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Unique Picture of Christ made by Joe Castillo

He went to Asbury Theological Seminary. He did this during a chapel service. It was fascinating - he told the Gospel story - each part of Jesus' life - and he was drawing the story as he told the story. We didn't realize until the end what the entire picture was. A rare talent.

The rolled away stone of the empty tomb corresponds nicely to where the ear would be, and the stars in the eyes provide a sense of scale for the Star of Bethlehem, which is tucked into the shadow of the nose. I think my favorite touch is using the Sea of Galilee and its mountain backdrop for the right eyebrow.



Here's a key to the events depicted, along with each corresponding Bible verse (which I verified separately).

I found the information on this tribute site.



Mr. Castillo is known principally as a sand artist. The term conjures up visions of large sculptures at a beach, but what Mr. Castillo does is very different: using his hands, he draws pictures in sand spread on a light table. The images are projected on a screen for the audience. Sound intriguing? You might want to check out some video clips of Joe Castillo creating sand story art.

What do you think? Has Joe Castillo crafted something special? Does The Face of Christ speak to you on an artistic or spiritual level? You may leave a comment if you like. The 'longer' you look at this picture, the 'more' you see.

Look at the lines the artist used to draw this picture of Christ...

It is of scenes from Christ's life. Probably we never saw anything like this. Feel free to share this with a friend or two. In the Circle of God's love, God may be waiting to use your full potential.

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Digital India: A Move Towards Open And Transparent Governance

On 1st July, the Prime Minister of India launched the Digital India Week. With this, India moves a step ahead in the arena of digitalization. This move includes the digitalization of important documents which a person needs on a day-to-day basis. As thoughtful as it may be, it shall help the people of India by making their tasks easier. People can enroll themselves for the digital locker facility at the government website. It can lessen the excessive paperwork that is otherwise required to be kept in long bundles of files and documents. Due to easier access, the Digital India Move is appreciated by people from across the country.

At 4pm on Wednesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a big ceremony to give the Digital India Week a green signal. In the ceremony, many VVIP's were in attendance, and the only news making rounds across the social media was the inaugural ceremony of the Digital India Week. The twitter hashtag #DigitalIndiaWeek has been trending all over India at number 1 since then.

The companies that are using this platform brought by the government are owned by bigwigs, like Mukesh Ambani (Reliance), Sunil Mittal (Bharati Group) amongst others. Aditya Birla Group has promised to invest 7 billion dollars in the next 5 years in this project and Reliance would invest Rs. 2.5 lakh crore towards Digital India Move. The top CEO's are committed in investing an amount as much as Rs. 4.5 trillion in this initiative. Cyrus Mistry, Chairman of Tata Sons said "Digital India will help India to create a knowledgeable society and will provide government services within a short time."

Sharing his vision behind the Digital India platform, PM Modi said,

"I dream of a Digital India where government is open and transparent."

"I dream of a Digital India where access to information knows no barrier."

The concerns of the government appear to be in the right direction, as the Digitalization would minimize the digital divide that has prevailed in India from time immemorial. This shall lead to development, when equal opportunities would be offered to people irrespective of whether they are poor or rich.

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In the discussion on Wednesday, the PM gave an example of satellites. He said that when satellites were made, people were unsure of how such scientific and technological advancement would help the farmers and people in rural India! But, today farmers can examine the weather forecasts and deal with their crops accordingly. This education can revamp the way the farmers grow crops, and they can go ahead and defend their crops from unforeseen losses.

The objectivity of eGovernance is to provide better services to customers. eGovernance would solve the queries of people without the need of people going to the government offices, to get their queries solved. This is in addition to the area of e-Kranti where the services of government departments would be electronically delivered. Another benefit that can be enjoyed by the public is the access to all information regarding important policies that the government brings into action. This includes the usage of Right to Information Act, with Internet as the sole source.

The other areas which shall get a boost with this project are facilities of e-health, e-education with better cyber security. National Optical Fiber Network is being stretched, where talks between big cable operators and the government are taking place. This is to provide internet to the people in areas where it hasn't reached yet. Also, the villages shall be provided with high broadband speed in the days to come under this move.

This sends clear cut signals regarding the intentions of the government to bring transparency in its functioning. One could argue that there could be a day in the vicinity when the banking system in India would go paperless, and products could be stored in the digital godowns that are to be created under the Digital India movement.

Have We Failed To Respond?

We have failed to respond to the concerns of Catholics. a widely shared perception that the clergy and laymen of the mainline churches are responsible in several ways for the exodus of the believers to the newly formed sects.

Let us compare the Catholic Church in India with other Christian sects:

We have so many costly churches and expensive cathedrals.

The believers do not.

We have so many adoration chapels and grottos.

The believers do not.

We have so many novenas and May/October Devotions.

The believers do not.

We have so many First Fridays and Mercy Devotions

The believers do not.

We have so many holy hours and Stations of the Cross.

The believers do not.

We have so many days of obligation and days of penance.

The believers do not.

We have so many blessings and consecrations.

The believers do not.

We have so many saints and their relics.

The believers do not.

We have so many birthdays and feast days.

The believers do not.

We have so many anniversaries and jubilees.

The believers do not.

We have so many nuns with their convents and monks with their monasteries.

The believers do not.

We have so many scooters\motorcycles and cars.

The believers do not.

We have nice quarters and regular income.

The believers do not.

We have so many seminaries and the longest training for pastoral ministry.

The believers do not.

We have so many schools and colleges.

The believers do not.

We have so many parishes and 'missions'

The believers do not.

We have so many dogmas and canons.

The believers do not.

We have so many heavy missals\lectionaries and expensive breviaries.

The believers do not.

We have so many reverends, excellencies, and eminences.

The believers do not.

We have so many going about in colorful habits and costly cassocks.

The believers do not.

We have so many so many rich well-wishers and foreign benefactors.

The believers do not, at least not so many or so rich.

We have the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and the Vatican Bank.

The believers do not.

The Catholics seem to have so much, while the believers appear to have so little. Yet they are attracting the Catholics! Why?

"Many Catholics were 'disillusioned' by a Church that they regarded as 'barren, fruitless soil'."

We need to reflect on this problem, and see where we went wrong and we, as a community, need to

Something seems to be terribly wrong with our priorities.

Yoga Modified

Nearly 193 countries actively participated on Yoga Day, June 21st. No doubt it became possible only because India's Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi took an initiative and through his personal thrust saw to it that all foreign missions and infrastructure combine effort to see his dream realized.

Indira Gandhi had her own Yoga Guru - Dhiren Brahmachari. India was active and agile because she regularly spared time and did yoga. Baba Ramdev was on the main stage in Delhi. For what reasons he was not doing yoga on that day is a mystery, although it was widely announced earlier that Baba would be 'leading the nation.' Vice-President Hamid Ansari was 'not invited', we were told from the PM office. If Ansari was invited he would have to be ahead (before) Narendra Modi, and Modi would have



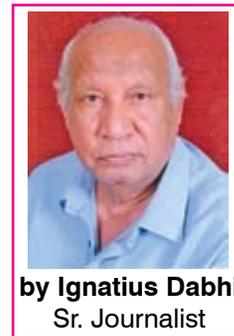
Jalpa, 23, is a professional yoga trainer in Gujarat. She has received scores of medals and awards. She lives in a one-room house. Her family is extremely poor.

been "No.2" in protocol. So? Ansari was not invited at all!! Delhi wanted Modi "No.1".

Some Christian Churches and the Muslim Personal Law Board objected on some grounds and that is why the entire 35 minute yoga programme in Delhi carefully avoided any nexus between the Sun and Yoga.

The Delhi Yoga Day brought thousands of people together. There were 53 foreign participants, representing their own nations. There were hundreds of Muslim participants too. Narendra Modi was very much in focus. Media had no one better than him!

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Our Members of Parliament – a ‘Bonanza’ awaiting them !

All that our elected representatives have been doing all along, is demanding, demanding and demanding – our Mayors wants the ‘Lal Batti’ on their cars, our corporators want Lap-tops & ‘High-end’ mobiles/l phones and new cars, our MLAs & MPs want special facilities at airports, etc., the list is unending. They already get a host of other benefits which the much harassed, honest Tax-paying salaried class cannot get. And now comes the bonanza for our MPs – Today’s Times of India (2.7.2015) carries a disturbing news report which says, a parliamentary panel has recommended doubling the salary of law makers and also increasing pension of former MPs by almost 75% and a substantial increase in daily allowance. The joint committee, which has submitted its recommendations to the government, has

also proposed an automatic pay revision mechanism for parliamentarians like that of pay commission for government employees.

A sitting MP belonging to the ruling party further says, "The hike is overdue. Our daily expenses only for offering tea to visitors come to around Rs 1,000. Can we stop showing this little courtesy to electorates?" Aaah ! Talking of offering tea to visitors, may I ask, when was the last time our MPs offered a cup of tea to the man on the street. Rather, have they ever thought of doing that ? Forget that cup of tea, have they ever visited their constituencies after being elected, to enquire how they are doing, to offer them a little help ?

With a present salary of Rs.50,000 per month & a daily allowance of Rs.2000 our poor, Honourable Members of Parliament are finding it difficult to make ends meet and hence the need for a hike (100%) in their salaries ! Could anything be more disgusting than this ? How much more shameless can our elected representatives get ? They seem to forget that they have been elected to serve the people of the country and not their own !

—Melville X. D’Souza
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Teachings On Homo- sexuality

The US Supreme Court on 26 June, 2015, by a single split verdict, 5:4, legalized same-sex marriage; which however, should be termed as same-sex ‘union’! Way back the OT prohibited: “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination” (Leviticus, 18:22). This also applies to females or lesbians.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives clear guidance: “Homosexual acts are acts of grave depravity and intrinsically disordered. They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. Under no circumstance can they be approved ... However, homosexuals must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God’s will in their lives, and if they are Christians, to unite themselves to the Sacrifice of Jesus’ Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition...They are called to chastity. By virtue of self -mastery that teach them inner freedom by prayer and Sacramental grace, they can and should gradually and resolutely approach Christian perfection” (CCC:2357;2358;2359).

This Catholic excellence and wholeness must be exercised in thought, word and deed, so as to attain the bliss of paradise! “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God” (Matthew, 5:8).

—Dr Trevor Colaso



Showers of Blessings !

There was a time when the priests would bless each and every home in the parish with holy water during the Easter season. Today, it is the head of the family who blesses the home.

In today's Times of India (Blessings from a balloon - 15.6.2015), there was an interesting piece of news with regard of blessing with Holy Water. The newsreport says, a Russian Bishop, Giorgy boarded a Hot Air Balloon, taking alongwith him around Twenty litres of Holy water, to bless the city of Nizhny Novgorod, from a height of around 1.5 km above the ground. He conducted this mid-air prayer service in the hope that the city would prosper. A Novel way to bless the city, no doubt !

While we are in the monsoon season presently in the city of Mumbai, we can only pray that God sends down abundant rains - enough to fill the lakes and sufficient water for our farmers for cultivation ! Let there be Showers of Blessings !!!

—**Melville X. D'Souza**
- Orlem, Malad

The Bookworm Turns

About fifty years ago, Prof VV John, principal of my college in Ajmer and later vice chancellor, penned an interesting piece entitled: "The Bookworm Turns". It was prescribed text for Mumbai University undergraduates. In the article he visualised a scenario hundred years hence when paper books would become redundant and people

would be using electronic gadgets to read books. At that time this was considered beyond the realm of possibility. In those days there was a waiting list of 25 years for a landline phone!

Technology anticipated Prof John by half a century. Today Kindles and Tablets are common. In several Protestant churches in the west they have replaced hymnals, with some parishioners even following the day's readings on their kindles. Some pastors make available a print version of their sermons. One small protestant church hands out kindles to the sparse congregation during services. What makes these gadgets popular with the aging Protestant church-going population in UK is the large print size they offer.

In keeping with the times the Catholic Communication Centre(CCC) launched a faith App 'Archdiocese of Bombay' in March 2014. The App is very popular and is being increasingly downloaded in the archdiocese. Every morning at 8 am, the Archdiocese puts out a biblical quote on its cover page. Inside, one can find the day's readings, prayers, novenas, scores of hymns, news and events, FAQs, rosary in audio and text format, bible stories, church timings and an array of related matter. The morning biblical quote is a good way to start the day. The App is useful in countering disinformation spread by irresponsible 'forwards'. The App also has provision for feedback. Hence, should you receive a forward of doubtful authenticity which is likely to rouse passions and create enmity you can seek clarification from the CCC via the App.

I felt tempted to use the App in church for the readings. So I used the feedback facility and queried whether I could use the App in church. Within

hours I received a reply stating categorically that "the App should never be used in church. It must NEVER replace actual participation in the Eucharist". Maybe in years to come the bookworm will turn, but for now the church's position is very clear. DO NOT USE THE APP IN CHURCH. The aim is to place the Word of God in the palm of the hand and stay connected on the go'.

(The App can be downloaded from Google Play Store).

—**Prof Robert Castellino**
Orlem

From Yoga to Sanskrit

According to news reports, Union minister for External affairs M/s Sushma sSaraj while addressing the Indian community in Bangkok has told Sanskrit lovers that Sanskrit can purify the mind and sanctify the entire world. Such a sanctimonious statement comes in the wake of the minister's recent indictment for involvement and impropriety in the 'Lalitgate' scandal that rocked the country. Earlier, it was our PM. Modi, who, unmindful of the problems plaguing the country, went the whole hog to patronise Yoga by making it compulsory for all schools and govt offices to participate in the yoga drill on Intenational yoga day. If only our politicians could put into practice what they believed and preached, our country would not have been in such a sorry state of affairs it presently finds itself in. This keeps us wondering as to what the next antidote for national corruption and poor governance will be.

—**A. F. Nazareth,**
Alto Porvorim

Yoga at Rajpath – 36,000 on the mat !

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The International Yoga Day observed on Sunday 21st June, has become the 'Talking Point' since yesterday. This morning, somebody asked me, did you perform Yoga yesterday – the whole of India, with the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi himself doing it at Rajpath, amidst thousands of people. I said to myself, many of us in this city of Mumbai, practice Yoga on a daily basis. Look at the common man who travels to work in overcrowded local trains and buses – balancing on one foot with the other hand clinging onto the sides of trains or buses, holding on for dear life. And what about those inside – cramped like cattle, holding his breath, with no space to keep both his feet on the ground (and so, stands with one foot on top of the other !) holding onto the clamps above, with one finger. If all this is not Yoga, then what is it ?

Yoga may be good for health of mind, body and spirit. The International Yoga Day may have got a massive response at Rajpath in New Delhi with an estimated Thirtysix thousand and odd people participating in the Yoga programme on Sunday morning – a grand exercise that ! Whether those 36,000 odd people would continue 'on the mat' is anybody's guess, but one thing seems certain, Mr. Narendra Modi & his government will certainly be 'on the mat' as far as 'LALIT-GATE' is

concerned !

—Melville X. D'Souza
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Pope Francis' Encyclical On Environment, Laudato Si (Praise Be To You)

Summarized in PowerPoint Presentation (PPT)

Pope Francis in his recent encyclical on environment (LAUDATO SI, PRAISE BE TO YOU) says, "Get back to nature -- "the caress of God" -- to recharge. Be more attentive to its beauty and wonder and revisit places that left you with happy memories.

(para nos 84, 97, 215, 233).

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—Fr Felix Rebello



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—Pradeepa, Cedric, Joaquim & Fly, Vasai.



The Battle for Identity

Don Aguiar.

The Church fostered community development within the community in the Archdiocese of Bombay decades ago and to give it an added boost the Church started the SCC movement in the Archdiocese of Bombay to foster in quicker community development. The SCC project was implemented with great foresight by the Church in the hope the community will come together creating clusters, to conform to the church and be controlled by the church which would seek to improve quality of life and fortunes of her community.

The Hindu shakas and other communities picked up the same pattern from the Church. Unlike the Catholics who are brought up to respect and follow their Church and their priest the Hindu shakas took off with not their priest or holy men at the helm but ordinary people who had the foresight, from social, cultural, economic, spiritual to political and have made their presence felt and have a voice in our country's democratic set up, the SCC's controlled by the Church on the other hand are far behind with their presence in our country's political democratic set up negligible or not found, as the church view and stand on surviving in a democratic set up vastly differed from that of the Hindu shaka. Merely focusing on social, cultural and spiritual in a democratic set up will not give a community a voice; rather it would be treated as the underdog. The need is to know what community development is and has it actually caught on with the SCC's.

Community development is a process where SCC members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems. Community wellbeing (economic, social, environmental and cultural) often evolves from this type of collective action being taken at a grassroots level. Community development ranges from small initiatives within a small group to large initiatives that involve the broader parish community.

Effective community development should be:

A long-term endeavor, // well-planned, inclusive and equitable, // holistic and integrated into the bigger picture, // initiated and supported by community members, // of benefit to the community, // grounded in experience that leads to best practices

Community development is a grassroots process by which SCC's / communities:

Become more responsible, // organize and plan together, // develop healthy lifestyle options, // empower themselves, // reduce poverty and suffering, // create employment and economic opportunities, // achieve social, economic, cultural and environmental goals

Community development seeks to improve quality of life. Effective community development results in mutual benefit and shared responsibility among SCC / community members.

Such development recognizes:

The connection between social, cultural, environmental and economic matters, // the diversity of interests within a SCC or community, // its relationship to building capacity

Community development helps to build the SCC's / community capacity in order to address issues and take advantage of opportunities, find common ground and balance competing interests. It doesn't just happen – capacity building requires both a conscious and a conscientious effort to do something (or many things) to improve the SCC / community

The term “development” often carries an assumption of growth and expansion. During the industrial era,

development was strongly connected to increased speed, volume and size. However, many people are currently questioning the concept of growth for numerous reasons – a realization that more isn't always better, or an increasing respect for reducing outside dependencies and lowering levels of consumerism. So while the term “development” may not always mean growth, it always imply change.

Change is the only constant. And yet, a conscious change of mind and heart is rare enough to be truly inspiring.

The community development process takes charge of the conditions and factors that influence a SCC / community and changes the quality of life of its members. Community development is a tool for managing change but it is not: a quick fix or a short-term response to a specific issue within a SCC / community or a process that seeks to exclude SCC / community members from participating; or an initiative that occurs in isolation from other related community activities.

Community development is about SCC / community building as such, where the process is as important as the results. One of the primary challenges of community development is to balance the need for long-term solutions with the day-to-day realities that require immediate decision-making and short-term action.

Community development is a way of strengthening the community by prioritizing the actions of the community members, and their perspectives in the development of social, economic and environmental policy. It seeks the empowerment of small local communities, taken to mean geographical communities. It strengthens the capacity of people as active community members through their SCC / community groups, to work in dialogue with community members to shape and determine change in their communities. It plays a crucial role in supporting active democratic life by promoting the autonomous voice of disadvantaged and vulnerable community members. It has a set of core values/social principles covering hu-

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man rights, social inclusion, equality and respect for diversity; and a specific skills and knowledge base.

Good community development is action that helps people to recognize and develop their ability and potential and organize themselves to respond to problems and needs which they share. It supports the establishment of strong communities that control and use assets to promote social justice and help improve the quality of SCC / community life. It also enables the SCC's to work together to improve the quality of the entire community.

Purpose: People want to live in healthy communities. These are communities in which they:

feel able to be who they are, // have positive prospects for their future, // experience respect and equal and fair treatment

Focus: To achieve this people want to be in a community that:

creates wealth and gives everyone access to its benefits, // cares for all its members, when they need it, throughout their life span, // provides an environment that is safe and attractive, // enables people to express and celebrate their creativity and diverse cultures, // enables everyone to participate in decisions that affect their lives

Methods: To support the SCC / community, members to contribute to the creation of such a community, community development promotes:

opportunity for people to learn and develop their own skills, // reaches out to and involves those who may be excluded or disadvantaged, // helps communities to create organizations that can tackle their needs and represent their interests, // works to promote engagement and dialogue between communities and agencies or the govern-

ment that affect their lives

Although the SCC's are in existence for over a decade or more, the above "Purpose, Focus and Methods" are yet to take proper shape in the respective SCC's. Is it because there is certain unwillingness amongst most people to chart the uncharted; be contrarian and think out of the box, which is why, perhaps, we are a world that looks very similar. Our homes look the same; our surroundings have been standardized; we now talk of only consistency and not SCC's that will impart joy and create a life that is exciting.

The thought that things must be consistent is jarring. Why should things look the same? Life is not a hotel where you need directions to guide you. Life is about taking each day as it comes, not knowing what's going to happen. And in each area of our lives, we have injected consistency. It is almost as if we are fearful of trying something new or taking on responsibility or dedicatedly implementing good community development in our SCC's.

The problem lies with us. We have nothing new to offer either in our thinking or in our personal lives or, even in our news. It is all the same. The same format; the same news; the same opinions; the same prejudices and, worse, even the same look. Even the way we plan moments of personal celebration have begun to look the same.

We live in silos and not in the unfettered environs of a world that should stoke independent thinking, dedication, responsibility and the like.

Most of our community members have striking resemblances with each other: in the manner they think; in the way they suck up to the powers that be; in the way they conduct their responsibilities and so on. This results in creating a community which terrifyingly resembles each other. And this cannot augur well. Human beings are meant to be different, which is why we aren't robots. **Our thinking is meant to be independent and not conformist.** That's in our DNA and we are constantly suppressing it. **We want to**

be politically correct, socially conformist only because we want to be a part of them. But the tragedy is there are no them. We are what make up community and today, with all the knowledge at our command, we are forcing ourselves into a tunnel of darkness and despair. It is easier to give up good and turn towards evil, rather than the other way around.

We often abuse the system. But yet again there is no system. We are the system. **We love to palm off our inadequacies or the lack of risk appetite on others but who are the others.** True, sometimes we have an education system that is not perfect but does that prevent us from reading out of prescribed text books?

The fact is we don't want to think for ourselves anymore. We have outsourced everything that we should be doing to someone else. SCC's as the Church puts it, is the respective SCC's responsibility immediately after it is formed even though it is the parish priest who is responsible for the successful implementation and guidance of this project, as this project is controlled by the Church. We have outsourced parenting to schools and nannies, romance to typified relationship clusters like marriage, knowledge to search engines and the Church their SCC project to the laity. And, for god's sake, let's not ponder over why the Church has outsourced the SCC's which they control to the laity. So, who should we really blame for this plight?

All of this began with the advent of religion. Religion was meant to control, conform and create clusters. Today, in many countries and also in many SCC's and among the many respective communities it is also the cause of war, strife, unpleasantness, jealousy, pride, murder and destruction. The solace we found in religious diktat has been replaced by the battle for identity and to maintain identity, the Church – the Archdiocese of Bombay - keeps her community divided and fragmented in petty, minor or major squabbles social & cultural activities and spiritualism.

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How Smart Cities Will Force The Poor Out

by Devika Kohli

Mr. Modi's Smart Cities project has been applauded by many for its sheer grandeur and ambition. The Smart City idea developed into a grand urban strategy during the 2014 national elections where the party promised to 'initiate building 100 new cities'. Soon these words found way into Narendra Modi's election speeches, where he promised to get rid of Indian urban problems by building 100 Smart Cities.

However, majority of Indians are still clueless about what these smart cities are and what constitutes as their 'raison d'être'? The urban development minister Venkaiah Naidu explains them as "smart (intelligent) physical, social, institutional and economic infrastructure", guaranteeing their residents employment opportunities and "a very high quality of life, comparable with any developed European city".

A recipe for increased inequality and social exclusion?

The emphasis on high end technology and infrastructure has raised questions about the intended inhabitants of the smart cities. Given the fact that a large majority of our population is denied access to basic amenities such as electricity and water, smart cities, at least on paper, seem to offer an improved quality of life. However, critics are of the opinion that smart cities would in reality exclude those who are most in need of what they offer.

A journalist, Shruti Ravindran, tweeted and brought attention to a shocking quote from the brochure (handed out to the attendees)-'Smart Cities in India: Reality in the Making', released during an interactive panel discussion in Mumbai WTC on the 29th of January 2015, organized by World Trade Centre (WTC) and All India Association of Industries (AIAI) in collaboration with the Indo-France Chamber of Commerce and Industries (IFCCI).



"There are only two ways to keep people out of any space – prices and policing. In other words, the prices will automatically be higher in such cities – the notion that they will be low cost is flawed. Even if possible from a cost provision perspective, they cannot be low cost from a demand supply perspective.

Even with high prices, the conventional laws in India will not enable us to exclude millions of poor Indians from enjoying the privileges of such great infrastructure. Hence the police will need to physically exclude people from such cities, and they will need a different set of laws from those operating in the rest of India, for them to be able to do so. Creating special enclaves is the only method of doing so. And therefore GIFT is an SEZ and so will each of these 100 smart cities have to be." (Excerpt from an article by Laveesh Bhandari, Founder and Chief Economist at Indicus Analytics Pvt Ltd)

'Laws' that cater to the rich may trigger a politically volatile situation

The Smart Cities project is also being used as a key justification for a controversial land-acquisition ordinance the government plans to enact. This ordinance would equip the government to do away with mandatory consent and social safeguards for those whose lands are forcibly acquired, leaving the poor, especially the farmers, extremely vulnerable. For very often fertile farmland also is forcibly acquired by the government.

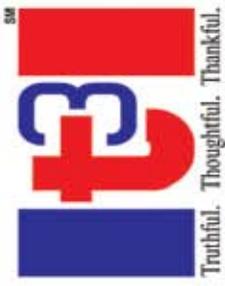
According to Sai Balakrishnan, an urban scholar at Rutgers, studying land conflicts and urbanization in India,

"If the government does succeed in building these premium 100 smart cities, but does nothing to alleviate poverty and poor services in the surrounding areas, it could well lead to a politically volatile situation. These visible forms of spatial inequalities engender social mistrust and even violence." Here we are reminded of May 2011, wherein the project involving an expressway and the country's first Formula 1 racetrack – resulted in protests spanning over months among farmers from 10 villages. The rally descended into violence when villagers clashed with armed police, leading to the deaths of two farmers and two policemen.

Progress for a few:

In the words of Sanjay Srivastava, the author of Entangled Urbanism, "if one section of the urban population lives well it's welfare might be at the cost of another section; we speak of building 'global cities', but what does it mean if this is sought to be achieved through removing the poor from its key parts, rather than providing them with decent housing and other resources? That is to say, if cities are to become truly inclusive, then we need to think of them as being made of interconnected spaces such that actions in one sphere have effects in another."

Many critics thus rightly fear that the smart cities may turn into gated cities, governed by powerful corporate entities that would override local laws and governments to "keep out" the poor. Thus ensuring a 'smart' life for the rich, and a life of alienation, misery and exclusion for the poor.



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Deal With Mother-in-law



Having a hard time getting along with your mother-in-law? Find out tips to help you move past your differences.

If you want to find a solution to your in-law woes, you need to get to the root of the problem first. Understand why she's rude or indifferent towards you and learn to get around it. Try to be good to her and win her heart before terming her as a bad mother-in-law.

Don't raise your voice She may get on your nerves and drive you to frustration, but avoid the temptation to yell. She could use that against you to make you feel guilty. Rather, be firm and assert your point, but don't be rude and lose control no matter how bad the situation gets. And what if you're reaching the boiling point? Well, in that case, be modest and walk away.

Try to understand her Have you ever wondered why mothers-in-law seem to hate daughters-in-law? Well, many of them feel that they're losing their son to someone else. Your mother-in-law has always put him

first and wants him to do the same with her. Now that you're in his life, she could feel that she's losing him. Try to understand her behaviour and her needs as a mom rather than taking things personally and escalating them into ugly fights.

Accept that she may not change If your mother-in-law criticises you constantly and speaks about you behind your back, despite your best efforts to win her heart, it's time to accept that she's unlikely to mend her ways. The only thing you can do to save your sanity without losing control is to detach yourself from her emotionally. Respect her, but maintain a distance. On the off chance that your mother-in-law seems like she's turning the other cheek, give it time before deciding whether she's really changed.

Identify the triggers By now you must've figured out the mother-in-law issues that make you go mad. Maybe it's her rude remarks or condescending tone or her nagging that gets on your nerves. Whatever it is, identify the triggers so that you know when to hold your tongue or walk away. The sooner you do this, the quicker you can defuse situations.

Don't nag your man about her Try to resolve your mother-in-law problems

For effective communication

- * Just smile and nod.
- * Do not involve spouse.
- * Act like an adult and communicate like one.
- * Look at it from her point of view.

on your own. While you should tell your husband when the two of you have arguments, try to keep from complaining too much. She's his mother and he loves her no matter what, so you need to tread carefully. Too much nagging and things could go against you!

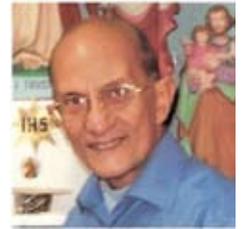
Let her have her say An interfering mother-in-law can be tough to handle. More times than most, all you want to do is rage and get her to shut up. But a better solution is to let her give you as many advices and suggestions as she wants. Simply listen rather than getting into an argument. You don't have to follow them if you don't want to, but letting her have her say could get her to leave you alone quicker.

The relationship between a daughter-in-law and a mother-in-law is a complicated one. They're the two most important women in a man's life and both have his best interests at heart. As for him, he'd like nothing more than to see you two hit it off. But the road's not easy and if you have a controlling mother-in-law, you need to learn how to deal with her. It's the only way to keep your relationship in check.

One aspect that we would want to put forth is that you should learn to ignore her taunts or comments, upto a certain level. It will help you stride through your life smoothly. However, don't dismiss and disregard her from your mind and thoughts completely just because you are not able to get along. Writing her off totally would only take things from bad to worse. You never know, she may turn all the more hostile. Therefore, maintaining the balance between ignorance and cognizance is the key to success.



The Spiritual Formation Of A Consecrated Priesthood



BY MELVYN BROWN

Should not have to tell you that this is probably the worst of times since the rise of terror, rape, crimes against humanity, persecution of Christians, the naïve emergence of ISIS, or that this is a hard and trying time in the Church and elsewhere. I am not saying anything new when I say our Christian world is changing before us – and that a new world order is taking shape.

In the midst of religious provocations worldwide the gospel of priesthood has rejuvenated the rich mission in-bred in the faith. Now, happily and openly the laity declare their love and support for the clergy.

The people of God are now turning to priests with a determined effort to seek their intervention in personal matters. The spiritual crisis the laity experience can now be resolved if they realize the hallmark which had been nurtured in the past, to appraise the priest as a friend, and counselor.

The gospel of priesthood is an indispensable mission the priest understands in his pastoral duties.

A few years back, Pope Benedict XVI addressing priests said, “How can we forget that we priests were consecrated to serve humbly and authoritatively the common priesthood of the faithful”. He then added, “Ours is an indispensable mission, for the Church and for the world.” Today, the laity faces an enormous challenge to show love, respect and concern for priests who are chosen by God to radiate His grace, love and trust; to also imple-

ment His Word for the nations. The path for the priest is rugged. His mission and pastoral ministry are both a challenge to his spiritual life and to the mundane works of mercy he must confront. Not everyone is completely immune to stress and suffering. The priest shares his burden in Christ. The people of God honors the priest for his dedication, devotion and service.

One of the miracles of Indian democracy is the freedom to struggle to keep the faith. You can't help but wonder what might have happened if the clergy failed in their spiritual formation. Ministering to the Roman Catholic fold, many religious and priests confront their own demons from time to time. They are, after all, just as human. The path for many priests are rough and narrow.

A recent report stated the Church needs priests with a sound human, cultural and spiritual formation. Once more, in the recent past, Pope Benedict XVI had stated, “The quality of the clergy depends on the soundness of their formation”. Most priests and religious keep a spiritual journal of their ministry and prayer-life. Mother Teresa did.

It is an unwritten truth that loneliness and fear can strain and also strengthen belief in the Creator and in oneself. God's steadfast presence is unique. He is always there. He sees you fall, and when you turn to Him, He helps you to rise.

“A parish can often be a place which challenges your faith, hope and commitment.” Said a senior priest, adding

: “Priests are often further challenged when sermons have to be given and lived up to.” With kindness and kinship which is so apparent in spiritual leadership the priest may overcome his anxiety. In the same homily the pontiff had declared that the Church had opted for a “sound human, cultural and spiritual formation open to the needs proper to times and places.”

The priest wears the armour of God. He is the anointed and his faith is firm. The Gospel of priesthood has a new chapter to begin in this decade. The consecrated priesthood in this year of Consecrated Life has rejuvenated its commitment and holiness.

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And with that – Let's not have the audacity to hope that someday the Church will succeed in their great foresight and implement dedicatedly and earnestly the above requirements of “Purpose, Focus and Methods”.

Hope can be a stubborn thing. In the face of mounting evidence to the contrary, hope can find a way to continue to believe in an idea that it holds dear. It discounts the magnitude of the evidence, re-calibrates its original expectations, adjust to compromise in the name of realism, finds new reasons to believe when the old one starts running out and clutches at straws of any kind that appear to be within grasp. And only then, with a death rattle, it drains itself empty, leaving behind nothing but the rancid taste of humiliation of the believers for having had the audacity to hope.

Child Sexual Abuse



by Adv. Aileen Marques

Children are born innocent... their innocence is fragile and easily tainted. They are born with an innocence that allows adults to mould them into whatever they feel fit. Children who are made victims of any kind of exploitation begin to believe that they are not worthy of any love, compassion, or gentleness. Exploitation in any form and sexual exploitation in particular results in sexualized, depressed, emotionally numb, aggressive, fatalistic and mistrusting child, plagued by disease and low self esteem.

Article 1 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child defines a child as a person less than eighteen years of age. The Preamble to the 1989 Convention reminds us, that the 1959 Declaration of the Rights of the Child states that "the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection." Children are dependent on the adults around them to satisfy their fundamental needs. The parents are responsible for the development of the child's personalities, talents and abilities.

Social status of children:

The child is one of the worst marginalized sections in the societal spectrum. Children are found in most realms of institutions, and more so in places they are not supposed to be. Child soldiers, child sex workers, child labourers, bonded labourers, child brides, rag pickers, beggars, manual scavengers, domestic workers, camel jockeys in dangerous races etc.

Few statistics to outline the situation of abuse and violence against children across the world:

* In the Global School-Based Student Health Survey carried out in a wide range of developing countries, between 20% and 65% of school going children reported having been ver-

bally or physically bullied in school in the previous 30 days.

- * An estimated 150 million girls and 73 million boys under 18 years of age have experienced forced sexual intercourse or other forms of sexual violence involving physical contact.
- * UNICEF estimates that in sub-Saharan Africa, Egypt and Sudan, 3 million girls and women are subjected to female genital mutilation every year.
- * The ILO estimate shows that 218 million children were involved in child labor in the year 2004, of which 126 million were engaged in hazardous work. Estimates from the year 2000 suggest that 5.7 million were in forced or bonded labour, 1.8 million in prostitution and pornography and 1.2 million were victims of trafficking.

It is appalling to see that innocent lives get crushed just because they are children and they have no voice of their own to shout and resist abuse and violence.

Indian Context:

India is the abode of almost 19% of the children in the world. More than 1/3rd of the country's population i.e. around 440 million is below 18 years of age. The world scenario on the status of children reveals horrifying statistics of child abuse and neglect. The situation of children in India is no better than that of the children in the world.

From the year 2002 and year 2005 there was a steep rise in the total number of crimes against children. A total of 5972 cases of crimes against children were registered in 2002 while 14975 cases of crimes against children were registered in 2005.

Reported cases of child rape, one of the worst forms of sexual abuse, have increased in number between 2004 and 2005, from 3542 cases to 4026 respectively, indicating an increase of

13.7%.

Child Sexual Abuse:

Children are abused and exploited. They face exploitation and violence. The violation of their body in the form of rape, sexual assault and sexual exploitation, disintegrates them as persons. Child rape is one of the worst forms of sexual abuse.

- * 53.2 % children reported having faced one or more forms of sexual abuse.
- * Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar and Delhi reported the highest percentage of sexual abuse among both boys and girls.
- * 21.90 % child respondents reported facing severe forms of sexual abuse and 50.76% reported having faced other forms of sexual abuse.
- * 5.69% children reported being sexually abused.
- * Most children did not report the matter to anyone.

India has the world's largest number of sexually abused children. It is recorded that every 155th minute, 1 child below 16 years is raped. It is horrendous that sexual crimes against children are increasing to such an extent that 1 in every 10th child is sexually abused at any point of time. Child sexual abuse is rampant in India. Children including infants get raped and sexually abused in homes, schools, on streets and residential care facilities.

Definition: A simple understanding would mean the involvement of a child in a sexual activity or sexual

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“Am I My Brother’s Keeper?”

(Genesis 4:9b)



by Ladislaus L
D'Souza

The infamous Vaz-Fonseca saga (unfolding since 29 June 2015) that has shaken the consciences of many is symptomatic of a larger malaise that has gripped society in general and the adherents of Christianity (read ‘Catholics’) in particular. While one may not consider it proper to comment on the merits and demerits of the case in point, there can be no doubt that what’s amiss is the sense of the sacred that we once had, innumerable factors contributing to the scenario – factors of which one could write tomes separately and is therefore beyond the scope of this article.

Avarice - One would have thought siblings cheating each other over family property, taking cover of legal loopholes, was bad enough! But killing probably tops it all. When money becomes the be all and end all of one’s very existence, greed takes over to the hilt, relentlessly goading one on to acquire it through dubious means rather than by the sweat of one’s brow. And so, family relationships be damned – it’s me and my father’s property that I must benefit from by hook or by crook, by means fair or foul! Not very long ago we had a Catholic grandmother and her grand-kid murdered in cold blood by youth who pretended to be learning cookery at the lady’s house. When the death penalty was declared by the Sessions Court the accused were seen to be exchanging jokes and laughing loudly, and when asked by a policeman as to whether they did not fear their fate, they were reported to have answered: “Jo hona thaa woh ho gayaa. Abhi kya roneka?” The father of one of the accused even pooh-poohed the sentence saying that “the death penalty is too harsh – he was a minor when it happened”! It ‘happened’! Poor guy! At 17, he didn’t know right from wrong. Perhaps the father wouldn’t mind the son killing his own sibling or mother at that age? Or was the lives of the lady and her grandchild less valuable than the avaricious tendencies that led to the ‘happening’?

The Commandments - Frankly, we need to return to the ten commandments. When it comes to the question of coveting one’s neighbour’s goods or spouse, or cheating one’s siblings by surreptitiously selling off one’s rights to undivided family property and expecting the aggrieved to turn a blind eye to such fraudulence, many believers seem to possess an umbrella conscience and an uncanny sense of self-righteousness. This itself could lead to enmity within the family circle, often leading to unseemly fights which sometimes could lead to murderous feuds. Apparently, the offender does not realize that the Lord’s commands to “love one another as I have loved you” (Jn 13:34) “you shall love the lord your god with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind” and “You shall love your neighbour as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39) encapsulates the commandments given to Moses on Mount Sinai (cfr Ex 29).

Might is right? - We need to learn to separate might from right lest we end up being questioned by our Maker whom the cry of those treated unjustly never fails to reach and with whom, when the time comes, our query “Am I my brother’s keeper?” can cut no ice. It is human to get angry, but obviously inhuman to allow that anger to snowball into an exchange of hatred, its fire engulfing the insides of one’s being to have one’s own way by resorting to murder, thus wrongfully taking the law in one’s own hand. We need to see the truth for what it is and control the urge to demonstrate our tenacity to prove ourselves right by resorting to means obviously unfair, knowing fully well that the law is an ass that can flogged into action to our benefit according to anyone’s whims and fancies.

Church and the Law – The fact remains that a hurt can never be easily erased, the offended party seeking to avenge an insult one way or another. It is becoming increasingly easy for a crime to be detected and the criminal identified

today. The Church and Christian-run NGO’s would do well to create awareness on the one hand as regards what follows a crime and, on the other, the need to have the feeling of vengeance removed from the core of one’s being. We need to have our good old human values given a fresh lease of life by way of debates and discussions as a means to rid the human psyche of all that is not human. After all, we human beings were created for community, not to be islands unto ourselves. And in our bid to be community we need to discern that just as neither insult nor isolation can make for community; neither hatred nor revenge can fulfil any purpose whatsoever.

Perhaps we could take a page out of our prison ministry that has caught on so well across the country. Indeed, of what use are our ministrations to prisoners if we cannot learn from our interactions with them as to how best we could prevent further instances of lawlessness and friction, hatred and murder in society in general and among fellow believers in particular? Put differently, we need to come up with new ways and means to ensure not so much that the guilty escape imprisonment and punishment (there’s already much scope on that front!) but that citizens in general and Catholics in particular avoid reaching a stage of guilt resulting from crime and resulting in imprisonment. There isn’t an area of human relationships where such a need is not felt – be it between spouses or siblings, between relatives or neighbours, among co-workers, too. Can the Church distance itself from such a need? If so, what would our attempts at forming viable Small Christian Communities amount to except to have us repeat with Cain: “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

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God always does things right. His way is always the best way, even if it seems all wrong to us.

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activities that he or she does not fully comprehend and which may involve physical contact with sexual intent can be termed as child sexual abuse. The child is unable to give informed consent to such an activity and the child is not developmentally prepared for such an activity. Child sexual abuse violates the body and dignity of children. Children can be sexually abused by both adults and other children, who are in a position of responsibility, trust or power over the victim. Child Sexual Abuse may include masturbation, fondling a child's genitals, penetration, vaginal and anal intercourse. Child Sexual abuse is not restricted only to involve physical contact but such abuse could include child pornography, showing of pictures or videos to children with sexual intent, taking pictures of the naked body of the child etc.

Effects: Child Sexual Abuse scars the body and mind of the child. Child abuse casts a shadow for the length of a lifetime of the child. A child who is the victim of prolonged sexual abuse usually develops low self esteem, a feeling of worthlessness and tends to be withdrawn. This child will have an abnormal and distorted view of sex. Many children who have been sexually abused have difficulty being in relationships, in relating with others. There is a chance that some of these victims of child sexual abuse may become child abusers themselves. Victims of child sexual abuse may develop sleep problems and may bed-wet. They may refuse to interact with the abuser, or refuse to go to school. These children may tend to get unusually aggressive and may turn towards delinquent behavior. Sexually abused children may have learning problems in school or they may show less interest in studies. Few sexually abused children may exhibit suicidal behavior. It is important that parents and caregivers should look for physical signs of abuse like difficulty in walking, pain in the abdomen or private parts, pregnancy or venereal disease, injury to the penis or scrotum or vaginal injury.

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Although money is great and can buy us all the things that will temporarily make us happy, no amount of money can buy time. Time is our most valuable asset and it is something, that while on this earth, we should spend most wisely.

This generation is particularly in trouble because jobs are scarce and many of us will be stuck doing jobs we hate just because we need money. Although this may be the right move for our careers now, this shouldn't be something we do for the rest of our lives. It is best we search for something we are passionate about. Here are the 10 reasons why you should follow your passion and not the money.

Working for money may seem like good enough motivation for one to keep at their career : Every morning Monday through Friday you go to work 9 to 5 sitting their punching away the hours stressing about the work at hand. This is not a way to enjoy your life. Working for 8 hours a day 5 times a week at something that makes you miserable is not the way you live life to the fullest.

Many people who choose careers that don't make them happy will tell you that they would all do it differently if they had the chance. You only have one life, so don't waste it working somewhere you hate just because of the money.

You can relate more to the work:

Being forced to do work is one of the most draining experiences. While there are times at every job where you may feel the work may be draining and dull,

you have to realize that not every day is going to be an enjoyable one. There are highs and lows, but when you are passionate about the work you look past the dull days. Your creative process is also different. You are more inclined to come up with creative ideas when you like what you do.



Work doesn't feel like it's forced upon:

When you value money over your overall health and your passion, you will find yourself in an endless cycle of misery. Work no longer becomes a career or a journey, but more of a taxing annoyance on your mind and body that has to get done.

Every day that you go to work with this mindset you begin to hate your job more and more. While many people feel that they must work hard to retire and have money to enjoy themselves, what's the point of enjoying yourself in your later years when you spent your life being miserable?

Money will not help you overcome the feeling of doing something you hate :

Many employees put in reckless hours during the month and make a great paycheck on pay day. Many of them have all this money piled up, but they never really get to enjoy the fruits of their labor because their labor takes

up most of their lives.

Is there a worse feeling than doing something you hate? Eventually this hatred will cause stress and in the long run, it will have lasting effects on your health.

You are willing to go beyond the call of your duty:

Certain obligations at your work will require you to go above and beyond the call of duty. In certain times during the busy seasons, you may be asked to do certain tasks that are not part of your everyday schedule. It is much easier for you to put in the extra work if it's something you actually care about. Because you are passionate about your job, you will be willing to put in the extra effort to go beyond what is required of you.

Our working careers will consume most of our lives, so we might as well do something we enjoy:

You will spend a majority of your life working and there is no other way around this fact unless you are born into a wealthy family or marry rich. For the rest of us who weren't fortunate enough, we will be spending a good portion of our lives working in order to make ends meet. Once you realize that your career should be something you enjoy, then you will lead a more happy and fulfilling life.

No obstacle will stop you from achieving success:

Your passion ignites your work, and like a rocket, it accelerates you past road blocks that may come about. Any obstacle that comes your way is accepted and fought off with a creative solution.

Discover your passion:

- * Think about what motivates your decisions.
- * Consider about what you've always dreamed of doing?
- * Don't make money your primary consideration.
 - * Ask yourself some self-reflective questions.
- * Don't set an artificial goal for yourself.
- * Don't underestimate yourself; keep your uniqueness in mind.

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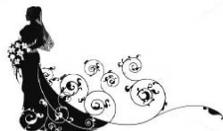
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