

Sai Ram Brothers and Sisters of the Calgary Sai family. My humble pranams at the Lotus Feet of our dear Lord Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.

At the outset I would like to thank Swami for giving me this opportunity to serve the Calgary Sai Centre and be part of the Sai family. Earlier this year in the month of April, an ad hoc selection committee was formed to conduct the selection process for a new committee for the Centre as the tenure of service of the then existing committee had come to an end. With Swami's grace the following members were selected through an electronic balloting system to serve the Centre at the Lotus Feet of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. This was followed-up by an oath-taking ceremony for the spiritual commitment of every office-bearer.

Calgary Sai Centre Executive Committee Members	
Vijayakumar Madanagopal	President
David Rebus	Vice President
Sundar Krishnamurthy	Secretary
Archana Ramesh	Devotional Coordinator
Sridhar Sharma	Education Coordinator
Gopal Achari	Seva Coordinator

It is my pleasant duty to update the congregation on all the activities conducted by the various office bearers most faithfully, to the appreciation of all the devotees who have been attending the regular Satsangs on Sundays and the special spiritual events held according to the stipulation of Sathya Sai International Organisation (SSIO) Canada.

One of the aspirations of the selection committee was to emphasize on team-spirit and adhere to Swami's teachings all the more in the ever changing world. As a committee, our Objective or our committed sadhana is to spread the benevolence of Swami to as many individuals or families as possible so that many more people would be able to become beneficiaries of Swami's grace under His divine doctrine of Sarvadharm (Universal concept of spirituality). The current committee may have embarked on a small beginning but we have the confidence that our mission to spread solace and happiness to many a human being will come to fruition.

Currently the Centre is seriously occupied with well organized Balvikas classes that inculcates in students the art of righteous living with an emphasis on human values of truth, peace, love, righteousness and non-violence. These attributes are inculcated not by rote learning but with a special methodology that caters to self-realization. Our gurus (teachers) are specially trained on this special methodology which has a cognitive approach. The children who attend the Balvikas classes enjoy the sessions to the extent that they yearn to attend with joy. As the system adopted is so very different from the day school curriculum the children like to participate with enthusiasm.

The other activity that the committee members are seriously involved is the Seva program that is being conducted with great earnest. Within this short span considerable activities have been accomplished and the momentum is un-abating. Seva simply means serving the needy

and helpless and the co-coordinator keeps a constant watch out for various types of opportunities.

During the Calgary Stampede festival the committee members embarked on the stupendous task of participating in the parade with a float publicizing human values as advocated by Swami. The committee members along with many of the devotees worked hard for many days to accomplish an excellent work of art that was very much appreciated by the people. Very clearly there was the evidence of Swami's blessings.

The committee members are working hard on all the other in coming activities so that more and more aspirants will be able to realize the potentials of spirituality on a universal basis of oneness. The regular Sunday bhajans are a special experience that helps the participants to render homage to the Lord with the oneness of mind along with un-fragmented devotion that serves as a catharsis to the disturbed mind. After each satsang devotees feel so very relieved to surrender and to know that they are well looked after. No wonder that the Sai influence is being felt all over the world and so many individuals and families have been salvaged.

Let me conclude this bulletin with my heartfelt request to all our Sai members, aspirants and well wishers in Calgary to keep in touch with the Centre and participate in all the events that are most graciously conducted. Very soon we will be having the Akhanda Bhajans, Ladies Day, Swami's Birthday celebrations and so on. They will all be beautifully organized with full commitment. Kindly be conscious of all the messages that are emailed to you periodically. If any member is desirous of serving as a 'lead singer' just be free to contact the Devotional Coordinator Mrs. Archana Ramesh (403452-8266) who will render complete assistance without fail. If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the office bearers.

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