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Monday, 6 November: Final Day of Lectures for the 4<sup>th</sup> term-  
WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 7 November: Study Break Begins (until 12<sup>th</sup> November)  
Year 4 Faculties Exams (8.30-12.30- various venues)

Wednesday, 8 November: Year 4 Faculties Exams (8.30-12.30 various venues)

Thursday, 9 November: Post-Grad Seminar (8.30-15.00- Classroom 0-3)

Monday 13 November- Thursday, 23 November: Exam period

Friday, 24 November: Closing Liturgy and Tea (9.00, Neil Frank OMI presiding)

Wednesday, 29 November: Departmental Meetings (morning)  
Staff Supper (17:30, Protea Hotel Hilton Hotel)

**Summer Break:** Friday, 1 December 2017- Monday, 5 February 2018

### STAFF MEANDERINGS

Sue Rakoczy IHM will be a delegate at the General Chapter of the IHM Sisters 7-13 January 2018 in Michigan in the United States.

### GOD PAINTED AS CRUEL

*George Chanda SCJ*

I personally do not believe in this God which some Christians of today are painting out to be. A cruel and cunning God who does not forgive when you have sinned even after death. He is often painted as the God who does not forgive and who will keep you suffering for eternity. What kind of god is that? And

what kind of message are they trying to preach to people? We should not feed people with this notion that God does not forgive those who are "claimed" to have died in sin and that his forgiveness is only for those who repent but if you fail to, and then you have lost it... I would rather not believe in that kind of God. I would rather become an atheist, which is one of the reasons why many people leave the Christian faith to become nonbelievers because of such kind of messages preached by those who are supposed to be preaching rather hope, forgiveness, and salvation. Some really do not portray the merciful and loving God which even Jesus preached. Jesus Christ preached the good news, to Jews and Gentiles alike, to the good and the bad. This message of condemnation and punishment and an angry god is not bringing hope to people but misery. If this is the Christian God then I would rather not know him nor follow or believe in him because there would be no difference between him (cruel and angry God) and the devil. However I do not wish that my reasoning or reflection become a universal one.

**MOTHERLY LOVE AND CARE:  
I LOVE THIS WOMAN IN PARTICULAR!**  
George Chanda SCJ

When I was in grade nine, during the mock examinations I performed very badly, I remember my Mum asking me a question; Junior (I share both names with my late Dad ), are you going to pass? My answer was a yes and that's where I drew the courage from. This courage didn't just come from without; it came from within and from someone too. There was this woman who stood by my side in thin and thick moments, in light and in darkness, during happy and sad days she always used to wear a smile. It is this woman who taught me how to believe and how to be patient, tolerant, courageous, cheerful, respectful and forgiving.

After the mock exam in grade nine, this woman told me in calm and loving voice; 'you know what? It's not too late, you can do it and I know you will do it just try to concentrate and just try to sacrifice the remaining time and devote it to studies.' These words sunk deep in my mind as I sat down, I asked myself why this woman was not angry with me over my poor results. I could hear my neighbours being scolded and beaten over the poor results from school. But here I am with this woman, she was so calm and you could feel the love from the voice, the care, the belief, and the patience she had with me. I remember one of my neighbours (May Her Soul Rest in Peace) telling me, 'you are indebted to this woman, don't leave her when you have money or when you get married after school...'

This woman taught me three things in life; FAITH, LOVE & PATIENCE. I never used to believe in a lot of things but she taught me how to have faith and believe. Today I have dreams in which no one believes but she tells me to believe in them myself. If there is only one loving person on this earth then it is this woman. I might not believe in saints but this woman is a reflection of a saint to me, she has been loving in all situations. I have been taught never to say never but on this one I can go against the rule and use the word never, 'never in my life have I ever heard or seen this woman quarrel with neighbours or friends.' In my teen years, just like many other boys and girls I tried to be rebellious and pompous but this woman didn't raise her voice when talking to me. She would say, 'everything has got its time, be patient when you grow up you shall do all you want, just wait.'

MUM'S faith in me has paid her off. I am not the best person on earth but am as good as she believed I can be, her love and patience is what has really shaped me. I am not where am supposed to be but I believe and am patient that one day I will be somewhere. You might be going through a tough time and through many challenges but have faith that you shall overcome, be patient and above all be a loving person for it pays off. I LOVE YOU MUM!

**WISHING EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE A  
BLESSED AND PURPOSEFUL BREAK.**

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