

About the Editors

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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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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.

Note on the Contributors

1. **Dr. Maria Louisa Rossi** is a Pharmacologist from the University of Mumbai. She has completed the basic Course of Bio Medical Ethics. For the last 30 years she has been an active member of the Focolare Movement, a Catholic Ecclesial Movement for universal brotherhood. She has over 20 years of experience in teaching the Italian language and culture to Students, Consulate Employees and Senior and Middle Management of various companies in India. As an experienced trainer she has been Consultant to Multinational Organization. For the last two years she has been working at the Italian Consulate as Interpreter and Translator and for the last few months as a personal secretary to Consul General.
2. **Dr. Sr. Teresa Joseph, fma** belongs to the Bombay Province of the Salesian Sisters. She holds a Master’s in Science of Education with specialization in Catechetics from Auxilium Rome and a PhD in Missiology with specialization in Inter-religious Studies from the Gregorian University Rome. She is on the Executive Committee of St. Andrew’s College for the Cardinal Paul Poupard Foundation Chair of Inter-Religious and Inter-Cultural Dialogue. She is also the animator of Auxilium Convent Pali Hill and the Manager of Auxilium Convent High School. Teresa has been recently

appointed Secretary, CBCI Office for dialogue and desk for ecumenism. Besides being a visiting professor to a few Faculties she conducts seminars, orientation programs and retreats for teachers and young people.

She is a freelance writer and contributes articles for various journals in India and abroad. Her published works include *Dream Big Dream True* (BYB Mumbai 2004), *Family of Truth: The Liminal Context of Inter-Religious Dialogue* (Rome 2005), *Teachers are Like Stars* (BYB Mumbai 2009) and *Family of Truth: The Liminal Context of Inter-Religious Dialogue an Anthropological and Pedagogical Enquiry* (ISPCK Delhi 2009). She has launched and co-edited an animation book for the family titled *Stay Connected in the Circle of Love* (Media House, 2007) and another one titled: *Teen Q'S* (Media House, 2009) *John Paul II A Pilgrim on the Roads of the World Celebrating 25 Years of the Paradigm of Assisi* (ISPCK Delhi 2011).

Rev. Dr. Gilbert de Lima has completed his doctorate in theology from the Pontifical Urban University, Rome. He has worked as a resident professor at St Pius College, Goregaon, Mumbai from 1985 to 2011, and continues to teach as a visiting professor. He was the Dean of Studies at St Pius College from 2006-2011. He was the Chairperson of the Conference of Diocesan Priests of the Archdiocese of Bombay (2009 to 2012). He is the Convenor of the Ecumenical Commission of the Archdiocese of Bombay. He is an Executive Member of the Interreligious Dialogue Commission of the Archdiocese of Bombay. He is the Director of the Permanent Diaconate Committee, Archdiocese of Bombay and an Executive Member of the International Diaconate Centre, Rottenburg-Stuttgart, Germany. He has authored books, articles and read papers at national and international symposia.

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have also been published in several national and Inter-national journals. .She has been the recipient of the Shastri Fellowship on two occasions [Graduate Award -1990] and [Faculty Enrichment -1998]. Dr. Bhelande has been in the teaching profession since 1980.As a teacher and researcher her areas of interest are Holistic Education, Spiritual Philosophy ,Feminism, Canadian Studies and Rhetoric. Recently she has initiated and established ‘The Centre for Mindfulness and Well-being ‘ in Ruia College.

4. **Dr. Marie Fernandes** is Principal of St. Andrew’s College, Mumbai. She is also a member of the Board of Studies in English at the University of Mumbai and a recognized Research Guide. The title of her PhD thesis was “*The Animal Fable in Modern Literature*”. This was subsequently published in 1996. She has to her credit a number of 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.
5. **Dr. Avinash de Souza** is a Consultant Psychiatrist & Psychotherapist, Consultant HRD Trainer, Corporate Trainer and Life Coach, Consultant School Psychiatrist & Counsellor. He works with over 15 mainstream and special schools in Mumbai as a Visiting School Psychiatrist, Counsellor and School Mental Health Expert. He conducts workshops on Psychological Problems in Children and Adolescents, Mental Retardation, Autism, Developmental Disabilities, Sex Education, Study Skills, Stress- Behavioural Management and Time Management & Brain Based Education for Students, Teachers and Parents.

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7. **Prof. Sharmila Dhote** is a senior member in the faculty of Psychology at St. Andrew's College and has completed 18 years of teaching in college. Apart from her academic duties she held a number of portfolios assigned to her. She worked as a member of the Examination Committee, Quiz Committee and Canteen Committee. At the University level she has been appointed as an Examiner for the TYBA exams and as a Moderator for the SYBA exams.

Currently she is in charge of the Cardinal Paul Poupard Foundation for Inter-Religious and Inter-Cultural Dialogue which she actively co-ordinates. She has organized International seminars and symposiums on inter-religious and inter-cultural issues and various other activities and programmes to make the organization vibrant and meaningful. She has also presented a paper at Milan, Italy titled "Eat, Pray and Love".

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Along with over 9 years of experience as a Professor, she takes active interest to visit new places. Driven out of her experiences of one such visit at the Holy river Ganga, she presented an article that explores new dimensions on Religious significance of Water.

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10. **Prof. Neeraj Shukla** Asst. Professor of B.Sc (IT) He is young and an energetic face of youth. He believes that through holistic education one should be able to stand on one's feet. He comes from a Maths and IT background but is well read in subjects like Philosophy, Psychology, History and Geography. He is held in high esteem by his students who have fondly named him "GOOGLE". He cleared the UPSC exams and secured a high rank, but chose to be a teacher.