

# FORMER STAFF

## THE VETERANS OF YESTERYEARS

St. Xavier's could not have achieved anything but for the committed services of many eminent teachers. We place on record our heartfelt gratitude to all those pioneers of education in Xavier's. It is difficult for us to prepare an exclusive list of all the staff, but here we have the names of most of those great personalities of Xavier's who spent a major part of their life during the yesteryears giving shape to the lives of all Xavierians who came under their care.

To begin with, the English Department of the Senior School grew under the guidance of great veterans like Mr. Moses D'Mello who worked for 30 long years before he retired in 1989. He taught English, SST and Moral Science in the Senior School. He had joined the school in 1959, even before it was started, helping Fr. Saldanha. Another eminent English teacher was Mrs. B.P. Joseph who retired in 1985. Mrs. & Mr. Martins were two strong pillars of Xavier's English Department. Mrs. P. Martins took the English play festival into her heart and helped students a lot in putting up various plays year after year. Mr. Smith's, Mr. Tony Rozario's names too figure among the earliest English teachers of our school. Mrs. S. Abraham (1964-1996) taught English in the Senior School and was very patient and soft spoken. Students found her very approachable and she was willing to help everybody. Mrs. Anjali Dere (1976-94) was another strong personality the senior English Department had. She was very charismatic both as a teacher as well as an administrator. On her departure from Xavier's in 1994 her students described her as a 'prized possession' of Xavier's. During the 80's Mrs. Neera Verma (1980-2009) and Mrs. Noreen McLaren (1985-2007) joined the English Department as teachers and were universally loved by all the students. Though Ms. Soumya Nagpal (1993- 2003) worked only for ten years in Xavier's, still she left behind an indelible mark among the students of her time.

The Hindi Department of Xavier's had great eminent personalities like Mr. Rajesh Bhasker(1963- 93), Mrs. Veena Nagpal (1960-98), Mrs. S. Bhargava (1969-97), Mrs. P. Gupta (1966-91) and Mr. D.N. Zutshi . Mrs. S. Segal (1967-98) taught Sanskrit. Many outstanding teachers contributed to the development of the Science Department in the Senior School. Mrs. Mary E. Mathew (1963-89) taught Biology. Her fields of specialization were cell biology, genetics and oceanography. Mrs. Afsari Khan was a very benevolent and much respected Chemistry teacher. She joined on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1972 and retired in 1989. The other eminent Science teachers of the Senior School were Mrs S. Flory (1972-87), Mr. Rosemayer, Mr. V.K. Sarin, Mr. B. Miranda (1965-2009), Mr. M. T. Joseph, Mrs. A. Jacob (1969-2003), Mrs. A. Thomas (1971-99), Mr. K. D. Thomas (1978-2008), Mr. Suresh Pal (1967-2001), Mr. S.K. Bhargava (1968-90), Mr. Jose Paul, Mrs. E. Koshy (1977-88), Mrs. Devadas, Mrs. Marina Thomas (1995-2007), Ms. Daisy Jacob (1992-2003), Mrs. A. Singh (1972-89) ....the list is very long.

The Social Science Department had eminent personalities like Mrs. M. Hala (1968-87), Mrs. K. Tandon, Mrs. L. H. Jacob, Mr. S. Joseph, and Mr. S. Kumar. The Maths Department in the Senior School grew under the guidance of seasoned teachers like Mr. J. Chhauddha, Mr. P. J. Abraham, Mr. S. K. Malhotra, Mrs. S. Krishnan, Mr. S. S. Sharma, Mrs. Mariamma Thomas and so on. Mrs. S. Devasundaram also taught Maths and encouraged Music, Art, Drama and Journalism. Mr. D. D. Malik taught Commerce for a short while before he left for eternity leaving behind an indelible mark on the minds of his students. Mr. P. Bablani taught Commerce and left the School in 1985. Mr. Joseph Thomas (ex-Xaverian) taught Commerce in the senior class. Mr. George Anthraper taught only for a short while but he was very famous among the students. He died in 1975. Mr. R.K. Chopra retired in 2010 after putting in many years of service in the Senior School, Commerce Department. Mrs. A. Venkataramanan (Computer department), Mrs. A. Singh (Senior School Counselor) Mr. M. L. Kaushik, Mrs. S. Sood, Mr. Jacob Uralil, Mr. M. Robinson, Mrs. A. Ghildiyal, Mrs. Bahadur- all contributed a lot to the development of their respective departments. The Accounts Department couldn't have done such marvelous works without the committed services of Mr. P. K. Joseph, Mr. P. M. Thomas, Mr. P. Fernandez and Mr. Roshan Lal- all

put in a service of life for the School. The office staff Mrs. P. Nazareth, Mrs. Gemma D'sa, Mrs. S. Noor and Mr. D. Bellet helped the School machine run smoothly. Mr. T.V. Jacob, Mr. Frankie D'Souza, Mr. George Thomas and Mr. F. Salema were very committed personalities among the non-teaching staff. Mr. Jack Imlay made a great contribution as a craft teacher. The Physical Education Department grew under the guidance of Mr. Douglas Neale, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Ben Moss, Mr. Peterson, Mr. P. N. Sharma, Mr. A.K.V. Singh, Mr. George, Mr. Sebastian, and Mr. H. S. Salaria.

The Junior School too has a long list of veterans. Mrs. Pearl Scott had the distinction of serving Xavier's since its inception. Her accomplishments related to the Junior School Maths lab were outstanding. She retired on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1986. Miss Liza Arakal (1966-88) taught English, Moral Science, SST. and Handwriting. Other eminent teachers were Mrs. R. Robinson (1964-92), Mrs. S. Goyal (1963-2000), Ms. J. Murphy (1967-98), Mrs. D. Singh (1966-87), Mrs. U. Tangiri (1965-2003), Mrs. Marlene D'Souza (1967-99), Mrs. Mary Regis who had joined in 1968, Mrs. T. Arora (1960-90), Mrs. Bhagwar (1968-90), Mrs. S. Das (1963-89), Mrs. K. Thakur (1966-90), Mrs. S. S. Kohli (1969-2004), Mrs. R. Tuteja (1972-98), Mrs. T. Safir (1976-2001), Miss Annie Jose (1978-2000), Mrs. Kanta Kapur (1970-2009), Mrs. I. Malvea (1973-95), Mrs. U. Nanda (1970-94), Mrs. C. Pinto (1970-93), Mrs. A. Singh (1970-87), Mrs. A. Lazarus (1972-2007), Mrs. A. Ramaiah (1970-90), Mrs. G. Bhatt (1973-90), Mrs. E. Mathew (1968-91), Mrs. L. Jacob (1971-92), Mrs. Lily Abraham (1971-2009), Mrs. S. Aggarwal, Mrs. S. Dutta, Mr. Rajeshwar Paul (1965-92), Ms. S. Rangarass, Mrs. M. Dayal, Mr. U. Joseph, Mrs. Kanchan Verma, Mrs. Virginia Dominick, Mrs. P. Sinha, Mrs. D. Seth, Mrs. C. Fernandez, Mr. T. Mannila who retired as the Coordinator of Discipline, Mrs. Gladys Sarang ... the list is very long.

On this occasion, we also specially remember all those great pillars of education, who were entrusted with the dual role of educating and building the character of the little ones in the Prep Department. Mrs. Agnes Beckwith Tullet, Mrs. Bridget Halge, Mrs. Zareen Pantakee, Mrs. Rani Nicholas, Ms. Eleanor Bajpai, Mrs. P. Washington, Mrs. N. Umrigar, Mrs. Carol Edwins, Mrs. Kanta Kapoor, Ms. Martina Pereira, Mrs. M. Jeremiah, Mrs. A. Devasia, Mrs. V. Sharma, Mrs. R. Mathur, Mrs. R. Jacob, Mrs. M. Dhingara, Mrs. Agatha Joseph, Mrs. T. Thomas (Hema)- all formed a dedicated team that stood the test of time. These veterans will always be remembered by their students whose life they touched in one way or the other.

At the time when the School celebrated its Golden Jubilee we made an attempt to remember all the former staff who contributed to the growth of the School- yet we know that we might have left out a few more names for want of an exclusive list. We pray that God may shower upon all of them His choicest blessings abundantly.