

About the Editors

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He has been visiting Professor of Catholic Dogmatic Theology and Missiology at: Pontifical Institute, 'Regina Mundi' in Rome; Pontifical Institute of the Sciences of Education, 'Auxilium' in Rome; Rome Centre of the Loyola University in Chicago, USA., and at the Pontifical Urban University, Rome.

He has published three books: *Jnaneshvari, Path to Liberation; Journeying Together* (in English, French and Italian), a Marathi translation and short commentary on the Vatican II document, *Lumen Gentium*. He has also published over a hundred articles in various international academic journals of theology. On 16 Jan. 2008, Pope Benedict XVI has appointed as Bishop of Nashik with personal title Archbishop. He is now Archbishop of Vasai Diocese.

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From the year 2000, he is Theological Consultor, C.C.B.I. Commission for Doctrine and Theological Consultant, Catholic Medical Guild of St. Luke, Mumbai. He is also a Life Member of the National Catholic Bioethics Centre (NCBC), Philadelphia, USA. He is a Member and Consultant, International Association of Catholic Bioethicists (IACB), Toronto. He is the Secretary, Permanent Diaconate Programme, Archdiocese of Bombay. He has presented research papers on Ethics and Justice issues at local, national and international conferences. He has to his credit published articles in various journals on Ethical issues and issues of justice and peace.

In May 2006, he received the Pope John XXI International Award “Premium Deontologiae” for research on the occasion of the XXII World Congress of the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations (FIAMC) in Barcelona, Spain. In January 2008, he received “The Iustitia et Pax Medallion” from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Vatican City in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the promotion of Justice and Peace.

Dr. Marie Fernandes: Principal of St. Andrew’s College, Mumbai from 2006. She is also a member of the Academic Council at the University of Mumbai and a recognized Research Guide. Her book “*The Animal Fable in Modern Literature*” was published in 1996. She has to her credit 35 research articles published in journals both in India and abroad. She was awarded the prestigious – ‘International Visitor’s Leadership Award’, funded by the U.S State Department in 2010 and visited Colleges and Universities across the US.

About the Contributors

Cardinal Oswald Gracias (born 24 December 1944) is an Indian Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church. He was appointed Archbishop of Bombay by Pope Benedict XVI on 14 October 2006 and was raised to the cardinalate in 2007.

In 2008, he became Vice-President of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India; and in 2010, he was elected President.

He is also the President of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences. On 13 April 2013, he was appointed to the eight-member Council of Cardinals, informally the Council of Cardinal Advisers, established by Pope Francis to help with governing the Catholic Church and reforming its central administration.

He had been mentioned as a possible contender to succeed Pope Benedict XVI, who resigned in 2013.

Stefania Costanza: current **Consul General of Italy in Mumbai**, has had a varied career both in terms of responsibilities and postings. Having served in the United Nations, and worked in locations like Kabul and Buenos Aires, she understands challenges in developed and under-developed countries. In her role as the Consul General of Italy in Mumbai, she strongly believes that Italy has much to offer to India— both in terms of education and tourism.

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Dr. Frazer Mascarenhas - SJ has served as the Principal of St. Xavier's College in Mumbai since 2003, having begun teaching there in 1988. He has served on numerous education committees and initiatives, including a current term on a Steering Committee of the Planning Commission of India to recommend financial allocation for Higher and Technical Education, during the 12th Five Year Plan of the Government of India.

An alumnus of St. Xavier's High School, Mascarenhas earned a BA in Sociology from St. Xavier's College. After joining the Society of Jesus, he earned his MA in Sociology from Pune University. He also studied at Loyola University, Chicago and earned his PhD from Mumbai University. His thesis focused on the indigenous people of India (the adivasis) and their distinctive cultural identity.