

Karnataka

Bangalore: Gateway to South India and hub from where you can visit many historical and scenic places.* Goa, a famous holiday destination is very close as well, by train and air.

Cosmopolitan city
Silicon Valley of Asia
Bangalore Palace
Infant Jesus Church
St. Mary's Basilica
Hampi and Badami



Mysore

City of Palaces

Mysore Palace
St. Philomena's Church
Bandipur - Wildlife
Ooty - Hills



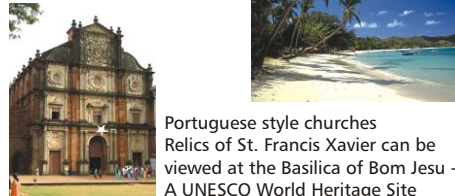
Maharashtra

Mumbai

Financial capital of India
Film City of India - Bollywood



Goa Sun-kissed beaches



Portuguese style churches
Relics of St. Francis Xavier can be viewed at the Basilica of Bom Jesu - A UNESCO World Heritage Site

Kerala - God's own country

Peaceful Backwaters
Ayurvedic Massages
Chinese Fishing Nets



Potta:
Divine Retreat Centre

Kottayam: Home of
India's First Saint - Sr. Alphonsa



The Golden Triangle

New Delhi
The capital of India
India Gate
Parliament House
Qutub Minar



Agra: Taj Mahal - Monument of Love
one of the Seven Wonders of the World



Jaipur - The Pink City

Kolkata - City of Joy
Home of Blessed Teresa



Victoria Memorial Kolkata

Glimpses of the South

Pondicherry: a former French colony settlement.

Mahabalipuram: World Heritage Site with beaches and rock-cut temples

Chennai: Arrival point of St. Thomas in India

Pondicherry: Church of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception

Vailankanni: Miraculous Shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Good Health



Come, experience Serra in India!

Preparation is on to host the Convention to welcome you!

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Namaste*



May 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

* Namaste: A greeting used in India with folded hands. It is a non-contact form of respectful greeting used while meeting a person of different gender, age or social status.



Save the Dates
May 2-4, 2014

The 17th Serra Asian Convention
Bangalore, INDIA



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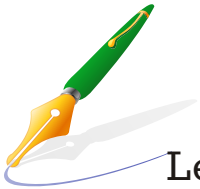
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Bangalore

February 2013

Presents

Serra India



Letter from the President

My Dear Serrans,

Greetings of Peace and Joy from the Bangalore Serrans!

More than six months have elapsed since many of us met at the 16th Serra Asian Convention in Macau. Warm, happy and unforgettable memories abound when we remember and discuss the Convention. What a wonderful spiritual experience it was with over 200 Serrans from all over Asia converging as one family.



Jeanette C D'Souza
President - SCB

Accepting the Serra Flag and Chalice was a profound moment and instantly the magnitude of its responsibility donned on our shoulders. At that moment, our Chaplain led us in prayer, thanking God for the Convention in Macau and invoking his blessings on us as we prepare for the first ever Convention in India 2014.

Preparations are on in earnest. We invoke the Lord's blessing on our endeavours so you can experience 'Serra in India', an experience as never before.

At a glance

Dates: May 2, 3 and 4, 2014 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).

"There has been a change in the dates since we met in Macau, kindly make a note and mark your calendars".

Programme: We will begin on Friday May 2nd morning with the Opening Mass so please plan to arrive a day in advance. We are also organizing some interactive programmes so Serrans can meet and exchange ideas.

Translations: Efforts are on to make translations of the talks available, in order that all of you can participate fully.

Venue: Bangalore, India. The international city that creates ripples in the IT world, as the Silicon Valley of Asia, with remnants of the British Raj and traces of the Garden City and Pensioner's Paradise. A cosmopolitan city, it is a melting pot of cultures and languages.

Tourism: India is an exciting destination (see brochure attached). You can start planning your sight seeing itinerary for a cultural or spiritual experience. Check with your Travel Agent for details.

Look forward to more details in our next Newsletter!

Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us.

With Serran wishes.

Jeanette C D'Souza
President - SCB

Serra Statement:

- There are vocations which manifest themselves
They must be fostered.
- There are vocations which are not conscious of themselves
They must be awakened.
- There are vocations which do not dare manifest themselves
They must be found and encouraged.
- There are vocations which are in fear of being lost
They must be reassured.
- There are vocations which meet with opposition
They must be strengthened.
- There are vocations which are paralyzed by poverty
They must be helped financially.

Watch out for...



Come follow me

17TH SERRA ASIAN CONVENTION
2014 - BANGALORE, INDIA

DATES: MAY 2, 3 & 4, 2014

**The Serra Club of
Bangalore
welcomes YOU to India**

To the 17th Serra Asian Convention
in Bangalore...

To warm Indian hospitality
Where a lifetime of experiences
await you...

Marvel at palaces, churches and temples
Myriad lives of diverse people
Traditional customs, colourful costumes
Endless variety of delicious cuisine.

Listen to the tinkle of laughter
The sing-song of numerous languages
Experience a deep-rooted culture
Where Catholics, a minority,
Intermingle, sharing their faith
With other religions
In a vast and beautiful country.

Come, see the wonders that make India
And take home memories
To last a lifetime!

Facts about India

- Total population : 1.210 Billion
- No. of States : 28 & 7 Union Territories
- No. of languages : 30
- Currency : Indian Rupees
- Exchange Rate : 1 US \$ = INR 54
1 € = INR 68



*E*xotic India beckons you
To
The 17th Serra Asian Convention
in Bangalore
May 2-4, 2014

Hosted by
THE SERRA CLUB OF BANGALORE

Co-hosts:
The Serra Club of Panjim, Goa
The Serra Club of Salem, Tamil Nadu



The Taj Mahal, Agra, one of the 7 Wonders of the World

About Serra in India

- Decreed established in Nov. 2002
- Clubs in formation:
 - The Serra Club of Panjim, Goa
 - The Serra Club of Salem, Tamil Nadu

Archdiocese of Bangalore

Area : 27,013.85 sq. km
Catholic population: 425,000 (2010)
Languages : 6
Parishes : 135
Archdiocesan Shrines:
St. Mary's Basilica, Infant Jesus Church

1. Religious Societies: Priests: 52
Brothers: 9 Sisters: 132
2. Secular Institutes: 6
3. Formation Houses & Seminaries: 50
4. Religious Educational Institutions: 230
5. Archdiocese Board of Education: Schools
and Colleges: 109
6. Professional Institutions: 11
7. Hospitals, Dispensaries & Health Centres:
39 (including AIDS and Leprosy)
8. Orphanages: 26
9. Homes for the Aged: 16
10. Counselling and Rehabilitation Centres: 28
11. Retreat Centres: 9

Facts about Bangalore

- Time Zone: IST (GMT+5:30)
- Area: 741sq.km
- Elevation: 920m above sea level
- Temp in April/May: Avg. High 34°C.
Avg. Low: 22°C
- Rainfall in April/May: Scanty