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by Melville X D'Souza



Happy New Year, 2018

India is a land of many communities and each community keeps celebrating their New Year in a different way. In Maharashtra, it is celebrated on the first day of Chaitra. The day is called 'Gudi Padva' by the Marathi-speaking community. On this day the Maharashtrians get up early in the morning and wear traditional clothes. Outside the house or on the verandahs or balconies, the Gudi is put up. The Gudi is a long pole which is covered on the top with a silk cloth. A small garland of mango leaves is placed on it and a silver, copper or brass pot is inverted over it. The Tamilians celebrate their New Year on April 13. It is called 'Vashaparapu' by the Tamil-speaking community, which means, beginning of the year. Some Tamilians follow the tradition of keeping a mirror and a plate of sweets, fruits and money before the image of their God whom they worship. Gujaratis celebrate their New Year by visiting friends and relatives and taking their blessings on the day following Diwali. Muslims celebrate their New Year before the start of the Islamic year. The Parsis celebrate their New Year which is known as Pateti in August with prayers, greetings and giving away of alms to the poor. The Bengalis celebrate their New Year on the first day of Vaisakh, the month following Chaitra, which is considered the first month of the year by many Hindus. Christians celebrate their New Year on January 1 with a lot of merriment and by going to church. New Year celebrations are also popular in other parts of the world and each community keeps celebrating it in one way or the other.

The Christian New Year's Day on January 1 is the oldest of all holidays. About 4000 years ago, the Babylonians celebration lasted for eleven days. New Year's Day according to the Gregorian calendar on January 1 is one of the most popular occasions in India. Many people throughout the world celebrate this festive occasion with their loved ones or in large gatherings. Exchanging messages,



greeting cards and gifts are a part and parcel of the New Year celebration. The media too covers many New Year events which are showcased on prime channels for most of the day.



by Jubel D'Cruz

People who decide to stay indoors resort to these New Year shows for entertainment and fun. The age-old tradition of planning new resolutions for the coming year is a common sight among children and adults.

On New Year's Eve, a figure resembling an old man is made. The figure signifies all that should be dispensed with, such as evil thoughts, bad behaviour, and so on. The figure stands on a road or in by lanes and passersby often drop money into the box that is kept beside it. The effigy is set on fire at the stroke of midnight. The burning of the effigy signifies the end of the old year and the beginning of a new one. The money collected is used for partying by the people who have made the effigy. Most of us have forgotten that the New Year is not only a time for revelry but also for reflection.

New Year is a time to celebrate the start of something new. It is a time to make new promises, some to be broken, and some to be kept. It is also a time to look ahead and try to change things for the better. It is also a time to look behind and see what we may have done wrong, and how to change it. It is also a time to start new friendships and a time to ask for forgiveness from someone you've hurt. New Year is a joyous time of the year because we feel like we get to start all over again. On New Year's Day, people are happy, laughing, giggling and sharing about the events of the past year and those before.

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The Power of Simple Courtesy

by Don Aguiar

I **cringed** when I heard Mr JRD Tata ask the film's media rep, "Is there any way we can combine these last two interviews?"

I was waiting in the lobby of Tata's Bombay office to talk with Mr JRD Tata about 'Don't Look Down,' the documentary about his record breaking Mumbai - Lahore flight. Already that morning he had appeared on "CBS This Morning," brisk walked at the Chowpatty seafront, met with the Tata team, and conducted a series of other interviews.

"We could," she said, "but Pankaj Doval from Times Group is next..."

"Oh," he said. "I've been looking forward to speaking with Pankaj. Let's not combine them after all."

Do I believe Mr Tata actually knew who I was? Heck no. But I do believe, out of the corner of his eye, he glimpsed me standing there, and chose courtesy over expediency. Classy move

A couple of minutes later I was ushered into a conference room. Mr Tata stood to introduce himself and then sank heavily back into his chair. As I took my seat a staffer placed a sandwich beside him.

He smiled and looked apologetic. "It's been a long day, and I'm famished," he said.

"Please, feel free," I said. "I totally understand. In fact, I once brought my lunch to a job interview." (I actually did.)

He smiled. "Did you get the job?" he asked.

"Oh, hell no," I said, and we both laughed.

"Well, I would like to eat, but I can't unless you join me," he said, offering me half of his sandwich.

"No thanks," I said. "I'm fine. But I would love for you to go ahead, because I

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wanted our conversation to be casual and not feel like an interview."

He paused. "I really must insist," he said. "I won't be able to eat unless you join me."

Who says "no" twice to Mr Tata? Not me. So I took small bites of my half, while he dug in to his.

For a moment, imagine you're Mr JRD Tata. You run dozens of different companies. (Shoot, you're creating a commercial space line) You correspond with world leaders. You're a philanthropist and humanitarian and adventurer. You're near the top of every business writer's interview wish list.

Hundreds of people need and thousands of people want, a moment of your time.

Yet one day you notice a guy you don't know in your peripheral vision and no matter how busy or tired you feel and no matter how pressing other matters may be, you decide to be gracious -- not because you have to, not because you're expected to, but simply because you want to.

The next time a person asks for your help, offer to do a little more than requested. The next time you see a person who seems unsure, hesitant, or feeling out of place, take the time to help them feel more comfortable.

As Maya Angelou says, "People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel."

I still remember what we talked about... but what I remember most about Mr JRD Tata is how he made me feel.

If you want to make a great impression on the people you meet, that's the perfect place to start.

Let's start the NEW YEAR 2018 keeping these qualities in mind – THE POWER OF SIMPLE COURTESY.

Activists welcome Cardinal Gracias' help for martyrdom of Kandhamal victims

Bhubaneswar: Human right activists have welcomed the Cardinal Oswald Gracias' willingness to facilitate with Vatican and offer Canonical assistance for martyrdom process of Kandhamal victims.

"As Cardinal points out that the process of martyrdom needs to start with the Archdiocese of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar, Odisha, in examining and studying the documents, I do feel that we have not done job in right earnest and urgency that the process deserves," Father Ajaya Kumar Singh, director of Odisha Forum for Social Action, told Matters India.

"I do feel it as a priest from the Archdiocese. We need assistance as to how and what of 'process of martyrdom' requirement and working towards to it. In this juncture, it is quite reassuring that the Cardinal has offered to support canonical assistance with his trained personnel for the same. I do welcome the assistance and am sure the Archbishop John Barwa of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar would take up with the Cardinal to realise the collaborative efforts so that those who have been martyred suitably recognized to inspire the Christians worldwide," said Father Singh, human rights activist and social worker.

Singh works for social works, justice and peace for Odisha Bishops' Council, based in Bhubaneswar, state capital, Eastern India.

Kandhamal violence 2008 is now ten years since the largest and biggest anti-Christian violence in India in 300 years. The victims have been maimed, murdered in very gory manners and destroyed houses, churches and plants in a way; one cannot comprehend. When Cardinal Oswald says that he is touched by a widow seeking Church not her children future support but martyrdom for her husband's faith.

(Courtesy: Matters India)

Pope Francis' Checklist for Good Journalism!

On 16 December 2017, Pope Francis spoke to about 350 members of the Italian Periodical Press Union and the *Italian Federation of Catholic Weeklies*, who met him at the Vatican. (These are cornerstones for Indian Journalism too – Some guidelines):

"Journalism must prize 'truth' and fruitful reflection over sensationalism and clamor. It is important that the criteria for judgment and information are offered patiently and methodically, so that public opinion is able to understand and discern; and is not stunned and disoriented."

"Journalism must embody sincerity, precision and completeness. It must use calm language, and thoughtful, clear words, and steer clear from ambiguous speech. Your free and responsible voice is fundamental for the growth of any society that wants to be called democratic; such that a continuous exchange of ideas, and a profitable debate based on real and correctly reported facts are assured. It must create in readers a healthy critical sense that allows them to ask appropriate questions and make justifiable conclusions."

"There is no need to fall into the 'sins of communication', such as misinformation, calumny, or defamation. These are grave sins that damage the heart of the journalist, profane their noble profession, and poison the people."

And may I intervene with the consoling words of the teaching and walking Journalist, JESUS: "The Spirit of truth will guide you into all that is truthful. He will glorify Me, because He will take what is Mine and declare it to you" (Jn 16:13-14).

—Dr. Trevor Colaso, *Bandra (W), Mumbai – 400 050.*



Congratulation to Don Aguiar

I must congratulate Don Aguiar on his article in Dec. 11 issue "Societal Undercurrents....." His droll and imaginative use of an old fable as an exposition of the current political culture in the country is impeccable. Even the present dispensation in power is reluctantly compelled to continue with the holy cow of "Reservation", -- While nepotism is part of the Indian psyche! More power to his elbow!

The present government has its own share of holy (or unholy) cows : Hindutva! The demonification of Muslims now evokes memories of the plight of the Jews

during Hitler's Third Reich. The Goebellsian tactic of repeating a lie often enough till it is believed, appears to have been adopted by lumpen fringe elements e.g. demonetisation will eliminate black money, GST will end tax evasion, Aadhar is optional, the government is for the poor, "aache din" are coming, Christians convert by allurements, Muslims are involved in "love jihad", Congress is conspiring with Pakistan to hijack Gujarat elections and so on, ad infinitum!

Cry my beloved country!

—Clifford P Pais,
Mit Chowk, Malad.

Curbing food wastage at weddings

Diktats by religious heads generally do not go down well with the community members. So too with the recent diktat issued to the Dawoodi Bohra community regarding wedding celebrations. However, one aspect of the diktat, regarding food items to be

served at weddings ,must be appreciated and needs to be replicated by all other religious communities, including our Catholic community, as these celebrations are getting more opulent by the day. The Dawoodi Bohra community wedding celebrations are now restricted to only four delicacies (down from 10) and just one starter and one dessert . This move is aimed at curbing rampant wastage at weddings.

The CBCI may consider issuing an 'advisory' on similar lines, so that ostentation during wedding celebrations is curbed to some extent.

—Prof Robert Castellino
Mumbai

Feast of the Epiphany

Epiphany, celebrated on January 6, is one of the most important feasts of the Catholic Church in which we celebrate the 'manifestation of Jesus Christ' to the Gentiles, through his manifestation to the three wise men known as Magi. Epiphany is also the last day of Christmas when the three wise men (Magi) presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Jesus and go separate ways.

— Jubel D'Cruz,
Mumbai

St Stephen - the First Martyr

The words of the famous Christmas carol Good King Wenceslas were written by John Mason Neale and published in 1853 refer to the feast of St Stephen celebrated on December 26.

Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen

When the snow lay round about

Deep and crisp and even

St Stephen or Stephenis in Greek was a Jew of Greek descent whose family became a follower of Jesus when he converted to Christianity.

One year after Jesus/Lord's death the young Church at Jerusalem had over 5000 souls and the Apostles needed to officially delegate some of their duties to seven Deacons ie preaching, baptising and the fair distribution of alms among the needy brethren and Stephen was the first to be ordained - he was a young man taught by the great Gamliel and received a thorough pharisaic education and since he spoke Greek he could devote himself to the Hellenistic converts who were looked down upon by the Palestinian Jews.

A man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit full of grace and fortitude St Stephen did his apostolic work with the greatest zeal and God blessed it by enabling him to perform great wonders and signs and he preached repeatedly in the Synagogue of the Freed Men ie descendants of those Jews who had been captured as children in 63 BC ,carried off to Rome by Pompey and freed there and in the Synagogues of the Hellenist Jews from Cyrene, Alexandria, Sicilia and

Asia who preferred to worship by themselves -there were over 400 such alien houses of worship in Jerusalem .

He fearlessly proved to his hearers that our Lord had come to save all -not merely the Chosen People and that the Church was separate and

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Pursuing Peace

A new year has just dawned! To the hoots of sirens and the blasts of trumpets, to firework displays and the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' the world bade goodbye to 2017 and welcomed yet another year. As one looked back the past year, there was certainly much to be thankful for. Our good God continued to rain down his blessings in abundance to all. Yes, tragedies and suffering continued to be the lot of many too. Sadly

many of the tragedies, which affected millions across the globe, though referred to as 'natural' calamities, are in reality man-made caused by greed, over-consumption, wanton destruction of the eco-systems and over-exploitation of natural resources. Above all, war and violence continued to rule the roost; peace in 2017 remained as elusive as ever.

Come 2018 the world will continue to pursue peace. It will not be easy by any count. Despotic leaders, who seem to revel in war and violence, control a good part of the world today. They constantly search for the 'enemy' – very often far away from their own shores. The military-industrial complex has reaped rich profits (drenched in blood) in the recent past. Some economies thrive when wars continue elsewhere. Then there are those countries, which continuously display an arrogance doing what they want, aggravating violence and tension in other parts of the world, despite UN resolutions or the common understanding of most other countries.

It is therefore fitting that for the fifty-first time, the Catholic Church celebrates New Year Day as the '**World Day of Peace**' with a universal call for substantial action in the pursuit of peace. This year the message of Pope Francis

is based on the theme '**Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace**'. Given the challenges that most migrants and refugees face today the message is not merely relevant, it is an urgent call to action. The message begins with the words, "Peace to all people and to all nations on earth! Peace, which the angels proclaimed to the shepherds on Christmas night, is a profound aspiration for everyone, for each individual and all peoples, and especially for those who most keenly suffer its absence." Pope Francis making it very clear that his message is addressed

to all, that peace is something we all long for and above all, there are people in this world like migrants and refugees who are deprived of it.

He goes on to say that migrants and refugees are also genuinely in search of peace. They flee "war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands"- because they have no choice. They long for a more stable, safe and secure environment – in which they can live peacefully, with dignity, equity and liberty. These are, as Pope Francis says, "men and women, children, young and elderly people, who are searching for somewhere to live in peace. In order to find that peace, they are willing

to risk their lives on a journey that is often long and perilous, to endure hardships and suffering, and to encounter fences and walls built to keep them far from their goal".

His message of peace is a call to embrace them in a spirit of compassion. He goes on to add, "We know that it is not enough to open our hearts to the suffering of others. Much more remains to be done before our brothers and sisters can once again live peacefully in a safe home. Welcoming others requires concrete commitment, a network of assistance and goodwill, vigilant and sympathetic attention, the responsible management of new and complex situations that at times compound numerous existing problems, to say nothing of resources, which are always limited. By practising the virtue of prudence, government leaders should take practical measures to welcome, promote, protect, integrate and, "within the limits allowed by a correct understanding of the common good, to permit [them] to become part of a new society."

In the face of growing xenophobia, racism, jingoism and exclusiveness, Pope Francis highlights the fact that migrants and refugees contribute significantly to the societies, which accept them; besides when host communities transcend bigotry, there is



BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH SJ

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mutual enrichment. *“When we turn that (contemplative) gaze to migrants and refugees, we discover that they do not arrive empty-handed. They bring their courage, skills, energy and aspirations, as well as the treasures of their own cultures; and in this way, they enrich the lives of the nations that receive them. We also come to see the creativity, tenacity and spirit of sacrifice of the countless individuals, families and communities around the world who open their doors and hearts to migrants and refugees, even where resources are scarce”.*

Pope Francis makes a fervent appeal to all to mainstream what he refers to as the ‘Four mileposts for action’: **to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate** migrants and refugees. *“Offering asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and victims of human trafficking an opportunity to find the peace they seek requires a strategy combining four actions: welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating.”* He goes on to provide explanations of how these mileposts for action can be realized practically.

Finally, in keeping with a commitment made by 193 nations in September 2016, he challenges world leaders to keep up to their promise. *“It is my heartfelt hope this spirit will guide the process that in the course of 2018 will lead the United Nations to draft and approve two Global Compacts, one for safe, orderly and regular migration and the other for refugees. As shared agreements at a global level, these compacts will provide a framework for policy proposals and practical measures. For this reason, they need to be inspired by compassion, foresight and courage, to take advantage of every opportunity to advance the peace-building process. Only in this way can the realism required of international politics avoid surrendering to cynicism and to the globalization of indifference”.*

Our ‘common home’ has been very much in the vision of Pope Francis:

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distinct from the synagogue and he reproved the Pharisees for their obstinacy and hard hearts in not recognising but crucifying the long awaited Messiah.

Defeated in all debates and hurt in their pride the enraged Hebrews fanned riotous disturbances, spread calumnies and finally had Stephen arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin on accusations of blasphemy and his fiery eloquent defence of the Church and his enumeration of God's past mercies towards Israel and the latter's ingratitude raised their fury even more and they dragged Stephen outside the city and stone him in accordance with the Mosaic law against blasphemy.

Stephen's hands were tied and he was placed on a hillock from which official witnesses had to knock him to the ground and then drop upon him a stone which two men could carry and as a true follower of his Lord St Stephen's thoughts were for his persecutors: Lord, lay not this sin to their charge !

And with Lord Jesus receive my spirit he gave up his spirit - the first Martyr to shed his blood for the young Church.

For centuries St Stephen's tomb was unlocatable until 415 when a priest called Lucian learned by revelation that the saint's sacred body was in Capher, Gamala north of Jerusalem

the way we treat it, nurture it; the way we care for another very specially for the excluded like migrants and refugees. Every human year for peace and so do the migrants and refugees. As we enter a New Year, we all need to do our best to make peace more tangible. Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating the excluded: migrants, refugees and others forcibly displaced will surely lead to that peace we all pursue!

* (Fr Cedric Prakash sj is a human

and on exhumation the relics were taken first to the Mount Sion church and then to the basilica erected by Eudocia outside the Damascus Gate on the spot where traditionally the stoning had taken place - the opinion that the saint's martyrdom scene was east of Jerusalem near the gate called St Stephen's gate was unheard of till the twelfth century.

The site of the Eudocian basilica was identified twenty years ago and a new edifice has been erected on the old foundations by the Dominican Fathers.

The only source of first hand information on the life and death of St Stephen is from the Acts of the Apostles 6 : 1 - 8.2.

St Stephen is represented in Christian Art by the manner of his death symbolised by the stone on his shoulder and another in his head and the book in his left hand is the Gospel he preached first before he was stoned and his dress is that of a deacon because St Peter appointed him to that office during his ministry.

According to chapters 6 and 7 of the Acts of the Apostles St Stephen was condemned and stoned to death and this scene is depicted in the Dutch artist Rembrandt's The story of Saint Stephen.

Thus we see the importance of St Stephen.

—Peter Castellino

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What counts more for our success - Talents at birth or Different kinds of nurtures we are exposed to?

by Eric D'Sa

These days, our politics unfortunately is all about our religions and castes. We are born into the religion of our parents and we are told as per the laws of the country we can not change that, without the consent of a Magistrate. So if I want to after I become a major, an atheist or an agnostic or join any other religion, I have to get the permission of the government. The freedom of thought enshrined in our constitution be damned. This also goes with the rigid caste system. For centuries or may be millenniums, the caste system has determined what type of jobs one can aspire to do, depending on the caste in which he or she is born into. After independence GOI has tried hard to eliminate this socially disruptive and culturally damaging caste system, with limited success. For many Indians especially at the bottom of the pyramid, it is unfortunately an accepted fact, that whether you are born with talent or not, it does not make much difference, as long as you are not born to a right caste or class parents.

This hypothesis is now being challenged. Some recent research appears to support the fact that nurtures from the time we are conceived and are in our mothers womb, be born and grow into an adult, do play a very important role in what we become in life. It is being increasingly recognised that much of the disparities that we see in our societies, are fuelled by lack of good nutrition, medicare and education during the above growth period. It is being accepted that the social influence, the environment of upbringing, quality of parenting, seem to have a lot of bear-

ing than just the natural ability that genetically one acquires from the parents. Many Indians brought up in the environment of caste, subscribe to a casual, reflexive faith in the primacy of inborn ability. We are even advised that the Madrasis Brahmins are highly skilled in maths because of the natural inborn ability of mastering numbers, the Sikhs have an inborn ability to fight battles, the Gujaratis are basic bannias from berth

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and Bengalis are lazy to the bone and only talk. So Indians seem in a general way, to really believe in the primacy of the inborn ability.

There is also a common belief that life outcomes are heavily determined by IQ. We are confidently advised that that this Intelligent Quotient of a human being is relatively stable from birth, no matter what education you acquire. But carefully conducted experiments are proving that this hypothesis is false. They clearly show that good education actually raises the IQ substantially. This has been concluded after studies that surveyed more than 600,000 people, a huge sample and the years of education they received due to state policies. The survey found consistent evidence that each year of additional education had beneficial effects on cognitive abilities. There was an increase of around 1 to 5 points in IQ for each additional year of Education. Hence education appears to be the most consistent, robust and durable method that has been identified until now by research for rais-

ing intelligence. This has an absolute and enormous effect on what a large group of people can achieve with universal education. Though these surveys do under estimate the the nature acquired at birth, they clearly indicate nurture in the form of sound education is extremely powerful

Closer look at the poor and recent research has shown, that generally poorer students give up putting in a lot of effort in improving themselves as they have no incentive to do so. The gains from putting a lot of hard work seems too distant and illusive. This is specially so as they become teenagers and are able to asses the circumstances of their

family life and the struggle and sacrifices that their parents have to make to give them good education. So the efforts required to get out of the rut of poverty, starts slackening because of the environment in which the young grow. When you are born and grow up in a slum surrounded with much of failures, it is difficult to be different without successful mentors as role models. If you follow students who had obtained similar marks at school levels, which showed they had similar intellectual capability, as they grow up, huge gaps start to appear between the rich and the poor students. Poor people, women and lower caste people find it difficult to obtain the required experience, as they are kept away from exposure to the the intellectual demanding, rigorous and highly compensated form of work. It is relatively easy for students of well educated successful and rich parents, living in homes and neighbourhood with role models, to be motivated to become successful.

At times we hear in schools of stu-

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dents who are struggling to obtain good marks, being attributed of them being from families who belong to schedule tribes or schedule castes. Even the teachers at times forget that these students come from one room tenements, with very little privacy and considerable amount of distraction. They also spend a lot of their spare time helping their parents earn a decent living and specially in case of girls, do a lot of household chores while their mothers are working at a poorly paid jobs. These students are competing with students who have separate study rooms, a private tutor and additional study material. In present times they have their own smart phones and tablets and access to the internet which is a huge advantage in gaining knowledge. Even at work places, many a time a relatively poor performance of a manager is attributed to their caste, while with others it is attributed to unavoidable circumstances.

As long as governments and the financially well to do people keep in mind, that though the nature of your berth, your religion or your caste, your community, does play a role of how successful you are, it is not necessarily the deciding factor for success. The different kind of nurture the people are exposed to, do matter in a big way in determining success. Effort matters, education matters, social environment matters, economic support matters. The country would be better, richer, and a more equal and peaceful place, if less importance is given to natural talent we are born with, due to our religion, caste, economic condition, than in providing the required natures to specially the disadvantaged poor to improve their human potential. You the Citizens will have to decide on how you will provide the required natures to the ones who are born poor to become successful human beings. That will depend, if you really believe, as your faith has thought you, that we are all born as equal children of God.

Vatican Launched 2 Projects!

These programs were broadcast by private television Channel 5 on the night of 24 December 2017; and was a "great success"! This charity concert took place live on 16 December in the Vatican's Pope Paul VI Hall, which celebrated its 25th anniversary.

It was produced by Prime Time Promotions, and organized by the Don Bosco in the World Foundation and the "Scholas Occurrentes", a Papal Foundation. It was watched by an estimated 2,463,000 TV viewers, with a 14.6% participation, as well as spectators who followed it on Mediaset Italy, which aired it in the United States, Canada, Australasia, Central and South America, and Europe

The concert launched a fundraising campaign to support two vital projects related to the world of Digital Communication! 1. To liberate children working as slaves in the Congolese Coltan Mines, the mineral ore necessary to make computers and intelligent phones. 2. To combat cyber-bullying!

The "Scholas Occurrentes" was founded by Pope Francis, and operates 446,113 public and private schools worldwide. Its 'vision' is to realize an integrated and a peaceful society for the common good! -So that, "The God of hope by the power of the Holy Spirit may fill all with joy and peace" (Romans 15:13).

—Dr. Hazel Colaso,
Bandra (W), Mumbai.

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Humour

Two donkeys were strolling in Jerusalem when one of them said, "Just yesterday I was passing here carrying Jesus, and everyone was singing and dancing and clapping their hands and I was even stepping on their clothes. And today not even one of them recognizes me".

The second donkey looked at him for a while and then responded, "My friend in this world without Jesus you are nothing!!"

— Jubel D'Cruz,
Mumbai

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Thanksgiving



Thanks to St. Anthony for the favours granted

—Joel L. Sequeira
Mangaluru

People's ratings are important

It is nice to be rated by acclaimed agencies like the Moody's which moved the country one notch up and there was euphoria all over in the government and the ruling party. They were all praise for the rating agency which a year back or two downgraded India. It was then that all those who matter were quick to tell the country that such agencies are biased towards the western world and therefore cannot be relied upon. Besides they said such agencies do not understand the realities of this part of the world and therefore any opinion by them cannot reflect the real situation. They mocked the opposition for relying too much on such agencies. The same biased agency upgrades the nation and suddenly it becomes highly reliable and accurate.

A few weeks later another such agency Standard and Poor [S & P] did not upgrade the country but maintained status quo. Understandably, the government did not offer any comment on the decision of S & P and preferred to ignore that assessment. This gave the opposition a handle to take on the government. They maintained that not everything is hunky dory with the economic health of the nation. Here again the opposition was targeted for not being 'patriotic' to celebrate Moody's rating. What is there to be patriotic about such issues? Don't exploit patriotism.

What is important for the country is how the general public perceives the performance of the government. What rating agencies give, matters little to them. In this exercise, the views of the poor and the middle class matter because it is this segment that is badly affected by inflation particularly the prices of day to day items. The rich hardly experience the pain of rising prices. A few hundred rupees do not make any difference to them. But to an ordinary man who lives on his meager income feels the pinch with each rupee that he needs to spend extra. The prices of vegetables, pulses, eggs, onions and a host of other things have shot up very sharply in the last few months. Each month adds a few more items to the list where prices go northwards. Petrol and diesel prices are increasing all the time. Diesel prices affect the prices of all items.

The overall progress of a country is definitely important. The world around

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is influenced by the good progress made by a country especially the positive aspect of such development. Naturally other countries want to emulate you and see if they can achieve likewise. Space Science is important. Similarly progress in various other fields like engineering, agricultural, science, all add to the stature of a nation and the country has done well in these areas.

The Prime Minister is happy that the country is showing signs of revival but he fails to feel the pain and anguish of his people which is very important for a leader. The Opposition parties [BJP was one such not long ago] are bound to downplay the perceived economic growth. They want the fruits of such development to be enjoyed by the people. They rightly feel that the country is not really ready for a bullet train though it is desirable in the long run. For the Prime Minister to say that those opposing the bullet train should travel by bullock cart is an insult to the poor animal – the bull. [Thank God it is not a cow]. It appears the PM was confused by the famous words of the French queen – Marie Antoinette. He should have said 'If people cannot afford to travel by bullock cart, let them travel by bullet train'. That would have reflected the reality obtaining in the country.

Polluted Cricket

India came out trumps in the just concluded test series against the lowly Lankans who managed however to salvage part of their pride by putting up a determined fight in the last encounter. The first test was saved by bad light while the second test was decisively won by India. With nine cricket series won in a row under the leadership of Virat Kohli, India has emulated Australia which has done it before more than once. The country with a well balanced team, is ruling the cricket world literally. It makes the country feel proud that this team is able to deliver and deliver decisively. ODI is a different ball game and the Lankans have started well.

The people of Delhi have been facing the pollution problem for quite some time and the intensity increases during this part of the year. We all know it. Yet we decide to have a 5 day test match in December in Delhi when there are so many other venues to choose from. Was



by Marshall Sequeira

BCCI not aware that the quality of air deteriorates in December and for players to bear this for five long days was nothing but sheer idiocy? Are we only concerned with the financial gains? Was the team not aware of this problem? Surprisingly, the Lankans also did not question the wisdom of the cricket authorities in India to hold a test match in Delhi when the issue has been hitting headlines for months together – thanks to the politics of the BJP and AAP. When you have dual governance, you come to a situation when one blames the other. The general public suffers.

When the Lankans donned masks there were murmurs that they are doing so to hide their incompetence on the field. Our own team refrained from wearing the protective masks, perhaps to show that 'all is well'. There was also a protest from the Sri Lankan team and they wanted to stop the game mid-way as their boys were really uncomfortable. Soon the Indian team members faced discomfort. There is nothing in the rule book to stop the game for pollution problems.

Members from both sides even vomited on the field and this reflected poorly on the administrators of the game of cricket and the governments of Delhi as well as Centre. Remember this is the capital of the country when there is a stream of foreign dignitaries, day in and day out. What sort of impression are we giving to the outside world? While nature has its own ways, there are issues, which are man-made. That is a matter of concern. Surely, the Prime Minister can find a solution to the unnecessary tussle between the Centre and the Delhi administration. Perhaps he has no time for such trivial issues. Ram Mandir and what religions others follow concern him more. It is a shame that the ICC has stepped in and will discuss this issue at its next meeting. Nothing could be worse. –

Here's wishing all readers of
The Secular Citizen
a Pollution Free New Year – 2018.

Love is a personal commitment. It is to be taken seriously. Love does not mean that a couple may 'fall out of love'. Know the meaning of true love, and that is, "Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance." (1.Cor.13:7).

Love leads to marriage. And the sacrament of marriage is to be defended and protected, for better or worse.

The fundamental truth on the nature of marriage is that the sacramental character of matrimony is a sacrament of the New Law. The core of a Christian nuptial has always been a profound conviction that it confers an interior divine blessing

"Marriage is primarily a matter of mutual destiny", said Herman Alexander von Keyserling.

2018 by God's grace will bring a year of fresh hope, trust and promise; according to the Christian tradition of faith and belief in the one true God who forgives, waiting to embrace the sinner and those seeking the truth.

Every month throughout the year is to welcome Christian couples in a spiritual blessing, to change the world for a better vision, by their love. Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Facebook and his wife prepared an open letter to their newborn daughter: "We want you to grow up in a world better than ours today".

According to the British writer, Gerald Brenan, "In a happy marriage it is the wife who provides the climate, the husband the landscape".

The institution of marriage started with our first parents, Adam and Eve, and was later affirmed by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We discover in the study of the gospels that elaboration on the subject was made with firm resolve by the Apostle Paul.

A Christian marriage is always between baptized persons; and by verdict of the New Law is a sacrament for all Christians, an indubitable fact. It was from the 13th



Love And Protect Your Marriage

century that the sacramental character of marriage became a dogma.

Marriage is a contract of religious consecration for those who receive it at the altar.

Pope Leo XIII in his Encyclical "Arcanum" (1880), stated: "To the teachings of the Apostles, indeed, are to be referred the doctrines which our holy fathers, the councils, and the tradition of the Universal Church have always taught, namely that Christ Our Lord raised marriage to the dignity of a sacrament. "



BY MELVYN BROWN

Truly, a Christian marriage is modeled on the spiritual tapestry of the union between Christ and the Church. Marriage on the mundane plain is blessed with being a mysterious symbol of God's love; signifying the supernatural and the divine plan coming together in a bond of true faith. In Saint Paul's letter to the Hebrews, he writes, " Let marriage be held in honor by all ..."(Heb.13:4).

To honor the union of a Christian couple is a sign of grace which enters their life; an efficacious power of a great sacrament. There have been, at times, negative attitudes and expressions on conjugal and wedded unions, which ignore the truth, the essence of God's gift to humankind at the moment of their creation.

Let us now glance at what the Bible says about matrimony: Surprisingly, not many followers are aware of the practical uses of marriage as shown in the Bible. It is

said that love must take priority in a marriage, often, intimately and seriously. In 1 Corinthians 7:3-4, "The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs. The wife gives authority over her body to her husband and the husband gives authority over his body to his wife".

Love is a commitment. It is to be taken seriously. Love does not mean that a married couple may "fall out of love". Know the meaning of true love, and what would that be, "Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance." 1 Cor. 13:7.

It is a common human and Christian right for a man and a woman to show respect and love for each other. There are times when the hardest moments in a marriage arrives when love is given by one spouse and the other is unlovable with no show of respect. "So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband." Eph. 5:33.

A couple should be together in everything. The argument of 'his' and 'hers' is not tolerable, calling for emotional pain and struggle. Marriage is to share. And do not keep secrets or allow your loved one to "handle it all". In the Book of Genesis 2:24 it is written: "This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." Gen. 2:24.

Above all, love God. The more you love God in your life and in your marriage He will help you as a couple to love each other. After all, God is always within your relationship through your times of stress, pain and transparency. He is also there for your joy, victory and happiness. "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid: do not be discouraged" Deut.31:8.

Defend. Protect. And be there for each other. Marriage makes a couple one in the flesh.

Milagres Mansion ' Old Mall' in M'luru

by Ivan Saldanha-Shet

It is not a surprise that in the smart rapidly transforming and expanding city of Mangaluru also still called 'Mangalore', in the celebratory seasons and New Year; it is common to find the traditional shoppers around Milagres and Hampankatta. These folks you can see are of a very wide strata and base of society.....from all over India, Mumbai more likely....and and the world, Gulf, Far East, Oz, Canada, USA, Europe and so on and affluent. Apart from long lists of all kinds of everything, religious articles and at the season just going by Cribs, stars, decorations, gifts are a plenty. Popping into the age old Tajmahal or



first holy communions, and weddings under one roof. The history of the the company dates back to 1932, when Simon & Co manufactured statues and sold religious articles, books and records. The manufacturing of statues continued under the name Simon & Co, while the retail sale of religious articles began under the name Jerosa Company in 1967.

"The variety we offer here has led us to success. Any function at a Catholic family's house, and you can find here all that you need. There are shops in the city which offer products, but when you need everything at a single place, Jerosa Company is the answer. We have dedicated customers from Udupi, Kundapur, Karwar and as far as Kannur in Kerala, visiting overseas Mangaloreans are frequent visitors" says the dynamic entrepreneur Ullas Rasquinha, son of the well known late John Rasquinha..

Jerosa Company has been serving people and parishes in and around Mangaluru, and all over the district. Over the years the business has grown immensely. Knowing the ever changing wants and needs of the catholic families, Jerosa Company has been continually striving to offer the best. Located in the heart of the city, opposite the land-mark Milagres church, the outlet has a large collection of Bibles and Christian books, personal devotion, greeting cards and gifts, candles, baptism and al-

tar items, first holy communion, weddings, decorations, Christmas, books, devotional music CDs and also baptism, communion and wedding requisites - other shops here also do.

Pioneer 'Simon Art Co' : Simon&Co, of Mangalore, where Statues and art are created to enhance the devotion in churches far and wide is on Simon Lane, Angelore, for several decades. Recently with demands transforming technology ruling, Simon & Co first established in 1932, has become 'Simon Art Co'. It is an exclusive art creator specialist founded by the legendary Simon Sylvester Rasquinha. Presently proudly run by



Motimahhal for buns, biscuit-roti and fine filter coffee and of course a quick visit to Milagres church to whisper prayers sure. But, the focus are Jerosa, Gem, Konkani Traders, Pauline Bookshop, Mangalore Stores....and more, all housed at the famous 'Milagres Mansion' a kind of a old version 'Mall'. The spirit around here exudes attractions unknown. Jerosa formerly Simon & Co is always remembered for it's range and variety....name it they have it.

Jerosa @ 50 : Year 2017 was a land mark year for Jerosa, in April it marked half a century, all of 50 years and a new modrn out let for 'Bridal & Party' stuff was opened in a memorable manner. Jerosa Company is perhaps the only retail store in the city to get all the requisites for christenings,



the third generation of the Rasquinha



clan, son of Arthur Rasquinha the

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When the 'Christmas Star' shones bright

Christmas is the much awaited festival among Christians. The season starts with Advent i.e the spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. It is during Advent that a group of people of different age group go around the parish singing Christmas Carols.

As a part of the Christmas preparation, The Bombay Catholic Sabha Vikhroli Unit of St. Joseph's Church, Vikhroli organized the 80th annual community wise Christmas Star Competition for the (involving the parishioners and the youth) on 23rd December 2017. The winners will be announced during the mid night mass and will be awarded with trophies and cash gift envelope immediately after final prayers on 24th night by the main celebrant.

The Christmas star symbolizes the star of Bethlehem which according to the evangelist Matthew, has guided the three kings to the infant Jesus. The star leads them to Jesus' home in the town, where they worship him and give him gifts.

The Christmas star symbolizes high hopes and high ideals - hope for good fortune, hope for reaching above oneself.

This event is one of the much awaited events among the parishioners, with parishioners joining in large numbers to encourage their participating community team.

The Stars were on display on 24th morning for the parishioners and visitors to view the same. The Stars will be on display till January 6th the

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feast of The Three Kings known as Epiphany.

Total Ten stars representing various zones had participated in the competition with Stars prepared on the basis of specific themes. The three Judges namely sister Smita from Holy Trinity Church powai, Mr. Agnelo Rodrigues social activists n Mrs Pauline Serro vice chairperson from St. Pius church Mulund were impressed with the level of creativity and competition among the 10 participants.

Further special guest Mr. Sanjay more senior inspector of Police from vikhroli East Police was unable to make it.

Our members met him personally at his office today and honored him with BCS badge, certificate of appreciation n a trophy for his support n excellent performance.

*Input by
Mario Rodrigues
BCS Chairperson
Vikhroli Unit.*

BCS ANNUAL STAR COMPETITION -2017

Here are the list of winners:

- 1st Prize- St. Lawrence – Community 4 Godrej Hillside
- 2nd Prize- Divine Mercy- Community 10 station east Vikhroli
- 3rd Prize- St. Peter's – Community 2 Surya Nagar

*Consolation Prize
(in a random order)*

- 1. St. Ignatius of Loyola - Community 1 Station road Vikhroli west
- 2. Our lady of Velankanni – Community 6Hariyali Village
- 3. St. Anthony – Community 13 Tagore Nagar chawls
- 4. Tamil Association
- 5. Our lady of good counsel- Community 7Kannamwar Nagar 1
- 6. Mother Theresa – Community 8 Kannamwar Nagar 2

Special Award-

Best Team Work- Holy CrossSanghani- Community 9

Nails give health warnings



Nails can offer an important glimpse into your overall health. It turns out that just having strong and healthy nails isn't good news for you. These unpleasant nail symptoms could serve as a red alert and indicate bigger health problems.

Your body communicates when something is wrong. The color and state of your fingernails can let you know when something is going awry inside your body. Sometimes they can be minor vitamin deficiencies and other times more serious conditions. These changes can be subtle, or blatant and it's worth noting any differences because many diseases are reflected on your fingertips.

Yellow nails:

Usually yellow nails are a sign of an unpleasant fungal infection. Yellow nails can also be indicative of more serious illnesses namely a lung problem, such as fluid accumulation around the pleurae (a lung membrane) or emphysema. Smoking can also be a reason for yellow nails.

Solution: *it's advisable to purchase anti-fungal tablets or a topical cream to treat this. You can also treat it with a more natural solution such as applying essential oils. Quitting smoking can also treat the problem.*

Dry or cracked nails:

Causes: This could be from swimming, overuse of nail polish remover, frequent dishwashing without gloves, or just from living in a low-humidity environment. Other possible causes include chemicals such as if you're frequently exposed to cleaning products or aging. Sometimes hypothyroidism (a condition where the thyroid works too slowly) causes this

side effect, too.

Solution: *To soothe cracked nails, try slathering them with a super-moisturising lotion. Like your skin, nails are absorbent and lotion can prevent them from drying out in the future.*

Pale nails:

Causes: If your fingernail beds are looking a little ghostly, you may have anemia, a blood disorder characterized by a low red blood cell count. "Anemia resulting from low levels of iron can lead to inadequate oxygen in the blood, which causes the skin and tissues to become pale, particularly the tissues under the nails. More seriously, pale nails could also be a sign of early diabetes or liver disease, both of which can lead to impaired blood flow.

Solution: *When diagnosed early, diabetes can often be controlled with dietary changes. Avoid processed foods with refined sugars and carbs and consume good sources of iron including green leafy vegetables, beans and meat among others. these will help stabilise blood sugar levels and limit circulatory damage caused by uncontrolled sugar levels.*

White stripes on Nails:

Causes: While dark striped nails usually indicate cancerous growth, white stripes are more commonly seen as indicative of a disorder. It usually indicates an imbalanced or innutritious diet, lacking in proteins.

Solution: *This problem can easily be resolved with an increase in protein rich foods wuch as fish among others.*

If you notice any significant changes in your nails, including swelling, discolorations or changes in shape or thickness, see a dermatologist right away.

Singer Lesle Lewis launches 'The Great Rock Music Quiz Book'

What better way to celebrate the launch of a Music Quiz Book, than to get people together through the power of Music and this precisely what happened at the much awaited book launch of Verus Ferreira's 2nd book entitled 'The Great Rock Music Quiz Book' on Saturday 2nd December 2017 at Title Waves in Bandra.

The evening began with a live gig of classic rock songs taken from artists featured in the book. You had popular singer from Bandra Lawrie D'souza singing his heart out with his opening piece Hotel California, followed by Roadhouse Blues. The audience was left asking for an encore and he delightfully obliged with Eric Clapton's Wonderful Tonight.

The ever bubbling and enthusiastic grooming and speech consultant Sarita Manchanda was in Conversation with Verus Ferreira with a lively Q&A session. Verus shared his insights on his journey in shaping the book to its final product. He also shared his experiences of meeting a few bands, one of them being Iron Maiden whom he met in 2008 when they performed in Mumbai.

Says Ferreira "This book that has over 950 Questions and Answers, is sure to bring back memories of house parties, the days when we used to play air guitar to rock anthems like Hotel California, Brick in the wall, Wonderful Tonight, Sultans of Swing, We Will Rock You and Roadhouse Blues, among many others. The book is also a source of education for the younger mobile phone generation who missed out a way of life that might never return".

More music was coming from 20 year old musician Klien Pereira who sang Aerosmith's I Don't Want to Miss A Thing and for Bon Jovi fans the song Always.

No introduction was really required to announce the grand entry

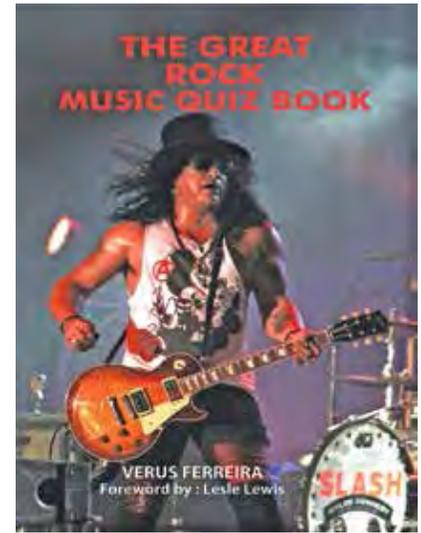
of India's Colonial Cousins stalwart singer-composer Lesle Lewis. Lewis has given his stamp of approval for the book by writing a beautiful Foreword. Lesle was delighted to unveil Verus' second book 'The Great Rock Music Quiz Book' and was all praise for the Author. Lesle has known the Author for many years going back to the days when Lesle released his album Colonial Cousins. "It was in 1997 that I first met Lesle for an interview for a magazine. In my wildest dreams I never imagined that 20 years later



Lesle Lewis would be launching my book on music. I am honored to have him here and to be present to launch this book for me" stated an elated Ferreira.

Lesle replied saying that it was a pleasure to be present at the launch and said that the book had something for a rock music lover, admitting that he was a staunch follower of rock music his favorite being Jimi Hendrix. Verus also thanked Co Founder of Story Mirror Mr. Bhibu Dutta Rout for having published the book on Music and making Verus, the first music book writer in the publisher's vast catalogue.

The evening continued with Lesle Lewis taking center stage to belt out a few tracks from his early Colonial Cousins days singing the hit song Sa ni dha pa. He also gave the select audience, a peek of his new songs which is available online Paise Ki Maa Ki Aankh and many more.



Lastly the evening featured a live performance by Gospel singer Macklin Lacerda from the Gospel rock band 'Open Secret' who is also featured in the book. Macklin spoke a little on Gospel music when he said that the Gospel music has the same rock sound, with only its lyrics making the whole feeling seem different. He then gave us a scintillating performance with two examples, Coldplay's Fix You and U2's I still have not found what I am looking for.

The evening ended with a rapid fire rock music quiz with questions taken from the book. Many from the audience, who got it right, were rewarded with a prize.

Go check out 'The Great Rock Music Quiz' and test your knowledge on bands like Aerosmith, Scorpions, Iron Maiden, Guns N Roses, The Eagles, The Rolling Stones, and many more. A good read for all rock music fans.

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Inspiration!

Importance of eye contact

Eye contact is a sign that you are a good listener and also indicates that you are focused and paying attention.

Your eyes are a way of building a connection with the other person. This could mean you like that person.

A big part of eye contact is building trust. A person with whom you are talking to will be more likely to trust and respect you as eye contact indicates an openness in communication.

Eye contact is very tricky art to master but vital to effective communication. Too much eye contact and you could be seen as aggressive, too little eye contact and you can be seen as having no interest. It is often looked as an under utilised skill when communicating with people though very important to maintain.



Making good eye contact is an art that is difficult to master. In fact, keeping a well-balanced ratio of eye contact is astonishingly difficult. If you seek to improve your communication skills, mastering eye contact is one important area to address. Here are the reasons why eye contact is so much of importance.

Excellent communicators regard their eye contact skills as an important asset. In general, by maintaining a healthy but confident level of eye contact during an interaction, you can greatly improve the quality of that conversation. Not only will the person you're speaking to feel a greater level of connection with you but they will also consider you as a more competent and trustworthy individual.

In this sense, the way you make eye contact with other people can greatly

influence the outcome of these interactions.

Our eyes reveal our thoughts and feelings:

You've probably heard the old expression: "The eyes are the window to the soul." While that may not be literally true, they do reveal a great deal about what we're really thinking and feeling from moment to moment. We give so much credence to the idea that we can read someone from what's in their eyes is due to the fact that even when we hide what we're really thinking and feeling in our body language and facial expressions, it's often still revealed in our eyes.

Eye contact shows attention:

Sociologists tell us that people are starved for attention these days. Despite the fact that we're more "connected" than ever, folks are hungry for face-to-face interactions and someone to really, sincerely listen to them. Well, eye contact is another form of acknowledgement—and is very important to show your presence and attentiveness.

Eye contact conveys confidence and trustworthiness:

Admittedly, it takes confidence to maintain eye contact with the person you're speaking to. This is espe-

cially true when you are giving a presentation. By maintaining eye contact, others will be more likely to perceive you as a competent and trustworthy person. Everyone around you knows just as much as you do how difficult it can be to maintain a high level of eye contact. That's the reason why others will greatly appreciate it. At the same time, others will be more likely to perceive you as someone who is convicted of what you say and will feel that you believe in your ideas. Though it is difficult to perform but gets easy when practiced. Here's how to improve the skill.

By talking to a group:

When talking in a group it is great to have eye contact with your listeners. Don't maintain eye contact with just one person as other members may stop listening.

By talking to an individual:

It is great to maintain eye contact when talking to a person however, try not to look creepy. To combat this, break eye contact every five seconds or so.

'Wedding bells' church funds homes for poor

Alappuzha: The Holy Family Latin Catholic Church at Karichal does not exist for Christians alone. It is a beacon of hope for Hindus and Muslims also as it fulfils the dreams of many poor families by arranging the marriages of their children.

It provides them financial aid and also arranges mandapam and pandal on its premises. The church in Veeyapuram panchayat in upper Kuttanad that lies sprawled on the banks of three rivers – Achankovil, Pampa and Paipad—has conducted the marriages of 200 Hindu and Muslim couples from 2009 to 2014.

It started its social mission with the fund from the Rachael George Charitable Trust instituted by her sons, M.G. Philip and M.G. Stephen and daughter-in-law Molamma Philip for charitable causes in 2009.

So far, five annual mass weddings have been held on the occasion of the church festival in January. The mar-

riages of three communities are held at the same time.

Hindus marry in the mandapam erected on one side of the premises, Christians within the church and Muslims in the pandal on the other side. "We organised the first mass wedding in January 2009 as part of the church feast. The church committee erected a mandapam for Hindus and pandal for Muslims and roped in priests from the respective communities to preside over the wedding.

Over a thousand people gathered during each mass wedding," said Benny Mathews, president of the trust.

In the last three years, the church was doing maintenance work of the houses of poor people in surrounding areas. This year it spent Rs 65 lakh for maintaining 35 houses.

The next mass wedding will be held in January 2018, he said. Hindu and Muslim couples and their relations are

taken inside the church to attend the Christian marriages. The weddings were held after getting special permission from the bishop. "Such marriages help maintain religious harmony," said Joseph Daniel, vicar of the church which was built in 1976.

Girish Kumar from Veeyapuram, who entered wedded life in 2011, welcomed the church's gesture of religious unity. "Eighteen couples had begun a new life together that day," he said.

Mr Jose Gevarghese, secretary of the trust, pointed out that they were planning to distribute Rupees one lakh to the couple next time as a token of help apart from meeting the marriage expenses of the bridegrooms.

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emeritus mentor. Young soft spoken, cultured, fine arts master is Ashwath Rasquinha, who continues a tradition of services to Institutions and people at large. Renowned for custom-made church statues not only in India, but also abroad along with many decorative aids. It even produces statues of statesmen from India in particular. Founder Simon often mentioned that church statues are a reminder of God, to be respectfully 'venerated'. Simon S Rasquinha was awarded a phenomenal number of awards and felicitations that have no count. Among the most prestigious being in 1965, the coveted "Benemerenti" Papal honour.



Earlier, the GOLD MEDAL in 1938 in the 'Diocesan Eucharistic Congress Exhibition'. ICEEDA (Indian Christian Economic & Entrepreneurial Development Association, Bombay) awarded posthumously the 'Pioneer Entrepreneur' certificate to Founder Simon S Rasquinha for pioneering ventures in Statuary Industry in 1995. The first Konkani Gramophone Record (Columbia) 1936, called "Fakir Juvam"

he produced is an eternal memento even today. He has been affectionately often termed as "The Angel of Angelore". A legend in his life time and ours with his descendants keeping his memory ever green and shining bright. History is always a thing of beauty.

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6531. POONA : Tamilian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1975), Ht. 6', Fair Complexion, Handsome, Edn. M.Com., Having well established business. Contact email : tony137@rediffmail.com

6526. DOHA QATAR : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in September 1982), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, PGDM, having decent job. Contact email : secondsairik2016@gmail.com

6523. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1986), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 68 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. Electronics, working as a IT Engineer. Contact email : sandranoronha75@gmail.com

6521. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in December 1976), Ht. 6', Fair, Handsome, Edn. B.Sc., MBA (HR) full time, working as Manager in MNC. Well settled. Seeks alliance with Goan RC Spinster.

Contact email : alliancedec2@gmail.com.

6552. GERMANY : German Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in October 1952), Ht. 183 cms, Well built, Fair Complexion, Edn. Mechanic Engineer, having own business. Contact email : evascherrmann@yahoo.de

5996 MUMBAI : RC Bachelor (Born in November 1974) / 5'8", B.E., working in Senior position reputed IT firm. Seeks alliance from R.C. spinster educated good family background Pl. reply with photograph and details to keithcardozo@hotmail.com OR **9820338755**

6040 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1983), Ht. 6', Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com + IATA working as a Manager for Emirates in Dubai Seeks a humble, godfearing, educated Mangalorean girl. Ht. above 5' 5", age below 28 years. Contact email : philomenanoronha60@gmail.com

6113 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1976), Ht. 6', Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. HSC., Dip. in A.C. Mechanic, working as a AC Technician in Muscat. Contact Email : s u - aresroshan@gmail.com

6213 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1981), Ht. 5' 7", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. PGDRM, working as a Manager. Contact email : larsen316@gmail.com

6358 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1974), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Admin. Controller in **DUBAI**. Contact email : dsouzarobin25@gmail.com

6393 MUMBAI: Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in March 1977), Ht. 5' 6", good looking XII Pass, presently working as Share Broker having own bungalow accommodation at Bandra Mumbai also getting good regular monthly rent seeks goodlooking RC Spinster. Contact email : pintolazarus2012@gmail.com

6045 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman

Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1980), Ht. 6' 2", Fair Complexion, Handsome, Edn. B.Com., & HTL Management, Working on Cruise Line as Supervisor, Seeks an educated, simple, Mangalorean girl above 5' 5" Contact Email : marprop111@gmail.com

6198-R. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic (Born in October 1969), Ht. 5' 10", Edn. B.Com., good personality, hailing from God fearing, cultured family, issueless, divorcee by mutual consent, working for Cruise Liner in U.S.A., as Security Supervisor, well settled in Mumbai, Seeks suitable match. Contact email :

dsouzamalcolmneil@gmail.com. Phone/SMS 09480157258.

6424. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1991), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., well employed, working as Sr. Customer Care Executive. Contact email : gerardd754@gmail.com, Mob:9594766322 / 9930620943

6250 MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1974), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 76 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as a Manager. **Contact email : cardoz.clint@gmail.com OR 9833563182**

6353 MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Bachelor, (Born in December 1977), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HSC + Dip. in Catering, working on cruise line in store department. Handsome, sober, having own house, seeks a simple, godfearing, working Mangalorean girl. Currently in Mumbai contact immediately. Contact email : lewisroyston@yahoo.com OR 7208759704

6489 MUMBAI : RC bachelor, (Born in June 1988), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Graduate, working as a Front Office Clerk in **DUBAI**. Contact email : sam_sin88@hotmail.com



6813 USA : Mangalorean Protestant Divorcee, (Born in March 1951), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. Medium, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBBS, MD, Doctor by profession. Contact email : indufs2mail.com

6799 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1989), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 95 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., Nautical, working as a 2nd Officer in Merchant Navy. Contact email : dsouzaal.89@gmail.com

6798 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1987), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 74 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. BE, working as a 2nd Engineer in Foreign Ship. Well settled, handsome, simple and humble. Contact email : marialewis198@gmail.com

6797 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in December 1987), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working for Five Star Hotel in Mumbai. Contact email : johnserrao14@yahoo.com

6763 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1978), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HSC, working as a Captain. Contact email : harrydsilva3@gmail.com

6756 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in December 1977), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 78 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 12th std. (HSC), working as an Admin. Assistnat in **DUBAI**. Contact email : charlotteirani@yahoo.com

6589. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, 30 years, (Born in March 1987), height 5' 8", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Manager in a reputed MNC. Seeks al-

liance from RC spinters upto 28 years. Contact Mobile No. 9769840021

6585. MUMBAI : Tamilian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1988), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 78 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. EXTC Engineering, working as a Networking Engineer. Contact email : 18.elaine@gmail.com

6564. DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1987), Ht. 179 cms, Wt. 78 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Mechanical Engineer, working as an Engineer. Contact email : godfreyjoelfernandes@gmail.com

6562. MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1981), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. PUC + Computer diploma, having own business in **ABROAD**. Contact email : melvin6680@gmail.com

6559. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1985), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. XII, working on Cruse Ship. Currently he his in Mumbai Contact immediately. Contact email : mascarenhas_k@yahoo.com

6558. KUWAIT : Goan Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in January 1982), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 80 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. Masters Computers in USA, working as a Manager in **USA**. Seeks a educated homely Goan or Mangalorean girl working in USA or India. Contact email : carmelinaf@gmail.com

6553. GERMANY : German Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August

1980), Ht. 175 cms, Well built, Fair Complexion, Edn. Normal School Cheff. Working as a Cheff. Contact email : evascherrmann@yahoo.de

6551. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1959), Ht. 5' 7" Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. SSC., having own business. Contact email : pearlfernandes81@yahoo.in

6549. MUMBAI : Tamilian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in December 1983), Ht. 5' 10" Wt. 72 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. MBA (ICFAI), working as a AVP in Citi Group Chennai. Contact email : ponsil@rediffmail.com

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6814. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in February 1992), Ht. 5' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", Wt. 47 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., NET, SET doing Phd., Lecturer by profession. Contact email : albanpereira1991@yahoo.com

6678. MUMBAI: Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in September 1990), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 50 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. BE (IT) MBA - Post Graduate Marketing, working as a IT & Financial Consultant. Contact email : md8of-ficemail@gmail.com

6674. MUMBAI: Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in September 1991), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 64 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.A., Diploma in Fashion & Textile Design, working as a Textile Designer. Contact email : lobo_peter12@yahoo.com

6672. BANGALORE : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in April 1985), Ht. 5' 4", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBBS, DCH, DNB, Doctor by profession. Seeks Doctors or Engineers. Contact email : bklouis50@gmail.com

6671. MUMBAI: Goan RC Spinster, (Born in July 1965), Ht. 5', Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. SSC, working as a Co-ordinator, Seeks a suitable match. Contact : 9619392879

6670. MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, (Born in September 1984), Ht. 5' 4", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as a Flight supervisor, Air Hostess. Contact email : carnations984@gmail.com

6668. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC 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

6661. GUJARAT : Goan / Manga-

lorean RC Spinster, (Born in November 1983), Ht. 5' 6", Fair Complexion, Edn. D'ed, B.A., B.ed, from Mumbai University, working as a teacher in Convent School. Contact email : juhaina.2015@rediffmail.com

6658. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in October 1987), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 45 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. in E&T. with Master, working for Corporate firm. Contact email : jovi_tangerine@yahoo.co.in

6657. VADODARA : Goan RC Spinster, (Born in May 1989), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 75 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.A., working for MNC. Contact email : cheryl24052001@yahoo.com

6656. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in May 1988), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 49 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MTech (Biotechnology), working as a Scientific Assistant, Contact email : rachealm28@gmail.com

6655. MUMBAI : Mangalorean R.C. Spinster, (Born in January 1990), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 58 kgs, Fair Complexion, Good looking, Having own business. Contact email : raymondcoelho89@gmail.com

6653. MUMBAI : RC Spinster, (Born in July 1990), Ht. 5' 2", Fair Complexion, Edn. M.B.B.S., Doctor & pursuing M.D. Seeks M.D. / M.S., Doctors. Contact email : selwynhenriques13@gmail.com

6651. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in May 1984), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Customer Support in DUBAI. Contact email : dsilva.seema@gmail.com

6645. ABU DHABI : East Indian RC

Spinster from Mumbai (Born October 1992), Ht. 5' 5" (166 cms), 62 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, B. Com, MBA (Finance) U.K. working for a Bank in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Family U.A.E. based for past 25 years. Seeks a Professionally qualified bachelor, below 30 years working or settled overseas / On Board with sober habits, good family values, from a respectful family. Contact email : leteciaprisca@gmail.com

6644. MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, (Born in December 1991), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 52 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Graduate (Travel/Tours), working as Sr. Operation Exe., Contact email : bernie0164@gmail.com OR 9930466725

6642. MUMBAI : Goan/Mangalorean RC Divorcee, (Born in September 1979), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Customer Service, Seeks a suitable match. Contact email : rowmonteiro@yahoo.com OR 9820792115

6502 MUMBAI : Mangalorean R.C. Spinster, Date of Birth 14-5-1983, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Sc. Nursing, working as a ICU Head in Abudhabi - UAE. Military Hospital, Shortly visiting Mumbai. Seeks a well educated having a good job. Contact immediately email : janydz_1484@yahoo.com OR Tel.: 0971 557463484 / 9930076741.

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6638. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1989), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 57 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., Bank Officer. Contact email : noronha2305@gmail.com

6635. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1990) Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn.M.Com., B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : judiths1901@gmail.com

6633. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in July 1989), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E., Computer Science, working for Foreign Bank. Contact email : mendonca17edward@gmail.com

6632. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1989), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as a Travel Counsellor in MNC. Contact email : denverr89@gmail.com

6631. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1983) Ht. 5' 7", Wheatish Complexion, Ph.D., from American University, working as a Senior Healthcare Consultant in a MNC Mumbai. Kindly reply with details and full length photograph to mendoncaedwina@gmail.com

6627. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1988) Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduate with Diploma in Interiors. working as a Interior Designer. Contact email : virlib2209@gmail.com

6620. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in August 1987), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Post Graduate, working for Foreign Bank. Contact email : beann_lam@rediffmail.com

6617. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1992), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 ks, Fair Com-

plexion, Edn. MMS / MBA working as a HR in MNC. Only Child. Seeks a groom below 28 years, preferably Mangalorean. Contact email : amd19901992@gmail.com

6602. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in 2-7-1981), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 68 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as a Trainer. Contact email : charlottesimpleindian@hotmail.com

6601. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in 29-3-1989), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 62 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. ICWA, Working for Finance Industry. Contact email : jenniferabreo29@gmail.com

6600. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in 15-8-1989), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, working as a HR Executive. Contact email : britto_leena@hotmail.com

6599. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in 15-9-1980), Ht. 5' 5", slim, young and good looking, Edn. B.A. + Music Exams, Teacher by profession. Seeks a well settled tall bachelor. Contact email : septsmile3@gmail.com

6595. BANGALORE : Born again christian spinster, (Born in August 1988), Ht. 5', Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., Journalism, working as a Business Development. Contact email : manju2408@gmail.com

6593. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1988), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA in Finance, smart and intelligent, working for private company. Contact email : fatulobo@rediffmail.com

6592. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1989), 5' 3", Wt. 50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Sc. Microbiology working for Pharmaceutical Company. Contact email : mili.ferns123@gmail.com

6591. MUMBAI : Maharashtrian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1988), 5' 4", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Com-

plexion, Edn. Master of Management Study, working as an Asst. Professor. Contact email : geo8747@gmail.com

6582. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1990), 5' 1", Wt. 56 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as Coordinator, Seeks a suitable match. Contact email : btorres756@gmail.com

6580. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1982), 5' 2", Wt. 56 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M. Pharm, Ph.D., Seeks a well settled qualified bachelor. Contact : email : apoline_ubi@yahoo.co.in

6577. MUMBAI : Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in April 1989), Ht. 4' 10", Fair Complexion, Beautiful, Edn. Dip. in HM & Bakery, working as a Cashier / Ordertaker. Contact email : nshksp@gmail.com OR 9833845074

6574. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1990), Ht. 5' 5", Fair Complexion, Beautiful, Edn. B.Com., MBA, PGDM, working for Multinational Company. Contact email : roshanmehra@hotmail.com

6570. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1991), Ht. 5' 3", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BBI, P.G.D.M. (H.R.), working as an Asst. Manager H.R. Contact email : venita.sal@gmail.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

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