

## CITATION

Dr. LAWRENCE BARNABAS MATHURAM JOSEPH, popularly known as LBM was born in an intellectual Christian family. After obtaining MBBS from Madras Medical College, he joined CMC & H Vellore in 1953 as Casualty Medical Officer. He was soon admitted for M.S. General Surgery as a Registrar. He obtained his M.S. Degree in 1959 and as a Junior lecturer, he had the unique distinction of becoming Unit Head of Surgery III the same year.

He received the Norman Fellowship and went to the University of Melbourne, Australia to work under eminent and renowned surgeons, Sir Edward Dunlop and Mr. E.S.R. Huges, and developed special interest in cancer surgery.

He was the first in the institution to get involved in inter-departmental clinics and research programmes with Radiation Therapy and Oral Surgery in combined treatment for cancer. His surgical skills were equally matched with his talent in teaching. Undergraduates and postgraduates will remember long his excellent approach in their training. He was a respected examiner in Surgery in many Universities and in the national Board of Examinations, New Delhi.

His administrative talents were recognized as early as in 1959 when he became head of a Surgical Unit. He served in many capacities – as Professor and head of the Department of Surgery, Warden, men's hostel, Acting Medical Superintendent, Deputy Director and then as Director for two terms from 1974 until his retirement on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1987. He was also member of several Expert panels appointed by Universities and Government of India.

He became Director during a period of crisis in the Institution at a time of recurring problems in labour – management relations and worsening discipline. Dr. Joseph's commitment to discipline and integrity was immediately challenged. He stood like a rock of integrity and custodian of principles and ideals of the institution, with a sense of dedication and commitment. As the CMC council has recorded, "Dr. Joseph had a deep conviction that he has been called by God to lead CMC through that crisis, and we all have shared that conviction, that he was the right man, in the right place, at the right time."

His inspired leadership has seen the establishment of enlarged community health outreach programmes, effective care at low cost, many welfare measures including the pension and housing schemes, and exploration of the meaning of faith and healing relevant to the institution. A strict disciplinarian and able administrator, he was quite accessible to his staff and students, and he had a patient ear for their joys and sorrows. A very great conversationalist and a fountain of wit and humour, he regales the young and old in every situation. He enjoys classical music and is a good pianist. Above all, Dr. Joseph is a true Christian who always seeks God's guidance, and who practices what he preaches.

A man of integrity and commitment, who loves his fellow men, a man of towering surgical skills who showed immense concern and love towards his patients, a good friend, colleague and teacher, LBM upheld the ideals of this institution throughout his career.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions, the Alumni Association has the honour of confer the “Alumni Award of Distinction” on Dr. L.B.M. Joseph on this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 1995.

PRESIDENT  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION