and ill-treated women who constitute at least half of the entire human race. The powers, which can redeem humanity as a whole by redeeming the ignored, exploited, mistreated and wronged, philosophy around gender discrimination and disparity could lead to new avenues that philosophy can bring about. Indeed, the confluence of society, religion, and context, we believe that philosophy can also play a vital role in ensuring that both according equal status to all members ignoring gender differences and biases. In this view, it is our hope that if religion and society could harness their own inner powers, undergoing so deep a transformation, women imbued with a spirit of the Gospel can power never hitherto achieved. That is why, at this moment when the human race is facing a crisis, we need to take a new look at the past and the present to reframe our future. Fifty years ago, Vatican II, in its prophetic message to women, declared: “The hour is coming, in fact has come, when the vocation of women is being acknowledged in its fullness, the hour in which women acquire in the world an influence, an effect and a perspective that are never hitherto achieved. That is why, at this moment when the human race is undergoing so deep a transformation, women imbued with a spirit of the Gospel can do so much to aid humanity in not falling.” It is our hope that if religion and society could harness their own inner powers, significant changes could be brought about in human perception of the issues in general and the status of women in particular. From time immemorial, although society and religion have been making claims and initiating various processes to promote women, the overarching patriarchal systems have not yet been capable of according equal status to all members ignoring gender differences and biases. In this context, we believe that philosophy can also play a vital role in ensuring that both society and religion are supported and inspired by critical and creative perspectives that philosophy can bring about. Indeed, the confluence of society, religion, and philosophy around gender discrimination and disparity could lead to new avenues of enlightened thinking and action that can help to barter genuine human powers, which can redeem humanity as a whole by redeeming the ignored, exploited, and ill-treated women who constitute at least half of the entire human race. Hence, Journal of Dharma, through this conference, hopes to pool together women and men of goodwill – from different socio-economic backgrounds, religious affiliations and philosophical perspectives – to critically and creatively deliberate about the prospect of a renewed social and religious understanding that can pave the way for revamping our existing socio-religious structures, insisting on the noble principles of truth and love, justice and compassion along with liberty, equality, and fraternity. During this conference, it is our hope that we would be able to celebrate and affirm the greatness of women genius which has so far remained neglected in the mainstream discourses, be it secular or religious at both national as well as international levels. Thus, we dream of a new ethos in which feminine genius is celebrated and the days in which those women who are being stripped of their rights and just place become fitting partners and creative leaders who can nurture a holistic ‘ womb’ that gives rise to a dynamic but peaceful and caring socio-religious existence of humanity in the twenty-first century.

Day 1: Friday, 29 July 2016

07:30-08:30 Breakfast (DVK Cafeteria)
08:30-09:15 Registration

Plenary Session 1
Moderator: Prof. Dr. Mathews Chandranunkumal CMI CMI Paper 1: Prof. Dr. Kran Prasad (Sri Padmavati Mahila University, AP), "Feminist Genius: Straddling Creativity, Capability and Leadership Everyday"

11:15-13:00 Lunch (DVK Cafeteria)

Paper 2: Prof. Dr. George Karuvelil (JDV, Pune), "Feminist Epistemology: … Out of the Fly Bottle"

13:00-14:00 Parallel Session

14:00-16:00 Tea Break (Research Centre Entrance) and Free Time

Plenary Session 2
Moderator: Prof. Dr. Jose Nandhikkara CMI Paper 4: Dr. Pushpa Joseph (Provincial, FMM), “Care, Autonomy and Justice: Feminism and the Ethics of Care"

Panel Discussion
Moderator: Prof. Dr. Thomas Ayakara CMI Paper 5: Sr. Mareena (Christ University), "Dignity and Empowerment of Women: An Analytical Study on the Endeavours of Sr. Kuriakele Elias Chavara"

18:00-18:30 Paper 6: Sr. Anica (Sacalya, Bangalore), "Altorphosis: A Leader for the Youth on Their Path of Holiness"

18:30-20:00 Paper 6: Dr. Lisesra Therese (St. Anthony's College, Bangalore), "St. Euphrasia: A Praying Mother and Her Impact on the Society"

20:00-20:45 Paper 7: Dr. Smitha Gabriel (St. Peter's, Bangalore), "Mother Teresa: A Visionary of Compassion and Supper (DVK Cafeteria)

Plenary speakers will have 25-30 minutes for presentation.