

Indo-NZ friendship launched

The Government of New Zealand has conferred the Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit on the Queen's New Year Honours List, January 2014 for services to New Zealand-India Relations on Wenceslaus Anthony. This is the 1st time the Government of New Zealand has conferred the honor for this category.

In India- this was a matter of great pride and Fr. Casimir Raj, Advisor, Loyola Institute of Business Administration, Loyola College, Chennai had organized a very impressive gathering of business persons, leading academicians, professionals,

friends and family of Wenceslaus Anthony to felicitate him at the The Residency Towers Hotel, Chennai. Fr. Vincent Chinnadurai, CBCI-Secretary-Laity in his introduction address had stated that Wenceslaus Anthony was the first Person of Indian Origin to be the Chair of India New Zealand Business Council. He revitalised the Council, trebled the membership, and established chapters in Christchurch, Auckland and Wellington. He promoted a number of projects and programmes involving New Zealand Business.

He did the Indians in New Zealand proud by being an important member of the official delegation of NZ Prime Minister Rt.Hon. John Key during his State visits to India in June 2011 and included in the State Banquet for Dinner (A rare Honour) with Prime Minister of India Rt.Hon.

Manmohan Singh.

Her Excellency Ms. Jan Henderson, High Commissioner of New Zealand from New Delhi graced the occasion at Chennai.

She spoke of the invaluable contribution of Wenceslaus Anthony had made to the Indo NZ Relations.

She spoke of the many qualities of Wenceslaus Anthony including his grace, charm, commitment, passion, hard work, tireless effort, integrity and credibility in enhancing the relationship between India and NZ. She said that one of his great qualities is bringing people together and forming formidable relations between



the governments, business houses, associations, various communities and people from all walks of life. She said that he is a Global Ambassador for India and NZ and above all a genuine human being who touches the lives of everyone.

Mr. Anthony in his response had said that when he chose New Zealand as his place of residence it took him some time to adjust to the environment in New Zealand. It was a struggle in the beginning. He now cherishes New Zealand as his own. However, his motherland India is dear to him too. He said that India is his mother and New Zealand is his wife. Towards the latter part of life his mother loved his wife dearly. That is what is going to happen in the case of India New Zealand relationship.