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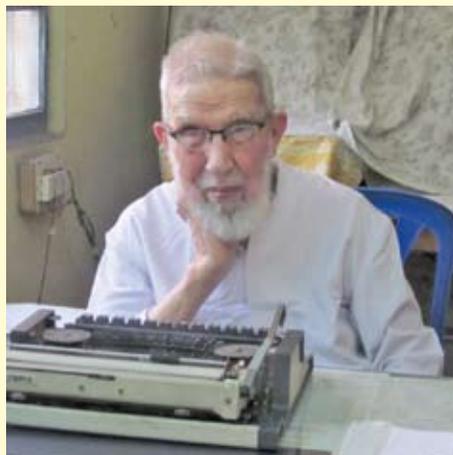
## Nonagenarian Salesian Missionary Goes For His Eternal Reward

**F**r Mario Porcu (98), the senior most Salesian Missionary in the North East Region of India, passed away on Thursday, 23 June, at the Salesian Provincial House, Guwahati. He was quite active till his death, and had even concelebrated Mass in the previous morning, as usual, with other brother Salesians at the community chapel. A loyal Indian citizen by choice, Fr Mario had also cast his vote in the Assembly elections in Assam, held in early April this year.

Fr Mario was born on May 21, 1918, to Francesco and Bonaria Piras at Cagliari, Sardinia, in South Italy, as the second child among ten siblings. As a youngster, in addition to schooling, he also picked up different trades. After completing high school, he worked for some time as carpenter, electrician, plumber, etc. During these years, he went regularly, in the evenings, to a nearby Salesian Oratory. It was here that he felt within him, a burning desire to serve God in some of the far-away missions like India. But he had to wait for few years, due to the Second World War, to have his desire fulfilled.

However, with the help of the Salesian missionaries he came to Calcutta on December 8, 1939. From here, he was sent to Sonada, Darjeeling to do Philosophy in preparation for priesthood. Quite unexpectedly, in June, 1943, 23-year old Mario was picked up by the British, and was sent to a Concentration Camp where he spent 4 long years. Once released from the camp, he went to Chennai for some time, and from there he was sent to Shillong (Meghalaya) where he completed his priestly studies and was ordained Priest on January, 7, 1951.

His first assignment was to the Don Bosco Technical School, Shillong, where he served the community and the Province in various capacities as Administrator, Rector, and Bursar of the undivided Shillong



Province. When the new Guwahati Province was erected in February 1967, Fr Mario became its first Bursar. He was also its acting Provincial for three different terms. Advancing age never stopped him from carrying on the various responsibilities entrusted to him by the superiors.

Though Fr Mario completed his 98 years on May 21, this year, he continued to make himself available as a devoted Pastor, spiritual guide, Confessor, and a good friend to all who went to him for any assistance. His sense of humour which he kept alive till his last day, was his trademark, and his beautiful smile will always be cherished by all those who met him even once. In every sense of the word, Fr Mario was a true Salesian and a devoted son of Don Boaco.

His mortal remains were laid to rest at the Christian Cemetery, Guwahati, after a solemn concelebrated Mass by Most Rev, John Mulachira, Archbishop of Guwahati, assisted by the Salesian Bishops of the region: Most Rev. Thomas Menampampil, (Jowai), Most Rev. Joseph Aind (Dibrugarh), and nearly 200 priests from different parts of North East India. Archbishop Thomas in his tribute to the departed soul best described Fr Mario as “a Priest who interpreted Christianity as a lived experience.”

—Fr Alfonso Elengikal

## Poland’s “Bleeding Host” confirmed as Christ’s body



Legnica: A Catholic bishop in Poland says the Vatican has approved the veneration of a bleeding Host as “Eucharistic miracle.”

“I hope that this will serve to deepen the cult of the Eucharist and will have deep impact on the lives of people facing the Host,” Bishop Zbigniew Kiernikowski of Legnica told reporters on June 19.

On December 25, 2013, a consecrated host fell to the ground during a Christmas day Mass. Bishop Kiernikowski said the parish priest immediately placed the host in a container of water. Soon after red stains began to appear on the host, according to catholicsay.com.

Following this miraculous discovery, the then-Bishop of Legnica, Stefan Cichy, set up a commission to monitor the host.

Two months after the appearance of the red stains, a small piece of the host was placed on a corporal and was tested by many research institutes.

“In February 2014, a tiny red fragment of the Host was separated and put on a corporal. The Commission ordered to take samples in order to conduct the thorough tests by the relevant research institutes,” said Bishop Kiernikowski

The final medical statement by the Department of Forensic Medicine found that “in the histopathological image, the fragments (of the Host) were found containing the fragmented parts of the cross striated muscle.

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*God sometimes takes us into troubled waters not to drown us but to cleanse us.*

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## Father's Day

by Don Aguiar

**T**he remarkable thing about our fine country is that we have repetitive new years day celebrations depending on the religion one follows, the celebrations have the same origins but only the names change with the followers of the respective religion. Besides these celebrations depending on the religion one follows there are also general celebrations imports from the west and one such import is "Fathers Day"

Isn't it ironic that not one of India's festival and general celebration's histories has been without the communal element at the heart of it? These few who are indecent and criminal bring a slur on the fair name of the many who celebrate in a decent and peaceful manner in our country and these people need to be shamed and jailed.

There are some suggestions that the idea of Father's Day may originate in pagan sun worship. Some branches of paganism see the Sun as the father of the universe. The June solstice occurs around the same time of year as Father's Day so some people see a link between the two because no man can really ever replace one's own father.

Father's Day is celebrated worldwide to recognize the contribution that fathers and father figures make to the lives of their children. This day celebrates fatherhood and male parenting. Although it is celebrated on a variety of dates worldwide, many countries observe this day on the third Sunday in June.

None of you can ever be proud enough of being the child of your Father who has not his equal in this world - so great, so good, so faultless." There has been a moment in each of your lives when you have stopped to wonder the matchless importance of your father in your lives. Their influence infinite, their presence inimitable! They have been a pillar of strength for you and their unconditional love has never demanded anything from you other than your love and respect

The father is not always supportive. He is often experienced as a little hard, because the father represents the world and the world is not always supportive. When you are born you are confronted with the world; first comes the bright light and then you are disconnected from the naval cord. So now you are facing challenges. The world is actually a challenge. The father in a way represents that challenge.

Speaking generally, the love of a father is that he looks after the welfare of his family by creating money and that is an expression of his love. But there are situations where men are not able to support their families. This has to be looked at individually; the situation must be viewed in individual families.

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The love of a mother and the love of a father are essentially different. Because many people misunderstand that principle there is much complaining about the father: "My father is not there for me! He is always out of the house!" What are they saying? They are complaining that their father is not like their mother. A mother is a mother and a father is a father. The father has to be out of the house, because his love is shown, for example, by making money and supporting the family financially. His love for the family means he must be out of the house.

The first thing to understand is that the father is the first man you meet in your life and when you cannot love your father you cannot really love any other. A father is always a representative of all other men, just as a mother is a representative of all women.

If you are not at peace with your father, one possibility is that you still expect or want something from him. That will keep you tied to him, in a state of hope, and will prevent you from really coming close to any other. Hope is a dangerous state, a miserable state, and as we know, hopes never get fulfilled! So one remains stuck and cannot move forward in life.

But this can be done only with great understanding. Love happens as a result of deep understanding, not because of a 'should'. So I am not saying you 'should' love your father; no, not at all. This would just become a conditioning, just as we all have been conditioned that we 'should' love our parents. Love has to happen to us spontaneously. Only then is

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It is most similar to the heart muscle. Tests also determined the tissue to be of human origin, and found that it bore signs of distress."

Bishop Kiernikowski said he took this case to the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith as he believed that the Bleeding Host is "a Eucharistic miracle."

The Vatican approved the findings and reports of the case in April and recommended the parish priest, Fr. Andrzej Ziombrze, "to prepare a suitable place" for the Host so that the faithful could venerate it.

"We see the mysterious Sign as an extraordinary act of love and goodness of God, who comes to humans in ultimate humiliation," Bishop Kiernikowski added.

it true and does it have a liberating effect. So the question is how can we create that understanding?

For example, when you understand that your father carries the longing and pains of his own parents, who may have been refugees who had to escape their homeland to survive or whatever else, you may start realizing that this is the reason why he always appeared so absent to you. Then the whole picture you have about your father may change and you may no longer feel so upset and complaining about him, but rather feel love for him as he is or was. Along with this, gratitude grows in you for what you have received from him in spite of what he and his family had to endure. This letting go of any idea that he should have been different or life should have been different becomes the completion of your relationship with him. It leaves one with a feeling of gratefulness.

Another example - a true story

Jonathan's mother died when he was very young and his father brought him up. Both of them shared a very special relationship. Jonathan loved to play football and his father made sure that he was always there to cheer his son at every match, even if Jonathan wasn't a part of the playing team. Jonathan being small sized, wasn't allowed to play in the main team. Nevertheless, he continued with his practice with full determination. Everyone thought that Jonathan would never be able to make it into the team, though somehow, his determination carried him through. The coach seeing his diligence and dedication decided to keep him on the roster.

One day during practice, the coach met him with a telegram. Jonathan was shocked to read the message contained in it. Swallowing hard, he mumbled to the coach, "My father died this morning. Will it be all right if I miss practice today?" The coach gently put his arm around his shoulder and said, "Take the rest of the week off, son, and don't even plan to come to the game on Saturday." On the day of the game, Jonathan's college team was losing badly to the rival team. The coach and the players had all lost hope when they saw Jonathan coming towards them. Jonathan ran up to the coach and pleaded him to allow him to play this match. At first, the coach wouldn't allow him to play. However after a lot of persuasion, the coach gave in. No sooner Jonathan joined the team in the field, their scores started to improve before both the teams were on a tie.

However, the real cheer came during the

crucial closing seconds when he intercepted a pass and ran all the way for the winning touchdown. His team members were ecstatic. The crowd came running towards him to celebrate the win. After the match, the coach went up to Jonathan, who was seated alone in the corner of the locker room and asked, "Kid, I can't believe it. You were fantastic! Tell me what got into you? How did you do it?" He looked at the coach, with tears in his eyes, and said, "Well, you knew my dad died, but did you know that my dad was blind?" The young man swallowed hard and forced a smile, "Dad came to all my games, but today was the first time he could see me play, and I wanted to show him I could do it!"

This is an inner process of growing in awareness. It cannot be hurried and it cannot come out of any idea of how things 'should' be. Before we are able to love our father truly, we first have to go through an inner transformation. Love comes as a by-product of great understanding. It has to come spontaneously. If that does not happen, it simply means some understanding is missing. So our work is trying to be more alert and aware. Usually people do the opposite. They think that if they cannot love a particular person, something must be wrong with that person. A meditative person will do the opposite; he or she will ask, "What is missing in me that I cannot feel any love? What is it that I have not been able to understand, or in what way have I not been able to fully see the other and his life context?"

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## Goan Gone Goanese

Alto Porvorim – In reply to the sadness portrayed by A F Nazareth - Vol 25 No.25) Bardez Goa is a nice place to come from. Yet I must comment on a bandied report that reads as a retort or even a rebuttal to some apparent insinuations made by some communities towards the Goan people of a time and era chronologically dating to the existence of the Portuguese in Goa and the advent of an independent state.

The problem seems to stem from being called a Goanese or Goan with alphabetical trade names that came attached.

I, myself married a Goan who is also a Goanese way back in the 50's and she was that woman who actually brought with her the nuances and the persona of a race quite foreign to my motherland, India. At the time I was courting and love was in the air I was told of the influx from Goa of the Goans into Bombay and some white Portuguese residue tanned by the evening coastal sun who had overstayed their tenure on the edges of the Gujarat belt and had now taken the A train to Bumbai.

Those who came to Bombay from Goa came to occupy a greener pasture. Bombay offered education, a way of life and was India's most cosmopolitan presidency and without doubt an industrial city. I do remember that my Goanese wife was the daughter of a violin teacher and a choir master who also was an assistant to a Portuguese Dentist Cabral in Byculla on the Central railway side. My father in law had married a lady of from a family house known as Adelga in Chorao, Goa. My wife's mother was a caretaker with a British family on Ridge Road and was paid well because she could read and write and also play the piano. She was everything but also an Ayah. The Cook

in Mr. Bleur's house was Antiny from Goa who made the best pig roast this side of the equator. Antiny's real sister who he managed to bring to Bombay on the eve of a chilly Christmas got her married to the head of the confectionary dept. of Mongini's head of one pound slab cakes. His name was Augustine Miranda. He was the Dada of Dhobi Talao and as a young man played football like a Portuguese pro. His wife, Sister Francesca was one of the best daytime nurses at the Breach Candy Hospital. And because she had a fair colored skin she was always allotted to the rooms with European patients to care.

Goans and Goanese were given occupational trade names like Mesta, Goan Cook, Goanese Butler, a young goan apprentice would be called a Chokra Boy, Table Boy, Goanese Waiter.

I remember nearly all the Parish Churches had excellent Goan Cooks and Church attendants who would blow the candles out after the Mass or weekly service and sermons in Churches.

It cannot be denied that maids who wore dresses and spent money on a Toni Home Perm were from Goa and did their jobs with great satisfaction to the employer. Some of the very rich Parsis had either Mary the Maid or Louisa the Girl to take Phiroz to school.

St Xavier's College had only Goanese Mestas. And the Jesuits became foodies overnight.

But like all communities that came to Bombay there was belief and faith and expectations that took each category further and who ever took the trouble to resurge came out with flying colors. So many Goans and Goanese are somebody worth knowing today. They are fine gentlemen and women. They are a happy race of fun loving 'susegad' family folk who are

also good musicians and like to entertain in their most inimitable way. So what if they were called Ayahs, Boys, Butlers, Mestas, Cooks and Nurses. The Goans are more united than so many other communities and are doing extremely well in all walks of life.

Everybody came from some where down the line. Every community has a right to be what they want to be. Let it be, let it be.

—Roy Rogers  
R & C (Bombay) Retd.

## Make School Bags Lighter

Many children are developing irreversible back deformities because of the weight of their school bags which they carry to school everyday. Despite Children's Schoolbag Act, 2006, which states that school bags should not weigh more than 10 per cent of the body weight of the student, many students regularly carry heavy bags to school. Children gradually lose interest in going to school due to the stress caused and their attention span also reduces. As textbooks constitute a major proportion of the weight of the bag and the teacher teaches only a part of the text book (few pages) in a month, the publishers could separate the big textbook into thin booklets, which will make the load lighter for the children. Schools could also provide lockers where students can keep their books. Students should organise their bags daily and carry only books which are needed for the day. Let us hope that the new education policy would make the school bags of children lighter.

— Jubel D'Cruz, Mumbai

## The Brain Drain

From the 1970s many countries particularly India suffered from 'brain drain' a phrase coined at that time.

Basically what it meant was:

Young brilliant and educated people  
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ple were attracted to the west for jobs after studying in Indian higher educational institutions with low fees that were heavily subsidized by the Government.

Thus instead of repaying the country that had contributed with money it could hardly spare, they took their education and brilliance to put to use in countries that profited from these skills but had put in nothing towards their personal development.

But it turned out all right.

Now highly professional Indians (and others) who have worked in best-of-world environments and challenges are returning, often for a fraction of the remuneration they commanded in the west, to give back to the country that had nurtured them.

A good high profile example is the current Governor of the Reserve Bank of India.

Unfortunately India being India, many are not being treated right in their country of birth or heritage. Politics, jealousy and plain greed on the part of those who don't want them, frustrates these individuals who want to give back. Anything done right smells bad to the persecutors. The stink of wrongdoing is what works for them.

—Roland Francis  
Toronto.

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# Mumbai Christians Protest BMC Plans

**The Wake Up Call** for the ADB in particular & Christians in general

The analysis of revised draft Development Plan 2034, by us reveals that in all out of 90 Churches in city of Mumbai, only 10 Churches have been officially marked in DP.

- 1) 30 Churches are marked as Primary and Secondary Schools.
- 2) 2 Churches are marked as Rehabilitation and Resettlement for slums.
- 3) 1 Church is marked as Multipurpose Community Centre.
- 4) 1 Church is marked in No Development Zone.
- 5) 2 Churches are marked in Industrial Zone.
- 6) 1 Church is marked as Municipal Staff Quarters.
- 7) 2 Churches are marked as Graveyards.
- 8) 2 Churches are marked as Gar-

den/Park.

9) 1 Church is marked as Municipal Housing.

10) 5 Graveyards are marked as Schools.

If 1000 plus staff of BMC at headquarters and ward office level were involved in survey and preparation of revised DP, then how come such large number of churches have been marked wrongly?

Is this not intentionally done to wipe out our history and our existence as minority community.

The state government and BMC owes an explanation to the christian community.

*Watchdog Foundation,  
Bombay East Indian Association,  
Save Our Land,  
Sahar Citizens Forum,  
Civic and Political Cell Chuim Church,  
Guardians United,*



## Pope and Catholicos sign joint statement on justice and peace

Pope Francis and Catholicos Karekin II, leader of the Armenian Apostolic Church on Sunday signed a common declaration, giving thanks for the progress towards Christian unity, and appealing for peace in the Middle East and other regions torn apart by conflict, terrorism and religious persecution.

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# The Referendum Conundrum



by chhotebhai \*

**S**o now we have it. While “Independence Day” was releasing in cinema halls across the country, the Brits were celebrating their very own Independence Day on the 24th June, the day the results were declared. By now we know that the financial markets across the globe (except for America) crashed. Political analysts were left gasping for breath, and right wing nationalists were rubbing their hands in glee.

Scotland has already declared its intention of having a second referendum on “independence” from the UK. They opted to remain in the EU, but want to opt out of the UK. Our very own Kejriwalji has set the ball rolling for a referendum on full-fledged Statehood for Delhi, as has the sabre rattling for a plebiscite in Kashmir.

Defying all economic arguments, “expert advice” and prognosis, the people of the UK chose differently. They were swayed largely by emotions; and a migrant phobia that was cleverly converted into right wing nationalism. Even the assassin of first time British MP, Jo Cox, shouted “Britain first” while attacking her. Back home another nationalist zealot, Nathuram Godse was similarly motivated to kill the Father of the Nation. Even today ultra-nationalists want to deify him. Such persons believe that shouting “Bharat mata ki Jai” is the ultimate proof of nationalism. How different are they from “Britain First”, or “America First” as espoused by the Trumpet? Migrant phobia and ultra-nationalism are here to stay.

The migrant or “outsider” phobia has been exacerbated by the Middle East crisis, and the cruelty of the ISIS. This has resulted in millions of migrants/refugees seeking greener pastures

in the safe havens of Europe. Unfortunately, Islamic based terror attacks only add fuel to the phobia. On the other hand a friend sent me a photograph of over one-lakh air-conditioned tents in Saudi Arabia, meant for housing Haj pilgrims. This Hindu nationalist wondered why these tents could not be used for housing the refugees (mostly Muslim)? Would not such a humanitarian act be far more pleasing to the God above? A cogent argument.

Within our own country we find several States that are increasingly resenting the “outsider”. All trade and commerce, including the lucrative tea gardens, in the North Eastern States are owned or controlled by Marwaris or Bengalis. Between 1961 and 2001 the Christian population of Goa dropped from 36% to 27%, enough to set the alarm bells ringing. Perhaps it was in anticipation of such “predations” that the Constitution of India has protectionist laws for various States. We often hear of Article 370 for the State of J&K. Nobody talks of the special provisions for Maharashtra and Gujarat in Article 371; or those of Articles 371 A – H for various States like Nagaland, Assam, Manipur, Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim, Mizoram and Arunachal. There are also laws to prevent the sale of land belonging to vulnerable sections like the Scheduled Castes. So there is a need to protect weaker sections of society.

A referendum, as the word itself suggests, is the act of referring an issue to others, usually the affected party. A conundrum is when the answer raises more questions than it resolves, as seems to be the case with Brexit. A plebiscite, as sought in Kashmir, literally means the “decree of the people”, not just an opinion. Sensing this, David Cameron, Prime Minister of the

UK, graciously offered to quit.

However, there can also be inherent dangers in such a process, because public opinion can easily be swayed by emotions. Probably the worst error in judgment in human history is when Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor of Judea, asked the people to choose between Jesus the Nazarene and Jesus Barabbas. The latter was a nationalist zealot who had killed for his beliefs, not unlike the assassins of Gandhiji and Jo Cox. The frenzied mob chose to free Barabbas, and asked for Jesus to be crucified. That’s history. But then, from apparent evil there comes forth good. Let us wish the same for the Brexit conundrum.

There is the classic question that has to be answered with a Yes or No. Here it is; “Have you stopped beating your wife?” A Yes would imply that one had been beating one’s wife all along, while a No would indicate that one was still at it! Either way the referendee loses. This is the danger with all Black and White type of answers. They don’t account for the grey areas.

Truly speaking, the Brexit Referendum should have had a third option, other than Remain or Leave. It should have been Review – an option that there were some things in the EU that needed to be reviewed, or reconsidered; especially policies related to migration and employment. Just as we have preferential or protective options in our Constitution for various States or sections of society, the UK could very well have sought protective, selective or discretionary clauses to be inserted in the EU charter. There can never be a “one size fits all”. Had such a third option existed I am inclined to believe that the result of the referen-

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# Dr Jesuit Refugee Service

“S ince the Jesuit Refugee Service is engaged in a mission which is both humanitarian and in the field of education, in the service of the underprivileged of our society; and since this service is in keeping with the spirit of the Charter of the University, I propose to you, Mr. Rector, to grant to the Jesuit Refugee Service, here represented by Fr. Michael Zammit, the Regional Director of the JRS in the Middle-East the title of ‘Doctor Honoris Causa’ from the University of Saint Joseph”, were the concluding words of the



BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH SJ

citation read out by the Vice-Rector of the University. A thunderous applause followed, as Fr. Zammit received the doctorate Honoris Causa on behalf of the JRS from Dr. Salim Daccache sj, the Rector of St. Joseph’s University, at an impressive ceremony on June 17th, 2016 in Beirut, Lebanon. It is rather unusual for an organisation to be receiving a ‘doctorate’; more so, when the focus of attention is its work with the refugees and forcibly displaced persons. But as the citation emphatically stated, “in this Middle East region badly affected by war, the JRS is very present, with a Regional office located in Beirut in the premises of the Jesuit Church, and teams on the ground in Lebanon (Beirut, Jbeil, Bekaa), Syria (Aleppo, Damas-

cus and Homs), in Iraq (Erbil), Jordan (Amman) and Turkey. Twelve Jesuits from eight different nationalities are assigned to this service of refugees in our region and they work in coordination with hundreds of lay collaborators together serving all those who are forced to live on the margins of humanity. They strive to overcome borders and divisions, be they geographical, cultural, racial or religious. It is with love and compassion that JRS teams engage with people of all races, cultures and religions, with particular attention to the poorest of them.”

The citation went on to trace the history and the work of the JRS the world over; of how it takes its inspiration from the compassion and love of Jesus for the poor and the excluded: “I was hungry and you have shared your bread, I was a stranger and you have welcomed me...”. » (Matt. 25) and above all, of how it is in sync with the Charter of the University of St. Joseph.

In his acceptance speech Fr. Zammit said, “I am very honoured to receive, this honorary doctorate on behalf of the Jesuit Refugee Service. It is an appreciation of the services provided by JRS throughout the world (we are present in 48 countries), and especially of our work in this region Beyond this recognition, the University

of Saint Joseph has also highlighted the plight of refugees and people displaced by the violence”

Further, Fr Zammit spoke about the three words which embody the spirit of the JRS (Accompany- Serve- Advocate) focussing on “In accompanying the refugees, by being touched by the reality of their lives in the camps, areas of conflict, the centres of detention or other places, that one can really understand how to serve and defend them at best. Pope Francis on a visit to the refugees on the island of Lesbos in April 2016 said to them ‘ you are not alone ’.

Fr. Zammit paid tribute to those who work in the field saying “It is they who are in the focus of this evening. They sometimes work in very difficult conditions. I particularly remember those who are in Syria, and especially to those who are in Aleppo. They work with extraordinary dedication. When the shells fall nearby they stop for a while before resuming their activity as if nothing had happened.”

Responding later on the conferment of the doctorate Fr. Zammit said, “I’m extremely pleased with this honour bestowed on JRS by such a prestigious university in the Middle East. It shows that the university appreciates our work with refugees all over the world - it is an honour given to JRS internationally - and also for our work in the region, in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq. By doing so, the university is also putting the “refugee question” at the centre of its activities”

For the many staffers of the JRS present at the Ceremony it was a significant moment. Eliane Youness the Office Administrator in the Regional Office sums it for all when she says, “this doctorate is a great recognition and appreciation of the work of JRS. It will surely give a boost to our work.”

So onwards Dr. Jesuit Refugee Service!

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# Our God of Abundance

by Gene W Shaw

In your June 13th issue Rtn. Calwyn D'Abreo makes a point when he says he would not like to belong to an institution which promotes poverty. And rightly so, nobody should. That's because we belong to the God of abundance.

But let us not miss the woods for the trees. The church has never promoted poverty. On the contrary. Jesus himself was and is very very rich and not limited by the confines of money. He could net boatloads of fish, feed thousands of people and calm storms with the wave of a hand, and more. The universe itself belongs to God and we hear that the streets in heaven are paved with gold. God does not have money in heaven. His word is enough. Isn't He the same God who blessed Job, Abraham, David and Solomon with great wealth. People He trusted not to be deceived by mammon philosophy.

What Jesus and the church cautions against is the love of money. Money is God given and therefore not evil in itself. The love of money is and can cost a man his soul. As Jesus says it profits a man nothing if he gains the whole world but loses his soul. We take a lesson from affluent countries where often God ends up on the back burner. Trust is put in wealth and prosperity. Exactly what Satan wants. Dependence on wealth is idolatry as God is put in second place. Examples abound of the very rich committing suicide as wealth alone is never the source of true prosperity - which is joy, peace and contentment.

I have never heard a priest or the church promote poverty. Have you ...! Jesus says it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter heaven. The rich man is more likely to put his confidence in wealth and so lose his soul. What a terrible price to pay for what is temporary and what worms and moths can devour. The church \ priest teaches us to put our faith in God.

True, money does have power and wield influence. But if used for selfish purpose it can lead to pride, arrogance, frustration and sadness. It is best when used to spread the word of God. The danger lies in putting all one's trust in money. Jesus warns that Satan is a roaring beast looking for souls. The love of money makes one an easy target. Only a fool would forfeit 50 million years of bliss in heaven for 50 years of a luxurious life on earth. People who do shun material wealth keep their eyes on this bigger goal.

The clergy / priests are trained to mentor believers in religion and spirituality. It is not their job to teach and train people in trade and commerce. For this, there are the commercial institutions in the world, outside the church. You do not speak to a medical doctor if you wish to learn farming. Yet, priests do a good bit.

Priests are the stewards of God's

kingdom on earth. Their role is to point believers to the path of true wealth - which is peace, joy and prosperity. This is their job which they do very well. They are more committed to their goals than many of us in the material world. Like good sign posts they point the way - the rest is up to you.

The humble priest may appear lowly, but in fact he is very rich. He has houses to live in throughout the world. He has family wherever he goes and more than sufficient food to eat. He is respected more than doctors, lawyers and politicians. His plane ticket is paid for. He takes the vows of poverty and chastity to focus on serving others. So noble a calling.

On the other hand the church has done a marvelous job in keeping poverty at bay through its many teaching institutions. Most Catholics in India have come in from poor and marginalized communities. These people would have continued to be suppressed like the Dalits. But the church has nourished its flock through education so that the Christian diaspora today is a thriving work force spread throughout the world. Coming in from the periphery, true, but many today are in top positions and have built up wealth without displacing God. As believers we live in God's kingdom. In His kingdom, scripture tells us, the Holy Spirits our helper and provides all our needs through His grace. Jesus is grace. You will find prosperity chasing you. Business does well and promotions in jobs come through as routine. Every need is met. Christians prosper wherever they go. The only requirement is putting God in first place which is the equivalent of being born-again. We must shun devil-land.

Jesus has given us more power to do greater things than He himself had done. As individual Christians we have yet to learn to harness this power. But collectively we have. The church is the wealthiest institution on the face of the earth - spread across all continents. It

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# Teachers Are Like Stars

by Ninette Dsouza

**A**t first I thought to entitle this 'Back to School', then thought the better of it. After a 6 week holiday (the only one teachers get in its truest sense), it's genuinely difficult to get back to the grind of daily routine, especially in the wake of the numerous changes that have left all stakeholders in Education totally confused. I chose this heading after reading an anecdote in my collection of tokens of love and appreciation, collected over the years as a Teacher (and which I am trying to streamline with very little success). Once we are into 'Teaching' albeit for the right reasons no teacher wants to give up because as we begin each new day of teaching and moulding there is a lamp of hope that we are lighting not just in our hearts but in the world. "To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe" opines Anatole France. Hence I believe that thanks to my mission as a teacher miracles are in the making day after day and year after year in the lives of my students.

However it is a fact that the number of those interested in 'Teaching as a Mission' is on the decline. Today it is not just dedication and commitment that are the essentials of the cause but also being able to update oneself constantly with newer ways of imparting time and tested age old values and belief systems to young people. "Absolute trust in someone else is the essence of Education". – E.M. Foster. So it would not be wrong to say that Teachers are like stars that not only illumine but also direct and guide young minds to even greater heights. The demography of our classrooms has changed radically. Today most students frequenting our schools are 'cosseted, pampered, offered all that they want (not need mind you), knowing not the meaning of denial leave alone sacrifice' is a common refrain. Is it possible then to help such stu-



dents grow in maturity and become aware of their innate potentialities and their limitations? I think it is. How? A bird's eye- view---- A pat on the back for the smallest task well performed, working to create a climate of understanding and acceptance without judgement, just being available to them even after school hours, sharing with them personal inconveniences and the presence of divine ability to get through the most difficult situations, trying to keep in touch with the parents especially in troubled cases, motivating them to continue learning against all odds and to become economically independent; especially the girl child, sharing with them personal goals set and the degree of achievement, constantly practicing good habits and values which they will observe and catch, creating an atmosphere of freedom of thought and expression, encouraging them to use their (and my own) God given talents within the classroom, school and societal environment, keeping prejudices (picked from colleagues) at bay and clearing misconceptions about self (legacy of students past), taking care not to fill their ears with belittling stories on the vocation, or colleagues or the Institution, being a good listener even if all they want to do is let off some steam (a hard task for teachers who are usually

ready to shoot off advice at the slightest opportunity), allowing a teacher's natural counseling ability to take over and guide rather than distance oneself, teaching them above all that learning to accept one's own failures and accompanying others in theirs are rewarding tasks in a fiercely competitive world. Sir Winston Churchill succinctly defines success as, "the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm".

My own teaching experience has convinced me that we may have many little geniuses in our very own classrooms. Fashioned and shaped by my words and my mind, by my hands and my heart, hopefully they will grow up into the wonderful; splendid humans God created them to be. Allow me to leave you with another gem I came across my treasure trove of love:

***I am a Teacher***

***I am not a soldier, but I go to war everyday and,***

***Hold in my hands the most powerful weapon in the world.***

***My army consists of naïve and untainted minds,***

To whom I offer my battle scars—the gift of knowledge and wisdom, My mentors have taught me before. I train my army not with guns and bombs, But with books which are just as explosive. I am not a doctor but I treat their wounds, not with bandages and antiseptic, But with words which are just as therapeutic. I have won many battles in my life; I have healed many maimed people. I am a Teacher and I am proud to be one.

This academic year let us as Teachers pledge to become '***The Wind beneath our Children's Wings***' ...

What Say my Teacher Friends???????

—Ninette Dsouza

# Angel on the Highway



Author Unknown  
Presented by Edwin JF DSouza



I just had one of the most amazing experiences of my life, and wanted to share it with my family and dearest friends. Here it is:

I was driving home from a meeting this evening about 5, stuck in traffic on Colorado Blvd., and my car started to choke and sputter and died.

I barely managed to coast, cruising, into a gas station, glad only that I would not be blocking traffic and would have a somewhat warm spot to wait for the tow truck. It wouldn't even turn over. Before I could make the call, I saw a woman walking out of the "quickie mart" building, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a gas pump! So I got out to see if she was okay. When I got there, it looked more like she had been overcome by sobs than that she had fallen. She was a young woman who looked really haggard with dark circles under her eyes. She dropped something as I helped her up, and I picked it up to give it to her. It was a nickel.

At that moment, everything came into focus for me: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with 3 kids in the back (1 in

a car seat), and the gas pump reading \$4.95. I asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying "I don't want my kids to see me crying," so we stood on the other side of the pump from her car. She said she was driving to California and that things were very hard for her right now.

So, I asked, "And you were praying?" That made her back away from me a little, but I assured her I was not a crazy person and said, "He heard you, and He sent me."

I took out my card and swiped it through the card reader on the pump so she could fill up her car completely, and while it was fueling walked to the next door McDonald's and bought 2 big bags of food, some gift certificates for more, and a big cup of coffee. She gave the food to the kids in the car who attacked it like wolves, and we stood by the pump eating fries and talking a little.

She told me her name, and that she lived in Kansas City. Her boyfriend left 2 months ago and she had not been able to make ends meet. She knew she wouldn't have money to pay the rent January 1st, and finally, in des-

peration, had called her parents, with whom she had not spoken in about 5 years. They lived in California and said she could come live with them and try to get on her feet there.

So, she packed up everything she owned in the car. She told the kids they were going to California for Christmas, but not that they were going to live there.

I gave her my gloves, a little hug and said a quick prayer with her for safety on the road. As I was walking over to my car, she said, "So, are you like an angel or something?"

This definitely made me cry. I said, "Sweetie, at this time of year angels are really busy, so sometimes God uses regular people."

It was so incredible to be a part of someone else's miracle. And of course, you guessed it, when I got in my car it started right away and got me home with no problem. I'll put it in the shop tomorrow for a check, but I suspect the mechanic won't find anything wrong.

Sometimes the angels fly close enough to you that you can hear the flutter of their wings.

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

- Psalms 55:22

## Year of Jubilees to ever smiling 'Peoples Bishop'

# Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza

**Y**ear 2016. Triple celebrations to Most Rev. Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza, Bishop of Mangalore. On 15th May he completed 20 years as Bishop shepherding the Diocese of Mangalore. On 21st June his Platinum Birthday and coming 3rd December he celebrates his Golden Ordination of Priesthood.

I have observed Bishop Aloysius from close quarters for many years. I had served the CYM (Catholic Youth Movement) of the Diocese of Mangalore in its Central Council from 1979 to 1986 in different capacities as Yuvak Editor, Gen. Secretary, President and again Editor of Amcho Yuvak Monthly. I was elected as the Secretary of the Diocesan Pastoral Council and I was the first lay person to be elected to that post in Mangalore Diocese and in office for 2 consecutive terms (1986-91). I was closely associated with Fr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza or fondly called 'Fr. AP or Fr. Luvi' by the people. He was in the Bishop's House most of the time and myself too was visiting frequently in connection with different activities. When I was the Secretary of the Pastoral Council Bishop Basil Salvadore DSouza, the then Bishop of Mangalore had provided me a place (a table and chair) in the Chancery when Fr. AP was the Chancellor of the Diocese. Even after Fr. AP's elevation as Bishop I was visiting him on many occasions and wrote letters often appreciating his deeds or for some other reasons. Though I sent such letters as typed or printed he would quickly reply in his unique hand writing. Moreover, we both are admirers of Bishop Basil. As Albert W. DSouza,



the leading entrepreneur of Mumbai (Chairman of Aldel Education Trust) and a well wisher of the Mangalore Diocese is our common friend, we have attended many a programmes together either in Mumbai or in Mangalore. Having such an acquaintance with the Bishop, it's a small attempt to narrate his special qualities along with his achievements in this write-up.

Early life of the Bishop: Aloysius Paul is the 6th child among 7 children of Mathias D'Souza and Isabella D'Souza, the farmers of Hekkottu, then in Agrar and now in Farla Parish near Bantwal. He studied at Agrar church School and then in SVS High School, Bantwal. He joined St Joseph Seminary, Jeppu Mangalore for priestly studies.

**From Father AP to Bishop**

**AP:**

Br. Aloysius was ordained by Bp. Basil on 3rd December 1966. His first posting as Assistant Parish priest was at Cordel Church where he served till 1970. During that time he obtained Bachelor's degree from Karnataka University. I am sure by then Bp. Basil had recognized the talents of this young priest and chose him as his Secretary and Fr. AP served him till mid 1971. In that year Fr. AP was sent to Rome for studies in Canon Law. After over 5 years of study he obtained DCL (Doctorate in Canon Law) and qualified as Advocate in Roman Rota (the highest tribunal of the Church).

**He was the first priest from India to qualify for that position in the Rota.**

After returning from Rome he was appointed as the Chancellor of the Mangalore Diocese in 1976 and served 12 long years

along with other positions like Secretary to the Bishop, Judicial Vicar of the Diocesan court, Rector of Gladsome Home which prepares the young students for the Seminary. From 1988 he served as Parish Priest of Cascia Church for 7 years and continued in the posts of Chancellor and Judicial Vicar.

Till 1995, the administration of St Joseph Seminary, Jeppu was with the Jesuits. The seminary came to the joint management of Mangalore and Calicut Dioceses in 1995. Fr. AP was appointed as the Rector, being the first Mangalore Diocesan Priest elevated to that position.

Bishop Basil who had served the Diocese for over 30 years and made the Diocese progressive in every respect desired to have an Auxiliary

Bishop to help him in the Diocesan affairs. Granting the wish of Bp. Basil, Vatican appointed Fr. AP as Auxiliary Bishop of Mangalore on 11-01-1996. Fr. AP's Episcopal ordination was held on 15th May 1996. He adopted the Episcopal Motto, "With the Compassion of Jesus Christ"

Bishop Basil was guided by the Holy Spirit in appointing an Auxiliary Bishop and perhaps he was right in his decision. Still in office he passed away on 5th September 1996. Bishop AP was appointed as the Administrator of the Diocese on 13th September and anointed as Bishop of Mangalore by Vatican on 18th December and he resumed office on 27th December 1996.

### **Mangalore – the leading Diocese in India:**

Mangalore Diocese has been hailed as 'Rome of the East'. It has dense Catholic population (nearly 3 lakhs). Spirituality and Christian faith are at the peak. It has provided vocations to the church in India and even abroad. Among Bishops in India over forty are from Mangalore. It has carved a niche in education, health care and social activities. As such many a Dioceses in India are looking up to Mangalore for guidance.

The pastoral work of Bidar region was under Mangalore Diocese till the new Gulbarga Diocese was formed in 2005. Until Udupi Diocese was formed in 2012, the Mangalore Diocese was spread in entire Dakshina Kannada (South Canara), Udupi revenue districts and in Kasargod Taluk of Kerala state. There were about 160 parishes and about 500 educational and other institutions.

Bishop AP was involved and had keenly observed the administration of Bp. Basil for many years as his right hand. After assuming office as the Bishop he toiled hard with ever smiling face to maintain and build the Diocese brick by brick. He regularly made pastoral visits to the parishes and participated in their special occasions. Bishop completed 'Ad Limina' visits (visiting Pope once in 5 years) as required.

The Catholics of Mangalore origin are spreading fragrance in many cities of India especially in Mumbai, in the Gulf countries, in Europe, Australia, in the North American region and elsewhere. Bishop AP visited them and took part in their joys and sorrows. With all these above visits the Bishop I am sure has travelled a distance of lakhs of kilometers.

Qualities of the Bishop: Bishop AP is a good orator. His talks and sermons have the capacity to attract people. Most of the time he is busy either at his office, or in parishes, institutions or on tour. He likes meeting people and talking to them.

Bishop AP is a simple person. He has concern towards his people. His motive is that in the Diocese no child should be deprived of education due to poverty. He has upgraded the existing institutions and established many more for higher education. Worth naming among them here are Fr. Muller Medical College and St Joseph Engineering College which are quite popular in Karnataka today. 'Educational Funds' or scholarships have been established to help the needy students. The progress achieved of Fr. Muller Hospital and Institutions is tremendous including the Hospital's extension at Thumbe, Bantwal. Bishop has established a 'Diocesan Medical Relief Fund' to help the poor and needy patients. To help the people many a social welfare schemes including self help groups and micro finance groups have been started. Hundreds of houses have been built for the needy people throughout the Diocese.

Love towards Konkani: Bishop AP is a staunch lover of his mother tongue Konkani. Konkani is the official language in religious services. Moreover the Diocese has been publishing periodicals, books and encouraging Konkani activities. Konkani has been taught as one of the optional languages in Schools and Colleges under the Diocese. Here I would

like to narrate an incident towards the Bishop's love for Konkani. One of the Diocesan laity organizations had arranged a programme in English to honour the achievers. Bishop presided over the programme. When his turn came the Bishop spoke in Konkani saying that Konkani is our identity.

Social Concern: Bishop is the protector of Roman Catholic religion. Even then he is cordial towards other denominations of Christianity and other religions. Whenever there is an occasion he participates in programmes related to communal harmony, public celebrations of Christmas, Deepavali, Eid etc. He had participated in social activities organized in Dharmasthala, Moodbidri and elsewhere.

Bishop has shown keen interest in Government sponsored programmes such as AIDS prevention, Clean India etc. He has encouraged people's programmes like agitation on water shortage etc. A good quality of the Bishop is that he meets people's representatives and other dignitaries without considering party, religion, etc. A cordial welcome is always extended to anyone who wants to meet him.

The long cherished dream of the formation of Udupi Diocese was fulfilled on Bishop AP's initiative. Bishop has joined hands with "Mangalore-Africa Mission" in the Diocese of Same, Tanzania.

During his tenure he led the diocese with boldness and courage. In this connection I can cite the incident of attacks on churches in 2008.

Long live the Bishop: Bishop AP works many hours a day without tiredness. Due to this heavy workload he has fallen ill some times and even in such situations he attended pre-determined engagements. On the occasion of jubilees of the Bishop AP, I pray to God Almighty to grant him good health and happiness for many more years to come.



by H. R. Alva

# Life Changing Choices

**Be the change you want to see in the world. One of the most empowering things we can do to change our lives to change our choices. Choose to be better in the next moment**

**W**e can choose to grow habits of the mind and the heart that will guide us naturally to love and service. We can blossom through presence and good mental habits to awaken our authentic spirit. Love is the common denominator. Love is the universal energy of the universe. The human condition is enduring; adversity will forever ascend. The impact of adversity can be an insidious virus or rich nourishment for our souls. We can choose to use adversity as nourishment to awaken our authentic spirit. Our authentic spirit is our love, which we are, and our service, how we act.

## **Practice courage**

We can practice courage by doing what we are afraid of doing. We can

dream big and realize we are destined for greatness even when we have self-doubt. We can be honest with ourselves and with others about our feelings and what we need. We can reach out with love even when we are afraid of rejection. We can share our gifts and talents even when we think they aren't good enough. We can believe the universe conspires in our favor even if others tell us differently. We can lean on faith like a flower does the sunshine.

When we practice courage we become more courageous. One act and one thought at a time, we muster bravery to reach to our greatest destiny. Choosing to practice courage is the ultimate unselfish act because we are able to give more when we are brave.

## **Create joy**

We can create joy with beautiful intention by smiling, laughing, being open to possibilities and saying yes to ourselves and others. We can create joy by being mindful with the moment, understanding that the moment is all

there is.

We can choose to let the good drown out the bad. We are meant to live joyously. Choosing to create joy is how we let our soul shine; it is our delightfully natural state.

## **Live in gratitude**

We can have a grateful heart by living in a place of appreciation for everything. We can think about, talk about and write about beautiful moments. Everything can be seen as a blessing when we live in gratitude. Choosing to live in gratitude results in a humble and peaceful state of mind where the foundation of our love and service is built.

## **Be compassionate**

We can choose to see the love in ourselves and others. Remember everybody has a story, including ourselves. We can scatter kindness, refrain from judgment and focus on educating our hearts by caring for ourselves and then for others. Choosing to be compassionate is our tenderness and love in action. Our authentic spirits and greatest destinies are roused with courage, joy, gratitude and compassion through love and service.

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# The Cock and Bull Story

by Rtn. Calwyn D'Abreo

## The real story

The Grammar dictionary and a lexicon Wren & Martin gives a definition to the presence of the words put in order as in the presentation of what is a 'Cock and Bull – Story'. It is a noun and is informal. CABS as we will refer to it as it is meant to report is an implausible story used as an explanation or as an excuse. CABS could be a fairy story or a comic book tale, a fabrication of the unbelievable, a concoction, a piece of fiction, a lie.. a damn lie, an incoherent story, unclear, unintelligent and confusing passing from one subject to another.



How did the CABS terminology begin to befit the presentation of its use.

In the 18th century in Britain when horse pulled coaches were like overnight trains of today they untied the horses at two ideal places in Stratford for a night's rest or to be brushed and readied for the onward trip to Eilisbury. The Cock and the Bull were two of the main coach terminal inns in the town and gossip and amoral stories were exchanged with city folk who dressed up in sprats and bell toppers meeting with coach travelers at the inns and often raised a toast too many. Invariably, 18th century conversations were more imaginary than the digitalization of the inbox of today and making up a story and letting it proliferate with aplomb became the placement for a gentleman traveler. Stories were exaggerated and very farfetched and rather invented to create an impact. The Industrial Age had just begun to set its

shadow and they say that the 18th and 19th century times were more cock and bull than the earlier years and reasons are yet to be discovered or stumbled upon.

So as much as you would want to be available to a CABS and avail yourself of an incomprehensible or a confusing or incoherent story which often is to a man's delight over a tipple or a snort of snuff and benzene and there is a great social and fashionable experience to it. Data is available to inform you that the media you are exposed to in these days of inadvertent happenings or real translations of eyewitness accounts whether online or in hard copy tabloid nearly 50 % is untrue or just another CABS in full regale.

The Cock Inn and the Bull Inn are still in existence in the Britain of our times. You are at liberty to visit these iconic places and be certified as CABS gentry. My dear friends ... for one to assemble a good cock and bull story for delivery is an art and also a science. Not many can present a CABS and survive.

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## Pope: Look in the mirror before judging others

**D**uring his daily morning homily, Pope Francis advised the faithful to not judge others 'because judgement belonged only to God'. He said that if we do not want to be judged, we should not judge others. The Holy Father told the audience to look in the mirror, but not to put on makeup to hide the wrinkles. "Look in the mirror to look at yourself as you are", he said. Posing a question the pontiff asked: "How could you see the speck that is in your brother's eye and not notice the log in your own eye?" How will the Lord judge such a person? "One word" said the pontiff "hypocrite!"

The bottom line is that while all of us are hypocrites, some to a lesser and others to a greater degree, we must refrain from being judgemental because that is the prerogative of God alone. All humans, including LGBTs, divorcees, un-wed mothers, live-in couples and all others are equally God's children. The only difference is that some are devoid of worldly makeup while others, like us, cover up the defects of our bodies (and by extension) souls, by putting on powder, rouge, lipstick, mascara, fair-and-lovely creams and what have you. But does that make us any better humans in the eyes of God?

—Prof Robert Castellino,  
Orlem

# Show Mercy For Refugees In Human Rights

**H**uman Rights are moral norms in the world which have always been of concern to conscientious people. Pope John Paul II, now a saint, had once said, "The social message of the Gospel must not be considered a theory, but above all else a basis and a motivation for action" (Centesimus Annus). Modern Catholic teaching on human rights insists on the Church's right and duty to comment on social, economic and political issues.

The Catholic Church is good at two things: Cracking down on evil actions, and calmly forgiving in mercy criticism that might follow. At more treacherous times when we confront corruption our hearts move out to a host of ill-factors faced by human rights activists, who are helpless at times to contain or control: migrants, insurgents, civil service problems, health issues in the global village, education and the Taliban ideology and to cope with the looming presence of "human fundamental rights".

Pope Leo XIII (1891) declared in his encyclical (Rerum Novarum) that his primary concern was to respond to the hardships of workers in the industrial world. In his message he laid the foundation for modern social teaching. He affirmed the right to private property and drew attention to the duties of ownership.

The Holy Father also insisted that workers should form associations and argued for a just wage. The pontiff made it clear that the ruling government should make it obligatory to protect the poor, as do all Christians. His encyclical "Of New Things", a hundred years later (1991) was refreshed by the vision of Pope John Paul II after the collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe.

Sometimes, I imagine, the first cry for human rights in India began when Bal Gangadhar Tilak said, "Swaraj is my birthright." Indians are notorious for their warm shades of hospitality, and standards of concern for others. And yet, human rights activists find the refugee problem outrageous. We need a cause to radically change the scenario with constant mercy, raise our voices to relocate them in a haven of peace without any form of intimidation.

There are over 65 million refugees worldwide. We cannot change things overnight. What we can do in India is to work with the power of mercy, moving the hearts of our rich to come forward. To simply feed, clothe and camp them in city corners is not the answer. Create an island for refugees. Is it asking for too much? The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) celebrated a World Refugee Day. What did the refugee families receive? "Happy are the kind and merciful, for they shall be shown mercy" (Matt. 5:7).

Mother Teresa, the dedicated saint of the poor and deprived, said this for the motivation of her apostolate:

"Jesus gave us a new commandment, 'love one another as I have loved you.' To make it easy for us to love, he said, 'whatever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me.' I call this the Gospel on five fingers – five words 'you did it to me' "

That was a powerful statement of constant mercy. When you love one another the resonance of genuine human rights in mercy turns brilliantly evocative and profoundly in tune with the teachings of Christ. "Our work for social justice is first and foremost a work of faith.... It is Jesus who calls us to this mission..." (US. Catholic Bishops, A Century of Social Teaching).



BY MELVYN BROWN

Refugees need constant mercy in human rights activism. In the gospel of Matthew we come across this reading : "But if you had known the meaning of this Scripture verse, " I want you to be merciful more than I want your offerings; you would not have condemned those who aren't guilty" (Matt.12:7)./

The general framework of human rights reaches out to cases of abuses, atrocities, genocide, torture, rape and war crimes, as these evils are inherent human vulnerability in a society. Human rights encompasses the right to education and more.

A milestone in the history of human rights was drafted in Paris on the 10th December 1948 to be known as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

The rights and freedom of peoples is constantly promoted, preserved and protected in 30 Articles of the Universal Declaration. These articles are to be respected and observed.

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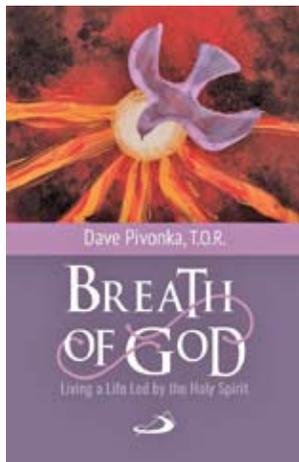
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# BREATH OF GOD –

Living a Life Led by the Holy Spirit - By Dave Pivonka, TOR

Saint Paul's Publications does well in bringing out a book of this nature and for good reason, too! We live in an age of Spirit consciousness as is increasingly becoming evident in the Papal pronouncements in a Church that is obviously undergoing a people-friendly change. Father Dave Pivonka's reflections on the Holy Spirit are so refreshing as to offer us a peep into the Mystery of the



**BOOK REVIEW**  
by Ladislaus L D'Souza

Mystery that the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity is, a person whom we encounter in the grace of a given moment.

The book invites you to open your life more fully to the multifaceted influence of the Holy Spirit who is powerful enough to give you an adventure of a lifetime so to say! Known to lead the believer in wonderful, unexpected ways to make the right choices, empower to endure trials in a mature manner, heal of emotional turmoil, enrich for daily life and service, the Spirit merely waits to be invoked. Fascinatingly, from showing how to encounter the Spirit and come to know him better, to putting his graces into action, each chapter of **BREATH OF GOD** [ISBN 978-93-5015-284-6 / pp 192 / Rs 200] will bring you an amazingly joyful experience of the Spirit!

Interestingly, the book is the result of a personal relationship the author developed with the Spirit from childhood. "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters" says sacred scripture (Isa 55:1a). The one who deeply craves the satiation of his thirst must needs come forward and receive the Spirit's gift of life-giving water. Dave Pivonka, a Franciscan priest (Pennsylvania) actively involved in the Charismatic renewal, responded and

was filled. Backed by the experiences of this enrichment, he offers the reader a roadmap of sorts in **BREATH OF GOD** as even a cursory glance at the contents page would reveal.

The Holy Spirit can be an extremely powerful force in our lives going by the imagery associated with him: *dove, fire, wind, water, wine, rays of light, clouds, oil, wild goose.....* In fact, Jesus himself spoke of him

as our comforter, our advocate, the promise of the Father. Contrarily, we often try to control the Spirit by way of stubbornly living as per our own plans rather than according to God's, coolly forgetting that the Spirit will blow where he wills (Jn 3:8). We like singing songs about the warmth and the fire of the Holy Spirit but aren't really willing to be burned. We'd much rather control the Spirit. Pope Francis hits the nail on its head when he asserts that "the temptation is always within us to resist the Holy Spirit, because he takes us out of our comfort zone and unsettles us . . . (it) is always easier and more comfortable to settle in our sedentary and unchanging ways. In truth, the Church shows her fidelity to the Holy Spirit inasmuch as she does not try to control or tame him" (p 12).

The Bible is said to be God's Love Letter to His human creation. Therefore, living life in the Spirit is the ultimate adventure that makes you an integral part of the most amazing, passionate love affair ever known to humanity, viz. the Incarnation-Passion-Death-Resurrection Mystery. And so, to quote Chris Stefanick [Founder-President: *Real Life Catholic*], "If you want your life to become a new adventure, read this book" (p 2).

# Political Uncertainty in Goa

It is not only the Goans in UK who are visibly perturbed over their future, after the exit of Britain from the European Union, but with the 2017 Assembly polls in Goa due in March, the question uppermost in the minds of most Goans, is what does the future hold for them. The BJP, it appears, is well poised to retain power for another term in office despite the widespread discontent among the masses for backtracking on its election promises and failure to meet the aspirations of the people. The Congress in Goa is a divided house and not even a shadow of its former self--Yet, cherishing hopes of a comeback to power after apologizing for their past follies. Even the much-hyped 'mahaghatbandhan' of regional parties in Goa has yet to kick-start. What remains is the Aam Admi Party (AAP), which has a proven record of sweeping the Assembly polls in Delhi and the potential to replicate its success in Goa. So, let us wait and watch as the political drama unfolds and the slugfest rages on in the run-up to the Assembly Polls in March 2017.

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runs schools, colleges, hospitals etc. galore. And has uplifted millions from the depths of poverty. We belong to this institution and are blessed by its wealth and sagacity. So, collectively – the church has done greater things than Jesus did individually. Proving Jesus right.

Jesus said the poor will always be with us. This is mostly because those who have recently joined ranks have yet to be empowered. Besides there are many who have yet to put God in first place, and thus enjoy true wealth and prosperity. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all else is added to you. Yes, as scripture tells us, tribulations will come as long as we are in this world. Satan will keep throw-

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ing his darts and barbs at believers. There is great spiritual warfare. But Jesus overcame Satan and Christians have power over that enemy. Jesus took all our sicknesses, lack and poverty on the cross with Him. We are conquerors. All we need to do is put Him in first place to receive true prosperity, and activate the powers He bestowed us with.

It is impossible to have Jesus truly in the heart and still be poor. The worthy priest is not to be blamed. Keep in mind that Christians are but 2.7% of the Indian population. Yet I see they are better off than other communities. Thanks mostly to priests, literacy is highest and I do not see Christian beggars on roads.

The clergy \ priest brings you up to a certain point, the shore. After that you must decide to either sink or swim. The Holy Spirit himself takes you further depending on the choices you make a) to progress spiritually, or b) in the commercial world. He does not force anything on you, but will help you only as far as you wish to go. Here you have the choice to follow the Holy Spirit or - get Bill Gates \ Donald Trump as mentors. Our goals are best achieved when we co-operate with God in His plan. God never fails to do his part when we do ours. If we are in the commercial world we must see to it that a good part of the money we earn is put back to spread the Word, thereby fulfilling a basic Christian duty.

A look at the material wealth and prosperity of countries that consider Christ their head is proof enough of His abundance. The systems and policies of Christian countries are copied by every other country. As per Psalm 91 no matter what happens to the world around Christians will always prosper. Christ is the good shepherd and he leads to green pastures. There is no want. Without being Jesus centered nothing is possible in this nation and very little will get done.

Best to keep our eyes on true wealth. It is not wise or possible to worship the God of the Bible and the God of Mammon at the same time. Wish you true wealth.

## Apostle to the Apostle

**O**n 03 June, 2016, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Pope Francis raised the memorial of Saint Mary Magdalene - SMM (July 22nd) to the dignity of a Liturgical Feast! The secretary of the to the Congregation for Divine Worship, and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Archbishop Arthur Roche writes, the decision means

- 1.SMM was the first witness of the Resurrection and the first to announce this Good News to the Apostles. Doctor of the Church, St. Thomas Aquinas, thus refers to her as the Apostle to the Apostles – Apostolorum Apostola: “Go tell my brothers (and sisters), I AM ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and to your God” (John 20:17).
- 2.In the context of the Jubilee of Mercy, to signify the great love SMM had for Jesus, and Jesus for her. SMM was at the foot of the Cross, along with the Blessed Virgin Mary and the beloved disciple St. John.
- 3.It shines a light on the special mission of SMM who is an example and model for every woman in the Church. Thus, one should reflect more deeply on the dignity of women, the New Evangelization, the greatness of the Paschal Mystery, and that SMM was the first witness of the ‘Divine Mercy’! Indeed, because a woman offered death to a man in Paradise, a woman now announces life to men from the tomb – St Gregory the Great.
- 4.St. Anselm in “lacrimas humilitatis” – tears of humility, reports from the Gospel of St John that “SMM wept because she could not find the body of her beloved Lord and Savior” (cf. John 20:11).

—Dr. Trevor Colaso,  
Bandra (West)

# Inspiration!

## The Healing Power of Hugs

ally supportive we are to our babies and how emotionally stable they are as adults. Studies have also shown that hugging increases how well they can manage

**Hug therapy or simply hugging is definitely a powerful way of healing. Researchers are of the belief that hugging is extremely effective at healing sickness, disease, loneliness, depression, anxiety and stress. Hugging can enhance our moods, boost confidence levels and make us feel safe and protected. You don't have to be in a relationship to enjoy hugs-hugging your friends, family, pets or even inanimate objects such as teddy bears can all give you a feel-good mood boost. Here are a few reasons why you should give and get more hugs**

**S**ometimes, something seems missing: Many of us now click into our social lives each day, count 100, 300, even 500 and plus friends in our social networks and yet somehow move through the entire day without having experienced one human-to-human, warm hug. Moreover, stress has become a constant in the lives of many, affecting family life, work and everything else they do. People try all kinds of 'methods' to keep stress under control but a simple hug is one thing that's available for everybody, is free and has wonderful effects on stress and negative energy. Hugs can fix almost any relationship-the benefits of hugging are many. Hug therapy is a powerful way of healing. Research shows that hugging is extremely effective at healing sickness, disease, loneliness, depression, anxiety and stress. We bring you a few reasons why you must open those arms and squeeze someone with your whole heart

**Hugs relax nerves:** Studies have shown an improvement of nervous system functioning in the case of people who were hugging. By relaxing our nerves (through hugs) we get rid of the tension that makes our life seem so hard sometimes.

**It lowers your blood pressure:** it's easily observable that your mind is not the only

one benefiting from hugs, your body does it too. While you're hugging someone your skin receptors pick these signals and certain nerves from your body send them to the brain. This feeling of safety and wellness is then transmitted throughout the body and to the heart ending by relaxing your muscles and veins and lowering your blood pressure.

**Hugs can boost your morale:** One hug at the perfect moment can have a huge impact on someone's day, and can even affect their way of acting. The action of hugging may have an emotional charge to be received by the one in need but it has a both way action and the psychological bonding between protagonists will enforce both of them creating social relationships.

**Hugs can turn a sour mood into sweet:** If you're feeling grumpy and anti-social, just try crawling into a warm embrace. You'll come out of it feeling a little, if not totally, better.

**They can alleviate fears:** by hugging someone else people tend to get a boost to their self esteem and fear less what others might think about them, but the feeling of fear and all its aspects (death, failure, loneliness) is reduced to a minimum leaving the 'actors of the hug' to handle life much better. The idea of protection and escape can be instinctively seen in the case of children who hug a teddy bear or a blanket and suddenly feel safe. This instinct remains with us throughout our entire life if we are aware of it or not, and has spectacular effects on our health when we least expect it.

**Hugs help children grow:** A link has been discovered between how emotion-



stressful situations and how easy they can establish relationships with other people. Take any chance of hugging your children and show them as much love as you can because this will help both of you.

### **Hugs comfort elders:**

The greatest fear of any old person is loneliness and isolation from society. It is said that loneliness acts rather like a disease than simply a situation and sometimes the stress caused by loneliness can cause the earlier death of that person. Hugging can be a solution to help elders get a chunk of happiness each day – and it doesn't matter if it's someone they know or a strange person, the effects are the same because those positive chemical processes are started in the body, regardless of age.

### **Hugs can improve your relationship :**

When you've been together for a while, it's easy to take each other for granted and stop being as affectionate. But when you're in a committed relationship, regular cuddles are essential in order to remain happy with one another even hugging whilst sleeping can make you happier.

### **A few facts**

- Hugging increases feelings of safety, security, trust, strength, healing, self-worth, belonging, happiness and appreciation
- Studies show that IQ development is delayed in children who don't receive hugs. Those that lack hugs start walking, talking and reading later.
- It decreases the feelings of loneliness, helps up combat fear, increases self-esteem, affirms relationships, defuses tension and shows appreciation.
- A brief hug with a romantic partner is equivalent to 10 minutes of handholding and greatly reduces stress.
- A hug normally lasts 9.5 seconds.



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**MUMBAI** : TAMILIAN RC Spinster, aged 25 years, Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 49 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.M.S., LL.B., working as an Associate Lawyer. Only Child. Seeks a educated and well settled bachelor. Contact email : leonmichelle.90@gmail.com OR 9870896161 (Regd. No. 6360)

**MUMBAI** : Mangalorean RC Spinster, aged 23 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Sc., in Chemistry, working as a Jr. Chemist. Contact : 9969008104 (Regd. No. 6356)

**MUMBAI** : TAMILIAN RC Spinster, aged 26 years, Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BHMS/BAMS, Homeopathic Doctor. Contact email : shanin2304@gmail.com OR 98200 55319 (Regd. No. 6355)

**MUMBAI** : East Indian RC Spinster, aged 29 years, Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 64 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working, Contact email : mariashgo24@gmail.com OR 9819524367 / 9920102623 (Regd. No. 6246)

**MUMBAI** : Goan RC Spinster, aged 29 years, Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BMS, M.Com., MBA., working as a Asst. Manager, Contact email : silverbells1960@gmail.com OR 28931512 (Regd. No. 6409)

**MUMBAI** : Goan RC Spinster, aged 28 years, Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 57 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., IT., MBA working as a IT Engineer. Seeks a well settled boy. Contact email : m.rodricks24@gmail.com OR 9821596241 / 26424190 (Regd. No. 6408)

**MUMBAI** : Mangalorean RC Spinster, aged 28 years, Ht. 5', Wt. 46 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., MBA working as a HR. Contact email : picardo.princiaj@gmail.com OR 9833077789 (Regd. No. 6406)

**MUMBAI** : Goan RC Spinster, aged 32 years, Ht. 5'5", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. TYBA., working as a Receptionist. Contact email : mascarenhasprescilla@gmail.com OR 9930953353 (Regd. No. 6405)

**MUMBAI** : Goan RC Spinster, aged 26 years, Ht. 5'4", Wt. 56 kgs, Fair Complexion, goodlooking and graceful, Edn. as Interior Designer & works as an Interior Designer. Seeks an well educated, work-

ing Goan Bachelor. India/Abroad. Having a good status. Contact : +918689890839 and email : mary29paul@gmail.com (Regd. No. 6403)

**MUMBAI** : Goan RC Spinster, aged 37 years, Ht. 5'2", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Post Graduate working as a Support Analyst in Airlines. Contact email : erminda3561@gmail.com OR 9870180036 (Regd. No. 6402)

**DUBAI** : Mangalorean RC Spinster, B.Com, aged 29 years, Ht. 5' 4", working for a Bank in Dubai contact email : lavinalobo11@gmail.com OR 9769144425 / + 971559689017 (Regd. No. 6400)

**MUMBAI** : East Indian RC Spinster, aged 30 years, Ht. 5'4", Wt. 54 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MA (Pol.Sc.), working as an Admin., Contact email : crystalpereira2012@gmail.com OR 9867563488 (Regd. No. 6397)

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**MUMBAI** : Mangalorean RC Spinster, aged 26 years, Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 54 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA in Pharma Management, working as a Senior Process Associate at TCS. Seeks a well educated and well settled bachelor. Contact email : zenalobo89@yahoo.co.in OR 9833858842 (Regd. No. 6392)

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**MUMBAI** : Mangalorean RC Spinster, aged 26 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., Nurse, working as a B.Sc. Staff Nurse in SAUDI. Contact email : sybilalvares18@gmail.com OR 9657035849 (Regd. No. 6437)

**PUNE** : RC Spinster, aged 27 years, Ht. 5', Wt. 50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. T.T.C., B.A., perusing B.Ed., Teacher in Convent School. Contact email : prachir369@gmail.com OR 9823120272 (Regd. No. 6433)

**BANGALORE** : Goan RC spinster, aged 28 years, Only child, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Masters in Library & Information Science, working as an Asst., Librarian, seeks a boy pref-

erably working in Bangalore. Contact email : gracefreitas@rediffmail.com OR 9731866341 (Regd. No. 6460)

**PUNE** : Protestant Christian Spinster, aged 29 years, Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 52 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E. (Computer), working in SYDNEY (Australia), as a Software Engineer. She has a P.R. Contact email : wilson.pandit@gmail.com OR 9890815206. (Regd. No. 6431)

**MUMBAI** : Mangalorean RC Spinster, aged 27 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 56 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com, C.A. (Inter), working as an Accounts Executive. Contact email : philomina\_88@yahoo.com OR 9867175073 (Regd. No. 6430)

**MUMBAI** : Goan RC Spinster, aged 27 years, Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.A. (Lit) Teacher by profession. Contact email : shalantam@gmail.com OR 91-67285160 (Regd. No. 6428)

**MUMBAI** : Mangalorean RC Spinster, aged 30 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E., working as a Sr. Analyst in MNC. Contact email : joe51in@yahoo.co.in or 9322282297 (Regd. No. 6427)

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**MUMBAI** : R.C. Spinster, 25, 5' 2", post graduate, fair, preety, working seeks alliance from R.C. bachelors, below 30, well qualified financially stable, own accommodation with good values and family background Goans, East Indians, Mangaloreans may send their details to : dsilva.maggie252@gmail.com OR 9960376878 (Regd. No. 6425)

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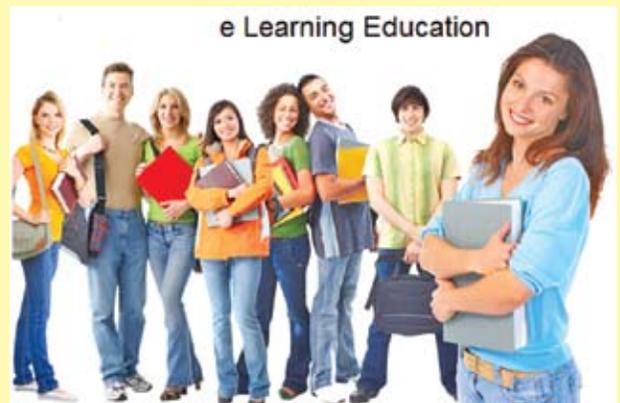


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