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Section A: About the Goan Archives-

What is the Mission of Goan Archives?

The Goan Archives (GAC) mission is to assemble, preserve, organize, and store, publications and documents generated by Goan Community Groups in Canada over the last 40 years. The intent is to facilitate study and understanding of the Community by scholars and researchers in the future.

When & How was it started ?

On August 5, 2009, Cecil D’Cruz , Claude Gomes, Lazarus Pereira, Uvy Lopes, & John J. D’Souza, met to form a Steering Committee which initiated the organization. In the spring of 2010, Maurice Pinto and Muriel Lucas were invited to join the group.

What Has Been Achieved to Date?

1. On November 11, 2009 GAC conducted an Open House in the East GTA to inform the public and collect items for archiving..
2. The success of the Open House led to the conduct a similar session on January 2010 for the West GTA, at Square One Mississauga
3. Through the Open House collections and individual donations approximately 450 items were collected covering more than 40 Goan organizations.
4. In April 2010, GAC issued a Phase I Report documenting the items collected and outlining the next steps. This report can be viewed at <https://sites.google.com/site/goanarchivescanada/> and can be downloaded in full.
5. On August 9, 2011 GAC obtained registration as a non-profit corporation in Ontario.
6. In October 2010, GAC met with the Archivists of the Peel Heritage Complex in Brampton and were invited to place the Goan Archives Collection at their centre.

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Section B About Goa & the Goan Community

Where is Goa ?



Goa is India's smallest state in terms of area and the fourth smallest in terms of population. Located on the west coast of India in the region known as the Konkan, it is bounded by the state of Maharashtra to the north, and by Karnataka to the east and south, while the Arabian Sea forms its western coast. Panaji (also referred to as Panjim) is the state's capital. Renowned for its beaches, temples and world heritage architecture, Goa is visited by hundreds of thousands of international and domestic tourists each year.

Goa encompasses an area of 3,702 km² (1,430 sq miles). It lies between the latitudes 14°53'54" N and 15°40'00" N and longitudes 73°40'33" E and 74°20'13" E. Most of Goa is a part of the coastal country known as the Konkan, which is an escarpment rising up to the Western Ghats range of mountains, which separate it from the Deccan Plateau. The highest point is the Sonsogor, with an altitude of 1,167 meters (3,827 feet). Goa has a coastline of 101 km (63 miles).



Goans in Canada

Source: <http://www.multiculturalcanada.ca/Encyclopedia/A-Z/g2/2>

From the mid-nineteenth century on, Goan Christians began migrating in large numbers to territories throughout British India, in search of better job opportunities in cities such as Bombay and Karachi. Because they were Christian, and familiar with European culture, the Goans were acceptable to the British, who also recruited them to work in the British colonies of East Africa and Persian Gulf ports such as Aden, where their vocational training and clerical skills were in demand. Yet, even today, Goans still resent the term “Goanese,” which the British used disparagingly to refer to Goan Christians in lower-class service occupations, such as cooks, tailors, butlers, waiters, and ayahs (nannies).

Although Goans started immigrating to Canada in the 1960s, it is estimated that over 90 percent of the community arrived during the 1970s, a large number from East Africa and Pakistan, and a smaller group directly from Goa. Still more recently, there has been an increasing number of Goan immigrants to Canada from Middle Eastern countries. Regardless of what country they may have left, the immigrants and their descendants born in Canada identify as Goans, not with the last country in which they resided (if other than Goa). With regard to Hindus from Goa, only a very few have emigrated; those who are in Canada prefer to identify with Hindu Maharashtrian Canadians from Goa's neighbouring state, Maharashtra. Hence, the discussion about Goans in this entry (and this collection) will focus on the Roman Catholic community.

Since Goans are not listed separately in Canadian census data, no clear immigration and settlement statistics are available. It is estimated that there are approximately 13,000 in Ontario and 10,000 in the rest of Canada. The estimated total population of 23,000 is calculated on the basis of the membership in the Toronto-based Goan Overseas Association (GOA), the Montreal-based Canorient Christian Association (CCA), and Goan associations and clubs in the cities of Hamilton, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, and Vancouver.

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Section C General Description of Contents

Sources of Religious Publications

A cursory count of items in Phase I shows there are more than 90 items of a religious nature-all Catholic. This is not surprising, as the Catholic faith is an integral part of the Goan identity. However, no restriction has been placed based on the faith of persons or organizations making submissions.

Religious publications can be classified as follows:

- Brochures for feasts issued by Village organizations
- Mass booklets issued by the Goan Overseas Association in celebration of the feast of St. Francis Xavier
- Mass booklets issued by other organizations for the feast of St. Francis Xavier

Village Feast Brochures

Goa has more than 154 parishes each with its own distinctive Church, some with more than a 400 year history. For Goans in the Diaspora, links their ancestral village provide a strong focus of their identity and faith. Village groups such as Aldona, Moira, Saligao, Siolim, Navelim, and the Holy Spirit Church in Margao have had more than a 25 year record of feast celebrations. The larger groups have managed to produce colourful booklets for the mass service, with the listing of names of the feast committee. Funding for printing in many cases is from sponsorship ads. The collection serves a useful purpose of acquainting newer generations with the cultural history.

The Feast of St. Francis Xavier

The Goan Overseas Association has a long history of celebration of the feast of St. Francis Xavier. This event held in early December heralds the start of the Christmas season.

The Church of St. Francis Xavier, in Mississauga, consecrated on December 4, 1999, has the Friends of St. Francis Xavier, who have celebrated the feast of the Saint for the last ten years, producing a colourful booklet for each year.

Section D Listing of items in this box

PHC Box #	Doc Number	Item #	Donor List #	Donor Initials	Publication/Title	Publisher/Author	Category	Year	Printed pages
A-10-W-1	Item 28-200-5	28	200-5	L. Pereira	Navelim Feast Nov 1997	Navelim Association	Brochure	1997	20
A-10-W-1	Item 36-200-5	36	200-5	L. Pereira	Navelim 33rd Feast Nov 2008	Navelim Association	Brochure	2008	32
A-10-W-1	Item 37-200-5	37	200-5	L. Pereira	Navelim 31st Feast Nov 2005	Navelim Association	Brochure	2005	52
A-10-W-1	Item 38-200-5	38	200-5	L. Pereira	Navelim Feast Nov 1992	Navelim Association	Brochure	1992	52
A-10-W-1	Item 477-800-1	477	800-1	Anon	20th Anniversary Navelim Feast	Navelim Union Toronto	Brochure	1995	36
A-10-W-1	Item 560-200-3	560	200-3	L. Pereira	Navelim Feast Nov 2000	Navelim Association	Brochure	2000	20
A-10-W-1	Item 561-200-3	561	200-3	L. Pereira	Navelim mass for deceased	Navelim Association	Brochure	2004	16

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A-10-W-2	Item 26-200-5	26	200-5	L. Pereira	CLR 7th Social Oct 2006	CLR Association	Brochure	2006	36
A-10-W-2	Item 30-200-5	30	200-5	L. Pereira	CLR 9th Social Sep 2008	CLR Association	Brochure	2008	36
A-10-W-2	Item 163-200-11	163	200-11	Anon	Feast of St. Anthony - June 1996	Villagers of Siolim	Mass Book	1996	12
A-10-W-2	Item 164-200-11	164	200-11	Anon	Siolim Social - June 1996	Villagers of Siolim	Ticket	1996	1
A-10-W-2	Item 178-200-11	178	200-11	Anon	S.F.X. Feast - Dec 1995	G.O.A.	Mass Book	1995	16
A-10-W-2	Item 475-800-2	475	800-2	Anon	Feast of St. Anthony 33rd Celebration	Villagers of Siolim	Brochure	2005	12
A-10-W-3	Item 35-200-5	35	200-5	L. Pereira	Moira Silver Jubilee 1996	Villages of Moira	Brochure	1996	50
A-10-W-3	Item 157-200-10	157	200-10	L. Pereira	Salcette 28th Feast - May 2007	Salcete Association	Mass Book	2007	32
A-10-W-3	Item 168-200-11	168	200-11	Anon	Calangute Feast - Oct 1996	Calangute Association	Mass Book	1996	32
A-10-W-3	Item 169-200-11	169	200-11	Anon	Calangute Feast - July 2000	Calangute Association	Mass Book	2000	24
A-10-W-3	Item 170-200-11	170	200-11	Anon	Calangute Feast - Sep 2006	Calangute Association	Mass Book	2006	12
A-10-W-3	Item 480-800-1	480	800-1	Anon	Aldona Social 25th Anniversary	Aldona Associatin	Brochure	2000	16
A-10-W-3	Item 558-800-1	558	800-1	Anon	Aldona Social 32NDh Anniversary	Aldona Associatin	Brochure	2007	16
A-10-W-3	Item 559-800-1	559	800-1	Anon	Aldona Social 25th Anniversary	Aldona Associatin	Flyer	2000	8

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A-10-W-4	Item 116-200-5	116	200-5	Anon	Letter St.Francis Xavier Feast - Dec 2007	Mayor of Mississauga	Letter	2007	1
A-10-W-4	Item 126-200-10	126	200-10	Anon	Friends of St.Francis Xavier Mass Book 2001	Friends of SFX	Mass Book	2001	12
A-10-W-4	Item 127-200-10	127	200-10	Anon	Friends of St.Francis Xavier Mass Book 2002	Friends of SFX	Mass Book	2002	20
A-10-W-4	Item 128-200-10	128	200-10	Anon	Friends of St.Francis Xavier Mass Book 2003	Friends of SFX	Mass Book	2003	12
A-10-W-4	Item 129-200-10	129	200-10	Anon	Friends of St.Francis Xavier Mass Book 2004	Friends of SFX	Mass Book	2004	24
A-10-W-4	Item 130-200-10	130	200-10	Anon	Friends of St.Francis Xavier Mass Book 2005	Friends of SFX	Mass Book	2005	28
A-10-W-4	Item 131-200-10	131	200-10	Anon	Friends of St.Francis Xavier Mass Book 2006	Friends of SFX	Mass Book	2006	28
A-10-W-4	Item 132-200-10	132	200-10	Anon	Friends of St.Francis Xavier Mass Book 2007	Friends of SFX	Mass Book	2007	28
A-10-W-4	Item 133-200-10	133	200-10	Anon	Friends of St.Francis Xavier Mass Book 2008	Friends of SFX	Mass Book	2008	24
A-10-W-4	Item 134-200-10	134	200-10	F. D'Souza	Friends of St. Francis Xavier Album - Dec 2005	Francis D'Souza	Album	2005	34
A-10-W-4	Item 173-200-11	173	200-11	Anon	St. Ann Feast - Jul 2004	Parra Association	Mass Book	2005	24
A-10-W-4	Item 481-800-1	481	800-1	Anon	Feast of St Philip & St James	Cortalim Association	Brochure	2004	20

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A-10-W-5	Item 27-200-5	27	200-5	L. Pereira	Concert May 1996 - Eternal Melodies	St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish			
A-10-W-5	Item 29-200-5	29	200-5	L. Pereira	Christmas Concert Dec 2000	St. Marguerite d'Youville Parish	Program	2000	24
A-10-W-5	Item 160-200-11	160	200-11	Anon	Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Book - Feb 2000	SFX Church, Mississauga	Novena Book	2000	12
A-10-W-5	Item 167-200-11	167	200-11	Anon	Feast of St. Anthony - June 2007	Frank Fernandes	Mass Book	2007	12
A-10-W-5	Item 189-200-11	189	200-11	Anon	Feast of S.F.X - Dec 2003	Goan Tailors Sons & Daughters	Flyer	2003	2
A-10-W-5	Item 461-800-1	461	800-1	Anon	Carmelites Glasgow	Scottish Catholic Observer	Newspaper Cutting	2005	1
A-10-W-5	Item 463-800-1	463	800-1	Anon	Friends of SFX 2008 Accounts	Friends of SFX	Loose sheets	2008	2
A-10-W-5	Item 474-800-1	474	800-1	Anon	Eitaim Zaum Ters Korumya	Konkani Rosary - Toronto	Brochure	2010	16
A-10-W-5	Item 478-800-1	478	800-1	Anon	Goan Harvest Festival Dance	Prince of Peace Church	Brochure	1986	12
A-10-W-5	Item 556-500-5	556	500-5	Anon	Feast of Infant Jesus	Golva Association	Brochure	2004	16

E Comment Sheet

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