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The Communication department of Ishvani Kendra, Institute of Missiology and Communications, organized the 3rd Mother Teresa International Film Festival (MTIFF) on 12th December 2010. It was a rare privilege offered to Ishvani Kendra to pay homage to Mother Teresa on her 100th Birth Anniversary. Ishvani Kendra premises wore a splendid look for the day with lights, appropriate posters of Mother Teresa and the dozens of colourful flags swinging in the air.

The festival was inaugurated by Bp. Emeritus Valerian D'Souza at 10 am. Local MLA Shri Bapusaheb Tukaram Pathare, local Corporator Mr. Prakash Galande, Ex Corporator Mr. John Paul, Sub Inspector Police of Yerwada Shri Vishwanath Ghanwat, Bro. Phillip Pinto, Superior General of Christian Brothers, Sr. M. Angelie, Superior of Missionaries of Charity graced the occasion.

During the inauguration MLA addressed Mother Teresa as "our mother" and exhorted all to follow her example of serving the poor. Bp. Valerian D'Souza narrated his experience with Mother Teresa and congratulated Ishvani Kendra for hosting this festival. Fr. Joy Thomas offered a warm welcome to all. Fr. Ronald D'Silva explained to the audience the dynamics of this festival and Fr. Donald D'Souza anchored the inaugural function.

From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. 12 internationally produced films on Mother Teresa were presented on four screens specially conditioned for the occasion. A total of 1420 people watched with admiration these films and drew inspiration for their lives. Many dailies carried the news item on this festival on 13th December. Ishvani Kendra received many congratulatory notes for hosting this festival from different sections of the society including from Honourable Shri Mohnsingh Rajpal, the Mayor of Pune, who sent his PA to visit us.

The festival was possible due to generous sponsors; thanks to whom, it was open to all with free entry passes. The whole task of organizing was taken up by Frs. Ronald D'Silva and Donald D'Souza with the unconditional support of Ishvani Community. Ishvani working staff collaborated wholeheartedly towards the smooth functioning of the festival. The support received from the youth group of Divine Mercy Parish, Wadgaonsheri, Divine Word Seminary, St. Arnold's School and NVSC was well appreciated.

The sole purpose of this film festival was to pay homage to Mother Teresa and spread awareness about her work and her mission and to advocate her message of love, compassion and peace through the medium of cinema.