

Bishop of Mangalore meets Mangaloreans in Canada Events

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"I have come to meet my people"

This was a poignant expression of His Excellency's tremendous love for the Mangalorean Christian community in Canada. The Mangalorean Association of Canada (MAC) assisted by Rev. Fr. Edwin D'Souza, Pastor of St. Martha and Mary Church, Mississauga, organized a Eucharistic celebration followed by a reception on Friday, June 13, 2003.

Concelebrating the Mass with Rev. Fr. Edwin D'Souza and Rev. Fr. Ferdinand Gonsalves, The Most Rev. Dr. Aloysius D'Souza, Bishop of Mangalore, delivered a profound and clear message. "If God has blessed you, let the blessing be continued through you to those who are not as blessed as you are; that goodwill I am sure you will show to the least of your brethren." The enthusiastic congregation contributed generously at the Offertory in support of His Excellency's projects and missions in Mangalore. His Excellency particularly mentioned St. Joseph's Engineering College, Fr. Muller's Medical College and a Scholarship Fund.

Rev. Sr. Ferdinanda from the Liturgical Apostolate Centre, Toronto was also present at the celebration.

At the reception arranged in his honour, MAC presented His Excellency with a memento. His Excellency then addressed the gathering and advocated unity among Christians and a continuance of family values and traditions. He encouraged Mangaloreans in Canada to sustain MAC by participating in the numerous activities organized by them and to create a "home away from home". His Excellency expressed gratitude to Rev. Fr. Edwin D'Souza and MAC for giving him an opportunity to meet Mangaloreans in the Greater Toronto Area. He also thanked the congregation, including those who could not be present, for their love and support assuring them all of his prayers and guidance.

The Mangalorean Association of Canada sincerely appreciates the hard work and dedication of all those, especially the members and their families, who aided in organizing the Eucharistic celebration and reception.

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