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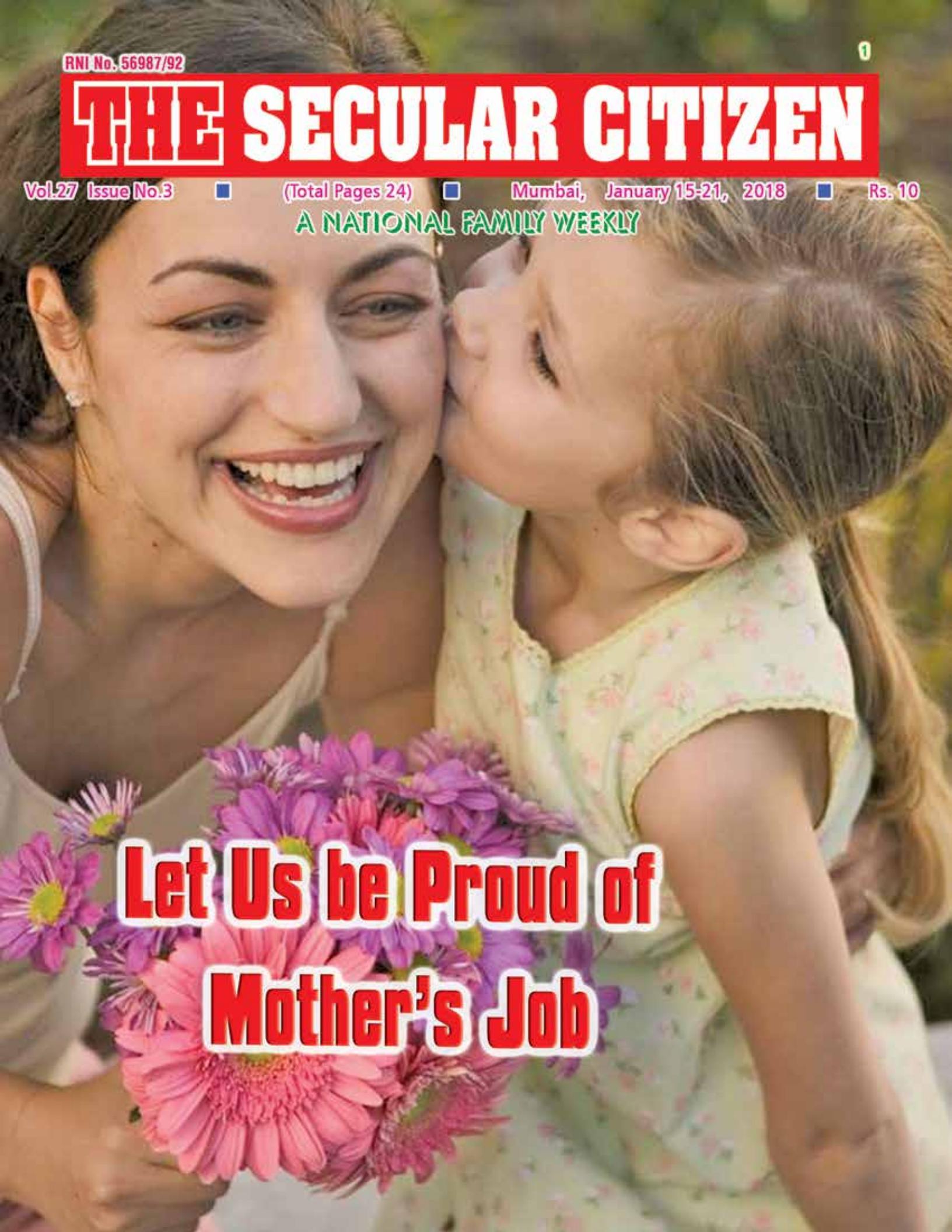
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**Let Us be Proud of
Mother's Job**

EMMAUS REVISITED!

by **Ladislaus Louis D'Souza**

"Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road, explaining the Scriptures to us?" (Lk 24:32) Something similar happened when the Deanery-wise Formation Programme for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Archdiocese of Bombay was set in motion by Bishop Barthol Barreto from 18 November to 17 December. The Resource Persons were Fathers Savio de Sales (English) of Saint Anthony's, Vakola [who has done a special two-year study on the Liturgy in Bangalore] and Leslie Malya (Marathi), Director of Muktsagar Prabhodhan Kendra, Utan].

Following a uniform pattern, participants were taken back by the ebullient Bishop to the first ever EMHC Rally held in the diocese, on the grounds of Saint Paul's Church, Parel, some three years ago as part of the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress celebrations marking the Golden Jubilee of the 38th International Eucharistic Congress held in Bombay in 1964. Delighted at the sight of the huge gathering of lay people who assist the Ordained in an important function at Mass, His Eminence, Cardinal Oswald Gracias, the Archbishop of Bombay, asked Bishop Barthol, then Parish Priest of IC, Borivili, to organize a follow-up programme. Accordingly, a series of seven 'formation programmes' was organized as follows:

Bhayandar (Marathi speaking):

Saturday 18 November 10.00 am - 12 noon, Muktsagar Prabodhan Kendra Hall, Utan

Bandra, Central Suburbs & Andheri:

Saturday 18 November 10.00 am - 12 noon, O L of Mount Carmel Church, Bandra

Kurla & Thane:

Saturday 25 November 10.00 am - 12 noon, St John the Baptist High School Hall, Thane

Navi Mumbai & Raigad:

Saturday 02 December 10.00 am - 12 noon, Sacred Heart Church, Vashi

Borivli & Bhayandar (English speaking):

Saturday 02 December 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm, St Anne High School Hall, Orlem

South Bombay & North Bombay:

Saturday 09 December 10.00 am - 12 noon, O L of Salvation Church Hall, Dadar

For working members and those who could not attend at any of the earlier venues:

Sunday 17 December 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm, O L of Salvation Church Hall, Dadar.

Bishop Barthol, Bombay's newest Auxiliary Bishop, thanked the EMHCs on behalf of the Archbishop and the Bishops' Team for their services and reminded them of the importance of remaining committed to their ministry. The Resource Persons took the participants lucidly through the different parts of the Mass, gently breaking down walls of ignorance and faulty understanding, astutely building up a correct perception of the Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass which comes from a clear understanding of the term Emmaus as 'warm spring'. Indeed, from the warm spring of the Mass flows life for the believer!

Dwelling on the 'privilege' aspect of our ministry, it was pointed out that the Mass was Emmaus repeated in our churches, and that the 'Aha' moment experienced by the two disciples on the way to Emmaus can be ours at every Mass precisely with the active participation on the part of every Mass-goer, more so in the case of an EMHC. The motivational factor was well brought out by the example of the mirror-bottomed coffin in which one sees one's reflection.

Answers to queries fielded by the Bishop and the Resource Person/s highlighted the following very pertinent points:

*The vestment introduced at the Parel Rally was now the official garb for all EMHCs in all parishes across the diocese and the same is available on order at Prarthanalaya, Bandra

West @ Rs 750 a piece.

*The term for EMHC is 1 year, renewable every year.

*Execution of only one ministry at any given Mass, is permitted, be it as EMHC, Lector, Chorister/Cantor or Usher.

*Holy Water [HW] provided in the HW fonts at the entrance to the church, is a reminder of our Baptism and a sign of self-cleansing, and so must be dipped into in order to sign ourselves with the Cross at the time of entering the church. Doing the same after Mass is of no relevance.

*The Presidential Chair from where the Celebrant presides over the Eucharist is of prime importance.

*The Altar, also referred to as the 'Table of the Bread' is sacred in that it both represents the place of Sacrifice and the sacrificial victim, Christ himself and nothing as such can be placed on it, be it a hymnal, a glass of water or whatever.

*The Ambo or Lectern is correctly the 'Table of the Word' where the Word is broken for the congregation. The Homily is thus preached from here and NOT from the Altar.

*The Introduction to the Mass is not the place for a reflection on any of the day's Readings by the Celebrant for the simple reason that the Word, not having been yet proclaimed, cannot yet be broken.

*The Gloria is sung on all Sundays of the year except during the Seasons of Advent and Lent, and on feast days even during Advent and Lent.

*The Alleluia is generally sung but is omitted during the Season of Lent.

*The Penitential Rite of the Mass is omitted on Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of ashes after the Gospel fulfilling the purpose.

*Silence is intrinsic to the sanctity of the Mass and must be observed diligently at the appropriate times – before the Confiteor, after the Readings, and after Communion.

*Combining the Prayer of the Faithful [POF] with the Offertory Procession [OP] goes against the very structure of the Mass on two counts: on the one hand, the two are distinctly separate in that the POF is part of
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'Thought for the week'

Life is a trip. The only problem is that it doesn't come with a map. We have to search our own routes to reach our destination.

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Should We Offer Arati To Bharat Mata?

An Open Letter To Bishops, Church Heads and Christians By Father Dr. Anand Muttungal

I write this open letter regarding the standoff with Hindu Organizations in the question of offering "Arati to Bharat Mata" in the institutions run by the Christian organizations. First and foremost I must appreciate the clear stand taken by Bishop of Sagar (Catholic Diocese) and all those who faced the onslaught very courageously and my special prayers to those persons who work over time to diffuse the crisis.

Since late 19th century with the play named 'Bharat Mata' by K C Bannerjee, the picturised form of Bharat Mata became the symbol Indian Nationalism. It is a matter of fact to be agreed with the well known writer K D Menon that "the vision of India as Bharat Mata has profound implications for the politics of Hindu nationalism" and that the depiction of India as a Hindu goddess implies that it is not just the patriotic but also the religious duty of all Hindus to participate in the nationalist struggle to defend the nation." And it is a clear fact that the Hindu fundamental ideologists believe that all those who do not subscribe to the practices enemies and anti-nationalist.

The real concept of Mother Earth is originated from Greek Culture which dates back to 13 century B C but Greek Philosopher Aristotle created it into a clear concept above petty ideologies. The notion of mother earth encompasses and pervades all political and cultural ideologies which motivate people to work to save the earth from global warming and climate change and its killing effects. So we must not undermine the importance of Mother Earth Concept. Here the Bharat- India is personified as the Mother or Soul of India as part of the Spirit of God to be honoured, cared and seen as an icon of Indian unity.

Among the many important insights that arose from the Second Vatican Council, one of the most important one is the recognition that the church has not simply been a self-contained and distinct civilization or institution from the "rest of the world," but has always been a part of the world. The magisterium teaches that enculturation is a must for developing an exchange of cultures, "especially in a time characterized by rapid change and a growing variety in ways of thought, the church has particular need of those who live in the world, whether they are believers or not... It is for God's people as a whole, with the help of the Holy Spirit, and especially for pastors and theologians, to listen to the various voices of our day, discerning them and interpreting them, and to evaluate them in the light of the divine word, so that the revealed truth can be increased (Contd.. on p. 4)

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ingly appropriated, better understood and more suitably expressed (Gaudium et Spes no. 44).

In the similar way just after the Vatican Council II in 1966 the East Asia Christian Conference (Ecumenical Conference) held in Hong Kong came up with documents named Confessing the Faith in Asia Today which draws five points in relation to the responsibility of Churches. It said that Churches have responsibility to learn cultures , to interpret cultures, to mediate with cultures , to create cultural values and thus belong to cultures

It will be worth quoting Pope Francis who while addressing the farmers (31/1/2015), said 'in the spirit of St Francis, love the land as Mother earth, and proposed that they make an alliance with it, so that it can continue to be, the source of life for the entire human family. His Holiness calls the "Earth our mother", it is a common, poetic sentiment, not meant to convey any kind of theological or cosmological truth. The Bible teaches that God created the universe including the earth before all its living being were made and God used the creative power of the earth to create the living beings. So it is the mother of all beings. Bharat Mata is part of that Mother Earth that has God's power to create living beings. Honouring that power of God and

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the Liturgy of the Word, whereas the OP is part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist; on the other, a gift is never announced, it is just given and once given, never taken back by the giver.

*One's participation in a given Mass begins with the right ATTITUDE whereby a willingness and a desire to attend is what counts even as a feeling of obligation nullifies the significance of one's participation.

The sessions [preceded by Tea and a snack] each opened with a brief Prayer Service comprising of a Reading from 1 Corinthians 11:23-25, a Reflection, Concluding Prayer and a Solemn Blessing by the Bishop and closed with a Vote of Thanks by a participant from the host parish.

praying for it will not be in any way against the teachings of the Bible, "You shall have no other gods before me."

We must resist any effort by the fundamentalist organizations to insist that we must worship the picture presented by them as a God. It is an aggression on ones personal and the right of community to believe in ONE GOD. All monotheistic religious believers will have same problem. But in its original terms if 'Bharat' is treated as a religion-less entity, symbolizing the Soul of Unified India regardless of class or caste, it must be a wonderful idea to save the mother earth. It is an open fact that over the years Christianity has assimilated many cultural practices that helped to get well immersed into the people. The Vatican II and the Ecumenical documents published by various Churches also promote the enculturation in the multicultural and political situation of Asia and India in particular.

It is the need of the time that we are a community that has prayers for every occasion. We have introduced various cultural values in our building of Churches, prayers, religious tunics and all areas possible because they are not our core faith but externals. It is probably right time that our liturgists, theologians and missiologists put their heads together to develop a special prayer which prays for the Mother Earth and the "Bharat Mata". It will help the Church to further establish itself in the midst of misunderstood troubles.

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Tippu Sultan

Eric D'Sa's article on "Religious during election time" in your Dec.11 issue, is well balanced and rationally argued, recognising Tippu Sultan's heroic contribution in the solitary resistance to British dominance in South India, while appreciating the hardships suffered by the Christians of South Canara particularly Mangalore.

My maternal grandfather, late Michael Noronha, mentioned in his memoirs that his ancestors in Karkal escaped to the forests to evade Tippu's troops, where they suffered severe hardships, coping with wild terrain and wilder animals.

Eric rightly points out that we should shed the colonial mentality of looking to the priests to bail us out of difficulty. We are now independent and should stand up for our rights and join lay organisations to protest any transgression. I recall a mention in the Gazetteer of India printed during the British Raj, where the Collector of Madras undertook an extensive tour of the Province to settle land disputes. The only place he admitted failure was in Mangalore (then part of Madras Presidency), where the people were intransigent and adamant! So why can't they stand up for their rights today?

His criticism of the use of the term "nationalists" by the Gujarat Bishop was well merited. "Pseudo-nationalists" would have been a more appropriate term. The Bishop could have achieved his point with finesse and more tactfully, while avoiding antagonising the vast rational majority, since only fringe elements are on the rampage.

—Clifford P. Pais
Malad (W)



A change in the Lord's Prayer?

Pope Francis has called for a change in the 'translation' of the Lord's Prayer. Over the course of centuries, the prayer given to us by the Lord Himself, has been translated from the original Aramaic into hundreds of languages and umpteen number of times in each language. Hence ove

—A. F. Nazareth
Alto Porvorim

"WENT FOR MASS?"

On Sundays the usual greeting among friends is : "Went for mass?" The question is not intended to elicit a reply, but is simply an alternative to "Hi, how are you? " which gets a "Good, good" reply, even if one isn't feeling so good . Similarly "Went for mass ?" usually receives a "Yes" reply whether or not one has been for mass.

And so, on a fine Sunday morning Peter greeted his friend Paul with the Sunday special : "Went for mass?" little expecting what was to follow. "No" replied Paul, "Did you?" "Yes" muttered Peter, a little taken aback. "And what was the first reading about?" asked Paul. "Well I can't recall the first reading" admitted Peter rather sheepishly. " No problem. What was the second reading about ?" persisted Paul, to which Peter again offered the same reply . "At least you can tell me something about the Gospel reading" said Paul. "Honestly, I can't remember" admitted Peter. "Then why did you go for mass?" asked Paul. Peter had no answer.

To be honest many of us, including this writer, would find it difficult,

like Peter, to recall the day's readings either fully , partly or anything at all.

Personally I feel that homilies should focus more on the day's readings. Explaining the two readings and Gospel on Sundays will lead to 'easy recall' and 'better appreciation' of the Bible. Over a period of time it will lead to a more profound knowledge of the Bible which most of us lack.

—Prof Robert Castellino
Orlem

Devotion to the Saints

Does devotion to the saints diminish love for Jesus Christ – the one mediator between God and man – in the minds of Catholics? Do these devotions, including the devotion to Our Lady, tend to marginalize the Lord Jesus in the hearts and minds of our people? Observing how these devotions are practiced and celebrated, one does get the impression that this is quite true of many of the faithful, as often pointed out by our separated brethren. However, this need not be the case, if these devotions are properly explained and understood.

What is the basis of devotion to the saints? Basically, it comes from the doctrine of the 'communion of saints', viz., that all the faithful – in heaven (church triumphant), in purgatory (church suffering) and on earth (church militant) – form one mystical body of Christ. Therefore, they can relate to each other and are closely united to each other in Jesus Christ. The souls in purgatory can benefit from our prayers, and so we pray for them. We pray to Our Lady and the saints, and they can intercede to the Lord for us. We ask for the blessings and prayers of our priests and elders, believing that they too can pray to the

Lord for us. All this is quite in keeping with the 'incarnational economy of salvation' revealed in Jesus Christ, who is pleased to associate Our Lady and his people in his redemptive work.

Besides, the saints are not mere intercessors but also role-models who help us to know and understand Jesus Christ better. In practicing devotions to the saints, we are expected to imitate their heroic virtues, especially their love for the Lord Jesus above all things. Therefore, all devotions, including the devotion to Our Lady, must be Christ-centred, so that those who practice them draw closer to Jesus Himself, since they all point to him. Our Lady and the Saints are only intercessors, who do not have any power of their own, but obtain all the graces and favours we beg of them from Jesus, the One Lord of all.

Why do we believe that different saints specialize in obtaining different favours? St. Paul gives us the answer when he tells us, in 1 Cor 12,4, that in the Church "there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord.....who inspires them all in every one". Each of the saints has his or her own gift or charism, as can be seen from their lives, and which must surely continue in heaven. Our Lord is pleased to give certain graces and blessings through certain saints, in accordance with the charism he has given them. Hence, the faithful too go to these particular saints for specific blessings and healings; and testify to receiving them through the intercession of their chosen saint with the Lord Jesus, who alone is "the giver of all good gifts." Though Jesus says, "Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden" (Mt 11, 28); he also says, "These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons.....they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." (Mk 16, 17-18) The saints can surely be counted among those who excelled in belief in the Lord Jesus. Therefore, we would not be wrong in approaching them for whatever help we need.

—Joseph M. Dias,S.J.
Andheri (East), Mumbai-400 093.

The Wisdom of Maharashtrian Politicians

by Don Aguiar

On Monday, as the New Year began, lakhs of Dalits gathered near Pune to mark the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Koregaon in which Mahar troops who were considered untouchable worked with the British to defeat the upper caste Peshwas who were Brahmins.

Every year, members of the Dalit community from all over Maharashtra gathered in Koregaon Bhima to celebrate what they call their victory over Peshwas. This year was the 200th anniversary and that attracted a much larger crowd on January 1, on the outskirts of Pune.

Right wing' groups which are part of our present government and from the upper caste Peshwas opposed the Dalit celebrations saying they cannot observe a 'British' victory. This resulted in a clash between 'right-wing' groups and Dalits who had congregated there which turned violent with stone peltting and arson between two groups. One person, died in the violence and several were injured. Protesters also blocked traffic on the Pune expressway and rail tracks resulting in caste tension.

Right-wing groups question why a



British victory against Peshwas should be celebrated and accuse Jignesh Mewani, Dalit leader from Gujarat who was just elected to public office, and Umar Khalid of Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University or JNU, of inciting caste tension.

In Mumbai Maharashtra, 22 people died in Elephiston bridge incident, all forgotten in 2 days. ONE person died in this conflict, was given a political angle and caste biased twist by a prominent leader on Twitter and whole Maharashtra bandh. Will Indians ever come out of these idiotic stupid ways? Dear terrorists, we don't need you.... We will destroy our country ourselves

This caste tension reached Mumbai which was tense all of the next day with mobs, allegedly comprising of Dalit supporters, attacking buses and blocking train tracks. Nearly 160 public buses were vandalized, reported mid-day.com.

A massive bandh or shutdown was called the following day by Dalit leaders and supporters. At least 10 buses were damaged by noon, and some trains were running late. A crucial eastern freeway was also blocked sporadically.

Mahatma Gandhi resorted to bandhs, agitations and the like that were non-violent at that time against the British

because the British ruled India and this became an effective and successful method against the British to drive them out. Regretfully we see even today the Indian leaders and politicians as well as those in governance use the same method resulting in playing a section of the Indians versus another section and so on only. Who do they want to drive out? What is their agenda? Are they interested in only wanting the chair and not at the development of the country which is of far more importance than creating caste and political tensions among the people in order to garner votes?

Apparently a present government ally as well as their blue eyed boy is currently facing flack due to the Kamla mills fiasco. Obviously hundreds of crores of bribes were given to obtain the bar permissions there. Obviously the money has reached the highest

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authorities and politicians. Now because of the fire people are demanding answers. But the truth must remain hidden. The only way to make people forget this incident is to create bigger crises. Hence this crisis has been artificially created out of a non-issue and is blown out of proportion by the police, authorities and politicians. Well played by the present government!!!!.

The Chief Minister ordered a probe and warned that there is no place for casteist violence in Maharashtra which is a progressive state.

As Maharashtra struggled to remain calm during a third consecutive day of caste tension, the government and the Congress exchanged angry accusations in parliament over the alleged targeting of Dalits.

The Congress alleged that "anti-Dalit violence is increasing" and said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence on the caste clashes in Maharashtra is astounding. "He can't stay mum! He is a 'mauni baba' (mute spectator) on such issues,"

The BJP then retaliated accusing the Congress of inflaming caste tension "Instead of praying for peace in Maharashtra, the Congress is applying the divide and rule policy. They have replaced the British in using the policy,"

PM Modi, who is a member of the Lok Sabha, was not present and opposition MPs shouted slogans of "Ask him to come to the House." The Rajya Sabha was adjourned twice as the opposition protested over the Maharashtra clashes.

When in Maharashtra you will notice

the Mysterious Maharashtrian society: on 1st January they send millions of happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year messages. And on 2nd January same Maharashtrians throw stones, set fire, damage vehicles. On 3rd January life is disrupted and by 14th January same Maharashtrians will say Tilgul ghyā goad goad bola. On 26th January all will sing Saare Jahaan se accha. What they think and what they do???????? Gives leverage to politicians to create such situations to garner votes as the elections are soon approaching next year.

By fighting election on a communal and caste basis is only dividing the nation and tearing the democratic and secular fabric of our nation. The need of the hour is the requirement of sane trusting politicians who are capable of restoring the secular fabric of our great nation.

God's Call Answered 25 Years Ago With Grateful Hearts Thanking him for It on 16.1.18

Twenty five years ago he heard his voice say 'Follow Me' and Fr. Michael C. Pinto (now at our Lady of Lourdes Church, Orlem, Malad) answered back, 'Yes Lord' and kept his promise. His was a life of tearful childhood, filled with poverty misery, injustice and pain. To-day it crowns him Principal with glory and fame.

After being tested in the fire of countless years of suffering and surmounting them all. Fr. Michael has emerged victorious with countless talents and rewards, especially of love, all trophies from the Lord.

He has been richly blessed to belong to a family of living saints, who set the example of patience and tolerance in family life, to the entire world.

*For laying down his life to bring healing to a suffering world,
God Reward Him.*

For your prayers for him

God Bless you.

From
All who love him.

Whether The State And Religion Should Remain Separated In India?

by Eric D'Sa

Afew days ago I went to the cremation of an old classmate and a very good friend of mine, whom I knew since 1959. It was at the Shivaji Park electric crematorium, where many of his family and friends had gathered. After the rituals were completed, the body was fed into the electric furnace. One of my other friends said to me, you can see the body disappear as smoke from the crematorium chimney into the atmospheric air. He went on to say, we pollute the air when we live and do so even when we die. I am told after a hour or two of the body remaining in the oven, only bones weighing between 2 to 4 kg are left behind in the tray as ash. Part of it if required is put into an urn and handed over to the family, to carry out any religious rite or just to be disposed off as per the wishes of the deceased.

That brought me back to the earlier two other articles that I had written. One was how to convert the Dharavi municipal garbage dumping grounds, which from time to time went up in smoke causing severe air pollution in the city of Mumbai, especially in the eastern suburbs, into a large public park. The other one was about the need to obtain sufficient barren land outside the city limits, where an eco friendly Catholic cemetery could be built, to overcome the present acute land shortage within the city limit for the burial of the dead Catholics. It was suggested in the article that the dead bodies be buried just in simple white shroud as Jesus Christ was buried, over which a fruit tree sampling as per the choice of the family would be planted. Just a small marble plaque with the name of the person buried would be placed next to the sampling. This would keep with the national policy of growing more trees to reduce

the CO2 in the atmosphere.

A few months ago when I was in Bengaluru, as per my yearly ritual, I went with a large bunch of roses to the Hosur cemetery, to pray for myself and the family dead. In a chaotic traffic clogged city, it is a green, quite and a peaceful area full of trees. For some reason I realised for the first time, that besides the large Catholic cemetery, there were other cemeteries, one for the Protestant Christians, another for Muslims and surprisingly one even for Hindus. A thought came to my mind

YOU THE CITIZENS DECIDE:

there, why when all these people before death had lived in a very pluralistic society in harmony, they had been segregated when dead and buried in different cemeteries. My father was buried in that cemetery between two Helen's. We used tease my mother about it and she would say; not to worry, within a few years I will there with your dad protecting him from the Helen's. She has kept to her promise!

All the above facts colluded in my mind after my friends recent cremation at Mumbai. I thought we could for the first time in the world, have an eco friendly secular citizens burial ground, where dead bodies of any religion or caste, just wrapped in white shroud, could be buried. A sampling of a fruit tree would be planted above the grave as per the choice of the family, though for a start we could nudge the family to select an alphanso mango tree sampling. Where else would this be built then at the Dharavi municipal garbage dumping ground, which is now been filled up and become a small hillock next to the Thane creek. Over a period of time this large enclosed area could be turned into a public park filled with

fruit bearing trees. As there would be a large area around the tree kept vacant, the place could become the family reserved burial ground.

At least in the cases of Christians, it will eliminate the high expense of using an expensive wooden casket for the burial. As the bodies will be buried with some lime and bacteria, it will disintegrate very quickly and become a nurturing input for the tree. As the trees start yielding fruits, they could be sold to the public. The income generated would help to maintain the cemetery in a good condition. The problem of big fires in these garbage dumps will be minimised. Donation could be expected from the families of those buried in the cemetery, to look after the tree and its surroundings

The place could also be provided with the latest type of electric crematorium with efficient chimney scrubbers to ensure the smoke is scrubbed clean before it is let out into the atmosphere. There would be also magnetic separators and bone crushers to quickly get ashes of the cremated back into the urns to be handed over to the family. The family could then decide to bury the bones in the burial ground over which a tree sampling could be planted. Though these days solar energy can be effectively converted into electricity with the help of solar cell panel, a living tree does something which no other equipment can do. With the help of chlorophyll in their green leaves, the trees convert sun energy into matter. Hence if your dead body or at least part of it goes towards nurturing this tree. It will also soak up the CO2 in the atmosphere.

May be it is a dream. But we can work towards converting a desolate piece of a large garbage dumping ground into a green tree filled pub-

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Forgetting our baptism is to forget our identity, Pope Francis says



Vatican City: On Sunday Pope Fran-

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lic park, where each living tree will represent a dead person. It will be where the dead bodies of Buddhists, Christians, Moslems, Sikhs, Jains, Hindus, Dalits and Tribals, Agnostics and Atheists will be all buried next to each other. Hopefully the trees selected by the families will be ones that will produce fruits to eat. It will be a symbol of us to be aware of that we live in a pluralistic world. We have been constantly advised that from Ashes and Dust we come and to Ashes and Dust we will go back to. Most of us do not believe this statement, as we firmly believe we have a soul. But even the dead body from which the soul has escaped, can morph into a living fruit bearing tree, irrespective what the religion or caste it belonged to before death. Even the growing number of agnostics and atheists may like to see their dead bodies turn into a living fruit bearing trees instead of polluting the air and remaining just as ashes or dust.

You the Citizens will have to decide if our municipal authorities are better off converting the Dharavi garbage dumping grounds gradually into a secular electric crematorium and a eco friendly cemetery.

cis spoke of the importance of remembering the day of our baptism, which he said is more than just a date on the calendar, but is the moment we receive our Christian identity and are immersed in the grace and forgiveness of God.

"The feast of the Baptism of Jesus invites every Christian to remember their own baptism," the Pope said Jan. 7, explaining that to forget one's baptism "means exposing oneself to the risk of losing the memory of what the Lord has done for us."

In the end, we consider the day "only as a fact that happened in the past," rather than recognizing as the day on which "we became new creatures and are also capable of forgiving and loving whoever offends us and does us harm."

More than just the day that "sociologically marks the parish register," the day that we were baptized is the day that "constitutes the demanding identity card of the believer," he said.

Pope Francis spoke to pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for his Sunday Angelus address, which this week falls on the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus.

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India's Mental Epidemic!

On Sunday 31 December 2017, Times News Network reported that our President Ram Nath Kovind spoke at the 22nd convocation of the National Institute of Mental Health And Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore:

"India is facing a 'mental health epidemic', and needs to ensure that patients have access to proper and timely treatment. There is a shortage of mental health professionals, as there are only about 5,000 psychiatrists and less than 2,000 clinical psychologists; which are very small even for the mental illnesses which are affecting 10% of our youth."

EWTN News on 29 December 2017, also released depressing statistics: "People with severe mental disorders are much more likely to be incarcerated than to be treated for their mental diseases ... Changes need to be made in order to break the vicious cycle of prison and homelessness. Almost 400,000 inmates in the U.S. prison system are mentally ill! For many with severe mental problems like bipolar disorder or schizophrenia, their untreated illness might have played a prominent role in landing them in jail."

In fact, as recent as 14 June 2017, the Holy See's representative to the United Nations at Geneva, Archbishop Jurkovic, appealed to its Human Rights Council, to couple psychological treatment with 'spiritual care'! Quoting St. John Paul II: "Whoever suffers from mental illness 'always' bears God's image and likeness! In addition, they 'always' have the inalienable right to be treated." Quoting Scripture he revealed: "They have put on a new image, which is constantly being renewed in the knowledge of its Creator's image" (Colossians 3:10).

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

Let Us be Proud of Mother's Job

A national level seminar for journalists and writers was held at Pune in March 2016. The subject of the seminar was "Journalists and Family Values". Speaking in the seminar Psychologist Angeli said, "I used to hate my father. He was a drunkard. But I adored my mother." Then the young speaker spoke about hell-like situation in her house. My father after his job went for his drinking party with his friends and came home fully drunk late in the night. Then he daily created turmoil in the house shouting at the top of his voice as well as beating mother and me. He used abusive language even for our friends and neighbors.

But my mother is a very loving and very quiet person by nature. She served silently her drunken husband with much kindness and patience. She showered much love on her husband. She deals with everyone with much peace and forgiveness. She never quarreled or complained! Daily she went to church and participated in the Mass. She also took me with her and we came back home before my father got up very late. Then, she dealt with my father as if nothing has happened on previous night. She gave him washed and ironed dress, fed us with hot breakfast. By the time father and I finished breakfast, the tiffin for father was ready. For my father my mother take care that everything is ready on time.

My father who was a drunkard for many years once took part in an Alcoholic Anonymous programme and he was free from his habit of drinking. And then our home became like an Oasis in the desert. Our home became a heavenly shrine with much love, peace, forgiveness and understanding for all.

After hearing the psychologist speaking her terrible experiences of her teenage years, I decided that I will share her experience with my readers. For, in Gujarat in spite of the prohibition law, the problem of drunkenness

is wide spread. Many families are ruined because of the drinking habit of the bread-winner. But as I see the mother of Angeli, the psychologist, is a loving character worth emulation. She is a person who not only upholds the family values but also she follows them very faithfully as a respectful wife, an ideal home-maker and as a woman of fortitude. In the words of the Bible, she is a model women "who will not shout or raise his voice or make loud speeches in the streets. S/he will not break off a bend reed or put out a flickering lamp. S/he will bring lasting justice to all." (see Isaiah 42: 2-3).

A mother's job is the noblest work a human being is capable of. If one has to pay for the job of a mother, then she should be paid more than CEO of any international company. Mother's job entitled 24 hours' service. Mother has to keep awake when there is a little child at home or someone is sick. A mother's job calls for much skillfulness, much expertise and much alertness.

Motherhood is the crown of creation. But it is sad that man is not proud of a mother's job! She is not respected for her unique job. Often it is the case that the mothers themselves do not value and take pride in their job. They do not rejoice in their unique job. A woman may exhaust herself as a wife and as a mother and still her husband may say that his wife does not do anything! Her son may say, mother is at home, does not do anything.

Here I would like to speak of a mother who is working in a Charitable Trust office. As she is working in my own office I know her story well as a working mother. Only a mother can do the miracle of conceive a child in womb, cherish and nourish it for nine months in her own body. She has to take care that the child grows well in her womb through the food she takes, the exercise she does, and love the child all the time. Then, in the fullness time she gives birth to her darling child. After taking the paid delivery leave and then extending the



by Fr. Varghese
Paul, SJ

leave further with half pay she joined duty. But she felt that with her full time office work she cannot do justice to her responsibilities as a mother and a housewife. So she talked to me about her intention to resign from her permanent job.

She has been very efficient in her works in my office. So I told her: Looking at the works in my office which requires an experienced and efficient person like you, I would not like to accept your resignation. But I see your need to take care of your child whom you are still breast-feeding. Then, you have also your bigger child to prepare and send him to school on time. You also have to see that your husband goes to office ready with his tiffin, etc. So considering all your responsibilities as a mother, wife and home-maker, I have no option but to accept your resignation. I take this decision because I appreciate a mother's job more than the need of my office. This may be exception but I do know that there are some people in the whole world who do value and appreciate a mother's job.

There is a small booklet in Gujarati entitled "Jeneta" meaning mother edited by Mita Bhargav. She has collected many quotations from eminent people's appreciation for motherhood. Here I give just two quotations.

"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." - Abraham Lincoln.

"If the whole world were put into one scale, and my mother in the other, the whole world would kick the beam." - Lord Londale.

Finally I dedicate this article to all women deprived of the appreciation and respect for their job as mother.

Connect with family at dinner

With today's busy schedules, many families eat separately. Dinner time is a perfect time to spend reconnecting with your family members. Here are a few tips to help your family reconnect.

Most families are starved for time to spend together and dinner may be the best time to reconnect, show appreciation and develop a sense of who you are as a family. These are the simple practices you can put in place at dinnertime to help bring your family together around the table.

Set dinner time when everyone is home: If this is not possible due to schedule of some members then choose a time when most members can be there and make that your regular dinner time.

Ask children's to decorate table:

You can encourage a seasonal theme, ask them to pick flowers or select a piece of their own artwork to share with the family and let them place the candle and appreciate their effort.

Considering everyone before planning the menu:

Consider taste of everyone before creating your meal plan. Ask for input from each member of your family. This guarantees that everyone will have something on the menu that they like and even enjoy preparing.

Find a meaningful way to begin your meal:

Religious or not, you can help bring gratitude and thoughtfulness to your meal time. You might want to show gratitude towards God, pray or just want to raise your glasses to say cheers.

Begin with good conversation:

This is a great time to ask about everyone's day. Discuss world affairs or at least your local news. Never force anyone to participate in the conversation, when they see how everyone is sharing their day they will eventually join in.

give your children a sense of belonging and safety.

Though, your rituals do not have to be complex, they do not have to look like other people's and they do not have to be the ones you had growing up. You can take a few small details and add them to your meal times on most days.



Encourage your family to help:

When you start cooking dinner, always ask at least one of the kids if they want to help chop the vegetables or help with anything else that needs to be done. Besides it'll be fun for kids also because they feel really proud to help contribute to the meal. Often when you set the table and start plating dinner, you can expect to hear at least one of the kids say 'I made this or that.' It gives them a sense of accomplishment.

Celebrate your family's unique dinnertime rituals:

Everyone wshould have a specific chair, you make a family dinner that everyone loves and you have a silly way to encourage the kids to eat. All of these little details when repeated become the rituals that make dinners a meaningful time of connection that

Eat together without distractions:

Being together happily is an important practice and what better time to practice this than when you are enjoying a meal together. One rule to keep your family from being distracted at dinner is to turn off all devices or at very least put them away. This is a great rule to start when your kids are young so that by the time they are all teenagers, they know that it's 'devices off' at dinner.

Treat every one after dinner
After dinner, ask everyone to take their plates by themselves and help in cleaning the table. For this offer them a healthy dessert like a bowl of fresh berries and yogurt or after dinner you can suggest a movie and start popping the popcorn.

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Syro Malabar church inaugurates biggest diocese in India

Hyderabad: The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church on Sunday marked a historic moment with the inauguration of the Shamshabad Diocese here with pan-India jurisdiction, excluding the existing 30 dioceses, which the Latin Church had taken over in 1886.



The diocese has jurisdiction over all the Syro-Malabar Christians in 23 states and two Union territories, excluding those in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and in the jurisdictions of the Kalyan and Faridabad dioceses, making it the largest in the country, the officials of the new diocese said.

Major Archbishop Cardinal George Alencherry, the head of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, formally dedicated the diocese to the Vatican with the installation of Raphael Thattil as its first bishop.

The enthronement ceremony was attended by two cardinals – including Cardinal Baselios Cleemis, the president of the Catholics Bishops Conference of India – senior Vatican representative Archbishop Cyril Vasil and Hyderabad Archbishop Thumma Bala, along with over a dozen archbishops and more than 40 bishops from across the country.

The Diocese of Shamshabad in Hyderabad is the 31st for the Kerala-based church and also the largest in the country with administrative control across 24 states, including the entire Eastern and Northeastern regions, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, four Union Territories and all those areas which are not governed by the 14 dioceses outside Kerala.

This Kerala church, which traces its origins to 52 AD and is believed to be founded directly by St Thomas the Apostle, is also the third largest under the Vatican, after the Latin Catholic Church and the Ukrainian Catholic Churches.

This church also has four dioceses outside India in Australia, Britain, Canada and the US – and 14 other dioceses in the country.

The Vatican, the global headquarters of the Catholic Church and the seat of Pope Francis, had announced the creation of the Shamshabad diocese on October 9 last year.

The new bishop Thattil will serve 1,30,000 faithful spread across 100 cities in the country and has 11 functional churches and seven under construction with around 90 priests and a few hundred nuns.

The Syro-Malabar Church is one of the oldest churches in the world, in fact, much older than those in the Western Hemisphere, and traces its origins to the Apostle Thomas, one of the disciples of Jesus, who arrived in Kerala in 52 AD at Kodungallur in the central part of the present-day Kerala.

The name Syro-Malabar Church is coined from the words ‘Syriac’, referring to the East Syriac liturgy, and ‘Malabar’, the historical name of Kerala.

The Syro-Malabar Catholics, also known as St Thomas Christians, lost their administrative powers to the Latin Church after the Portuguese missionaries wrested control over them in 1886 and were limited to just two territories –Thrissur and Kottayam — in the present-day Kerala.

Till then, Kodungallur was the headquarters of these Christians. In 1955, the Vatican extended the territory of this church to the whole of Kerala and a few districts of neighbouring Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

source: Indian Express -MattersIndia

Be professional at work

We often hear how important it is to behave 'professionally' in the workplace. If you want to get ahead, be taken seriously, and have your boss think of you as an asset to the team, doing things in a professional way is vital.

Behaving professionally is very important to have a successful career. By arriving to work prepared, having good morals, and honing your skills you can behave professionally. Here's what else you can do to learn how to be professional at work.

Respect Company Policies:

Most companies create an employee handbook or intranet section that outlines the policies and procedures you should follow. Carefully review these policies and procedures to make sure you're getting your job done efficiently, and that you're up to code on everything. A lot of the information should be common sense, but if you're unclear on anything, ask your employer.

Know how to Dress the part:

Nothing too tight, too short or too revealing is a good general rule to follow when dressing as a professional. Buy and wear garments of the best quality you can afford. If you want to be taken seriously, dress seriously. Save the trendy pieces for 'off-duty' times.

Always arrive five minutes early :

Don't be that employee who's barely making it in the door or the one who regularly comes fifteen minutes late. Get up early in the mornings so you can arrive to work early, this will show that you are dedicated to your job. Don't rush out at 5:00 PM either. Stay a few minutes afterwards to check emails or finish up tasks.

Treat Company Property with Care and Respect:

From a company-wide scheduling system to a factory floor machine to



the corner office projector to a delivery truck, every position comes with various tools and access to other types of company property that will be in your responsibility. Working pros treat this property as their own, while also knowing how to get the best results out of it, for everyone's benefit.

Be confident and know yourself:

This is a part of displaying confidence, knowing who you are and where you fit in the world and owning your strengths and weaknesses. If you do that you can work out the things you don't do as well.

Don't be over-familiar:

A professional is not a friend. As a professional, you want to be friendly of course. But you don't want to be encouraging personal confidences or sharing them. On the other hand, you don't want to come off as Mr./Ms. super serious all business and nothing but. Especially when you are meeting a client/customer for the first time, a little general chit chat can go a long way towards making you look human and your client comfortable.

Avoid Office Politics and Gossip:

It's an unfortunate truth that office politics are a part of life, but if you do your best to avoid office drama and stay far away from co-worker gossip, you're more likely to establish the professional reputation you want. Just because people talk about you doesn't mean you need to talk about them, but you do need to be aware of what they're saying, especially if their words can ruin your reputation.

There are, however, quite a few common traits when it comes to being professional. This includes the following:

1. Competence. You're good at what you do – and you have the skills and knowledge that enable you to do your job well.

2. Reliability. People can depend on you to show up on time, submit your work when it's supposed to be ready, etc.

3. Honesty. You tell the truth and are upfront about where things stand.

4. Integrity. You are known for your consistent principles.

5. Respect For Others. Treating all people as if they mattered is part of your approach.

6. Self-Upgrading. Rather than letting your skills or knowledge become outdated, you seek out ways of staying current.

7. Being Positive. No one likes a constant pessimist. Having an upbeat attitude and trying to be a problem-solver makes a big difference.

8. Supporting Others. You share the spotlight with colleagues, take time to show others how to do things properly, and lend an ear when necessary.

9. Staying Work-Focused. Not letting your private life needlessly have an impact on your job, and not spending time at work attending to personal matters.

10. Listening Carefully. People want to be heard, so you give people a chance to explain their ideas properly.

Historic CSI Cathedral of Mangalore - 'Shanthi Mahadevalaya'

by Ivan Saldanha-Shet

Mangaluru is famous for many places of worship of many faiths; people from all over the world visit for this reason. A



unique church in the heart of Mangaluru is indeed very note worthy. The elegant "Shanthi Cathedral" officially called "Shanthi Mahadevalaya" by its congregation is special. Situated majestically on the tranquil Balmatta hill and built by the 'Basel Mission' in 1862 as its local base, is without doubt a land mark for the CSI (Church of South India) church. Many Catholic Churches in the vicinity have been originally established decades earlier, like the Rosario Cathedral (1568), Milagres church(1680) and many others; most of these visible edifices / structures have been rebuilt in the early 1900s. The Shanthi Cathedral was raised in 1862, the original magnificent structure still stands as an attractive monument in modern Mangaluru. On December 9, 2012, the Golden Jubilee - 150 years, was a land mark event that is recorded in the annals of the history of Mangaluru.

"Shanthi Mahadevalaya" : The first 'Mission' Cathedral was located at Bundar/Neereshwalya built in 1834 by the early members of Basel Mission who were the first preachers of this Christian group. The credit for the construction of the magnificent Cathedral on Balmatta hill in 1862, goes to German architect and missionary Flyderer for preparing the blueprints and raising it gloriously. The Cathe-

dral was built using red bricks, local latrite and a little later covered with the world famous 'Mangalore Tiles' - the first Tile Factory, producing "Mission Roofing Tiles" was established in 1864 by the Basel Mission that can be still seen. This Cathedral has 28 arches inside and 28 outside the building, giving it an unmatched symmetry and aesthetic look. The construction work was completed within 20 months and the bell fry with a clock was a later addition in 1904. The inner gallery of the cathedral was built using local wood, it can be entered and exited from three sides - East, North and South. Though the cathedral has been renovated a few times and cosmetic changes done, the basic structure and look is still the original. The bell tower of the cathedral has four bells from Switzer-



landembossed with Bible quotations in Kannada, unimaginable about 150 years ago.

This Cathedral has since 1834 locally contributed to 'Naadu' (land), 'Nudi' (letters), 'Dharma' (faith), 'Samskruthi' (culture) and more. Three Basel missionaries namely, Samuel Hebich, John Lehner, Christian Griener, Moegling and a few other landed in Calicut (now Kozhikode), Kerala; where a cathedral with beautiful architecture to match this one can be seen, on August 21, 1834. They reached their destination Mangalore on Oct 30, 1834. It is note worthy that their exclusive contribution to printing and the press here has been pioneering. In 1851, a printer from Basel came with Kannada fonts/types for the press in Mangalore.

Some of the famous works that came out of this press are still revered and are the bench mark ; Kittels Kannada-English Dictionary, Ziegler's English-Kannada dictionary, and also Malayalam, Tulu dictionaries among others. One land mark is the first Kannada news paper of M'llore - 'Mangalooru Samachara' on July 1, 1843.

Basel Mission : In the early days, Basel Mission used the quaint heritage St.Paul's Church (Oldest Protestant Church in the area) now seen opposite the Police HQ near the Nehru Maidan in the heart of the city. A unique English Garrison Church on half acre land, built in 1842 (20 years earlier), is related to the early British rule in South India, an article on this had appeared in SC.

Shanthi Cathedral, YMCA, Hebich Training Institute, printing press, sewing training institute, research centre, Library, house for widows still continue to serve in the Balmatta premises and Christian families too reside on the land. The centres started by Basel Missionaries were later merged together and in 1968 the Basel Mission became a part of Mysore diocese. In 1970, when Mysore diocese was divided, the Mangalore region was considered as Karnataka South Diocese and the central Cathedral was named as Shanthi Cathedral which in Mangalore saw the amalgamation with CSI -Church of South India. Its glory continues even to the present day.



Thanks Ambrose!

-Fr. Cedric Prakash sj*

Early this morning, when I received a WhatsApp message from my Provincial Fr. Francis Parmar saying that you were no more, I was too stunned for words. I knew you were sick, very sick - but I really did not expect you to go so soon. There was much more that you still had to do here on earth. But then the Lord knows best and calling you home so quickly is, I guess, His way of saying "*Well done good and faithful Ambrose...!*" It is also a message to those of us left behind, that we must carry on with the valuable legacy you have left us.

There are innumerable messages on social media and several emails too, with rich and emotional tributes to you: all of them unanimously saying how much you have contributed to this world and how you will be greatly missed. Many have written about the profound and positive impact you have had on their lives. I have been reading and re-reading many of these eulogies the whole of today and I cannot but agree with all of the content.

Tributes to you have come in from every walk of life: for your singular contribution to social justice in the country; for your unequivocal stand for the rights of the poor and the marginalized, the Dalits and the Tribals, the minorities and all excluded. You spoke and wrote passionately against communalism, against nuclearisation, against the fascism that was permeating several sections of our society. Your intellectual acumen was your forte: factual, analytical and incisive. You never minced your words; but you were never loud - your quality to be soft-spoken made others want to hear you and to follow your directions.

Been also looking into our email correspondence and the groups we belong too. My last email to you was in August last year; I was in Delhi

for a meeting convened by POSA Fr. George Pattery and I was enquiring as to why you had not come for it. Only then, I was told that you were sick. My immediate message to you then was very cryptic saying that I am praying for your speedy and completely recovery. I never received your reply but tonight I wonder if you ever had the opportunity to read it.

Strangely enough, your last personal email to me was in May 2016 after I had come to the Middle East to work with the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS); you wrote many nice things in that email but you also mentioned that you were contemplating spending some time with the JRS. I immediately wrote back asking you to contact Fr Stan Fernandes the Director of JRS South Asia or the JRS International Office in Rome. Not had a personal mail from you since then.

These past years we have met and interacted (by email) several times. However, the last time we actually spent value time together, as far as I can remember, was during the 'National Consultation on Education and Secularism' organised by Action Aid in Delhi early in March 2014. We shared the same room and I cannot help but recollect the animated discussions we had long hours into the night: on the state of the country, Church and even our own Society. I still remember that what you lamented most was the lack of visionary and committed leadership at every sphere of society; of how we all need to work together and be very clear about whom we identify with. Important lessons indeed, which, as I look back, we are sadly, still far away from mainstreaming.

It is significant that you said "goodbye" to us today on the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, which is also the titular feast of the Society of Jesus. You entered the Society in 1968, so you would have celebrated your Golden Jubilee in a few months from



now. For me, you were an exemplary Jesuit and Priest fully committed to the 'faith-justice mandate' and the vision of Vatican II. It is not easy to live against the stream. You have shown that it should and can be done. You are in that privileged place now, truly a companion of Jesus for all eternity.

This evening whilst going through the emails from you, I found one written to our AICUF group on 30 May 2012 after the demise of our dear companion, friend, mentor and guide Fr. Pierre Ceyrac. You wrote, "*I really do not know why we are sad at the passing away of Ceyrac. His was a beautiful life. The little Prince says, "It is only with your heart you can love". His heart was in the right place and he loved what ought to be loved, those whom society discarded or excluded. It was an inspiring life. He has left behind a legacy as a man of the heart. It is an occasion to rejoice at the great life and a moment to be grateful and to make that inspiration our own. "For your faithful O Lord, life is not ended but changed". That was his faith and he is where he belonged and destined. Thanks Ceyrac*"

You were always prophetic dear Ambrose. The words you wrote about Ceyrac more than five years ago ring true for you today too! "Thanks Ambrose!"

(A tribute to Fr Ambrose Pinto SJ (KAR) who left this world on 3 January 2018)

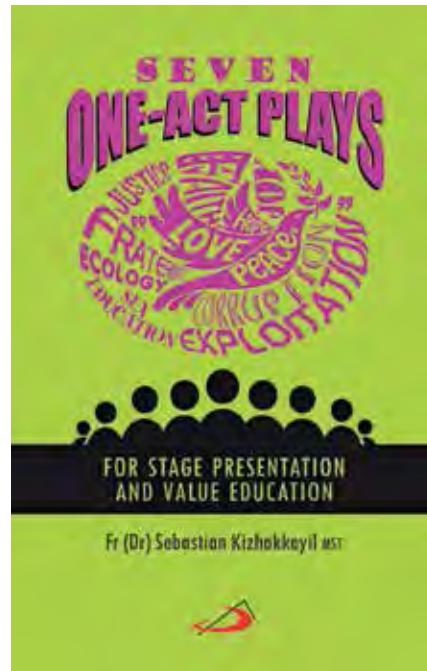
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SEVEN ONE ACT PLAYS

For Stage Presentation and Value Education -
By Fr (Dr) Sebastian Kizhakkeyil, MST

It was Mahatma Gandhi who said, "Literary education is of no value, if it is not able to build up a sound character." Obviously then, education is not about learning the three R's alone but about building a life rooted in sound moral principles. Further, with society undergoing fast-paced change especially in the communications field, there are emerging new and numerous ways of communicating between persons even unknown to each other, simultaneously giving rise to problems and dangers galore. Instances of people venturing into unfamiliar terrain in search of friends encountered on the internet are surfacing in the media with alarming frequency along with cases of individuals being so appalled at the very sight of their unknown but "familiar friends" as to cause them to either run away from them or end up in tragic situations. With parents perforce having no clue as to their children's obsession with the computer and the net, many of them are in for a rude shock on becoming aware of the irreversible missteps taken on their so-called adventurous journeys.

Responding to a request from Mar Sebastian Vadakel, Bishop of Ujjain and conscious of the futility of crying over spilt milk, Father Sebastian Kizhakkeyil, a priest of the Missionary



BOOK REVIEW

By *Ladislaus Louis D'Souza*

Society of Saint Thomas the Apostle, lost no time in studying the issue and scripting SEVEN ONE-ACT PLAYS for use in educational institutions, thus offering students, teachers and parents alike concrete means to keep the milk from spilling over.

Adolescence is generally a period of emotional upheaval, which is precisely the time when they need to be taught the importance of upholding moral integrity in their lives and to be gently but firmly veered off a lifestyle of uncontrolled emotions on to the path leading to a promising future. After all, as Nancy Aster says, "Real education should educate us out of self into something far finer – into selflessness which links us with all humanity." It follows then that it is the duty of every responsible individual and organization to contribute towards the betterment of society. The collaboration of the author [Founder-Director of Santhome Bible Centre, Pariyaram, Kerala] and

the publishers [BETTER YOURSELF BOOKS, a Division of ST PAULS] in bringing out this book with a view to making the world a better place to live in rather than a hell of self-seekers, is thus admirable!

The topics treated in SEVEN ONE ACT PLAYS [ISBN 978-81-7108-901-7 / pp 143 / Rs 150], namely exploitation of the poor, drug abuse, sex education, corruption, ecology, craze for wealth and brotherly relationships concern real life tragedies from which others can learn to avoid similar pitfalls. Each of the seven enactments in this book [which is also available as an e-book on www.stpaulsbyb.com] holds out the Olive branch of hope with a powerful message to today's youth, simultaneously alerting parents, teachers and other elders in relation to the growth and upbringing of the young in their care. Not surprisingly then, the presentation of some of these plays may bring tears to the reader's or viewer's eyes even as they shed light on how best to motivate youngsters to steer clear of the effects of selfishness, a trait that is a major obstacle to living a truly contented life apart from preventing others from living likewise.

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We are not talking about living on your own. Independence from relying on other sources is what critical thinking helps you in. Sure when you start out, you will need to refer to multiple sources for information. Be it a computer system, the internet, your teachers, parents or peer. But as your critical thinking abilities improve you will tend to make judgements without depending on others.

Learn to think very creatively:
Being creative is termed as thinking something that hasn't been thought before. Critical Thinking will make sure your mind grows and that you come up with creative solutions to solve problems of daily life. Critical thinking thus helps in building creativity of the student.



Increases self-awareness:

Critical thinkers are aware of their positives and negatives. They know when they are right, and thus are hard to be fooled. At the same time, they tend to draw a line between their rational thoughts and the emotional ones. Unlike many others, they try not mix these two aspects.

Helps you understand Others:

It improves a person's ability to understand how others feel and the things the others have to deal with. This comes in handy when you are in a scenario where you have to work with a large group of people. You will understand their perspective and you can deal with others in a better manner.

Increases Decision Making Ability:

Critical thinking skills help in the improvement of decision making. Students and professionals require the ability to make decisions on day to

day basis. It affects their overall working and adds on to their profile as a decisive personality which has a great value when it comes to employability and stability in their professional lives.

Improve your Critical Thinking ability:

Identify a topic in an objective manner Whenever you think about a certain topic, think about it objectively. The first thing you can do is draw a table in your mind, with pros and cons on either side. Think about the topic in terms of positive and negative or advantageous and disadvantageous traits. You will begin to understand the topic in a much better way, and will have a strong opinion which will be based on your rational thought.

Ask Right Questions:

Another method to improve your skills is by keeping on asking questions. It will improve your knowledge about the topic, cancel out any discrepancy that you believed in and develops your ability to analyse situations. You will learn to look at a subject from all the point of views, and thus your thinking ability will grow.

Critical Thinking is not just a "nice to have" skill in the 21st century, it is essential. We live in an age where we have more information at our fingertips than ever before and more opportunity to communicate with people across the globe. But how to we discern what information is correct, relevant and unbiased? Thus it is very important for the youth to have critical thinking ability. Research also suggested that improving critical thinking ability has a knock-on effect in improving problem-solving ability, openness, creativity, organisation, planning and making the right choices in life.

To think critically, one must be aware of all that is happening. Whether it is politics or art or philosophy, one needs to know as much as possible. This results in developing of one's own opinion which will help in the development of critical thinking. Development of opinions and critical thinking, go hand in hand.

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Prior to praying the Angelus, Pope Francis celebrated Mass inside the Sistine Chapel, during which he baptized 34 babies in commemoration of the special feast day, which he does every year.

In his address, the Pope noted how the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus marks the end of the liturgical Christmas season.

Turning to the day's Gospel, he recalled how those who came to John for baptism recognized their sin and wanted to be cleansed in order to start a new life. Because of this, we understand "the great humility of Jesus," who did not have sin, but put himself "in line with the penitents, mixed among them to be baptized in the waters of the river."

By doing this, Jesus what we celebrated at Christmas: his own availability "to immerse himself in the river of humanity, to take upon himself the shortcomings and weaknesses of men, to share with them the desire for freedom and of overcoming everything that distances us from God and makes us strangers to our brothers," Francis said.

Again pointing to the day's Gospel reading from Matthew, he noted how it recounts that Jesus, "when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the

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Spirit descending upon him like a dove."

The Holy Spirit, who worked at the beginning of creation and guided Moses and the people through the desert, "now descends in fullness on Jesus in order to give him the strength to fulfill his mission in the world."

"It is the Holy Spirit who is the author of Jesus' baptism," Pope Francis said. "It is the the Holy Spirit who opens the eyes of the heart to the truth, the entire truth. It is the Holy Spirit who pushes our lives on the path of charity."

The Holy Spirit, he said, "is the gift that the Father has made to each one of us on the day of our baptism. It is the Holy Spirit who transmits to us the tenderness of divine forgiveness."

Francis noted that it is precisely in the moment when the Jesus makes solidarity with sinners that he hears the voice of his Father, "who confirms his identity and mission."

In off-the-cuff remarks, the Pope then asked the pilgrims present if they know the date of their baptism, since most of them likely received the sacrament when they were children. If the answer is no, he told them to "go home and ask your mom or dad, your grandmother or grandfather, your godmother or godfather," because it is the day of grace and forgiveness that we should all remember.

He closed his address praying that Mary would intercede so that all

Christians "can increasingly understand the gift of baptism and commit themselves to living it with coherency, bearing witness to the love of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

After leading pilgrims in the traditional Angelus prayer, Pope Francis noted how earlier that morning he had "the joy" of baptizing several infants, and prayed that the Mother of God would protect them, "so that, helped by the example of their parents and godparents, they may grow as disciples of the Lord."

He closed telling pilgrims "don't forget you homework: what is the day of my baptism? On what day was I baptized?" and asked for prayers.

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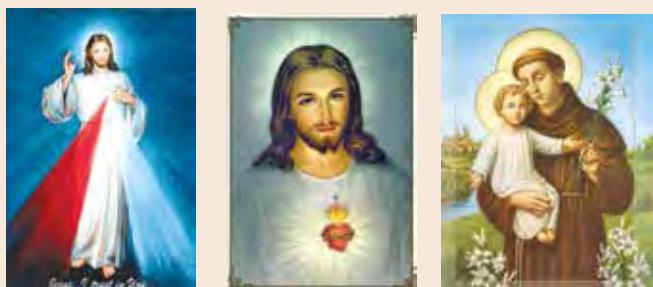
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