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Indian Catholic Bishops Begin Their General Body Meeting In Bengaluru

The 33rd General body Meeting of the Catholic Bishops' Conference got off to a solemn and enriching start. It began with the inaugural Mass presided over by Most Rev. Giambattista Diquattro, the Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal. He reminded the Bishops that today's Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a call for an encounter with the Lord that leads us to an encounter with the people. Four Cardinals from India, The chief guest at the Inaugural Session, Cardinal Charles Bo, Archbishop of Yangon, Archbishops, Bishops, Directors of National centres, Secretaries of CBCI Offices/Councils, Regional Deputy Secretaries and faithful participated in the Holy Eucharist.

At the inaugural function that followed, the Chief Guest Cardinal Charles Bo Speaking on the theme How the Church Lives Unity in Diversity in Myanmar, he explained to the Bishops how the Church in Myanmar faced great challenges including Nationalization of Catholic schools and activities and how it responded with faith and courage.

His Eminence Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, the President of the CBCI, emphasised the contributions of the Catholic Church in Nation Building and affirmed that the Church is at the service of the nation. Most Rev. Theodore Mascarenhas, the Secretary General of the CBCI reporting on the life and activity of the Catholic Church pointed out that the Church continued its mission of service and witness and will continue it despite very strong challenges and difficulties.

His Eminence Cardinal Charles Bo, and Most Rev. Giambattista Diquattro, were given a traditional welcome with shawls and Mysore Peta by Cardinal Cleemis and Archbishop Bernard Moras.

Wishes and messages from Shri Ram Nath Kovind, the Hon'ble President



of India, Pope Francis and Prefects of the Congregations for Evangelization and Oriental Rites were read out to the gathering by Most Rev. Filipe Neri, the second Vice President of the CBCI. Later, the newly appointed Bishops and the Jubilarians were honoured. Most. Rev. Archbishop Andrews Thazhath, the first Vice president of the CBCI proposed the vote of thanks. The program concluded with the singing of the National Anthem

and praying of the Angelus.

The Bishops will continue discussing issues affecting the Church for the next six days.

+ Most Rev. Theodore Mascarenhas,
SFX
Secretary General
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'Thought for the week'

One of the happiest moments ever is when you find the courage to finally let go of what you can't change.

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Current Communal Narrative Not in India's Interests

By Don Aguiar

Following reports of sporadic attacks on churches, church workers and minorities across the country; - A "deep sense of insecurity" has gripped the law abiding citizens and the community at large following reports of attacks on minority institutions across the country. The minorities are particularly worried about "intolerance" towards one's food habits, language and culture.

The minorities have expressed their concern with the kind of ideology that is being imposed, which is a danger. We have to grow together and respect everybody. The church leaders also raised concerns about religious insecurity prevailing in the country. They expressed their feelings of insecurity as minority religious groups in this country under the current dispensation. They feel they need political protection from the Centre and states.

In an apparent bid to push the Hindutva politics, the present government must understand that such politics will be counterproductive for India's aspiration to become a global power.

In spite of all this writing on the wall as well as the recently concluded DAVOS gathering where the PM assured the international gathering economic growth and communal harmony as ease of doing business in this country the present dispensation still thinks it prudent to fall back on good old Hindutva to win votes in the Hindi heartland. The choice of Yogi Adityanath as chief of India's most populous state is the biggest proof of Modi's conviction that Hindutva trumps economics any day, in the villages of North India.

India is aspiring to be a global power. In a global scenario, if you want to befriend Muslim countries, you can't afford to be anti-Muslim back in your country. If you want strong ties with Christian nations, you can't be anti-Christian.

Whatever is happening today is not in the interest of India, especially if the present government is projecting a communal bend of mind, although India consciously chose to be secular in 1947 when the neighboring Pakistan de-

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cided to become an Islamic Republic.

The importance of secularism as an ideal in Shastri's life -- the second Prime Minister of India who successfully steered the nation during the 1965 India-Pakistan war -- as saying that "India does not bring religion into politics.

Shastri had once observed: "The unique thing about our country is that we have Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Parsis and people of all other religions. We have temples and mosques, gurdwaras and churches. But we do not bring all this into politics... So far as politics is concerned, each of us is as much an Indian as the other.

Shastri had moved a Bill for addition of Section 153A to the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for making acts of promoting enmity between different groups, on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language etc., and acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony, as penal offences.

For a law abiding citizen, Shastri's quote which was, "the rule of law should be respected, so that the basic structure of our democracy is maintained and further strengthened" - will attract any law abiding citizen the most.

Shastri may have been one of the first to have recognized the 'basic structure' ethos contained in the Constitution, and certainly well before the Supreme Court recognized it in Kesavananda Bharati Vs. State of Kerala (1973).

For Shastri the way was straight and clear...the building up of a socialist democracy at home with freedom and prosperity for all, and the maintenance of world peace and friendship with all nations.

Shastri was the first Prime Minister of India to wage a war against corruption, which had started showing its ugly face by the late 1950s, and took effective measures to tackle it.

Lal Bahadur Shastri recognised how corruption could sap the vitals of India, and negate all efforts at socio-economic transformation. Accordingly, as Prime Minister of India, Shastriji established a Code of Conduct for Ministers, and his efforts led to the establishment of the now well-known Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Earlier, as a Minister in the Jawaharlal Nehru Cabinet, Shastri was instrumental in appointing a committee on "prevention of corruption". The report of the K. Santhanam Committee was still a benchmark for any discussion

or solution to the evil phenomenon (corruption).

This compels us to ask ourselves the question, as to what is lacking, and why we have not been able to fulfill the constitutional mandate, which promises to secure all citizens' justice, liberty, equality and fraternity, projected in the Preamble of the Constitution itself and pride ourselves as a secular democratic republic.

From Shastri to the present dispensation what a big difference in the promotion and practice of our constitution and the attitude, ideals, values and respect shown towards it by the present dispensation, which is poles apart.

With the present dispensation promoting and openly pushing their lethal communal game SAFFRON COW everything has started dying. Tolerance is dying. Secularism is dying. Unity in diversity is dying. Economy is dying. Good governance is dying. Justice is dying. Education is dying. Freedom of press is dying. Freedom of speech is dying.

The present dispensation after falling short in its promises and assurances knows that it cannot go back to the larger non-urban electorate with economic delivery and communal harmony as its election plank. For this section 'ache din' and communal harmony still remains a mirage and any mention of it may actually rile sentiments. We saw glimpses of it during the recent Gujarat election.

Next year there will be another survey on their economic delivery, communal harmony and secularism and the results will make them aware once again of their efforts of their saffronisation tilt and they steadily moving away from practicing and prompting our constitution and yet they will do nothing about it because our PM has cracked the winning formula - More wealth for the rich, Hindutva for the poor. This is not in the interest of India and we the people need to make the correction.

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Church Combats Euthanasia!

On 26 January 2018, Pope Francis met with members of the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, while affirming the dignity of every person, and stressing the Church's task of accompanying the ill and suffering, especially in the face of increasing support for 'euthanasia'! (Some highlights):

"Pain, suffering, and the meaning of life and death, are all problems the contemporary mind does not know how to face with hope; and therefore, this is one of the duties that the Church is called to render to present-day humanity."

"It is clear, that where life is not valid and valued for its dignity, but for its efficiency and productivity, 'euthanasia' becomes inevitable. In such a scenario, it must be reiterated, that human life from conception to its natural end has a 'dignity' that shows it as inviolable."

"Authentic pastorate therefore, is every action aimed at taking the human being by the hand, when that person has lost the sense of dignity and destiny; and lead with confidence to rediscover the loving Fatherhood of God, through ways to build a more humane world."

"This is especially important today, as our understanding of self becomes ever more fluid and changeable, influencing our existential and ethical choices. The human of today no longer knows to recognize who he/she is, and therefore, struggles to act responsibly. But faith in Christ Jesus is God's plan for the world that opens reason to the Divine!" (cf. Matthew 4:16; John 3:19-20).

—*Dr. Hazel Colaso, Banda (W), Mumbai.*

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Pope: "The serpent was the first to use fake news tactics "

Pope Francis in his message for World Communications Day 2018 said that people have a responsibility to check the source of what they share on social media so as to ensure it is not "fake news" designed to evoke emotions of fear, contempt, anxiety and frustration. He also said that sharing fake news makes one an accomplice in the evil.

The Pope himself was a victim of fake news after reports emerged claiming he had changed the Ten Commandments. Recently a very authentic looking news clip was doing the rounds claiming that the Holy Father was resigning. Earlier it was reported that Pope Benedict had passed away.

Examples of fake news affecting Christians abound. Some such examples are "requesting prayers for 22 Christian families who will be executed tomorrow in Afghanistan" and "20 churches burnt down in the Olisabang province of India". (Ironically, in India we have states and not provinces----a sure giveaway that it's fake news) .

Usually we forward such fake news forwards with alacrity but rarely display the same alacrity in issuing corrections .

Some helpful tips: Whenever you receive a forward which evokes emotions of anger, shock, communal hatred etc, do not forward it for 15 minutes.(Nobody will remember you

for 'breaking news', but you will be remembered for 'faking-news'). If the news is concerning a disaster, communal hatred or death of an important person, check the news channels. It will be there much before it reaches your mobile. Also check google by punching in the first few words of the post. Most likely you will find that it's an old fake post. Finally, if you realise that you have inadvertently sent fake news please take the trouble of immediately informing all your contacts of the true facts.

—*Prof Robert Castellino Orlem.*

India needs a strong leader as Prime Minister

India needs a strong leader as Prime Minister by Vijay Kamat (published in Jan 29- Feb 4 'Secular Citizen') is a real gem of views of an intellect and courageous personality. All the points are cleverly chosen and put up in a well knit understandable way.

Abolish reservation based on Caste, Creed, Gender and give concession to Economically Backward Class (EBC) is an innovative progressive thinking. Equal opportunities to all Indians as per their merits, talents, qualifications without any bias is a welcome approach.

How can we turn in to reality, our dream of making India lead by a Strong Prime Minister who can positively bring radical changes in Policies.? Such a radical transformation is the need of the hour.

—*Ponnamma Antony.*

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—H. M. Fernandes,
Goregaon

Let A Myriad Flowers Bloom

chhotebhai

Our Motherland India has often been described as a bouquet in which a myriad flowers bloom; of every shade, shape and fragrance. Indeed India as a multi-religious, multi-lingual, multi-ethnic country is unique in the comity of nations.

Yet, in recent times, there is a concerted attempt to straight jacket all – in one colour, one ideology, one belief, one diet, one culture, one language, one unique identity and even one civil code. This is contrary to nature and our national ethos. As a consequence, there are growing social tensions, simmering discontent, hatred, animosity, fear, suspicion and intolerance. Can the Christians of India remain mute spectators to what is happening, hiding behind the fig leaf of our miniscule numbers, or waiting for somebody else to take the plunge?

As Christians it is our duty to be harbingers of peace, filled with hope, under the tutelage of the Holy Spirit. Isaiah had prophesied that Jesus was the Prince of Peace, who would convert swords into ploughshares, where lions would eat straw, and a little child would put its hand into the snake's nest. At Christmas the angels heralded Peace. Peace was Jesus' parting gift to his disciples, and his greeting after the Resurrection. Peace is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, so all Christians are called to be peace makers (shantidoos).

Squadron Leader N.V. John of the Indian Air Force, a professed atheist, "died" in a near fatal air crash in 1982. In death he encountered life, and was "resurrected" as Acharya Sachidananda Bharati (aka Air Force Baba). He quit the IAF and devoted the rest of his life to walking in the footsteps of Sadguru Jesus. To this end he has founded several ashrams

to promote communal harmony, and has an inter-religious campaign for happy childhood for those below 18 years of age.

He now feels inspired to organise a National Seminar on "Christian Leadership for a Culture of Peace". This will be held from 13th to 15th April (both days inclusive) at Navjivan Renewal Centre, St Xavier's School campus, Delhi.

This then is an open invitation to all Christian leaders, social activists, journalists etc to come together at the feet of the Lord in prayer, to share their experiences and pool their talents, in order to build up a task force of peace makers (shantidoos). Faced with the magnitude of the problem we often feel helpless, like frogs in our own little wells. If we emerge from our shells we can draw strength and inspiration from each other. Let us "Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches". Let us say "Maranatha" – come Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Everyday is Christmas, Good Friday, Easter and Pentecost.

If you feel called to join this humble effort to promote a culture of peace in our beloved Motherland then please contact any of the following for more details and registration:

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It is up to us to make a myriad flowers bloom, lest they be reduced to faded and jaded blossoms in the dust.

St Sebastian's Permannur, celebrated

by Ivan Saldanha-Shet. M'lore.

This blessed year 2018, as we have come to know, marks 480 years of Christianity in former South Kanara, an integral part of British 'Madras Presidency', which covered a big part of today's Coastal Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. In 1568, the Portuguese brought Konkani catholic convert workers from Goa to Mangaluru and since then Catholicism has grown into the shape it is today. Visible now are two vibrant catholic diocese Mangalore and Udupi; Udupi came to be in 20--, carved out from the large flourishing Mangalore diocese, and both have become very dynamic in all activities. In this decade, many of the parishes, churches and institutions here have gone on to celebrate a Century of service to the people of God and St Sebastian Church Permannur, Thokkottu did so not just in a grand manner but very meaningfully.

The History : St Sebastian Parish Church, Permannur, was originally a part of Ullal (later called as Panir) church. In 1913, Fr Joseph Menezes of Ullal succeeded in getting 15 acres of land where Fr Lawrence Fernandes built a chapel in Babbukatte. On being detached from Ullal into a separate chapel, Fr S V Rebello (1918-1926) became the first chaplain on February 1, 1918.

Fr S V Rebello built a small church in Babbukatte which was inaugurated on April 5, 1926. As it was not easily accessible, permission was granted by then Mangaluru Bishop Dr Paul Perini to relocate Babbukatte chapel to Thokkottu, the present site. The parishioners donated 3 acres of land and advocate late U Krishna Bhat donated another two acres on which the new church was constructed by Fr Piad S D'Souza and it was solemnly blessed



on May 23, 1932. The chaplaincy was raised to the rank of a parish on July 16, 1932 with Fr Piad S D'Souza (1926-1937) as the first parish priest. Adam Kudru island, was brought under the jurisdiction of Permannur when it became an independent parish. The present new church was inaugurated on February 16, 1993.

The Centenary Celebrations : This is a large parish with more than 1000 families and more than 8000 members. The 100 years of its foundation is an event that made headlines. As part of the centenary year celebrations, a series of programmes were held in 2017. the peak of the year-long celebrations was January 19 to 21, 2018.

Day One : January 19, 2018- Dr Francis Serrao, the Bishop of Shivamogga presided over the Institution day celebrations. All teachers who served in St Sebastian institutions were felicitated during the function. The officials of the education department, several educationalists and the alumni attended the function in large numbers. Earlier, January 7, a marathon race was conducted, an intention to unite parishioners especially youth and hence build solidarity in the local community. On January 10, a nine-day novena recollected the spirituality of the spot.

Day Two : January 20, 2018 - Inter-religious meet has been organised to bring together people of all faiths of the area. Ullal being a sensitive area prone to communal disturbances the promotion of harmony is seen as a vital mission of peace and harmony. Shree Kshetra Dharmasthala Dharmadhikari Dr D Veerendra Heggade, Serampore University Chancellor Dr J S Sadananda, Juma Masjid (Kulur) Khatib K A Basheer Madani, Bishop of Mangaluru Dr Aloysius Paul D Souza attended the programme that will go a long way to build trust and confidence among the people in the vicinity of Ullal.

Day Three : January 21, 2018 - Concluding ceremony of the year-long festive and community building events were held. A thanksgiving

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WHETHER INDIA IS ON THE VERGE OF FINALLY DIFFUSING THE POPULATION BOMB?

by Eric D'Sa

Many a Sunday evenings if I am free, I take a long leisurely walk around the suburb of Deonar. While I do so, I pass the well known GOI institution of 'International institute for Population Sciences'. Next to its main gate, there is a large electronic number board which is ticking and updating the population of India. The number has been constantly growing each day. Last Sunday when I read the board, it showed the number as 1374037861. From time to time in the past whenever I heard our politicians and TV anchors talk about the demographic dividend and how our young population would propel the countries growth, my BP would rise a few notches. Many even gloated that very soon our population would grow larger than that of China and we will have the unique distinction of being the largest populated country in the world. My own views were that the uncontrolled growth of our population, is a demographic disaster and may lead to even a revolution.

My adverse reaction to all the above, can date back to the 1960s when as a bachelor sailor in my 20s, I was roaming around the world as a ships engineer. For the first time I was visiting a number of developed countries and one thing being from Bangalore and Bombay that struck me most, was seeing very few people walking on the roads. There was no visible stark poverty we see in India and whom-ever I met in official or unofficial capacities, seemed well educated and living a fairly comfortable life. During this period I read in 1968, a national best seller book named the 'Population Bomb' by Paul Enrick, a Stanford University professor. Coming from India the book had a proud effect on me, especially as soon afterwards, India had the Bihar famine. It had to

import ship loads of wheat from America, most of it received as US aid. So I kept talking openly about this book and its contents and the urgent need to restrict population growth in India by encouraging family planning. If we had to avoid mass starvations due to stark poverty we had to act quickly to restrict our population growth. I was convinced.

My mother a good practicing Mangalorean Catholic, an a proud mother of five sons was naturally shocked about what I was openly advocating. Her

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only defence was that if she had practiced what I was openly preaching, I who was her third child would not have seen the light of day. Later she did admit that she tried to space her children with the help of what is called the rhythm method, which failed in case of her last three children. She was also the best match maker of the community and warned me that if I keep talking like I did, there would very few mothers who would be happy to see their daughter married to me. She also reminded me the merchant navy officers came way below the matrimonial market pyramid. I told her not to worry too much about it, as I could get her as a daughter in law, a beautiful geisha like the lovely Japanese geisha doll that I had brought her!

Fortunately the green revolution, helped the Indian farm sector to rapidly increase production of grains, which made the country self sufficient in food. It was able to with better irrigation facilities and chemical fertilisers, continue to increase the food grain production, to keep up with

the Indian population growth. However, Indian authorities took what was said in the books like the Population Bomb, very seriously. It was the first country in the world to have an official family planning policy. Being a functional democracy with universal voting rights, GOI could not be cohesive as it happened for a short while in Sanjay Gandhis time. We as a nation could not for instance, follow the China model of one child per family. However, it was realised gradually that in the states where literacy rates increased, especially of the girl child, the population growth rate started dropping.

So it was heartening for me to read a few days ago that the Indian family planning program is succeeding. The recently released report on the fourth round of the National Family Health Survey(NFHS-4), carried out in 2015-16, shows it is succeeding and hopefully the ticker in Deonar will stop increasing numbers within a few months. The total fertility rate in the country has dropped to 2.2, marginally above the replacement rate of 2.1. This is substantial improvement from 10 years earlier, where it was at 2.7. The fertility rate in 23 States and Union territories is below 2.1. The southern states have done extremely well. Only the 5 Bihar states have been the laggards, the worst being Bihar and U.P. The most effective way to deal with this is for GOI to concentrate on the educationally most backward districts in these states to ensure education is imparted to the girl child and contraceptive usage is increased in these Bihar states.

A closer study of the results of the survey show that education is a clear differentiator. Women with 12 year or more of schooling have a fertility rate of just 1.7, while women with no

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schooling with 3.1. Education levels are also strongly correlated with another important aspect of the fertility rate, higher rates of schooling mean lower levels of teenager pregnancy. In the 15 -19 age bracket, as many as one fifth of the women with no schooling have begun childbearing, while only one in 25 women in the age group who have had 12 years or more schooling have done so. Teenage child bearing in turn, results in greater health risks in case of both, the mother and child. The implication is clear. Lack of educational reproductive control, feeds into India's maternal and child bearing problem.

A few other myths being perpetuated by the right wing fringe elements have been debunked. One of them that there is increased conversions taking place into Christianity has proved false, as the percentage of Christians in the country as a whole has dropped from 2.7% to 2.1 %. This partly also due to the fact that many young and bright Christians have migrated from India to western countries such as .U.K., Canada, Australia, New Zealand , USA and even to Portugal and Brazil. The other myth is that Moslem woman breed like rabbits. While it is true that birth rate of poor Muslim women in places like Bihar are slightly greater than those of poor Hindu women, both rates drop with education. States such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal that have large population of Muslim women have an overall average berth rate of 1.8% to 2.0%

Almost a century ago few social scientist took the then very radical view, that women could best confront the fertility challenge via emancipation and gender equality, that continues to hold true even today in our country. Successive governments have done well over the decades. Now as citizens we will to decide whether we maintain the pressure on GOI to continue with the good work they have done so far and to take utmost care so that the Bimaru states are particularly targeted by the family planning departments to ensure that the Nation

as a whole, attains the target of 2.1% replacement growth rate. The Government an then start concentrating on improving the per capita GDP and provide the masses the necessary food, Heath care, housing and jobs.

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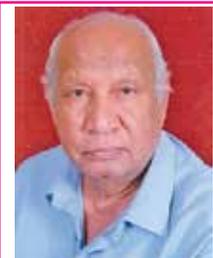
An independent, intellectual, a - political united Kingdom based body, The Economist Intelligence Unit in its latest annual report states "... of 167 countries of the world, Indian democracy has slipped ten grade down, from 32 grade to 42 grade within one year ..." The team consists of experts and their only concern is the status of healthy democracy in the world. The Economist Intelligence Unit was set up in England soon after the Second World War.

The team of experts has sufficient data and information concerning the status and quality of democracy in all 167 countries in the world.

This team is connected to no political party or ideology. Its independent report is well studied and tested before its annual publication. No amount of pressure or political influence works on it. Hence, its credibility and authenticity is acceptable all over the world.

It is a serious matter of concern that in last three years the downward march of Indian democracy has worried many all over the world. The Democracy Index has expressed its "serious concern.." the status and

quality of democracy is fast deteriorating all over the world. Religion and cast based minorities are ignored and often persecuted in many countries. Newspapers and police reports of attacks on minorities go on increasing day after day in India. Dalits, Muslims and Christian minorities are the easy targets of many Hindu outfits. Their



by Ignatius Dabhi
Sr. Journalist

voice is not heard, their complaints are not followed up, their tales of tears fall to deaf ears in BJP run India. According to a Dalit group's report, "our women and girls are openly harassed and abused and there is nobody to protect us..." Dalits and minority youths stand no chance for government-run organisations. Democracy Index received hundreds of such reports. We know many unruly BJP leaders have openly threatened religious minorities and Dalits. No steps are taken against them.

Democracy Index in its last report has this list:

- Countries having the best democracy
1. Norway
 2. Iceland
 3. Sweden
 4. Newzeland

5. Denmark
6. Ireland
7. Canada
8. Australia
9. Finland
10. Switzerland

Pakistan ranks 110, Bangladesh ranks 92, Nepal 94, Russia 135, Bhutan 99, Syria 166. Press freedom, killing of journalists and freedom of expression are basic points under their scan. India is considered 'dangerous nation' for free press and independent journalists. Nearly 49 percent of the total population of the world lives in democratic set ups.

" We seem to live in a dangerous world and day after day, democracy is less and less practised..." the report says.

The report disturbs us all. Having gained a thumping majority, many leaders tend to become authoritarian and autocrats. Under the apparent democracy we live a dictatorship where opposition is Poo poed and ridiculed ... Individual freedom is sacrificed under the nice label of 'nation building' ...

Are we heading towards that ? ...

Veteran Missionary Author J.Maurus Passes Away

Fr Guiseppe Mauro Ferrero, a member of the Society of St Paul, and popularly known by his pen name J. Maurus, passed away in Rome on Thursday, February 1, 2018. He was 93, and has to his credit over 125 books, many of which have been translated into various Indian and European languages. All his books have been published by Better Yourself Books which he founded way back in 1962.

J. Maurus was born on April 14, 1924, at Piedmont, North Italy. As a young boy, Maurus came in contact with Fr (now Blessed) James Alberione, the Founder of the Society of St Paul, and other Pauline Congregations like the Daughters of St Paul and the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master both of which have their communities in India. Before long, he joined Fr Alberione, deciding to become a Priest in the Society of St Paul.

Soon after his Ordination in 1950, Fr Alberione asked him to travel to India (in 1951) pursuing the media apostolate which he initiated in 1914. Reaching Bombay with another young Pauline Priest, Maurus was sent to Allahabad, (U.P.), the Mother House of the Congregation, where he picked up English and a working knowledge of Hindi to be able to communicate with the local people. He also showed keen interest in the Indian Vedic literature.

Maurus published his first book Just A Moment, Please in 1960, which be-



came an instant bestseller! From then on, there was no turning back: books began to flow from his pen non-stop. Soon enough, Maurus brought his books under a new brand name – Better Yourself Books. Before long, numerous titles from different Indian and foreign authors found their way to the new publishing firm.

Maurus did not stop there: together with his close friend and confidant, Fr Aloysius Rego, in 1963 he founded the youth magazine –The Teenager, which today, published from Mumbai, holds the unique record of being the longest surviving youth magazine in India, reaching every month thousands of young people and educational institutions in the country. The monthly Inspirational Quote with a

circulation of over 22,000 copies, is another brain child of Maurus.

Though Fr Maurus returned to native Italy in 1985, after 35 long years of service in India, he continued writing till recently, sending his manuscripts regularly to the editorial

office of ST PAULS/BYB in Mumbai. He also kept up his love for India, particularly for the young people of the country. He visited India whenever there was an opportunity, and kept in touch with many of us who knew him very personally, sending us his “love notes.” Fr J. Maurus has touched the soul of India in more ways than one can easily fathom. May he rest in peace!

— Fr Alfonso Elengikal, ssp



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Sown In Good Soil

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The Gospel reading was from Mathew chapter 13, on the sower and the seed. The occasion was the Episcopal Silver Jubilee of Abp Albert D'souza (72) of Agra. It was being celebrated on 28th January at St Peter's College, Agra. Drawing from the Gospel Bp Ignatius Menezes, emeritus of Ajmer diocese, said that in the case of Albert, indeed the seed had fallen on good soil and had borne much fruit.

Bp Ignatius said that he first set eyes on the young Albert in 1965 when he joined the minor seminary in Lucknow. At that time itself he had noticed the piety on his face. This was because of the good soil in which he had been nurtured in Mangalore.

A play on the life of the jubilarian choreographed by Rev Gregory Tharayil, an expert in Bharat Natyam, showcased the journey of Abp Albert. He was the 9th of 13 children. Unimaginable today! His parents taught him how to care, share and pray. As a young man he started working in a book store in Mumbai. He simultaneously received two call up letters, one from the Bank of Baroda, and the other from the diocese of Lucknow. He opted to bank on the Lord.

In his homily Bp Ignatius made a telling observation. Though Albert was already ordained as a priest, the point when he really flowered was during his 6 year stint in youth ministry for the U.P. Rajasthan Region. I felt a surge of joy, because we had been co-workers in that task.

About 25 bishops and archbishops, together with over 100 priests celebrated the Mass in Hindi. The prayers of the faithful were in Hindi,



English, Brij (the local dialect), Urdu and Konkani (the archbishop's mother tongue). Usually at such large gatherings there is a jarring announcement that only Catholics may come up to receive communion (Param Prasad). Fortunately no such announcement was made. It is the height of insensitivity when priests rudely or roughly turn away non-Catholics seeking to receive the Prasad. I recall how at a similar celebration for Bp Patrick D'souza of Varanasi a few years ago the Eucharistic ministers were given specific instructions not to turn any one away, but to bless them by placing their hand on them.

One little oddity. At the doxology it is now common practice to have the triple aarti – pushpa, deep and dhoop. As per our Indian tradition this is done with the head covered and bare feet. Wearing shoes during the aarti defeats the very purpose of liturgical inculturation.

Very recently Pope Francis had reprimanded people, bishops included, for taking photographs during the Eucharistic celebration. Hence the journalist in me had to refrain from being a shutterbug. I had to content myself with a shot of the celebrants after the Mass was over.

The public felicitation that followed was attended by the Mayor, Naveen Jain, U.P. Cabinet Minister K.P. Singh Baghel, Bp HH Habil of the CNI, Mahant Yogeshpuri of the Mankameshwar Mandir and Dr Vatsala Prabhakar of the interfaith group. The BJP minister made some telling observations.

He said that both his children had studied in Catholic schools. Even though he had been a Member of Parliament at the time, he was trembling when he went to the schools for admission, because he knew that they were always done on merit alone. He said that one could study physics, chemistry and maths anywhere; but in these schools they were trained to be good citizens with moral values. (Would that the "fringe elements" in the minister's party heard his frank testimony). Referring to the bishop being a good shepherd he said that he himself belonged to the shepherd caste and knew that sheep were the simplest of all animals. It was therefore even more incumbent on the shepherd to protect them and be sensitive to their needs. However, as a lay leader, I must confess that in today's parlance referring to us as dumb animals is obnoxious.

Abp Albert has been a good shepherd. From his humble origins in Mangalore, to becoming a seminary Rector, bishop of Lucknow, archbishop of Agra and Secretary General of the CBCI, he has acquitted himself well. During the liturgy the second reading was from 1 Cor 1:3-9. Paul had said, "I thank God for you. He will keep you faithful to the end". Befitting for Abp Albert D'souza.

The entire service was ably compeered by Rev Moon Lazarus, assisted by Olwin Sohanlal and Aji Tom. Much work was put in by Rev Joe Thykkattil, Bhaskar Jesuraj, the youth of St Fidelis' Church Aligarh and the brothers of St Lawrence's Seminary.

The Church in India Urges the Faithful to Become Fully Indian and Fully Christian

Bangalore, 5 February 2018: Inaugurating the 30th Plenary Assembly of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) of the Latin Church, in Bangalore on Sunday 4 February 2018, His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias, the President of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India and the Archbishop of Bombay exhorted the Bishops in India to urge the faithful to become fully Indian and fully Christian.

He said: "The Catholic Church needs our nation and India needs the Church. We will be discussing our role as Indian Christians and asking our people, also to become better Indian Christians. This is the call of today to be fully Indian fully Christian."

"Our responsibility is to make the gospel values present in society and make people not only think about but also discuss gospel values as an element of evangelization, be it eradication of corruption, spreading of gospel values, truth, justice, selflessness, removal of prejudices exploitation of tribals and oppression of Dalits." "Pastors should smell the sheep and at the same time they should smell God" stated Cardinal Oswald Gracias.

His Grace Most Rev. George Antonysamy, the Vice President of the CCBI and the Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore welcomed the gathering. The Secretary General of the CCBI His Grace Most Rev. Anil Couto the Secretary General of the CCBI and Archbishop of Delhi presented the annual report. Rev. Dr. Stephen Alathara, Deputy Secretary General of the CCBI proposed the vote of thanks.

His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias the President of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference (FABC) and the member of G9, the Cardinal consultors of Pope Francis was the



His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias inaugurating the 30th Plenary Assembly of the CCBI. Cardinal Telesphore Toppo, Archbishop George Antonysamy, Archbishop Anil Couto, Archbishop Bernard Moras and Rev. Dr. Stephen Alathara are also seen.

main celebrant of the in the Inaugural Holy Mass of the 30th Plenary Assembly of the CCBI.

The newly ordained Bishops were solemnly welcomed as members into the Conference. All the Silver and Golden Jubilarians of the priestly and Episcopal ordinations were felicitated. The deceased members of the Conference were remembered with gratitude. A few moments of silence was maintained in their memory.

The one day meeting of the CCBI

discussed matters affecting the Latin Catholic Church in India, which consists of 132 dioceses and 183 Bishops. The Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) which is the Canonical National Episcopal Conference is the largest in Asia and fourth largest in the world.

The Rituals for Confirmation and Marriage were also released during the meeting.

*Rev. Dr. Stephen Alathara
Deputy Secretary General
Conference of Catholic Bishops of India*



Fr Ivan Successfully Defends his Doctoral Dissertation in Indian Philosophy at Pune

Fr. Ivan D'Souza of Mangaluru Diocese hailing from Miyar, Karkala, Udupi dist. (land of Madhva) successfully defended his thesis on Indian Philosophy on the topic "Paramamukhyavrtti (Super-Primary Meaning) in Dvaita Vedanta of Madhva: A Hermeneutical Probe into its Scriptural Application and Significance" under the guidance of Dr. Henry D'Almeida SJ at Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth (JDV), Pune on 24 January 2018 in the presence of a large number of priests, nuns, seminarians, his relatives, well-wishers, friends and members of Mangalorean Catholic Association (MCA).



The external reader of the Doctoral Dissertation was Dr. G. Lazar, SVD and the internal reader was Dr. John Peter Vallabadoss OFM Cap. Dr. Kuruvilla Pandikattu SJ was the Chairperson of the session. Fr Ivan's guide Dr. Henry D'Almeida SJ has a specialisation in Dvaita Philosophy from Pune University. The session lasted for two hours, in which the doctoral candidate was questioned by readers, guide of the thesis and audience present. He is the first diocesan priest of Mangaluru diocese to complete his doctorate in Indology.



Fr. Ivan has spent five and a half years at JDV, Pune doing both his masters and doctorate in philosophy. He also actively participated in

the Montifest celebrations conducted by the Mangalorean Catholic Association till 2016. Dr. Ivan D'Souza hereafter will be doing his ministry at Guardian Angels Church at Angelore in Mangaluru till May and later on he will be inducted amongst the teaching staff at St. Joseph's Seminary, Jeppu, Mangaluru. The Mangalorean Catholic Community in Pune, wishes Dr. Ivan D'Souza a 'BRIGHT FUTURE'

- Aloysius Saldanha, Member, Advisory Board, Mangalorean Catholic Association® Pune

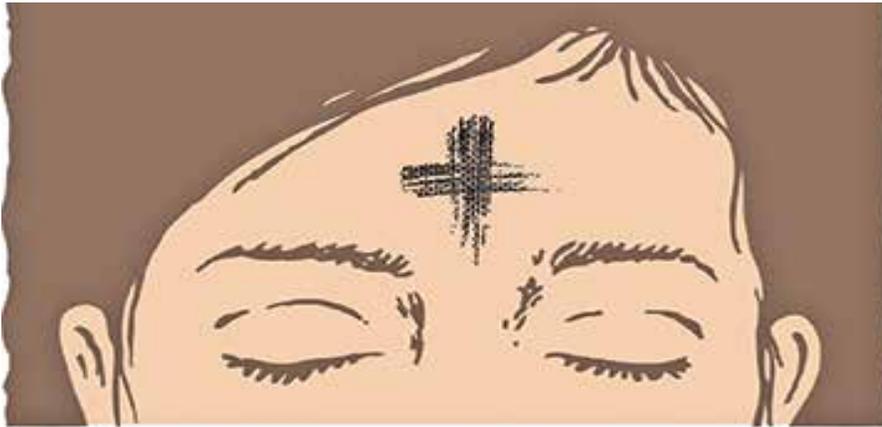
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—A Devotee

Ash Wednesday Begins The Season Of Lent



BY MELVYN BROWN

After Christmas, Holy Mother the Church draws back to almost six and a half weeks to the Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is the prelude to the coming weeks of preparation for Easter and new life.

Basically, the theme for the six weeks is centered on the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. From Ash Wednesday Lent begins, taking us along the path of fasting, penance and prayer, in a special invitation to return to God.

Pope Benedict XVI had once highlighted the importance of fasting. He said: "Fasting is a great help to avoid sin and all that leads to it." The Prophet Isaiah calls for repentance with ashes: "O daughter of my people, gird on sackcloth, roll in the ashes".

Fasting in the Old Testament was to put on sackcloth and ash as a sign of repentance. Ash Wednesday reintroduces the Christian season of lent, placing before us the enigma of redemption, of Easter, in a way that we should meditate in its totality and undertake to participate in it.

The norm to burn palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday began in the 12th century.

Parishes often ask their members to bring their old palms before lent for a ritual burning after Mass. It was Pope Urban II who called for the use of ashes and later it was called Ash Wednesday. During the season of lent the call is for repentance, to turn to the Lord in prayer and meditation.

On Ash Wednesday starts a time for personal renewal in preparation to highlight the act of penance and reconciliation during Holy Thursday which had started by the Order of Penitents.

Jesus fasted in the wilderness for forty days and forty nights and afterwards he was hungry (Mt.4:1-2). Jesus also prayed and fasted preparing himself for the mission that lay ahead. Moses fasted before receiving the tablets of the law (Ex.34:28). Even Elijah's fast was made before meeting the Lord on Mount Horeb (1Kings.19:8). It is written in Maccabees, Chapter 3:47 "They fasted that day, put on sackcloth and sprinkled ashes on their heads, and rent their clothes".

In the Book of Daniel, Chapter 9:3: "Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and supplications with fasting and sackcloth and ashes."

In the Apocrypha, the Book of Sirach,

Chapter 17:32, "all human beings are dust, and ash." Jonah's call to the people of Nineveh was to repent, announce a fast, saying: "Who knows, God may yet turn from his fierce anger, so that we perish not?" (3:9). As we know God in his mercy spared them.

Ash Wednesday initiates the period of Lent, asks us to repent for our mistakes and to prepare our spirit in the mystery of redemption.

We should practice self-denial. Let us say, 'no' to the things we would like to do, or to have. As human beings we need to exercise in self-control. This can be achieved only in practice. The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) had given Catholics a more personal approach to conditions of fasting, taking into account the changing circumstances of modern times. Our tradition of the Lenten fast is "no longer what it was. Voluntary self-denial is made through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You can abstain from food, smoking, cinema and other forms of pleasures.

Money saved from these means can be given to the needy. The putting on of ash is relevant as a sign to "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel" (Mk.1:15). Since Ash Wednesday is the start to Lent, it is also the beginning to focus on baptism – thereby helping us to renew our baptismal promises on the arrival of Easter.

Open Ash Wednesday by attending the celebration of Holy Mass, coming away with ash on the forehead as a sign of your repentance. Make this season of Lent meaningful and the medium to draw you closer to God.

Paying The Price

by Fr. Cedric Prakash SJ*

Exactly seventy years ago on 30 January 1948, Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated. On his death, in an impromptu and highly emotional radio address to the nation, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the then Prime Minister of India said, *"the light has gone out of our lives and there is darkness everywhere."* Nehru went on to add, *"The light has gone out, I said, and yet I was wrong. For the light that shone in this country was no ordinary light. The light that has illumined this country for these many years will illumine this country for many more years, and a thousand years later, that light will be seen in this country and the world will see it and it will give solace to innumerable hearts. For that light represented something more than the immediate past, it represented the living, the eternal truths, reminding us of the right path, drawing us from error, taking this ancient country to freedom"*. Nehru thus voiced the sentiments of millions of Indians- then and perhaps even today!

Mahatma Gandhi did have his share of detractors; even today, there are several critics of his thoughts and actions. There are some basics of his vision however, which can never be disputed; like his twin doctrine of 'satyagraha' (the force of truth) and 'ahimsa' (nonviolence) which did not go down well with a section of Indians. His determination to work for more egalitarian and inclusive society where the poor, the downtrodden and the outcastes had a voice was also abhorred by these. Nehru in his eulogy used words like 'light', 'truth', 'right path', 'freedom'. Gandhi ultimately

had to pay the price for living these values. Godse, a right wing Hindu extremist who assassinated him, represented all that was wrong in Indian society. The assassination of Gandhi was the murder of the 'father of the nation' and much more.

That murder continues today too in direct and subtle ways. The likes of Godse and their ilk, rule the roost, systematically destroying the idea of India and cherished values like secularism and pluralism. The Constitution of India, which has been the mainstay of the country with its core principles of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity is sought to be changed. No opportunity is missed to denigrate the minorities particularly the Muslims and the Christians. Fascist groups move with impunity determining what one can eat or wear, read and even which films to see. The Dalits, tribals and several other marginalized sections of society are at the receiving end of a system which caters to a few rich and powerful people.

Today those who stand up and speak out for truth and justice; those who take a stand for the vulnerable and the victimized, have to pay a heavy price. Articulate and objective journalists, who relentlessly have crusaded for the truth like Gauri Lankesh, are brutally murdered. Mediahouses, which take on the Government or their henchmen, have false cases foisted on them and are even sued for 'defamation'. Some outstanding intellectuals and rationalists like Narendra Dabholkar, MM Kalburgi and Govind Pansare have been killed because of their outspoken views against the Hindutva agenda. Other intellectuals and writers are defamed, harassed, and even threatened with sedition. One does require too much of intelligence to realise that a fairly large section of the media in India today – has become compliant and cowardly, falling easy prey to the corrupt and the powerful.

Human Rights Defenders in India have also been facing a running battle with 'officialdom.' Students from prestigious Universities across the country – who have had the audacity to think differently, to defend the secular ethos of the country and freedom of expression, have been hounded, beaten and ostracized. Some have committed suicide and at least one prominent student has just 'disappeared'. In several cases, there is the blatant misuse of official machinery like the police, the Income-Tax Department and even the judiciary, to intimidate those who stand up for what is right. Even upright Government Officials who refuse to 'toe the line' or support mafias who have a nexus with the political class – are either transferred to a posting of irrelevance or just denied a promotion which is merited.

It is also significant that every year 30 January (the anniversary of Gandhi's martyrdom) is also observed by the Catholic Church in India as a special 'Day of Prayer for Peace'. The focus will be the message of Pope Francis for the day – which calls upon all men and women of goodwill to embrace in a spirit of compassion, the refugees and the displaced, *" all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands."* Words, which certainly resonate with the person and message of Gandhi.

Gandhi once wrote, *"Many people, especially ignorant people, want to punish you for speaking the truth, for being correct, for being you. Never apologize for being correct, or for being years ahead of your time. If you are right and you know it, speak your mind. Even if you are a minority of one, the truth is still the truth."* A powerful message indeed. The writing on wall in the India of today is very clear: we have Godses and we have Gandhis – if you dare take the side of Gandhi, just be ready to pay the price!

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Skills to persuade people

Persuasion is not just for salespeople and their prospects. You may try to persuade an employee to perform better or perhaps you want to persuade your boss to take on your brilliant idea though one has to really work hard to find the persuasive path to success.



Persuasion and influence is not only for the leaders, it's an essential skill we all must have to strengthen the path to career success. Persuasion and influence are your stepping stones toward success whether at the workplace or in our personal lives. We are influencing and persuading others in different ways and here are some of the tactics you can try.

Understand how timing is everything : Knowing how to persuade people is not just in words and body language, it's also in knowing the right time to talk to them. If you approach people when they are more relaxed and open to discussion, you will most likely achieve faster and better results. People are most persuadable immediately after thanking someone they feel indebted. If someone thanks you, it's the perfect time to ask for a favour.

Get to know where the other person wants to go : The more you know about a person's destination for the future, you will get to know what he or she cares about now. How badly

the person wants to reach the destination will determine how much effort is needed in persuading. If you don't know the person well, it's imperative to start building a good reputation immediately and find common ground as soon as possible.

Design a stepping stone towards the person's destination : This is the core of your persuasion. Your goal here is simple, to tweak the design of what you want the person to do so that it becomes a stepping stone towards his or her final destination.

Talk fast to people you want to persuade : People are more persuaded by a fast, confident talker than accuracy. Sort or makes sense, the faster you talk, the less time your listener has to process what you have said and question it. This creates the feeling that you truly grasp the subject by running through the facts at high speed and confidence.

Master the body language : If you seem unapproachable, closed off and unwilling to compromise, people won't want to listen to a word you have to say. Even if you are saying all the right things, they are picking up the words from your body. Watch your position-

smile and make point.

Tell great stories to other people : Whether you like it or not, the other person is telling a story to him or her about the opportunities. If you don't tell a good story, you are leaving it to chance and you don't have any control on what story the other person is telling himself or herself. This is the implementation phase of all the hard work that you have done to persuade.

Your thought process must be as same as of other persons thought process to ensure that this will be a stepping stone towards their dreams.

- * *Thinking that you are better at persuasion than you are and therefore failing to sharpen your skills.*
- * *Be balanced by thoughts and present good points.*
- * *Do not provide too much information, which can confuses people and make them think you are trying to blind them.*
- * *You need to know how your audience thinks.*

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Mass followed by a formal validictory function. Many Bishops, Karnataka state political leaders, priests and lay leaders were on hand for this solemn function. The parishioners and the locals of Permannur, Thokkottu wanted to make the centenary year celebrations a historic event. Since 2017, they have been taking active part in its preparations with the pledge of maintaining peace and harmony in and around Ullal.

In January 2017, a special programme was conducted for the leaders of the parish community. In March 2017, senior citizens were honoured. In April 2017, special programme was organised for women. In May 2017, various programmes were organised to cater people with medical and educational needs. In August 2017, a mega bible quiz was organised. The months September and October focused on rejuvenating family life. November 2017 was dedicated as the month of spiritual renewal. December had programmes that focused on youth. The activities aimed to revitalize the spiritual fervour of the community.

Centenary Activities : Parish Priest Fr J B Saldanha said that jubilee celebrations are not merely an event of celebrations. The parish community has taken up concrete developmental projects for the well-being of the community and the upliftment of the people. At least a dozen houses will be constructed to provide shelter

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MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster (Born in April 1973), 5' 5" tall, looks much younger to her age, good looking, fair complexion with qualifications, B.Com. (Mumbai), M.B.A. Finance (Canada), M.B.A., (H.R.) and Diplomas in I.T. (NIIT), Comp. (APTEC), and Cert.Ind Acct. (I.C.A.), working in good position. Graduate / Post Graduate unmarried R.C. Bachelors upto 47 years, employed in good position and well settled in Mumbai or abroad. Contact email.: bellwether77@yahoo.com OR Mob.: 9892700617

to those who do not have their own dwelling.

Special attention is being given to repair the dilapidated houses of the needy. A medical fund has been established to support the poor; an educational fund for scholarships for the needy students; a housing fund will attend on repairing houses during natural calamities. A group of health workers will provide geriatric care to the terminally ill and to the home bound.

Further, a community hall is to be built to animate various groups of people such as youth, self help groups, fishermen etc to provide professional and job oriented skills. Attention will be given to the formation of self-help groups and small savings schemes to the public. A post graduate educational facility to provide quality education to the locals especially those who financially underprivileged. The existing educational institutions will be upgraded with all infrastructural facilities.

Indeed the Centenary is set to change the face of the area and make people better equipped to shape up to the 21st century needs and the proper physical, mental and spiritual outlook and receive a better profile for success of each and every group in St Sebastian Church and parish Permannur, Thokkottu for centuries to come.

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Role of Education to Foster Religious Harmony!

On the above 'topic', our beloved Cardinal Oswald Gracias in his Presidential Address, gave the esteemed audience a truly informative rejoinder on 30 January 2018, at St. Andrew's College, Bandra (W), Mumbai; which organized the '9th International Conference of UNESCO', and the 'Cardinal Paul Poupard Chair for Inter-religious and Inter-Cultural Dialogue'! Cardinal Oswald stressed (briefly):

"Diversity should reflect unity and religious bonds ... Education and knowledge skills should influence how to work as a leader and as a team member ... Values of justice, love, equality, acceptance, tolerance, should be inculcated, especially the dignity of humanity ... This will lead to peace, dialogue and reconciliation; in order for all to collaborate in ensuring religious harmony, and in removing poverty."

This is what UNESCO is promoting, in the Booklet distributed (Vol. 7), wherein it is noted on page 40, "Is it not the family the privileged place to initiate, nurture and sustain the four pillars of education? - 'learning to know, learning to do, learning to live together, and learning to be!'"

Also on page 38, St. John Paul 11, quoted in Familiaris Consortio, 86: "The future of humanity passes by way of the 'family'!" Here, allow me to add two more fundamental F's besides family - friends and foes! This I feel will usher in - warmth within families; amity among friends; and the last which may be the most difficult to achieve, but which Christ Jesus commanded us in three captivating words: "Love your enemies ..." (Matthew 5:44).

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



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6586. BANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in January 1985), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., LL.B., M.S.W., Working as HR Executive. Contact email : advocatecastelino@yahoo.in

6583. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1987), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA Finance, Working as an Asst. Manager in reputed private bank. Contact email : alliancesralph@gmail.com

6581. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1981), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. S.Y.B.A., Diploma in Food Production working as a F & B Service, working on International Ship. Contact email : anse_g@1cloud.com

6579. MUMBAI : Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1985), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. HSC., & Diploma, Working as a S. Bartender. Contact email : rahulf28@yahoo.com

6576. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1966), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 69 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. SSC., having own business. Contact email : pauld'souza@ccicindia.com

6575. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1973), Ht. 6' 4", Wt. 98 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. HSC., working as a Steward in Oil Tanker - Foreign Ship. Contact email : 285vvictor@gmail.com

6573. SAUDI : Goan / Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1986), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 68 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E. Mechanical, working as a project engineer seeks a well qualified girl from a good family background. Contact email : ian.roshan.dsouza@gmail.com

6572. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman

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6571. USA : Goan Roman Catholic Divorcee (Marriage Annulled), (Born in December 1969), Ht. 6' 1", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Eng., Engineer by profession. Seeks a girl below 35 years, preferably working in USA. Contact email : divinegrams@gmail.com

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6800 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1985), Ht. 6', Wt. 90 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. S.Y. B.Com., working as a Customer Service. Contact email : mariacardoz@indokem.co.in OR Mob: 9819563066

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

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6625 MUMBAI : Goan RC Bachelor, (Born in November 1979), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 61 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Sc., B.ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : martin.007.2010@gmail.com OR Mob.: 9892657905

6624 MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Bachelor, (Born in October 1986), Ht. 6', Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Bachelor in Hotel Management, working on Ship. Contact email : roland_dsouza007@yahoo.com

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6699. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1976), 4' 11", Wt. 45 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., Diploma in Personal Secretaryship, Diploma in Art, Studing Diploma in Special Educator for deaf and deafblind. Contact email : saritad-souza08@gmail.com

6697. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1979), 5' 2", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduate / PGDHM, working as a Administor. Contact email : jmjcapricon@rediffmail.com

6696. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in August 1991), 5' 1", Wt. 49 kgs, Fair, Edn. MBA - Finance, working as a Finance Executive in **DUBAI**. Contact email : moraes.cheryl@gmail.com

6694. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in August 1991), 5' 4", Wt. 57 kgs, Wheatish, Edn. MBA - Finance, working as a Trade Finance Assistant in **DUBAI**. Contact email : rochel-lemoraes91@gmail.com

6692. MUMBAI : Matrimonial alliance is invited for Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1990), 5' 3", fair, goodlooking, Lecturer, seeks alliance from Catholic bachelors, around 30, sober, good family values, financially sound, well qualified, havings own accommodation email details to : rchldsilva@gmail.com

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6688. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1988), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. C.A. Inter, working as a Business Development Executive in **DUBAI**. Contact email : sanyo_suares@yahoo.com **OR** Mob.: 9821728168

6687. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1989), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.A., B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : snlpinto@gmail.com

6686. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1979), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Sr. Customer Service Associate. Contact email : spring-water1948@gmail.com

6685. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1968), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. S.Y. B.Com., having own business on **DUBAI**. Contact email : reachbernie@yahoo.com.

6683. BANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in July 1989), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 48 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBBS., Doctor by profession. Contact email : nads.nisha@gmail.com

6680. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1988), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. BMM, MBA in HR, working as a HR. Contact email : walterabrahamdsouza@gmail.com.

6679. MUMBAI : RC Goan parents seeks matrimonial alliance for their daughter,

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6678. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic 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 : md8office-mail@gmail.com

6674. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic 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 Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1985), Ht. 5' 4", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBBS, DCH, DNB, Doctor by profession. Seeks Doctors or Engineers. Contact email : bkloouis50@gmail.com

6671. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic 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

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6811. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1991), Ht. 5' 3", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Freelance Content Creator. Contact email : dcostavalentina@gmail.com

6810. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in February 1990), Ht. 5' 4", Wheatish Complexion, M.P.T. (Master in Physiotherapy) working in Mumbai, planning to settle down in Canada, seeks alliance from well settled, qualified Mangalorean RC bachelor with good family background and Christian values. Contact No. 9967119891

6809. BAHRAIN : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1983), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 62 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., Computer, working as a Customer Service in Foreign Bank. Contact email : saldanhai-rene@hotmail.com

6808. USA : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in August 1984), Ht. 5' 4", Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E., M.S. (USA), working as an Engineer in USA. Contact email : 1954.tulips@gmail.com

6807. U.S.A. : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1988), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 54 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. Computer Engineering, working as a Software Engineer in California. Preferred someone working in U.S.A. Contact email : celinefranciscunha@gmail.com

6806. MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divocee, (Born in March 1984), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Sc. Nurse by profession. Contact email : lailasweety143@gmail.com

6345-R MUMBAI : Goan / Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1988), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 64 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working

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6536-R MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1991), Ht. 168cms, Wt. 64 kgs, Beautiful, Fair Complexion, Edn. Master in Dental, studying PG in Doctorate, Doctor by profession. Contact email : kcmcs@gmail.com

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6724. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1984), 5' 4", Wt. 78 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Beautiful, Edn. M.Com., works for a retail Company in **Dubai** as Team Lead - HR Operation. Contact email : avenap@hotmail.com OR 7506113313

6721. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1993), 5', Wt. 45 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., IT., working for Engineering Company. Contact email : lynettelewis67@gmail.com

6720. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1989), 5' 5", Wt. 62 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA working as a HR. Contact email : janessafernandes25@gmail.com

6719. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic, homely and loving Spinster, (Born in August 1969), 5' 5", Wt. 50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. SSC., Contact Email : sachin.gaste10@gmail.com OR Tel.: 7498392432

6716. MUMBAI : Anglo Indian Roman Catholic Annulled (Divocee) (Born in November 1983), 5' 2", Wt. 56 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Master's Management, working in **DUBAI** as a Marketing/Sales.

Contact email : diana-marriot@rediffmail.com OR maskelld795@gmail.com

6715. MUMBAI : TAMILIAN Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in August 1987), 5' 4", Wt. 76 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Sc. MBA., working as a Team Leader. Contact email : cdgopal@gmail.com / nishachandra05@gmail.com

6714. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Divocee, (Born in May 1978), 5' 5", Wt. 54 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HSC., working as a Company Secretary. Contact email : loveleentoscana@yahoo.com

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

6710. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1984), 5' 2", Wt. 50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, HR. working as a HR Manager. Contact email : mmf8425@gmail.com

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

6703. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1990), 5' 3", Wt. 56 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B. Tech., MBA, Working for MNC. Contact email : proposal2k16@gmail.com

6702. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1989), 5' 7", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA Finance, working in a Finance Co., Ready to settle abroad. Seeks a groom above Ht. 5' 8". Settled in Mumbai / Abroad. Contact - 9867152211 Email: whiterosegarden@gmail.com

6701. MYSORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divocee, (Born in May 1983), 5' 2", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, Ph.D., Assistant Prof., by profession. Contact email : rosecynthia1962@gmail.com

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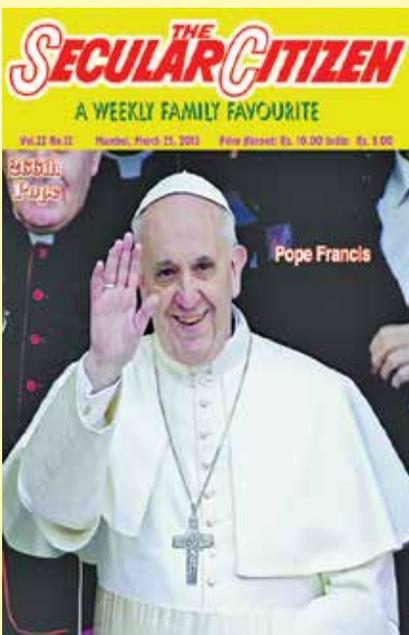
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