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Joseph Fouzdar, Retire Fouzdar, Christian, 46, Turner Road, Bandra, says:

I never went to Shirdi. But from friends here I heard of him and I have his picture here with me. I do not worship the picture or Sai baba. I regard him as a Saint. He had great power.

In 1917, Norvekar (Gajanan) was ill. His son took Rs.

500 and paid it to Baba. Baba on receiving it began to quiver with fever. When asked for an explanation. Baba said, **“When we want to do anything for others we have to take on ourselves burdens and responsibilities.”** Then shortly thereafter Gajanan Norvekar was cured of his fever.

Once I had a very difficult criminal case to detect. I prayed for help. Sai Baba came to me in a dream and gave me directions how I was to proceed. I acted on that and was successful in my detection. In 1916, there were two terrible pathan decoits. I and my sepoy tried to catch them. My sepoy was killed by the Pathan. I was wounded myself and went to the Hospital. This was in a way foretold by Baba. He appeared in my dream the previous night and showed me that two people held and dragged me and took me to a wedding.

I get my help and inspiration and great relief from my Patron Saint, St. Francis Xavier. Baba occasionally helps me.