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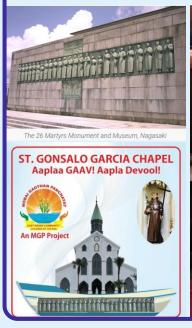
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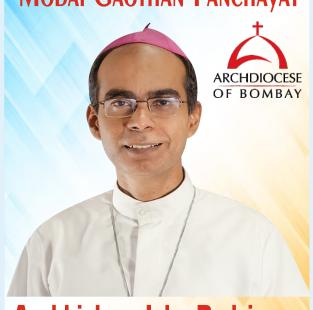
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19th March 2023, MGP presented the 1st Copy to Bishop John of the East Indian Samaj Archdiocese - EISA Policy, a list of Bhumiputra demands to the Archdiocese.

Little did we know he would be an Archbishop of Bombay in a couple of years.

Aaplaa Gaav! Aaplaa Raaj! Indigenous People Have the First Right!





Juhu Gauthan Republic Day Flag Hoisting Ceremony 2025

Flag hoisting by - Elizabeth Pereira Special Guest - Renu Hansraj, Juhu Ex Corporator - Ward 69 Sarpanches - Darryl Gonsalves and Cyrus Misquitta Gaothan Coordinators - Elroy Bugree & Savio Misquitta Compere - Alistair Dsouza Venue support - Renuka Pereira, Wangs Tailors Special Support - Albert, Rosen Gonsalves, Gleason Barretto, Santosh & Subhash

Organised by - MGP Juhu Unit and GARAJ



ORLEMKAR'S PICNIC AT MANORI "FERREIRA FARMS"

ORGANISED BY MOBAI GAOTHAN PANCHAYAT (ORLEM) FEBRUARY 1ST, 2025

A day full of fun, games, singing, dancing, laughter and interacting with each other.

Taluka Sarpanch Bonny and his able bodied team, to mention a few like Celsus, Sidney, Basil, Clara, Cynthia, Jerry, Adlon and the rest made it a day to remember! - 2 -

GAOTHAN VOICE: FEBRUARY 2025



EIntroze 2025

MGPs East Indian Carnival Revival Project



INVITING GOTHS (FAMILIES) & VILLAGES BASED ASSOCIATIONS

Let's keep our rich traditions alive and vibrant. Mobai Gaothan Panchayat proudly presents the Elntroze 2025, a MGP Revival Project where we aim to host 50+ traditional gatherings this year!

MGPs Introze Guidelines

- 1. Finalize the Introze celebration day, ideally a day prior to Ash Wednesday.
- 2. Collect contributions per family or seek sponsors for the celebration.
- 3. Arrange all necessary items with an East Indian traditional theme.
- 4. Prepare the iconic Mutton Khuddi for the Introze dinner.
- 5. Arrange for cooking by men or women, or order from a local caterer.
- 6. Hire an East Indian brass band to add authentic flair.
- 7. Clean the village square and decorate with buntings.
- 8. Ladies dressed in their best to welcome newlyweds with mogra flowers
- 9. Process with a satir around the Gaothan to the celebration venue.
- 10. Bring your own plates or organizers can arrange them.
- 11. Enjoy fun, games, music, and dance in the evening.
- 12. Serve refreshments, including the traditional drink Khimad in chownis.
- 13. Men to serve the special Mutton Khuddi dinner.

Guidelines - Curated Specially for MGP

Be part of something special! Organizers following East Indian traditions, reach out to us on WhatsApp- 9820545302 or at mgpmobai@gmail.com to have your names featured on MGP's social media platforms and other mediums.

Let's come together and make Introze a memorable celebration of our cherished traditions!



DOUGLAS LOBO - 1957 TO 2025

He was truly a social worker, a selfless man ready to help anyone with their civic issues be it water, Gutter or even the occasional dustbin problem. His association with our local MLA Sanjay Potnis bears witness to his activism.

Founder of Vakola East Indian association and it's First president in 2003.

He was appointed MGP (Mobai Gaothan Panchayat) Sarpanch in 2010 which post he held until his demise.

Douglas was the President of the SVP (St Vincent de Paul) in our parish and represented Vakola at the Head office in Dadar.

He also headed the Senior citizen group which was and is very active group and this was very close to his heart.

He was an integral part of Helping Hands at our lady of vailankani, Madras under the leadership of Jeyaraj Anthony. His annual visit to Madras continuously since over 25 years shows his love for our lady of vailankani...

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MGP CONNECT

Meet! Decide! Act!



MGP TEAM MEETS MP VARSHA GAIKWAD

MGP Team had a meeting for more than an hour with Mumbai North Central MP Varsha Gaikwad on Thursday, 16th January 2024





Points discussed

- * Mumbai Bhumiputra Policy
- * Gaothan Beautification & Restoration Project
- * Special Goathan policy in DP included as a Chapter
- * East Indian Community recognition as Indigenous People
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- * Renaming of Santacruz East metro station to Vakola

MGP MP Coordinator Vicky Peter Misquitta
MGP Team members present - Alphi Dsouza & Gleason Barretto

MGP Team thanks MP Varsha Gaikwad for her time and interest to support and initiate projects for the East Indian Community and the Gaothans.

East Indian Music Awards - EIMA 2025 Appreciation East Indian Talent in Music, Entertain & Art

Date - Saturday, 26th April 2025

Time - 7pm

Venue - St Andrew's School Quadrangle, Bandra

MGP invites you to share your nominations. Nominate today to see your favorite award recipients. Give your reference to Songs and Singers if additionally needed.

Basis nominations, the MGP MusEIc Project Team will finalize taking the inputs from our Music Advisors.

EIMA 2025 - Award Categories

East Indian Male Singer of the Year

East Indian Female Singer of the Year

East Indian Duet Singer of the Year

East Indian Song of the Year

East Indian Music Composer of the Year

East Indian Music Video of the Year

East Indian Brass Band of the Year

East Indian Competition Band of the Year

East Indian Music Producer of the Year

East Indian Male Child Artiste Song of the Year

East Indian Female Child Artiste of the Year

East Indian Group Song of the Year

East Indian Music Lifetime Achievement of the Year

East Indian Voice of the Year

East Indian Rhythm Player of the Year

East Indian Blowing Player of the Year

*You can also nominate for a category not listed above and related to Music, Entertainment and Art.

Last date to send nominations: 5th March 2025

Send your nominations to eastindianvoice@gmail.com or WhatsApp on 9820545302.

Sponsors by cheque or in kind and Quotes welcome - Award trophies, LED screen, Video, Sound, Musician, stalls, decorators, Backdrop, and other requirements.

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Aaplaa Gaav! Aaplaa Sant!



LIFE AND TIMES OF ST. GONSALO GARCIA:

Early Life (1557 - 1572)

- Born on 6th February 1557 in Bassein, India (now Vasai, Maharashtra) to a Portuguese father and an Indian mother.
- Baptized as Gonsalo Garcia.
- Raised in a devout Catholic family.

Education and Vocation (1572 - 1580)

- Studied at the Jesuit College in Bassein.
- Joined the Jesuits as a novice in 1572.
- Took his vows in 1578.

Missionary Work (1580 - 1593)

- Sent to Japan as a missionary in 1580.
- Worked in the provinces of Bungo and Arima.
- Preached the Gospel, baptized converts, and established Christian communities.

Persecution and Martyrdom (1593-1597)

- Persecution against Christians intensified in Japan.
- Gonsalo Garcia was arrested in 1593 and imprisoned in Omura.
- Transferred to Nagasaki, where he was executed by crucifixion on February 5, 1597.

Canonization and Legacy

- Beatified in 1627.
- Canonized as a saint by Pope Pius IX in 1862.
- First Indian saint.
- Feast day: February 6

Interesting Facts

- Gonsalo Garcia was fluent in several languages, including Marathi, Portuguese, Spanish and Japanese.
- He was known for his kindness, humility, and devotion to his faith.
- His martyrdom inspired many Christians in Japan and India to remain faithful despite persecution.



MGP to dedicate February month to St Gonsalo Garcia - Bhartiya Maha Sant

MGP will dedicate the entire month of February toward awareness to India's First Catholic Saint born in Maharashtra.

MGP will release and announce various projects and initiatives dedicated to the East Indian Native & Patron Saint thought this month. As per MGPs basic research not much is known of St Gonsalo Garcia hence an urgent need to create awareness.

In the first our Awareness series, we have a video created by Warren Fernandes, MGP International Coordinator of New Zealand during his visit to Nagasaki during his Japan Tour. (YouTube - St Gonzalo Garcia & 26 Saints of Japan)

This video very nicely captures the three sites at Nagasaki - Monument, Musuem and Aura Church. This is one of MGPs projects to promote devotion to our Native and Patron Saint Gonsalo Garcia by supporting tours to Nagasaki.



St Gonsalo Garcia Project

Bhartiya Maha Sant - Patron Saint of the East Indian Community

MGPs 10 Year Plan - Mission 25 Years Jubilee

In Association & Coordination with Government Authorities, Diocesan Hierarchy, Churches, Local Groups and Community Members

- 1. **St Gonsalo Garcia Chapel** in Bombay diocese the first ever religious structure dedicated to our Native Saint in Archdiocese of Bombay
- 2. **Historical & Heritage** Tours to places in the life of St Gonsalo Garcia like Nagasaki and Vasai
- 3. Religious Books & Merchandise based on our saint
- 4. **Installation of Statues** in Churches, at Gaothan Holy Crosses and homes
- 5. Vasai Fort Restoration keeping St Gonsalo Garcia as a theme
- 6. St Gonsalo Garcia Museum to be set up at Vasai
- 7. New Hymns and Songs dedicated to St Gonsalo Garcia
- 8. Art installation or Large Statue of our saint installed at a prominent location
- 9. **St Gonsalo Garcia to be officially recognised** as Bhartiya Maha Sant by the Government
- 10. **Special Weekly Novena dedication** at a Church to promote Devotion to St Gonsalo Garcia

We look forward to your support and prayers as we strive to Promote this Native Devotion and Create awareness about St Gonsalo Garcia

For feedback, suggestions and to support whatsapp us on 9820545302

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MGP IN THE NEWS

Exclusive News Coverage



2nd Day Of the Year! 2 Newspaper coverage! Perfect Way to Begin the New Year 2025

MGP in the NEWS - Midday & Hindustan Times Thursday, 2nd January 2025 Midday - Page 6 Hindustan Times - Page 4

Smart Gaothan - MGPs Beautification and Restoration Project

Objectives - Giving Gaothans the East Indian Identity

Project Brief

- *Smart Gaothan project to be initiated and managed by MGP which will also try for Government recognition
- *A Gaothan should have a minimum of 5 parameters to qualify
- *Gaothans that meet the parameters specified will be considered as a **Certified Gaothan**
- *The Model Gaothan for this Project will be announced soon
- *The Smart Gaothan Project will be initiated through Government funds, CSR or through local associations crowd funding
- *MGP will also provide designs for the Smart Gaothan Project by forming an advisory board of professionals and experts

Support list & responsibilities - Advisory Board - Professionals, Experts, **Activists**

Chief Coordinator - Will lead the project and be the overall Coordinator Core Coordinating Team - will play an active part led by Chief Coordinator Project Support Team - will give basic support in coordinating in local villages or the vicinity

To be a part of this MGP Project whatsapp on 9820545302





MGP in the NEWS -**Free Press Journal Online** Saturday, 18th January 2025

MGP Team Meets MP Varsha Gaikwad -First Agenda Point - Name Change of To Reflect Local Heritage Santacruz Metro station to Vakola

Special coverage on MGP Team given to the Member of Parliament from meeting with Mumbai North Central MP Varsha Gaikwad on Thursday, 16th FPJ News Service Updated: Saturday, January 18, 2025, January 2024

FREE PRESS JOURNAL HOME MUMBAINEWS FPJ SHORTS

Mumbai: East Indian Community **Urges Renaming Of Metro 3 Stations**

The demand was made by community group, Mobai Gaothan Panchayat, in a memorandum Mumbai North West, Varsha Gaikwad, on Thursday, January 16.

12:23 AM IST

Points discussed

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MGP Team thanks MP Varsha Gaikwad for her time and interest to support and initiate projects for the East Indian Community and the Gaothans.

MGP in the NEWS - Free Press Journal FREE PRESS JOURNAL **Online** Sunday, 26th January 2025

Archbishop John Rodrigues New Head of the Archdiocese of Bombay - East Indians, Mumbai's Indigenous People Finally get a Native Bishop

Special coverage on MGPs Congratulatory Press Release on the appointment of the New Head of community of Mumbai Metropolitan Archdiocese of Bombay, Archbishop for him and look forward to his support to John Rodrigues from the Indigenous promote and preserve our language, culture, tradition, heritage, history, People Community of Mumbai, Bhumiputra East Indian Samaj.

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The Mobai Gaothan Parishad, a group representing the indigenous East Indian community said that they were happy that the city's Archbishop is a fellow East Indian. "MGPs long standing demand for indigenous people's clergy head has been granted starting with the Archbishop of Bombay. We look forward to similar appointments of Bishops, Deans and other diocesan council heads from the indigenous people of Mumbai,

challenging times for the East Indian existence and identity, said MGP in a

MGPs long standing demand for indigenous People Clergy heads has been granted starting with the Archbishop of Bombay. We look forward to similar appointments of Bishops, Rectors, Deans and other Diocesan council heads from the Indigenous People of Bombay, Bhumiputra East Indian Samai

MGP Team thanks the Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Bombay for their Prayers and Support



MGP NOTICE BOARD



The Announcement for the East Indian Community

East Indians demand Indigenous People Housing and Bhavan Complex at Goregaon Seminary

MGP has clearly communicated that these projects cannot be undertaken going forward as East Indians are Orignal owners and their Housing is of utmost importance

- *The Indigenous People of Mumbai Metropolitan Region, East Indians have donated a Majority of lands in the Archdiocese of Bombay
- *The community has housing issues and has been demanding the same from Bombay Diocese with no positive response
- *The East Indian Samaj is saddened that the Seminary is going for development against the interest of the East Indian Community
- *As per update received the Diocese wanted to build a convention centre and has now decided to give it to a Group of hotels for development
- *Additionally, all redevelopment projects of Diocesan buildings should also provide Housing for the East Indian Community
- *The Diocesan Seminary houses many convents and welfare centres hence the East Indian Bhavan on this land is a must

MGP has sent regular communications to the archdiocese for the last 15 years for East Indian Housing and Bhavan and has not got a positive response. An action plan to take this forward will be taken soon and communicated to the religious Authorities, Community leaders and Associations.

MGP Team Congratulates Bishop John Rodrigues on his appointment as Archbishop of Bombay. Archbishop John is an East Indian Community member from Mumbai.

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We look forward with great hope in this challenging times for the East Indian Community of Mumbai Metropolitan Region as Indigenous People. We pray for him and look forward to his support to Promote and Preserve our Language, Culture, Tradition, Heritage, History, Existence and Identity

IS KALA GHODA FESTIVAL A MUMBAI BASED FESTIVAL??

Mumbai Bhumiputra East Indian Samaj -Indigenous People themed events not considered-Time to give the Natives of Mumbai their basic right of Existence & Identity

The East Indian Community are the Bhumiputra community (Indigenous People) of Mumbai Metropolitan Region who played a major role in the foundation and contribution to Mumbai City have been forgotten by the Festival Organising Team

The points put forward to the organisers of the Kala Ghoda Association for future consideration: -

- * A musical and dance event showcasing Mumbai's Indigenous People Culture and Tradition
- * An Exhibition on the Indigenous People of Mumbai.
- * A heritage walks to one of the closest Gaothans to the festival region
- * Bhumiputra Samaj Food Festival to display the food speciality of the East Indian Community
- * Display of books based on the Indigenous People of Mumbai
- * A stall showcasing Indigenous people handicrafts and Merchandise
- * Workshops and representation of the Indigenous People across all verticals with a Minimum of one event

As Mobai Gaothan Panchayat celebrates its 15th year, it's theme this year is to promote and preserve East Indian Language, Culture, Tradition, Heritage, History, Existence and Identity.

GAOTHAN VOICE - SUPPORT TEAM

Join our Team - Let's Write Together Inviting Writers, Homemakers, Students, Senior's and more.

The Year 2025 will see a New Look Gaothan Voice gearing up to be the East Indian Family Magazine

Job list

Overall Coordinator - to coordinator with the larger team to ensure timely release

Editorial team member - a write up atleast once a quarter. The write up will be featured basis theme

Edits Coordinator - support to edit all write ups to be featured in GV

Content collection manager - Sourcing content from existing books to be featured in various regular pages

Special page managers - to manage any of these pages like East Indian Masala, Interviews, Career & Education, News, Music

Event listing Coordinator - to collate all events across the East Indian scene

Advertisement manager - to connect for advertisement and maintain data-follow up on packages

Contests coordinator - to run contests and announce winners

Finance Manager - to manage the financials for GV

Postage Coordinator - to manage the post of GV to subscribers and donors

Mailing list Coordinator - to maintain mail and well as email list

Photo Coordinator - collate and finalise the photos and illustrations to be covered

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EAST INDIAN SANN 2025



MGP Annual East Indian Community Festival

The Annual East Indian Community Festival has 4 Events as mentioned below:

Sr. No.	Event Name	Place	Place	Time
1	East Indian Food Festival & Music Awards	St Andrew's Quadrangle, Bandra	26 th April 2025	5.00 pm to 10.00 pm
2	Gaothan Games	St Andrew's School Grounds, Bandra	04 th May 2025	10.00 am onwards
3	East Indian Days	Kaka Baptista East Indian Museum, Manori	18 th May 2025	09.30 am onwards
4	East Indian Baazaar	St Andrew's School Canteen, Bandra	24 th May 2025	05.00 pm to 9.00 pm

The Festival Sponsor Rates for East Indian Sann 2025 are as follows:

Title Sponsor - Rs. 2,00,000/-

Special Banner, common banner, social media, special invite **Associate Sponsor – Rs. 1,00,000/-**

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Common banner, social media, special invite

*We invite your support in the form of Sponsorships, Advertisements or Donations for our Festival and around 50 Community Projects.

*You can support in kind by being our Annual Festival Partner for various requirements like Banners, Trophies, Stall kiosks, Jerseys, Decorators, Merchandise, LED Screen, Stage, Lights, Contest prizes, Table & Chairs, Sound system, Video & Photography, Water, Refreshments, etc.....

*Cheques to be drawn in favor of 'Mobai Gaothan Panchayat'

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For details you may contact 9820087771

MGP also plans to organise multiple events in association with other groups & businesses during the annual festival months

*We thank you for your support in the past. This is a generic appeal sent to all our supporters to update on our planned events. If possible, do support

*Please support only if you are convinced that MGP Projects has been of great help to the East Indian Community.



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MGP - Aaplaa Gaav! Aapla Sann!

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EAST INDIAN COMMUNITY

The Mouthpiece of the Mobai Gaothan Panchayat

Bhartiya Maha Sant Cha Naav Sant Gonsalo Garcia Gaavo Gaav

MGP Launches St.Gonsalo Garcia Project

Gleason Barretto, Old Kurla

aharashtra's Native Saint and India's First Catholic Saint has to be given the honour and respect he rightfully deserves. Not many in the community know about our saint and there is an urgent need to promote this native devotion. MGP has decided to refer St.Gonsalo Garcia with the title, "Bhartiya Maha Sant." Bhartiya as he is India's First Catholic Saint, Maha because he was born in Vasai, Maharashtra and Sant as he is considered a big saint in native dioceses across Maharashtra state. The promotion of this title on all platforms will be initiated by MGP and its supporters.

wareness about our community saint needs to be planned immediately. MGP will initiate multiple awareness drives with an objective to make St Gonsalo Garcia a household name amongst the East Indian Community. An Advisory team mostly from the clergy will be requested to suggest ways to create awareness about our saint on the religious front. A competition for youth and children to drive awareness will be initiated to remember our saint through art and talent.

istory and Heritage needs to be given due importance in reference to St Gonsalo Garcia. We at MGP plan to map the entire life of St Gonsalo Garcia from birth till death and further more to canonization. Places that are significant in the life of St Gonsalo Garcia will be publicized and promoted. Our first initiative will be to laise with the authorities for Restoration of Vasai fort. A team of restoration and professional experts will draft a detailed plan keeping in mind the heritage of the fort. Historical tours to places of importance in the life of St Gonsalo Garcia like Nagasaki and Vasai are being planned with support from tour organisers.

ppreciation by the clergy has to be ensured across every Diocese in Maharashtra. St Gonsalo Garcia should be the first and principal patron saint of every Diocese in Maharashtra. A communication and awareness drive will be announced on this plan to acknowledge and appreciate our community Saint. Devotional materials like prayer cards, holy pictures and novenas booklets to promote St Gonsalo Garcia will be released with support from religious articles vendors or through sponsorship. The Clergy should install the statue of St Gonsalo Garcia at a prominent place in church premises and also ensure novenas in preparation for the feast. A Church should be designated to organise the Novenas on a much bigger scale like done in Mahim and Irla.

Special dedicated project will be launched by MGP with multiple strategies. The St.Gonsalo Garcia Project aims to initiate multiple initiatives to promote our saint in every village across Mumbai Metropolitan Region. This religious project promoting native devotions will be driven on all fronts to ensure maximum impact. The first phase of plans will be released this month as we have dedicated February for the first time ever as St Gonsalo Garcia month. This MGP project will include Advisors and Coordinators from a variety of sections like clergy, professionals, entrepreneurs, students, seniors, Homemakers and more.

cceptance by the Government authorities is a must and needs to be pursued actively. A formal communication will be sent to the Central and State Government to recognise and honour India's First Catholic Saint, Gonsalo Garcia. Government schemes dedicated to St Gonsalo Garcia will be suggested for implementation. Special art installations and dedicated Projects initiated by the Government will be demanded. The Government will be requested to issue a GR recognising St Gonsalo Garcia as Bharitya Maha Sant.

ative Saint should have a religious structure dedicated to our patron saint in Bombay Archdiocese. MGP has been following up on this issue for over a decade with the diocese but it has been ignored and forgotten. While Vasai Diocese has 3 Churches dedicated to Maharashtra's Bhumiputra saint on the other hand in Bombay diocese not a single church is dedicated to St Gonsalo Garcia. MGP hs decided to dedicate a Chapel to St Gonsalo Garcia and we are hoping to finalise the land soon. We are also reviewing possibility of art installations dedicated to our Community patron Saint.

Traditional aspects on devotion to our Saint needs to be revived and restored. The Vasai Killa Cha Sann needs to be promoted and revived to a bigger level. A statue of our saint should be installed at each Gaothan besides our Holy Crosses. Traditional processions to promote devotion, unity and cultural pride amongst the locals needs to be encouraged. A festival on the lines of the Vasai Killa Sann may be initiated in Bombay Diocese. A traditional celebration around the feast day may also be intimated. MGP looks forward to your support and prayers as we initiate one of our most interesting and challenging projects dedicated to St Gonsalo Garcia.

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GAOTHAN VOICE: FEBRUARY 2025

AN APPEAL

Mobai Gaothan Panchayat (MGP) is happy to announce its initiative in building the first religious structure in the Diocese of Mumbai dedicated to our East Indian Native and Patron Saint..

ST. GONSALO GARCIA CHAPEL Aaplaa GAAV! Aapla Devool!

Proposed site Mumbai City, Mumbai Suburb, Dharavi Beth, Thane & Raigad. Highlights

- *The First Religious structure in Bombay Archdiocese to be dedicated to our Native Saint.
- *The Chapel Fund generation will be actively initiated once the land is purchased or donated
- *The Chapel is likely to be opened by next year
- *We look forward for Support from Experts (Designers, architects, Sculptors, fabricators, etc) in building this Chapel.
- *Contributions by Cheque or in kind are welcome.
- *We plan to get relics from Japan and promote pilgrimage to Nagasaki.
- *Well known Altar designers to be a part of the project interiors.
- *The boat on which the Chapel will be built will be made by a well-known boat maker.



Bank details:

Account Name: ST GONSALO GARCIA CHAPEL

Bank Name: Bassein Catholic Coop Bank, Kalina Branch

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