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## Journalist Rons Bantwal Is Among The 34 Selected For 'Karnataka State Media' Award

Rons Bantwal, multi-talented journalist, Founder and Honorary Chief Secretary of Kannadiga Patrakartara Sangha, Maharashtra and reporter to DIVO and several publications and websites has been honored with 'Karnataka State Media' award for his contribution to journalism. The annual awards for 2014 were announced by the academy recently, and will be presented on April 16 by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at the Vidhana Soudha.

Rons Bantwal is recipient of 'Divo Konkani Sahitya Puraskar-2007' from Divo Konkani weekly magazine (12.01.2008), and several other awards in the past.

He is associated with a large number of organisations in Mumbai, Mangalorelore and Karnataka. He successfully organised a three day programme of All India Kannada Journalists from 2015 April 11 - 13 in Mumbai which was attended by over 200 journalist delegates from all over India.



## Sex ratio kills honeymoon dream in Gujarat

**Ahmedabad/Gandhinagar** — PM Narendra Modi may be the most famous 'bachelor' from Gujarat, but the state is home to 629,000 unheralded men above 30 and 40 years who are unmarried — according to Census 2011. And majority of them are not single by choice.

The number is a manifestation of the skewed sex ratio in Gujarat, which has 919 women per 1,000 men and only 886 girls per 1,000 boys in the 0-6 age group.

At the grassroots level, this imbalance keeps even the most eligible bachelors engaged in the fruitless mission to find brides. Take Haresh Patel, for instance. He is highly qualified and his name is laden with degrees: MSc, MEd, MPhil and PhD. The son of a landed man, Haresh earns well taking science and maths tuitions for HSC students. In short, he is the perfect bachelor; and may remain so.

"There is no marriage bureau where I have not registered, no mass marriage sammelan that I have not attended," says Haresh. "But the bride is still elusive. My agony is shared by at least 60-odd men in the village where there are 70-odd girls per 100 boys." The maths teacher's marital woes have made him crunch sex ratio numbers now!

Census data reveals that the number of unmarried men above 30 and 40 is three times higher than the 2.6



lakh figure of women in this age group who have never married. These figures discount the number of unmarried youth in their 20s who are struggling to find wives, reported The Times of India.

"Finding a bride has become a Herculean task. There are 40 bachelor boys on the wrong side of 30s in my village," says Bipin Patel (29) of

Gadhan village in Prantij, Sabarkantha. Bipin's qualifications — MA, MEd, and MPhil — have thus far not helped him impress anyone in the tiny circle of available brides.

Bipin runs an electronics shop and earns Rs 25,000 per month. Earlier, families would find brides through agents from tribal areas but a number of cheating cases have made many wary. There have been instances of girls running away with jewellery and cash within days of marriage.

In Chandrala village in Gandhinagar, Natwar Patel has done the impossible: secure a bride for his 32-year-old son Gaurav, just two weeks ago. "I had no problem in getting my three daughters married, but arranging a match for my son sapped me," says Natwarbhai. He is now being hounded by families of 60-odd ageing bachelors in the village which want him to locate bahus.

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### 'Thought for the week'

*When some thing bad happens you have three choices. You can either let it define you, let it destroy you, or you can let it strengthen you...*

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## Attack on Christians could affect investment: says industrialist

### Hannover:

Leading industrialist Sanjay Kirloskar says it is important for the government to make clear the secular nature of India to attract investment in the backdrop of attacks on Christians.

Kirloskar said this as Prime Minister Narendra Modi pushes for foreign investment on his maiden trip to Europe.

Kirloskar, who is currently in Germany, stressed the need to assert that "we are a secular nation... we are a tolerant nation."



Referring to a series of attacks on churches and other Christian buildings over the last few months in India, said, "Most investors in foreign countries are Christians."

Kirloskar's are the first words of caution from a top Indian industrialist about the church attacks at home.

The head of the Kirloskar Brothers Limited said that "a slight concern" was visible among foreign investors.

He pointed to a protest by a small group demanding "protect India's minorities" outside the massive fair in Hannover that was inaugurated by the PM and has drawn top leaders of India Inc.

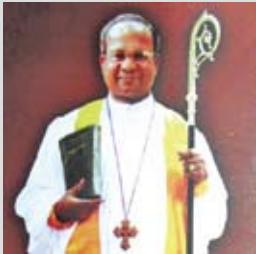
"I am sure the PM must be talking to his people," Kirloskar said adding, "We have to send the right signal."

Before arriving in Germany, the PM, addressing UNECO in France, said that his government is committed to defending the rights and liberties of all Indians.

In February, addressing a conference organized by Christian groups in Delhi, Mr Modi had said, "My government will not allow any group belonging to majority or minority to incite hatred against others."

## Church plans to raise bishop's retirement age

Chennai — The Church of South India (CSI) has proposed sweeping changes in its constitution and by-laws, paving way for increasing the retirement age of Bishops from 65 to 67 and giving more powers to the Synod.



The move has evoked protest from the members of the church. Former General Secretary of the CSI M.M. Philip has written an open letter to Moderator G. Dyvasirvadam, who is due for retirement in March 2016.

Some members of the Vellore Diocese have come together to form 'People's Synod' and launched a signature campaign against the changes.

The Synod includes a Moderator, a Deputy Moderator, a General Secretary and a Treasurer, reported *The Hindu*.

The Moderator and Deputy Moderator are elected from among the 22 Diocesan Bishops of the Church.

### Violation of rights

"It seems many of the proposals are intended to give more powers to the Moderator in the Synod and Bishops in the Dioceses, curtailing the rights and privileges of the presbyters and lay people. This is a violation of the basis of union and the governing principles of the church," Philip said in his letter. He said extension of retirement age of Bishops and clergy was a challenge to younger pastors and aspirants waiting to be ordained in different dioceses.

## GUJCOTOC: Another Draconian Law From Gujarat

**O**n March 31st 2015, the Gujarat Legislative Assembly passed another draconian law 'the Gujarat Control of Terrorism and Organised Crime (GUJCOTOC) Bill 2015'. This bill has yet to be sent to the Governor of Gujarat for his assent. It will then have to be sent to the Rashtrapati Bhavan for approval by the President of India because of the contentious provisions in it; very interestingly, three earlier versions of this draconian bill in 2004, 2008 and 2009 were rejected by the President of India.

There are several provisions in the bill which are draconian in nature and will surely enhance tyranny by the police and the abuse of law in order to settle political scores or to quell dissent and human rights, these include:

- i. the empowerment of an investigating agency to continue for 180 days its investigation – as against the maximum period of 90 days laid down in the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC); during this period the accused will be in judicial custody
- ii. the confession made before police officer while in police custody can be used against the accused in a trial
- iii. the authorisation for the interception of wire, electronic or oral communication as admissible evidence against the accused in court
- iv. the Government (according to Section 25 of the bill) is made immune from any legal action for 'anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in pursuance of this act'

The justification given by the Gujarat Government for such an inhuman legislation is that it has borrowed several of its provisions from already



BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH SJ

existing laws both from India and abroad and that it has striking parallels to the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) 1999 - which of course has no reference to terrorism.

Civil society in Gujarat and in other parts of India are naturally up in arms; speaking at a public meeting in Ahmedabad on April 9th, Mr. Girish Patel, Senior Counsel of the Gujarat High Court and the doyen of the human rights movement in Gujarat said "Modern criminal law suggests that an accused should be treated as a human and the onus is on the State to prove that he is guilty. It also entitles him for a fair trial as per the Constitution and benefit of doubt, if any, is enjoyed by him; however, the bill is against these principles."

The question being asked by legal experts, human rights activists and other concerned citizens is whether such a law is necessary or not? No one denies that any kind of terrorist activity goes against the very essence of humanity and should be firmly dealt with. There are however enough of laws in existence which can deal with terrorism; adding another draconian law and providing the State machinery with unbridled powers lends itself to abuse; whilst attempting to control terrorism the State is in fact indulging in a new kind of terrorism. This law is certainly unwarranted.

Civil society leaders of Gujarat have now called for a 'Jan Andolan' to take on this draconian anti-terror bill and to ensure that it never sees the light of day. Several representations have been made from all over both to the Governor of Gujarat and to the President of India not to sign the GUJCOTOC bill 2015.

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# The Real 'Mann Ki Baat': Passing A Land Bill That's Designed For Corporate Loot?

by Abhishek Jha:

In the BJP's National Executive Meeting last weekend, the Land Bill kept the party members occupied. This follows a damage control Mann Ki Baat with farmers on 22nd March. After being drubbed in the Delhi elections and with reports suggesting differences within the party regarding the bill, the party leadership did need to boost the morale of its members. Accusing the opposition of spreading myths, the party now seeks to train 15 lakh members to reach out to the public and build a pro-poor, pro-farmer image.

## Mann Ki Baat: The Cloak and Dagger in the Land Bill

But here's the caveat. Is the party working for farmers and the poor or does it only seek to portray itself as such? A major amendment to the 2013 act (Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013) is the exemption of five categories of land usage from Social Impact Assessment, which include – "industrial corridors", "projects vital to national security or defence of India" (which can include defence production), "infrastructure and social infrastructure projects including projects under public private partnership where the ownership of land continues to vest with the Government", etc.

Modi argued in his radio broadcast that these projects – since they were to be used by the people and were in the interest of the nation- need not face any bureaucratic hurdles. While this broadcast was to dispel myth and propaganda, this trivialisation of Social Impact Assessment as a harmful bureaucratic procedure seems to be a step in the direction of myth-making in itself.

So what does SIA do? Broadly speaking it determines whether "the potential benefits outweigh the social costs and adverse social impacts" and

whether "the project serves any public purpose". If a defence project, a corridor, or infrastructure is to benefit the people, the assessment is unlikely to hinder the project. By doing away with it, however, there will exist no check whatsoever on the government. This would imply that if the government is to favour "a private entity" in a manner that does not serve public good and causes more harm than good, the government can nevertheless go ahead with it. This is a clear indicator that the 2015 Land Bill favours corporate loot. The "private entity" can effectively grab the land of farmers and the poor if only it does a project under the aforementioned categories, irrespective of any amount of social harm that happens. The "bureaucratic procedure" that the prime minister wants to short circuit here exists to prevent this from happening.

Instead the new bill sets up bureaucratic hurdles for the farmer. Sure – as the prime minister reiterated in his broadcast – the farmer can sue a public servant for failing in his duty. But the new bill proposes that this can be done only in accordance with section 197 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which requires the sanction of the government before the crime can even be taken cognizance of by the court. If the government itself is to favour (as is evident from it bypassing SIA) the corporate honcho, why will it allow the court to even take cognizance of the crime?

## In the Name of 'National Interest':

However, it is not surprising to see a government favour corporates who fund their elections and their coffers. Even with the previous act, they found a way to make a mockery of compensation by giving as low as Rs 2 to compensate rain-hit farmers. The Congress has paid the price of its rudderless, corrupt handling of power. BJP though seems to outdo its predecessor in its machinations, in the sense that it really has found

the tool to exploit the poor without the poor being able to protest. When the Honourable Prime Minister invokes "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan" after a lot of emotional rhetoric and asks the gullible poor to prove his patriotism by sacrificing land for the development and security of the nation, he does not even need a law to force them into submission. There is a deeper hidden injunction here. The imagined guilt of being against the nation's interest, of being a traitor, of being a Pakistani works better than any amount of mollycoddling. The BJP seems to have figured this out, for everywhere the government is questioned- from the parliament to television debates to its own executive meeting- it invokes "national interest".

## Manufacturing Consent

What this "national interest" is remains unclear though, for although the BJP accuses the Congress of having drafted the act in a haste, it itself passed it as an ordinance when the parliament was not in session, and has re-promulgated it after getting the Rajya Sabha (where owing to not enjoying the majority as it does in the LS, the bill won't be able to get through) prorogued. The termination of the RS session shows that the BJP is clearly trying to stifle democracy itself. The parliament represents the people's voices. After subverting it, is BJP now trying to build an image that the poor are in agreement with the bill?

Thus the image building exercise and perception campaign that the BJP decided on in its national executive meeting is so dangerous in its ingenuity, that it can very nearly be commended for it. One is almost tempted to say that the BJP may not be a bad party after all. They are ready to sink deep in the abyss of moral trepidation for the sake of this God like idea of development. As long as development can be invoked, anything and everything seems justifiable. When consent is finally manufactured, we sure will have hearts of steel. Five stars to you, Mr. Prime Minister.

# DP 2034 - Not Rules, Just Guidelines

by Don Aguiar

A few weeks ago, the BMC put out the draft Development Plan (DP) for the city for 2014 – 2034, the latest Development Plan in as many years for Mumbai. On the one hand the DP wants to create a sustainable environment and preserve ecology and on the other it plans to take over the last green zone in the city – Aarey Colony. And how have the authorities reacted to all the glaring errors and omissions in it? With sheer idiocy, today the BJP government has put up highway signs advising Mumbai population that in spite of the many representations from many citizens of the many mistakes, omissions and fundamental contradictions – Adequate ground work was done by us but many errors, omissions and fundamental contradictions have appeared which require to be reviewed – which, in this densely packed city of 31 million people, is a bit like telling fish – please try not to get wet. It makes the citizens stressed and angry.

A friend of mine who is equally aggressive both at work and otherwise came up to me a couple of days ago and shared the secret of how he has stopped getting stressed and angry when people break traffic rules or the BMC is being irresponsible in performing their duties or for that matter for even preparing the DP 2014 – 2034 for Mumbai city which is totally flawed and irreparable.

It's all about how you interpret rules and responsibility. And it will start making sense when you realize that traffic rules and BMC responsibilities are not rules or responsibilities. They are just guidelines..... and guidelines may or may not be followed. And stopping when the signal is red or being responsible for performing your duties correctly in the BMC is really a choice. We all hope you make the 'right' choice, the 'red' of the signal or the responsibility performing your duties correctly in the BMC as a churning sign, telling you perhaps it may not be really a bad idea if you stopped or be responsible. In the interest of all con-

cerned stakeholders including pedestrians and citizens. But in the end it is your decision.

And so when you hit a recreational cyclist early in the morning, who falls and fractures his bones and you are stopped by a two wheeler passing by, it is your choice to back up, re hit the person you have already knocked down and run away. It is not mandatory to stop and take the person to hospital and say 'sorry'. Similarly in the BMC when its personals are irresponsible, do not perform their duties correctly and even go to the extent of preparing a Development Plan for 2014 – 2034 for Mumbai city, where the errors are too frequent and too many by design and is undermining affordable housing and depleting open spaces with the existing land use surveys being wrong, the proposed land uses are a disaster – the DP is irreparable, has fundamental flaws and is contradictory to the city's needs and aspirations. It is their choice to call for corrections, make more confusion on receipt of the corrections and run away. It is not mandatory for them to acknowledge their wrongs, say 'sorry' and want to either correct the same or if irreparable start making a new one.

In most civil societies, it is not acceptable to murder someone..... And it is quite likely you will go to jail for the rest of your life. But in our country I guess 'not killing' is really just a guideline. If you feel strongly that someone does not need to live, you could actually just go ahead and kill that person..... and in just about 2/3 years you will be out of jail free, because of lack of evidence or on some technical grounds. Similarly when the BMC continually stonewalls you with their inefficiency and particularly with a DP that is riddled with errors, that excludes nearly three fourths of the city's population and fails to respond to the pressing challenges of urban poverty, climate change, heritage conservation

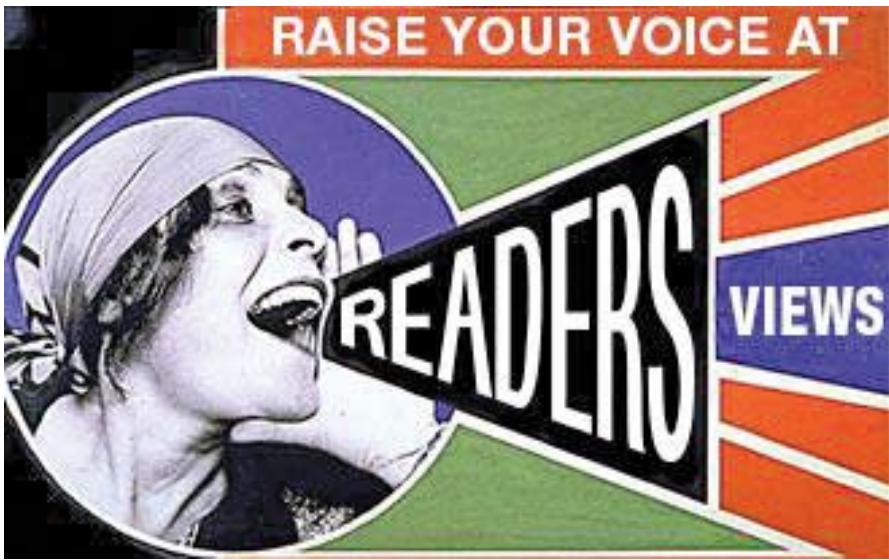
etc you could actually do very little because of the patronage they receive from the government. It is again surprising given this view that more people are still alive and well. Thank God for small mercies.

Planning in a chaotic democracy is difficult. We are not China or Singapore. But surely we can abide by some basic principles (open spaces, moderate FSI, affordable housing) and still come up with a decent DP. The draft DP has too many omissions, mistakes and errors which will require a serious relook and rethink to make it inclusive, appropriate, sustainable and affordable for most Mumbaikars.

A planning document that seems to be error-ridden from start to finish just has to be scrapped; there are no two ways about it. But the BMC and the government also needs to fix responsibility for playing this joke on Mumbai. How can people get away with this type of shoddy work that has also overshot the deadline? (Lest we forget, a new DP was due in 2011 and we are in 2015.) Incompetence of this magnitude reinforces the poor public opinion of what happens in government offices; if that is also accompanied by lack of accountability and punishment, then it erodes faith in government institutions. This, unfortunately, is what is happening now.

The more we see a lack of deterrence from the BMC and government the more our rules become.... mere guidelines. And this is when the serenity prayer comes handy. 'Give me the serenity to accept the things I can't change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference'

Gross omissions in the DP are enough for it to be scrapped. There has been total non application of the mind. A DP for the city for the next two decades needs adequate ground work. But more importantly, given that it is a 20 year plan and will be in place for almost an entire generation with implications outlasting even multiple cycles of elections, it is imperative for citizens to take action immediately



## Eucharist and Prasad

Even after 5 decades of inculturation in the church , it is sad that no suitable substitute-word has been found to differentiate between Holy Communion and 'prasad' of the Hindu puja ,and the word 'prasad' continues to remain a misnomer. Recently, during the holy week celebrations in Goa we witnessed huge mixed-crowds of Christians and non-Christians , where public announcements were being made at Communion time in the vernaculars that the 'prasad' being distributed, was only for Catholics and not for non-Catholics. It is therefore not surprising that many non-Christians, especially Hindus, who attend our church services in large numbers, feel discriminated and raise questions as to why they have been deprived of receiving the 'prasad'. This is bound to happen in a predominantly Hindu culture, where our inculturists keep referring to the Eucharist as 'Prasad'.

It was heartening to read that a renowned Jesuit priest and Sanskrit scholar Fr Noel Sheth has clarified that 'prasad' is an edible item offered to an idol and consumed by the devotees, whereas the Eucharist is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, offered by Christ's sacrifice on the cross. In some of the parishes in Vasai, where Marathi is the mother tongue of the East Indian Community, the Eucharist

is referred to as "Prabhu Bhojan",--- a more acceptable term which signifies a divine meal given to us, and different from the 'prasad' offered to an idol. There is therefore a strong need to replace the word '**Prasad**' with a suitable equivalent such as 'Christu sharir' which will hopefully put an end to the deplorable acts of irreverence and abuse the Eucharist is subjected to these days.

—A. F. Nazareth  
Alto Porvorim

## Safety Guidelines While Travelling

The existing rape laws in India are weak. This is why we have not been able to lower the number of cases of sexual assault on women. The investigation procedure is also such that victims are deterred from registering the cases. Perhaps the most uncomfortable part of the investigation is the identification parade. The survivor often finds it difficult to identify the accused after the horrible experiences she had undergone.

The law should be such that it upholds the dignity of women while giving rapists the maximum punishment.

At the same time, all of us, not just women, should be extra careful while travelling in auto rickshaws or taxis, especially if we are alone. We must be alert to danger. If the driver suddenly stops his vehicle in a deserted stretch, we should get out immediately and stand somewhere where we are visible to the passers-by. Also, we must have an emergency contact number saved in our phones in such a way that we can dial it fast. Women and young girls are advised to let their families know if they are travelling in a lonely area. They should pass on the vehicle's number to them.

— Jubel D'Cruz,  
Mumbai

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# Goa CM calls for immediate end to row over convent schools

Goa Chief Minister Laxmikant Parsekar on Wednesday asked a minister and an MLA to immediately stop squabbling over the cultural merits and demerits of minority institution-run convent schools, a debate which has now taken on a communal colour here.

Speaking to IANS on the sidelines of a literary function, Parsekar said he neither supported nor believed the statement made by Factories and Boilers Minister Deepak Dhavalikar, who had said that education in convent schools took students away from Indian culture and Hinduism.

"They should stop immediately," Parsekar said when asked about communally sensitive comments made by Dhavalikar and MLA Caitu Silva.

Dhavalikar and his wife Lata, have over the last three days, publicly and repeatedly exhorted parents not to admit their wards in minority institution-run convent schools, as the education and atmosphere there weans children away from Hindu culture.

The duo has also asked women to wear 'kumkum' and sarees to avoid being eve-teased and said adoption of western culture leads to rape.

In an evident response on Wednesday, Silva, a Goa Vikas Party legislator from the Catholic dominated constitu-

ency of Benaulim, said Hindus staying away from convent schools would help Catholic students many of whom,

he claimed, found it difficult to access even minority institutions.

"If Hindus don't want to send their children to convents better for us. There will be more seats for Catholic students to avail of a better education," Silva told reporters at the state secretariat.

Showing his displeasure at the communal exchange, Parsekar said that he would intervene in order to stop the squabble. "I will immediately speak to them to stop it... I do not support the statements and I do not agree with them."

"I have seen convent schools where abuses are common, and respected, disciplined (convent schools) too. It cannot be generalised," the chief minister further said.

Illustrating, Parsekar, who runs a school and a higher secondary school himself, said his educational institution - Harmal Panchkroshi - had over time gained popularity despite the fact that a convent school was situated next to it.

"We have two divisions right from lower KG... and the convent has only one division. If we do not take care of our schools, then there will be a rush there (convent institutions)."

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Goa MLA, Caitu Silva

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# DCCW Workshop – Empower Humanity

A certificate workshop on Empathy & Service to Community with the theme "Make it happen – Empower Humanity" was conducted by Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) on March 22, 2015 at Bosco Hall, St. Andrews Church Bandra from 9.00 – 2.00 pm inclusive of tea and lunch.

Sr. Phyllis a Salesian Sister led us in silence and meditate on 'Christ be our Light' and to ask that His light may shine in us so that others may see Christ in us. This was followed by the welcome address by Phil Fernandes, President of DCCW who thanked over 100 people for attending the first Certificate Workshop. She said DCCW is 51 years old as we celebrated 50 golden years a milestone in the history of Council of Catholic Women of India (CCWI) at Shillong in October 2014. On the final day there was mammoth gathering of over 30000 laity, 40 priests, 4 bishops concelebrating the Eucharist. It was like a mini Vatican. She said Blessed Pope Paul VI during his visit to India in 1964 during the Eucharistic Congress initiated to give women a responsibility to form the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in the church and with the blessing of CBCI the first group started in Colaba with Mrs. Dagma Linn as the first President under the direction of Msgr. Stan Monteiro. Since then we have journeyed through the length and breadth of India having over 50 Units under different names but under the umbrella of CCWI National Headquarters at Bangalore. We are also affiliated to WUCWO (World Union of Catholic Women's Organisation) with its Headquarters in Paris. This Organization vision is to help women and children have catholic values and traditions.

Dr. Priya Alphonso, a Research Scientist talk on "Holistic Health" was an eye opener. Her message 'let food be your medicine and not medicine your food' and 'let kitchen be your clinic', she said we need to (1) respect our body by not overeating (2) live in Community and not as individ-

uals (3) care for our environment (4) show love for all humankind (5) live our life for a purpose. She explained how aromatherapy can be done free at home using oranges, sweet limes peel, ginger (oil extracts). Regarding spiritual health she said it is important to spend maximum time in prayer, forgive and forget. Most diseases she added are due to unforgiveness. She encouraged us to frequently receive the sacraments, give 1/10th of your time in service to God/Community/Society. 1/10th of your finance to Church. As for water therapy she suggested to drink plenty of water, fresh juice after breakfast, eat seasonal fruits, avoid cold drinks and live life positively with a smile and to avoid credit cards which is a lifetime disease. Her publications "Grandma's Pouch" Volumes I & II are a blessing. Dr. Priya said that we find it so easy to pop pills rather than try our home remedies. Besides these have been tried and tested and can be safely used.

Sr. Phyllis talk on "Domestic Violence" was inspiring. She said that most probably we may not have this problem in our own homes, but we need to bring this tension to a halt in our neighborhood by the simple "bell bajao" technique. Through a video on "God's still working on me" she showed us how God is still working on us to make us what we ought to be. Through a powerpoint she showed us beautiful women who are silent sufferers and how we need to empower them. Quoting Pope Francis she said that it is important to have dreams for your family, to carry forward these quality dreams of our spouse and children. She told us how important women are, they work 24 x 7 and through a video on the "Impossible Dream" we saw that the impossible can be possible with God.

Dr. Priya's second talk on Science A Wonder and Modern Technology has shown us that science is generally a boon if used well. We must also be aware of its mis-use and how to overcome its disadvantages. She concluded by telling us we need sev-

en important doctors viz. Dr. Diet, Dr. Quiet, Dr. Cleanliness, Dr. Exercise, Dr. Smile, Dr. Relationships and Dr. Prayer.

Mrs. Ivy D'Gama was honored by DCCW as one of the senior members and given Dr. Priya's book by our Chief Guest, Fr. Caesar D'Mello. He then distributed the Workshop certificates to the participants.

Mrs. Shyama Kulkarni, AGNI Trustee, Guest of Honour graced the occasion and gave us a feedback of meeting held at Carmel Convent on the same day and requested all members to write a letter individually opposing the draft Development Plan (DP). She elaborated how it will affect our property and the senior citizens if action not taken.

Eileen Albuquerque gave the vote of thanks. The programme was anchored by Margaret Fernandes in her own inimitable and charming style.

Inspite of so many events taking place in Mumbai on the same day the response was very encouraging. Many new comers became aware of and showed interest in the DCCW. We hope to have many more similar programmes as Dr. Priya Alphonso highlighted on "Health in your hands" in other parishes as this was the demand made by the participants.

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# Speciality of “Js”!

Y our short side-‘jacket’ –h What makes the letter “J” very special, page 14 of The Secular Citizen, 13 Apr. 2015, listing 15 “Js”, starting with JESUS and ending with JEHOVAH-JIREH, truly makes ‘jewels jingle’! Well, here are another 15 “Js”, all taken from the New Testament. Meditate on each “J” for a ‘joyful’, ‘jubilant’ and ‘judicious’ life’s ‘journey’!

1. Therefore, what God has JOINED together, let no one separate (Mk 10:9).
2. For as long as there is JEALOUSY and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh (1 Cor 3:3).
3. Let your adornment be the inner self, the JEWEL of a gentle and quite spirit (1 Pet 3:3).
4. You have heard of the endurance of JOB (Jas 5:11).
5. They repented at the proclamation of JONAH (Lk 11:32).
6. In JOPPA a disciple Tabitha, who was devoted to good works and acts of charity (Act 9:36).
7. That My JOY may be in you, and that your JOY may be complete (Jn 15:11).
8. JUDE, a servant of Jesus Christ (Jud 1:1). (Mt 1:19).
9. Do not JUDGE, and you will not be JUDGED (Lk 6:37).
10. Joseph being a JUST man (Mt 1:19).
11. The Father has given all JUDGEMENT to the Son (Jn 5:22).

12. Who (Jesus) was raised for our JUSTIFICATION (Rom 4:25).
13. I (Paul) advanced in JUDAISM beyond many (Gal 1:14).
14. Spoken through the prophet JOEL ... I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh (Act 2:16-17).
15. By faith the walls of JERICHO fell (Heb 11:29).

—Dr Trevor Colaso

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## Merits of Mercy

In his homily announcing the ‘Year of Mercy’, Pope Francis characterized the Church’s witness to mercy as a “journey that begins with a spiritual conversion ...” Christ’s word: “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Luke, 6:36), is the key to this ‘Year of Mercy’!

In his book, Whatever Becomes of Sin, Karl Menninger, a Jewish psychiatrist revealed that those patients who received God’s mercy were freed from ‘guilt’; and noted that those often bound by anxiety about not being forgiven became slaves of guilt. Once they acknowledge their sins and receive God’s mercy and forgiveness, they are often liberated in a very healthy psychological manner.

Mercy is more than a theological term; it is a life-transforming experience! It not only purifies the soul, but fills one’s hearts and minds with peace, giving one the strength to persevere and grow in virtue. When one is absolved from sin through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, one is able to move forward with hope. The graces received unite one with Christ, and allows one to embrace His ‘Divine Mercy’!

Thus, the Church also confidently proclaims: “Therefore, since we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart” ( 2 Corinthians, 4:1).

—Dr Trevor Colaso

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# Does Your Relationship Has A Future?

**Life is a series of challenges. There are some qualities your relationship needs in order to survive the challenges. If these don't exist you have very little chance of living happily in long term relationship**

**R**elationships are never easy and often we question whether or not we should break up and keep looking, or stick with what we have.

## It's Equal and Sharing

A healthy relationship is equal and sharing. You should never feel "obligated" to your partner when he does something nice for you. If you purchase him a present, he shouldn't have to buy one in return to even things out.

## The Little Things

Can you get over the way he forgets to put the cap back on the toothpaste, or throws his clothes in a drawer without folding them? In all honesty, if you can't get past these things, and he's not willing to change, you might want to reconsider your relationship. If you're man means more to you than his wrinkled clothing, then you probably have a future together.

## You Still Want to Be Together

If you and your guy have been together for years, and you still want to be together, then your relationship



has a future. Wanting to be with each other is always the most important part of having a future together.

## You Have Open Communication

You cannot have a relationship if you can't communicate with each other. One of the most important things to remember is that your future with this person is accepting him as he is. If you cannot tell him everything that's on your mind, then he might not be the one for you.

## You Think Alike

If you want to have a future together, you and your guy have to think alike.

**It isn't always easy to be in a relationship, but it's even harder finding the right person to spend your future with.**

That doesn't mean that you need to agree with everything all the time. You and your partner must have the same views on the future in order for your relationship to have a future.

## You Can Be Apart Too

One of the most important ways to know if your relationship has a future is by being apart from each other. It's hard to deal with the little everyday crazies that couples put each other through, but it's even harder to be apart. Sometimes, being away from your partner makes you happier. If that's the case, then you need to rethink your future with this person.

## Argue With Each Other

If you and your guy have never had an argument, then you need to sit down by yourself and think about your relationship. All couples argue...and it's healthy. You should not be screaming and throwing things at each other, or fighting and calling each other names, but you do need to have an argument once in a while.

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# Need For Reorganization of Parishes in Mumbai

by Prof Robert Castellino  
Orlem, Malad

The archdiocese of New York is 5 times larger than the archdiocese of Mumbai in population. It also has three times as many parishes as Mumbai. But New York is beset with virtually similar problems as Mumbai viz., demographic shift of population from down town areas to extended suburbs and dwindling church attendance . In Mumbai, however, the population is dwindling in down town areas only.

In the year 2007 several parishes were closed or merged in the archdiocese of New York. This painful exercise was the cause of much heart-burning, demonstrations and even legal proceedings against the church. Now in the year 2015 once again the archdiocese is set to undertake restructuring that will see some parishes closed and several merged. And again there is understandable consternation among affected parishioners . "I can well understand the frustration, the anger, the confusion of our people, and I apologize for it, because I am the agent of it," Cardinal Dolan said in a recent interview . "But this is about the future, this is about strength and renewal, and we will get through this". In all, 112 parishes will be merged to create 55 new parishes, the archdiocese announced. In 31 of those new parishes, one of the churches will no longer be used for regular services, meaning those churches will be effectively closed by August 2015. The reorganization which has been long in coming , reflects the demographic trends that have plagued Roman Catholic dioceses across much of the nation for decades.



**In the Catholic Church, Can.374 §2 of the Code of Canon Law grants to bishops the possibility to join together several neighbouring parishes into special groups, such as vicariates forane, or deaneries. Each deanery is headed by a vicar forane,**

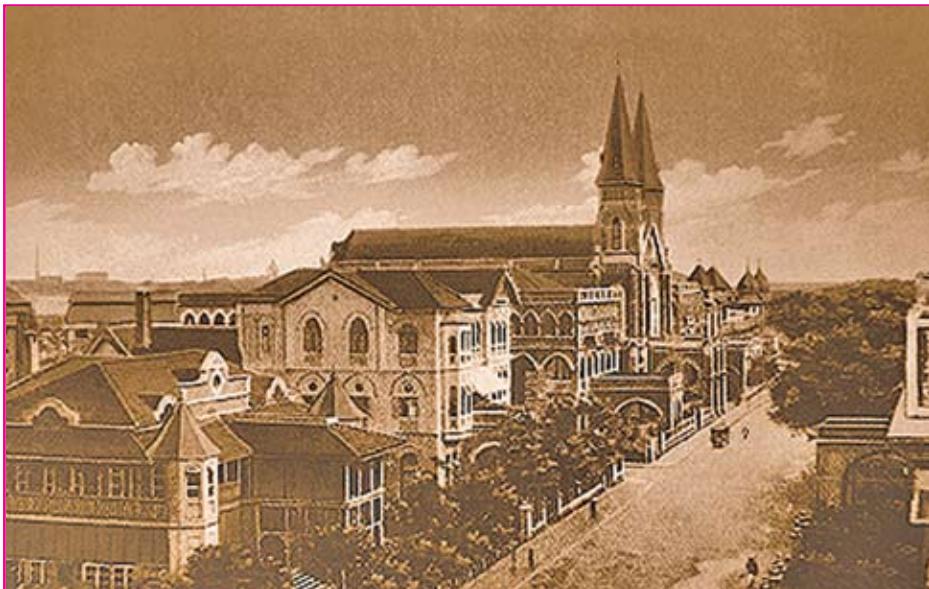
"Some of our people will be sad, upset, critical and even angry," said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, writing in a column in 'Catholic New York' about the imminent changes. "Very understandable ... loyal Catholic people love their parishes, and consider them their spiritual home." he said. Like New York, several dioceses in the US are reorganizing their parishes or have already done so.

The archdiocese of Bombay is faced with more or less similar problems but with more emphasis on creation new churches. The archdiocese covers a vast area from Bhyander, Thane and Uttan in the north to Fort area and further south to far away Raigad district. There are 123 parishes with a population of 5,17,001

**The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Bombay is a particular church of the Roman Catholic Church in India. The archdiocese has been a metropolitan see since the time it was elevated by Pope Leo XIII on 1 September 1886. The ecclesiastical province of Bombay includes the suffragan dioceses of Nashik, Pune, and Vasai. As of 2006, the archdiocese had 277 diocesan priests, 283 religious priests, 383 male religious orders and 1,530 female religious orders. The archdiocese comprises eleven Deaneries, serves a total of 506,976 Catholics in 121 parishes scattered across the Mumbai Metropolitan Region**

Catholics in the archdiocese which is divided into deaneries for better administration. During the last 30 years there has been a large demographic shift of catholic population from south Mumbai to the north i. e., from Colaba , Mazagaon, Byculla etc to Malad , Borivili and Mira Road . South Mumbai is in now depleted of Catholics. There are other parishes struggling to survive. Our Lady of Health Cavel has 300 Catholics left, while St Ignatius Mandvi has just 265 parishioners. St John the Evangelist Fort with 425 parishioners and St Teresa's Girgaum a with 569 are among the many parishes in South Mumbai which have suffered heavy depletion.

Where have these parishioners



*Church of the Holyname at Wodehouse Road, Colaba - 1873*

disappeared? Most of them have moved to Orlem,( Malad) and I C colony (Borivali)-- the northern-most suburbs. After these places got saturated and prices of flats started rising Catholics moved even further north to Mira road. Thirty years ago, Mira road had no church and not even a priest. Today it is the largest parish in the archdiocese with over 25,000 parishioners and still growing and together with Immaculate Conception (IC) Church Borivali and Our Lady of Lourdes Orlem Malad, they make up the three largest parishes in Mumbai. The ravages of migration can be gauged from St Anne's Mazagon, which boasts of some of the finest schools in Mumbai but now has just 2,000 parishioners left.

Sooner or later the archdiocese will have to consider reorganization of parishes even if the very mention of the word is sure to stir a hornets' nest. " It just doesn't seem logical" lamented a Malad parishioner, " when every other week some people come

to our parish seeking donations for a new church, when in fact our own church is saturated and needs extension or another chapel/church to cater to the new incoming parishioners..

Let it be very clear that this writer is not even remotely hinting at closure of any church. What is suggested that very small parishes be merged making them more viable , while new churches/parishes be constructed where they are required.

### A case in point:

Orlem parish is bursting at the seams. Nine services on Sundays (including two in Tamil) are packed to capacity. During the Holy Week services every nook and cranny of the church and ground is packed to capacity for the three services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. There's absolutely no scope for accommodating new parishioners.

A concerned parishioner floated the idea of a second church in Orlem.

## Catholic Population in Parishes

### High

Mira Road, St. Joseph	25,240
Andheri Sacred Heart	10,000
Amboli - St. Blaise	13,185
Borivali I.C. Colony	20,000
Kurla - Holy Cross	10,500
Orlem, OL of Lourdes	17,613

### Low

Giram - Cavel	300
Colaba - St. Joseph	1,380
Fort, St. John	425
Girgam, St. Teresa	569
Mandvi - St. Ignatius	265
Mazagaon, St. Anne	1,500

He contends that our parish has supported the construction of several new churches in a very big way. It should not be too difficult to construct a second church. And why not?

The ground reality is that the 'house-full' parish is now set to explode . The ubiquitous 4-storey buildings dotting Orlem are being demolished and redeveloped into 16-20 storey towers . Moreover several 50+ storied towers are rising from the slums like Phoenixes ,along the upscale Link Road. More such towers are in the pipeline .In 2-3 years the population of Orlem parish will explode. Immediate planning is imperative ,without affecting existing parishioners.

The parish has one large ground situated nearby that may be considered as an option for a second church. The fact that it is located nearby should not be an issue. ( Bandra west has 6 parishes located in close proximity of each other catering to 31,000 catholics at an average of about 5,000 parishioners per parish, which is an ideal number.)

A small portion at one end of this ground may be used to build a chapel as an adjunct of Lourdes parish ,to serve the 5,000 plus Tamil community. One or two English services may also be conducted on Sundays and during Holy Week. Later it may be turned into a full fledged parish catering to the Tamil community and all the new parishioners along the Link Road 'without affecting existing parishioners'. This proposal will give Lourdes parish some leeway to increase services in English.

Similarly, other parishes too are expanding. At the other end of the spectrum, some parishes are losing their parishioners. It is time for the archdiocese to assess the viability of very small parishes and the needs of very large parishes and creation of new parishes new . Undoubtedly there will be a lot of heart-burning among parishioners of small parishes, but they should be comforted by the fact that it is their own former parishioners ( those who have migrated) who will benefit from reorganization.

## Parish Reorganization in a Catholic Diocese

### The Situation

A large Catholic diocese, with both urban and rural regions and a strong history of both geographic and ethnic parishes, found itself living with decisions about parish life that were made in the 19th and early 20th century. Like most other dioceses, significant shifts in the Catholic population meant that the current demographic is much different than it was a generation or two ago.

The financial burden of maintaining the current configuration of parishes was no longer sustainable, but how to address the situation creatively and responsibly was not clear. The diocese approached a professional agency in developing and implementing a plan to move forward.

### The Challenges

The diocese faced several challenges in its parish configuration:

The declining overall population resulted in churches that were only 1/3 or less full for weekly liturgies. There was difficulty in finding a sufficient number of parishioners to serve in leadership roles on parish councils and other committees, and as catechists.

Parish debt was mounting as a result of insufficient resources to fund staffing and ministry.

There was a diminishing number of priests overall—and fewer of the current priests were willing to serve as a pastor.

In the past, ethnic groups built their own churches. As people moved away from their traditional neighborhoods, they became involved in geographic or territorial parishes. As a result, there are far too many church buildings for the Catholic population in the diocese in the 21st century.

**The professional agency Solution:**  
As tempting as it is for a bishop sim-



ply to announce strategic decisions about a new configuration of parishes, it has been shown again and again that it is important to resist that temptation and to embrace a “top-down and a bottom-up” approach.

**The Professional Agency offered just such an approach, tested in numerous dioceses, that involved eight steps:**

#### Step One: Evaluate parish viability

The first conversations at the diocesan level resulted in the appointment of a Planning Commission to oversee the process, clarified the assumptions and goals of a parish re-organization process, identified possible parish ministry models, developed criteria for a viable parish and proposed a specific approach for engaging the leadership in every parish in the diocese.

The conversation then moved to the parish level where a core leadership group evaluated the parish in light of the criteria for viability—the evaluation involved naming strengths, identifying challenges and reviewing financial and sacramental realities.

Once all the parish self-evaluations were completed, the parishes joined in clusters (three-six parishes) of their own choosing to share what they had learned from their parish evaluations and to complete a cluster-wide evaluation of viability.

#### Step Two: Choose a ministry model:

Having completed parish and cluster evaluations, each cluster was asked to choose a future ministry model from one of the approved models (merger, linkage, partnership, parish life coordinator, ministry team) and to offer a rationale for why their choice offered the most vital future.

#### Step Three: Develop Planning Commission preliminary recommendations:

(Contd.. on p. 15)

## Thanksgiving



Thanks to Divine Mercy,  
Our Lady of Vailankanni,  
Our Lady of perpetual  
Succor and St. Anthony  
for the favours. Praying  
for more favours.

— Fernandes family,  
Santacruz East

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The Agency facilitated a multi-day retreat of The Planning Commission (20 members, women and men, ordained and lay) where the Commission reviewed the cluster proposals and, in light of the goals and criteria established by the bishop, made preliminary recommendations that went back to each cluster for review. This “best thinking” of the Commission was not the final word but rather took the form of preliminary recommendations with rationale in order to encourage further conversation at the parish and cluster levels.

#### **Step Four: Review of preliminary recommendations in clusters**

The cluster leadership teams then had a second opportunity to consider their future by reviewing the Planning Commission material and talking about the areas of agreement and disagreement between the cluster and the Commission. As with the earlier process, clusters were asked to offer their best thinking about what would strengthen the Church in their area. The Reid Group consultants provided training and served as a resource for the parish and cluster teams.

#### **Step Five: Respond to Planning Commission’s preliminary recommendations**

Each cluster submitted its response and accompanying rationale to the Planning Commission, indicating areas of agreement and disagreement and stating once more why they thought their preferred future would strengthen the ministry and presence

of the Church in their area.

#### **Step Six: Develop final recommendations**

The Planning Commission met again on retreat, facilitated by The Agency, to consider each cluster response. In a spirit of prayer and deep reflection, the Commission developed final recommendations and rationale and sent them to the bishop for careful review.

#### **Step Seven: Bishop’s deliberation**

After receiving the Planning Commission recommendations, the bishop took several months for prayer, reflection and consultation before announcing his final decisions. According to canon law, a bishop must consult with the Presbyteral Council and other bodies regarding any merger of parishes. The bishop’s decisions then became directives to be implemented by all the clusters.

#### **Step Eight: Plan for Implementation.**

Once the bishop announced his decisions, all the parishes participated in training sessions by The Agency consultants to help plan for the successful implementation of the directives. There was a five-month period of planning for implementation before any structural changes were made.

The parish and cluster teams took their participation in the process very seriously. As one team member said, “I am very excited to be able to contribute to the formation of a new parish community resulting from the merger of four parishes. This is a sacred

obligation that only comes along every 50-100 years. I believe it is the work of the Holy Spirit.”

### **Outcomes**

**The diocese experienced a number of measurable changes as a result of the eight-step process:**

Many priests reported fuller church- es and more vibrant liturgies.

After 12-18 months, ordinary income increased.

The diocese moved from more than 200 parishes to about 120.

Because all the parishes worked together with the bishop and diocesan leaders to create the new reality, there was a greater sense of unity throughout the diocese.

The process evoked a positive spir- it expressed as the reality that all are members of the Body of Christ—and avoided the pitfall of “winners” and “losers.”

**The diocese as a whole re- alized an opportunity to move beyond structural change to the change of mind and heart about what a vibrant parish is and how important spiritual renewal is.**



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# Legacy Of A Pontiff And Saint

Serving people and connecting them with God was not always an easy task. He was known as the "Most Universal" of Pontiffs, rightly so, his journeys outside of Italy covered over 100 pastoral visits. He knew eight languages and was fluent in all. April 2005 TIME magazine published a Commemorative issue citing the late Pope John Paul II as "Defender of the Faith". The Holy Father was also a keen defender of human dignity.

Pope John Paul II was canonized on 27th April 2014, which happened to be Divine Mercy Sunday. This April (a decade since the pontiff's death) we pay tribute to his memory and the awesome legacy of his life which he left to the Catholic world.

In his lifetime and for 26 years of his papacy Karol Wojtyla, the 264th Pope elected 1978 is considered as the greatest of modern Popes. He spoke for peace, the poor, the persecuted and the deprived.

Pope Saint John Paul II was the second child of Karol and Emilia Wojtyla of Krakow, Poland. Born on May 18, 1920, and named after his father Karol Josef. His mother had predicted that her son would grow to be a "great man". Emilia passed away when Karol was only 9 years old. When he turned 21 his father, a retired non-commissioned army officer and tailor, died.

By 1942 Wojtyla heard the Call to become a Catholic priest. Those were difficult days when Germany was sweeping across Europe at the start of World War II. While in hiding he took courses in an under-ground seminary in Krakow as Poland was occupied by Nazi forces. In 1946, on November 1, Karol was ordained. He did his doctoral studies in Rome. On returning to Poland the Bishop appointed him as parish priest. Ten years later in 1958 he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Krakow. Time, as always, was racing along the path of his destiny. Six years past and he became Archbishop Pope Paul VI acknowledging Karol's dedication to his pastoral duties made him a Cardinal in 1967. Wojtyla had come a long way.

On October 16, 1978 at 5:15 p.m. Cardinal Wojtyla became the Roman Catholic Church's first non-Italian Pope in 450 years. He was now the 264th occupant of the throne of St. Peter.

An Italian Archbishop once said, "It's curious.

You'd think that he had always been Pope." Taking the name of John Paul II, the new pontiff wished to be known as the Pilgrim Pope. He travelled to all points of the world. TIME magazine, in 1994 acclaimed him Man of the Year. Pope John Paul said in a message to the World Mission Sunday 2000: "The world is in need of Jesus Christ and His Gospel, the Good News that God loves us." From Sudan to Cuba, the Pope's messages offered hope to Christians deprived and persecuted. He made the time to write five books , among them, The Threshold of Hope (1994), Gift and Mystery (1996), and Roman Triptych (2003).

John Paul's personal history, his duties as Vicar of Jesus Christ and the late 20th century's biggest drama blended in a remarkable manner. In the years of his papacy John Paul became the champion of Ecumenism, a Doctrinal Disciplinarian, supporting Feminism and burnished his aura as a mystical believer. His devotion to the Virgin Mary was lifelong. His personal motto remained – Totus tuus (All yours) often prostrating himself before her statues. When he went to Jerusalem and stood at the Western Wall, the Pope slipped a note into the Wall affirming that God 'chose' the Jews and asked for forgiveness for their long suffering. He never for a moment forgot his own mystical side.

In the Holy Rosary, the pontiff added five events in the life of Jesus, taking it up from fifteen to twenty in the number of its mysteries. Keeping to the spark of his dynamic and astonishing career Pope John Paul II made 482 saints. He could also be tough on religious and their ideas.



BY MELVYN BROWN

There was a time when John Paul felt that liberation theology seemed too much like communism. He even dismantled its leadership, presumably because of its seeming leftist sympathies. And in its place elevated the once little known organization Opus Dei to the status of his "personal prelature".

At a crucial time in modern history, a few hours after his papal meeting with Soviet President Michail Gorbachev, December 1, 1989 the Vatican told the United States in a confidential assessment that President Gorbachev could be trusted as a genuine reformer.

John Paul II issued extraordinary apologies for the Inquisition and the Crusades. This was a first for the Catholic Church. He even brought back Galileo who had espoused the theory that the sun, not the earth, was the center of the solar system. At that time it was called "heresy".

Furthermore, in 1998 the Holy Father issued "We Remember", a long anticipated penance for the Holocaust.

Over the passage of time it became clear that the Pope had exerted much courage into the works of his mission in papacy, and that he was facing physical setbacks in medical terms. He had been struck by Parkinson's syndrome. Yet, he did not retire as Pope, but showed the world that illness and old age are not meant to be ashamed of. He gave audience after audience and celebrated Mass after Mass in his rapidly growing weak conditions.

Beverly Firmin of Augusta, was a witness at one of the Mass' and she said, "Really, how beautiful. What a strong man it takes to let people see you in that condition."

David van Biema wrote in an article. The Pope was so Christlike in his sense of fate. He was so dedicated to his mission. So certain that this was God's plan and himself a part of it.

# Let me introduce myself, My Name Is MONEY!!!....

I have a simple look, my physique is also weak, but I am capable of rearranging the world order.

I am also "capable" of changing the 'Behaviour & even Human Nature' because the humans idolize me. Many people change their personality, betray their friends, sell their bodies, in fact even abandon their religion, for my sake!

I don't understand the difference between the righteous & the depraved, but men use me as a standard for status, deciding whether a person is rich or poor & honorable or lowborn.

I am not Satan, but people often commit transgressions because of me.

I'm also not a third person, but



many husbands & wives are separated because of me. Many children & parents are at loggerheads because of me.

It is also obvious that I am not God, but mankind worship me like a God, in fact often times the servants of God are honouring me more than God, whereas u have been advised, don't be slaves to money.

I'm supposed to serve mankind, but mankind instead wants to be my slaves!?

I have never sacrificed myself for anyone, but many people are willing to die for me.

I need to remind, I can only be an instrument of payment for ur prescription drugs, but I cannot extend ur life.

If one day u are being called by God, I will not be able to accompany u, let alone to be the redeemer of ur sins..., u have to face it itself with ur Creator & then accept His Judgment.

At that time, the Almighty will certainly deal with u & ask u concerning me. But I am asking u this now ARE U IN UR LIFE-TIME USING ME well, or HAVE U MADE me as GOD???

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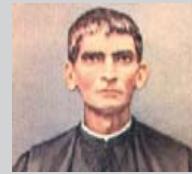
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# The Pitfall Of Pride Obadiah 1-4

by Capt.Mervin John Lobo

Pride is a matter of the heart. In both Hebrew and Greek, the language of the Old and New Testaments respectively, the words pride and proud denote an arrogance, a puffing up, that causes people to exalt themselves above those around them. This affliction leads to a judgmental spirit and presumptuous actions.

Unfortunately, almost everyone wrestles with pride, to one degree or another. Thankfully, the Lord has equipped His people with His inspired Word to battle this great sin moment by moment through the power of the Holy Spirit. Pride is a barrier to all spiritual progress, it is a cruel taskmaster; it commands the heart, crowding out all virtue. It must be identified and purged if one has a desire to be used of God.

The antidote to pride is humility: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (Jas.4:6; 1Pet. 5:5).

"Humility," is to think of yourself, if you can, as God thinks of you". It is to feel that if we have talents, God has given them to us, and let it be seen that, like freight in a vessel, they tend to sink us low. The more we have, the lower we ought to lie. Humility is not to say, "I have not this gift," but it is to say, " I have the gift, and I must use it for my Master's glory. I must never seek any honor for myself, for what have I that have not received? " But, beloved humility is to feel ourselves lost, ruined, and undone.

When the apostle Paul wrote to his young protégé Timothy to tell him how to pastor the church at Ephesus, he cautioned him not to give too much responsibility to new believers. Do not appoint a novice to the office of bishop (overseer), he said, "lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil" (1 Tim. 3:6).

The Edomites were filled with pride. Ensconced in mountains and

protected by high cliffs and deep gorges, they thought themselves invincible and they became poster children for the truth of Proverbs 16:18: "Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall."

The prophet Obadiah used a mere 21 verses to tell ancient Israel's arrogant, self-righteous neighbor to the south that God's judgment was upon it and Edom would be destroyed.

Because Edom's terrain made it difficult to conquer, the nation reveled in a false sense of security. Believing no one could touch them, the Edomites treated the nations around them, especially Israel, with disdain and cruelty. Often they allied themselves with other nations and attached Jerusalem, delighting in violence against their "brother Jacob" (Obad.10). Then they would retreat to the safety of their impregnable defenses.

The book of Obadiah opens with "a report from the LORD" through a messenger who had been involved in what we today would call shuttle diplomacy (v. 1). God had sent an envoy to the surrounding nations, calling them to unite in battle against Edom to humiliate it.

"Behold," He told Edom, "I will make you small among the nations; you shall be greatly despised. The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who dwell in the clefts of the rock." (vv. 2-3).

Edom's pride was so deep-seated that God conveyed His wrath toward the nation through no fewer than six other prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Joel, Amos, and Malachi. All prophesied Edom's destruction.

In Obadiah, God warned the Edomites their location would not protect them from Him: "Though you ascend as high as the eagle, and though you set your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down" (v.4).

The nations involved in destroying the Edomites included the Nabateans, the Jews (under John Hyrcanus), and the Romans. The Edomites ultimately

ceased to exist as a people after the Roman conquest of the first century.

AMONG THE MOST INFAMOUS of Edomites (Greek, Idumeans) was Herod the Great. He stands out as the quintessential example of pride gone amuck. His massive ego has left us with a treasure trove of archaeological sites he built in an effort to immortalize himself: the Temple compound, the Herodium, Masada and Caesarea Maritime, to name a few.

He killed anyone he perceived to be a threat to his reign. Mathew 2:2-8 tells of Herod's murderous plot to assassinate the Lord Jesus in His infancy because wise men from the East told Herod of the Baby born "King of the Jews".

Fanatical pride fueled his relentless pursuit of power and generated such deep paranoia within him that it motivated him to murder many members of his own family for fear that one of them might usurp his coveted throne. Roman Emperor Augustus said bitterly it was safer to be Herod's pig than Herod's son.

Pride still afflicts nations today. More than 60 countries are involved in conflicts involving more than 600 militias and separatist groups, all of whom feel they have a right to control the lives of others. Pride seeks control and will not rest until the objective has been achieved.

The Edomites would have done well to heed Proverbs 16:18. For them, the verse became a prophecy. And their pride became the affliction from which they never recovered.

We will never completely vanquish pride in our lives until the Lord separates us from the presence of sin when we are finally with Him. Until then, embracing and abiding in "Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24) is paramount in the moment-by-moment battle with pride.

Capt.Mervin John Lobo (Master Mariner) who has studied Scripture in Jerusalem and contributes articles on various topics to different magazines around the globe.

# Inspiration!

## Succeed in all avenues of life

*What can we do to become more successful? How can we excel in all areas of life, whether professional or personal? Here are some tips to help you succeed in all avenues of life. If you're climbing up that ladder of success but struggling to reach the next rung, read on for some tips you can use on your ascent to success.*

If you do the same thing as everyone else, it's hard to be successful. It is important to find the edge and then push past it. That is how you become noticed and get what you want. Whether it is money, meaningful relationships and/or a sense of personal accomplishment, the extraordinary person attracts them all. Success comes in many forms, but doing what you love and enjoying your life is always most important. Here are some key points that can add to help you perform better and achieve more in life.

### Engage with Enthusiasm

One of the first things to remember on the road to success is enthusiasm. You need enthusiasm in order to achieve

your goals and ambitions and without it, it will be difficult to achieve your dreams and to become as successful as you want to be. Enthusiasm comes from knowing who you are, what you have to offer and how you can help others. Enthusiasm also means being positive so be sure to visualize a winning situation rather than thinking about what could go wrong.

### Build Confidence:

Another way in which you can ensure that you're travelling on the path to success is confidence. It's important to have confidence in yourself and your abilities because no one is going to give that to you. No one is going to believe in you if you don't believe in yourself so be sure to build that confidence through whatever means possible.

### Be Tenacious:

Tenacity is one of my favorite words and I have it on my dressing room mirror. It's a great word which can remind you to keep going despite the rejection and the 'nos' you might hear as you travel along the road towards success. Just keep going because you will eventually hear that glorious 'yes' you have been dreaming of all along. But it won't sound as magical without the 'nos' you have been hearing so smile at the rejection because it's only redirection!

### Perfectly Proactive:

Proactivity is key in life and in order to be successful you will need to be proactive. Things aren't going to happen for you, you have to make them happen. If there is something you want to do but there is no where for you to do it, engineer ways in which you can make it happen. Where there is a will there is a way! Don't find an excuse why you can't do it, find a way to do it!

### 10 great tips for success in both life and business

1. Add value
2. Follow your passion
3. Be extraordinary
4. Start now
5. Hunt for good mentors
6. Build a support group
7. Personally know your finances
8. Get help
9. Learn sales
10. Be strong

### Feel the Fear:

Susan Jeffers said it best when she wrote the fabulous "Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway". Fear is exhilarating and galvanising. When you finally do that thing you have been dreading, you will feel great for doing it and it will make you want to do other things. Embrace fear and failure because they are just humps on the road to success.

### Take Advice:

It's important to take advice from people but it's also important to take it from the right people. Listen to those who have worked in the industry you're trying to work in. Listen to their words of wisdom but also take into account that that was their experience and that you're a different person.

### Networking:

Networking is super important in life and if you're on the road to success, you will need to network and see who can help you on the way. Don't rely on others or put your fate in anyone else's hands though.

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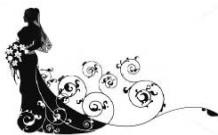
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