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Seminar on Understanding the different Faiths

Shimoga Jan.29:

The Inter-Religious Commission had organized a one day seminar on “Understanding the different faiths based on Church documents.” for Carmel Deanery and Vianney Deanery Parish Council Members, Finance Committee Members and Small Christian Community leaders at Sacred Heart Cathedral hall on Sunday January 29th at 10am. 132 members from 13 parishes were present for the seminar.

The programme began at 10.30am with a prayer led by Fr. Ivan D’Souza OCD. Mrs. Sagaya Mary welcomed the dignitaries and the participants. Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Gilbert Lobo, SMSSS Director Rev. Fr. Veeresh V. Moras, Director of Dhyavanan, Carmelite International Institute of Spirituality, Mysore Fr. Dominic Vas OCD, Director for Commission of Inter Religious Dialogue(CIRD) Fr. Jerome Moras



OCD, Rev. Fr. Ivan D'souza were present on the Dias.

The seminar was inaugurated by lighting lamp by all the dignitaries. Fr. Jerome Moras the CIRD Director, introduced the resource person. Soon after the stage programme Rev. Fr. Dominic Vas gave a session on Church understanding on Inter religious harmony in reference with Scripture and Church Documents. At the end he clarified the doubts raised by the participants.

This programme was organized un-

der the able leadership of Rev Fr. Jerome Moras. It was compered by Mr. Salvadore Pereira. Fr. Jerome Moras proposed the vote of thanks to all those who made the programme a great success.

Everyone expressed their appreciation and satisfaction for the inspirational and meaningful session. This program culminated with a meal. It was appreciated and relished by all.

—Fr. Ivan D'souza, OCD, Shivamogga

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Parents and Youth

by Don Aguiar

One of the most misunderstood, out of control and inconclusive debates we have had in recent times is that on parents and youth. A section of parents are concerned about inadequacy of youth formation, many have voiced their opinion, made statements in the media and cited specific incidents including the limited time and social pressure they have to consider. The youth feel it may not be so.

Both sides in the debate make their point vehemently, unwilling to listen to the other side. This alone is a kind of intolerance.

The questions remain though. Are the youth tolerant or intolerant? Can both the parents and youth be tolerant enough to say both the statements are true at the same time?

The confusion comes from the question itself. There is no one kind of tolerance. There can be social pressure intolerance, caste intolerance, economic inequality intolerance, intolerance of internet trolls, political intolerance, traffic intolerance, and alternate opinion intolerance.

How do we make youth more tolerant? For this it is important to understand the psychology of tolerance and keep them mentored as much as possible. The dictionary defines tolerance as "the ability or willingness to tolerate the existence of opinions or behavior that one dislikes or disagrees with."

The perceived level of tolerance or intolerance in society comes in a three step process. One, there are things that bother us. Two, we choose to react to those bothersome things with specific actions. Three, those actions can create certain perceptions and fears in society.

A view is that we in the wider ecclesial community must see the problem of young people today not just in terms of the inadequacy of their formation. Research shows that young people are looking for authenticity, a concept that has become salient not just amongst philosophers and sociologists. It has become a virtue, in fact an ethic, as the philosopher Charles Taylor puts it, for contemporary life.

In other words, youth and the young adults ahead of them are continuously on the lookout for authentic expressions for their formation.

Giselle Vincett, discovers in her research that Catholic youth in England, highly secularized their environment might be, feel the need to perform and embody their Christianity in the context of their friendships and the wider community. But sometimes, the everyday theologies young people harbor are not consistent with the ide-

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Pope & Proximity of Priests to People

During a conference organized recently by the 'Congregation for the Clergy', Pope Francis remarked: "The good that priests can do comes primarily from proximity to, and a tenderly love, for their people".

Pope Francis' proclivity for mixing with the hoi polloi is well known. As cardinal, he abjured the elegant palace of a bishop and chose to reside in a small apartment in the suburbs, cooking his own food and using public transport. All this, just so that he could be in close proximity to the common people.

With a growing population and decreasing number of vocations, the workload of priests, keeps increasing. Caught up in spiritual and administrative work, priests have little time for exchanging pleasantries with the parishioners. Yet there are a few priests who find time to meet and greet parishioners before and after a mass. Parishioners find these little personal encounters more effective than sermons delivered for general consumption. I know of one priest whose homilies in church may not be very inspiring. But outside the church he is very popular with parishioners because he goes out of his way to meet and talk with them. What he lacks in communicative skills is more than compensated by his proximity to the people. And I know of another priest who takes great pains in preparing his sermons and they are well delivered too. But he fails to inspire for he is virtually unknown and unseen by his flock!

—Prof Robert Castellino
Mumbai

Memorial Day Service by BCS Vikhroli Unit



The Vibrant Vikhroli Unit of the Bombay Catholic Sabha under the leadership of Robert D'Souza organized a Memorial Day Service on 21st November, 2015 at the site of Old Phatak, Vikhroli East.

The service commenced followed by the 7 p.m. mass in the St. Joseph Church with a candle light procession from the Church premises to the site, to pay homage to those who had lost their lives at the Vikhroli level crossing railway tracks.

It was on this day six years back that there was a peaceful protest wherein mainline train services were blocked from 1.50pm to 3.10pm for a Foot Over Bridge to be built. This extreme step was taken since the railways had ignored various representations including submissions of signatures collected during signature campaign.

This protest resulted into the home ministry getting involved and giving the Railways the ultimatum. The tenders were called for by the Railways and the Foot Over Bridge was built and opened to use within seven months from the date of the Protest. With the Foot Over Bridge in place the death while crossing tracks was eliminated.

Homage was also paid to Col. Santosh Mahadik who was killed in an encounter with the terrorists.

The Memorial Day Service was attended by representatives of various

political parties including sitting MLA Mr. Sunil Raut. The Vikhroli unit placed before the dignitaries the list of demands including railway ticket office on East side near Old Phatak, Ramp or Escalator for senior citizens connecting the Rail Over Bridge, 60 feet road parallel to the railway tracks pending since last 50 years, public toilet for gents and ladies (in lieu of the demolished one), Road Over Bridge etc.

Father Simon Lopez thanked the dignitaries and the gathering for attending the service and justified the demands raised as legitimate. Mr. Sunil Raut assured the gathering that he will act on the demands raised and try to fulfill whatever would be possible through him. There was a gathering of around 300 people for this Memorial Day Service.

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image of the country is sure to suffer irreversible damage.

—Joseph M. Dias, S.J.,
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Aamir Khan's Statement

We should not read too much into Aamir Khan's statement on intolerance, attributed to his wife's fear for the safety of her children. When the dengue epidemic was at its peak in Mumbai, several panic-stricken mothers in a city clinic, fearing for the lives of their children, were overheard talking about leaving the city till the epidemic subsided. These mothers were not unpatriotic by any means. They were only panic-stricken like any mother.

There's no need for panic. The present situation of intolerance is much like an epidemic, caused by the bytes of motor-mouths. Hopefully, the govt will initiate proper pest-control measures to silence the motor-mouths following which the epidemic will die down.

—Prof Robert Castellino,
Malad Mumbai

Attacks Against Aamir Khan

The disproportionate and threatening reactions to Aamir Khan's candid expression of his concerns over the growing intolerance in the country, in a recent interview, have only served to confirm the truth of what he is saying and exposed the attitudes of many of those responsible for creating this oppressive atmosphere. Actually, the

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highly popular and eminent actor, who has demonstrated his sincere love for the country, time and again, by the many social causes he has courageously espoused, was only expressing in a very simple, dispassionate manner, what millions in this country, including several patriotic award-winning writers, artists, and scientists have been experiencing, during the last few months, ever since the new dispensation took charge in New Delhi.

The statement surely did not show the people of this great country in a poor light. In fact, it clarified that he had lived in the country all his life and could always take for granted its outstanding openness and spirit of tolerance, which enabled him to grow and flourish. He was expressing concern that, only very recently, some new forces had come out in the open, which were aggressively creating an ethos of fear and intolerance. The public is beginning to realize that it is now common for anyone significant, who dares to question the words or policies of those in power (which often tarnish the image of the country), are promptly dubbed as 'anti-national', 'unpatriotic' or 'guilty of sedition'.

The right to 'freedom of expression', guaranteed by the Constitution of India to all its citizens, is virtually being taken away, and the authorities responsible for upholding it, are totally silent and show no inclination at all to take appropriate action against those openly attacking, threatening and harassing honest and loyal fellow-citizens. It appears as though, for those who wield the levers of power today, only those who subscribe to their own narrow world-view and culture, are capable of patriotism and genuine service to the nation, while the bonafides of all others (including reputed individuals and NGOs) are highly suspect. It is high time needed action is taken, before it is too late, by those in authority, otherwise the ethos and

' Modernise School Classroom Education '

We need to place less emphasis on marks obtained in exams and make our education system less theoretical and more practical by placing emphasis on practicals and projects.

There is no need for a common education system with a common syllabus as this will only serve the purpose of furthering the cause of the Hindutva and communal agenda so a case must be filed against it and this is unsuccessful then Parliament must be indefinitely boycotted till this evil idea is removed.

Education must be in English and not in the regional languages only since English is an international language and regional, cultural and the national language in India lacks a scientific and commercial vocabulary.

Emphasis must be laid on vocational education like tailoring, carpentry etc from class one and also on sport's education from the kindergarten class for which purpose sport's psychologists and sport's sociologists must select and counsel students from a particular sport in which they excel and these students must be sent to a special school with emphasis both on sports and school subjects.

Great care must be taken to upgrade teaching methods like for example maths must be taught by promoting the student from the lower level to the higher level only after the student excels at the lower level and maths problems must be solved daily on the class blackboard by the student after the maths concept is explained to him.

For languages there must be a weak and strong class with an emphasis on grammar in the weak class for weak students.

A teacher who makes three mis-

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takes while teaching his subject must be demoted and asked to teach his subject in a lower class and if again he makes three mistakes he must be permanently dismissed from service.

Education can be made much more enjoyable by arranging visits to places of interest connected with the subject, reducing the load of unnecessary textbooks, removing the teaching of college subjects at the school level.

Audio-visual questions for subjects like history at public exams must be scrapped unless they are published as a book.

Students must be given the choice of appearing for a public board exam or a school exam when they leave school to study in college and the concept of autonomous schools must be introduced and even the concept of a home school education must be permitted.

Subjects like communal harmony and human relationships must be taught for a more peaceful, modern, liberal and secular society.

The mid-day meal or lunch must be made mandatory so that students attend school regularly.

Our education system must ingrain good morals into students and remove the shortcomings like regionalism, linguistic fanaticism, power politics, uncouth behavior, violent behaviour, promote humour, also remove dictatorial behaviour.

So finishing courses are very important

In short we need a cultural revolution to modernise our society.

Students are the future citizens of the country so they must be allowed to bloom and not wither if we want our country to have a bright future.

Only then will real and everlasting progress become a reality.

—Peter Castellino

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Strong Families : Sturdy Societies !

“Studies Confirm Importance of Marriage”, by Fr. John Flynn, Nov. 08, 2015, ZENIT. Rome, has clearly stated that a healthy family life plays a vital role in the well-being of society. He referred to a joint project of The Institute Of Family Studies, USA; and UK's Marriage Foundation.

I will condense it to seven relevant points:

1. A stable marriage and firm family structures, have a dual bearing on economic growth, as well as reducing child poverty.
2. Strong families encourage noble virtues such as keen work ethics.
3. Intact two-parent households made children avoid disciplinary actions, and they performed better at school.
4. Youth especially benefit from timely marriage, as it helps them settle down and avoid risky, anti-social behaviors.
5. It is particularly recommended to discourage separation and divorce, because one-third of

couples contemplating divorce, express interest in reconciliation. Thus, moves should be initiated to aid couples who are struggling to remain loyal.

6. In general, women with higher levels of income and university degrees were more likely to be happily married.
7. Cohabiting or live-in couples were very unstable as compared to those who were Sacramentally married.

The study concluded that the message to policy-makers, is that efforts to reduce inequality and poverty would inevitably fall short, unless and until these also stimulate the sanctity of marriage whose tenderness and warmth transcends a host of misdeeds: “For above all, love each other deeply, for love covers a multitude of sins” (1 Peter 4:8).

—Dr Trevor Colaso,
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et and takes orders in her spare time.

These cheerful youngsters are forever ready to give other a helping hand. They teach each other skills. We could learn from them to co-operate with one another instead of being obsessed with competition.

They work sincerely in order to achieve a goal. For instance, making hand towels as give-aways in time for a wedding order.

They never nurture grudges. That is definitely a desirable quality which is often found lacking in us.

Praying for each other and those in need is also something we could imbibe from these good-natured persons.

They love unconditionally. If you display affection towards them, they repay you in double measure.

A lot is being said about recycling and saving the environment. These young people put recycling into practice. Used bedsheets are cut into strips, plaited and converted into rugs. The pictures on used cards are cut out and used to decorate gift envelopes, paper bags and cards. Glossy pages of magazines are useful for making colourful beads which are strung into necklaces.

I asked Sybil, a trained Montessori teacher, how she handled her pupils. She said, "Just like any other students. With love, patience but firmness". I could add that her sense of humour also helps. She said that they are naïve and are like trusting children. Hence they need their families to be supportive and understanding towards them.

Despite having avenues for self expression and productivity through associations such as Atmavishwas, these special youngsters have their fair share of anxiety. They crave for acceptance. Those with a mild dis-

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Alas! We often harbour prejudice against 'Special' people. We think in terms of 'us' or 'we' and 'them' or 'they'. We think that we belong to the 'ingroup' whilst they are different and hence the 'outgroup'. Ofcourse 'we' are smart, intelligent and good at what we do while the fact is that we are each unique and differently abled. We are slaves of our prejudice and think that 'they' cannot be efficient or talented. Some unfortunately delight in tormenting and teasing special people whilst others pity them.

It was precisely to overcome these societal hurdles and to give the mentally challenged a sense of self worth by being productive citizens that Roy and Sybil Dagama, now seniors in their sixties, founded Atmavishwas – a Workshop for the Mentally Challenged. Their daughter, Liane, a US trained educator for Special people, is also actively involved with Atmavishwas. Roy and Sybil's son, Savio, and most of the young adults learning at Atmavishwas have Downs Syndrome. The workshop is held at the Dagamas' spacious family home in Verna, Goa. I spent some time with Sybil at Atmavishwas, Goa in order to educate myself about Downs. Downs is a genetic disorder caused by the presence of all or part of a third copy of chromosome 21. Individuals with this syndrome have characteristic facial features. They are often short in stature and have mild to moderate intellectual disabilities. Another challenge they face is that of medical issues such as congenital heart disease, a weak stomach, eyesight, hearing and speech impair-

ment. Savio, for instance, has a weak stomach and survived a risky brain surgery in his younger days. Despite these odds, these youngsters are very amiable and cheerful. Hats off to them!

Sybil says that it is not just the general public that is ignorant about Downs, but even the parents of such children need to be enlightened. Atmavishwas is doing very creditable work in this field. Regrettably, There is a paucity of institutions working with the mentally challenged in India. Parents sometimes underestimate the capabilities of their kids and think their duties end with clothing and feeding them. They view their kid as a burden. Atmavishwas educates such parents to view their children as individuals with unique talents and capabilities. Each person with Downs has been hand crafted by a loving God. That is why they are so 'Special'.

Thanks to the dedicated staff of Atmavishwas, the young students learn to focus on their strengths in order to produce quality goods. One person may be adept in embroidery whereas another is good in making cards. Those with a moderate form of Downs are good at repetitive work.

The pupils are also encouraged to develop their skills. Savio has honed his guitar skills and is an accomplished musician who performs regularly on stage. Conchita is excellent in crotch-



by Monica Fernandes

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als of religious leaders.

Why? - Because everyday theologies — or beliefs and practices that matter to the laity — emerge out of their specific realities.

And the life conditions of today's youth remain complex: out-of-school youth, young people trafficked into sex slavery, youth in indigenous communities.

The point is that youth have issues to confront. And these issues matter insofar as their view of family life is concerned.

In India the suicide rate among teenagers is going up. It is said that the youth is our hope for the future. They themselves don't seem to have any hope. However it is still said that the youth is the hope for the future. But the past generations have killed the very phenomenon of being young; they have destroyed the youth. They have lost the love and the trust of the youth, because they have deceived them so many times that it has become impossible for them to believe the older generations. What the older generations have done to young people, they have been doing for centuries. Now it has come to a climax.

They have repressed the youth as far as their love is concerned. They have not allowed them to choose their partners, careers, etc; they have been trying to arrange marriages, careers, etc for them — and many a time the marriage, career, etc is a failure. It may look a success from the outside, but you will have to know the inside story. It is ugly, nauseating. The younger person sees all this: what has happened all around.

The youth are bound to have the clearest eyes — young eyes without any dust. They can see the phoniness of their elders; they can see that their religious leaders don't know even the ABC of religion.

So goes the all too common narrative for Indian youth these days, an adult driven, hyper competitive race to the top in both academics and athletics that serves the needs of the adults, but rarely the kids. As movies such as "The Race to Nowhere" and recent articles point out, while the race has a few winners, the course is littered with the scarred psyches of its participants. We have a generation of children that have been pushed to achieve parental dreams

instead of their own, and prodded to do more, more, more and better, better, better. The pressure and anxiety is stealing one thing our kids will never get back; their childhood.

In chalking out a course of action for their kids, parents are generally obsessed with the concept of totality they want to have things in totality and are reluctant to accept the fulfillment of their goals in any partial way. But thinking along these lines goes against the lines of nature. The realistic formula in this regard is that if the total is not achievable one should be content to achieve just a part.

The following Hindi maxim applies to their case — "One, who runs after the whole leaving behind the part, loses both the part and the whole." This is why; though these parents launched their kids with great dreams/enthusiasm they ended up as failed parents. They could neither achieve what they set out to do, nor were they able to retain what they already possessed.

The adult driven, hyper competitive race to the top is a race to nowhere, and it does not produce better students or athletes. It produces bitter students or athletes who get hurt, burnout, and quit academics or sports altogether.

The hardest thing about raising kids these days, when it comes to academics or sports, is that the vast majority of the parents are leading their kids down the wrong path, but not intentionally or because they want to harm their kids. They love their kids, but the social pressure to follow that path is incredible. The social pressure is like having a conversation with a pathological liar; he is so good at lying that even when you know the truth, you start to doubt it. Yet that is the academics or sport path many parents are following. Their opinion may have changed, but not the fact that they are right.

They forget to give their kids the one thing they did have: A CHILDHOOD! They forget to give them the ability to find things they are passionate about, instead of choosing for them. They forget that a far different path worked pretty darn well for them

The reason - FEAR!

Parents should think of their kids in much the same way as they think about food. As Winfred Gallagher argues in his

book 'New', a healthy information diet requires the self-control necessary to focus on the nutritious new things that have long-term value and ignore the junk that compromises our mental and emotional fitness. Social pressure can play havoc with your information metabolism and interfere with your ability to think. We need discipline and wise planning.

This is why parents need to know, how to react to what bothers them is important. Do we scream? Do we hit someone? Do we abuse? Or do we control ourselves emotionally? Can we learn to take a deep breath and say, I don't like what the youth are saying or doing at all, but I will not react in a violent or uncivil manner?

It seems many among us parents have a hard time doing that. It is almost culturally acceptable to be ill-mannered when you are upset. This needs to change. Too bad if you don't like something, but you can't let go of civil behavior.

Parents should also take into account what violent or abusive actions do to the youth. For one, they create massive amounts of fear. One violent or abusive action will create fear in the minds of the youth. Add to that over-eager and ever-present media these days, fear spreads faster than ever before. It is here the parents can play a role as mentor.

All parents have certain ambitions for their kids which they seek to fulfill. Wise planning for the fulfillment of a goal requires adjustment between two things, personal ambitions and available resources.

No one can change the course taken by the external world. No one is master of nature. We have only one option - To find a way of making a realistic adjustment between our ambitions and the resources available in the real world. Colleagues and friends are a wonderful thing but parents who are mentors, that's where the real work gets done and we hope to reach a day where parents do not succumb to social pressure. Until then, they simply need to be better prepared in their course of actions. Parents as well as media should ensure any ill-conceived action or reporting don't create misguidance in the youth. Let parents be tolerant enough to accept the youth lookout for authentic expressions for their formation for now and make things better.

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ability realize that they are dependent on and different from others. "Why is it that Dada (father) goes to an office and I don't?" "Why can't I work as a bank officer?" "Why can't I go to college when I can read a newspaper and download my emails?" These are some of the questions they ask. The staff of Atmavishwas reassure them that they are productive members of society and that "Whatever you do, do well" is more important than being a bank officer. They instill atma vishwas or self confidence in their young pupils.

If a printed passage is given to Savio, he is able to type the same perfectly on a computer. He sometimes accompanies his Dada to the latter's work place in Belapur. With commendable concentration, he precisely types out passages on various Indian festivals handed over to him and files the printed pages in his work file. He swells with pride as he hands over his file to us for perusal and is thrilled when he is 'paid' Rs. 4000 for his efforts. He feels very responsible when I tell him that he is doing an excellent job of looking after his mother in Goa while his Dada is in Mumbai.

These youngsters produce very neat work. If they make a mistake while embroidering a piece, they remove the stitches and redo the piece. What they want is an opportunity to prove themselves and not charity. Indeed they are God's 'Special' people and we must treat them with the dignity they deserve.

The recent Bihar Elections have shown one thing:

Education Is Not Everything In Life



A Look at the Bihar Cabinet and the Educational Qualifications of the ministers

- 1) Nitish Kumar - Chief Minister, Home, General Administration - (Bachelor Of Engineering)
- 2) Tejaswi Yadav - Deputy Chief Minister - Roads, Buildings, Backwards class Welfare - (Ninth Std Fail)
- 3) Tej Pratap Yadav - Health, Irrigation, Transport - (Twelfth Fail)
- 4) Abdul Bari Siddiqui - Finance - (Twelfth)
- 5) Vijendra Prasad Yadav - Electricity - (Tenth Fail)
- 6) Lalan Singh - Drinking water - (Eighth Std)
- 7) Manju Varma - Social Welfare - (Twelfth)
- 8) Manmohan Jha - Land development - (Seventh)
- 9) Madan sahini - Fertilizers - (Tenth Std)
- 10) Ashok Choudhary - Education & IT (Tenth Std)
- 11) Vijay Prakash - Labour - (Fifth Standard)
- 12) Ram Vichar Rai - (Agriculture)
- 13) Kapildev Kamath - Panchayati Raj - (Third Std)
- 14) Santosh Nirala - SC/ST Welfare - (Twelfth)
- 15) Abdul Jaleel Masthaan - Programme Implementation - (Eighth Std)
- 16) Abdul Gafoor - Minority Welfare - (Tenth Std)
- 17) Chandrika rai - Transport
- 18) Maheswar Hajari - Urban Development - (Twelfth)
- 19) Chandrashekar - Disaster Management - (Fourth std)
- 20) Jaykumar singh - Industries And Science and Technology - (Tenth Std)
- 21) Anitha Devi - tourism - (Twelfth Failed)
- 22) Awadesh Singh - Animal Husbandry - (Fifth Standard)
- 23) Muneshwar Choudhary - Mines and Geology - (Twelfth)
- 24) Krishnanandan Verma - Law - (Eleventh)
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“Genocide” of Christians in the Middle East

Tell order for evil to wipe out Christianity

“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil

Is when good men do nothing.”

The words belong to Edmund Burke, philosopher and politician. If we dare to look through the lens of moral clarity we may discover much truth in his words, especially in close reference to IS and their hidden agenda in plotting the migration and refugee crisis in Europe and, the “genocide” of Christians in the Middle East.

Recently, when Pope Francis heard that Calais resembled a fortress with chains, fences and coils of barbed wire around the city, the Holy Father warned Europe that terrorists might be mingling and entering as migrants and refugees. The slaughter of Christians, the pontiff stated was, “a form of genocide”. The migrant crisis His Holiness went on to say, had struck the heart of Europe like “a Third World War”.

Today, we are confronted with the wave of Yazidi Christians fleeing from Syria and the IS fighters. Many families are still trying to escape the sectarian crisis in northern Syria. It is said that over 5 million Syrians are leaving their country. Truly, 2015 should be remembered as the Year of the Sleeping European Politicians. When the sharp surge in violence first began: when the shooting, killing, stabbing, beheading, burning, rape and torture was unleashed by Islamist extremists upon Christians, where were the leaders of international organizations and responsible governments?



BY MELVYN BROWN

Let us be reminded:

In 1948 a Convention for the Prevention and punishment of Genocide had been created with 127 nations and their leaders as signatories to the Convention. Why have they failed in their obligations to honor those visions? Why have the signatories of treaties not been able to enforce, contain and act? It is now incumbent upon them to forcibly, if necessary, sweep the blood stains clean.

The systematic killing of people because they are Christians, to stop births, to relocate children from one fold to another, to cause body and mental harm to certain groups, is clearly ‘genocide’. This is being openly and defiantly done in the Middle East. Why are people not being protected and defended by international law?

They called Giuliani (New York Mayor) ‘Mr. Tough Talk’ in 2007 when he said: “We haven’t been attacked because we’ve been strong, because we’ve

been on offense.” May 20, 2007. He was proved incorrect. Earlier, in 2006, Giuliani had stated, “Our enemies have made clear to us that what they seek is the annihilation of our most precious freedoms.” Giuliani, Sept 11, 2006. He was right.

Spending millions of American dollars to build memorials and then a second Tower for the remembrance of innocent victims of WTC might have been put to better use planning strategy and implementing military might to contain the evil and frustrate the enemy: the souls of those victims would mercifully lie in proper peace. Memorials can always rise at better times.

Compassionate individuals should send a clear message to all world leaders and groups that there will be a chain-of-prayers for their inaction. Let us ask God to forgive the criminals for they know not what they are doing. They have lost the trust of mankind and have pressed the button of panic and self-destruction in their own backyard.

With Edmund Burke’s thought mired in today’s wasteland, let us put that thought another way: The most horrible sin is not that which we do, but that which we fail to do.

The Big Birthday Boys

Birthdays they say, are meant to reflect on ones life during the preceding year to take stock of the things one did or did not do and take corrective measures. Birthdays are not achievements. Actually, it is a routine annual event and if it is to be celebrated, it should be restricted to close family and friends and not a mega event inviting national attention, unless you are inspired by the words of Oprah Winfrey - "the more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is to celebrate".

Suddenly we find that our politicians have embarked on self marketing [for whatever it is worth] in the garb of celebrating ones birthdays in a manner that will perhaps put the biggest celebrities to shame. Birthday [thank God it occurs only once a year] is viewed as a potential image building exercise for politicians who have lost their sheen with the passage of time. They suddenly realize that they need to bring that sheen back but considering the age of those who want to celebrate; it looks like an exercise in futility.

The Neta from Uttar Pradesh – Mulyam Singh Yadav [MSY] celebrated his 76th birthday with all the pomp – something he did even earlier in the wake of displaced communal riot victims languishing in make shift camps under extreme cold. There was a lot of criticism even then. Now the State is facing drought with farmers committing suicides. Yet the Neta is unfazed. He is celebrating his birthday, spread over a few days, as if by turning 76 he has achieved something great that warrants celebrations. He invited all and mighty though quite a few who matter decided to stay away - each one for a different reason though. Last year the Bollywood stars faced flak for joining in for money sake. This year the celebrated A.R.Rahman decides to take the centre stage.

We have another politician the shrewdest one – Sharad Pawar who is turning 75 and decides to go one up on MSY. His cronies decide that for his stature, celebrations in Delhi alone will not be befitting. Celebrations will be held in Delhi, Mumbai and also in Pune. They have decided to invite almost everybody who matters in the world of politics, business, films and other high and mighty. You are known by the company you keep, they say

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and the organizers want to make sure that none, who matters, is left out.

Our two leaders, who are on the wrong side of 70, still nurture political ambitions of donning the mantle of 'Prime Ministership'. Though their earlier attempts have failed, they see a faint opportunity following the drubbing the BJP received in Bihar. Suddenly, they see a glimmer of hope of some sort of anti-BJP front taking shape in 2019. That explains why both these tall leaders did not attend the swearing-in-ceremony in Patna. Both of them see Nitish Kumar as a potential threat who is increasingly gaining popularity as a national leader who can take on Modi. Whether investment in huge birthday bashes will reap political returns, one needs to wait and watch. If the amount so spent on these extravagant celebrations had to be given to the drought hit farmers in UP and Maharashtra, the stock of these two leaders would have gone up. By the way, a couple in Canada has decided to cancel a lavish wedding reception [once in a life time event] and donate the money [so saved] for the refugees from Syria. There is a lesson or two for the big birthday boys here.

A confused BJP on tolerance

Elections in Bihar are over and still there is talk of an 'atmosphere' of intolerance in the country which is distinct from intolerance itself, per se. Sometimes, BJP spoke of a well orchestrated campaign during the Bihar elections. At other times, it targeted those who voice concern [genuine or perceived] as a manifestation of dislike for Narendra Modi. Actually, it is neither. No one is saying that the situation is hopeless but if things are allowed to go unchecked, we may face some serious problems. This is something that the BJP is not prepared to accept, sadly with its ostrich like attitude.

Those who are protesting are doing so with utmost dignity without being unduly dramatic. They speak their minds, and those who feel let down, even return their medals or awards. There is nothing wrong in this Gandhian approach – non violent and peaceful. Ironically, the reaction of those who do



by Marshall Sequeira

not agree with the protestors is vociferous bordering on hysteria. This is particularly true about the self proclaimed guardians of Hindus whom they claim to represent. They take out morchas and even abuse. They are willing to reward financially any one who slaps the offender. They want him to go to Pakistan. This type of response is intolerance itself. Does the BJP need any more proof that there is an atmosphere of intolerance?

People who are disillusioned can only resort to protests. We have the typical case of the FTII students carrying out peaceful protests. What did they achieve after almost two months of strike? You have another example of the retired servicemen demanding OROP. They have been agitating for months. They had to resort to hunger strike. Can there be anything more degrading for a nation to see the war veterans literally begging for something that they deserve? When nothing worked, they decided to return their medals or burn them. By trying to downplay the agitation as a handiwork of those out of power, BJP is belittling the achievement of those who served this country with dedication.

By the way, an American citizen wrote to Queen Elizabeth to take back and rule America once again – an act of sedition by our standards. There was no public outcry! No mochas to his house. No effigies burnt. People did not call him a traitor or ask the man to go to England. Obama did not say the man was tarnishing the image of America nor did he jail him. That is tolerance and free speech, Mr Rajnath Singh. Saying that Balasaheb Ambedkar did not run away after criticism, was not exactly a propitious comment to make. Aamir Khan was neither criticized nor did he run away. Actually, he only voiced his concern about the perceived atmosphere of intolerance. As Home Minister, you should know the difference.

Reasons to get Married while You're Young



and healthier.

Trust and “baggage”: Trust is a huge part of any relationship — especially marriage. Carrying the baggage of past relationships can taint our ability to trust our spouse. We can find ourselves questioning our spouse’s every move. We can trust more easily and love more readily by having a mostly clean slate to start with.

While everyone seems to have a strong opinion about whether or not marrying young is a good idea. Here are few reasons why getting married young is still a good thing

Young marriage has a unique set of challenges as well as advantages. For those of us who married young, our relationships are up for public debate, whether we like it or not. But regardless of where you stand on the “young marriage debate,” there are still advantages to marrying young.

More time together: For couples who are truly in love and happy together, many may wish they could have known each other longer. When we marry younger, we get much more time together. We can grow together while maintaining the same goals and supporting each other through individual goals.

Raising children: It’s no secret that kids have a lot of energy and take a lot of energy to keep up with. As we age, we get tired. By marrying younger and thus having children younger, we are more physically able to care for our children from birth and into adulthood. Additionally, there are more health risks for the mother and child the older you are when you get pregnant and give birth. It’s better to have children while you are younger

to make. When you are ready, don’t put off marriage for financial reasons or because you’d rather finish school, travel the world or because you think people will judge you for being too young. When it’s right, it’s right. Find someone you’d like to grow together with who will support you and that can lean on you through hard times.

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Solve Problems together



All couples will face some issues in life. They won't all look the same but couples who sail through troubled waters do so with good communication and a sense of partnership

Relationships:

It is a myth that you will never have conflict, or not experience problems in a relationship. In reality relationships will have rocky times and even times of doubt about whether you should be in your relationship at all. Couples, when they enter into a relationship, don't fuse into one person, each becoming the "better half" of the other. Here's how you can deal with that difficult time as a couple.

Manage expectations

It's important for women to recognise that the beginning of the relationship is not necessarily reflective of how it is going to be in long term. Expect that there will be some change when it comes to actions but be attuned to whether core attributes are changing. The relationship is going to evolve into a more settled state over time and that's ok.

Value difference

Accept and value differences in others, including your partner. We often choose people who have qualities and abilities we would like more of. This is one of the reasons why our relationships offer us significant opportunities to grow and develop as people. Remind yourself of this.

Confront the issue

When addressing your partner about a change that you're uncomfortable with, be gentle, not accusatory. Make the things positive. Accusing him of neglecting or pointing the finger will only make the situation worse, not better. 'I' statements take the pressure off him or her and lead to more positive conversations overall.

Offer solutions

If you are upset by a certain behaviour or change, you need to offer a solution in order to effectively have the issue resolved. You can suggest that every chore will be done together or suggest going away for the weekend whatever it is that will fulfil your needs. You can most certainly make

a positive request for change and state what you need. then step back to come up with solutions.

Reassessment

When couples do change significantly and their paths diverge, they should take the time to reassess their relationships and either get back on track to move forward together or embark on new separate adventures in which each partner can feel fulfilled.

Things to remember

- A good relationship doesn't just happen you have to work at it.
- All couples experience problems and challenges in their relationships
- There are many things you can do to help build healthy and happy relationships and prepare for the challenges along the way.
- Relationships change. You need to be aware of how they are changing and adapt to those changes.
- If problems become too difficult or complex, consider seeking the help of a counsellor.

Entrepreneurial Skills Must For Kids

Are you preparing your child to be independent?

Kids in today's school system are not being prepared well for tomorrow's world. Teaching your child a few entrepreneurial skills is not only important for self-care and sufficiency- it also allows him or her to feel empowered works on socialisation and helps develop healthy self-esteem. This list of skills will help to prepare your child for each stage of his or her life

When it comes to imparting worldly wisdom to your child, there are some skills that should just not be missed. Teaching some of the essential skills that entrepreneurs need to succeed in business to children at a young age can pay massive dividends, as it can not only help them be better people and be better at understanding others around them but it can also teach them about how best to tackle situations in the future. Whilst your children might be a bit too young to be heading into the executive boardroom, it's never too early to teach them these essential skills that can help them thrive in pretty much any situation in their lifetime. Here's a list of few entrepreneurial skills that can be easily taught and introduced to the children to help them prepare to take on their own life experiences.

Resilience

Developing a thick skin is essential for anyone to get by in life. There will always be setbacks and hurdles that we will need to overcome and accomplish; to enable to have the determination to get back when suffering a blow will be a great skill to have. To inspire this amongst children allow

them the opportunity to express their emotions without minimizing their feelings.

Curiosity

Entrepreneurs need to be lifelong learners to be successful and are always looking for the next way to better themselves. Encourage children to start a new hobby and to pursue their interests, even if they are wacky and a bit odd! Taking children to activity centres, museums and other creative spaces will only help to boost their intuitiveness and curiosity..



Industriousness:

The best entrepreneurs need to have a good working mentality and to understand the value of hard work. To build a strong work ethic among your children, be sure to build independence by giving your kids select chores and duties to do. By giving them the responsibility to get things done they will understand how much it pays off in the end.

Innovation and creativity:

Having the ability to think outside the box will be able to help anyone solve complex problems and come up with

You must also teach children these

- Asking questions
- Solving problems
- Tackling projects
- Finding passion
- Independence
- Being happy on their own
- Compassion
- Tolerance
- Dealing with change

the correct solution needed. Any entrepreneur out there needs to have the creative thinking and understanding to be able to make their place in business. Children can develop their innovative and creative streaks by simply playing. Children engage all of their creative energies when they play. Just make sure it's not limited to just PC or mobile games, mix it up a bit and let them think and come up with own ideas.

Empathy:

Being able to understand, relate to and also support one another will only help take you on leaps and bounds throughout your life and career. Successful entrepreneurs need to be able to understand just how important empathy is to success and can massively help to establish the positive connections needed to get by. Respect your children's own opinions and individuality and let them be open with their emotions and express them how they feel best to.

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Giving back:

By encouraging children to help out around the neighbourhood or local community, even with something as small as raking leaves for an elderly couple, they can learn the importance of social responsibility. True visionaries aren't selfish and look for a way to make the world better for EVERYONE instead of one that just makes it better for themselves.

Corpus Christi Is The Body Of Christ

by Melvyn Brown

Christ is King, Lord and Master of the universe. We celebrate his Feast not only on the appointed day but on every day of every year through all eternity. His Real Presence is in the bread and wine which transforms into the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) is a divine Gift from God. The Holy Eucharist has tremendous power to heal, protect, comfort and to be a balm for a mutilated world. The Eucharist is 'God-nourishing' food to sustain us in this vale of tears.

The epic scale of Christ's sacrifice: surrendering His Body and Blood for humankind's salvation and redemption was a singular act of divine and infinite love. "God proves His love for us, for when we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom.5:8). The Feast of Corpus Christi in the New Covenant is God's divine gift to all humankind.

In the Book of Revelation we are encouraged to face our trials of persecution, suffering, pain and humiliation with courage. It is written in the Book of the Apocalypse (1:5-8) that Jesus Christ is ruler of all Kings on earth. He has brought us salvation through his Blood, making us a kingdom to his glory for all.

Christ came as the High Priest with a New Covenant. The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Hebrews said, "Christ appeared as a High Priest of the good things that have come..." (Heb.9:11).

Christ had entered a new temple, not of this creation, once and for all. He



stepped into the Holy Place, bringing not the blood of calves and sheep but his own blood; and so, obtaining eternal redemption for all. "For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins." (Heb.10:4).

Christ had always the consciousness of His Messianic role. As a man Christ had God's knowledge and was able to teach His apostles and followers how to communicate and retain lessons to posterity. His human mind was infallible. "And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Heb.10:10).

The Son of God had paid an incredible price in dying for us, and so, conquered death. "...by the new and living way which he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh." (Heb.10:20). Paul went on to further state, "We enter the sanctuary by the Blood of Jesus. (Heb.10:19).

The words of consecration in the Roman Church never changes: the transformation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ retains the Real Presence.

The first day of Unleavened Bread had arrived. The sacrifice of the Passover lamb was over; the disciples were busy making preparations for Christ to eat the Passover, wrote Mark in his Gospel.

The Gospel of Matthew was infused with the details of the Last Supper –

the foundation material, both spiritual and practical for the divine ritual to be performed.

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Mat.26:26-28).

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Book Review “Glimpses into the Uniqueness of Recent Popes”

by Rev Desmond deSouza Csr,
Media House, New Delhi, Pages 158,
Price Rs 180/-.

This book was released by Abp Filip Neri Ferrao of Goa and former Foreign Minister, Eduardo Falleiro, at the Mandovi Hotel, Panaji, Goa, on 13th November. Rev deSouza is a Redemptorist priest who has held important posts in the Vatican and the Asian Bishops’ Conference (FABC). He has specialized in the social teachings of the church, besides working for domestic workers and fisher folk, like his co Redemptorist, the late Rev Thomas Kocherry. It fell to my lot to review the book at its release.

I felt that the title of the book was wrong. This was not a glimpse (something casual and superficial), but a



critical analysis of the functioning of the Catholic Church. That is why I also opined that the Popes were only incidental to the book. It was rather, an in depth study of ecclesiology, particularly after the “tectonic changes of Vatican II” as deSouza describes it. A real flaw in the book is its flow, that is more chronological than thematic. Even in its chronology it often oscillates between past and present; giving the impression that it has been written in bits and pieces over a period of time.

What the book lacks in style it more than makes up in substance. Infact the author even wonders if the present Pope Francis himself is a man of style or substance. How far has his personal acts of living in a two-room guesthouse, or using a small car, had an impact on the Church’s social praxis? He gives some interesting examples.

Cardinal Sean O’Malley of Boston has sold his palatial bishop’s house, as have the archbishop of Philadelphia and the bishop of Pittsburg. Inspired by Pope Francis the community of Newark objected to an expensive house for its archbishop. All these instances are from the USA; though a German bishop was made to resign after spending 43 million USD on the renovation of his residence. The au-

thor quotes Pope Francis saying, “It breaks my heart when I see a priest or nun with the latest model car”. But this austerity has certainly not percolated down to the Church in India. Remember the Rupees Fifty Crore church just built in Edappally, Kerala?

The really interesting part of the book is the author’s suggestion for restructuring the Catholic Church. He observes that a church from “above” is characteristically hierarchical and conservative, as so evident today. On the other hand a church from “below” would be creative and charismatic. However, if left to itself such a church would implode, as has happened to so many sects. He advocates a balance of both, and says that the only movement that actually achieved this was the transition wrought by Nelson Mandela in South Africa. A similar attempt by Mikhail Gorbachev in the erstwhile Soviet Union failed, as it shattered into smithereens.

Another gem of wisdom is his proposed restructuring of the Vatican bureaucracy, or Curia; that is both centralized and stifling. The Vatican should learn from the U.N., he says. Its headquarters are in New York, but it has its offices (departments) spread across the globe. So there is UNESCO in Paris, ILO in Geneva, UNIDO in Vi-

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Good communication skills can make you more confident in life. When you talk to people, the first thing they notice about you is your IQ. Therefore, it is important to stay updated on the latest happenings in the world. Read on to know some tips.

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Subscribe for a newspaper:

The most popular way to stay updated



is to subscribe for a newspaper. Reading a local newspaper for five to ten minutes can help you to grasp what is happening around you.

Watch news: Even if you catch the headlines of the day on a news channel, it can improve your knowledge. Watching a news channel for five minutes daily can help to know about all the current happenings of your city and the world.

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Talk to informed people: Spend more time in company of the people who are well informed. Healthy debates and discussions on current topics can help to increase your knowledge as well. It is best to discuss all the events to know more about the issues.

Turn on the radio: This is another good medium for you to stay aware of all the happenings around you. Turn on the radio while traveling or while doing work. Listen to what is happening around your city to stay updated on all the current affairs. Radio is a cool option, because you also hear your favorite music alongside.



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obey with loving hearts what you ask of us and come to share the life you promise in the Kingdom of your Son Jesus. “

Whatever your station in life, your mission is to listen to the Spirit of God: “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witness... to the end of the earth.” (Acts.1:8).

As a result, the Feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated in a true spirit of faith; forging a spiritual synthesis to be faithful to God and to the mission we are called to: as a servant of God, servant to Christ, servant to the Gospel and a servant to those he has sent.

In prayer and meditation we can encompass His love, truth and trust. The Holy Eucharist, as of today, should be a daily Bread for the grace to live life as He wills – to evangelize the Word and become an integral part of the living faith.

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— A Devotee

What is Liberal Market Economy?



A liberal market economy is a type of economic system that provides the ability for companies to interact with other

companies, their employees, customers and suppliers in whatever mechanisms they prefer, within the board regulations implemented by a government. Usually considered a form of a free enterprise system or at least a mixed economy that includes significant freedoms in how business is conducted, the liberal market economy is a fairly common system used in many nations around the world.

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enna, FAO in Rome etc. So we could have the Vatican Congregation for Dialogue in India, for Social Justice in South America etc. Sounds good.

DeSouza says that Pope Paul VI was his favourite pope, because he was the one who really weathered the post Vatican II storm. I would fully agree with the author. Where I beg to differ is when he says that Gaudium et Spes is the most important document of Vatican II. I daresay that Lumen Gentium is more important, especially for the laity, because without that basic change in the Church’s self-understanding, Gaudium et Spes and other Vatican II documents would have been rendered infructuous.

The author concludes by saying that he lived through Vatican II and actually experienced its tectonic change. As he says, “For me Vatican II is not just some distant event ... it transformed my life”. In like manner I would recommend this book to readers who love the Church and believe in the radical transformation wrought by Vatican II. It could be a truly transforming experience.

—chhotebhai

Inspiration!

Learn from your mistakes

We need to learn from our mistakes so that we do not run the risk of repeating them. Mistakes will help you to improve your relationship with yourself and others and do better a workplace

As a perfectionist, discovering there are legitimate reasons you need to make mistakes was mind blowing. After all, how could I possibly benefit by doing something wrong? Strangely enough, mistakes are actually essential to learning and growing as an individual. When you embrace a mistake, it's much easier to see the reasons you need to make mistakes. I know it's hard, but it's well worth it. Teaches humility

Any one of us would love if we never had to face the embarrassment of making a mistake. However, it would be far too easy to let perfection go to my head. Making mistakes teaches the valuable lesson of humility. While you can be confident, being arrogant will drive people away. One of my favorite reasons you need to make mistakes is to simply become a more realistic, humble person.

Heightens creativity

If everything always worked out right the first time, you would have no reason to try it a different way. Some of the best innovations come from someone making a mistake and finding a better way to perform a task. When you make a mistake, take the opportunity to find a new creative approach instead of giving up.

Discover new skills



By definition, making a mistake means doing something wrong. Many discovered several new hobbies simply by making same mistakes over and over, the class leader suggested she try her hula hoop class instead. As it turns out, she was excellent at it. Pay close attention to your mistakes. If you're like Snehal, you'll probably notice a hidden talent you never knew you had.

Encourages growth

Your mistakes encourage you to try new things, stop doing things that simply don't work in life and become an overall better person. While you may not have enjoyed making the mistakes, you truly enjoy the results. Basically, mistakes help you discover who you are and who you want to be. Every mistake is a chance for growth.

Teaches patience and persistence

When you make a mistake, you have to wait even longer for the intended result. Plus, you have to be willing to keep trying. Mistakes are the single best way to teach both of those valuable skills. So you don't

get impatient and throw your hands up. Be patient and try again and you might be amazed as the results.

Remember to learn to laugh

- It's not so bad when you make a mistake in private, but when others are around, you feel embarrassed. But learn to laugh at your mistakes. If you laugh, so will others.
- Everyone makes mistakes from time to time. When you learn to laugh about them, they don't seem nearly as embarrassing, and it actually becomes a bonding experience for you and those around you.
- Being able to laugh helps improve your confidence and self-esteem, and mistakes are a great reason to laugh.

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