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Konkani Amchi 'Mai Bhaas'



Celebrating The Pauline Cooperator!

“**G**od cares for you and He has a plan for you,” said Bishop Barthol at the Centenary celebrations of the Pauline Cooperators founded by Blessed James Alberione. The Auxiliary Bishop of Bombay, presiding over the Eucharist on Sunday 25 June 2017 at Saint Theresa’s Church, Bandra, eulogized Alberione for the kind of vision he had of having lay people involved in the Church’s mission when he established the Pauline Cooperators a hundred years ago. He pointed out that the purpose of Laity Sunday was to remind us all about using our God-given talents in the service of Church and society alike.

The event was jointly organized by the Society of Saint Paul [SSP], the Daughters of Saint Paul [DSP], the Pious Disciples of the Divine Master [PDDM] and the Pauline Cooperators [PC] (which included the ‘Friends of the Divine Master’ [FDM], a PDDM affiliate).

In the Introduction to the Mass, Ladislaus L D’Souza, Pauline Cooperator [from the first batch to take the Pauline Cooperator’s Pledge in 2003] pointed the congregation that “our observance



of Laity Sunday would be incomplete without pondering our own individual contribution as lay people towards uncovering the beauty of the Good News and making clear its hidden message through the latest means of social communication.”

The Liturgy for the celebration was based on the Readings of the day [12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A]. The Prayer of the Faithful – prepared by the PDDM Sisters,

focused on the theme of the Centenary Year, **WAKE UP THE WORLD WITH THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL** that underlines the Pauline mission vis-à-vis the mission of the Church Universal.

The Presidential Procession was led

by the Cooperators wearing specially designed stoles bearing the Cooperators’

emblem, with the ‘Pledged’ members wearing the association’s emblem-pin.

Concelebrating with the Bishop were the SSP Vicar Provincial, Father Devasia Puthiaparambil, Fathers Shaju and Thomas, SSP Provincial Councillors, and other Pauline priests, along with Father SVD, Parish Priest of Saint Theresa’s who formally welcomed the Bishop. Sister Arul Soosai, DSP Provincial Superior, offered Bishop Barthol floral tributes on behalf of all present.

DSP Sister Antonette Jesumani thanked His Lordship for graciously consenting to preside at the Eucharistic celebration and for his deeply significant message in the Homily. A special powerpoint presentation on the role of the Pauline Cooperator in the Pauline mission was screened before the Final Blessing.

Light refreshments and a bookmark as memento, to the accompaniment of rain-showers brought the curtain down on the opening of the Centenary Year of the establishment of the Pauline Cooperator!



Ladislaus L D’Souza



Doctors’ day was celebrated at Father Muller Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital on Monday, July 3.

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'Thought for the week'

Life is short. Cut out negativity, forget gossip, say goodbye to people who hurt you. Spend your days with the people who are always there.

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Resentment rooted in Sin of Sloth

by Don Aguiar

People should stop blaming and complaining so they can be filled with God's joy and rise up to life's challenges. Forgetting what joy is and languishing in self-pity come with the sin of sloth,

According to many theologians, sloth is the worst of the seven sins. While the other sins grab at life and gobble it up, sloth just doesn't care.

What could be more sinful than apathy, religious leaders ask. What's worse than ignoring God's amazing world? What's worse than being ungrateful? Than not making the most of the life you've been given?

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." — **Psalm 118**

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At first, sloth seems to be a straightforward kind of sin — sloth equals laziness, nothing more, it seems.

But when you talk to religious leaders, when you hear the philosophers, you realize that sloth takes many forms.

In the final analysis, apathy can be a symptom of sloth or depression. But sloth also implies a certain amount of disdain.

It's a terrible disease when one says: - 'Well, I'm comfortable as is, I've gotten used to it. Life, of course, has been unfair to me.' You see resentment, bitterness in that heart,

A reflection on the Gospel of St. John reading in which Jesus heals a lame man at the pool of Bethesda.

Jesus saw a lame man, who had been waiting by the poolside for 38 years, and asked him, "Do you want to be well?"

If Jesus had asked any of the other people there desperate for help, "they would have said, 'Yes, Lord, yes.' But this was a strange man" because instead he started complaining about how he had no one to help him into the water and everyone else always managed to get in before him.

The man is like a tree planted near streams of water, but he cannot grow and prosper because his roots are dried up, those roots don't reach the water, he couldn't take in the

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well-being of the water.

This is a terrible sin, the sin of sloth. This man was ill not so much from paralysis, but from sloth, which is worse than having a lukewarm heart. "Sloth is a sin that paralyzes, makes us lame. It doesn't let us walk".

A British psychologist, Anne Maguire, wrote a book called "The Seven Deadly Sins," and says this about sloth, "At first it may not be obvious why sloth is regarded with such gravity. It is described as a thankless distaste for life or a general feeling of apathy. . . . It becomes clear, however, that even more than a coarse excess or an outbreak of passion, sloth may be the result of a deep-seated selfishness, which is at base a sullen rebellion against, and an alienation from God. Sloth is generally an unconscious sin, insidious and pernicious and extremely dangerous for the health of the soul."

Sloth can also be defined as being apathetic about government, says Robert Solomon in his book "Wicked Pleasures." Solomon says the failure of public will allows fascists to take over. He urges involvement, saying, "Occasions for good present themselves every day, and every day we pass them by."

In terms of any kind of failure, frustration, or disappointment in life, going back to the reflection of the Gospel as mentioned above, the way to heal oneself and find a positive break in one's life, following steps of an aware and responsible act are recommended. .

- 1) Be open and express how you feel: be with the facts and not live in projected idealistic imaginations.
- 2) Express what YOU are feeling and while doing so avoid being philosophical. State the fact as it is; be truthful. Unexpressed or repressed feelings create unmanageable internal complexes.
- 3) Accept whatever that is: The acceptance is total; Buddha calls it tathata. The sky exists in a state of tathata, suchness: whatever the case may be one is ready to accept it without being judgmental. Such as clouds come and go; the sky remains, it abides. It is eternal, it is timeless. Same is the state of one's acceptance while going through life.

If you become capable of relaxing your body voluntarily, then you will be able to help your mind relax voluntarily

Goa parishes ring 'Ave Maria'

Margao: Over 70-odd churches and chapels across Goa have installed musical bells, called 'Pulsator', that chime the popular hymn of 'Ave Maria' (dedicated to Our Lady) at specific hours of the day.



One such church is the Our Lady of Grace Church, Margao. It's parish priest Fr Carmo Martins said, "This bell was gifted by my friend (who is a philanthropist) in 2016. I like the sound of these bells as they play the 'Ave Maria'. This is even more significant as Our Lady of Grace is the patroness of our church."

Terming it as 'a good concept, that is well appreciated' by parishioners, another priest told Times of India that it was installed in his parish church last August. "The chimes of the bell function on a timer and the electric signals are amplified," the priest said.

"These bells have been set to a timer that rings at the time of the Ange-

lus (7 pm daily)," said Furtado. Meanwhile, few churches and chapels in Goa such as the St Sebastian Church, Aquem-Margao; St Alex Church, Curtorim; Our Lady of

Miracles Church, Sanguem and Our Lady of Lourdes chapel, Consua-Tivim have now decided to opt for modern technology by installing electric bells instead of manually ringing the traditional church bells.

The musical bell, fully automatic and programmed. It is rung daily—at 5.30am for the daily first mass, at 12 noon and 7pm for the Angelus, 8pm for the Rosary, besides other occasions such as daily masses, funerals, etc.

Pulsator is a Latin word for church bell ringer/time keeper, so this Pulsator is an automatic church bell ringer with a remote and can ring in any pattern. It is fully automatic and requires no manpower or maintenance.

—mattersindia

Emphasis, however, is to be alert and watchful, in dissolving the ego mind as one encounters the challenges of intimacy and relationship.

If you respect, if you look again and go deep into your existence, you are going to find the place from where you started losing yourself and gaining your ego. That moment is the moment of illumination because once you have seen what the ego is, the game is finished.

So contemplate on the sky, and whenever you have time just lie down on the ground, look at the sky. Let that be your contemplation. If you want to pray, pray to the sky – Christ has risen. If you want to meditate, meditate on the sky... sometimes with open eyes, sometimes with closed eyes, because the sky is within too. As it is big without, within it is the same.

If you really want to do anything in your life, you have to learn the way

of yes which is light. And yes is tremendously beautiful, just to say it is so relaxing. Let it become your very lifestyle. Say yes to the trees and the birds and people and you will be surprised, life becomes a blessing if you are there to say yes to it. Life becomes a great adventure.

We are just standing on the threshold of the inner sky and the outer sky, and they are exactly proportionate. As the outside sky is infinite, so is the inner sky. Either way you can be dissolved; or these are the two ways to dissolve.

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Box Intentions

The recent directive by the Archbishop of Bombay, on 'box intentions' is a move in the right direction and is commendable. As per the directive people may put their mass intention in a box to be placed near the altar. Once a week a mass will be celebrated for the box intentions. More significantly, people may put any amount of money for the mass intention.

This move is most welcome. In large parishes, it's difficult to accommodate all requests for masses. The list for pluri-intentions on Saturdays is getting longer by the day. Now parishioners will not have to wait for a date or even visit the church office to offer a mass.

The new initiative by the archbishop is commendable for several reasons:

The very poor will not be inhibited from offering masses.

The vast majority of parishioners who are reasonably well off will not be restricted by the stipulated mass stipend which, to say the least, is very meagre.

Perhaps the most commendable aspect of the new directive is that the mass intention and the offering will be placed near the altar, thus making it very meaningful.

—Prof Robert Castellino
Mumbai

I am confident that there will be a huge response to the archbishop's directive, which may necessitate, allocation of more than one day for box intentions. In the course of time regular mass intentions and even pluri intentions may be dispensed with and restricted to death anniversaries, month's minds and special occasions.

Prof. Robert

Get Me Elected

Chhotebhai in 'Kovind Who?' [Secular Citizen, 3 July], received today by me, writes:-

1. Kovind is not even known in Kanpur and about his contribution to Dalits, less said the better.
2. Then he makes a very valid point why he was selected by Narendra Modi – he being pliable, Modi will make him sign on dotted lines.
- 3.. Using his legal background Hindu Rashtra Constitution Bill may be piloted [before 2019].
- 4.. Re: another Dalit Ms Meira Kumar, she may be better known as compared to him, but she is not going to win.

Instead if you all 'Good Christians' had supported me, I would have won thumbs down.

But you cannot think beyond burial ground, church wall, demolished cross and then to show your nationalism you sing Jana Gana Mana in the Bandra Church precinct. My Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi friends are much better than Christians. They have taken it upon themselves to get me elected as 15th Vice President of India.

Better late than never. Please make a good report out of this along with photos below and publish prominently. Let us not miss this last opportunity to save our country.

—Dr. Leo Rebello

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Educate People on Swine Flu

Swine flu is on the rise in India. The State Government must organise a series of workshops to train family doctors and paramedic staff throughout the state to prepare for such an occurrence. Private hospitals must also be asked to reserve a certain percentage of beds to admit H1N1 patients and ventilators should be supplied on priority basis to all district hospitals. Private labs should also be authorised to collect the samples and send them for testing, while physicians posted at health centres should be asked to identify swine flu symptoms in patients and provide treatment to them at the preliminary stage of infection. The government should also ensure that sufficient stocks of drugs are made available at all medical shops and hospitals. Since this disease has been travelling from country to country, isn't it about time the airlines took precautions, not only for the safety of their staff and passengers but for the entire world?

Swine flu spreads due to excessive consumption of unhealthy non-vegetarian foods. Swine flu is also referred to as H1N1 flu and this is its scientific name. The symptoms of this flu are high fever accompanied by shivering, nauseating, vomiting, loose motions and loss of appetite. Meats, poultry procured from dingy shops are often contaminated. This virus enters the human body through meat (chicken, pork, beef and mutton). However this is not an ordinary flu and can result in fatality. This flu has spread worldwide due to lack of awareness in people.

To keep ourselves healthy and protected, we must maintain healthy eating habits. We must wear masks, abstain from non-vegetarian foods, wash our hands as often as we can and avoid crowded areas. People should be made aware and told how to protect themselves.

— Jubel D'Cruz,
Dombivili, Mumbai

Whether Nationalistic Religious Terrorism Which Overcomes The Fear Of Death, Can Be Defeated By The Power Of Living Now Or Counter Terrorism?

by Eric D'Sa

When I was young teenager, like most teenagers I never thought of death, except when I attended mass with the family on All Souls' Day or when I was dragged to visit a cemetery to pay respect for the dead in the family. Life was fun, care free and very good. May be like others of my age I thought that I was going to live forever. The truth that life will come to an end someday, did not bother me and there was no fear of mortality. Unfortunately in my middle twenties I received as the saying goes, a bump on the road of our life's journey, that made me realise that we are in fact mortal.

This was the sudden death of my father who was just 60, a person who had achieved a lot in his life and was highly respected in our community. This made me suddenly sit up and think and realise that all human beings have limited life span and we need to make best use of it. When I saw the hundreds of people attend his funeral, to pay their respect to him, I realised that if one has lived a full life and utilised it well like he did, death need no be scary though inevitable.

However, for many the brush with death, seeing a close relative or loved one pass away or just merely passage of time, brings deep fear of death. It is a leap into unknown what ever may be your religious beliefs or personal philosophy. We Christians are told that Jesus came to give us life in abundance. This was on this good Earth which God created for us to live in its fullness. To appreciate life, the beautiful world around us, we need to as the famous saying goes " stop and smell the roses". I am certain most religions have similar philosophy of life. Some of us based on our religion and teaching imparted to us, have our own personal philosophies of what happens to us after we die, where as others may not. Regardless of how we think about death as individuals, there is significant change associated with it- going

from a state of life into whatever there is beyond. Hence most of us want to live as long as possible and enjoy this God given gift. The world is ageing but the scientist are doing their best to increase the life span of humans. We are told within decades most humans will live past 100 years and all would like to do so, if they can also be kept in body and mind healthy.

Psychological analysis shows when there is deliberate injustice, stark poverty and a sense of hopelessness, a fear of our own mortality recedes. Some religious leaders use it to in-

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doctrinate the susceptible, to become terrorist for a better world after death, then they are living in now. This allows them to get the people commit guilt free violence against another human being. Unfortunately the world is experiencing this religious terrorism all around us and it is spreading. Historically the politicians use the concept of nationality, the need to protect the the artificial lines drawn by humans themselves, to divide this beautiful world created without boundaries, to wage wars which destroy property and human lives. When national religious jingoistic sentiment takes over a people, we have the birth of a nation, a caliphate, a rajya, a kingdom, a rogue state or whatever you may call it, with people not fearing death and more importantly ready to kill other human beings, who have different views than their own without regrets. As a matter of fact they are called martyrs by their followers.

A nationalistic religious fanatic terrorists mind set is very difficult to fathom and understand. His dedication and zeal to work for the cause he firmly believes in is difficult to match. Most

humans when it comes to a cause they feel strong about and their own life having to be sacrificed, will back out. When he or she is ready to wear suicide explosive hidden belt and at a preplanned location and time, blow themselves up causing death of not only the targeted person, but also lots of innocent bystanders without qualms, we need to worry.

The latest research suggests, for example, that the vast majority of terrorists are not mentally ill but are essentially rational people who weigh the costs and benefits of terrorist acts, concluding that terrorism is profitable for their cause. The advantages accrued, however, have value only in a particular social context. Group dynamics, often driven by charismatic leadership, play a powerful role in convincing individuals to embrace expansive goals and use violence to attain them. Personal factors also draw people toward terror. Terrorist groups provide their members with a feeling of belonging and empowerment and, in some cases, a means of avenging past wrongs. Terrorism is a huge subject as there are different type of terrorism. Hence what counter terrorism measure that the effected society can take depends how well you can decipher a terrorist or a group of terrorists.

How do we overcome this mind set of terrorist who has no fear of ones own mortality? Is it by unleashing more violence and destruction? An eye for an eye, even in the process all become blind? How do we deal with people who are ready to die in the name of hidden gods who are immune to what they are doing to other human beings in their name or to sacrifice their lives and those of innocent others, for a religious dogma they believe is the only truth, for a cow they consider holy but others as dumb, or spill their own blood and that of others to defend an artificial boundary line drawn by some

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Legatus-(Ambassador) at 30

Usually business and religion, like oil and water don't mix. But for 30 years *Legatus* has combined the two for a powerful impact! (30 June, 2017).

Tom Monaghan is best known for creating Domino's Pizza, and the Ave Maria University; but what he is most proud of, is founding *Legatus*! He is also a proud father of four daughters.

"*Legatus* organizes business leaders to be better Catholics, by giving them a forum to grow in their Catholic faith, with a mission to serve. This 'created a fire'! People who had not thought of religion outside of Sunday Mass got enrolled. This group's focus is on evangelizing those with the greatest ability to impact the world!"

"Successful people are usually looked up for the wrong reasons – worldly success. So it's vital that they give a good example. That is what the word *Legatus* means – Ambassador!" ,

commented Monaghan.

Currently, *Legatus* has 88 chapters with 18 more in development, for a total of 2,655 executive members. Permission vests with the local Bishop. Members must be Catholics in good standing, and should be an owner, chairperson, president or CEO of a business or company.

Monthly meetings begin with Confession and a Rosary, followed by Mass, social time, dinner, short business session and speaker. Men's and women's retreats are also conducted and occasional pilgrimages. 10% of annual membership fees and excess funds are donated to the Holy Father.

And if I may magnify *Legatus*: "We are Christ's 'ambassadors', as though God were making His appeal through us" (2 *Corinthians* 5:20).

—Dr. Trevor Colaso,
Ashburn, Virginia, USA.

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unknown guy without much thought? How do we get these people to see this beautiful world we live in, as far as we are aware with no substitute in this vast universe, with a sense of belonging and from which they need not escape? How do we get these terrorists to be pro- life people instead of being death merchants?

Unlike in science fiction, time machines do not exist. So there is nothing we can do to change whatever it is that happened in the past. Similarly, although we can shape our future to a certain degree using the power of our present thoughts, there are also many variables that are out our control. Hence is it worth worrying about this growing threat of people who have no real reason to live in this world and at the same time take life of some innocents unknown to them? Many people believe this can be done not by more violence, but by love, compassion and understanding of what has made these people so violent. Pope Francis is doing his best to follow this line of thought. When one sees even on TV, the acts of ter-

rorism in a city like Mosul in Iraq and the consequent repercussions on its children, even thousands of innocent children distinction between war or state sponsored terrorism blurs.

Is it not possible for these terrorists, to be thought to forget their bitter past and not look at the desolate future they imagine, but live in the present and try and make best of the conditions? Social psychiatrists state It is possible, but without doubt they will need a helping hand from rest of the people, who still believe that the world with all its imperfections is still a beautiful place, to live in peace, harmony and good will towards others. In a nut shell, the mind set of these terrorists will only change, if they can be made to learn to keep the present firmly in the forefront of their minds. This is the only way they will, while not being afraid of death, also be able to see the living beauty around them, the blue skies, the flowing rivers, the ever green forests, the calmness of the vast oceans, and most importantly the goodness in other human beings. How to go about doing it is the big question and challenge the world has to face. You the Citizens decide.

Pope Francis: My Idea of Art

The Vatican Museums has presented a new documentary, "*Pope Francis: My Idea of Art*", which explores the Pope's concept of art through eleven celebrated works. This film is based on his book written with Tiziana Lupi: "*Pope Francisco: La Mia Idea di Arts*". The DVD is subtitled in six languages.

During the presentation, spectators were treated to "a kind of ideal art gallery", which exemplified the Holy Father's notion of art and its goal of "evangelizing and contrasting a throwaway culture!"

Ms. Barbara Jatta, director of the Vatican Museums, on Tuesday 27 June 2017 commented, "This 'Art of Mercy' is truly Pope Francis' idea of art! It is art that is directed towards the humble. And the Vatican Museums correspond pointedly to the Pope's message of art."

And if I may magnify – Art is an expression or an application of human creative skill! It can be communicated through music, sculpture, painting, acting, dance and literature.

For example, Jesus in the 'parable of the three servants', in comparing the kingdom of heaven reveals: "The Lord has given us talents according to our abilities, which we are to manage and deepen; and so share in the Lord's happiness" (cf. *Matthew* 25:14-30).

—Dr. Hazel Colaso,
Ashburn, Virginia, USA.

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Snippets from Syria



BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH
SJ

Why? Is the one question that is uppermost in one's heart and mind? Why the violence and war? the death and destruction that has ravaged Syria for more than six years now? A conflict which has left millions displaced, desperately seeking security in safer parts of the country or fleeing as refugees to neighbouring countries after braving many odds. Why? Why? Why? Why is Syria in the doldrums today? Why have millions of children become a lost generation? Why is the economy in a shambles? And numerous without a livelihood? There are no easy, black-and-white answers. Most are aware that there are powerful vested interests who would like the conflict to continue. The tragedy however, is that the ordinary Syrian citizen is the one who continues to suffer. But as one journeys in the midst of devastation, one cannot but pinpoint some other dimensions:

Beauty

Syria is a country of amazing beauty! As one traverses the hilly slopes of the Al-Khafroun one is struck by the sheer grandeur of the region. At a distance is the picturesque and historic town of Safita: a city on a hill. Beautiful orchards with fruit-laden orange and apricot trees and vast expanses of olive trees dot the country-side. The road to Damascus from Homs has a world of difference: rugged, barren hills, with large tracts of desert-land. Syria is rich in flora: flowers everywhere are in full bloom. The Syrians consider the Jasmine as their national flower; but there are a variety of others including rare orchids. Syria has it all: just beautiful!

Faith

Faith is palpable among the Syrians. The muezzin's call to pray is loud and clear. Most cars and taxis have either a masbaha or a rosary dangling from the front rear-view mirrors. It is quite normal to find a Syrian fingering a masbaha whilst doing business or just walking down the street. Old Damascus has several Churches and mosques alongside. The main street displays several vinyl banners welcoming the new Melkite Catholic Patriarch. At the House of Ananias (where St Paul was converted and baptized) on Straight Street a group of people are in deep prayer. On the Feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle of India at Bab Tuma (the Gate of Thomas) one cannot help but feel an aura of the place, from where it is believed that St. Thomas left for the shores of India.

Inspiration

Fr. Frans Van der Lugt, the Dutch Jesuit was killed in Homs on April 7th 2014. An iconic figure he was a source of inspiration and strength to many. Today he continues to live on, in their hearts and lives. He was deeply spiritual; a real bridge between persons, touching and impacting on their lives in a very profound way Frans loved nature; his hikes are still very much talked about.

He ensured that everyone: Muslim and Christian; old and young were welcome at the Jesuit Centre in Homs. This continues today. He lived among his people; took a visible and vocal stand for them and ultimately he had to pay the price! At his graveside one only experiences a serene peace and the inspiration to do much more.

Resilience

Sunday 2nd July was one of those violent days in Syria. The people woke up to three explosions that rocked Damascus City; the one in the Tahrir Square area of the city was particularly severe: leaving about 19 dead, several others injured and with much destruction in the vicinity. It was the first working day after the holidays for the Eid festival. By early afternoon however, there was an apparent air of 'normalcy' in several parts of the city. The well-known Shaalan Street was bustling with activity late evening: with the eateries rather crowded and the shoppers on a spree. People from all walks of life: children, women and men; young and old, visibly from different cultural and religious backgrounds thronged the street. The resilience of the people is remarkable, in spite of a reality which makes their lives consistently insecure and unsafe.

Hope

There are numerous stories of hope in Syria. Ordinary people who want to live in peace and harmony; who want the war and violence to stop immediately. The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in Syria is one such organisation that enkindles hope in the lives of thousands who are affected. JRS does phenomenal work especially in education, child protection, livelihood training, medical support and being in the midst of the most affected. The field kitchen in Aleppo provides nutritional food to thousands of the most needy. The JRS team reaches out to those affected at great risk. The Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa's Sisters) care for the destitute: those

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who have nowhere to go. Beacons of hope everywhere!

Joy

The children who frequent the JRS Centre in Homs have brought their parents along for an afternoon of fun and games! It is a delight to watch the expressions of joy on their faces. At another JRS Centre ninth graders celebrate their accomplishment. An elderly lady, who has suffered from the trauma of displacement, insists that we listen to her reading and to see that she can now write. She is effusive about the programme which has been providing her the necessary literacy skills. A ten year girl comes running up just to say how happy she is to come to a place (the Albert Hurtado Centre in Jaramana, Rural Damascus) which is like a second home for her.

Rebuild

To 'rebuild' is like a catch word in Syria today- and urgently needed. As one leaves the country towards Lebanon, the billboards along the way speak about the need to rebuild Syria and of a forthcoming Exhibition to be held in September (www.re-buildsyria.com) the regularization of commercial activity is perhaps an important step in helping restore Syria's multi-cultural and pluralistic society.

So as the world still pursues the elusive answer to the tragedy of Syria today and the lack of political will to ensure peace and stability in the region, one can certainly take consolation from the fact that there is a wealth of values that still thrive in the hearts and lives of the people.

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Kolkata's St. Xavier's College made university

Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Indian steel magnate Lakshmi Niwas Mittal were among more than 5,000 people who braved heavy rains on July 7 to witness Kolkata's 157-year-old St Xavier's College turn into a university.

While Banerjee unveiled the plaque of a new building Mittal, an alumnus, cut the ribbon to open a new university building during a function at the Rajarhat campus of St Xavier's University in Kolkata.

Archbishop Thomas D'Souza of Calcutta blessed the marble statue of St. Xavier after a short prayer at the entrance.

Court convicts Israeli man for arson at miracle' church

Jerusalem: A court has convicted an Israeli man for an arson attack at the church where Christians believe Jesus performed the miracle of the loaves and fishes, court documents said Tuesday.

The district court in the Galilee city of Nazareth found Yinon Reuveni guilty of "aggravated arson" and two counts of criminal conspiracy for the June 2015 attack.

A date for sentencing was not set.

The court transcript did not give Reuveni's date of birth, but Israeli daily Haaretz said he was 22 and from the rogue Jewish settlement outpost of Baladim, in the north of the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Two rooms of the Church of the Multiplication complex in Tabgha on the Sea of Galilee were badly damaged in the fire, but the church itself was not damaged.

Hebrew graffiti was found at the site, reading "Idols will be cast out" or destroyed. The text is part of a common Jewish prayer.

The Roman Catholic church remained closed until February while the damage caused by the fire was repaired at a cost of around one million dollars, of which the Israeli government contributed almost \$400,000.

Russian Orthodox Church sees sharp rise in seminary admissions

Russia's Orthodox church has reported a sharp rise in seminary admissions, with the highest numbers ever recorded now training for the priesthood in its 261 eparchies, or dioceses.

The Interfax news agency said 1593 ordinands were expected to begin studies this summer, a 19 percent increase from 2016, while a further 827 young men would also join the church's preparatory course, or propaedeuticum, a quarter more than last year. It added that a total of 5877 seminarians were now preparing for ordination, a figure comparable to that of Poland's Catholic Church in its peak years 1985-7.

The Russian church was savagely persecuted under Soviet rule in 1917-1991, but is now by far the largest of the world's 14 Orthodox denominations, claiming 144 million members, with 368 bishops and around 40,000 priests and deacons. The church, which has 926 functioning monasteries and convents, is estimated to have

opened three places of worship daily over the past three decades, bringing the total to 36,000 compared to just 6000 at the end of communist rule.

Filippino bishops elect prelate from troubled region as leader

Manila: The Catholic bishops of the Philippines have elected Archbishop Romulo Valles of Davao as their new leader for coming two years.

The prelate, who would turn 66 on July 10, replaces Archbishop Socrates Villegas of Lingayen-Dagupan as the president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP).

The election took place at the opening of the conference's July 8-10 plenary assembly at the Pope Pius XII Catholic Center in Manila, the national capital.

According to CBCPNews, Archbishop Valles has been the CBCP vice-president. Born in 1951 in Maribojoc, Bohol, he was ordained a priest in 1976. He became the bishop of Kidapawan 11 years later. In 2006, he was transferred to Zamboanga as its archbishop. Five years later, Pope Benedict transferred him to Davao as archbishop. He has served in several CBCP offices and commissions, especially as chairman of the Commission on Liturgy.

Bishop Pablo Virgilio David of Kalookan has been elected CBCP vice president.

Davao is the largest city in the Mindanao region that forms the southern third of the Philippines. More than 70 percent of the region's people are Christians, and Muslims 20 percent. Mindanao Island has seen a communist insurgency, an armed Moro separatist movements and most recently armed Islamist terrorism, based in the city of Marawi.

The meeting of the year

On a lighter note, one of the many pictures showed our Prime Minister – Narendra Modi warmly hugging President Trump [rather tightly] but the latter's hands were still in the air. It looks like he is asking Modi "What-are-you-doing?". That said, this was the most awaited meeting of the leaders of the two largest democracies. More that India, Pakistan and China seemed to be more interested in the outcome of this meeting for obvious reasons. Both these countries know that should India and USA forge a really solid partnership; it could make life a little uncomfortable for them, singly or jointly. Whether the Americans accept it or not, India is important to them if they ever want to contain China. That President Trump put India at 46 in the list of priority meetings with world leaders, is a little perplexing. Was he sending any message to India in the process? Perhaps he wanted to keep India guessing and that is why Modi kept his expectations low. Perhaps Trump did not have answers to the questions India would raise.

What did India achieve at this meeting? This meeting was projected as knowing one another and from the statement that came out at the conclusion of that meeting did not bring out anything special. Did they fail to know each other? It left certain questions unanswered. The restrictions on H1 visas to IT professionals affect the Indians the most. No other country is affected as much as India and understandably this issue ought to have taken the centre-stage. It is equally unlikely that it was not taken up. Was India told to 'forget it' and that was the end of the matter? Hope not. The IT sector in India is in shambles – with thousands of skilled IT professionals being shown the door rather crudely. Some of them are simply thrown out. The contribution of the IT sector to the Indian economy is too huge to be ignored.

It gives a feeling that the Indian side may have raised this issue either during the one-to-one meeting or at the delegation level deliberations. The response from the other side must have been blunt and forthright. Knowing Trump's ways, he may have actually snubbed his guests on this issue. It is therefore not surprising that there was not even a remote reference to this very critical issue either in the joint press briefing at the end of the so called 'highly successful' meeting.

America withdrew from the Climate talks recently and even accused India of grabbing billions of dollars – something which has been stoutly refuted by this

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country. If the talks have to come to fruition, it is necessary that America remains in the group, contribute significantly for the success of such deliberations in the larger interest of humanity and the future generation. Walking out of the negotiations displays arrogance. Even in the G20 summit, Trump did not change his stance.

On the plus side, India appears to gloat over the fact that America agreed to sell the unmanned drones to India. What they did is pure and simple business with India. Their defense industry benefited as much as India which received more sophisticated equipment. America did not really do any favour. On the issue of fighting terrorism, America has agreed to co-operate with India and as goodwill gesture [again it did not cost them anything] declared a known terrorist as a global one. What are the implications of such a declaration? Nothing! They have done so before and all those are comfortably going about their business in Pakistan. They did this with Osama Bin Ladin and the Pakistan government fooled the Americans for years. Joint naval exercises with India and Japan are strategic in nature – to keep China on its toes and not to please India.

Overall, the outcome of the great meeting between the two leaders did not produce any tangible results. This meeting has been more of hugs rather than any serious business which will benefit India in the long run. Modi must be thoroughly disappointed and the only memories he brought home are the ones relating to the 'dinner' hosted by the American president. It is just as well that Modi visited Israel soon after and the highly successful outcome of that trip diluted the fall-out of a lackluster American sojourn.

GST – a smooth change-over

After years of hard bargaining by successive governments [after changing their roles] with all the stake holders, the country finally entered the 'one nation – one tax' regime in the second half of this year. This is the single largest achievement of the country. To get on board all the States of the Union of India – with diverse political leanings, has been a herculean task and the government must be complimented for their untiring efforts with take some and give some approach. The whole exercise was a gigantic affair which was done with meticulous precision.

The opponents of this regime [though they grudgingly say they support it but are uncomfortable with certain provisions]



by Marshall Sequeira

expected a catastrophic fall-out much worse than the demonetization exercise which was carried out in December last year. Nothing of that thing happened which actually disappointed the opponents who had created an atmosphere of fear and confusion among the general public about the impending disaster. The general public actually was not really concerned except that a few products would cost more in the new regime. People had enough time to buy them much earlier and actually had the opportunity to get them at discounted prices. It was a win-win situation for those who could take full advantage. People cannot expect all the products to become cheaper. Some even went up but overall there is a sense of satisfaction.

There was fear in the minds of the business community especially those who had unaccounted stocks and those holding stocks which would be cheap in the new dispensation. The chances of manipulation have been minimized to a great extent. No doubt, an in any such exercise, certain teething troubles are inevitable – some trivial, others a little hard to handle. No doubt, the change-over was as smooth and seamless as can be in such circumstances. People hardly faced any real shortages or hardships. The traders too have reconciled themselves to this new reality and are slowly but surely adjusting themselves. The government too is keen that the new tax regime is as smooth and trouble free for everyone concerned.

The biggest gain is the abolition of Octroi and local entry tax. Octroi Nakas in cities were responsible for huge traffic jams and long queues which not only delayed the delivery schedules, but also wasted a lot of fuel in the process. Now the movement of commodities is hassle-free and smooth. Earlier, anti-social elements were afraid of carrying anything for fear of being caught at the Octroi Nakas. In the new regime, this fear may vanish but it is important for the governments – State and Central to be more vigilant. Flying squads and mobile patrolling will have to be pressed into service. National security is paramount.

Respect Your Aging Parents

Honouring elderly parents is something that must be a priority of every child, no matter what. And here are few tips on how you can honour your elderly parents and probably give them a gift of lifetime

Elderly parents are blessings that only a chosen few can savor in their lifetime. They are pillars on which every child has made a formidable base of their life. And needless to say, when they grow old, it is the foremost duty of everyone to ensure that their parents are treated well and honored. According to some psychologists, elderly parents are just like small little children. They don't understand materialistic pleasures. Instead all they want is love, affection, care and attention from their kids. This makes their life much satisfied and contented than we could possibly ever think off.

Seek advice

One complain most parents have

once they grow old is that they are never consulted as most of the decisions are taken by the children themselves. Well, this is true and probably not a practical proposition to seek advice from your elders all through the life. But, do it as much as possible. Do it in a way that makes them wanted and happy. Children seeking advice from old parents is a great way of making them feel important even at the fag end of their life.

Forgive And Forget

Over the years there could be several instances that have not gone down well with you and your parents. But, keep those aside and forgive them, if you hold any grudges. It is difficult for elderly parents to find peace in the fact that their children hold grudge against them. So, forget what has happened in the past and move on.



Respect them

It is absolutely imperative that you honor your elderly parents by respecting them both in public and in private. Many a times, children, in order to save their own honor are good with their parents in public, but are extremely rude and abusive in private. Let that not happen. Be polite and kind with them both in public and private, and value their presence with your words.

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Today's society has lost a huge part of its compassion. The world of media brings loss, pain, and tragedy into our lives at an overwhelming rate. As a people, we've become desensitized to the core values we were taught as children.

Preserving the dignity of our seniors as they succumb to aging is the most important thing, we as children can offer our parents. After all, everything we learned... we learned from our parents. If for nothing else, they have earned the right.

Support Them In Need

Remember the fact these wrinkled hands of your elderly parents were ones that held you tight when you were falling. Now, it is your turn to give it back. Support them in every possible sense, so that the impending years of their life turns into bliss. Mentally, physically, emotionally and financially, be with them. Make them believe that you are always their to support them in any need. And, prove that by being their with them physically. This is probably the biggest gift and honor that you can ever give your



elderly parents.

Spend Time

Time is more precious than anything else in this world. And perhaps something that is hugely scarce too. In the humdrum of life, if there is anything that we fail to give our parents, it is the time that they wish to spend with their kids. So if there is anything special that you want to give your parents, try to spend some quality time with them. Sit, talk and share, you will be giving them boundless memories to cherish to live with.

- Don't be rude, remember they

were the ones who lift you up at your lowest.

- Involve them in activities, as they like being a part of something and it makes them feel needed.

Showing respect to your elderly parents is a natural and time-honored way to express gratitude for the love and support you've received from them throughout the years.

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Konkani

Amchi 'Mai Bhaas'



by Ivan Saldanha-Shet

In undivided South Kanara - the present DK & Udupi and pockets on the west coast, specially Goa; Konkani has always been the popular and heritage language. It is an official language in Goa. It is a minority language in Karnataka, Maharashtra and Kerala, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu. Konkani is considered as a member of the southern Indo-Aryan language group. Presently 41 categories of people speak Konkani and have taken it to most nations over seas. The fact that it is one of the 22 languages in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India as per the 71st amendment of August 20, 1992, makes it a national languages. Karnataka Konkani Sahitya academy's 3 day 'Lokotsava' earlier this year in Mangaluru united people of all 41 Konkani speaking communities under one umbrella a big success (few pictures here). United we can strengthen our mother tongue and bring a revolution in Konkani.

There is evidence that Old Konkani was called 'Prakrit' (born of nature), a forerunner of Sanskrit, and scholars made them selves familiar with it . Konkani has been known by a variety of names: Canarim, Concanim, Gomantaki, Bramana, and Goani. Native speakers call it 'Amchi Bhaas' (our language - Amchi Gele in Dakshina

Kannada), and Govi or Goenchi Bhas by others. Learned Marathi speakers called it Gomantaki. Konkani developed with overall Sanskrit complexity and grammatical structure, eventually into a lexical fund of its own. Kannada influenced Konkani. A number of Arabic and Persian words form an integral part of Konkani vocabulary



and are commonly used in day-to-day life; examples are karz (debt), fakt (only), dusman (enemy), and barik (thin). Konkani and Gujarati have many words in common, not found in Marathi.

On the other hand, the spoken dialects of the Catholics from Goa (as well as in Canara to some extent), and their religious literature shows a strong Portuguese influence. The Portuguese influence is also evident in the Marathi-Konkani spoken in the former Northern Konkani districts, and a variant of Konkani used by East Indians Catholic community. These events caused the Konkani language to evolve into multiple dialects.

Other Konkani communi-

ties came into being with their own dialects of Konkani, currently there are in all 41 it is evident. The Konkani Muslim communities of Ratnagiri and Bhatkal came about due to intermarriages of Arab seafarers.

Another migrant community that picked up Konkani are the Siddis, who are descended from Bantu tribes of South East Africa that were brought to the Indian subcontinent as slaves by Portuguese merchants. Contemporary Konkani is written in Devanagari, Kannada, Malayalam, Persian, and Roman scripts. It is written by speakers in their native dialects. However, the

Goan Antruz dialect in the Devanagari script has been promulgated as Standard Konkani, which needs revisiting.

Global Distribution : There is a visible spread of Konkani's in most nations of the globe, even though they may not be actually using the dialects. A significant number of Konkani speakers exists in Kenya, Uganda, Pakistan, the Persian Gulf, and Portugal. The Konkani language is spoken widely in the western coastal region of India known as Konkani. This consists of the Konkani division of Maharashtra, the state of Goa, and the Uttara Kannada (formerly North Canara), Udupi, and Dakshina Kannada (formerly South Canara) districts of Karnataka, together with many districts in Kerala (such as Kasargod, Kochi, Alappuzha, Trivandrum, and Kot-

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Autonomous patrol cars soon in Dubai



Earlier this year, Dubai announced that it would begin flying passenger taxi drones this summer. Now, it's putting autonomous cars on the road as well; by the end of the year, the Dubai police plan on deploying a fleet of self-driving police cars that will scan people and identify criminals and 'undesirables.'

The driverless car will operate completely autonomously; it will patrol the city on its own and use biometric software to scan individuals it comes across. Officials are hoping that the very presence of the vehicle in an area will be enough to deter crime; it also comes complete with an onboard drone that will be linked to the Dubai Police's command room for aerial surveillance.

OTSAW Digital, a Singapore based company will be building and manufacturing the O-R3 security robots for the city. They are equipped with a laser scanner, thermal camera, HD cameras, GPS and lidar in order to navigate, and can additionally utilise these cameras for facial and license plate recognition. While the robot vehicle is fully automated, humans can override the systems and easily take control of the OR-3 if necessary. With the addition of the OR-3 vehicles by the end of 2017, Dubai seems to be well on its way to its goal of creating a fully robotic, human-free police station by 2030.

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tayam). Each region has a different dialect, pronunciation style, vocabulary, tone and sometimes, significant differences in grammar. Figures put the number of Konkani speakers in India as making up more than 0.21% of India's population.

regularly come out with a wide variety of writings, plays, poetry songs and so on, which are regularly read by those who know Konkani. But, many who are enamored with their mother tongue but do not know to read and mostly those out of the sphere are deprived of this great gift of Konkani.

Kalelkar classification

- Based on the historical events and cultural ties of the speakers, N. G. Kalelkar has broadly classified the dialects into 4 main groups: 1. Northern Konkani: Spoken in the Sindhudurga district of Maharashtra with strong cultural ties to Marathi. 2. Central Konkani: Dialects in Goa and Northern Karnataka, where Konkani came in close contact with Portuguese language and culture and Kannada. 3. Southern Konkani: Dialects spoken in the Canara region (Mangalore & Udupi) of Karnataka, which came in close contact with Tulu and Kannada. 4. Maharashtrian Konkani, which is a group of dialects that mark the transition between Konkani and Marathi.

There is a wide choice of Konkani writers in all categories of the dialect who



Here, is where writers in other languages, mainly English, who know Konkani, at least to some extent and know the finer points and history of Konkani and write, are to be encouraged; because from their writings, Konkani goodness and information can be gained and enjoyed by those who have no knowledge of it and this will go a long way to keep Konkani alive in times to come. Surely "Long live Konkani" with all our heart.

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By an amendment to the constitution the two nominated Anglo-Indian MPs to the Lok Sabha who are not allowed to vote must be allowed to vote to ensure that the presidential and vice-presidential elections are impartial and another amendment to the constitution which is very important is to allow all municipal counsellors to vote in the presidential and vice-presidential elections and also allow MLAs from both the houses of the state legislature and union territories to vote for the vice-president so states which have a unicameral legislature like Goa for example must through a constitutional amendment must become bicameral by setting up an upper house to benefit electorally when voting for the president and vice-president.

The plight of an independent candidate who stands for the presidential and vice-presidential elections is extremely bad as he/she has to be nominated by 50 MPs which is ridiculous and through an amendment to the constitution the nomination of this candidate must be reduced to 2 MPs and these candidates must be selected through a psychiatric check-up followed brainstorming session, nomination and election for the post conducted by non-political social workers, lawyers and journalists etc. who must ensure that the candidate is secular and liberal minded.

The process of electing the president and vice-president by consensus must be permanently be abolished by an amendment to the constitution as it is undemocratic since electoral contests give voters a good choice in elections which are called the festivals of a

democracy.

Even if an elected member of a house cannot vote due to a grave illness or he/she is abroad he must be allowed to vote through a postal ballot.

If unfortunately a communal president or vice-president is elected he must be immediately impeached and to strengthen secularism an anti-communal law must be enacted which bans all communal associations and political parties and prevents them from being set-up again under any new name in addition to permanently removing communal laws the anti-conversion laws that exist in our country.

By adopting these suggestions liberalism and secularism can be strengthened thus making our democracy healthy and vibrant and ready to face the most challenging situations that may arise at any given point of time-so even though the role of the president and vice-president has been termed as a puppet or a referee in the parliamentary form of democracy or Westminster system of democracy which is considered outdated when compared to a presidential system of democracy because the president and vice-president is directly elected by the people except in the American presidential system where the president chooses the vice-president as his running mate the roles of the president and vice-president can be strengthened in a parliamentary democracy when they uphold the constitution by promoting liberalism and secularism.

But if the people desire a presidential system a referendum must conducted immediately as to which type of presidential system viz the French presidential system or the American presidential system must be adopted and it must be installed with the help constitutional lawyers and a constituent assembly.

Thus eternal vigilance is the policy we must adopt to keep our democracy intact.

—Peter Castellino

Pope: Jesus "does not take the Cross from us, but carries it with us", let us entrust people and situations to him

Vatican City – "Christ does not free us from the burdens of life, but anguish of heart; he doesn't take the cross from us, but carries it together with us", he invites us not to give in to sadness, but to find our peace in him, trusting people and situations to him. This is how pope Francis commented on the Gospel passage today in which Jesus says "Come to me those who are tired and oppressed and I will give you rest" (Mt 11,28).

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Theresa Benedicta: Canonised A Saint By A Saint



BY MELVYN BROWN

It may be hard to imagine now, but it was not so long ago that the Catholic Church thought they would not claim a Polish Pope – or at least it seemed that way. Today, we have the late, Pope St. John Paul II, and two more Polish saints: a young religious Sister Faustina and a Carmelite Sister Theresa Benedicta. Although both nuns were canonized by a saint, this is the story of Theresa Benedicta who was also a martyr.

Among the devoted vanguard of saints are a growing number of contemporary martyrs and a blaze of today's saints in the pious circle, doing remarkable work as intercessors on our behalf praying for the forgiveness of enemies drowning in the mainstream of hate and violence.

Edith Stein was born into a rich Jewish family in Breslan (Poland) in 1891. For reasons best known to her family, relatives and friends, Edith left Judaism while in her teens. She had been much influenced by the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila and began her amazing spiritual journey which took her to Baptism in 1922.

Edith may be considered a modern martyr. She is, perhaps the first female saint who studied phenomenology, a branch of philosophy. She was the protégé of Edmund Husserl, who was a leading phenomenologist at Göttingen University. Under his guidance she excelled in the field to observe facts and situations that exist or happen.

At Göttingen University Edith furthered her deep interest into the study of phenomenology, and her fascination for the subject helped her earn a doctorate in philosophy in 1916. For six years she worked with dedication at the University as a teacher till 1922. From the peaceful life of a teacher at the University Edith went to a Dominican school in Speyer.

The Way, the Truth and the Life, are the words of Jesus; it is also the profession of the Christian faith, it celebrates the triumph of the Cross, the Apostolic Tradition, the Word of God divinely revealed. St. Cyprian said, "No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother."

The book by St. Teresa of Avila gave many answers to Edith's spiritual yearnings. She became a Carmelite and took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, in 1934. Her journey in the Lord would now begin.

Such a move was to support the dream she had always wanted, to labor for Christ. Fate decided otherwise, World War II had suddenly torn apart the peace and beauty of Europe. The Germans rose to power under the notion that they were the 'Master Race'.

Sister Teresa had secured an appointment to be lecturer at the Educational Institute of Munich. The dream ended as the Germans took a stranglehold of all institutions and workplaces, using the brutal force of the dreaded Nazis.

Sr. Teresa Benedicta stayed at the Cologne Carmel from 1934 till 38. With the spread of tension, violence and hatred towards the Jews, Sr. Benedicta was rushed to the Carmelite monastery in Echt (Holland). By 1940 the Germans had occupied the whole country. They began arresting Dutch Jews who had converted to Christians, and all because the Dutch bishops had denounced the Nazis.

This unfortunate turn of events had a fatal outcome for Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa, who was also a Catholic. They were both taken to the gas chambers at Auschwitz and executed on 9th August 1942.

Sister Teresa Benedicta was beatified in 1987 by Pope John Paul II. Twelve years later in 1999 the Holy Father canonized her and raised her to the High Altar of the Church.

Her writings include 17 volumes with many translations in English. Even as a Catholic, Teresa Benedicta respected the Jewish beliefs of her mother.

In his homily at the canonization Mass, Pope John Paul II added: "A few days before her deportation, the woman religious had dismissed the question about a possible rescue: "Do not do it! Why should I be spared? Is it not right that I should gain no advantage from my Baptism? If I cannot share the lot of my brothers and sisters, my life, in a certain sense, is destroyed."

The saint had spoken.

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MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster (Born in April 1973), 5' 5" tall, looks much younger to her age, good looking, fair complexion with qualifications, B.Com. (Mumbai), M.B.A. Finance (Canada), M.B.A., (H.R.) and Diplomas in I.T. (NIIT), Comp. (APTEC), and Cert.Ind Acct. (I.C.A.), working in good position. Graduate / Post Graduate unmarried R.C. Bachelors upto 47 years, employed in good position and well settled in Mumbai or abroad. Contact email.: bellweather77@yahoo.com OR Mob.: 9892700617

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How you spend your time after work?

Morning routines are all buzz these days. Everyone has one, good or bad. But, only few people consider having an evening routine. Moreover, it may be tempting to go straight home after work, change into night suit and have meal. But in the long run, that may not be a recipe for success. If you don't have productive evening routine, you are missing out on the most rewarding and meaningful part of your day. If turns out; the most productive people have unique strategies to recharge after a long day of work:

The way you spend your time outside of work—what you do on your evenings, weekends, and vacations—can have a big impact on the trajectory of your career. If you want to be highly successful at work, you have to be thoughtful and intentional with the way you spend your time outside of work, too. Think back to your last few evenings, weekends, or holidays. How did you spend your time? Are your after-hours activities helping you to build the career that you want—or holding you back? If it's time for a new post-work ritual, here's a list to inspire you:

Have moments with the people you have: Happiness comes from embracing the now. Not letting those moments pass you by. Nothing in life is permanent. Kids grow up. Friends move away. Our loved ones pass on

from this life. For most of us, it is our evenings that we get to spend with the people we love. If we don't make



that a priority, and guard it from other things (including our own exhaustion and distraction), we won't do it. It has been said that you can know a person's priorities by looking at their planner. We plan our meetings, our lunches, and our workouts. Yet, most of us have never taken the time to put our loved ones into our planners.

Enjoy your hobbies: Most of our day is spent working. It can be difficult to spend time doing things that provide joy and variety to our lives. It's easy to brush these things off in our increasingly busy lives. Often, it is touted and praised to not have hobbies and to work ceaselessly. Yet, balance is key to happiness and success. Being serious all the time can increase stress and ultimately lead to depression. Making time for playful relaxation can facilitate inspiration, gratitude, and even flow. Consequently, spending 30 or so minutes at night on a hobby can rejuvenate you and add some fun into your life.

Tidy-up your house: A common

practice among successful business people is tidying up their workspace before they leave the office. That's because nobody enjoys the feeling of walking into a mess. Similarly,

taking a few minutes to tidy up your house before going to bed allows you to sleep in a clean space and wake up to a clean environment. This will reduce stress and decision fatigue. It also facilitates positive energy in the morning, which is essential for maintaining happiness and balance throughout the day.

Send Love To Yourself And Others It is a common meditative practice to meditate while lying in bed, just before going to sleep.

You take some deep breathes and reflect on the love you have for yourself and other people. Not only do you reflect, but you purposefully send positive energy or vibes to other people. This deepens your connect with them. A similar practice is nightly prayer, where you give thanks for your blessings and pray for the wellbeing of other people. These practices allow you to see life from a higher plane while connecting you with yourself and those you love.

- Your evening routine reflect your highest priorities in life. By carving out time, after work to rejuvenate yourself, you will find greater balance and happiness in life.
- Choose hobbies and side projects that you'll look forward to when you get home. Take classes and invest in yourself.
- Want more hours in your day? Exercise, it may seem counter - intuitive but, exercise is key. Even a walk around the block will make you feel energised.
- Stop working after work, rise early instead.



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6711 MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Bachelor, (Born in September 1985), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 67 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., IATA, working as Investment Banking Analyst. Contact email : tristan.fernandes85@gmail.com

6709 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1985), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn.MBA, working as a Logistics Operations. Contact email ; rosd2505@gmail.com

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6707. MUMBAI : Goan RC bachelor, (Born in June 1975), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 70 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., having own business. Seeks a Family oriented girl. Contact email : maxabreo@yahoo.com / maxabreo@vsnl.net

6705. MUMBAI : Anglo Indian RC bachelor, (Born in November 1979), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 45 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. H.S.C., Dip. Hotel Mgt., working for Groups of Hotels in Dubai. Contact email : dnfernz@gmail.com OR 9975878894

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6619 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1985), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 82 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA Finance, wok in MNC. Contact email : josh99.joshva@gmail.com

6612 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in October 1970), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 66 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HSC., Service. Contact 9167419437

6610. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1981), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 64 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. IT Engineering, working for Leading Engineering Company as a Solutions Architect. Contact email : krod1681@gmail.com

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6668. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1989), Ht. 5' 2", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., MBA in HR, working as a HR Professional in a Tata Group Company. Contact email : wilfyjoy@rediffmail.com OR 9860302527

6733. MUMBAI : East Indian RC Spinster, (Born in October 1989), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A. (Hons), & CS (Company Secretary) working as a Company Secretary in Financial Company. Contact email : suzettepereira@rediffmail.com

6732. MUMBAI : TAMILIAN RC Spinster, (Born in June 1990), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 52 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : adnadar@gmail.com

6730. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in June 1989), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 68 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., MBA Finance, doing B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : jgkelshikar@gmail.com

6712. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1988), 5' 1", Wt. 55 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Sc. Microbiology, working as a Quality of Map products. Contact email : anupereira@yahoo.com

6706. MUMBAI : Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1983), 5' 7", Wt. 78 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as an Accountant in **BAHRAIN.** Contact email : denis_an

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6611. MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, (Born in January 1988), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BMS, studying EMBA, working as a Sr. Analyst., Contact email : alliancecaldeira.nc@yahoo.com

6569. DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1985), Ht. 5' 2", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA - Finance, working as an Accountant in a private sector firm in DUBAI. Looking for a Roman Catholic alliance preferably working in UAE. Contact email : saldanha.leena7@gmail.com

6568. NEWYORK : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1990), Ht. 157 cms, Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.S. in Computer Science (USA), working as a Software Engineer. Seeks a similar qualification, having HIB Visa and working in USA below 30 years. Contact email : joymachado312@gmail.com

6514. PANVEL : Goan R.C. Spinster, (Born in March 1988), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 52 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Sc. Life Science & PGD, working as a Research Officer in well known Pharmaceutical company. Contact email : jcl376@rediffmail.com

6513. USA : Mangalorean R.C. Spinster, (Born in May 1985) Parents invite alliance from well educated Mangalorean R.C. Boy under 35 yrs., working

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6511. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in November 1990), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 75 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. MMS - HR, working as a Jr. Officer HR. Contact email : michelledsouza1990@gmail.com

6509. MUMBAI: Parents invite alliance for their daughter RC, (Born in May 1985), Fair, Pretty, BE, MBA, 5', 45 kgs, working for a reputed MNC in Mumbai from a suitable RC bachelor up to 35 years well educated, caring, understanding, well settled in India or abroad. Kindly email complete details with recent photograph to : elilierica7@gmail.com.

6505. MUMBAI: Mumbai based Mangalorean Roman Catholic parents invite alliance for their Beautiful daughter, (Born in May 1988), fair, smart, M.B.A., working as an Executive. Boy should be well educated, God fearing having good family background. Please contact with photograph & all details to Email: richard.dsouza17@gmail.com

6504. KUWAIT : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster (Born in June 1980), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 58 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., Computer, Finance, Banking Marketing Course & Airlines Course completed, employed as a Travel Co-ordinator in Kuwait. Seeks a groom preferable working in Kuwait. Contact Email : lucy777p@gmail.com

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6502. MUMBAI: Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1983), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 63 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Sc. Nursing, working as a ICU Nurse in Abudhabi - UAE. Seeks a well educated Mangalorean Bachelor with good family values. email: janydz_1484@yahoo.com

6501. MUMBAI: Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in September 1979), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 70 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., working as a Secretarial Officer. Contact email : asklavina@gmail.com

6500. MUMBAI: Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1975), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. S.Y.B.A., Pursuing TYBA., / ECCED (Teacher' Training Course), Teacher in a reputed Catholic School. Contact email : dmljanet@gmail.com or jdmello@rediffmail.com

6498. MUMBAI: Mangalorean RC Divorcee, 1st marriage annulled by the church, (Born in October 1984), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com, working as a S&Q Officer in Shipping company. Contact email : sanctity6498@gmail.com

6495. MUMBAI: Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in August 1990), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com / MBA, working as a Purchase Executive, Contact email : dsouza.deena833@gmail.com

6492. MUMBAI: Mangalorean Born Again Spinster, (Born in May 1987), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 53 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA in Finance, PGDM., working for a co-op. Bank in Mumbai. Contact email : brinliafernandes@yahoo.com

6488. MUMBAI: Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in January 1984), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 54 kgs, Fair and good looking, Edn. 12th Std., Beautician by profession. Contact email : sweta.ignatiusd-

souza@gmail.com

6484. BANGALORE: Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in September 1986), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., Nursing, working as a Nurse. Contact email : dsouza.antonette@gmail.com

6482 K.S.A.: Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in July 1983), Ht. 160 cms, Wt. Normal, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc. in Chem/ PGDMLT, Pathology Lab Technician (Instructor) in **KSA** since 10 years, well settled, seeks a suitable match. Contact email : mathew_680@yahoo.com

6481. MUMBAI: Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in November 1981), Ht. 5' 3", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Supervisor in Airport. Seeks a well settled bachelor. Contact email: linnnet_r@rediffmail.com

6479. MUMBAI: Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in November 1985), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, PGDM, working as a IT Engineer, Seeks a suitable match. Contact email : 2016onlyforyou@gmail.com

6478. MUMBAI: Mangalorean RC Parents from Mumbai seek alliance for their daughter (Born in September 1987) height 5' 4", Fair, highly educated, working as a Physiotherapist in States. Seeks a suitable match from states. Contact email : mariapereira1909@gmail.com

6475. MUMBAI: Mangalorean RC Parents from Mumbai seek alliance for their daughter (Born in March 1987) height 5', Charatered Accountant working in MNC in Mumbai for a reputed company, seeks for a qualified RC bachelor, aged upto 31 year's, with good family background and values. Preferably living in Mumbai or abroad. Contact email stanley_ds118@yahoo.com

6474. MUMBAI: Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, MBA, Fair, (Born in November 1983), 5' 1" / 46 kgs, employed with a reputed Pvt. firm. Seek alliance from India / Abroad. Please send details and photograph to email : fedora48@hotmail.com

6473. MUMBAI: Mangalorean Roman

Catholic Spinster, (Born in June 1982), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 68 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working in Bank as AVP in **LONDON**. Contact email : rati27@gmail.com

6470. MUMBAI: Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in September 1960), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. SSLC., working as a Care-taker. Contact : 9324953353

6469. RAJASTHAN: Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1987), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 65 kgs, fair and goodlooking, simple, loving, very understanding girl, Edn. M.A., B.Ed., CTET, Teacher by profession. Contact email : arleen_sunni@yahoo.co.in

6468. MUMBAI: Parents of R.C. Goan innocent divorcee, 1st marriage annulled by the church, (Born in September 1980) / 5' 2", looks much younger to her age, Only daughter, working in Muscat as a teacher, seeks preferably working and living India OR abroad below 42 years only. Contact email : carvalhovanessa28@yahoo.com

6464. MUMBAI: RC Spinster (Born in August 1985) 5'2", MBA (F) working as Manager HR seeks alliance from Qualified Bachelors having a good family background. Reply with details and photo to maryline.sebastian7@gmail.com

6461. MUMBAI: Parents of R.C. Mangalorean Spinster, (Born in May 1988) 5' 1", Only daughter, very fair, B.Com., seeks professionally qualified, well settled bachelors of good character and family background, preferably working and living abroad. Contact email : pashana72@gmail.com

6460. BANGALORE: Goan Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in February 1987), Only child, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Masters in Library & Information Science, working as an Asst., Librarian, seeks a boy preferably working in Bangalore. Contact email : gracefreitas@rediffmail.com

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It is designed to help you and your family members to enjoy the whole lot of benefits in one single package and at a special low rate

The Family Package is just Rs. 5000 for five years and the benefits are worth many fold more

The Package includes:

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1. Subscription to **the Secular Citizen** for five years
2. Advertisement space in **the Secular Citizen** (every year worth Rs. 1000) for five years **Rs. 5000**
3. Opportunity to learn over 200 Skill Learning Courses of your choice at www.limrt.com for five years (normally Rs. 500 is charged to learn each course) (Under **Family Package** you can learn courses of your choice)(eLearning)
4. Membership in **Royal Christian Family** for choosing the Life Partner for marriageable family members (Normally Rs. 2000 is charged for individual member for one year period) (Royal Christian Family offers services since 36 years in providing wide choice of Proposals for marriageable aged boys and girls) (www.royalchristianfamily.com)
6. And several other offers - opportunities throughout the 5year period.

For this scheme 'Family' includes: Father, Mother and Children

Confidentiality will be maintained

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The amount can be paid by NEFT, Cheque, DD, MO or by Cash (in the office)

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