



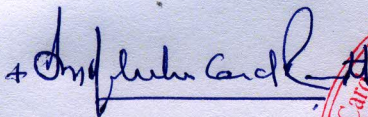
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Felicitation Message

It is very commendable that you have commenced a campaign of prayer and Masses in September 2014 at Lourdes, Fatima, California, Toronto, Goa, Kandy, Mangalore, Calcutta, Mumbai and in other cities, for the canonization of Blessed Joseph Vaz which has entered a critical stage now. I call upon every reader of this message to pray and offer a Sunday Mass for the intentions of:

- The commemoration of the beginning of the missionary Goa Oratory, branch of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in Goa on September 25, 1685, by Blessed Joseph Vaz
- For the canonization of Blessed Joseph Vaz, Apostle of Kanara and Sri Lanka (1651-1711)
- For inter-religious peace and harmony inspired by the protection granted to Blessed Joseph Vaz by the Buddhist King of Kandy, Vimaladharmasuriya II from Dutch persecution
- For the success of the Pope's visit to Sri Lanka and to the Philippines in January 2015

Wishing you all God's abundant blessings for the success of this endeavour.



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