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MESSAGE

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." Ps 107:1

It gives me great joy to learn your sincere efforts to publicize through a campaign of prayer and Masses in September 2014 at various places in India and abroad for the canonization of Blessed Joseph Vaz, apostle of Sri Lanka.

We implore God to guide the Church to declare Blessed Vaz a Saint of the Universal Church so that we publicly honor him not only in Sri Lanka and Goa but all throughout the world. I pray this day is not far away.

I invoke God's blessings on each one of you.

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and

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