

## Our Mission Statement:

To provide safe, economical motoring in assisting members in their pastoral mission



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## Important Advice for the Care of your Diocesan Car Fund Motor Vehicle

Members' attention to the care of their Car Fund motor vehicles ensures any refurbishment costs at next vehicle change-over are kept to an absolute minimum. Equally, attention to good (and regular) vehicle maintenance ensures the Car Fund is able to obtain top-prices on the vehicles at time of disposal which, in the nature of our not-for-profit status, has a beneficial flow-on for all our drivers.

- **Service intervals. Time or distance travelled?**

Regular servicing ensures the long-term reliability and safety of your vehicle, which is why it is specified a Time and/or Distance Travelled interval or **whichever comes first**. This is because some mechanical and other parts are more affected by time than they are by distance travelled. Oil is a good example. Its protective properties last only a limited time, especially if you're doing short trips and lots of stop-start driving.

- **Tyres. Look after them and they'll look after you.**

Ideally, check your tyre pressures every two weeks. Consult the vehicle handbook for details regarding correct tyre-pressures to apply. Also, look for signs of uneven tread wear and for cuts, splits and bulges on sidewalls of tyres. Remember, underinflated tyres impact negatively on your vehicle's fuel efficiency.

- **Exterior care.**

The paintwork on your vehicle can be compromised by dirt, bird droppings, and chemical pollutants. Regular washing will enhance your vehicle's looks whilst protecting the bodywork from early onset of rust, etc. When water no longer "beads" on the paintwork your vehicle needs waxing. If your vehicle is kept undercover, we recommend you polish it every 12 months. If the vehicle is constantly out in the weather, polishing every six months will keep it in good condition.

- **Interior care.**

Vacuum the car carpet as often as required, ensuring the entire cabin floor and luggage areas are mud- and sand-free. Apart from appearance, a clean interior prevents rust developing. Also, an uncluttered interior means a safer ride. Fabric seats should be cleaned with a good quality carpet cleaner (check directions on cleaner first). Vinyl seats are best cleaned with a leather/vinyl cleaner.

## The World's Cheapest Car... the Tata 'Nano'

### Basic Model in the Indian Market for US\$2,500!

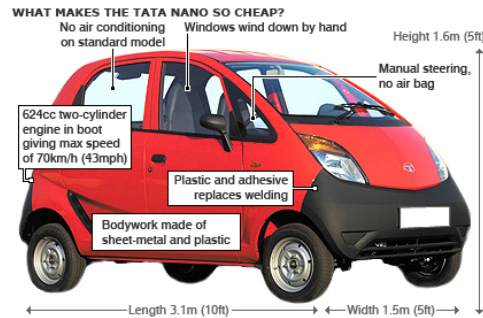
Dubbed the 'People's Car', the 'Nano' first appeared at this year's New Delhi Motor Show. Both the basic model (pictured at right) and the 'up-market' model (see below) have CVT variable transmission.



**Tata 'Nano' export model**

If demand warrants, we may well see the 'Nano' export model go into full production. It would have a 640icc motor and fuel consumption would be so low that no other car currently available could match it for economy. Also, production costs for this vehicle would be well below that of any hybrid or electric car currently under development or already on the road. My predictions are that the Indian motor industry will be the trend-setters and leaders of the motor industry of the future.

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**Tata 'Nano' basic model**

The most fuel-efficient vehicle that the Diocesan Car Fund presently operates is the 990icc Suzuki Alto (pictured below).



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