





St. Andrew's College

## Memorandum of Understanding

In a world oscillating between indifference and fanaticism, His Eminence Cardinal Paul Poupard, collaborator of the sovereign Pontiffs John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul II and Benedict XVI is one of the most qualified representatives for dialogue which has been perceived by these Popes as a significant means to establish peaceful and long-lasting coexistence between nations and different civilizations.

The Cardinal Paul Poupard Foundation intends to conserve and make use of the considerable patrimony of culture and relations that Cardinal Paul Poupard has created over many years, in seeking to encourage cultural initiatives that can foster the coming together and understanding between traditions and religions of the world, by promoting initiatives in different fields in universities throughout the world, helping students with grants and instituting the "Cardinal Paul Poupard" Prize.

Cardinal Oswald Gracias feels honoured to share the patrimony of the experience of Cardinal Paul Poupard and recognizes the creation of the Chair of Inter-Cultural and Inter-Religious Dialogue as a significant instrument to foster peace and harmony in the Indian context.

Therefore, in the light of the above, it is agreed as follows:

- 1. The Cardinal Paul Poupard Chair of Inter-Religious and Inter-Cultural Dialogue at St. Andrew's College, Bandra, Mumbai 400050, India be established at the behest of Cardinal Paul Poupard and Cardinal Oswald Gracias. Accordingly, an Executive Committee has been constituted in order to promote a vision of peace and harmony for the holistic development of society.
- 2. The Cardinal Paul Poupard Foundation has provided 31, 000 Euros for the academic year 2009-2010 for the Chair of Inter-religious and Inter-cultural Dialogue set up at St. Andrew's College, Bandra.

The Cardinal Paul Poupard Foundation shall provide the same amount of 31, 000 Euros for the subsequent years in two instalments per year, every September and January. In case of any additional financial needs, St Andrew's College can make such request three months in advance in order to seek the approval of the Foundation. Under the circumstances, the Foundation will try to consider it favourably. At any rate the two Institutions will work out a solution.

- 3. Every year the Chair will publish an Annual Review and the Foundation will cover the cost of 2, 000 Euros per year for such publication.
- 4. The objectives of such Chair are to develop cross-cultural and inter-disciplinary research of religions, cultures and economic issues, by also involving different colleges in the city of Mumbai.

In particular, the Chair shall implement such objectives through lectures, seminars, workshops and other initiatives to be decided. The students attending such courses shall be given credits in proportion to the length of their study recognized by St. Andrew's College and hopefully by all the other colleges which recognize the Chair.

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on 19 September 2009 at St. Andrew's College, Bandra, Mumbai

Signatories:

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## Management Committee for The Cardinal Paul Poupard Foundation Chair:

- 1. Cardinal Oswald Gracias (Chairperson)
- 2. Archbishop Felix Machado (Ex Officio, Card. Paul Poupard Foundation)
- 3. Adv. Giuseppe Musumeci (Ex Officio, Card. Paul Poupard Foundation)
- 4. Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues (Manager)
- 5. Dr. Marie Fernandes (Principal)
- 6. Sr. Dr. Teresa Joseph (Secretary)