Sir,

The Pope and the Church have been playing dual roles as for as India is concerned.

Definitely, what the Pope said and what has been reported by Associated Press differs, as AP has tried to interpret the Pope, as if he has recommended that "Christians must reject divisions based on caste" (The Hindu Nov.18, p.12).

The Pope Gregory XV (1621-23) has definitely accepted the caste. The Bull of Pope Gregory XV, "Bulla Romanae Sedis Antistitis", dated 31 January 1623, accedes to the requests of the missionaries to accommodate themselves to certain caste practices and usages of the new converts.

Why not then the present Pope annul the Papal Bull issued, instead of recollecting what he had said in 1986. In fact, after his visit, there had been so many "caste problems and issues" within the Indian Church. The "Dalit Christian problem" arose Phenomenally.

The Supreme Court itself pronounced that if the Church wants reservation based on untouchability and caste, such factors of existence in Christianity should be proven (Soosai vs UOI - AIR 1986). Then, started the research of Athony Raj, SJ with funds to prove that untouchability and Caste system were there in
Christianity and practiced even today.  

The Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa (DRC) has separate Churches for whites, black and coloured ones. The Apartheid Enquiry Committee in its report clearly pointed out that the Bible was responsible for caste like division. Why then even in non-Indian societies such divisions should exist?  

Therefore, the Christians should not fool Indians with their in built contradictions.  

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