



## THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL, UNDRI TAKE YOUR CANDLE AND LIGHT THE WORLD! (REPORT ON THE 9 LESSON CAROL SERVICE 2022)

9<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 marked a significant day at the Bishop's Co - Ed School, Undri, as we were privileged to host the Nine Lesson Carol Service or the "Candlelight Service" as it is warmly called, in the Auditorium of Building 4.

It was delightful to witness a wonderful and beautifully decorated altar where the main attraction of the décor was the Red, White, and gold poinsettias and the auditorium was a blend of solemnity and a touch of class.

The 9 Lesson Carol Service comprised of Carols and readings from the Bible. The Service began with a solemn procession led by the celebrant, Rev. Pramod Kalserkar, followed by the Governing Body Members and the Heads of the Bishop's Education Society, walking up to the altar while the Processional Carol, 'Once in Royal David's city' was sung by The Bishop's School, Camp, Staff Choir.

The opening prayer was brought to us by the celebrant Rev. Pramod Kalserkar, followed by the Welcome address by our Principal, Mr. Julian Luke. The Staff choirs gifted with beautiful voices, blended together harmoniously. The Nine Lessons were read by the Heads of our schools. Each lesson was followed by a Christmas Carol, Medley of carols sung by the Staff choirs. The three special Christmas songs "Have you heard", "Sing Gloria, Sing Noel" and "A Manger filled with love" were sung by the Staff choirs of the Bishop's Camp, Kalyaninagar and Undri respectively.

There was a heart touching message given by the celebrant, Rev. Pramod Kalserkar, reminding us about Christ's love which is not only seen in the Manger, but also through the cross upon which our Lord gave his life for us. Candles flickered on, as all other lights were switched off at the rendition of the two carols "A Thousand Candles" and "Go light your world" resounding in the Auditorium of Building 4.

The Nine Lessons Carol Service came to an end with the Collect and Benediction given by our Celebrant, Rev. Pramod Kalserkar, followed by the Recessional Carol, "Joy to the World", that was joyfully sung by the Staff Choir of the Bishop's School, Undri. The melodious staff choirs were commendable as they sang their hearts out. The creative décor by the Art department added much grace and colour to the evening service.

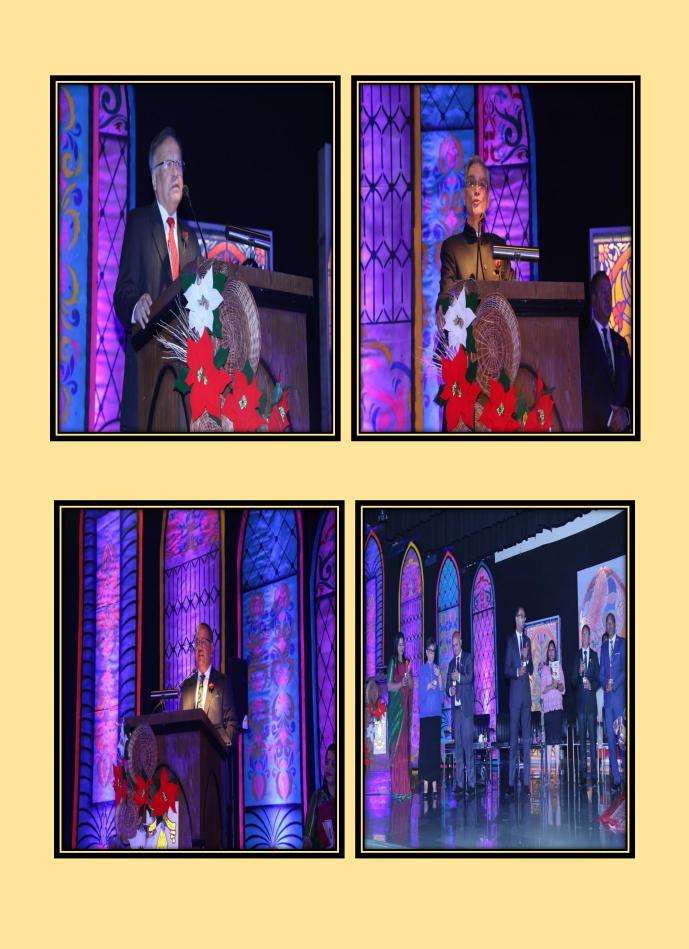
The Governing Body Members felicitated the Heads and Staff in recognition of their hard work and service, they were presented with appreciation rewards, which was followed by dinner. The stilt area was beautifully and tastefully decorated. Each table was adorned with beautiful centrepieces which was admired and appreciated by all.

The proceedings of the evening, the décor, the programme was carried out under the unflagging enthusiasm and guidance of our Principal, Mr. Julian Luke, Headmaster, Mr. Ralph Russell and Supervisor, Mrs. Melissa Fernandes.

Credits and thanks must go to our wonderfully talented Art department and to the multi-tasking, creative ladies of the Pre-Primary and Junior school staff for their commendable displayed décor and not to forget the wonderful booklet designed by our office staff Ms. Teresa David who added a touch of class to it. A big thank to all the office staff who worked behind the scenes, thus bringing down the curtains to the Candlelight service for the Year 2022.



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