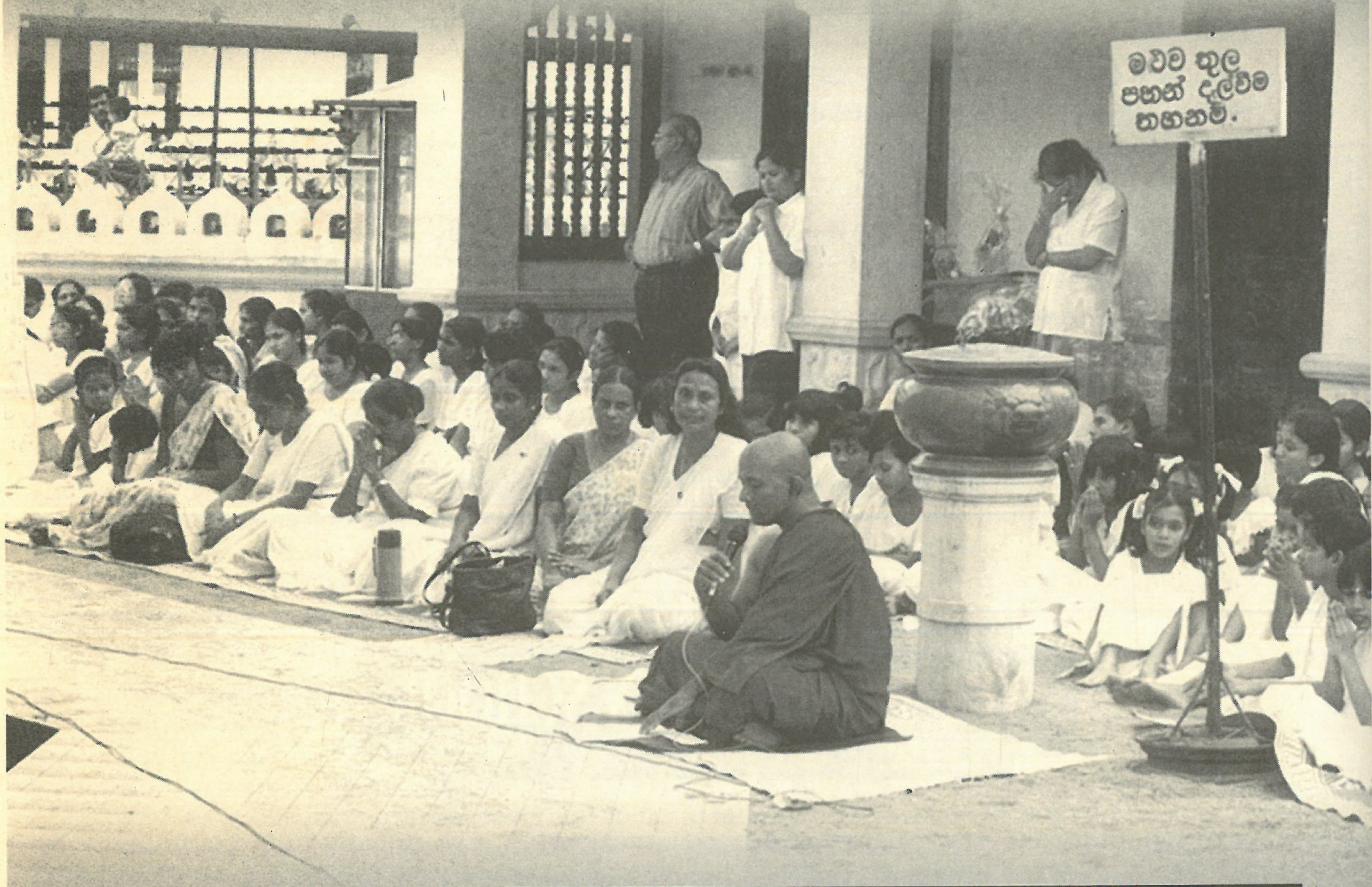
## THE FIRST DAY IN SCHOOL

I went to school for the first time, when I was six years old. I got up early in the morning.  
I took my breakfast. I was so happy because I got new books.  
I was thrilled because I was wearing a white uniform new shoes and new socks.  
For the first time I went to school with my parents.  
When I was at the entrance of the school gate I saw the name of the school  
"ST. LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL". I saw many children running here and there.  
I entered the classroom. My new class teacher greeted me.  
She was a kind teacher. She spoke to me kindly. She wrote my name in the register.  
My parents spoke to her. I sat beside Andria. Andria became my friend.  
On the first day I learned only counting and some Sinhala letters.  
During the interval Andria and I went around the school premises.  
We met many teachers, students, prefects and also Rev. Sister Francine our  
former principal. We saw the school premises, the pavilion, school hall, the canteen, the  
convent, the chapel, the staffroom, the office, the school flag, the school badge and the  
houses of the budgies. At 11.00 o'clock the school bell rang and it was time for us to go  
home. Happily, I told my parents everything that had happened in school. It was a  
memorable day. My school is my second mother.

*Maryanne Fernando*

Grade 7 C

The Buddhist students and teachers participating in religious services at the Bellanwila Temple asking for blessings on the school on the celebration of its centenary.



Penitential and healing service in preparation for the jubilee celebrations.





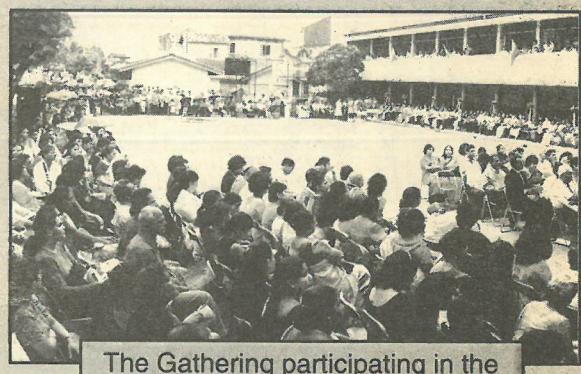
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Revd Sr. Gertrude - Principal Reading the Papal blessing



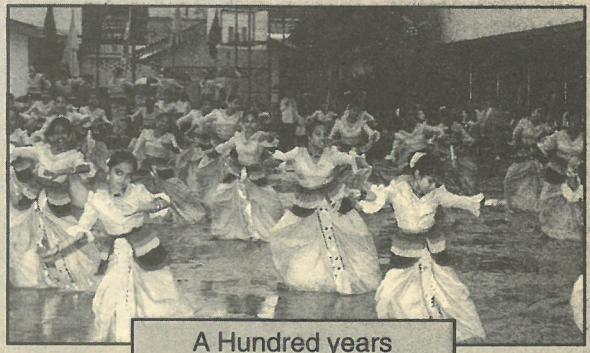
Chief Celebrant Rt. Rev Dr. Nicholas Marcus Fernando preceded by the members of the clergy and religious.



The Gathering participating in the religious Services

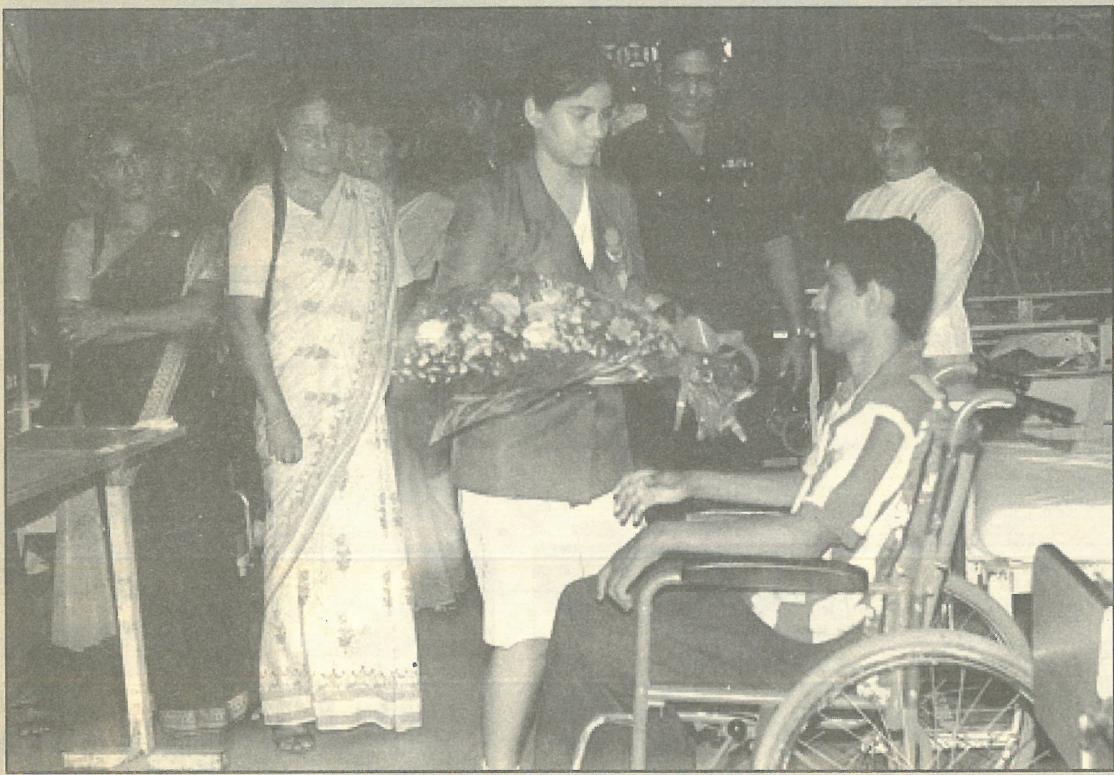


Unforgettable moments -

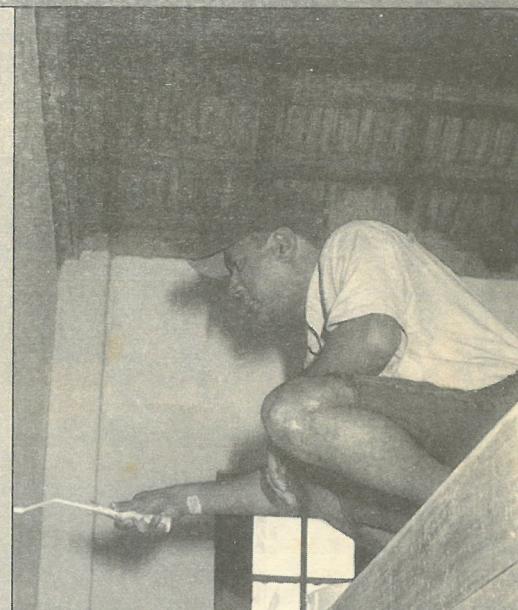
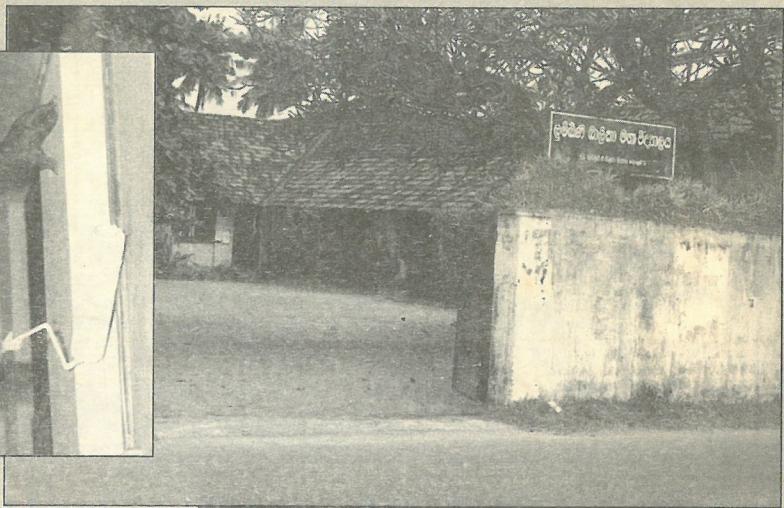


A Hundred years

## AN EVENING AT 'RANAVIRU SEVANA' RAGAMA



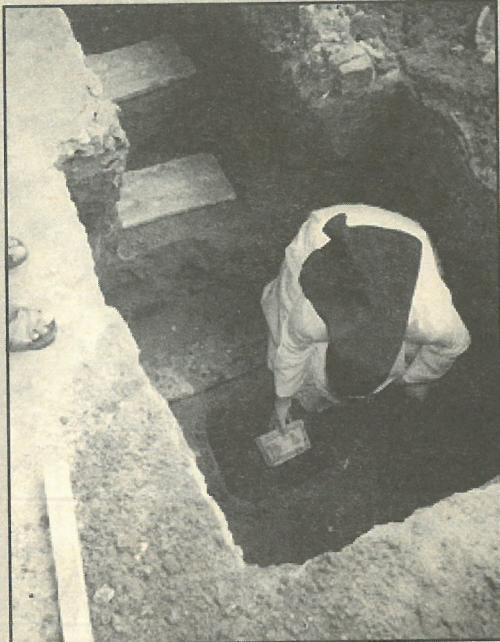
To share our joy with our neighbouring school Lumbini M.V. the P.T.A.  
organized a shramadana to paint the library and a  
presentation of books was made.



# CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BLOCK OF CLASSROOMS



Principal Rev. Sr. Mary Gertrude, Staff, invitees and students gathered before the Laying of the foundation stone for the Construction of the New Block of Classrooms

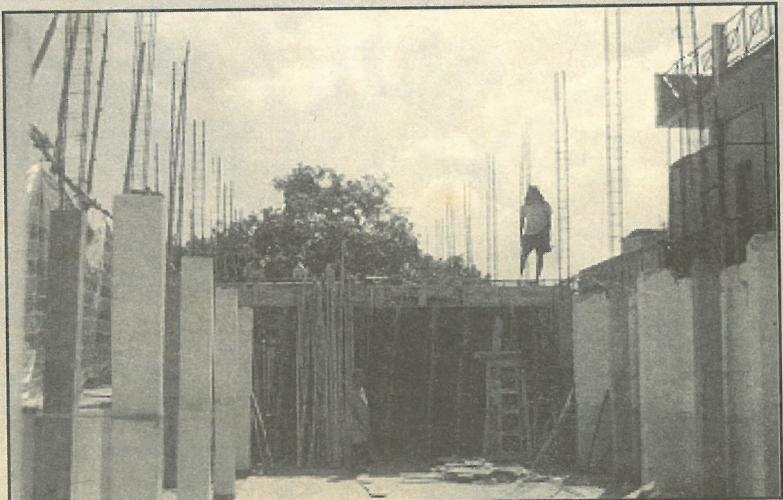


Laying of the foundation stone for the Construction of the New Block of Classrooms by Rev. Sr. Mary Winifreda Perera, Provincial Superior Sisters of the Good Shepherd on 01st August 1999



## WORK IN PROGRESS

Construction of the  
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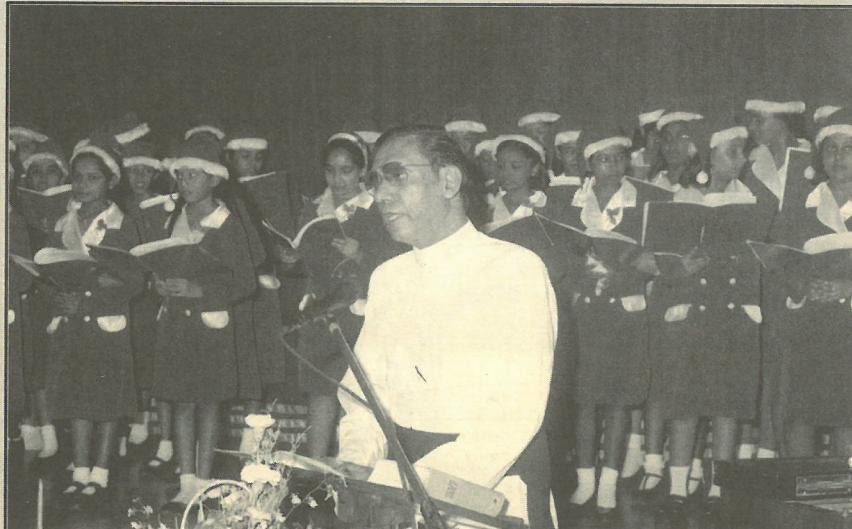
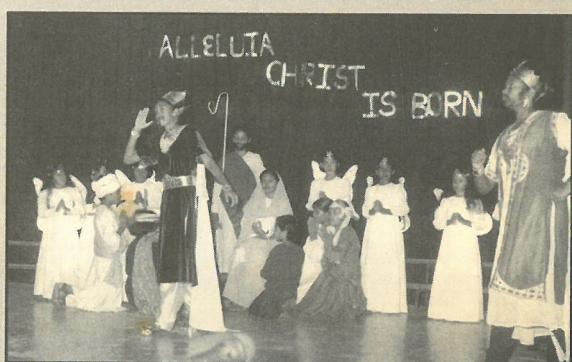


# HERALDING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST IN THE YEAR 2000

The message of Christmas as the Gospel gives it - Rev. Sr. Mary Gertrude, Principal reads the Gospel account of the Nativily



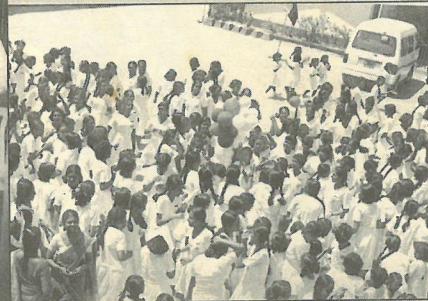
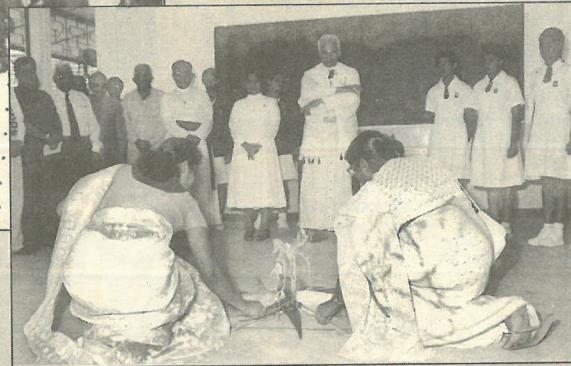
The recreation of the stable at Bethlehem



The Chief Guest  
Rev. Fr.  
Benedict Joseph  
leads the prayer  
and imparts the  
Christmas  
Blessing

## THE OPENING OF THE NEW BLOCK OF CLASS ROOMS 3RD MARCH 2000

Chief & Guest Rt. Revd. Dr. Micholos Marcus Fernando  
(Archbishop of Colombo) with Revd Sr. winipeeda Perera  
(Sr. Provincial and Revd. Fr. Ivan Perera  
Director of Catholic School)



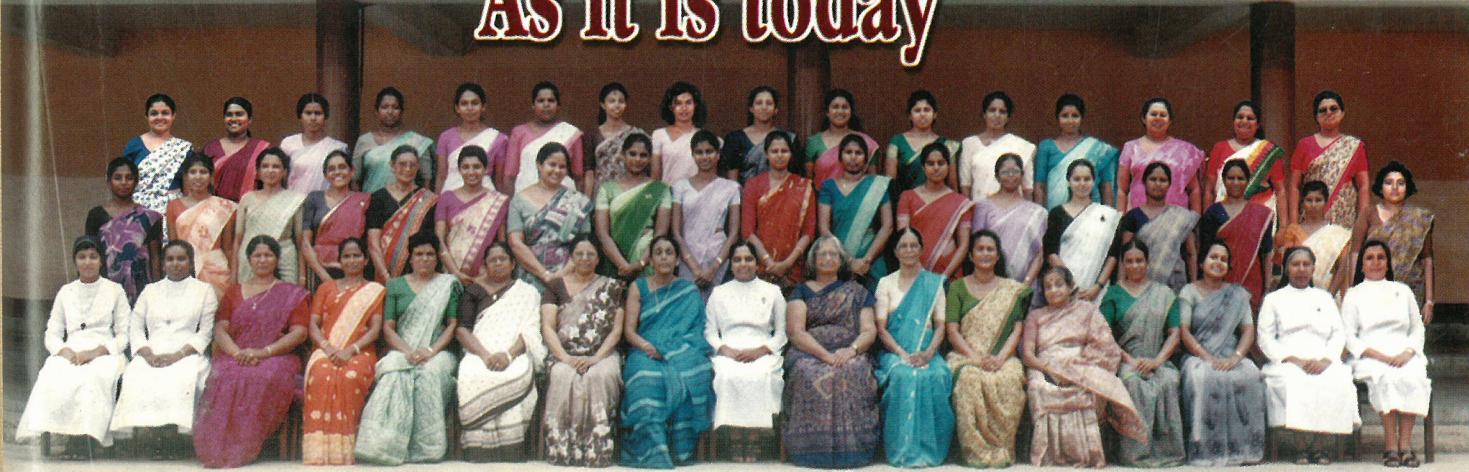
# The School grows in wisdom and age



**They imparted education under the guidance of Mrs. Janet Poulier**

**ST. LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL**

**As it is today**



1st row L to R : Sr. Priyangika, Sr. Namalie Perera, Heather Fonseka, Shirani Amarajeewa, Marietta de Silva, Rose Mudalige, Latha Ranathunga, Ranee Joseph, Sr. Gertrude (Principal), Audrey de Silva Wijeyeratne, Erin Dias, Manel Boteju Pushparani Kularathnam, Nilanthi Goonaratna, Philomena Handapangoda, Sr. Madeleine, Sr. M. Nilanthi

2nd Row L to R : Chamila Perera, Damayanthi Fernando, Lasanthi Fernando, Chandralatha Weerasinghe, L. V. Rajakarunaratna, Shyama Fernando, Udesika Kumarasinghe, Samara Perera, Nimali Fernando, Rosemary Seneratne, Enoka Peiris, Nilani Mallawarachchi, Padmini de Silva, Chamindre Hewawasam, Jascintha Wickramasinghe, Marie Dias, Sriyani Fernando, Dilrukshi Perera

3rd Row L to R : Ramathi Sooriyarachchi, Mangala Ratnayake, K. Stella Peiris, Gayathrie Fernando Iresha Fernando, Asiri Withanage, Christa Perera, Christine Seneratne, Janaki Samaratunga, Anne Sajeewanie Silva, Dilini Wickramatunga, Devmini Fernando, Sudarshini Peiris, Anoma Perera, Nilani Suraweera, Dilani Subasingha.  
Absent Anne Perera

## They served

the school with love  
and dedication for  
more than  
twenty five years.

The school owes them a deep debt  
of gratitude for what the school is  
today is due to their unstinted  
generous services.

1. Mrs. Janet Poulier
2. Miss. Gladys Poulier
3. Miss. Lou Bartholemeusz
4. Mrs. Charlotte Silva
5. Mrs. Noelle Jayamaha
6. Mrs. W.B.M. Wickramasinghe
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12. Mrs. Rose Mudalige
13. Mrs. Erin Dias
14. Mrs. Manel Boteju

# The Centenary Exhibition



Rev. Fr. Ivan Perera National Director Catholic Education (Chief Guest) at the stall depicting the history of the school - The school uniforms and ties over the years at left.



Mr. Jayantha Nanayakkara - Director Education Department - Viewing some of the exhibits.



Mrs. N. T. Indrani Instructress primary education with primary school teachers & the children's work.



Students listening to the explanations at the stall set up by the Air - Force



A slide show on Aids in Progress.



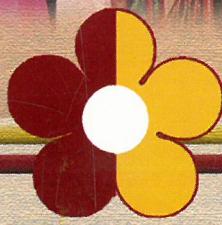
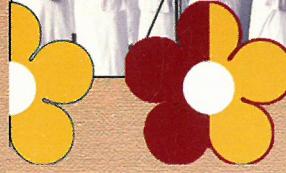
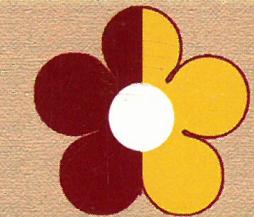
# The Centenary stamp

and first day cover will be issued on 15th March 2001 to mark the closure of the centenary celebrations.

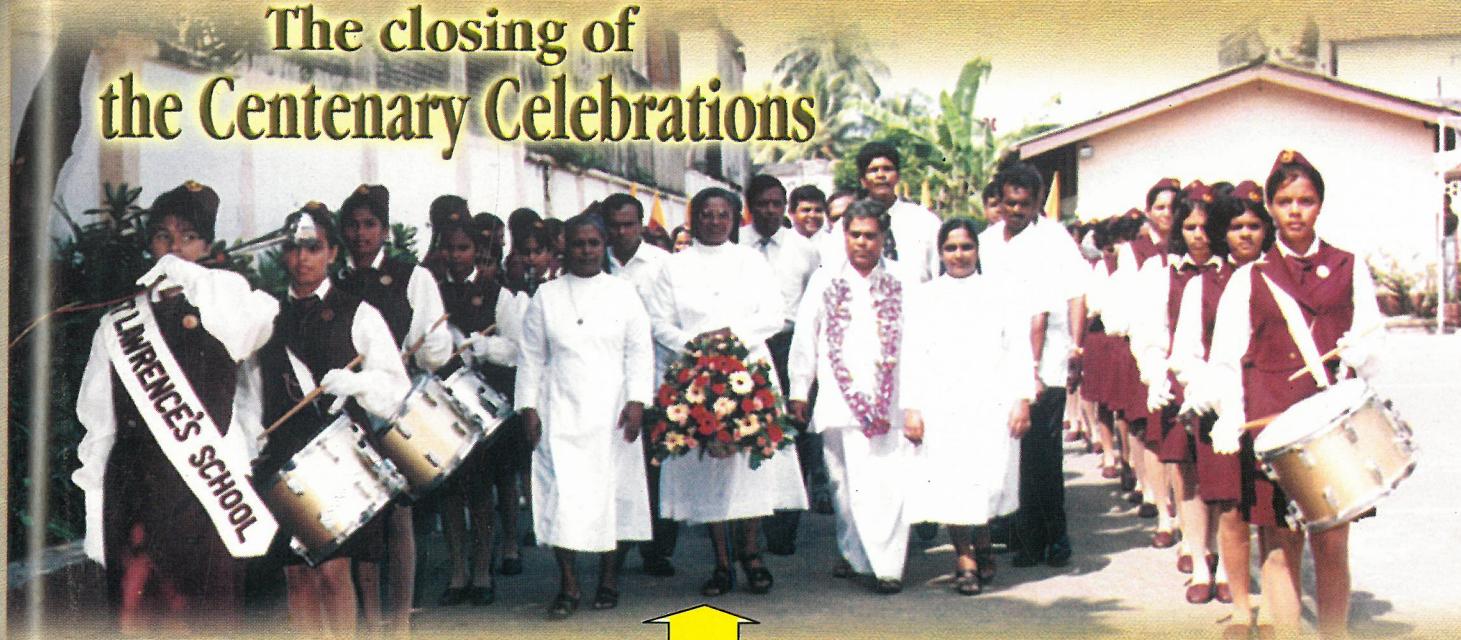
This school magazine will also be presented on the same occasion

**Chief Guests :**  
**Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva M.P.**  
**Minister of Post and Telecommunication**  
**Revd. Sr. Mary Anita Fernando,**  
**The Provincial.**

## Moments to remember at the Centenary celebrations.



# The closing of the Centenary Celebrations



The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva, Sr. Anita Fernando, Provincial Superior, Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Mr. W.M. Piyasena, Post Master General accompanied by the Principal Sr. M. Gertrude being led by the school band to the hall on their arrival for the issue of the Centenary Stamp and the School Magazine.



1 The First day cover being franked by the Post Master General Mr. W.M. Piyasena accompanied by the officials of the Philatelic Bureau.



2 The Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva Minister of Posts and Telecom- munications presenting the First Day Cover to the Principal of the school Revd. Sr. Gertrude. (On the right is Vice Principal Mrs. Audrey de S. Wijeyeratne)



3 The Captain of the School Jenita Silva receiving a First Day Cover from the Chief Guest Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva

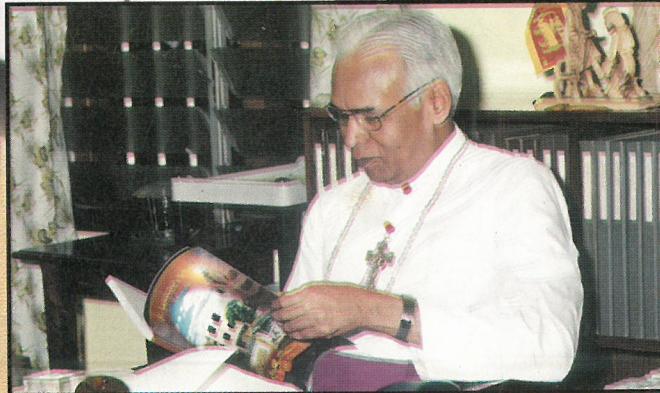


The school bade farewell to Mrs. P. Kularatne and Mrs. Latha Ranatunga, two devoted teachers who left us during the year having served the school for over 18 and 25 years respectively.

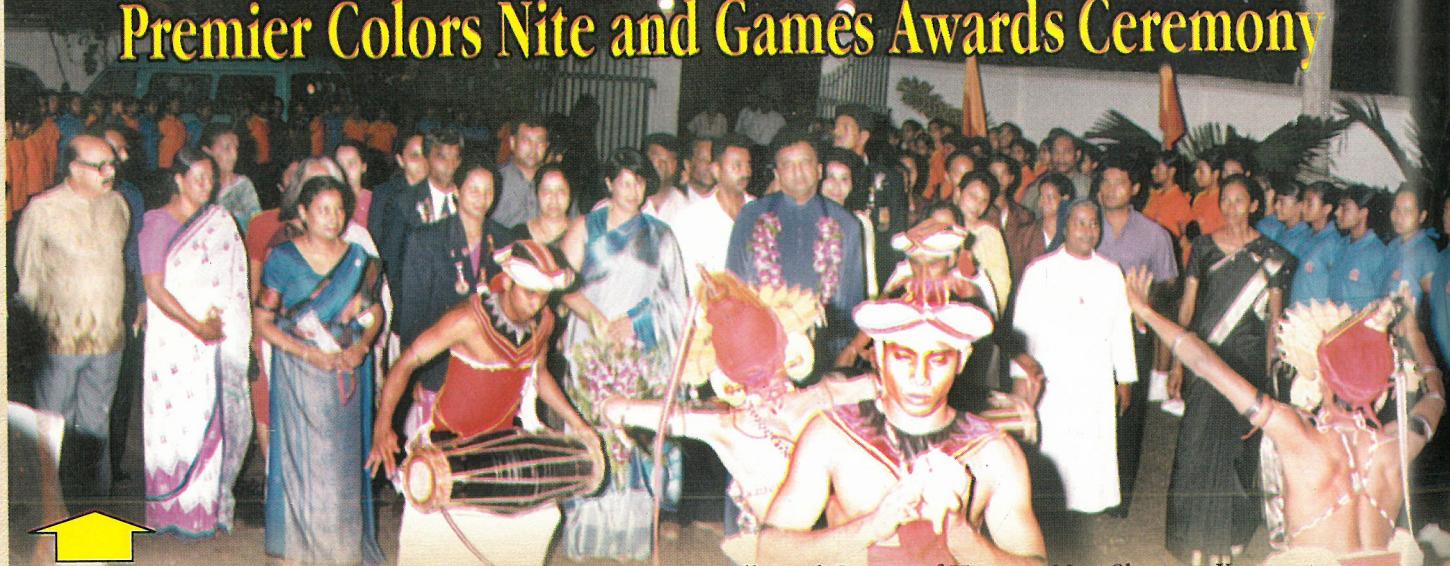


(L/R) Mrs. Shiraza Rizvi, Mr. M.D.M. Rizvi, Mr. Deega Somapala, Mrs. Nilanthi Goonaratne, Mrs. Rose Mudalige, Vice Principal Mrs. Audrey de S. Wijeyeratne with His Grace the Archbishop Revd. Dr. Nicholas Marcus Fernando being presented with a copy of the Centenary Magazine by the Principal Sr. M. Gertrude.

His Grace the Archbishop perusing the school magazine.



## Premier Colors Nite and Games Awards Ceremony



The Chief Guest Hon. Lakshman Kiriella and Mrs. Kiriella and Guests of Honour Mrs. Shereen Kumaratunga, Mrs. Mela Karunananayake, Mr. & Mrs. Pinnawala, Mrs. Suneetha Wejesooriya, Rev. Sr. Superior Christina Fernando, Former Principal Sr. Lynette Perera, Deshabandu Miss. Thilaka Jinadasa being led to the Bishop's College Auditorium on their arrival for the school Premier Colors Nite and Games Awards Ceremony.



The lighting of the traditional oil lamp by the Guests of Honour and a Gymnastics Display by the Gymnastics squad.



The Minister of Sports and Tourism Hon. Lakshman Kiriella pinning the School Colors on the "Sportswoman of the Year" - Anne Gunasekera.  
(L to R) Games Mistress Mrs. Janaki Samaratunga, Asst Miss Deepa Dissanayake and the Principal Sr. M. Gertrude



Mrs. Shereen Kumaratunge (President, Netball Federation) presenting medals and certificates to the members of the Lisieux House netball team.



Louzanne Perera being awarded a medal by Mr. Prem Pinnawala (I.A.A.F. Secretary) assisted by Mrs. Kumari Morris (S.D.A. Asst. Secretary)



Drill Display by the members of the school netball team.

# SCHOOL ANTHEM



Unfurl the banner Red and Gold,  
Set it aloft for all to see,  
Red for the toil tears, trials untold,  
Gold for the crown of victory.

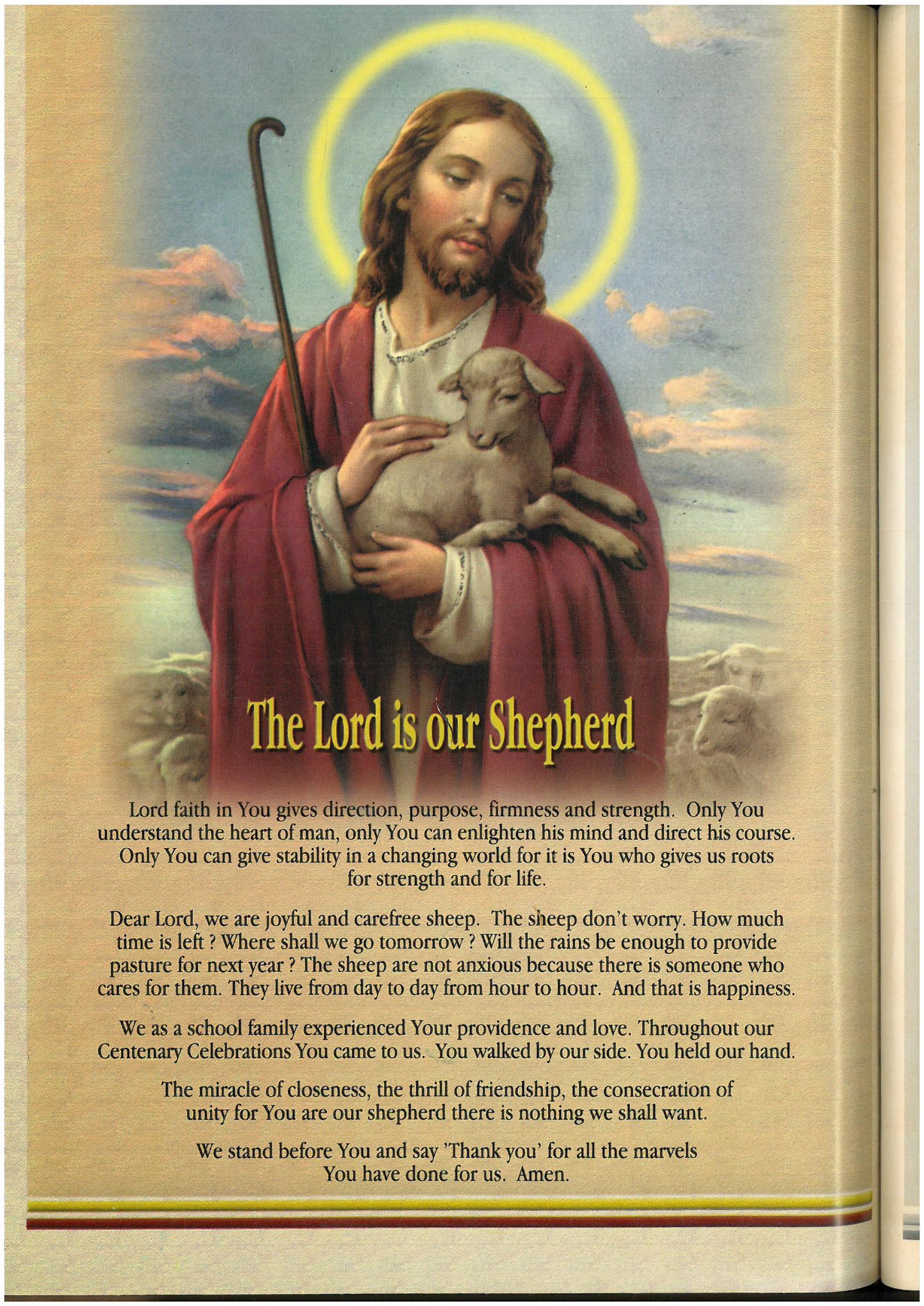
True to our Motto we'll ever be,  
For glory we shall solely seek,  
By noble deeds done cheerfully,  
With hearts magnanimous and meek.

Martyr bless, the Crown and Palm,  
Thro'fiery torment thou didst win,  
Preserve thy children from every harm,  
Safe from the scorching flames of sin.

Pure Heart of Mary, 'neath thy care,  
Keep us forever pure like thee,  
Sweet Heart of Jesus, hear our prayer,  
May Thy Heart be our sanctuary.

School of our girlhood years to thee,  
We Pledge our love and loyalty,  
O Red and Gold, thro 'triumph thro' strife,  
Blazen our trail to endless life.

Unfurl the banner Red and Gold,  
Set it aloft for all to See,  
Red for the toil, tears, trails untold,  
Gold for the Crown of Victory.



## The Lord is our Shepherd

Lord faith in You gives direction, purpose, firmness and strength. Only You understand the heart of man, only You can enlighten his mind and direct his course.

Only You can give stability in a changing world for it is You who gives us roots for strength and for life.

Dear Lord, we are joyful and carefree sheep. The sheep don't worry. How much time is left? Where shall we go tomorrow? Will the rains be enough to provide pasture for next year? The sheep are not anxious because there is someone who cares for them. They live from day to day from hour to hour. And that is happiness.

We as a school family experienced Your providence and love. Throughout our Centenary Celebrations You came to us. You walked by our side. You held our hand.

The miracle of closeness, the thrill of friendship, the consecration of unity for You are our shepherd there is nothing we shall want.

We stand before You and say 'Thank you' for all the marvels You have done for us. Amen.



### GRADE - 1A

Class Teacher : Mrs. Sajeevanie Fernando

1st Row L to R :- Jenifer Rozairo, Thilini Piyumanthi, Emalshi de Silva, Nawodi Peries, Nadini Wijesundara, Joanna Vincent, Gillian Nugara, Nayomi Perera, Rochelle Madiwela, Ravishki Pieris, Deborah Carol,

2nd Row L to R :- Veronic Leeson, Arunodiani Canchana, Farah Shainy, Akila de Silva, Lakshani Rupasinghe, Shenella de Silva, Judy John, Rochelle Pereira, Hasha Saleem, Asiri Geethika, Hashini Weeraman, Felicia Clogsbound, Sithy Aaisha,

3rd Row L to R :- Sachini Jayathilaka, Rose Fernando, Sonali Akurugoda, Kendra Paternott, Ruwanji Mendis, Tharushi Hettiarachchi, Mekela Perera, Aishwarya Ravi, Shamini Sebasbian



### GRADE - 1B

Class Teacher : Mrs. Sriyani Fernando

1st Sachethana Cooray, Thehani Perera, Sabah Marzook, Watsala, Perera, R.A.D. Keshika, Uthpala Martinus, Shiranthi Perera, Deeshani Wijesundara.

2nd Anne Shereen, Stephanie Corea, Nina Nugara, Natasha Perera, Devanthi Nelson, Amanda Abeygunawardena, Mariam Saleem, Harshini Gurusinghe, Bashini Wettasinghe

3rd Dilini Heenpella, Nilusha Gunawardena, Nicole Valliere Nimeshi Fernando, Melissa Pereira Judith Kishani Perera, Ayanthi Dissanayake

4th Azeema Marzook, Sabithini Peiris, Fallon Pereira, Ovini Nanayakkara, Tiyan Gopalan, Varangi Dias Dilki de Silva Nishelle de Silva, Omali de Mel



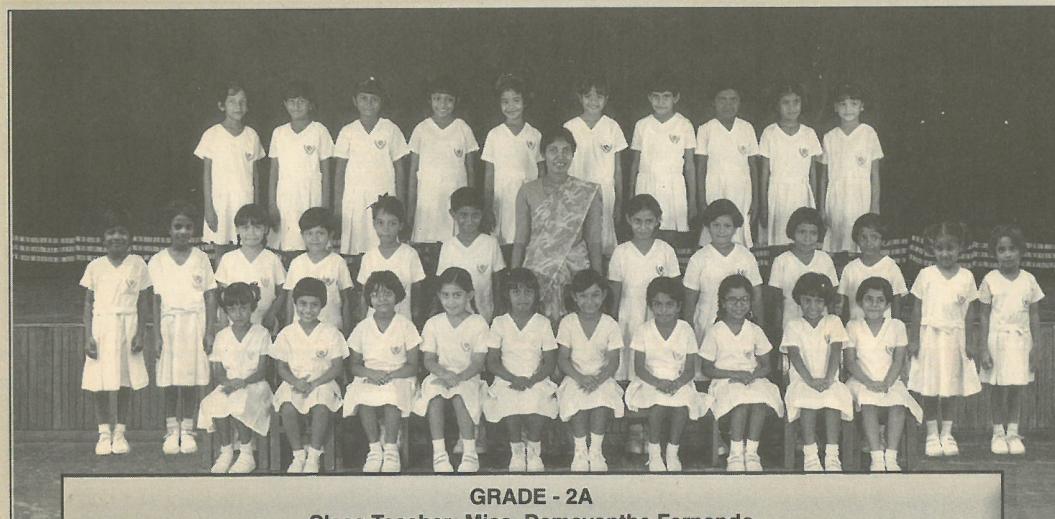
**GRADE - 1C**

**Class Teacher: Miss. Nimali Fernando**

**1st Raw :** Keshiya Noyhr, Tihara Dalpathado, Pramoda Madushani, Pumuditha Samaratne, Shalika Naullage, Theruni Perera, Nadana Hennayake, Shehani Weerapura, Udeshika Dias, Andrea Todd, Shamini Palawadram

**2nd Raw :** Shereen Fernando, Kanishka Telisinghe, Manthi Fernando, Meifen Chang, Roshani Godakumbura, Dinushi Fernando, Dilmie Kaumudi, Mareeza Laffir, Amanda Grero, Angala Karunaratne, Rochelle Peiris, Michelle Perera

**3rd Raw:** Anushki Perera, Bavani Jayatunga, Sanduni Darshanika, Sanduni Nilukshika, Sadani Aranka, Dulanka Mendis, Arishma Ali, Sachini Withanage, Kalpani Silva, Chalani Gunawardena, Rebecca Perera.



**GRADE - 2A**

**Class Teacher: Miss. Damayanthe Fernando**

**1st Raw L to R :** Rose Peiris, Hasitha Lakshani, Shehara Senevirathna, Sharalize Broheir, Manushi Nugera, fathima Zafna, Malsha Siyaguna, Dilhara Fernando, Tharika Fonseka, Bhagya Bandara.

**2nd Row L to R :** Aeshani Evenjala, Shanen Henderlin, Jacqulin Gunawijaya, Maheshe Wijesinghe, Cherill Barber, Ruklanthi Perera, Fathima Aamina, Hiruni Bolonna, Nizrah Nazeer, Lydia Anushka, Shehani Narammala

**3rd Row L to R :-** Chamodi Wijethunga Supunmi De Alwis, Rehana De Silva, Ruwanthi Basnayake, Kasowada Kottahachichi, Yeronica Paul, Aroshi Fernando, Natasha Devananda, Sashine Perera, Imalie Perera.



**Grade 2B**

**Class Teacher :** Mrs. Heather Fonseka

**1st Row L to R** - Amra Razick, Christeen Francis Madushani Fonseka, Susimi Perera Hiruni Welligoda, Shihana Jayakody, Elizabeth Bennet, Michelle Fornando, Dianne Ferdinands.

**2nd Row L to R** - Dilumi Wijesinghe, Dilhara Subasinghe, Thilini Mendis, Ashika Mendis, Sumali Fernando, Saarah Safwani, Avishka Jayasinghe, Chrishani Madurawela, Ilma Yoosuf

**3rd Row L to R** - Hasanthi Chaturika Dulani de Silva, Ishara Perera, Rushini Perera, Minali Jayasekera, Claudia Nicholas, Madushi Salgado, Anushkie Fernando, Dinali Hettiarachchi.

**4th Row** - Rosemary Carter, Hajarah Russeldeen, Sashini Fernando, Tasha Vanhoff, Nadeeka Siriwardena, Meliza Hindle.



**GRADE - 2C**

**Class Teacher :** Chamila Lasanthi Fernando

**L to R 1st Row** : Purni Malsha Gunawardana, K.M.V. Tharaka Malshani Silva, Joanna Therese Coggins Pushpika Marina Perera, R. Sashini C. Ferdinando, Nikita Tehani Lihinikaduwa, Thangamalar.

**L to R 2nd Row** : Janodhya Hemanthi Wimalasiri, Renaly Evon S. Morais, Monica Namini Perera, Amani M. Meegoda, Roshinie Erandi Amaranayake, Aysha Siddika Mohinudeen, W. Dinali Fonseka Gunasekara, Thushangi Dilshini Atapattu, W.M. Anne Shenali Perera, Shadusi Radeka Rathnasinghe

**L to R 3rd Row** : Chrishani Attanayake, Aushi Chamindri Fernando, S. Jessica Nadeeshani Silva, E. Stella M. Nathalie Perera, Janine Rianne Wilson, Shehani A. B. Vanburen, Fathima Azraa, N. Maneesha Dulansi Senanayake, Fathima Sabeeha Muneenideen, Sachini S. Weerasinghe, Dayanjali Peiris



**GRADE - 3 A**

**Class Teacher : Miss. Enoka Peiris**

**1st Row - L to R -** Shehani Thilakarathne, Sajani Dias, Tharuka S. Kumar, Chandrista, G. Jayawickrama, Sandare Chamali Perera, Shalani S. Rathnesinghe, Nirosha S. Galahitiyawa, Andreena R.T. Murcott, Denuka M. Weerasinghe, Rashinsha, P. Fernando.

**2nd Row : Nathalie, Gayathri Eugina, S.A.D. Sachini, N. Suraweera, K.A. Don, Sajani Seuwandi, D. Viroshini, M. Fernando, R.A.D. Neyon Rupasinghe, Peshala W. Munasinghe, T. Oshani Geethika Suwaris, Jayashani Silva.**

**3rd Row : Harshini Nirmala Fernando, Yasara De Silva, T. Nilukshini, Reshika Fernando, Mariedaire, P. Ranasinghe, Mariah, Mewandha G. Jayaratne, Poornima J. Fernando, Melisha Dinnarie de Silva.**



**Year 3 B - Teacher Mrs. Nilanthi Gooneratne**

**1st Row -** Tamara Jayawardena, Anjaline Perera, Daisy Dissanayake, Lakshika Fernando, Sonali Ekanayake,

Oshadi Paliskara, Dimanthi Bulner, Melissa Rajaratnam, Sasi Silva, Sureka Bolonne, 2nd Row - Kishani Jayasekara, Kushell Dalpadado, Malsha Nishadini,

Harendrika Perera, Dinushi Narmada, Dishani Moraes, Rangika Dilrukshi, Samali Goonetilaka, Roshen De Silva, Shenali De Silva, Devmini de Silva,

**3rd Row -** Sherim Peiris, Stephanie Nugar, Thushaika Munasinghe, Sumaya Hakeel, Vindya Ranasinghe, Nirosha Silva, Vidyani Sashikala, P.A. Nishane, W.A.M. Mishela, Shakila Ranasinghe, A.S. Sheroni



**GRADE - 3 C**

**Teacher : Mrs. Sudharshini Peiris**

**1st Row** - Malathi Amit, Saumya Perera, Chamodi Silva, Sahara Perera, Onali De Alwis, Rashika Fernando, Shanelle Selvendra, Cassandra Serpanchy,

**2nd Row** - Thilini Uthpala Jayaratne, Wasana Weerasekara, Sherrini Rodrigo, Nilashi Fernando, Luxmi Paramarajah, Stephani Jayawardana, Ruvini Fernando, Thilini Suwaris, Madushani Menike, Rosandra Martinez,

**3rd Row** - Kaushaliya Jayasinghe, Anjalie Mathews, Rochelle Fernando, Syliva Anthany, Sabina Perera, Kendra Leitch, Nishika De Silva, Shehana Jayatunga, Shenuka Dinushi, Nishani Amalka. Thilini Jayaratne, Jayani Palihena



**Year 4 A**

**1st Row L to R** : Nadeesha Fernando, M.D. Imanshani, M.M.N. Shinee Peiris, F. Pricilla Chan, M. Tania Fernando, Keshini Mendis, Ramona de Silva, Senpathi Jayawickrama,

**2nd Row** : - F. Farah Majeed, S.P. Shashikala chaturangi, Mishari Fernando, L. Ronali Peiris, Andrea H. Rezel, Shaziya Wahid, Rebeca De Silva, Chathurangi Kumar, Mashnil Perera, Menaka S. Akmeemana

**3rd Row L to R** : Shiromi C. Alexander, Natasha Wilathgamuwa, M. Christina Fernandopulle, Chamalee Ranthunge, Anjalee Jayasighe, B. Langika Wijayasinghe,

**4th Row L to R** : - Supun Athukorala, F. Ashra Kamar, Dinithi Dias, Angala Wijayawickrama, Niomi Kaushalya, F. Farah Majeed, Ann H. Pavthrika, Menaka S. Akmeemana.



### Grade - 4 B

Class Teacher : Mrs. Rosemary Senarath

**1st Row** - Aneka De Silva, Diluka Mendis, Premila Fernando, Surangi, Deshanee Weerasinghe, Dulani Fernando, Malsha N. Herath, Ranesha Fonseka  
**2nd Row** - Virgini Goonaratne, Malshaya Jayasinghe, Shehani Silva, Taleesha Fernando, Melissa Mendis, Anne Christine Thamel, Nuwannie De Alwis, Shalintha Gabriel  
**3rd Row** - Ruvini Perera, Harshani Fernando, Keshani Perera, Shannon Thomas, Isuru Nathaliya Fernando, Sandaru Manawadu.  
**4th Row** - Onella Van Sanden, Sandalie Hennayake, Dilshani Gregory, Lakshana Weerasinghe.



### GRADE - 4 C

Class Teacher : Mrs. Anoma Perera

**L to R 1st Row** : Sonali Sithamparapille, Madavi Silva, Aseliya Gunarathna, Diendra Sansoni, Tilini Perera, Geethi Wijesundera, Nawodi zafra Lurat, Ashini Perera,  
**L to R 2nd Row** : Dilshika Samarasekera, Gimhani Wimalasiri, Sauymi Kohomange, Davina Spittel, Tanushika De Mel, Sachana Perera, Chaturi Dayaratna, Kavisha Ramanayaka, Dulshini Jayatilaka, Cindy Wiggih,  
**L to R 3rd Row** : Onella Arendze, Sharon Carron, Nimanthika Silva, Joahna Jayasekera, Piumie Wijesinghe, Piyumi Perera, Romena Fernando, Carmalina Nicholus, Anodi Malsirini, Ashwini Benedict, Tracy De Silva, Shehamie De Soyza, Nirmani Wickrmaratne, P.A.D. Chanaki Presani



#### GRADE - 5 A

**Class Teacher : Miss. Nilani Mallawarachchi**

**L to R 1st Row :** Nabeela Nazeer, Nadeesha Rajawardena, Madushi Kanchanamala, Malshinie, Perera, Shaade Cuttilan, Suimali Fonseka, Niroshani Rodrigo, Rugaiyah Ariff, Neliya Perera, Amanda Wilathgamuwa,

**2nd Row :** Chathurangi Silva, Nimali Perera, Charini Jayaweera, Zaweeda Ousmand, Rishani Bernadeth, Melani Abeyratne, Chathuri Savindi, Natasha Elias, Nimalka Harini, Jacqueline Simms, Nelly Kuthalane, Binendhari Kandasagama.

**3rd Row :** Virginia Sulanthi Dias, Primeshika Fernando, Nishami Fonseka, Niranjala Antony, Anita Rozzell, Fathima Shemala, Sanora Rodrigo, Shenon Dias, Thilini Kaldera, Giesha Solomon Keshini Siriwardane, Nishadhi Manavee Fonseka, Surani Kariyawasam, Nuzra Navavi, Shehani Rubera



#### GRADE 5 B

**Class Teacher Mrs. Chandralatha Weerasinghe**

**L to R - 1st Row (Seated) :** Maheshi Perera, Krishni Gamage, Dilrukshi Weerasinghe, Nooary Samarasinghe, Shehara Alahakoon, Keshini Thilakaratne, Deidre Todd, Achini Cooray, Arosha, Sherinka Chandiram.

**2nd Row :** Stefani Fernando, Shezina Zarook, Thilini Fernando, Minali Ranasinghe, Class Teacher Mrs. Chandra Weerasinghe, Aswina, Jeganadan, Neloshi Silva, Romanie Supun Malsha, Suzanne.

**3rd Row :** Joanne Sellar, Whitney Fontain, Weruni Ayanthika, Sarah Saheel, Kaven Perera, Ayeska Nanayakkara, Sarasi Watsala, Eroshika Tennakoon, Nilukshi, Amaradivakare, Melani Pereira, Inoma de Silva, Abhirramy Paramaraja,

**4th Row :** Sherine Mullegama, Rumali Fonseka, Oshel Karunaratne, Oshani Pathiratne, Belinda Poulier, Jessika Pereira.



#### GRADE - 6A

**Class Teacher - Ms. Shyama Roshini Fernando**

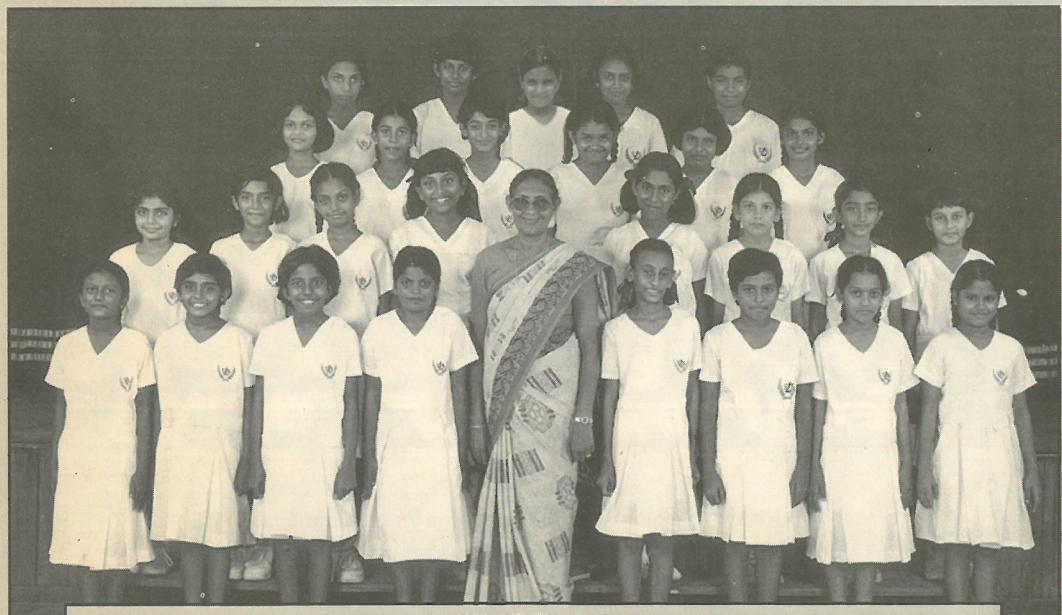
**1st Row L to R :** Sonali Dilshika, Rehani Fernando, Evonka, De Mellow, (Class teacher), Nilu Pevera, Lakshani Mendis, Dimali Hettiarachchi

**2nd Row** Chanuki Jinadasa, Sahani Wasana, Puwasala Gamakumara, Silmiya Nafeel, Louzjanne Plunkette, Dilani Jayamaha, Judy Perera, Noor Rahuma

**3rd Row** Shashini Palihakkara, Ridma Rajapakse, Tenny David, Kushlani De almeida, Himashi Hansika, Sajitha Jayasinghe.

**4th Row :** J. Lakchani Morapitiya, Susan Vancuylanburg, Fallow Berenger, Dilini Silva, Dilush Cooray

**Absent Students -** Christeen Perera, Sankapali Fernando, Prabodhini Fernando, Sharmini Wijetunga.



#### GRADE - 6 B

**Class Teacher - Mrs. L. V. Rajakarunaratne**

**L to R : 1st Row :** Uthpadie Peiris, Lihini Ekanayake Wijesinghe, Nishadi Wickrema, Tania Boteju, Fallon Crusz, Dilrukshi Tania Jayasinghe, Indunil, Perera, Sudarshika Priyarangani Bolonne.

**2nd Row -** Christine Shanila Perera, Vinavi Fernando, Madushani Alles, Mahesha Sachini, Sumduni Silva, Denise Ranasinghe, Nizreen Mausoom, Ishara Prematilleke,

**3rd Row -** Thilini Hishani Fernando, Anne Sumanasekera, F. Nuzrath Ameer, T. Sammani Peiris, Iresha Madushani Gamage, Dilini Nirasha Gunawardena, Nimalanie Withanage, Angela Perera, Sherine Ileperuma, Anne Soysa, Benazir Zabra Hassan



### GRADE - 6 C

Class Teacher - Udedhika Kumarasinghe

1st Raw: Upeka H. Kariyawasam, Liyana Neomali, Shaminka R. De Silva, Anuththara S. Jayawickrama, M.L. Maneesha Cooray, D.M.C. Delshani Suraweera, H.D.D. Marie G. Danapala, Chaturi Sarangi De Simon.

2nd Raw : Nimesha L. Patabadi, Tania Thangaraj, Sunimali, Perera, Chrisanee Fernando, G. Shamina Fernando, H.H. Rehana P. Jayathunga, Chamathka Kariyawasam, Rosheliya A.J. Jayasinghe, Lakshani N. amarathunga, Roshel Bopearachchi.

3rd Raw : Lakshi Kaluwitharana, Natasha C. Wijesinghe, Michelle Piva, Janice B. Lawrence, Roshel Bopearachchi, Yasoda P. Rathnayaka, Thilani Gamage, Thilini Silva, Lovenia Adams, Nadeesha D. Telesinghe.



### GRADE - 7A

Class Teacher - Shirani Amarajeewa

1st Row L to R : Chamila Ranchigoda, Niomi Aponso, Madusha Wijesundra, Sathya Makalanda, Devumi Samaranayake, Rochelle Perera, Dianne Rajarathnam, Jessica Norton.

2nd Row: Shehara Ranasinghe, Tina Mendis, Chani Perera, Dulangi Piumali, Hazel Pereira, Sonali Fernando, Amani Perera, Rejina Mihindukulasuriya, Janice Benjamin.

3rd Row : Andriya Bartholameusz, Anjalika Fernando, Nikita Coggins, Yasara Katuwardeniya, Vindya Fernando, Afra Mackie, Hasha Jainulabdeen, Sonali Vanburan.  
Absent : Jayani Dias, Wandana Kohomange, Ishara Gamage



### GRADE 7B

Class Teacher - Miss. Gayatrie Fernando

1st Row - Seated L to R : Kushani Meegama, Ishara Fernando, Sonali Abeywardana, Supuni Silva, Dishani Fernando, Prasadi Amarathunga, Thejani Ilangage, Marietta De Fontaine, Andrea Cramer, Crihashni Pieris

2nd Row - Rukshana Refai, Shashika Dias, Rebecca Fernando, Kaushi Wijesinghe, Dilani Perera, Dishani De Alwis, Gayanthika Gimhani, Natasha Gnanapragasam, Ishani Muthurajah, Rasanjali Peiris.

3rd Row - Tamara Fernando, Udeni Munasinghe, Anushka Perera, Nilushika Fernando, Natasha Matthew, Maureen Paul, Dinushi Perera, Srittika Amarathunga, Tania Fernando



### GRADE 7C

Class Teacher - Sister Madeleine

1st Row: Maryanne Fernando, Mashika Mendis, Hansika Sewwandhi, Hashini Cabraal, Tharaka Jayawardena, Shashika Gothami, P.A.D. Dilini Randika, Dilani Katugampala

2nd Row: Anushka Roshani Fernando, Umanga Udwawatta, Sonali Ilapperuma, Rozel Faux, Dilsha Fernando, Michelle Jude Benedict, Poorna Perera, Yohani Perera, Anoshika Fonseka

3rd Row: Amanda Martinez, Sanuri Semini, Lucia Silva, Kumashini Mendis, Amanda Jansen, Lakmini Perera, Madumalie Aththanayake, Angela Mullegama



### GRADE - 8 A

Class Teacher - Sr. Priyangika

Seated 1st Row L to R - Thakshila Jayasinghe, Evanka De Silva, Niroshini De Silva,  
Chanali Abesinghe, Sharmila Fernando, Sheyera Gunaratne,

Shelomi De Silva, Roshini Palihakkara,

2nd Row - Shivanthika Jayalath, Tania Jesudasan, Andrea David, Celeste Ranasinghe,  
Kioshi Lorenshewa, Laura Fernando, Fiona Anthony, Marielyse Martin,

Shani Ridrigo, Ruth Tania Anthony

3rd Row - Sulakshi Cooray, Chandani Perera, Christine Fernando, Nirodhi Fernando,  
Ayesha Fernando, Cimeshika Perera, Akila Sandaseka, Shalon Marikkar.



### Year 8 B

1st Row L to R - Andrianna De Silva, Raiyeesa Subain, Medha Rajakaruna,  
Cassandra Sansoni, Miss. Chamindre Hewawasam (Class Teacher),  
Shamalie De Soyza, Dilukshi Ho, Udeshi Solomons, Deneisha Kenny.

2nd Row L - R - Palinee Priyanthika, Rozette Fernando, Sonali Pompeus,  
Maneesha Fernando, Salaama Shuaib, Fathima Asmaa,  
Shazara Huzair, Sugeshini Fernando.

3rd Row L - to R - Shalini Sebastian, Senpathi Jayawickrama, Chaya Jayasena,  
Maneesha De Silva, Thanya Perera, Sachini Welgama, Shashika Paulis,  
Sakura Ranasinghe. Absent - Dilani Dharmasiri, Chrishanthima Fernando.



### GRADE - 8 C

**Class Teacher : Mrs. Jacintha Wickramasinghe,**

**1st Row : L to R** - Christina Thielle, Vindya Cooray, Roshini Motha, Deanne Fernandopulle, Michelle Fernando, Diluka Silva, Aroshini Silva, Niroshani Silva, Amali Udayangani Gayana Juhson.

**2nd Row** - Sakeena Mueenidden, Achini Subasinghe, P.G. Kanchana, Sandrine Wilson, Melissa Kranse, Oshnika Jayamanne, Hashani Perera, Thilini Fernando.

**3rd Row** - Rashni De Silva, Shalindri Fernando, Sruthni Fernando, Theshani Withanage, Snnara Jayamanne, Saffiyah Badurdeen, Lashinika Alwis, Dalanjali Peiris, Wakeelah Faiz.



### Year 9 A

**Class Teacher : Miss. Devmini Fernando**

**1st Row L to R** - Mellissa Fernando, Aneesa de mel, Shanya Thilakeratne, Shehara Mendis, Natalie Vilatgamuwa, Dinalee Perera, Nirmala Dilrukshi, Eroshini Fernando, Sumaiya Rizvie, Hermain Fernando

**2nd Row** - Damithri Jayawardena, Chathurika, Soysa, Nadishanee Perera, Anusha Samarasinghe, Oshadi Morris, Eranthie Lawrence, Nilakshika Mudukody, Himashini Nanayakkara, Nilmini Mendis, Shehani Mendis, Dilini Fernando, Fallon Reckerman.

**3rd Row** - Shallini Illeperuma, Shakuli Silva, Nadika Fernando, Nieomi Kem, Rukshani Manawadu, Aloka Abeysinghe, Michelle Baldsing, Kaushalya Wickremasinghe, Naadra Jazeel Dilhara Cooray

**4th Row** - Mihirini Edirisinghe, Erandi Fernando, Pavithra Silva, Chithrika Fernando, Buddhi Rathnadasam



### GRADE - 9 B

Class Teacher : D. Asiri Prasadini Withanage

1st Row L to R - Fathima Insha Fahim, Thiruni Dhanupama Subasinghe, Fathima, Shaza Faique, Julianne de la Motte, Mindini Marie Mathews, Petula Ozella De Silva, Fathima Mufeena Ameen, K.A.D. Sharon H. Nanayakkara, Rumalie Sumudhi Fernando, D. Dilrukshi Ekanayake.

2nd Row - K.A.D.S. Rosemary Nanayakkara, R.A.D. Dimuthu Nisansala, A.G. Dilupa Shamali Manike, Bernadine Leonie, Ranasinghe, Fathima Ferha Akbar, Melani Mack, Shanelle Razan Wignarajah, Madumalie Pavithri Gunarathne, Sayuri Serasinghe, M. Nadeesha Perera, Chaturi Kalpana Jayawardena, Fathima Sumaiya Nafeel, Sumudu Lakmalie Mudalige.

3rd Row - Erandika Thanuja Perera, Nirukshi Madushani Rodrigo, Michelle, Ayusha Therese Thiele, M. Nishani Samarasinghe, W.D. Kanchana Lakmalie, Akila Roshini Anthony, Deshani Abeysinghe, Dilini Fernando, Natalie Ann Hindle, K. Madusha Fernando, Mihiri Chathurangi Pinto, G.D. Viyangi Dilshara. Lourdes Dilusha Shamali Silva



### GRADE - 9 C

Mrs. Padmini De Silva, Class Teacher

L to R 1st Row :- Rumanthika Perera, Mayuri Rukmali Silva, Azra Wahid, Dilini Thisera, Achini Runweera, Sharone Perera, Anne Weerasooriya, Harshani Fonseka

2nd Row :- Shashika Bandara, Dewshi Dias, Dulani Silva, Lankani Matharachchi, Shalini Weeraman, Niomi Fernando, Chathurika Mathiwithana, Vanessa Manuel, Shamane Amarasinghe, Shanalene Silva.

3rd Row :- Amara Zareez, Rochelle Barber, Sanduni Kulathunga, Krishni Panditharatne, Anushka Perera, Harshini Dias - Amarawardena, Tania Ondachchi, Remona Sathkunasigamini



### GRADE - 10 A

**Class Teacher : Miss. Iresha Fernando**

**L to R 1st Row** - Sumali Priyadarshinie Pigera, Shiranthi Randika, Roshini Dabare, Dharshika Fernando, Nilusha Thudugala, Chathurika Hettiarachchi, Indunil Menaka Peiris, Jacqueline S. Baldsing, Annmarie Eresha Alahakoon, Natasha Vittachi

**2nd Row** - Surangi Chathurani, Madusha Fernando, Fathima Insaaf Zahir, Udeshi Basilika, Tania Perera, Azha Mackie, Ishra Nazeer, Chang Mei - Fong, Natasha Solomonsz, Melanie Anna Bennuett, Sabrina De Silva,

**3rd Row** - Yoshini De Cruze, Fathima Shiraza, Kalhari Bandara, Maria Jacintha Holmes, Shamila Thilakaratne, Dilshini Candappa, Nimmeka Perera, Eurashi, Wijesuriya, Geethika Fernando, Jennita Silva, Dinesia Dhanapala, Minoli Fernando, Eshanthy Ratnayake, Ramiza Banu



### GRADE - 10 B

**Class Teacher - Mrs. Dilani Subasinghe**

**L to R 1st Row** - Varuni Fernando, Dilrukshi De Silva, Sonali Perera, Vienna De Silva, Harshini Palikkara, Shalini Halpe, Ruwani Samaranayake, Dhanushika Alwis,

**2nd Row** - Thilangani Pasquel, Kameera Husnul, Nafila Marikkar, Amani Azeez, Sarah Angaz, Zenath Faruj, Sadhani Jayamanne, Nimashi Warnasuriya, Chinthia Hewage, Natasha Ahangama,

**3rd Row** - Chranthi Kulawansa, Chrishani Peiris, Lakshani Fernando, Madushani Kariyawasam, Taryna Dharmaratne, Thamali Rajapakse,

**4th Row** - Nadinka Perera, Dinuka Gunasekara, Dilini De Silva, Ramona Labroy, Dilani Jaysinghe, Hishani Arasarathnam, Dilini Perera,

**Absent** - Chamendi Weerapura, Shanitha Jayakody, Lasanthi Harrison, Minelle Meybrink



### GRADE - 11 A

Class Teacher : Mrs. Marietta de Silva

Seated L to R - Dilini Ratnayake, Gimhani Wanigaratne, Ruwanthi Perera, Gimara Goonawardena, Jayashani Ankuburegedara, Nirushika de Silva, Christeen de Silva, Anne Perera, Shavini Perera, Muffarriha Mashood.

1st Row- Angela Rajkumar, Louzanne Perera, Jayani Dissanayake, Nihla Amir, Tania, Fernando, Carolyn De Niese, Marian, Perera, Nilusha Perera, Neomi Wijesinghe, Romarie Manger, Anuska Silva, Sudeshika Perera.

2nd Row - Rosemary Meemaduma, Rizana Sheriff, Tania Kelaart, Ruzna Azmeer, Fazra Jainulabdeen, Firaza Zahir, Zahara Mazahim, Mehani Silva, Thushani Aluthge, Jayahirami Jayawardena, Ifaza Ameer, Shazeena Azhar, Shehara Silvaraja.



### GRADE - 11 B

Class Teacher - Mrs. Marie Dias

1st Row L to R : Heshani Fernando, Sandrine Fernando, Dilomi De Silva, Raneesha Jayaweera, Vindya Wijesuriya, Conita Sansoni

2nd Row :- Natalie Raymond, Iresha Wicrama, Buddhika Ratnayake, Nilushi Peris, Sohara Subasinghe, Patricia Arandera, Mahesheka Gunasekara, Hasna Aslam, Rukshani Wejethilaka, Delma Hewagamage.

3rd Row :- Poornie Karunaratne, Shehara Silva, Thilanka Kariyawasam, Beverly - Ann Fernando, Danalie Silva, Priyani Athukorala.

4th Row :- Sweenie Fernando, Tirsha Misso, Ramana Jonzz, Shalanie Samarasinghe, Sonalie Silva, Dilini Perera, Shanika Jayasinghe, Dilka Perera



### GRADE - 11 C

Class Teacher - Rev. Sr. Nilanthi

**Seated L to R** - Marwa Jaffry, Dilini Welgama, Salomeya Sebastian, Jacqueline David, Chauntelle Serpanchy, Anitra De Silva, Ayanthi Gorokgahagoda, Irosha Fernando, Melanie Kanagasundaram, Nirmalee Perera

**2nd Row** - Dilushini Wijetunga, Nibras Ameer, Enoka Direkze, Tanya Fernando, Rushana Hamza, Randima Ariyarajah, Minoli Perera, Piume Manikkudur, Shamali Ratnayake, Shwanthi Costa

**3rd Row** - Sherine Paul, Tarika Perera, Isuru Premakumara, Nilanthi Ekanayake, Rajini Perera, Shehara Perera, Viraji Kariyawasam, Shamla Amir, Sandu Mendis, Michelle Jarkie

**4th Row** - Nimesha Silva, Shaheema, Azeer, Kanisha Handapangoda, Sofiya Noufel, Hiroshini De Silva



### GRADE - 12

Class Teacher - Miss. Stella Peiris

Carinne Janze, Milonee Jacob, Charani Ranasinghe, Prasani Fernando, Nilakshi Wijetilake, Suvanne Vansanden, Ruwesha Samarawickrema, Khaushali Lorenshewa, Nilusha Silva, Niluka Prethiraja, Kristina Nuugara, Anjana, Muzammil.



### GRADE 12 Commerce Class

Class Teacher : Mrs. Rose Mudalige

**L to R1st Row** - Chamini Vithanage, Nadeesika Fernando, Rasika Ranaweera, Nadeesa Wettasinghe, Ishani Silva, Maduka Munasinghe, Suzan Balkhaysen, Chamila Peduruarachchi, Menaka Wijenayake, Niiushika Rajapaksa

**2nd Row** - Revonne Musafer, Sonali Mack, Sharmain Andradi, Nilusha Senadeera, Nilmini Fernando, Ann Gunasekera, Nilupa Weerasinghe, Danushka Fernando, Thilani Cooray, Udeshika Fernando

**3rd Row** - Iroshi Peiris, Shanika Amarandran, Niroshi Peiris, Diana Anthony, Thameera Niroshini, Shayani Kulatunga, Dilsha Silva, Prarthana Nadeeshan, Shashika Fernando, Anuja Cooray.

**4th Row** - Shihara Fernando, Lakmi Fernando, Sabreena Faruj, Purnika Fernando, Nayomi Fernando, Nilusha De Silva, Nelisha Weerasinghe, Shanika Silva.



### GRADE - 13 Commerce

Class Teachers - Miss. Lasanthi Fernando, Miss. Stella Peiris

**Seated L to R** - Annalyn Roper Tyler, Dilini Kannangara, Vasana Fernando, Nipuni Fernando, Udani Rupasinghe, Roshini Amarasinghe, Thakshila Fernando, Rizla Anver.

**First Row** - Prasadini Fernando, Harshani Hettiarachchi, Nazshani Hettiarachchi, Nazreen Marikkar, Fiona Cruz, Sachini Amarasinghe, Eranga Perera, Prasadani Saparamadu, Nelani Fernando, Desiree Suares, Dharsitha Perera

**2nd Row** - Mahesha Thilakasiri, Dianna Kelly, Cherryl Pereira, Shereen De Silva, Nadeeshani Panditharatne, Chamila Savarimutthu, Jayani Jayawardena, Ishani Samaranayake,

**3rd Row** - Kaushalya Perera, Kanchana Rajasinghe, Nirmalee Perera, Anne Fernando.



**Year - 13**

**Class Teachers - Mrs. Nilani Suraweera, Mrs. Audrey De S. Wijeyeratne**

**L to R 1st Row** - Nadika Ranasinghe, Tanuja Chetandas, Harshani Ranatunga, Thilini Dias, Faraza Faizal, Neloufa jaleel, Nadeeshani Weragoda, Shani Randika, Neranjana Peiris, Ishari Byrde.

**2nd Row** - Deshika Perera, Lakmini Fernando, Nimani Andradi, Priyadarshini Jayaram, Chathuri De Silva, Anushka De Silva, Shehari Peiris, Danushka Fernando, Roshini Samarakickrema, Romain De Silva, Kanchana Fernando, Sunisha Abeywardena, Dianne Muller.

**3rd Row** - Shukra Fahumy, Peumini Peiris, Achini De Silva, Sarrina De Livera, Dilshani Candappa, Harindrani Bellana, Sanoja Tudugalle, Natasha Jansen, K.N. Nilanka Sugandini Ravihari Madapulli, Kithmini Boteju

**4th Row** : Chanchala Niroshini, Nilma Hewagamage, Gayani Hettiarachchi, Sandamali Meniksagara

**Absent** - Daphne Fernando, Anne Almeida

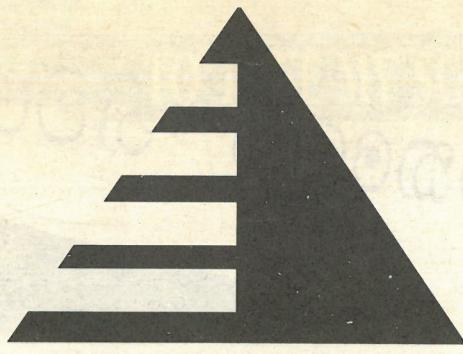


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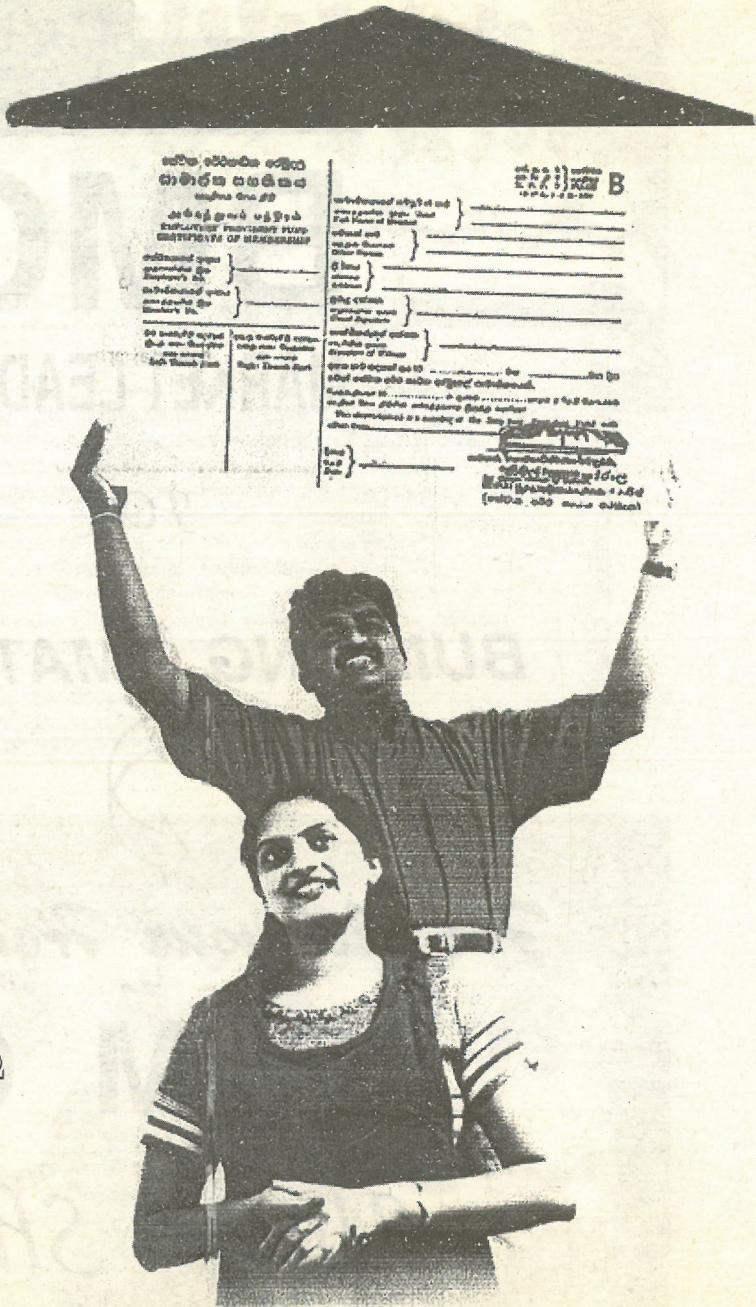
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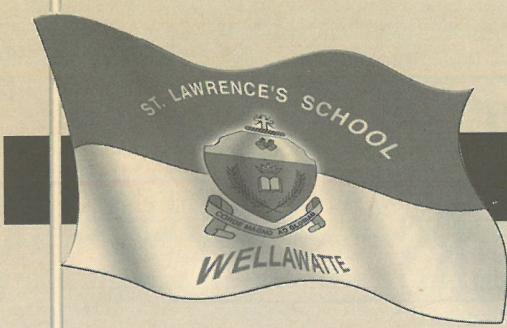
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## TO THEE MY SCHOOL...

For six hours a day - five days a week  
Yours walls have protected me  
The chalk gliding across the black boards  
And lessons that I've learned  
Have nourished me.  
I went through it all  
From the first day when I left my mother's care  
To this day when I treat you as a mother with care  
I've loved you  
I've loved you for being the centre of my education  
I've loved you for all that you've given me  
But most of all I've loved you for loving me  
So thinking about the school you've turned into a home  
And the family love we've shared  
Thinking about that warm secure feeling of knowing that you're always there  
Thinking about the love that we've shared in your presence from year to year  
I'll show my undying gratitude to thee my school  
By wishing you a happy Centenary Year !

*Louzanne Perera - Year 11 A*

## FOR THOSE ELEVEN YEARS...



For eleven years you've helped me,  
To grow, to mature and achieve,  
For eleven years you've protected me,  
Your strong walls letting no harm come to me,  
For eleven years your wonderful staff has enriched me,  
With knowledge beyond compare.  
For eleven years you've governed me,  
With strength, discipline and care,  
For eleven years you've created many opportunities for me,  
Opportunities that would some day prove useful to me.  
For eleven years I have grown within thee,  
With love, Security and Loyalty.  
For eleven years I have grown to be,  
A loving daughter of your family.  
A daughter who will forever be,  
Grateful for those eleven years that you've given me

*Gimara Gunawardena  
Year 11 A*

# RESPECT YOUR ELDERS

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All children should keep this in mind,  
to respect your elders and to be kind.  
Speak always the truth and never tell lies,  
then you will prosper, the whole of your life.  
Teachers may scold you and also may cane you,  
the scolding you get is not in vain.  
The lesson they teach, and the knowledge you gain,  
will never be destroyed, but will ever remain.  
Move with your friends, with good company.  
avoid bad friends if there are any.  
Love your neighbours and live in harmony,  
then you can win the hearts of many.  
Take care of your things and never misplace,  
if you misplace, only the time you will waste.  
The time you waste will never be replaced,  
therefore preserve much time,  
less problems will you face.  
Listen to your parents, to what they say,  
then they will love you and never betray.  
To God we must always pray,  
and that's the way to be happy and gay.

*Shiranthi Wanigasekera (nee Egodapitiya)*  
*Past Pupil of SLS / Member of PPA*

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## PARENT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

A Parent - Teachers' Association was a new educational concept at the time we commenced this association in the 1970's. This concept caught on very rapidly and most educational institutions also formed their Parent - Teachers' Associations and functioned very well.

Our Principal at the time, Sister Carmeline, gave us her unstinted co-operation and advice at all times, for which we were all very grateful and indebted to her for the success of our Parent - Teachers' Association. We were fortunate that the Teachers and Parents also co-operated very cordially and thereby enabled the Association to function well and successfully.

We also came to appreciate that 'give and take' was very essential and vital for any institution to function and thrive. It is not necessary to have grandiose ideas for exchange but small and practical items also create the feeling of co-operation, sharing and a friendly feeling amongst all the members.

With best wishes for continued success.

**Pons Nadarajah**  
*Founder Secretary of the Parent - Teacher Association*  
*St. Lawrence's School*

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දුයුතින දුවද විභිද්‍වා විකසින වූ කැකුලියෙන  
සිටියේ සිතැයෙමින පෙළ ගයි,  
දොරකඩ අධියෙය විදු පියයෙ,  
සුන්දර දිනක දිනකර නයි සිම්දුරුයේ .....

අප විදු පියය ගතකයුත් ගත කෙරුවා  
රෝග කැකුල දිය දිනකක පිබිදුවිවා  
සියලුම සිංහුවෙන එනැය දුරමත කෙරුවා  
වදු මව සේ ම විදු මව අප ලුග සිටිය .....

දුශනවලටි සියලුයේ පොලියේ වහනත්මිය  
දුදිකෙරුවා සුභවට ගොඩනගිල තුළ,  
ගාන්ත ලෝරන්ස් නම් වූ අප විදු පියය  
ශතක ග්‍යාන බැඩුප්‍රේනව විදුරියෙය නම .....

හොඩියෙන සිට සාපෙළ දැක්වාද .  
ලසක පෙළ වානිජ, කළා විෂයන්ද  
දින දින ගොඩනගෙන අප ගැකියවිනද,  
දුරමත කරනවට සැරදුවා විදු මවති ඔබ .....

ලෝරන්ස් නාම දින දින බැඩුලාවා  
අප මවිනට දෙවනි වූ ඔබ සැරදුවා  
අප ගද්දුලුවි සියලු රැතුම් ඉවුලිවා  
මටති, ඔබව, ලෝරන්ස් මුත් රැකියදුවා ! .....

තදිගානි වේරගොඩ - 13 වකර (වානිජ)

## මගේ ලොව රැසිඩ්‍රියෙනි බෙව දැන් සියවසක්

විෂම වූ ලොවේ  
පිවිතය දිවිම,  
ඒ,  
මඟ මට දුන් පත්තරය තුළිනි .....

රඳරු වන සතුන් ගෙන්,  
වියකි විභිගුත වුයෙම්  
ඒ,  
මංඛන ලද නයා නුවනා තිකාවති .....

කටු කොහොල පිරි බීම,  
විරුයෙන් තරඟාය කාලුම්  
ඒ,  
මඟ දායාද කළ ඉවසිම තුළිනි .....

අද,  
මංඛ සියවසකි .....

දුකාබර විදු මටති,  
මතුවවත ඔවුන් දියුණියන  
දුකාවත රැක ගනු මැහැවි !

ඉහාරි බරඩ - 13 වකර (වානිජ)

## THE NEED FOR PEACE ON A TROUBLED ISLAND

Once I saw a young girl,  
Screaming through fear.  
I looked around and I saw flames,  
People fighting a sheer disgrace.  
I looked for peace,  
But war I found.  
Misery dwells in this land I thought.  
Then I woke - up,  
And it was all a dream.  
I prayed to God,  
Our redeemer and King.

"God" I begged "grant us peace  
To this beautiful land;  
Let it flourish again,  
With peace once had".  
God then replied,  
"Child, I've heard the cries of your people;  
I shall grant that longed for peace,  
To your troubled island  
If you love one another as I once  
showed you how".

**FIONA CRUSZ.**

## MY SCHOOL

The name of my school is St. Lawrence's School. My school is situated in Wellawatte. It is a Catholic private girls school.

It was built in 1900. Now my school is 100 years old. In my school there are classes from grade 1 to 13. Our principal is Rev. Sr. Mary Gertrude. In my school there are about 50 teachers and about 1250 children.

In my school there is a science lab, library, a basket ball court, a small canteen and a Seylan Bank. There is a Western and an Eastern band too.

In my school there are a few trees. Some of them are Mara, Kohomba, Coconut, Bread fruit etc.

In my school there are four houses. They are Lisieux, Lima, Lourdes and Loretto. The motto of our school "Corde magno ad Gloriam". The annual events in our school are the sports meet, prize giving, English and Sinhala days and Commerce day.

Our school is one of the famous schools in Colombo. We love our school and we will be loyal to our school.

*Dimali Hettiarachchi.*

Year 6 A

## TO MY DEAR SCHOOL.

When I came to you,  
I was a little girl.  
But you welcomed me truly  
You gave me courage to study  
But not only that,  
You taught me how to be a  
good example to others.  
I learnt lots of extraordinary things,

That I will never forget.  
So, my dear school,  
You are my friend who helped me,  
You are my mother who never left me,  
I thank you for all the things,  
You have given me.  
For ever... For ever.... For ever.....  
I thank you my dear school " SLS"

*Melani Mack - Year 9B*

# අංශ ප්‍රසාද

ගෙත්ත ලෝරන්ස් මවි  
වදුම් ඔබ බැති සිති  
මගේ ප්‍රජා ලෙසි  
රකිම් සැමදා සදුදුර්

සදුරු ව්‍රිජම්ලා මාත්‍රව්‍ය - 4 වකර B

මගේ සුන්දර පාසල්  
ඉන්නා අපි සිභා දුරියන්  
රටම නොදු දරුවා වෙලා  
ඡන්නම් අපි මතු ද්‍රව්‍යක  
අප ලෝකය දිනා ගනන

අයෝජි ප්‍රකාශන්ද - 2 වකර A

මගේ පාසල පිහිටා තිබෙනෙන් වැළැවත්තෙය. මගේ පාසල් නම ගෙත්ත ලෝරන්ස්ය. මගේ පාසලට මම හරිම ආදුරයි. මම මුළුම පැම්බා ද්‍රව්‍යක පොකී උත්සවයක තිබුණා. 2 වකර අක්කිලා අපිට මළ දීල පිළිගෙතා. මට ගෙවු සතුවක ඇති ව්‍යුහා. මම වාය ලමයි ගොඩක සිටියා. අජේ විද්‍යාල්පත්‍රිය අපට කිවිවා යේල්ලම් කරන්න, ඔන්වේ පදින්න, ලිංගන බෝටු වියනවා කියලා. මට ගොඩක ආකා සිතුණා. මගේ රිවර්ග නම දුමයන් ප්‍රතාන්දුය. මම රිවර ගොඩක ආදුරයි. අපිට ව්‍යුහා උත්සවයක තිබුණා. මම එකට සිටියා. මටත තැං ලැබුණා. අජේ පාසලට අවුරුදු 100ක පිරිනවා කියලා අජේ රිව කිවිවා. මට හරිම සතුවුයි. මගේ පාසලට, මම මගේ අම්මාට වාය ආදුරයි.

එෂානි ඉවෙන්ජලා - 2 - A

අජේ පාසල පිහිටා තිබෙනෙන් කොළඹ දිස්ත්‍රික්කයේ වැළැවත්ත පුද්ගලයේ. පාසල් පහත පළමු ග්‍රේනියේ සිට දැඟතු ග්‍රේනිය දැකවා තිබෙනවා. අජේ පාසල් සිවේන් ගැහැණු ලමයි පමණයි. අජේ පාසල් විද්‍යාල්පත්‍රිය කන්න සොජායුරියක්. අජේ ගුරුවරු හත්මහක පමණ සිටිනවා. අජේ පාසල් ලමයි දාහක පමණ ඉගෙනුම බඩනවා. අජේ පාසල් තට්ටු දෙනෙක ගොඩනැගිලි තිබෙනවා.

භ්‍රුප්‍රත්ම ද අල්විස් - 2 - A

මගේ පාසල ගෙත්ත ලෝරන්ස් විද්‍යාලයි. එය පිහිටා තිබෙනෙන් වැළැවත්තෙය. එහි ලදුරු පාසල් සිට දැඟතුන වකර දැකවා පාති ඇත. එහි විද්‍යාල්පත්‍රිය කන්න සොජායුරියකි. මගේ පාසල් සිභාවියක පුළුව සිටියි. පාසල් විශාල ගොඩනැගිලි කියනවා. එහි ගුරුවර්ගන් පුළුව ඉන්නවා. එහි විවිධ විෂයන් උගත්වනවා. පෙරදීග සහ අපරදීග තුරු වාදුක ක්‍රිඩායෝ කියනවා. විවිධ ව්‍යුහ ද කරනවා. මම මගේ පාසලට ඉතා ආදුරු කරමි. එය දිගුණු වේවා කියා මම පනමි.

පිවිතුරු මතුම් නුගෙරා - 2 වකර A

## A TRIBUTE TO MY ALMA MATER

Oh! my Alma Mater,  
You are Hundred years young  
today,  
Having commenced from humble  
beginnings,  
You have risen to heights of fame.

I cherish fond memories of yester  
year,  
During my school career,  
Which had spanned more than a  
decade,  
From year one to year thirteen.

Though comparatively small in  
land area,  
You have produced hundreds of  
students with care,  
Good morals, high standards and  
discipline,  
You have instilled in us with  
precision.

These principles hold us in good  
stead,  
In whatever we have presented,  
The love and understanding  
extended,  
Will be remembered with gratitude  
unlimited.

May God Bless you always,  
And hold you in Sacred arms,  
To mould more and more,  
Useful citizens to Mother Lanka -  
Encore !

Long live St. Lawrence's School !

By - Ranmalee Jayasuriya.

## YOU LOOK SO MAJESTIC

How majestic you look, the Flamboyant tree  
As we enter the school so dear  
It's your out stretched arms of welcome  
And brightly coloured smile we see.

You are a lovely sight  
Home of birds feathered bright  
Spreading leafy branches wide  
Cooling shade from the noon sunlight.

Over the years you stood  
With your trunk so brown and old  
Your branches like an evergreen hood  
Where we sat in all our moods.

Your leaves rustle in the sun  
As we school girls softly whisper  
Silent tree our secrets keep  
Long after school we leave.

Cut not our tree even though old  
We will cry against a step so bold  
We love this tree more than gold  
The tree our childhood memories enfold

*Anushka Roshini Fernando  
Grade 7 C*

# THE MEMORY OF A LIFETIME

A century is a long time to journey through. Not often do we find anyone or anything for that matter who lives through it. That's why we say that our school was blessed with the honour of standing through a hundred years. Most of us usually thank God for mercies and blessings. We also enjoy them to the fullest and that's exactly what we've been doing since August 1999.

We began our centenary celebrations on the 30th of August last year, with a walk and day fair. Students, teachers and parents paraded along the Galle Road proudly following the school flag and proclaiming that our school had journeyed through a hundred years and is still on the path to success. It was a day that all of us "Moulded together in red and gold" shouted out loud that we were proud to be Lawrentians. The school premises were filled with trade stalls of all kinds and people walking, talking and laughing dressed in their colourful attire while a live D.J. catered to the youth in the school hall. It was a day of "fun" as the young would say and a day to be remembered by all of us.

The next year we not only walked into a new millennium but also into a new era for our school. After many months, weeks and days of toil and hard labour, the work on the new floor of classrooms was finally concluded and we opened it on the 3rd of March 2000 in the midst of many invitees, past and present students, teachers and other well-wishers. The prayer service and the opening of the floor was conducted by the most Revd. Dr. Nicholas Marcus Fernando, the Archbishop of Colombo, while many other religious, priests and nuns, also took part. The traditional boiling of milk also took place on the new floor, while the Archbishop blessed each individual classroom. These classes are now occupied by the students of years 10, 11 and 12. Here again the students were treated to a live D.J. in the school grounds.

Towards the end of the same month the Drama Club together with the school choir joined forces to produce a successful play under the direction of Indu Dharmasena, a well-known personality in the field of theatre. The musical direction was by Soundarie David while the choreography was by Shohan Chandiram. "The Golden Goose", a well-known family classic which went on boards at the Lionel Wendt Theatre on the 24th, 25th and 26th of March 2000 was proven to be successful and the profits went towards the new building fund. Mrs. Manel Boteju, the dancing mistress, together with the students of our school also produced a concert in aid of the building fund. The concert was held at the Dehiwela Jayasinghe Hall and was enjoyed by both young and old.

Our school stood throughout a century, and it was essential that we students should be aware of the history of the school we learn in, just as we're aware of the history of the country and world we live in. So it was time to test it. A centenary quiz was conducted on a house basis in different age groups with ten questions each to answer. It was Loretto house that topped the rest and they were awarded a challenge shield at the annual Prize Giving. It was during this time that the school decided to help an under - privileged school in the area by creating a library for them. Many students donated books towards this purpose. But it did not end there. The students of year 12 also organized a project to open bank accounts for 10 poor children from the shanties. They collected funds for this by conducting a car wash, a mini canteen and by passing tills around the other classes. The prefects also organized a fund raiser in aid of an under - privileged school situated outside of Colombo. These deeds were not only done with good hearts but also with kind thoughts for others who are less fortunate than we are.

The moment that we were all waiting for was fast approaching. It was the moment when we finally completed a hundred years. The moment when we were all proud to say that our school had travelled through a hundred years. The moment of glory which we had all been preparing for, such a long time. And we knew that, that moment will soon be over and it will be a sweet

memory never to be forgotten. But we had to thank God for giving us that sweet memory, for blessing us with such a wonderful school, for giving all of us the privilege of being there at this finest moment. So on the 18th of September 2000 we had a vigil prayer service. A service of "honour, praise and thanksgiving too". Students, parents and teachers all took part in this prayerful service which was conducted by Revd. Fr. Darrel Coonghe and his team. But that was not all. The Buddhist students also gave thanks in their own special way. This they did at the Bellanwila Temple, on the 22nd of September 2000. It not only showed that even though from different religions we all stand up together for what we believe but also as to how much love and gratitude we all have towards our school.

The 30th of September 2000 was the final day of celebration. It was the peak hour. The final day of our hundredth year celebrations. The preparations had finally concluded. The bright red and yellow lights which lit up the buildings, trees and pathways for a few days spoke of our joy. The banner hung high above the gate told every passer by that our school had stood from 1900 - 2000. And so we celebrated. The chief guest once again was the most Revd. Dr. Nicholas Marcus Fernando, Archbishop of Colombo, who also conducted the mass together with many other important members of the clergy. The procession of a hundred lamps symbolizing a journey through hundred years was the beginning of the days celebrations. After the mass there were other performances to keep the visitors entertained. These were performances by both the Hewisi and Western Band, the school choir and a dance display by a troupe of over 75 students. The sudden downpour may have dampened the atmosphere but it definitely did not dampen the Lawrentian festive spirit. As soon as the D.J. started his toe - tapping music, the students had no hesitation whatsoever in dancing in the rain. "A once - in - a - lifetime chance" as they called it.

And so it was this chance that we all wanted to live to the fullest. This was the event that we all worked hard to make a success of. And a success it was, due mainly to the unstinted effort of the principal, staff, past and present students, parents and well - wishers of the school. It was this joint effort that made our centenary celebrations a sweet memory never to be forgotten.

**LOUZANNE PERERA.**

**Year 11 A**

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නව වෙශින පුවත පත,  
සගරා, දුරකථන, තපැල  
හා ඉංලන්ට්‍රොනික උපකරණ .....  
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මිශ්‍ර දෙනුවා වකර - 14 වකර (වානිජ)

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බඩ හට පාසල සිසුවියන්ගෙන .....

තක්ෂලාව රැකගත විදු මවිති,  
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බඩ තුරුලට ආ අයුරු,  
අද වෙනතුරදු මතකයි,  
සුතදුර සිඹිනයක විලස.  
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බඩ සෙවයේ අපි වයිනෙමු.  
බඩගේ උෂ්මය අතියය,  
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යොදුරු දුෂ්ය සියවසකින් තිමාවුනාට,  
අප ඔබ දෙපා මුලයි.  
අනාගතය අප බැඩින වෙන්වන වග  
දැනගත විය, තෙතට උඩු කදුපූලේ තැයෙන්න,  
ගොදුනුව්වමිය, නමුත් .....  
බඩගේ ගක්තියෙන්, උසක සිර සෙයර  
මිය තැගනෙමු, තවමත,  
බඩ සෙවයේ උන්නත  
විවත වට ..... මතුව එය .....  
විහාරය ..... තරගය ..... උපාධිය.....  
එ සියලුම අවසන කරනෙමු, බඩගේ තුරුලේ !

# දිගාය චේවා මවිති දැයාබර ...

හිරු කිරුණ යේ

දර කළා අදර අප මොයේ...

සඳ කිරුණ යේ

නයා පහන එක්ල කළා අපග...

වසරන වසර

විලිභා කළා දැයට

නයාවත .. ග්‍යාවත .. දිරිමත ... දැයැම් වූ....

දර කළුක ...

එවන,

දැඳාර වූ ඔබ

සමරම අධ්‍යමනන යුතුව

ඡැබේ සියවස මූගලනය ...

ඉසුරුබර හෙට දිනක

පමණකම තොව,

දිරිය දිරියන බිජිකරනට

තවත සියවසකට දිගාය බෙන්නට

පහන වූ සිරින පත්ම මල....

විදු මවිති දැයාබර

ගොන් ගෙවිවාරවිව්, - 13 වාචිර

# කොලොස සමුගන්නදේ....

ලගත දේ බොහෝය .....

දක්ෂතා බොහෝය .....

කොලොස වෙන්වනදේ .....

මා විදුහල මැණියගෙන ..... ?

උමා විය ඉත්මුණා

ගොවන විය එළඹුනා

පිවිගේ කඩුම් පසුකළා

සහතික පත හිමුවනා

ප්‍රශ්නාව ප්‍රබුද්වා

පිවිගය මග කිය

සමාජයට මා දැයාද කළ

විදු මවිති සමුගන්න අවසරයි !

කදුල තෙත හිරුවල.

නිලක්ෂිකා මුදුනකෙකී, - 9 A

# ගුරු මධ්‍යින් දායාබර

ලද්දන ද්‍රව්‍යක අතිතයේ  
පැමිණිද, අප ඔබේ යොවනට  
දෙවනේ මව් වූ දායාබර ගුරු මධ්‍යින්...  
අව් වයි තොතකා පැමිණා විදුහලට  
මලක් මෙක ඔබ ප්‍රංශවලා අප  
විළිද හදුනුමට...  
ආදරෙන් දුන් ගිල්ප තවමත  
මැකි ගොස්නයේ  
අර්ථ හදුනුම්...  
අර්ථ ඩිනගවට, අපේ කදුලකට  
ප්‍රංශවලා ඔබ ආදරෙන්  
අහස් කුසකට පැයු සඳහෙන  
ඇවදන් දුන් සඩ් සේනෙහයින්...  
එසේ කළ ඔබට වරදවා අප අතින්  
වී තම් රුඩුමක, දායාබර සිතට  
දාහස් වාරයක සමාචනු මැන  
අතිංශක වූ ඔබේ දුරක්ෂාව...  
මහමෙරකවන් ඔබේ යොවය  
මබ දී අප සම්ම  
එම් කරනන අප දිවි මං  
පියනගා කැමිට  
අපරිමිත දායාවෙන  
අප සැවාම රැකිනා  
ගුරු මධ්‍යින් දායාබර ...  
බඩ අප පුදුකරන  
හද පිරියු තුත් ගෙයුම  
කවක සේ කැටි කොට  
අතුරු කරනෙනුම බුහුමතින, ආදරෙන්.

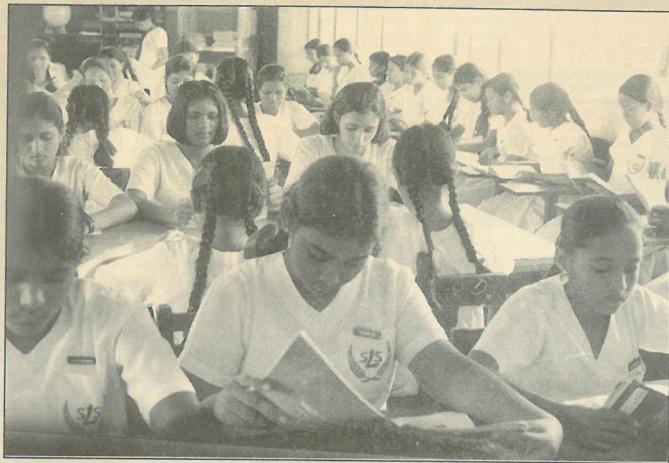
ලෝක ගුරුදිනය වෙනුවෙන්  
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# සාමයේ කුමරාජානි



සාමයේ කුමරාජානි,  
ඔබ අපෙන වෙනවේමේ දක  
කෙයේ දරාගමිද?  
උතුරුකරයේ වෙඩි හඩමදැ  
දුක්විදිනා අප වන මල  
ඕවුන සිත තුළ  
කොඩයේ ගිනි දුල් තැයෙතෙනේ  
මේ නිසා තොවේද?  
අනාගත ලෝකයේ නිමිකරුවන  
මෙමෙක දක විදීම, නිවැරදිද?  
වැඩිකිරියනි,  
පෙළ ගයෙනු මැන  
යුබ ගිනිදුල් නිවීමට - එසේ නැතෙහාත  
වගකිව යුත්තේ ඔබයි  
ලමා අදිකරු හමුවේ  
සාම කුමරාජානි  
ඔබටයි මේ අජයුම  
වැළද ගනු මැන  
අප් දේශය - රැකුව මැන  
අනාගත දේශය  
දැන ඔබේ කාලයයි  
එමක්ම අත්තේ  
සාම කුමරාජානි  
එවිට, පාතියේ ප්‍රජාමය  
ඔබට නිමිවේවි.

● වසර බි  
සෙනපති ප්‍රසව්‍යුම, අන්ත්‍රිකානා ද සිල්ව  
ශ්‍රීකා ඇන් පව්‍යිල්, බිලක්ම් ගඟ්‍රිකා



## මගේ පාඨිය

මා යන්නේ ගාන්ත ලෝරත්ස් පාසලටයි. එහි 5 වසර "සී" පාඨිය මම ඉගෙනුම ලබන්නේම්. මගේ පාඨිය තුන්වයි ගොඩනගිලුවේ දැවෙනි තටුවුවේ පිළිබා ඇත. මගේ පාඨිය හාර ගුරුතුමියගේ තම වන්දු විරෝධිය. මගේ පාඨියේ පාත්‍ර නායිකාව දීමාලි සෙවිචාරවිය. මගේ පාඨිය ලී බඩු වර්ජා යොදා අලංකාරව පාට කිර ඇත. අපේ පාත්‍රයේ බිත්තිවල පාට වර්ජා යොදා විතු ඉතා අලංකාරව සකසා ඇත. මගේ පාඨිය උමයි හතුමික එක දැනෙක සිටිති. අපේ පාඨිය පිරිසිදුව අලංකාරව තබා ගැනීමට ඉතා යොදා වයි පිළිවෙළත් යොදා ඇත. අපේ පාත්‍රයේ පිරිසිදුව අලංකාරව තබා මූල්‍ය පාසලෙන්ම ගොදුම පාත්‍රය කිරීමට අපි තවදුරටත් උත්සාහ කරන්නේමු.

වතුරුණි ප්‍රවහල ගම්කුමාර

### සඳු නමදිම් විදු මවිනි ඔබ

සෙනෙහසේ රන් ගණුල ඔබ	වේ
ආදරය පිර සුළුර ඔබ	වේ
පය වැඩිව නිති රැකුල ඔබ	වේ
සෙනෙහසේ මව සඳු ඔබ	වේ
පස වියෙන් මා බාරගත්	ඔබ
දරා සිටියේ දේශ මත	ඔබ
සඳු පිදුමට ගුදු මව	ඔබ
සඳු පුද්ගලිම් ආදරෙන්	ඔබ
මලේකම්ත් ඔබ සිත් රිදුවා	ල
දුඩි සිතින් ඔබේ හද පාරා	ල
සිටියෙමුත් ඔබ නිතර රිදුවා	ල
සැලැඩුවේ මව මතක වී	ල
දැනුම් මිනි මුතු මහසේ රද	වා
පහත් ගත් ගුණා සිතෙකි රද	වා
හදුවේ ඔබ මා දැනෙ රද	වා
සඳු පුද්ගලිම් සිරය නම	වා
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ගුණා දම් මා නිති ලැබුවා  
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පාසල මවුනි. ගුරු මත්වරුනි  
ඉතින අවසරයි ඔබ හැර සත්ත්ව

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ඔබ හට තුනිංචිවා  
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පාසල සීවිතයේ  
අපි ඔබ වෙත ආවා  
රුක ගත මත වුවා  
පියවර එකවුවා

ඔබ දුන ඔවදුන බලයෙන දැන් අප  
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එ අවසරයෙන සමාජයට අද  
ඡන්ත්ව සැරසෙමු මෙලෙයින අප හැම

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මල පොකුරක වීවා  
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මෙතුවක කළ ඔබ අප හට සම්දා  
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ඡන්ත්ව සැරසී ඔබගෙන සමුගෙන  
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කුමක කරන්නද කායුතු යයි දැන්

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ඡන්ත්ව ඔබ හැරලා  
අද නියමය වීවා

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මගේ තාත්තාගේ නම වසකන්ත ප්‍රතාත්මක. මගේ තාත්තාගේ පාට තෙල්පුලුයි. මගේ තාත්තාගේ වයක අවුරුදු 37යි. තාත්තා රැකියාව කරනුනේ ලංකා බැංකුවේය. තාත්තා ගෙදරුන් රැකියාවට කාමට පිටිවෙන්නේ උරුදු 7ව. ආපසු ගෙදර එන්නේ රාත්‍රී 7ව ය. අපේ තාත්තා අපිට සේලුලුම් බඩු, කතන්දර පාසල, බේතිකකන් ආදි නොයෙක දේවල් ගෙනෙනවා. තාත්තා අපට කතන්දර ද පාඩම් ද කියා දැයි. තාත්තා ගෙදර අස්කරනවා. මමත තාත්තාට උදුව් වෙනවා. තාත්තා මල පැලු සිවනවා. වත්ත අතුශානවා. තාත්තා මට අදුරයි. මමත තාත්තාට ආදුරයි. අපේ පාසල නිවාසුවට තාත්තා අපිට ආවිචිලාගේ ගෙදර එකකාගෙන යනවා. අපේ තාත්තා හරි හොඳයි.

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# THE IMPACT OF THE ETHNIC CONFLICT ON THE CHILDREN OF OUR COUNTRY.

The people of Sri Lanka, have stepped into the new millennium, taking along a seventeen year old ethnic conflict. Sadly the children are the most affected by this war. Children have a right to childhood. Fundamental to that right, is the right to live a life free of violence. All children born in the conflict areas since 1983 do not know the meaning of peace.

The refugee children, born in refugee camps, some even stepping into their teens, do not know what it is to have the luxury of a home, even if it is only four walls and a zinc sheet for a roof. Some children in the conflict areas are traumatised by witnessing the violent deaths of their loved ones and have accepted this situation as a way of life. These children have no way of going to school and some of them are caught in cross fires. What about their education? The UN Charter for children states that education is a basic right of every child. But these children have been deprived of an education.

Many hundreds of children will have to live their lives permanently disabled, their once sturdy limbs shattered by land mines. Photographs of these unfortunate children are seen in newspapers. Their sad faces and eyes seem to ask us - "Why have we to go through life like this? This is not our war".

The other category of children are the ones who are forcibly conscripted to fight an adult war. Taken away from their family and their books on which they may have had many dreams for their future. Taken and put to die or be maimed, on battle fields. This situation cannot be arrested even by visits from UN representatives.

Children of soldiers who have lost their lives, are deprived of a father's love. Others live in tears of seeing their fathers missing in action. This is the result of the on going war on many of the children of our country, even though some of us may not even realise it.

It is the wish of all Sri Lankans that we see the light in this dark tunnel of war, that has caused so much misery. It is only when the war drums are silenced, that the children of this generation will be able to live in peace and harmony.

*Harshini Dias Amarawardena*  
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අතීතයත්, වර්තමානයත්, අනාගතයත් එකත්තන් කර මානව වර්ගයාගේ පීවන නොකාව සඩහා පහර මදු ඉදිරියට ගෙන යන හඩල වූ කළුති, අධ්‍යාපනයයි.

අධ්‍යාපනය වූ කළුති ආක්‍රම, කුසුලතා, දැනුම පිරි තොත්තේනකි. උපන් ද සිට් .අ. යනු .ම්....., යනු .ම්. යනු ව්‍යවන තුන එකතු වී ඒ උත්තරිතර නාමය වූ අම්මා යන වවතයේ සිට් නිවෙශ, මග තොට්ටී, ගම්, නගරයේ, රට්, පෙළුමය දැනුම මඩ ස්වයංස්ථාපිත වීම, අධ්‍යාපනයේ මුළුක අර්ථතාතය, මුළුක පරාමාර්ගය වන්නෙය. වීම අමතරව සතුන්ගෙන්, තිරිසනුගෙන්ද අධ්‍යාපනය බ්‍රා ගත හැක. කරදුර, බාධක, මදු, ඒ මැනින පැහැ යන අධ්‍යාපනය තුළ බිජි වනුයේ උගත්තාකි, පැගත්තාකි. ආර්ථිකය, සමාජ තරජන ඉවත දමා සියලු බාධක ජය ගත්තා උගතා අධ්‍යාපනයේ පහත වැඩක වනු නොඅනුමානය.

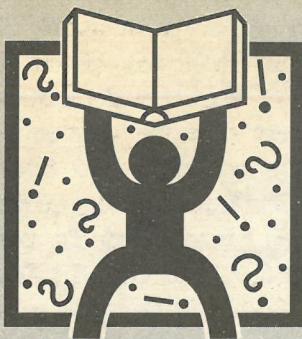
මිනිකාව සරව සම්පූර්ණ, උගත්තාකු වීමට හැඳි වන්නේ අධ්‍යාපනය නිකාය. නොඳුස්නම් ඔහු මිදේ සිටින මධ්‍යස්කුට සමානය. සමාජයේ දුනු තළයක වැඩිහිටිව වරම් ලැබෙන්නේද, මිනිකුගේ උගත්තාකු මනස පට්ඨ්‍යාය වන්නේ ද, අධ්‍යාපනය නිකාය. තම පීවතයේ ස්ථාවරත්වය, ප්‍රාග්‍යත්වය, වර්ධනය කර ගත හැකි වන්නේද, අධ්‍යාපනය නැමැති පොතොර ආභාරය හේතුවෙනි.

අධ්‍යාපනය නොමැති කම්න වර්තමාන ලොකයේ හර වරද නොගෙන් අය වර්ධනය වී ඇත. වත්මන සමාජයේ ස්ථ්‍රී දුෂ්චාර්ය, මාකොලුක්ස්ම් වනි අපරාධ සිදු වන්නේ අධ්‍යාපනය නොලැබේමෙනි. ඇද විරැකිකාවට මුළුක බාධකය වී ඇත්තේද අධ්‍යාපනය නිසිකාකාරව නොලැබේ නිකාය. මේ ගෙතුවෙන් ඉගෙන ගත්තා වකවානුව තුළ නවීන විලාසිතාවන් පසුපස හඳු නොගෙස්, වැරදි ආක්‍රම සිත නොදුරා තමා ලද දෙයින් උපරිම ප්‍රෝශන ගෙන අධ්‍යාපනයෙන් එම නොලැ ගත යුතුය.

රැවින්ද නාත තාගෝර, මධිකල අන්තර්ලේ, ඩී.ඩී. යේනානායක, ගුණාල මලමස්කර, අයිසකේ නිවිතන වැනි ග්‍රෑන්ඩ් දුරක්ෂිකයේ අධ්‍යාපනික ඉතුළු මැය ඉහළ තරජුව් ජය ගත්තේ වනි නිරිජුයන්, වෙළුනවර්ත්, විද්‍යාජුයන්, එළඹකයන්, ගුරුවර්ත් බිජි වී ඇත්තේ ද, කම්කර්වාස් මදු ජය ගත අධ්‍යාපනය නිකාය.

අල්මට සිගාවත රස නැති කැවුම් වල කොළ බිම අතුර නිදි නොලඳ දුක් යන උතුම් පදි පැලීන්ද ඉගෙනීම ජය ගැන්මට දීර්වයි.	කකා තකා
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කාන්තාරයක මිරුවක පසුපස හඳු යන මිනිසුන් වෙශෙන මෙවන දුගෙක, එ සහරාව් ක්ෂේම තුමික වනුයේ අධ්‍යාපනයයි. එමෙන්ම පීවතය නැමැති මැ පළක මතින හඳු යන සිනිල මද තලද, වනුයේ ඉගෙනීමි. පීවතය යන්න ඉදිරියෙන් ප්‍රශනාර්ථක නොත්තා ඉගෙනීම් අත් වටහා ගෙන මිනි පෙන්න සිං ලෙස වැඩිහිටි එකම අදිවන කර ගතුමු.



## THE HABIT OF READING

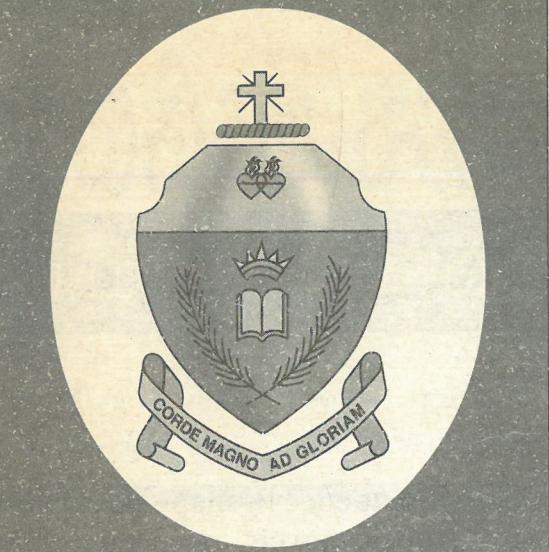
Although today, Television is the main source of influence in shaping the mind of the people printed material, in the form of books, novels, magazines, news papers and the like continue to remain the primary source of knowledge. Reading is the vehicle through which such knowledge can be acquired. The knowledge acquired through reading is invaluable and immeasurable. It helps to develop your language skill while it also improves one's writing and conversational skills. Thus, it is no wonder that Francis Bacon, the renowned Englishman, said, "Reading maketh a man".

However, it is unfortunate to observe today, a lack of interest in reading among school children. The principle reason for this paucity in my view is the free access to television. Children can hardly be blamed for this. It should not surprise any critic to be told that the fun and excitement derived by watching a movie on T.V. is far greater than sitting through a book or novel. In reality, is this factually correct? Cannot reading a good book or novel be as more exciting than watching a movie? To one who reads, the answer is no doubt yes. Free availability of video and electronic games is another distraction that keeps children away from reading. Such games could even result in addiction and the neglect of a child's primary concerns which should be studies and sports - "A healthy body and a healthy mind".

In this situation it is the duty of parents and teachers to take a lead role to advice and guide the children. The benefits of reading and the need to strike a balance between the time spent on reading, watching television, playing electronic games and sports has to be explained and emphasised. The supervision and guidance of parents and teachers is most essential, to draw children away from undesirable publications and to ensure the choice of reading material, appropriate to a child's age and capacity to understand.

To develop the habit of reading amongst the children, schools should provide good reading material which would attract the students to read. They should also ensure that they make maximum use of the facilities provided for them. The state should also establish and maintain more public libraries in the city and the villages across the country. Such measures, I believe will help sow the seed for a more knowledgeable and educated generation.

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ලෙසිනි.

கிடை பார்த்த உத் தலை கல அப பாக்கால் ஈடு முனைக்கும் அர்த்த விய அஞ்சிக வதுவித்துவம் யேட்டில்தி. உத்திரிதி விவேக குலம் தூக்குவா விவித வித்துக்கள் பூத்துறும் கிடைக்கிற. கேரி விவேக் கலாநாய் வத்தி வேலாப்பிக் அப ஏதாகவே நோயைகுத் திலுவில்தி யேட்டில்தி. (ஒன்று அப விலாப்பு பிரகாக்கு காலீஸ்துவ மூன்று) உத்திரா பாக்கால் 1.30 வி பாக்கால் நிமுவித தேவு அரி அத்துப்பத திருத்துவம் வியை கிடைக்கும்.

භාෂාගැනී අප ලැබූ අධිකාරීනය පොතරුවට පෙම්වන සිම තොටිය. තැකි සෑම විටවකම ප්‍රායෝගික අධිකාරීනයක බෙදුමට අප ගුරුම්භාරිත උරුපුදු වුත්. ව්‍යුද්‍යාගාරයේ කළ පර්ස්‍යාලා, යොන්දරයක විෂයකත්ව වූ තිරුවානා භා ගසභ විද්‍යා රාජ්‍යීය ලැබූ ආහාර පිසීමේ පුදුවුව අප සිත්තත් ත්‍රිකාකාරකම් වෙතින කිහිපයකි. (ආහාර පිසීම කෙසේ වෙතත් අනුත්ව සිරිම පිළිබඳ මතා පුදුවුවක ලැබීමට අම් සමත්වීමු) එසේම තොයක අධිකාරීන වාර්කාද අපගේ පාසල් දිවිධ ප්‍රභා පෙම්වම සමත් වේය. මේ සෑම වාර්කාවකදීම ගුරුම්භාරිත් සමග ගි ගෙම්න අප ලැබූ අභිජාය ව්‍යුහය මග මුත්කෙන් තවම යැදි පවති.

මෙයේ විදුහාලේ ගතකළ සැම දිනයකම එකිනෙකට වෙනත් ව්‍යු අතුරුදීම් යැස්කින් පිරි තිබිනි. අනෙකුම දිනෙක අරි

වෙළඳ පාසා අත වහා උනන්දුවලින් ගුදාම් වුයේ අන්තර් නිවාසයින වලද තුළ තුළ තරගයටි. සහි නිමිපෙකට කළුන සවය කාලය ටේ සඳහා අරුණින තුළ පුහුණුව තුළ උනළ ලා වෙතම ඉතා උඩු ගුදුම් ගෙන පාකළ වේලාවේද සිද කෙරේ. තුළ තරග වලට අමතරව වෙති ඇති අත් වැදගත් අඟ වුයේ සරඟ සංදර්ජනය, ආචාර පෙළපාලිය හා තුරුය වාද්‍ය සංදර්ජනයි. තුළ උඩු ගුදුම් තම නිවාසයින තුළිකාවන දීර්ඝත්වමින් අරි ගොමුද සංඛ්‍යා ලැබේ. සමඟක් විසර වලදී අප නිවාසය රැගුහුණා තොකළද අපග ගෙරුය හා බලපාරාය තත්ත් ඉන් පැහැදුමකට ලකු ගොවිය. මෙවන උඩු ගුදුම් තුළ උන්තා අවකාශය සිදුවිය්ත විසිර ගිය රැගුහුණාය මෙනම සහගාගිත්වය පිටිය ප්‍රති විදුම්ති.

ඡේ අමතරට පාසලේ විවිධ සම්මි සංග්‍රහ මගින් සාධිතා නය කළ තරග උත්සව රැසක වසර පුරු පැවැත්වීනා. කළු උපල ගා ඉංග්‍රීසි දිනය සඳහා කේතික, විවිද ගෙනා හා නාට්‍රූ තරග පැවැත්වුයේ බොගේ සහභාගිත්වයෙනි. මෙවත් අංග ගා බාලදාසීකා වන්නපාරය, සිංහවිධ්‍යනය හැකිවාවන් එම්පූංක්වීම මෙත්ම එකමුතුව, අධිශ්කානය ආදි ගුණාග වර්ධනය කරගැනීමට මහත් උපකාර විය.

ଶେଷକୁ କାଳେଇ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଲାକ୍ଷଣ ନିରମାତାଙ୍କରଙ୍କ ରୂପୀ, ପାଇଁ  
ଲାଙ୍ଘନଙ୍କ କୁଟି କାହିଁବ ଲେଇରଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୟାନିଙ୍କରିବ ଯେତେ ତନେଙ୍କ  
ଲେଷଣର ପାନୀଖିବାକି. ତହାର ଛୁଟିଲେଖ ଅରଜିନ କିନ୍ତୁ ଯହାର  
କ୍ରିୟାବ୍ୟକ କୋଣାର୍କୁଙ୍କିନୁ ଦ୍ୱାରାରୁକର ଯେତେ କିମ୍ବାତେ  
ଏହି ପାଇଁ ଲେନ ତା କରନ୍ତିଲାଙ୍ଗ ଲାଗୁଣା ଦେଇଲେନ ବିବାହ.

ରତ୍ନ ଲକ୍ଷ୍ମୀଦୂର୍ଗାକୁ, ନାରୀଙ୍କ, ଗୁଣୀଙ୍କ ହେବି ଅଲାଙ୍କ କୁତୁଳୁ ପରପ୍ରରକ  
ନିତିକାଳେ କୁତୁଳ ଲେପରୁଦ୍ଧ ପାଇଁଲେ କଲା ଲାଭକାରୀ !

ರೋಗನ්‌ත් දිල්රුකෙම් ලිඛනගේ - ආදි ග්‍රැන්

# ශ්‍රී ලංකික කලා සේවකයෙන් සව්‍යිමත් පදනම් වන "පන කවි කලාව"

අතිත ශ්‍රී ලංකාව සව්‍යිමත් වුයේ සවයාපෝෂිත ආරථීකයෙනි. විදේශ වලින් ආනයනය කරනු ලබන සුඛරුතේත්තා බිඩු බාහිරාදියට ගැනී නොවූ ලංකික ජනතාව තුළ කිඩුනේ ඔවුන්ටම ආවේෂික වූ පිවනෝපාය මාරුගයන්ය. ජනමාධ්‍යයන් නොදිගුණු අවධියක් වූ එකල, ශ්‍රී ලංකිකයේ තම වෙනෙසකාරී රැකියාවලින් මද අක්වයිල්ලක් ලබාගනීම සඳහා නො එම වෘත්තීන් සම්බන්ධ සහුවුලුයක ආරංචි අවස්ථා පිළිබඳව පැවසීමට කොඳුගත් සරල මාධ්‍යයක් වය. එය ගැමී බිඳ වහරින් සහ අවනාජාත්මක තැගීම් වලින් හෙබි "පන කවි" කලාවය. අතිතයේ දී ශ්‍රී ලංකිකයන්ට, තම මුවින් නිරායාසයෙන්ම පිට වූ මේ පදි කිපය, "කලාවක" මෙන් නොම හැගුණාද, වත්මන් ලංකිය ජන කලාවන් වල මුළු පුරුත්කේ, තනෙනොත් අන්ත්වාරම වන "පන කවි" නිතැනීන්ම අගුණ්‍යන කලාවකි. එම අගුණ්‍යන කලාව පිළිබඳව මදක් විගුහ කර බලීම මැනවයි සිතම්. පෙර පැවතු ලෙසට, ජන කවි බොහෝමයක් නිරමාණය වී ඇත්තේ ප්‍රධාන පිවනෝපාය මාරුගයන්ගේ ආගාසය ලබාගෙනය. බොහෝවිට, කවිකා මෙම කවි මගින් විද්‍යා පෙන්වීමට සැලැස්වුයේ තම රැකියාවන් වල ඇති ඇයිර්තෙළාවයයි.

"හෙතතුරා නොවේ වයි එම තුළ තුදුන්නේ  
ලෙවතුරා මුදුන කවදද දැකින්නේ"

විටෙක ඔහු, අවනාජාත්මක ලෙස තම පාඨ්‍ය, කාන්සිය, කලකිරීම, ආත්මානුකම්පාව සහ සියේ රැදී ඇති සුවහසක බලාපාරෝතතු සුක්ෂම ලෙස දැක්වීමට උත්සාහ ගත්තේය.

"දුනෙනේ දුම්බරය මහ කළ ගලක ග ව  
කනෙනේ කරවලය රට භාෂේ බත ව  
බොනෙනේ බොර දියය පුරුවේ කළ පව ව  
සනෙනේ කවදාද මුව්‍යියා දැකින්න ව"

සමාරයේ පැවති අකාධාරණයන්වය ඉතාමත් කියුම් ලෙස, සුක්ෂම ලෙස, රෝග්‍රවයකින් තොරව උක්‍ය දැක්වූ අවස්ථාද විරුද්‍ය නොවේ.

"මාරුව බල බල සිත ගට කැරකිල්ල  
කාරුය කෙරෙනතුරු කාගෙන රැවටිල්ල"

"පන කවිය" හුදුක පිවනෝපාය මාරුගයන හා සමග පමණක්ම නොව, සමාජ අවශ්‍යතා සහ සංස්කෘතික අංශයන් සමගද ගා වී ඇත.

"දේශ දේශ දේශ දේශ බබේ  
 බසි බසි බසි බසි බබේ  
 උඩු තියරුන් වයිගෙනේ  
 මිටි තියරුන් වයිගෙනේ  
 කළවිච් පොල් කොලා ගෙනේ  
 කිරි මුවිච් පෝරා ගෙනේ"

දුරු තැල්වීම් පදි අයත්වනුයේ "සමාජ අවශ්‍යතා ගෙවායිය. දුරුවෙක කෙරෙහි මවකගේ සිගෙකි ඇති අවිරම්ත දුරක සෑන්නය මේ මගින් තීවු කර පෙන්වයි. සංස්කෘතිය හා බැඳුණු ජන කිවි බොගෝමයක විභිවුයේ ලාංකිය සමාජය ප්‍රධානතම සංස්කෘතික අංශය වන අංත්‍ර අවුරුදු සමය" සමයය. මෙකල දී ඔලිඳු කෙලිය කිවි, ලේ කෙලි කිවි, තෙර්වීම් කිවි, එංවන් කීම හා ඔන්වීම් මාරම්, යනාදිය ගම් දැන්වී පුරා රැවි පිළි රැවි දේයි. මෙම කිවි පදන්තුන් භුදු විනෝදාංච්චාදය සඳහාම වෙන වු බව පෙනේ.

"ඔලිඳු විභේදනේ කොයි කොයි දේසේ  
 ඔලිඳු තියෙන්න් බැගල් දේසේ  
 ගෙනත සඳහනේ කොයි කොයි දේසේ  
 ගෙනත සඳහනේ සිංහල දේසේ"

එවායෙහි ගෙවිද රසය ද සිත තුළට ගෙන එන්නේ විනෝදකාලී බවෙකි. තවද, ඇඟිඩ් හා විශ්වාස මත ගොඩනගුණු තුන සරඟෙන් ගී, ගාග ගී ආදියද වෙයි. එවා ගායනයේදී රැහෙ තැනිනුයේ කරයුණා හා සෙගාරාත්මක රසයකි.

1. "බුද්ධා සරඟෙන් සිරස දුරාගෙන
2. සංස්ං සරඟෙන් සිවුරු දුරාගෙන
3. බම්මං සරඟෙන් සිත පතදාගෙන
4. ඉකදුකදුයි තුන සරඟෙන් අදහාගෙන"

ශ්‍රී ලාංකිය නරතන කළාව, සංගිත කළාව ආදිය පෝෂණය වී ඇත්තේ මෙම ජන කිවි මගිනි. නරතන යෙළුම් රු සකට පසුත්තී ගෙයුම් වන්නේ ජන කිවිය කිසිදු බාහිර බලපෑමකින් තොරව, සකල දේශීය සංගිත පද්ධතියම, "අපේ දේශීය සංගිතය" ලෙස ආධ්‍යාත්‍ර විය හැකි ලෙසට වර්තමානය දී සකක් වී ඇත්තේ ජන කිවෙයෙන් ලද මහජ සිවුහල තිකාය. තුනත කිවින් ද ආහාරය ලබා ඇත්තේ ජන කිවි කළාව තුළ ඇති සරුන්වයෙනි. ඩිඩ්.නී. මකුලාභව, ඩිඩ්.නී. අමරදේව ආදී සංගිත විශාරදයින් මෙම අගුණ්‍යන් කළාවට ඉවුකර ඇති යේවය අමරඩීය ග. ගමියන් අතරුව ගොස, මතුලාභව මහතා, පැරණි ජනකම් ආසා දැනගෙන එවා පරිගත කර සටර ප්‍රස්තාර සකක් කොර එවා ප්‍රකිද්‍යාවට පත්කළ අතර, ඇද පවා අමරදේවයන් ගේ බොජාමයක ශීතවල අඩංගු වනුයේ ජනකම් වල අරට සකසන ලද ගී තනුය.

එගෙන්, වත්මන් තරඟා කැඳුට තම් ජන කිවි වල ගුණ්ඩාත්වය අමතක වී ඇති යේය. අමතක වනවාවත වඩා ඔවුනු ජ්‍යෙන්තකින්. ඇද තාරඟා හඳු ගන්නේ බවහිර "පොත්" රැලුමය. එහි විශාල වයැදුදුක නොමගි බවට ඔවුනට ගැනීමු ඇති. සත්‍යයකි. එහෙත් අප හමු ආවෝනික වූ අපේ උරුමය අපේ කළාව අප රැක ගත යුතුය. එහෙයින්, ජන කිවි ඇගමු, රුක විදිමු. පසුබව තොට් මෙම අගුණ්‍යන් කළාව වියකී ගා නොදී රැකගනිමු. පිඩා විදින්, පාඹුව-කාන්තිය ගෙරපුණා, දක කළුල වී ගෙන සුවහසක සිත වලට "ජන කිවිය" සතුව සිංහල, සුවය දෙවන සැනකුම් ගිතයකම් වෙවා මෙම වදන් සමුහය අවකාශය දී මා සිත ගැලීම් පිළිසිදුවූ, පතුම් කළුය එයයි.

# ආයුධවාහන

මෙහින දෙයක ප්‍රවාහන්. මුලින්ම දෙයික ප්‍රවාහ. කුටුනායක ගුවන තොටුපළුන ගුවන ගත කරන ලද පාපදියක තදිනියෙකු ඉතුනින කාන්දුවක සිදු වී අහසට කඩා වැඩි අත්. අතර දෙනෙකු වළාකුකුලක එමලී දේ ගෙවාගෙන ඇති අතර ඔවුන්ව රෝග සුළු දෙන කර ඇත්. තව දෙනෙකු මරමුවට පත්ව ඇති අතර රෝග ඔවුන්ව යෝගලුන රිකරී කුපා යුවා ඇත්.

මත්තාරම පුද්ගලයේ බ්‍රහ්ම බැමුවක බැමුවක සමග සෙල්ලම් කරුණි සිටි අවස්ථාවේ එය පුරුරා ගාමන දරුවා ඇතුළු තියුණෙකු තුවාල බ්‍රහ්ම ඇත. තවද සුළු තුවාල සිද්ධුවූ 4 දේශනෙකුව දැකි සත්කාර එකකයි අතුළු කර ඇත. මෙම අනුරුද්‍ය සිද්ධිවෙක පිළිතක්ෂයට පත්ව තැය.

රෝග රාජ්‍යෙකු රාජම පුද්ගලයෙකු නිවසකට ගඩි පැහැ රිදෙනෙකුගේ ලේ උරු බිඩු මදුරුවෙකු පොලීඩිය විසින් අත් අඩංගුවට ගෙන ඇති. මිය කම් ග තිබූ තිනි අව් අක් 4ක හා කාල තුවක්කවූක් පොලීඩිය භාරුගාට ගෙන ඇති.

පෙරදු සම්බන්ධතාව පුද්ගලයේ ගැඹුම් ලමයෙකුගේ තමයින් නැති අත්. මෙයි සැක පිටි දැයුණුවේ අත් අධින්තුවට ගෙන ඔවුන්ගෙන ප්‍රශ්න කරන විට එය සාමාන්‍ය ප්‍රශ්න නැති බව තොරතුරු හෝ වි අත්.

ଦେଇଯ ପ୍ରଥମ ଅବକ୍ଷାନଦି. ମେନନ ବିଦେଶ ପ୍ରଥମ.

ଦେଖିଲୁଗାରେ ଆମେତିବି ବିଶିଷ୍ଟ ରମ ରୁଦ୍ର ଦେଇଲୁବ କଲା କାଳକୁ ନୁହିବ କିର ଖେଳ୍ଟ 2କ ତତକା ଦ୍ଵିତୀ କେବର କେନ ଆହ.

කැනඩියේ පෙරදු දින බිජිනලයක තවුව 4ක ගොඩනගිල්ලක ගැවෙමත් සහ තවුව 2 ක්ම පොලුවට සම්බල වී ඇත. උඩි තවුව 2 ක්ම මිශ්ම ගාන්ඩ් මින් තුළු වී ඇති අතර, උඩි තවුවේ 2 තකුව තුවාල සිදුවී ඇත. සහ තවුවේ මිශ්ම කෙශෙකුරු ගාන්ඩ් වී ඇත.

ଦେବ ଲେନନ କାଳଗ୍ରୟ ପ୍ରତି.

අධික ශිරලය නිසා තිරුණු පැවත්තකම සිම වලුන වයි ඇත. මෙය ශේෂකාට්ට ගෙන ආලුත්කයද අඩක පමණ වයි ඇත. මේ තිය යෙටි දුවල ඇති ගොට්ටි.

සඳ විසින් කරන ලද වරුදුක නිසා තරු හිංහිංපයක එකතු වී මිශ්‍රව විරුදුව තබු පවතා ඇත. මෙයට කෙටුප වූ හිරු - සඳලු රාජකාරී මසකට අත් හිටුවා ඇත. මේ නිසා කාලගුණය දැකි වෙනයක අත්තිවන බවට විද්‍යාජුයා අනාවැකි ප්‍රකාශ කරති. සෙට සුරුජයකාද බසනාහිරෝත් පැයිවෙත ඉඩ ඇත.

ରୁତ୍ରୀ ପ୍ରୋଜନ୍ତି ମେତନିତ ଅବକାନାଦି. ନାଲେତ କେବରାତ୍ମକିନି ଗମ୍ଭେରୁ.

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# ගෙස්ත් ක්‍රියා කරයි

ନାମ: ବୁଦ୍ଧନାଥ ଦ ଅଲ୍ଲିଙ୍କ - ବିଷୟ: 4 ବିଷୟ ରେ

# මේ, ඔක්කොම කනෑම ප්‍රවාහන්ත් සේවයයි

Television or the small screen has invaded every nook and corner of the island. Antennae have sprouted from every roof top to proclaim to one and all that the magic box is in the drawing room, taking pride of place. It is now no longer a show piece but has become a necessity for the Sri Lankans who are starved of entertainment. In fact to many who can't afford the high price of theatre tickets and the ever increasing cinema fare, the TV is a blessing.

Many housewives say that TV keeps their husbands at home. The TV is also like an unpaid baby sitter for it provides unlimited programmes to entertain young children. In fact the TV is a boon in many homes because of the educational programmes. The introduction of the Discovery Channel has provided a wealth of information to the student population of our country. Children, specially those aged six to ten revel in the programme entitled "Discovery Kids".

We have now stepped into the new millennium into a world which is said to be a Global Village. Information Technology is the much of spoken topic today. However, everyone cannot afford the computer and access to Inter-net. So the TV which is now found even in shanties provides the youth with a lot of information in all three languages. Talks, interviews, panel discussions all help to enhance our knowledge whether it be on how to avoid dengue or to educate the public on topics of current interest.

We could say that TV has taken the city life into the villages just as much as it has brought the village into city drawing rooms. The portrayal of rural life and long vanishing customs of our people are all highlighted on TV. It has provided an opportunity for talented young people to display their abilities in the sphere of arts, crafts, dancing and singing.

But TV has its negative side too. It has made many of us "couch potatoes" for we sit for hours in front of the TV and sometimes even have a TV meal because we do not want to miss a TV programme. Even today it is difficult to wean a student away from his favourite programme or programmes. Thus home work is not done and school work is neglected. We also cannot ignore the fact that continuous watching of TV can result in eye strain and headaches.

We also resent visitors dropping in when our favourite teledrama or film is on. So that visitors feel that they are not welcome. We have also lost the art of conversation. We have no longer time for discussing the day's happenings or converse on any thing of family interest, because TV has robbed us of our desire for light talk.

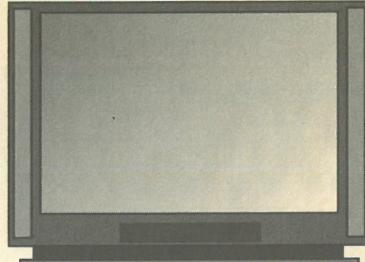
It is no wonder that people call the TV the "Idiot Box" for TV is a time killer. Still another negative feature of television is the violence displayed on TV. Whether it be a detective film or thriller at least four to five people are dead by the time the film ends. The TV has introduced gun culture and all forms of horrible ways of killing and disposing of dead bodies. Such violence has had its impact on the very young. There have been incidents abroad of gun toting kids who have shot down their classmates after watching similar acts on the screen.

The invasion of Hindi films has been another aspect of TV which is not welcomed by many people. Though the sets are gorgeous and colourful and the music wonderful, these films which are telecast almost on a daily basis have had a negative impact. In these films too violence reigns and we are shown a fantasy life which rarely has anything to do with reality.

TV advertisements so necessary for the existence of TV channels is something we have to put up with. Some of these advertisements have an adverse effects on children. Most parents cannot afford to buy foreign chocolates and Walls Ice-cream that fond TV mamas buy their children by the dozen.

However rightly or wrongly TV has come to stay for it is the companion of the lonely people in the world. It is the means by which we know what's happening within our country and the world outside. It keeps us abreast of things, keeps us informed. In Sri Lanka TV channels will keep on increasing and though we may complain yet we will not give up this wonder invention of the 20th century.

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## THE IMPACT OF TELEVISION IN SRI LANKA

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## රටේ සංවර්ධනයට අහිජේගයකි

යුද්ධය යනු කුරිරුවෙක මිනිස පීවිත වලට එබිකම් කරන මත්‍යෝගයෙකට ගරහන ඉතාමත සාහක අපරාධයකි. වෙනසේ පරිසමාර්ත අර්ථයෙන් යුද්ධය යනු කිසිද හැරීමකින් තොරව එකිනෙකා බල ලේඛයෙන්, මුදල තනුව වෙනුවෙන් මිනිස පීවිත උග්‍රය තැබේයි. මෙය මිනිසකු පීවිතයේ මුහුණ දෙන ලොකුම දුඩුවමකි. එමත්ම පීවිත විමට අහිජේගයකි.

එදා ඉන්දියා සාර්ථක මුතු අධිය තමින් හඳුනුවූ අප මෙයින් තෙත කිරීමට තරම් මිනිස සිත මෙතරම් දුරයු වුයේ අයි?

අපේ මේ යුතුදුරුවයෙන් අගත්ස්ථාවූ ශ්‍රී ලංකාව ඉතාමත කුඩා දානුවකි. මෙය කුඩා ව්‍යවත් ඩිංජල, දෙමළ, මුක්මුල්, බරගර පාරින්යෙන් සමත්විත විශාල රත් කොටසක රට අභ්‍යන්තරයේ වෙයෙන්. මොවුන් තමන්ගේ අදහස් ආත්මරාත්‍යාම් මෙය මුදන ප්‍රමුණුවා ගැනීමට සාමෙන විවිධ ගැටුම් උග්‍රයෙන් යුද්ධය ඇතිවි ඇතේ.

ඉපරෝති අතිතයේ නම් අපේ ලංකාවේ එක්සත් හා එකින් බවට බලපෑමේ විදේශීකයන්ගේ බලකාම් ආත්මජායි. එහෙතු අද දීර්ඝ ඉතිහාසයකට උග්‍රමක් නිශ්චිත අප ලක් මාතාව මෙවන් දුරයු මෙය තමන්ගේ දුරටත් විසින් තමාව දැක්වී කරගැනීමට සාමෙන මෙතරම් දුරයු පීඩාවලට මුහුණ දෙන පළමු අවස්ථාව මෙයයි.

මෙම විනාශකාරී ක්‍රියාව වර්තමානයේ රටේ සංවර්ධනයට ඉතාමත සාහක අහිජේගයක වී ඇතේ. අද අප රටේ දුශ්‍රායුව බෙඟේ දුරට පිරිනෙමින් පවතී. දැඩිලක අතර පවතනා යුද්ධයක සඳහා යුද්ධය්‍යාපකරුව මිලදී ගැනීමට විශාල මුදල සම්බාරයක වයයෙන්. අද ඩිංජල, දුම්ල යුද්ධය සඳහා ශ්‍රී ලංකා රුපයා මෙම ඉතාමත සාර්ථක වී ඇතේ. මෙම නිකරෝගේ වයෙකරන මුදල අප රටේ ඉදිරි සංවර්ධන කටයුතු සඳහා ගොඳු ගැනීමට තිබු මුදලය. මෙවින් සිද්ධාන්තය කුමක්ද? රට තව තවත් ප්‍රභාතයට වැට්ටියි. රටේ සංවර්ධන කුම ක්‍රියාත්මක කිරීමට ඇති ගක්තිය සින් විමයි. යුද්ධයෙන් අපේ රටේ සංවර්ධනයට මුළුක මෙය බලපාන්නෙන් රටේ සංවර්ධන මිනුමක් මෙය ගැනීමෙන් තරුණු පරපුර යුද්ධය තැබීමි රක්ෂාව ගොදුරු වී ඇතාලයේ විනාශ විමයි.

ලේඛකයේ අනෙකු රට්වල් සමඟ සයාදා විට තවමත ශ්‍රී ලංකාව පිළිගෙනන්නේ ලේඛක බැංකු ආධාර මත සායන තවමත සංවර්ධනය වෙමින් පවතින රටක ගෙනිය. අපට සංවර්ධනයේ විශාලාන්ත තරුණාය කිරීමට ඇති ගැනීම මෙය ගැනීමෙන් යුද්ධයකි.

මෙම යුද්ධ විසින් මිනිස් අතර අසම්බිජ ප්‍රවාතකයෙක බඳු ඇතේ. මෙම කරුණා සංවර්ධනයට තවත් අත්‍යින් බලපාන බවට උදාහරණයක් මෙය සම්කිජි කාර්යයක් තනිව කරනවාට වඩා දෙපෙනුකු එකතු වී කළුනානින් ඉක්මණින් අවසන් කළ හැක. මෙමින් යුද්ධය, අසම්බිජ වර්ධනය කිරීමෙන් විවිධකාරුව රටේ ආර්ථිකයට බලපා ඇතේ.

රටේ ඉදිරි සංවර්ධන කටයුතු හාර ගැනීමට සිටින අපේ පළමා ප්‍රාග්‍රහි මනක යුද්ධය යන වෙනසෙන්ම විනාශ කර ඇතේ. ක්‍රියා ආකාවන් කුඩා මනක තුළ මෙම යුද්ධය පතිතකර අවසානය.

යුද්ධය මෙහෙයුන යුද්ධයෙන් තුළ මොනානක්වත් තම වෙනිම කොරෝනි ආලේමක ඇත්තන්මී මෙහෙන් දුරයු අපරාධ සඳහා කිසිදා ගොඳු තොට්ටි. පරක තෙරක තොපෙනෙන අන්තර්ග දැක්වා විටිදෙන යුද්ධයෙන් අවසන් ප්‍රතිඵලය වනෙන් රටේ සංවර්ධනයට දායක විමට සිටින විද්‍යාත්මක විනාශවී මත්‍යෝගයෙකට අකුළ හෙළන උඩු ජනකාවිසක් ඉතිරි විමයි.

යුද්ධය තවත්ම නම් පළමුව මිනිසන් සඳහා ගත යුතුය. තවද අප සෑම දෙනාගේම ගැරුණයේ සෑම තහඟුණක පාසාම දීම සෙනෙන් රතු රැකිරිය බිම උග්‍රය ගත යුතුය.

සෑම දෙනාම සෑමිය හා මිනිස අගයන් විවිධයෙන් යුද්ධය කිරීමට තොට රට සංවර්ධනය කිරීමෙනිලා උග්‍රය කටයුතු කළ යුතුය. තැබනාත අතාගතය රටේ ඉදිරි පරපුරට මුහුණ දීමට තොගකි තරම් අදුරු විය හැක.

# ප්‍රියෝ

ශ්‍රී කොළඹ මල් විෂ්‍රාශ ආදිය  
විනාශ වෙනු දුකු දුකු අද  
කිවදා සිත් පහළ වේද  
මිනිසා මෙය රිකි ගන්නට



# මුද්‍රණ

ඉගුරු දුර ඇ  
මල ගොමු හා වවා  
ගව මී තම  
දුකුන් පිළිවිස බලව ඇති

පෙරුණු පාන ගෙවියක වහි පොලුව, සුරුගනාවකාග සං පටක වහි වලාවන්, දිය දෙවුගනග මිකරපාට සේ ගෙ ගෙ තයැමනනාවු මතහර දිය ඇලි, පාට පාට විතත යෙදුක් එමුව යෙ සෑම තහම විසිර පිළි ඇති ප්‍රාග්ධනයේ, කෙකට අලංකාරයන් කෙකට හිරාත්තයන් එමු දුක්වන මහ රැස්ස වසභයේ, රජ විස්ව තම පරිවාර ස්ථීති පිරිවාගෙන එන්නා සේ රාඩ්‍රිය එමු බඩින සඳ රැසින හා තාරකාවා අපට නොපෙනි අපට නොමිලේ උද්‍යිව වන වාතානුය ආදි සේ සියලුල අපගේ සේ කොඩාවික පරිසරයා එකතු රේ. අයෙට වක්නුන් පමණක නොව ගෙව වස්තුන් ද මෙම සිනයට එකතු රේ. මිනිසා නමැති මුද්‍රණීමතා ගෙවයන් ගෙන් ප්‍රධාන ස්ථානයක සිම් කරගෙන ඇත.

මිනිසාට පරිසරය තම මව මෙනත වටිනා වස්තුවකි. තුවා කළ දුරුවකු ආහාර ගැනීමට, ඇවිදීමට, ගැලුම් සිරුමට මෙනම පරිසරයද සෑම මිනියකුටිම, පක්ෂීයකුටි, උරුගෙකුටිම මෙවැනිම උද්‍යිව උපකාර කරනු යොමුනුමානය. ලදුරුවකු මෙලාව දුටු මොහායේ සිටම මෙලාවින තුරන් වනතුරුම ඔවුනට උද්‍යිව වන්නේ, ප්‍රායෝග්‍රැෆ් ව්‍යුතෙන් පරිසරයයි. බඩි කට පුරුවා ගැනීමට ගන්නා ආහාර පාන සියලුල අපට ලැබිත්තෙන් ලක් මැඩියන් තම අනුකූලීයට ඉස්මතු කර පෙන්වීමට මව පරිසරය හේතු කොට ගෙනය. අසන්නයක වූ කළේ එදා වෙදුරාල ගිහු සාදනු ලැබුවේ වනාන්තරයන් වල පැහැරී වෙන වැට් ඇති වෙනෙහි, ස්වර්සයෙන් දී පැඹුවාන් උපදාව නොනැතිව එම රෝග තිබාර්ථය කර ගැනීමති. සාංසාරි පරිසරයෙන් ගත සෙයින් එවා ඉක්මනින් පිරිවා වී රෝගය ඇති වේදනාත්මක බව ගෙනකර කරවයි.

එහෙත් අද පීවත්ත්වන දුලේෂකාරී මිනිසා පරිසරයෙන් තමන්ට ඉවු විය යුතු අධිකිවාසිකම් නොමිරුහෙලා රැස්කරගෙන තමන්ගෙන් පරිසරයට ඉවු විය යුතු දුනුකම් ඉෂට නොකිරීමෙන් පරිසරය දුෂ්ඨායට මෙනම ස්වභාවික වස්තුන් සිග තත්ත්වයකට පත් රේ. පොලියට දෙනුනෙකුගෙන යායක ගෙන අවකාශයෙන් පොලිය ගෙවන්න බැඳී තරම් එකතු හි විශාල අකර තරඹියකට මුහුදා දීමට සිද වෙන්නාක මෙන අපටද කිවදා සේ, ඉතියෝමිකාව මෙන දුකු විද්‍යාම සිදුවත්වා නොමුනුමානය. අප රට දියුණු වන විට අනෙකු පිළින පරිසරය විනාශ මුහුයට ඇදායෙනු ඇති. පරිසරය බැහැවින දුෂ්ඨාය වන්නේ සහුද බාදනය, පාංශු බාදනය, විෂ වායුන් තිකා, වර්භාව සිග විම ආදි කරයු මුළ වීමෙනි.

අපගේ පරිසරය රිකි ගැනීම අපයේ ඔබගේ පරම යුතුකම්කාරී. මෙය අප සිත තුළ සෑමදා රඳා ගෙන තිකා කර විය යුතු උතුම් මංගල කරයෙකි. මෙම උතුම් හිකාව මිනිසාගේ සිත තුළට කාවදුදීමට මාධ්‍යයෙන් පවා දැන් අත සිත දීම ආරම්භ කර ඇති. අපගේ පරිසරය අප විසින් මින කුවරු විසින් සංරක්ෂණය වේවිදා?

ගසක් වවා රටක් රකිමු...!  
පරිසරය සුරුයිම්  
අපේ වශයිමයි !

## AN IDEAL STUDENT

An ideal student is one who is fully conscious of her duties and aware of her responsibilities. She paves the way for the younger generations to tread on. Every student should endeavour to be an ideal one. Students of today are the leaders of tomorrow. A nation can prosper and reach the zenith of its glory if it has a disciplined army of students.

A student is well up in studies and capable of passing examinations but she may not necessarily be an ideal student. Such students though having a brilliant record throughout their school and college life prove utter failures when they enter the field of practical life.

An ideal student lives in accordance with the strict rules of conduct and discipline. This is the time of life when the foundation is laid for character. It is said, "If wealth is lost, nothing is lost; if health is lost, something is lost; but if character is lost, everything is lost". Similarly, without a sense of discipline the student is like a ship without a rudder, it sails adrift and never comes safely to harbour. She must obey the rules of schools and colleges and the dictates of her teachers and professors.

She uses her discerning insight when selecting her companions. She is fully conscious of ensuring that not even a single evil force will tempt her. She knows well that a single rotten apple spoils all the apples in the basket.

As we owe a duty towards the members of the family, an ideal student tries to understand how much she owes to her parents, brothers and sisters. It is her duty to realise that she is under heavy debt to her parents. The modern trend is that students after completing their studies forget their parents. As soon as they are married, they try to separate themselves from the parents and thus forget those days of hardship which the parents had suffered for the healthy growth of their children. An ideal student is not misguided in this manner.

An ideal student is a servant of entire humanity. She should share the worries and other problems of life with the members of her family. She should also take a keen interest in social work wherever possible. She should be active in finding out solutions to various complicated problems of society.

An ideal student must possess the above cited qualities. This will also help the nation in the achievement of prosperity.

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## THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM

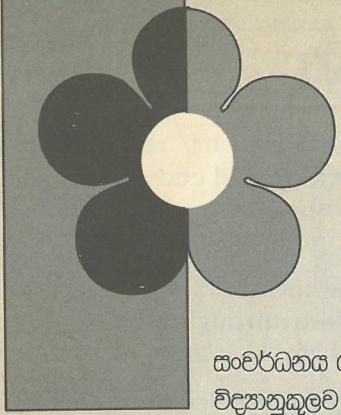
Once upon a time there were two angels who were tired after a long days journey and were looking for a place to stay the night. Passing by they stopped at the home of a wealthy family. They were very rude and refused to let the angels sleep in the guest room and therefore offered them a place in the basement. While they made their bed, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it; when the younger angel questioned him as to why he did it, he replied "things aren't always what they seem....." The next day too tired after a long days journey the two angels stopped at the home of a poor family to spend the night. They welcomed the angels with open arms and offered them their own room. The following day the angels found this poor husband and wife lamenting over the death of their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income for many years. The younger angel was furious and accused the older angel saying "the previous family was rude and selfish to share their possessions and you helped them, but this poor family shared everything and yet you let their cow die?" The older angel said "Things aren't always what they seem....." I discovered gold in the wall which I repaired at the rich man's house, I sealed it that he will never find it again; and last night the angel of death came to this poor man's wife, but I gave him the cow instead. "Things aren't always what they seem....."

Sometimes this happens when things don't turn out the way we expect them to and we find fault with everyone around us; but if we sit back and think of the many times nothing has happened the way we expected, we would realize that every outcome was always to our advantage and we may not know it until sometime later. So if at anytime something unexpected happens remember,

**"THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM".**

*Fiona Crusz*

# ජාතික සංවර්ධනය හා ලම් අධ්‍යාපනය



සංවර්ධනය සහන අද ලෝකයේ බොහෝ දෙනා විවිධ ආකාරයට අරඹ දැක්වන මාත්‍රකාවකි. සමාජ විද්‍යානුකූලව පිළිගත්තා මූලික මිනිස අවශ්‍යතා වන ආහාර, ඇඳම්, තිවාස හැරයු කොට සෞඛ්‍යය, අකුරා හැකියාව, අධ්‍යාපන මට්ටම ආදී විවිධ සංක්‍රාම මගින්ද රටක සංවර්ධනය පිළිබඳ තිශේෂවලට ඒ ම අද පිළිගත් තරතුවයයි.

එ අනුව රටක සංවර්ධනය සම්බන්ධව “අධ්‍යාපනය” යන්න එකිනෙකට හා බැඳී ඇති වැදගත් සංක්‍රාමයක් බව පැහැදිලි රේ. එයෙම රටක අනාගතය තීර්ණය කරන ප්‍රධානතම බලවේය එහි මා පරපුර බව අව්‍යාදෙයන් තොරට පිළිගත්තකි.

එ අනුව වැදගත් වන්නේ යම් රටක සිය ලමා පරපුර වෙනුවෙන් කරන වටිනා ආයෝජනය අධ්‍යාපනයයි. ප්‍රවෙත අදහස වන්නේ පරම්පරාවක සංක්‍රාමයෙහි තවත පරම්පරාවකට උරුම කරදීම අධ්‍යාපනය යන්නෙහි යර්ල අදහස සනුයි. එයෙම දුරවෙකුට සිය සහජ හැකියාවන් උපරිම ප්‍රයෝගනයට ගෙන පාතික සංවර්ධනයට එක්වීමේ මග පැදිම අධ්‍යාපනය සනුවෙන් සමුහර පිරිස අරඹ දැක්වති. කෙසේ නමුත් අදව්‍ය පිට විශ්ව ප්‍රජාවම පිළිගත් මතය වන්නේ අධ්‍යාපනය ලැබීම දුරවෙකුගේ අයිතියක බවයි.

නමුත් අව්‍යාපනාවකට මෙන් පාසලකට දෙපා තැයිමෙමට වර්මි නොලද තැනෙනාත් අධ්‍යාපනය කඩා කප්පල් වී මගමග වැරි සිරින දුරවේත් ගෙන ගඟ සංක්‍රාම කරන ප්‍රවෙත අපට නිතර අයන්නට සිදුවී ඇතේ.

දුරවෙකු මවිකු පිළිසිදුගත් දා පටන සිය මව, පියා, සහායාදර ආදිනෙන් සහ සමාජය වට්ටිවාව තුළුනුද අධ්‍යාපනයක් බෙදි. සමාජ විද්‍යාත්මකව අධ්‍යාපනය අවධිමත අධ්‍යාපනයක් ලෙස දැක්වන අතර විධිමත අධ්‍යාපනය ලෙස දැක්වන්නේ විෂය කරයු වෙනුවෙන් වශයෙන් වයක් වෙතින් විවිධ අනුරූප මාලාදෙන අධ්‍යාපනයයි. විධිමත හෝ අවධිමත යන විනම් මාරුගෙනින් වුවද අයෝගාතා කරන්නේ පිටත විමට ප්‍රහුණු විරිමකයි. එනම් මෙම ආයා දෙනෙකිනීම සහජත් හෝ අයන්පත බලපෑම් රැඳුම් රට සංවර්ධනයට එක එළුම් බලපානු ඇතේ.

කෙසේ වෙතත් වර්තමානයෙන් සිය පාසල අධ්‍යාපනය අතර මග නතර කරගන්නා හෝ ආකාර්ථක කරගන්නා දුරවේත් අතට දුක්‍රිය හැකියා. මෙවතින් අවස්ථාවලට ගෙනු වශයෙන් පෙනී යන්නේ ආර්ථික ප්‍රශ්න, සමාජීය බලපෑම්, මත දුව්‍ය උරුදුරටු ගොදුරු වීම අධ්‍යාපනය තුළුනු දුදු යැකියා නොලැබීම ආදිය තිකා වන අයෝගාතා සංග්‍රහය ආදියයි. තවද විදුළු රු සියාවලට යන මවිටිව වර්තනය දුරවෙකු අධ්‍යාපනය අතරමග ආකාර්ථක කර ගැනීමේ ප්‍රව්‍යාතාවයක්ද වර්ධනය වෙමින් පවතී. මෙහිදී දුරවෙකුට අවශ්‍ය ආදරය, කර්යාව, ආදිය අභිජිත් වී මානයික සුරක්ෂිතතාවය බිඳු වැශීමෙන් දුරවෙකුට අධ්‍යාපනය තිරිස එකක බවට පත්වේ.

තවද පාසල අඩුවීම හා විධිමත අධ්‍යාපන රාභාවක තිකි නොවීම, ගුරු තිශාය, උපකරණ හිගය ආදිය තිකාද ලමුණයෙන් සහජ කුසලතා වර්ධනය කර ගැනීමට බාධා පමණුවයි. ගසක පිළෙන මෙක පළ නොදාරු අකමට හැරී සියෙන් නම් එයින් එ ගෙවී හෝ බාහිර අල්ගයට වන සෙනෙක නැතේ. දුරවෙකුද එයෙකු. ඔහු බුද්ධිමත, සමාජයට විධිඳුවී ප්‍රරුදියියු නොවුවේ නම් අවෝන්ස්න්ද ගේ තත්ත්වයයි.

නිසි අධ්‍යාපනය ලත් රැවී සංවර්ධනයට වැදගත්වන දුරවෙකු බිජිකිරීමේ වශයෙන් ප්‍රශ්නක දෙමුවුමියන්ට ප්‍රමුණක නොපැවැර. රටක පාලන ප්‍රසාදය, ගුරුවරුන් හා රැවී තිනෑම තරාතිරාමක ප්‍රදුග්‍රාමයෙකුට ඒ වශයෙන් පැවතී.

එතිකා දුරවෙකු මවිකු පිළිසිදුගත් දා පටන, තිසි අධ්‍යාපනයක් ලත් දුරවෙකු තිසි කිරීමේ කාර්යය සියලුම පාර්ශ්වයන් විසින් නොකළාගෙන්, සහජ ප්‍රමා පරපුරක් නොමැති කළ රටක අනාගතය හාරුගන්නා තරුණා පරපුරක් තිසි කිරීම කළ නොහැකියා. එතුළුන් සංවර්ධනයක් ගෙන කළා කිරීම ප්‍රවා නිශ්ච්චල කාර්යයකි.

එතිකා නිසි අධ්‍යාපනයක් ලත් ප්‍රමා පරපුරක් තිසි කිරීමෙන් පාතික සංවර්ධනයට උරුදීම් කාර්යය කොටසක්ට වීමට සෑම ප්‍රදුග්‍රාමයෙකු සිතුව ගෙන යුතුය. නැතෙනාත් අධ්‍යාපනය ආකාර්ථක වී එහි විපාක විදීමට සිදුවන්නේ රැවී මූල්‍යතාව වන අප සියා දෙනාට වැඩා. එතිකා අධ්‍යාපනය අයිතිය තිසි පරදි බාගැනීමට නොපාලාව කටයුතු කර ලස්සන හෝ දිනක තිර්මානය කිරීමට දැක්ක මෙමු.

# Alcoholism and the Curse of Drugs

The second half of the Twentieth Century saw widespread use of drugs, and alcohol especially among the most important section of our society, the future hope of mankind, our youth. Starting with the "Beatles" it became fashionable for youth to become 'Pop' music fans using drugs, drink and while away their precious time.

Drugs from then on has been going on up to the present time. Man has been experimenting with drugs down the ages. 'Hashish' and 'Opium' are known to have been used. Hashish was used in Egypt, Turkey and Greece while Opium was used in China and other eastern countries. It was also used for medical purposes as 'Laudanum', and addiction was a fact even in the 19th Century England.

Today drugs have reached epidemic proportions from 'Hemp', 'Opium', 'Heroin' to 'LSD', 'Crack', and 'Angel dust'. We have paid a price, too heavy to be counted in terms of money. It has to be priced in terms of young lives, shattered dreams and future hopes.

Now the word 'Alcoholism' is frequently used. This means being addicted to or dependent on alcohol. This is definitely not a new problem like drugs. Most probably from the moment wine was first made, whichever part of the world it was first made in, there would have been alcoholism.

Producing and selling alcohol is one of the most profitable businesses in the world. Governments rely heavily on duty from the sale of alcohol so that there is a sort of dependence on this for the balancing of budget. So you will not find any government banning liquor and it will be a very unpopular government that could do so.

Alcoholism is found in all segments of society both rich and poor. The victims however are women and children. First when the bread winner takes to alcohol the money starts to dwindle. Next with greater demand for the stuff, the money problems for the house-wife becomes worse. Sometimes children who need the best nourishment go hungry.

However conditions have become worse with "online recipes" for backyard production of chemical drugs like "crack". This is cheaply available and gets into its net poor children who could not otherwise afford to buy the drugs.

A whole new setup called "The drug culture" came up with it. The trade in drugs is another well paying trade, in the world. Starting with the Mafia, first in Italy then in America, violence and death came in its wake, gang warfare and street killings became common. Special police trained to handle drug related offences were trained and employed on the streets.

After 'Oral' drugs came the 'Intravenous' drugs. This opened up a whole nightmare for everybody, Health authorities, society in general and most of all drug users. Tetanus, Hepatitis - B and AIDS came up in epidemic proportions. To prevent this some governments legalised drugs and supplied clean hypodermic needles.

The result of alcoholism for the family are economic and social degradation. Children are poorly fed and clothed. They would feel guilty or defiant or cowed and may show anti-social behaviour in school. For the wife a feeling of failure anger and defiance. For a man, loss of social worth, deterioration of his health and appearance. Loss of self worth a diseased liver and pancreas, he is also left to deal with alcoholic nightmares.

To deal with alcoholism the person has to acknowledge having problems. From this point he or she has to want to get over the problem and say so. At this point the society known "AA" or "Alcoholics Anonymous" will take him or her over and start the curing process. First of course the confession has to come. Then under medical supervision he or she is helped to withdraw from the addiction.

Going back to the world of drugs we see the drug barons living in castles, their children going to exclusive schools in B.M.W.'s, while the poor children on the street and off it, have to forfeit their future and their lives. For their parents heart aches, shattered dreams and a sense of failure. For governments a part of their budget has to be poured out into anti drug campaigns, drug treatment centres, rehabilitation centres and narcotics squads to solve drug related crimes.

The cost to humanity cannot be computered in any material terms. Lost youth, dead or deranged, it could only be counted in terms of blood tears and shattered dreams. Education of the young regarding alcoholism and the use of drugs, is very important for the future well being of the nation.



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සිංහල පුරාව පාසලට දර: ඇරඟයට ගුර: - දෙමාවිසනට ලැබුවා අක්රිබාදය, ආරක්ෂාව තා ගොමද අනුග්‍රහ කළුතා තුරි පුද් කිරීමේ ගැවිණු මෙයෙහි පැවුරිය සැර්ත්මිලර 18 වන දින විද්‍යාලයින ප්‍රධාන ගාලාවේදී ගර: ඩිරුල කුක්දුකදා විශ්වා විසින් මෙයෙහින ලදී. රට ගර: - දිය දෙමාවිසන ඇතුළු අදි ශිෂ්‍යාවා විශාල පිරිසක් සහභාගි වුහ.

මිට අමතර අධ්‍යාපනික පුද්ගලික තු විශේෂ තත්ත්ව උත්සවයක් පැවත්වීමට සියලු කටයුතු කාලීනය වෙමින් පළතින බව පෙන්වන්න කාඩ්මීලරයෙන්. තවද සියවසක සමර කළම ලොරට වයිම සහ සියවසක සමර මුද්දරය හා ගිලිය පත එම් ඇත්තේ කටයුතු කාලීනය කර ඇත.

2000 වසර සැප්තැම්බර 30 ට නිදු ලේරන්ස් විද්‍යාලයින් සියලු සමර ජාත්‍ය විශේෂ උත්සවය අති උත්සවයින් පැවත්වේම සියලු කටයුතු සංවිධානය කර තිබේ. එදින වැඩසටහන දිව්‍ය ප්‍රාථම සිසුවියන්ගේ තරතු ප්‍රකාශ ඇතුළු විශේෂාංග රුක්කින් සමන්විත වූ ඇතර එදින ප්‍රධාන ආර්ථික ප්‍රාග්ධනයෙහි ප්‍රාග්ධනයෙහි වූ.

වසර 1900 දී “රෝරන්ක විලා” මැදුරන් අරමුණු ගාන්ත ගෝරන්ක විදුහල ද්‍රී.ව. 2000 එලුම් මෙම වසර සිය වසරක් සියරයි. මෙම අශ්‍රීලාභවත් සියවසක සාමර්ථ උපදෙශක පසුකිරී වසර සිය අද දක්වා අප විවිධ උත්සව හා ව්‍යාපෘතින් සාම්බාන්ත කොට සහංස් ඔබ සැමිය සහභාගිත්වයෙන් එවා තිබාත්මක කරන ලදී. සියවසක පිරිම නිම්ත්තෙන් අත පාසල් අමාත්‍යර අනිවා තෙමහළ ගොඩාහැරිල ඉදි කෙරුණි. රට අරමුදුල් සම්පාදනය කිරීම් අරමුණින් පැවත්වූ පා ගෙන සැමැරුම් යෙදී ඇරුම් විය. 1999 පුරු මින 30 රෙනි දින ප්‍රවත්වනු ලැබූ මෙම පා ගෙනහි ගා විද්‍යාලුපති තුෂීය වන ගරු ගරවිරුද්ධී විතානයේ පැවිදී ශොරුරිය අභුජ පාසල් වත්මන් සිංහිවන්තෙන්ද ආද ශ්‍රීලංකාවන්තෙන්ද ගුරු දැනුරුන්තෙන්ද සහභාගිත්වයෙන් ඉමහත් හරසරන් පැවතෙනුවෙනි. තෙමහළ ගොඩාහැරිල්ද නව මඟ මැදිරීම සඳහා මුළු ගෙ තැයිම 1999 අගෝස්තු මක 1 වෙනිදූ යොපත එයිරාග් නිකායක ප්‍රාදුශීලි ශේෂදානුම් වන ගරු විනිශ්ච්‍ය පෙරට්‍ර පැවිද ශොරුරිය අවිනි සිඳුව.

# මුද්‍රණ ව්‍යවසාය

## වනපෙන අජ ප්‍රත්‍යා නල සේ



“ඇරුමිය වනුයි එකිනෙකය දරුවෙයි” ඇරුමිය යන විවිධය අප වනතැනි වියෙකත්ම දැනුතුය අපුරුව මිරියකි. තුරු ලතාවත්තය හිරු වර්ඩා පෙනු සියිල් ඇඟින් ලෙසෙනු දැකින විට, ගස්වල් අතර සිටින සියාස්තුත්ත සිටිර් සඩ් කන වියෙකාන විට ඔම සිටිරියක දෙගුව ගෙගුව වේ. අවට වනත් පිරිසිඳු මිරිම, ශේවතා හා සියිලය ලබාදීම, පැනක තෙතෙමහය ඇති මිරිම, ඉත්තෙන ලබාදීම, පරිසරය අලාකාර මිරිම අද් කාර්යාලය රැකියාව තුළෙන දුගුක වේ. වනුත්තර මේ සියලු දේ නිරුවලත්තේ අප තව සරාක දෙනුත්ත සියලු සත්තරි කරයුවෙනි. මිනින වනුත්තර ප්‍රදූගල සහාය සඳහාම පෙනුයාය තොටු මූලු මෙත් ලොවායි සත්වකායේම පරියේම ඉවශ්‍ර වන වෙ ප්‍රාස්‍යන් වේ.

ඉසුනුම් අඟ කළ යුතුත් හැකිවාක වනාත්තර සාර්සුලය තිරිමයි. ඒ සඳහා සුම මිනිසඩ කෙරෙහිම ඇතුත්තේ විශාල වගකිමයි. ගැන ඒවා සිද ගෙළුන්හට පර එකිනු ඇටිවන දිගු කළේන සං කොට්ඨ ප්‍රිතිංච සිල්බලට දෙවරක සිතා බැවුම ගොන් මෙම ව්‍යුහයන් මැදක ගො අඩු කරගත හැක. කෙසේයා මිනිස විසින් පරිසරය විකාශනී කරම්න කරනු ලබන තුරුලතා කැඳීමේ අදිනව දැනුම අවබෝධ කරගෙන ඇත්තාම්, ඔහු තවත්ත ප්‍රමාද තැනැයි සිත්ම. දෙපුකාන සිංහාස්නයේ භාදුරුව ස්වන් දෙන සුම මොගොතක පාකාම, වන ව්‍යුදෙක සිරිය හරින සුම මොගොතක පාකාම මේ සිංහල සම්පූර්ණ අනාගත ලෙඛකයිව උරුම සින්ම සුම්ග යුතුකළයි.

“දුටු කිහිපතාග්‍ර පොරු තුළයි මිටක ගයෙන් අයෙදු සිටින විට ගස එය තොපේකිලුව ලබා දෙයි. වහා දුරටත් සේ අර්ථා කොට මෙවිනියන් යෙ පොලුය කිහිප අතුය.”

රිත්ත්වා තුළයේ තුළ විසින් ප්‍රකාශ කරන ලද මෙම රුතුව වැඩිය දින තබායෙන, ගෙකු සැටු ලෙවක යැවෙම් ඇව්වන කර ගනිමු.

# SCIENCE

## a dream or nightmare ?

Science is to make life easy, to relieve all ill, to save lives and ironically to take lives as well. As a result, the list of good and bad in science is parallel and endless.

So, when is science good and when does it become bad ?

Science has done so much to help mankind. Likewise it has been adulated and acclaimed by us. But, really we're applauding and complimenting our selves, but that's because we really deserve it. In any case, science has made our dreams and fantasies come true. Thanks to science we have fast food, easy ways to communicate, a decrease in health risks, ways to change our images, procedures to make us feel better.....etc. We accept these benefits as necessities. Although I really have nothing against cell phones, take a look as to what has happened to it. Every Tom, Dick and Harry has one. Ask them why and they don't even know. Cell phones have earned it's reputation to be one of the main causes for tumors and migraine but no one knows the truth of it. Even if they did they wouldn't tell us the truth now would they ? So, we face the risks. Our ego has given way to ignore the negative side of science. It has proved that it could make us feel immortal, invincible and victorious.

These are somethings we itch to have - our fantasies. So if it can make our wishes come true, why bother about the consequences. After all, science is magic. Every spell has it's antidote. Take the computer for instance. It's almost like the main star in science. It's the Merlin in science, it can do almost anything if programmed. But then what about the viruses ? Well, generally speaking the Y2K bug was taken care of. We programme it to think but what if we make a mistake ? All right, we're too good to make mistakes. What if our ignorance gives into artificial intelligence ? It's too good to be true. But take cloning for instance. It existed only in movies, and two years ago it becomes reality. Who knows in two years time may be we would have R2D2's or 3PO's or may be it wouldn't be so friendly. If the movie "Cloned" can come to reality why, can't "The Matrix" come to reality? Only the future can tell.

Science is no doubt dangerous experimenting, creating or inventing biologically or technically, we do it for the betterment of mankind. But to use it as a weapon is suicidal. We don't mean to use it that way. It just happens. The good and the bad is there to be used. If we use the good we take precautions to prevent the bad from leaking with it. It's easier said than done, but that's how it should be.

Science, and mother nature are one. They separate and clash only when we get in the way. We try so hard to fight the forces of nature. Sometimes we win but nature has a way of getting back at us. Like in the last century during the 1950's polio was an epidemic, when "small pox" was eradicated, and now the "Aids" virus spreads while polio is being controlled. The problem man has is that they don't accept defeat. As the saying goes "failure is the pillar of success", but it's not always true. Our success over nature can only mean our failure. As a result when we succeed what price do we pay ?

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ඇදරුවා වූ කළේ මල් කැකුලයේ යෙ අවසිංහක සියුම්ලැබ් දිසිවෙකුවත් හිංකාවක පිළිවාක නොමැති මොළකුටි පුද්ගලයෙකි. කුඩා දුරුවෙකුගේ මුවෙන නැගෙන දුරත්ත් වෙනු වලට වසා නොවී සිරිත්තන් මේ මිසිමිට තැනි තරමිය. ඔහුග් මුවකි නැගෙන වෙද ඔස්ටුරුලැකට මුවද සමස්ත විශ්වයෙන් පාලනය තමන් අතට ගැනීමට තරම් වූ සැකියාවක ඇත. මල් කැකුල් වැනි වූ ඒ කුඩා සිරු සතන් වෙටරයෙන් ගුළුයෙන් තොර වේ. ප්‍රෝමයේ භා සඳහුයාටේ අනි උත්තරත්තර වූ හැරීම්වලින් ඒ කුඩා දුලුවත් ගෙළඹාය වූ ඇත. එනමුදු එතියේ අවසානවකට මෙන් වත්මන් සමාජයේ අපට දැක්වන ලැබෙනුයේ මේ සියුම්ලැබ් මල් කැකුල් තැලු, පොඩි කර දුමා, පැය පැළගෙන දුවිළුකු තරමටවත් නොත්කා දුමන ම්‍යාග්‍යන්ගේ ප්‍රව්‍යාත්‍යාවකි. මෙය සමාජයට එතරම් සිතකර තත්ත්වයක නොවේ. රටේ අනාගත තරඟා පරපුර පිළිත බාල අධිකාරී මෙවන අභියාචනාවලට මුහුදා දුන් ගොන් අනාගතයේ අපට ඉතිරි කරගත හැකි වනුයේ අන්තර් විධ මානසික ගැටුවලුම් පිළිවා පැටව සිං පිළිතය විනාශ කොටගත් තරඟා පරපුරක් මික උදුස්කන විකසිත පොගාටුවූ මෙන් පිවයෙන් පුමුදින තරඟා පරපුරක නොවන බව නොඅනුමානය.

යෙට ලෙස ගෙඩිනැයෙන් ඇද ප්‍රාවිශ්ච සිටින අයෙනි. එයෙනින වඩා ගෙද ලේඛකයා ගෙඩි නැගිල සඳහා දුරක්‍රියා ලෙසින් ඇතුළු දේ සමාජය හා රජය සතු මගිනු යුතුකළයි. පැහැර හැරිය තොහැකි වශයෙන් මෙයින් 1948 දී එක්සත් ජාතින විසින සම්මත කර ගත්තා ලද ජාතත මානව සිම්කම් ප්‍රකාශනයට ලාභ අදිවාවිසික්මිල් ඇතුළත් විය. රටක පිළිතාවාය වහ ලාභ පරුදුර වෙශෙයින් ආරක්ෂා කළ යුතු හෙයිනි. විවිධ වධිකිණිවලින්, වහැල මෙයෙන්, දුරක්‍රියා යුතු කිෂේන්, දුලිඳකළන්, හාමරින් තුළත ක්මින් යිරි ගත යුතු හෙයිනි.

ඒක්සත් පාලිත්තා ලාභ ප්‍රයුදුත්තියෙක් මේ අයුරින් ලාභ අයිතිවාසිකම් සහිතුන් කළද, ශ්‍රී ලංකාව අතුළු ලේකයේ බහුතරයක රටවල එම ප්‍රයුදුත්තිය අනුමත කරනු ලබුවද ලාභ අපවාරයන්, ලාභ මෙහෙකාර යේවය සංඛිතයි ලාභ අයිතිවාසිකම් ඇගුණ බොගාමයක උග්‍රාණය කරනු ලබයි. මෙම රටවල බොගාමයක ලාභ අපවාර දිනෙන් දින බොගාහිත බොගාත වැයි මෙමින් පට්ටි. දිනඟතා ප්‍රවර්තන බලන්තිට මෙයිනි සිද්ධියක වාර්තා තොවුණු දිනයක තොමැති තරමිය. මෙයි වාර්තා වනුයේද මූත්‍ර සුංග්‍රහකයි. වාර්තා තොවන ග්‍යාහ එමන් දාය ගුළුයිට වඩා වයිය. පිත්තත්වය ද කෙළුයාම්පින තයෙනක පිය අතින් විනාශ වන අතියික දරුවෙකු පිළිබඳ ක්‍රියාත්මක තයෙනක කාමාතුර ගුරුවරයන්ට අසුවන තරුණා ශිජ්‍ය ශිජ්‍යනාවන් පිළිබඳ ප්‍රවත්තකි. තයෙනක දැම්වියන තොමැති හේමින් පරවාන තිවාස ගොනකරනු ලයු දරු ඇරියන් කාමාතුර ස්ථාලයකට විකුණාන තිවාස පාලිකාවක පිළිබඳ ඩියුවෙන ප්‍රවත්තියකි. මේ ලාභ අපවාර පිළිබඳ එක අංගයක පෙන්නී.

උමා ඉම සුවර සුරුකීම තවත් අගයකි. ඉහතද සඳහන කළ පරිදි එක්සත් ජාතියෙහි උමා ප්‍රජාත්වීම අවම වයක් සිමාව ගත්වීමේ පෙර දුරටු රැකියාවක නොයෙදුවා යුතුයයි සඳහන කළද පෙනීත් මෙහෙකාර සේවයේ ගොදුවා ප්‍රමාණවත් ආහාර වේලක්වන නොදී දුකුවද දත් මෙහෙකාර දුරටුවත් ගෙන අයිම ප්‍රවා අද කාමානත දුයෙක වී ඇත. මෙය වඩාත බිඳුරුනක ස්වරුපයක ගනන් මෙම අමානුෂික වද දෙනුන්නත් අතර ගුරුවරුන්, ව්‍යායාක තීලබරින් වැනි බුද්ධීමත සයි සමාජය පිළිගත් අය අතරින් මෙම සිද්ධි වාර්තා විවිධ. මේ අදුරුන් උමා පර්පර සිත්තිත නොවේව දූෂණය කිරීමට තරම්, වද සියාවලට ලක් කිරීමට තරම්, වහුල මෙහෙයේ ගෙදුවීමට තරම් අද සමාජය කුරිරා වී ඇත. අමානුෂික වී ඇත.

මෙම තත්ත්වයන් මේ අයුර්නම ඉදිරියට සැමර ඉඩ නොදු ය අතුයි. දිලිඳුකම්ත, අසර්ථකීම්ත යෙළෙන මෙම දුරටත් සඳලායන්ත ගෙදුරු බවට පත්වීමට ඉඩ නොදු ය අතුයි. තුවටු දැකක ගොවීම්ත මුදලකට දැමීම්ත දැමීම්ත ලෙහෙකාර යොවයක යොදීම්ත ඉඩ නොදු ය අතුයි. ගොවා මුවද කරම්ත පිපෙන්තනට දැගලන මෙම මේ කැකුවාවට තිඳුනය පිපෙන්තනට ඉඩ දිය අතුයි. බෝද නොවී අකාලයේ මිය දෙන්තනට ඉඩ නොදු ය අතුයි. එම තත්ත්වයනට තුවුදුන ආර්ථික සමාජය පැසුවා උඩු දිවියා කළ අතුයි. එ සඳහා ගතයුතු නීතිමය රැකවරුන දුරටතනට බෙදාම්ව රුජ අදාළ සමාජ සංස්ථා වැනි අයනහ යුතුතුව් විය අතුයි. නීතිමය පුරිභාදනයන් තිකුවට භාරිය අතුයි. ප්‍රා අවධාර ක්වෘතුවේ යෙදෙන්නන්ත ලුමින් මෙහෙකාර යොවන ගෙවුණනන්ත ඉඩ දිවුවා දිය අතුයි. අනෙක අතට මේ පිළිබඳව සමාජය දැනුවත විය අතුයි. රහනතාව අතර පුළුල සංවාදයත අයි කළ අතුයි. එවිට මේ බැඳුනාක තත්ත්වයන් මෙරට ප්‍රා පරපුර ගෙරු ගත හැකිවන ඇති. එහෙතු එය එක අයෙකට දැන්නන්ත කළ තැක්කක නොවේ. එය එහි සමාජය විසින්ම කළ අත්තකි.

# ලංඡ



## අයිතිවාසිකම් සුරක්මු

“උමා ලොට සුන්දර දිව්‍ය විමනකි. එහි පිළෙන මල් ලුමුන්ය” යන මෙම අපුරු සංකළපය පැවතියේ දැනට දැක පහකට පමණ පෙරය. වත්මන් සමාජය තුළ මෙම සංකළපය මඟිනි එරුනු කරන්න රෝදුයක ගෙවිගෙන තොහැකිව දෙපැන්තට පද්ධතිනාක මෙන් නැලවෙමින් පාතින කසර සිතුවිල්ලක පමණි. මල් පෙනි මත පිවත විය යුතු ඔවුන් අද පිවත වත්තෙ කටු ගොහැල් මතය. මතුළයෙන් වශයෙන් ඔවුනට ද ලැබිය යුතු ආදරය, කරුණාව වෙනුවට අද ලැබෙනෙන් අයිති කාසික හා මානසික වැඩිහිංසා පමණි. ධනය, බලය මුළුක ගොවැනෙන තෙහුම ගෙය තැගෙදී රේ මල් කෙකුඟ පෙට පැරුණු දුවිල්ලක පමණක බවට පත් වේ. එය ඔවුන්ගේ ඉර්ංම මුවද, වැරුදු නොවේ. එම වන්න සිතිනෙයේ සඩා සිමිකරුවන් වනුයේ වයිසිරි පරපුරයි.

වත්මනයෙන් කෙතරම් ආකාව, තෙහුම අයිති ලෙස වර්ධනය කරා ලැග වී ඇතේ දත් තම කුළීන දිරුවා මෙලෙව එලිය දුකීමට ප්‍රථම පරුදුකාකාරයින්ට තම කිරීකාරී දිරුවා විකුණා තම කුළීන්න තිවාගැනීමට වර්ධන වන්න මේවරු අනත්තය. අප්‍රමාණය, ගෙහෙයුවට පිවයක දීමට ගැකි වුවද එය පිවත කරීමට තොහැක තම් අනාගතයට පිවයක කෙසේ හිමිවේ ද? දරු කමට යයි කිමින් දිරුවාට මිලේ ගත්තද මක් හා අමට ඇති කරන අරක් මෙන් නිසි වයසට පැමිණි පසු ගොඳු ගනු බෙන්නේ උමා අප්‍රමාණය සඳහා. ලේකය හා සමාජය යන්න තම සිතුව්ම් පරාසයට ඇතුළු විවිධ ප්‍රථම ඇය අතරවත තොගෝරන කළ සුබෝපණායි ධනවත් තිවාය වෙළෙඳාර සේවකයා රැගෙන සැනුයේ එය ඔවුනට සිම් විය යුතු පාර්මිපරික උරුවෙක බෙවා දීම සඳහා මෙනි. අන්තර් ප්‍රවිච්චිත, ආහාරයට ඩිසිවක ගොඳුම්න විවා ගැනීමට වස්තුයක ගොඳුන, ඔවුනට උසුල ගෙන තොහැකි බර පටවන උගේ ලේඛියන් ද නැත්තේම නොවේ. එමෙන්ම මේවින්ගෙන් කිරීම් ඉල්ලන මානුෂික හැඳිම් තැබීම් අභ්‍යනුෂ්‍ය අරේක්සිය මුදල ලයිනා ද තිරියේ යැහැනට හසුරුවේ යයි යන බිජ තිරිකා ගො වෙනත් තිරිස්න ආකාරයට දිව්‍ය මාලා මානුෂික වශයෙන් තැබුණු පිරියා මාලා අයිතිවාසිකම් වලට ඇති බලපෑම් එම්ල කිරීම් තම මේය තර කරගැනීමට වර්ධනය දැක්වා තද බල දුවිච්ච බෙවා දීය යුතුය.

තිරියේ කාන්තියට හැරෙන යුතුරු කාන්ත් මලක මෙන් වත්මන් සමාජයේ ද ධනය බලය හමුවේ නයෙන පිරිය අයිතිවාසිකය. තිරිය ද එහි ගිණත් ප්‍රාග්‍රහී කොට්ඨාසිකරුවේයි. රෙය ප්‍රමාණය පිවුවහිල කොට්ඨාසිම ප්‍රමාණවත තොවන ඇතර, මන්දුයන් දිරුවෙනුයේ අර්ථාව පළමුවන් ස්විමත වනුයේ තිවිසිනය. දිරුවා තම පළමු පියවර ඉදිරියට තබනුයේ දෙම්වියනුයේ මහ සුයුර යේ ගැහුරු භදු පත්තලෙන් තැගෙන ආදරය කරුණාව යන ඇත්තය උපකාර කරගෙනය. දිරුවෙනුයේ පළමු ගුරුවරු වශයෙන් එරුනු කිරීම හඩින විට තිරි දෙන්න යේ කාසික අවශ්‍යතාවක පමණක නොව මානුෂික අවශ්‍යතාවන් ද සුපුරු දිය යුතුය. එහා වෙළ පිරිමකා ගැනීමට තොහැකි වුවද දිරුවාගේ මානුෂික තිවිසින නිවිලේ හැකියාව මේවින් සඩා විය යුතුය. දෙම්වියන් වශයෙන් ආර්ථිකය අතිත සම්මත ස්ථාවරයක දිරුවෙන් දිය තොහැකි වුවද මානුෂික වශයෙන් ගෙවිනැගිය තැකියක දෙම්වියන්ට වයි. එගෙනිනා ගත් ස්ථාවරය ස්විමත කරගැනීම වස් තිරියේ සේවක ගො බෙවාගේ යුතුය. තවදුරටත් උමා අයිතිවාසිකම් වලට ඇති බලපෑම් එම්ල කිරීම් තම මේය තර කරගැනීමට වර්ධනය දැක්වා තද බල දුවිච්ච බෙවා දීය යුතුය.

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පැරණි රජවරු දිව්‍ය තමා වෙතට කැදුවාගෙන දැක සැප විමුක්වද වෙත කුවක දේ තොවන්නට ඇත. යුදුය ඔවුනු බිම් තොගෙන්නට ඇති. තිරිදුකු විමට තොහැකි වුව ද පියයක, මවක, සභායුදාරයක, සංස්කෘත්‍යාචාරය නෙතින් ඔවුන් දෙස අවනාජව බැලීමට ද ඔවුන්ගේ දක් කිවිකට්ටා දිල දාමා ලොවෙනි අනාගත හිරු මෙන් එලිය කිරීමට, එ තිරු අදුර කරා ගො යමට සමත පියයට පෙළ විය යුතුය.

“තිරියා ඉල්ලා තැන මා හැඩුවේ  
සෙනෙනය ඉල්ලා පමණයි හැඩුවේ”

# ලේ බති මල් මල



## බබරයි විදු මැණියි

ඉත්ත ලෝරනක් විදුහල සියවරක සපුරාලන මේ අයිරිමත් මොගොනේ පාසලන් ලොවට පිවිසුනු දායක දෙනා අතරත් මම ද අයෙකු වෙමි. සුද වතින සපරයුවු ලෝරනක් විදුහලේ මවතුමියන තුරුලේ හඳුවයි මනා සික්මිමකින්, විනයකින්, හැඳියාවකින් හා පන්තරයකින් පිවිතය මුවහන කොටගත් අප හට පාසලන් ලැබුනේ අකුරා කරවීමේ අධ්‍යාපනයම පමනක නොවන බව ඩීම වටි.

මනා කැපවීමකින් සිනු දැරියට පොතපත් අකුරා කරවීමට මෙනම සිනුවියන්ගේ කුසලතාවයන හඳුනාගෙන ඒවා ඔපම්වම් කිරීම ක්වයුතු කිරීම මෙකල නම අධ්‍යාපන තුමයක ලෙස හඳුන්වා දී ඇති තමුත, මෙයට දැයක ගොනාවකට පෙර ඉත්ත ලෝරනක් විදුහලන එකී මහජ දායකය අප හට හිමි වය. අප කුඩා දැරියන්ව දුව පහෙ අවිදුපු එ කාල පරිවිෂ්දයේදී, දැරියක තුළ ඇති සැගවුවු කුසලතාවයන හඳුනාගෙන ඔපම්වම් කර ගැනීමට කොමු කිරීමේ වයෙමක අප පාසලන් නිරන්තරයෙන්ම වය. එම තිකා එ තුළුන් අප දැනුමා ඉස්මතු කොටගෙන ලොවී ප්‍රධාන යෝජ් කෙශෙශනයන්හි හි බැඩැලෙන ආදී සිනුවියන් දුන දායක දෙනාගෙන මාද කොනෙකු වන අතර, ඔවුන් සියලු දෙනාගේ සිත සතන තුළ මේ අවස්ථාවේ දී නිත්තාද වන්නා වු විදුහල මැණියන කෙරෙහි වු අප්‍රමාණ භකතිය සහ කෘත ගුණයන එ සියලු දෙනා වෙනුවෙන් මහත් අනිමානයෙන් මෙහි සටහන් කොට තබමි.

සංගීතය කෙරෙහි කියියම් දැනුමාවයක හිමිව ඉත්ත ලෝරනක් මව තුරුලේ නයු නුවනා පහදාවා ගනිමන් සිටි මා හට එම හැකියාව වර්ධනය කර ගැනීමට විදුහලන් බැඳුන්නේ මහජ රැකුවයි. එ අනුව සංගීත කෙශෙශය තුළ එදා මෙදෙනුර බිතිවු අගුරනය නිරමාත්‍යවරයු වු ගරු මරසිම්නු ප්‍රයාකාඩ පියතුමා, සංගීතයට ලදී අපහට අප පාසලන් බැඳුන් මාරුගපද්‍යයෙකු වය. එතුමා අප හට තත අතර නිත්තාද වන්නා වු ලෙස දැනිනට, විදුනට ස්වර රස විදු ගන්නට මග සැලසුම් කළේය. ඉත්ත ලෝරනක් මාතාවගේ අද්ම බැඳුම තුළ සිටිමන් ගරු මරසිම්නු ප්‍රයාකාඩ පියතුමා සෙවනේ අප හදුරුවෙම් සංගීතය හා පිවිතයයි. දැනට ස්වරගස්තව සිටින ගරු මරසිම්නු ප්‍රයාකාඩ පියතුමා මා මේ මොගොනේ සිනිපන් කරන්නේ දැයානියක තම ආදර්ණීය පියාභාන් සිහිකරන්නාක මෙන සෙනෙහෙබර හා ගෝරවාත්වින සිතකිනි.

ඉතින් ආදර්ණීය ඉත්ත ලෝරනක් මැණියන්, අපගේ දෙවැනි මව වු ඔබ අපගේ නයු නුවන පහදා, ලෝකය දැකින්නට අප හට පිවිය බැබ දී, අප හට දුන ශක්තියට, ගෙරෙයාට, කැපවීමට අප සියලු දෙනාම ගැනී වන්නෙමු. ඉත්ත ලෝරනක් මාතාව සියක වකරක සපුරාන අද දින තවත් කළත් යෙපත්, හැකියාවන්ගෙන ඔර්හාවුනු පුරවයියන් බිජි කොට යෙපත් ලොවක් ඉදිකරන්නට ගෙරෙයා හා ශක්තිය ලැබේවායි සියලු ආදී සිනුවියන් වෙනුවෙන් ඉතා සෙනෙහෙබරව ප්‍රාර්ථනා කරමි.

ආදී සිනුවි, - සංගීත හිල්පිකි ඉන්දාන් දේනානායක රංඡයින

සම්බුද්ධීත් සාම්බුද්ධී ශ්‍රී ලංකාවක් ගොඩනගේමල  
සඳුවාරසම්පත්ත තරුණු පර්පුරක් බිජිකරමු

ලදුවන සේට දුවක් ලාංකිය සමාජය තමයි විස්මල තාවක යාතුව ලොව තමයි මහ සුයුර යාතු කරවන නැවෙනු තරුණ පරපුර වෙති. ආරුෂික, කාලාංගිය, සංස්කෘතික, ආගමික හා දේශපාලනික සහ සැම අංශයකින්ම පිරිසීමකට ලක්ව සිටින ශ්‍රී ලංකාව සාම්බාලී, සම්බාලීත රටක කිරීමේ තාරංගර වශයින් ඔවුන් උරුම තැබ්වේ ඇති. වත්මන් ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ප්‍රමාණක තොට මුළු ලොවෙකි ම බලපෑවන්වන සැම ගැවැට්වකිම පාඨ මුළුක වී ඇත්තේ මානව වර්ගයාගේ අධිකාරීක ගුණදාම් පිරිසීම බව මෙය විශ්වාසය යි. ශ්‍රී ලංකාව වනී තෙවන ලේකයේ රටක තව බායේ දුර ගා යුතුය. එහෙත් පවතින, හා සමාංග ව්‍යුහය අනුව ශ්‍රී ලංකාවට එවන් දිගු ගෙනක යෙදුම් හැකියාවක නැති. විශාල සමාජ පරිභාතියකට මුළුව එ සිටින ශ්‍රී ලංකාව එම අගාධියෙක මුද්‍රා ගත හැකියා උරුම තැබ්වන අනාගතය බාර ගැනීමට සිටින තුතන තරුණ පර්මිටරාව සඳුවාර සම්පත්ත පිරිසක බවට පත කිරීමෙනි.

සඳවාරය සෙන්නට නිර්වතනයක ඉදිරිපත් කිරීමෙන් ල මානවකාගේ පැවත්ම උසස් කිරීම සඳහා මානවක විසින් තම අධ්‍යාප්තමය තුළ රෝපණය කරගත යුතු ගුණ දායම්වලින් බෙහෙන හික්මත්වීමක ලෙස එය හැඳුනුවිය හැක. බෙඳුද ප්‍රමා වියත්, මිශ්‍ර වියත් අතර අති සුන්දරතම කාල පරිවිෂ්දය ලෙස තරුණා විය හැඳුනුවිය හැක. පිළිවෙශ සැම මොජාතකම් තැබෙන කිසිදු තොළන අනුස්ථාපනීය සාමර්ථක වන්නා යේ තරුණා විය ද පුද්ගලයෙකුට තම දිවිය ලබා හැකි අනත්ද පනත කාල වක්‍රානුවක ලෙස හැඳුවමු. තරුණා වියේ ඇති ත්‍රිකාණීම් බව, ප්‍රතිස්ථාපන බව හා තිරුමාභාශීලිතවය රටක සංවර්ධනය කිරීමට, සාමාජිම් කිරීමට ගෙවුණත හැකි ප්‍රඛී අවශ්‍ය. එසේත් තුළන තරුණා පරුපුර තුළ එවත්තා සඳවාරය්මක යොදාපාලන අතිශයින්ම හෙතුනකය. ශ්‍රී ලංකාව තුළ තිර අර්ථිත, සාමාජිය පැවත්මක ස්ථාපිත කොට අනුග්‍රහ විශ්වාසනිය කරගත්ව නම් තරුණා පරුපුර තුළ සඳවාරය ගෙවිනියේ යුතුය. එසේත් සඳවාරය ගෙවිනියේමෙන් ල ඇති අපම්‍ය බැඩි බැඩියෙන එය ව්‍යුහ ද්‍රූෂ්තිය විසින් පෙන්වන බවට පත් කරගත හැකිය.

තරජා විය ආරවිගිරාර. ප්‍රව්‍යඩිතවයට තැබුරු වූ ද සැකිලකට පත් නොවන්නාව ද වශකීම් රිඛිත වූ ද කාල පරුවියේදයක බව බොහෝ දෙනාගේ මතයයි. එහෙත් මෙති ලා එය සියයට සියෙකම නිවැරදි නොවන බව මගේ හැඟීමයි. කළුකාම් හැඟීම් වෙතින් ද උසස් රස විත්තනයින්ද මානයික සංඝව්දිතාවයින්ද, තිරුමාළා කොළඹයෙන් ශේෂී තරජා තරජායින් ද සිටින ඕනෑම සමාජයක ප්‍රව්‍යඩිකාර මහසකින්ද යුත් කළුකාරී තරජා කොටස ද සිටිමි. තරජා ආරවිය පිළිබඳ කිරීමා කරන අපර එකුදෙන් තමයින් හැඳුනු එක්ක හා අඹු හැඳුනු තරජා කැරුම උදාහරණයක වශයෙන් ප්‍රමාණවතිය. මේවායි මතුරිට අරමුණු කොස් වුවත් කැරුම වලට සහභාගි වූ බොහෝ තරජා පිරිස රැකියා විරිෂිත හාවයෙන් නිදහස් අදහස් ප්‍රකාශ කිරීමේ අසිරිය නොමැතිකමින් අසහනයට පත් වුවත්ය. තරජායන් වශයෙන් අවම මට්ටමේ ඉවුක අවශ්‍යතාවන් හෝ සාපුරා ගැනීමට නොහැකි වීම. මහයින් අසහනකාර තත්ත්වයකට හේතු වේ. මෙවත් තත්ත්වයන් මත තරජා පිරිස ප්‍රව්‍යඩි වීම අරමුණු නොවේ. එහි සම්පූර්ණ වගකීම් තරජායන් මත පැවතිය නොහැක. අනෙකු තරජා පිරිස අරවික ද්‍රේකරණ වලින් මෙරිය සිටිමි. වරප්‍රසාද හුක්ති විද්‍යා සිමිත පිරිසකෘත සුබවිජරණය දෙය බලුම්පින් එවා සතුකරගැනීමට නොහැකිව ලෙන වෙන මෙවත් තරජා පිරිස අතර අසහනය ඇතිවිය හැකි. එවත් සම්මත සමාන අයිතිවාසිකම් සිම්වන අරඛ කුමයක ගොඩ තැබී තැබීමට ඇතැම්පු එකුවෙති. එහෙත් අරඛල හා ගැවුම් වෙතින් පමණක ගැවැන් තිරුකරණය කර ගන නොහැකි බව මම තරයේ අදහන්නායි. මෙවත් අවස්ථාවක්ද තරජා පිරිස බුද්ධිමත්ව ද්‍රියකළ යුතුය. මුළු මගත සමාජයකම වශයිම බාර ගැනීමට තමා ද කොටස්කරවෙකු වය යුතු බව සැම තරජා තරජායින්ම තරයේ සිභිතබා ගත යුතුය.

තරඟා තරඟීයන් අතර සදුවාරය ගොඩනැවීමේද එහි මුළුක පියවර විය යුතුතේ අනාගත අවස්ථාවයකට ගැලපෙන විධිමත අධ්‍යාපන තුළයක සැලකුම් තිරිමයි. සියලු, දැනත, හදුවනත එකයේ වර්ධනය වන අධ්‍යාපන තුළයක තියාත්මක තිරිමයි. විෂයානුද්‍ර දැනුම පාවත්‍ය නොව ප්‍රායෝගික දැනුමද වර්ධනය කරවන අධ්‍යාපන තුළයක තියාත්මක තිරිමයි. සහෙළුද්‍රත්වයේ, කාමුනිකත්වයේ, සහ්යෝගිත්වයේ පිටිතයක ගත කළ දුනු ආකාරය අත්‍යන්ත කෙරේ දැක්විය යුතු ගුවවාදී ආක්‍ර්‍ම වැනි පහැදුළු වර්ධනය ද අධ්‍යාපනය තුළින් අනිවාර්යයෙන්ම මුළු විය යුතුය. එමත්‍යාක නොව මා පැවතුම් නොහැරි පිටත කරවත්තනවද අධ්‍යාපනයේ සංඛ්‍යාත්මක ලැයිය යුතුය. මා විය සිට තරඟා වියට එලුණුන්ගෙනු කාසික්ව පාවත්‍ය නොව මාසික්ව ද විකාල පර්වර්ථනයකට ලක්වන බවින් මානුෂීක වට්තනයේ ද පැයෙකට දුම්මට ඇතැමිණු පෙළුණින්.

අධිනාපනය තුළින සදාවාරය ගොඩනගාගත පුද්ගලයෙකු සමාජයට අනුමතවන්නේ පිරිපුන් පුද්ගලයෙකු වශයෙනි. පිරිපුන් යොවනය රික් සමෘද්ධිමත කිරීමට යොදා ගත යුතුය. මතද, යොවනත්වයේ අදහස් නැවත් ය. නිර්මාණයීම් ය. ව්‍යිකිවීම් ය. තුනත තරඟා පරපුර හා වැඩිහිටියන් අතර එකශේත්වයක නොමති බවද ගෙවාවලට තුවි දී ඇත. අනැම් වැඩිහිටියන් තරඟා පිරිසට වගකීම් බාර දීමට බිජවන අතර තරඟා පිරිස වැඩිහිටි අදහස් යළුවන් ගිර හ්‍යාමිට් අදහස් ලෙස සළකන්. එහෙත් තරඟා පිරිස විට වගකීම් හාර දීම ඔවුන් අනාගතයට සුදුනම් කිරීමක හා හඩියැවීම් වන අතර අන්තුකීම් බහුල වැඩිහිටි මතකත තුළින ප්‍රජනරය බො ගැනීම බුද්ධිමත පිළින රාජ්‍යකාව බොහෝ විට උපකාර වනු ඇත. අවස්ථාවන නොලැබීම තිකා යොවන කුසුම් මිලන වී යැම අනාගත ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ දිගු ගමනට එරෙහි බාධකයක ලෙසද මම දැකිනෙනම්.

තරඟා පිරිස සදාවාරයම්පන කිරීමේදී රිට එරෙහි බාධක මෙගෙකින් අවසන් නොවේ. වත්මන් තරඟා පරපුර බහුතරය වානිජකරජාය වූ තව ලොව හුමුවේ වළුමත්ව ඇතැයි පැවතීම නිවැරදිය. ඔවුන් වටා ගොඩනගා ඇති ලොව පෙනෙන තරම් සුන්දර නොවේ. කොට්ඨාස කිවහාත එස මුළුමය ලොව තුළ අන්තරාවයකට ගොදුරුව සිරීමකි. බවහිර රචන්වීන ඇදී එන ආදුම් පැලදුම් ඔවුන් ආදරයෙන වැළැඳුනෙන ඇත. මෙයින මා අදහස් කෙසේ විලාසිතා අවශ්‍ය නොවේ යයි පවසම්න් එස ප්‍රේරිකීම් කිරීමක නොව, විරාගත සංස්කෘතියකට අනුව අපට සුදුසු දේ තොරා ගැනීමට හැකියාවක තිබූ යුතු වැවයි. බොහෝ දෙනෙක කාලයකට අනුව ඉදිරිය සහ උල්කය සමග වෙනස්විය යුතු වට පවත්ති. මම ද එකට එකෙන වත්මනම්. එහෙත් කාලය සමග ඉදිරියට ය යුතු යයි පවසම්න් තමනට අනවශ්‍ය දේ ගොවර නොවන දේ කරවින්නාගෙන පිරිසීම කරා ය යුතුද තාරිද සත්තන බුද්ධිමත් තරඟා පරපුර විසින්ම වටහා ගත යුතුය. බටහිරන මිදී එන සියලු දේ අමුවේ ආදැය කර නොගතිම් සහපත දේ පමණක උකා ගැනීම පර්හාතියට ජේතු නොවන අතර රැවී සංවර්ධනයට සම් ආකාරයක රැකුවක් වනු ඇත. තුනත බටහිර රිනිය වෙළුදුන් තම වෙළුදුපාල අවශ්‍යතා සපුරාගතීමේදී ප්‍රධාන ඉලක්කය කරගත්තේ තරඟා පාරෝගුරික පිරිසය. සුන්දර තරඟා තරඟියන් රැගැනී බීම බොහෝ වෙට, විරත්වය ඉතුවහා ගිර සඩන් වලට වැඩ වශයෙන අපේ තරඟා පරපුර එ තුළම පර්හාතිය අන්දකින්. වත්මන් වෙළුදු පොංල බුද්ධිමත් පාරෝගුරිකයා මෙයාකාරයට රැවතින නම් ගෙට ද්‍රව්‍යක් සමෘද්ධිය ගෙන කිවර කිවාදු තුරුණු සිත් සතන මත වැනි මුළුකරුවන මත්දව්‍ය වැඩිහිටියන්ට පමණක යයි තියින් තරඟා සිත් විකෘති කරවන විතුපාල අඩු නැති ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ තරඟා පිරිස්වල සහපාලියෙම ගොඩනියේම්ට එයම මරුගුවක් වී ඇත. එදා බිමදුවීපට නම්න හැඳුනුව මෙම ශ්‍රී ලංකා මාතාව අද හඳුන්වන්නේ විෂ්වාලාරයේ පාරාදීසය නම්නය. එයින්ම අප රට මුහුණ පා අති විනාසකාර තත්ත්වය ගෙවීමේ මෙම තත්ත්වයෙන ශ්‍රී ලංකාව ගොඩ ගැනීමට අර අදින රැවී පීවනාලිය ද පහර දී කොද අවය බිඳ දීමා අවිබෘත කිරීමට වෙරුදුන පිරිස කොපම්ඳා? එවිස්කම රැවියුල් සත්වලට බාල්ද වන යුතුයක තරඟා පරපුර සදාවාර සම්පන්න කිරීම විභාග අනියැගයකි. රාජ්‍යකාරී අරුමුදයකට මදිවි ගිනි අවිම් තිබෙන ශ්‍රී ලංකාව එයින් බැඳීම් බැඳීම් උපාධි තරඟා පරපුරයි. තම විනෝද්ධාර කෙලිංලල තුරුණු විය ගිනි අවියට හාර දැමීන ඔවුන් කරන්නේ සුත්පාල මෙහෙවරක නොවේ. අනැම් තරඟා පිරිස රැකිය නොමැති ක්‍රියා මත වෙන අතර ඇතැමුන් ඉහළ සුදුසුකම් වලට නොගැලීම්න රැකිය තිකා විරිසින තරඟා පිරිස කොපම්ඳාද? උපාධි පාඨම් රැකියා විම් වැළුම් විම ගෙනෙම් බැඳුවන්නකද?

තරඟා පරපුර වශයෙන් අම් සම් ආක්ෂණ්‍ය වශයෙන් ඉදිරියට ය යුතු වට වෙශ හැරීමයි. බොහෝ පුණු දෙක සහැලුවෙන්, වගකීම්නේ නොරව බලන්වාට වඩා බුද්ධිමත් අයකින් බැවා හැකි තම් කාධාරා විස්දුමක ලබා ගත හැකිය. සංවේදී පුද්ගලයෙන ලෙස, ඉවසිලුවන්න බව වැනි දේ පුණුනා කිරීම අසිරි වුවත් එවා පුණුනා කිරීම අනාගතයට මුහුණ දීම වැළුම් හාර ගැනීමට තිබෙන අනියැගයනට පැහැවාම් මුහුණ දීමත මහඟ අත්වාකුව විය හැකියි. එස්ම, සම් සම් ගැනීමේදී අත්තවාදී නොවී ස්වාධීනව හා මධ්‍යස්ථාන තීර්ණ ගැනීම සරල, සුහුද පිළින රාජ්‍යකාර සුරු වීම, සමාජයීම් වීම සහපත වීම තරඟායෙන්, තරඟියක වශයෙන් ඔබ මත පොරුණීයකින් යුතුතෙකු වෙට පත කරනු ඇත. එහෙත් බුද්ධිමත් වීම හා විවාර්තන විට හා සමෘද්ධිමත් හාවයිත, අර්ථික, සමාජය, දේශගතාලතික හා සංස්කෘතියකි අංශවල සහපත වර්ධනයක් ඇති කර ගැනීමට පාතින ඇතර සහයෝගිතාවය වැඩිදියුණු කිරීමටද මහත පිටුවහළවක වනු ඇත.

# අංගිර ආචර්ජන

දෙමා පියන් අකෙස් සුරතලේට පුදුරුවිය පසු කොට පිටිතයේ ප්‍රථම වතාවට "ඇ" යන "ඇ" යන අකුරු කරන්නට ගෙන්ත ලෝරන්ස් නම් වූ තක්සිලාවි මා අම්බාග අත්තිල්ලේ එම්ලේ ආ සාරි මා සිත මැඩි පෙනෙන්නේ එකත්ත සිත්තර්වියක් තම සිත්තර්ය මුළු මැද අග කෙනා කොට නරඹන්නා යේය.

ප්‍රාවිත දුෂ්‍රී සන්ධියේ විසිවක අකුරු කර ගත නොගැනීව උත් මා හට බස සුසුරුවන්නට මතාව අකුරු කරන්නට නිරමලා, නිලන්ති, මියාති, ඩියක් යන ගුරු මැයිවරන්ද ගරු සේවියර කන්න සොජොයුරුයුද මා සිත්පත් කරන්නේ භදු පිරි බැතියක්. ඔවුන් අප නිසි මගකා ගෙමු කරන්නට අඩිතාම් දුමු සාරි, ඉතාමත සංයුමයන් අප හැඳිරවූ හැරි ඉතාමත අගයෙය. නිසි අධ්‍යාත්මික පසුබීම සැකෙසෙනවාත් සම්ම බැහිර ව්‍යාකාරකම් වලටත අප ගෙමු කරන්නට ඔවුනු අවකාශ ගොනුදාය.

ඉත් අනතුරුව ප්‍රාවිත වියෙන් කෙශෙන් වැසිමල් වියට පා තබන කළේ "පහත වැඩක්" යේ මා අසම අුත් රුඩාංග ගුරු මැයියක් මා සිත්පත් කරන්නේ, සඛිවන්ම අය මට දැවනී මවකම වූ තිසාවනි. සිත් සතර හදුරුන දුර්විතයේ සැගවුනු බුසලතාවයන් ඔර්හාවා ගෙන්නට අයට ඇති විසිග හැකියාව පුදුලාකාරය. පාසල් සමයේ මා ගෙඹුයක්, පැඹුයක්, මිට්‍රී නම්, ගියක්, කියක් ගායනා ගෙල් නම්, කතිතාවයක් වුයේ නම් ඒ සියලුම පසු පස වූ දුවැන්ත සැවන්න්ලේ අන් විසිවකු තොට රුඩාංග මැයියන්මය. ඔබ මට දැන් ස්විය සදා ම්සියේ තැන්පත්ව ඇතු.

අප විනිය ගරුකා ලුමන පිරිසක් කරලීමට කුරුපූ ගුරු මුවෙන් දැ ශිෂ්‍යාය මිල කළ නොගැක්කකි. සඛිවිතම එය ගාන්ත ලෝරන්ස් දියාතිවරන්හේ දේ දායාදායකම්ය. විෂය මාලාවක නිසි ලෙස පුදුභා කරන්නට බැඩිර විෂේරත්න, රෝස් මුදුලිගේ, මරියාවා සිල්වා, අමරීව, ශිරාති, වන්දිමා, ක්ලොරිස්බ්‍රි, බරනයිත, තිලති, මසන්ති ආදි ගුරු මැයිවරන් හා සුතිල් පතිරත්න ගුරු එසාඟාන ලෙස්සි මතක කළ යුතුමය. ඔවුන්ගෙන් අප පෙන ලදුහු දුනුම අප දේ දෙනයකම්ය.

ගරු රැත් කන්න සොජොයුරුය හා ගරු පුත්සිස කන්න සොජොයුරුය සඛිවිතම අපේ පාසල් දීවිය ආලුකම්ත කළ විශ්වාස්ථානියෙයේ. බෙරපද තාලයට, රද්මෙනානුකුලට රැ දුක්වන්නට මානෙල බෙන්පෑම් ගෙන් දැ ආහාය මා සිත්පත් කරන්නේ ස්තූරී පුරුවකය.

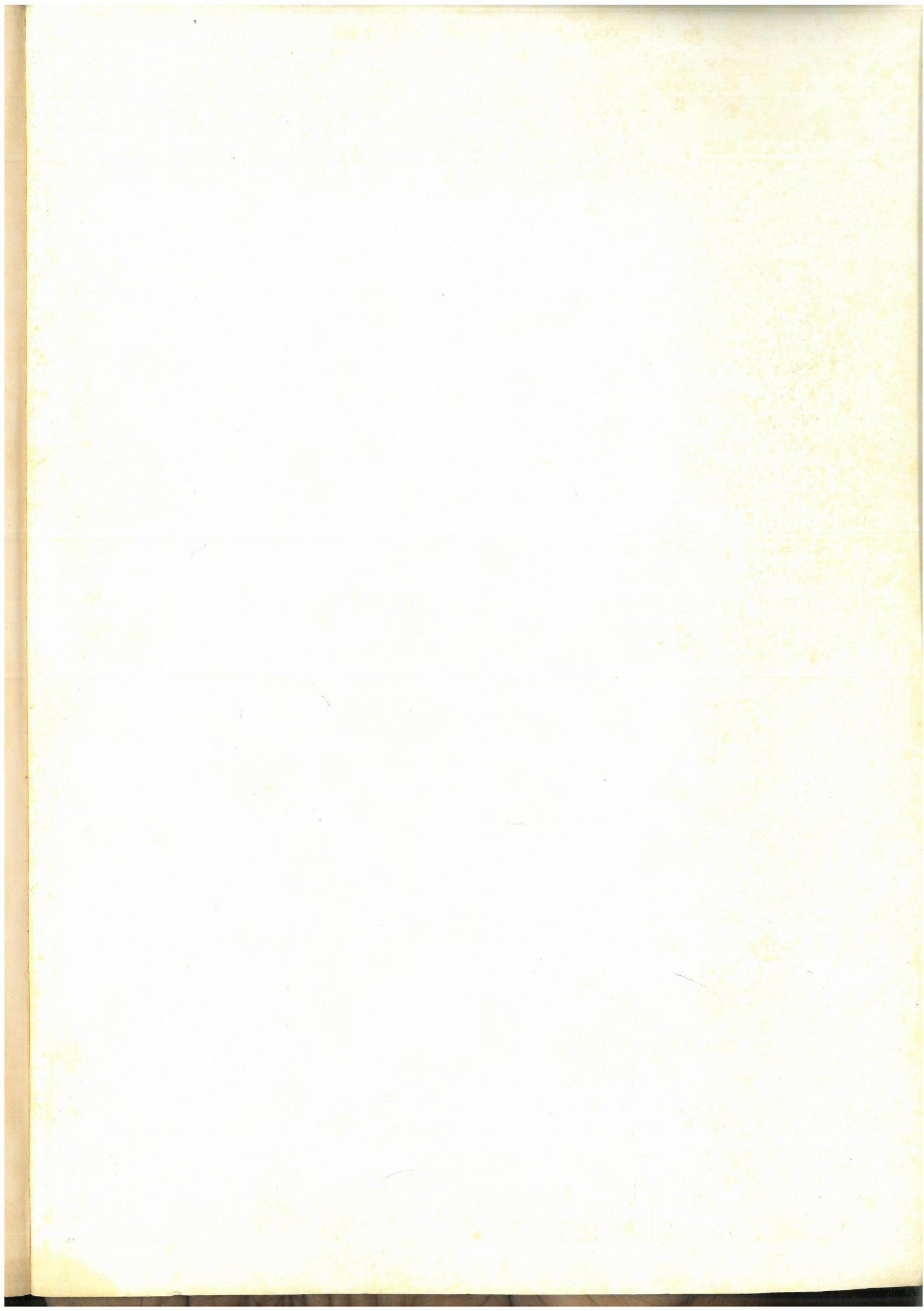
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පාසල් සමයේ පැව්වීමාමයේ සොයුරුයෙක් මෙන් අප හා එකවුතු රැමි, පැසින්තා, රෝස්මරි, ශිරාති යන ගුරුවරියන් අපේ පාසල් දීවිය රසවිත කරන්නට එකවුතු ගුරුවරියන්ය.

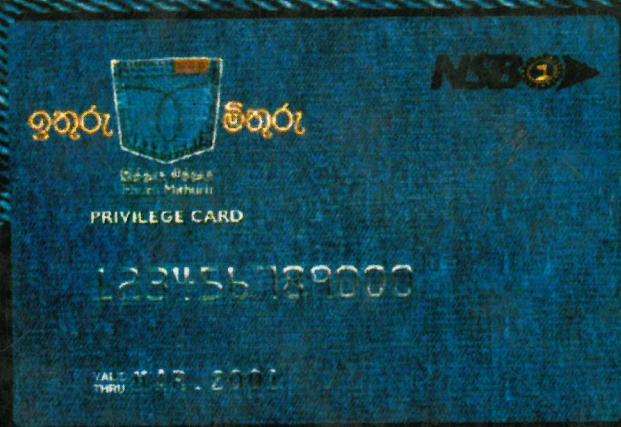
දෙනය ව්‍යින්නට, ගුහා දැඟීම් වරධනය කර ගත්තට, ව්‍යුහා පිටිය ජය ගත්තට කළ රසය විදින්නට, නායකත්වයෙන් කටයුතු කරන්නට එකස්ස්ව, එකස්ස්ව නිසි මෙයෙහි පිය මිනින්නට සඛිවිතම මග යැන්වන ගාන්ත ලෝරන්ස් විද පිශා මතා තොන්තැන්නකි. දුර්විතයේ අත්‍යාගය සර්සුර කරන්නා වූ ඉදුධිම් කාර්ස්ස්ම් හා කරයාවන්න ගුරු කැපුක එකවුත් සිවින උසස්ව තක්සීලාවකි.

පන්සිල නිසා කරන්නට පෙර හද බැතියෙන් කළුල් පිරි දෙනෙන්ත සිත්කළ දුරු එක දේවතාවියක් ඇතු. ඒ මගේ පාසල් දීවිය තොමැනෙන් සට්ටු හඳු කොනාක නිබුද කිතිකවන අප අකුරු කරන සමයේ වැඩිම කාලයක පාසල් විශ්වාස්ථානි දුරු ගරු නිවාසි කන්න සොයුරුයි. ඔබ මෙලුවින සමුළුතද ගාන්ත ලෝරන්ස් සුමිය තුළ ඔබේ ගුහා සුවද තවමත තාවරි ඇතු. ඔබේ දීර්ඝයෙන් ගෙන්නාදු ව්‍යුහා දේශාකාරය සදා සිත්වටනයකි. ඔබේ කරයාබිජ කිව්ච තවමත රැවී දෙන්නා යේය. ඔබ කළ විශාල මෙයෙය තවමත සිත්වන්නේය. ඔබ නිසිග මොක්සුව ලැබේවා

ඉදින දැකාබර ගාන්ත ලෝරන්ස් විශ්වාස්ථානියන්, අප ඔබෙන් දැ මිල කළ නොගැනීය. මෙවන පාසලක මා හට සිත් සතර කරන්නට ඉසීම මා දේ භාග්‍යයකි. ඔබ අපට පහත වැඩකම්ය. අපේ දීවිය මෙන් තොට අර්ථිදැයකම්ය. සැමදා දීලෙන සඳුක්මය. පාසල් මුවනි, ඔබට වසර සියුයක පිරින මෙවන දීවිය ඔබේ දැරුවන් දැයක ගාන්තක අතරන් කෙනෙකු වන මා ප්‍රාරුහා කරන එකම එක දැයකි. එනම් ඒ දු මාතාවට වැඩිදුයි සියුවියක් රැසක අප පාසල් විශි රෝවා යෙනාය.



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