



*Amore  
Senza Fine*



# Foreword

Canossian provincial leader, Sister Christina Yeo suggested “Love Lives On” as the theme for St Anthony’s Canossian (SAC) schools’ 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in 2019. “Amore Senza Fine”, its Italian equivalent, is an apt description of the strong Canossian ethos and charm that have taken firm root in our schools.

St Anthony’s Convent was the first house set up by the Canossian Sisters after they stepped foot in Singapore in December 1894. These four Italian Sisters came here at the request of the Bishop of Macau, to run the school started by the Portuguese mission at St Joseph’s Church. The convent opened a school and an orphanage, set up boarding facilities, and, for its first intake, took in a dozen children who came from low-income families. Today, the primary school and secondary school have 1,200 and 1,100 students respectively.

Our community is blessed with the strong presence of the Canossian Sisters, a number of whom provide pastoral and religious guidance, assist in CCAs, and conduct valuable lessons on life skills in our schools. Our two schools continue to leverage on these robust ties with the Sisters for meaningful and engaging collaborations. The deep care and concern they show towards staff, students and the underprivileged remains the hallmark of our Canossian schools.

This colouring book, is a collaboration between the two St Anthony’s Canossian schools. It tells our history, and

provides information on our current developments, as well as the new chapters that we are crafting. This book is indeed a true manifestation of love that lives on, and which is made possible with God’s grace and blessing.

This year, the Singapore Bicentennial marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stamford Raffles’ arrival in Singapore, a key turning point in our history. But our story did not start in 1819. It started more than 700 years ago. 2019 is a time for commemoration and appreciation of the historical events, cast of contributors and communities that shaped our evolution. It is a reflection of our journey from Singapore to Singaporean.

We are mindful that our schools and the community will continue to progress and do well only with Singapore’s continued stability and prosperity. We are committed to doing our part to develop resilient young ladies who want to be the change that they hope to see. We are confident that God will continue to guide and bless our nation-building efforts.

We are privileged to have been awarded the Heritage Participation Grant from the National Heritage Board in support of our 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary projects. “Amore Senza Fine” is partly funded by the grant. We are confident that everyone will enjoy adding colour to this book, an expression of our Canossian spirit.

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