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Can we continue to claim that we believe in our judiciary?

by Don Aguiar.

The television anchor and propagandist Arnab Goswami had spent close to 60 hours in judicial custody after an unceremonious arrest from his Mumbai home in a re-opened abetment to suicide case when his senior advocate Harish Salve in Bombay High Court on Friday, 6 November evening, pressed for his release.

Arnab Goswami became the face of a brand of journalism, of high-pitch, distorted and scurrilous verbiage and witch-hunts, its political clout aligned with the right wing and segueing into majoritarianism-nationalism, revelling in it to run campaigns against students, human rights activists, peace activists, actors and others to be jailed for offences real or imagined.

In his version of the Fourth Estate, he was the ultimate journalist, prosecutor, judge and executioner, all rolled into one. With his arrest, he became the story too.

It's a story in which different skeins are tangled; it pushed people to pick a side. Those who support him ranted about the freedom of the press and railed against the Maharashtra government and police – this includes half a dozen cabinet ministers of the Government of India and the Bharatiya Janata Party whose Maharashtra legislators organised 'Release Arnab' campaigns (a Marathi poster screamed "Arnab Goswami la soda" causing great mirth among non-Marathi speakers if he should get a soda to drink).

That the BJP strongly argued for Goswami has hard-to-miss implications. That it should speak for human rights after its govern-



ments have incarcerated dozens of rights activists and students is irony wrapped in mockery.

Those who disagree with Goswami's journalism or find it/him repugnant had complex choices to make – some spoke up for his rights as an individual citizen despite his journalism, this included the 'distressed' Editors' Guild and a number of centrist or left-of-centre editors; others defended him because the Uddhav Thackeray government had gone too far or misused its power in arresting him in the Anvay Naik suicide case.

The centrist position — the government's acts are indefensible but Goswami must be defended even though his journalism is political propaganda — is itself indefensible. The Shiv Sena, which leads the government, is known to go after such journalists as they detests journalists who speak inconvenient truths to it; in its estimation, Goswami is a political player on behalf of the BJP and therefore fair game. But we must make the distinction between him and other journalists. The balancing act is good optics, but what's called for is nuance to separate the skeins of the story.

Goswami's 'journalism', coincidentally, happened to speak the language of right wing pages on social media,

many traced to people with BJP affiliations.

In any case our constitutional court will never refuse to entertain a bail application directly since lower courts are so overloaded. **If your case is "important" enough, if you are not from the marginalised section, if you can afford to pay tens of lakhs in fees to**

lawyers only then you can meet such eligibility criteria.

What a wonderful job they have done in arresting an 84 year old priest, 80 year old poet, 66 year old author, some lawyers who dare fight for human rights, pregnant students, journalist who dare to cover Hathras. **But whenever the under trials do get bail, will they at least be immediately released from jail like Arnab. Please do a reality check?**

At least on humanitarian grounds the 84 year old priest suffering from Parkinson's languishing in jail and cannot even drink liquids without spilling should be heard and released but it is not to be as like him there are many other faceless citizens who will never get a look in from judges for years. **According to the Supreme Court - Personal liberty for ALL is a fundamental right. Think about it.**

While thousands of Citizens remain in jails languishing for long periods while their matters filed before the Honourable Supreme Court are not getting listed for weeks and months, it is, to say the least, deeply disturbing as to how and why every time Goswami approaches the Supreme Court, his matter gets listed instantly. Likes of



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Goswami get special treatment while ordinary Indians are made to suffer, including imprisonment, which are many times illegal and unauthorised.

This is our justice system. Only the rich and influence can claim justice.

But the Supreme Court has always said that personal liberty is the most important fundamental right. Absolutely. That is why they heard Goswami's habeas corpus petitions within... 12 hours or less?

The Supreme Court has released Arnab and the other co-accused on interim bail on a personal bond, and said that suicide was committed under mental stress and there had to be an active encouragement or incitement to prove the case of abetment, while others will have to get one or two solvent Surities. Is it the judiciary's fault that they are poor and can't get surities and will continue to be in jail even after being granted bail?

Will the Chief Minister be arrested for abetment if a person names him in a suicide note for not paying his salary?

Coincidentally, Parambir Singh – lauded by some now – was additional di-

rector general (law and order) of Maharashtra Police in 2018. The string of arrests of activists in Bhima-Koregaon case were made on his watch, the first FIR that was filed in the incident against two right wing leaders was allowed to languish, and he had held a press conference to show 'evidence' of alleged Maoist links of those arrested. The BJP was in power in Maharashtra then. There's no denying the force's partisanship.

A government picks its adversaries; cops play along to invoke the law and the judiciary....? This politicisation should be protested.

Can we continue to claim that we believe in our judiciary?

WHEN the Court gives 3 weeks' time to find out if Fr Stan Swamy suffering from Parkinson disease should be given a straw or not but gives 3 continuous days to hear those who can afford to pay tens of lakhs in fees to lawyers or are influential.

What we were proud of once now we hold our heads in shame. The dispensers of justice should do a bit of conscience check.

Media Makes Men On The Move

Media became a source of information for the citizens of colonial India, as they became aware of the arbitrariness of the British colonial rule. Thus, it gave a new found force to India's Independence movement, as millions of Indians joined the leaders in their fight against the British imperialism. The role of media in Indian democracy has undergone massive changes, from the days of press censorship during Emergency in 1975 to being influential in recent times.

The older generation of the country is still fixated on tradition and culture, while the present-day youth is more interested in the fast-moving world of technology and social media. Thus, it becomes important for the media to ensure that the information that they are broadcasting should not be biased or tampered with in a way to boost the channel's TRP. There lies the real success of the news media and the newspapers are the backbone of this country. There is a new wave for the news care in the print media despite Corona fear.

In these difficult times, we, the freelancers have been working continuously every day so that you are informed about all the developments – whether on the pandemic, on policy responses, or the impact on the world of business and finance. We have been working round the clock to keep track of developments so that you the reader gets accurate information and actionable insights so that you can protect your jobs, businesses, finances and investments.

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too, are updated every minute, so that you can access the information you want anywhere, anytime. The proxy war is going on between the media and the politicians and the fear of reporting facts in the face of attack on the freedom of press catching up thick and fast.

We believe everyone deserves access to information that is grounded in science and truth, and analysis rooted in authority and integrity. That is why we made a different choice: to keep our reporting open for all readers, regardless of where they live or what they can afford to pay. This means more people can be better informed, united, and inspired to take meaningful action. In these perilous times, an independent, truth-seeking news organisation suffers censorship and more than that he fear of arrest grip them most.



C.K. Subramaniam

The fundamental right to seek and disseminate information through an independent press is under attack, and part of the assault has come from an unexpected source. Elected leaders in many democracies, who should be press freedom's staunchest defenders, have made explicit attempts to silence critical media voices and strengthen outlets that serve up favorable coverage. The erosion of press freedom is both a symptom of and a contributor to the breakdown of other democratic institutions and principles, a fact that makes it especially alarming.

Media freedom has been deteriorating around the world over the past decade. In some of the most influential democracies in the world, populist leaders have overseen concerted attempts to throttle the independence of the media sector. While the threats to press freedom are real and concerning in their own right, their impact on the state of democracy is what makes

them truly dangerous. Experience has shown, however, that press freedom can rebound from even lengthy stints of repression when given the opportunity. The basic desire for democratic liberties, including access to honest and fact-based journalism, can never be extinguished.

There is an obvious tension between journalists who are attempting to perform their proper democratic function and antidemocratic regimes that are determined to retain power. The innovative and courageous work of independent reporters offers hope that even in the most desperate circumstances, those who are committed to distributing information in the public interest can find a way. But these journalists alone cannot address the needs of billions of people who still have access to little more than their government's narrative and must rely on their own instincts and observations to assess the claims of corrupt and abusive leaders.

These threats risk a tipping point in the fight to preserve free media reporting. They underscore the report's urgent wake-up call on reporting members to act and report in a balanced way. Freedom of press is the survival of the fittest. It is time to end the assault against press freedom, so that journalists and other media actors can report without fear. Men in the media come and go but the quality of reporting should not be biased in any way to cause insult and thereby upsetting the balance of press freedom.

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Bihar Assembly Elections - what went wrong?

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The Assembly Elections in Bihar have come to an end. The votes have been cast. The result: The ruling dispensation, the NDA have managed a simple majority and is in the driver's seat in one of the toughest fought elections in Bihar.

So what went wrong for the opposition? The daggers are out. The Congress which drove a hard bargain, contesting 70 seats, came a cropper. They are being viewed as the weak link in the Mahagathbandhan or the Grand Alliance.

The people of Bihar have spoken, or have they. They have given their verdict. **Again the question crops up, so, what went wrong?** Despite the optimism displayed by a buoyant RJD & the Mahagathbandan under the leadership of a young Tejashwi, despite the incumbency factor, despite the rising unemployment, despite even the hardships faced by the migrant families on account of the Lockdowns, the equation remains unchanged. **Are these issues not real? Isn't there rising unemployment in the state? What about the migrant workers & their families didn't they suffer massive hardships during the Lockdown even losing some of their loved ones? Have the people of Bihar forgotten or forgiven all the shortcomings of the ruling regime?**

A bigger question crops up, who is to blame for this situation? *The voters or the EVMs?*

—Melville X. D'Souza

Good Reading Material

Carona Virus or Covid 19 may have restricted our movements but not your grit and spirit. Secular Citizen was always on our androids or PCs. Your determination to bring our issue after issue without fails during the past eights months of lockdown, with wholesome reading material is indeed appreciated. May God bless you and the entire editorial team.

— Raphael D'Souza,
President-
The Bombay Catholic Sabha

We have not missed even a single issue during the Lockdown Period

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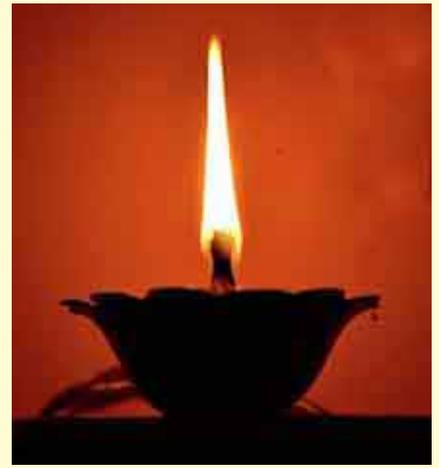
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Light A Lamp!



Light a lamp for COURAGE – to illumine the darkness which has engulfed many everywhere! Diwali, the Festival of Lights is a reminder that each one of us is called to be a light in our world today; a light that is visible, enkindling other lights with hope and in doing so, dispelling the fears and hopelessness that have gripped the lives of many!

Light a lamp for JUSTICE – which we desperately need in our country today! A justice which is objective and impartial; which is not of fear nor seeks any favour; which does not kowtow to the rich, the powerful, the influential or to the ruling regime! A justice which hears the cry of the poor, the Adivasis, the Dalits and the sub-alterns of our society.

Light a lamp for LIBERTY – that India awakes to that “*heaven of freedom*”, which Rabindranath Tagore prayed for. When every single citizen has the freedom of speech and expression and is not slapped with archaic laws of sedition and contempt of court; where freedom of religion and belief is not some theory but a reality in practice.

Light a lamp for TRUTH – which should be an indispensable dimension of our daily lives. Sadly, the beautiful prayer from the Upanishads, “*from untruth lead me to truth*”, has been destroyed beyond recognition by ‘fekuisms’, lies and half-truths. We no longer seem to align our lives with Gandhi’s ‘satyagraha’ or with ‘Satyameva Jayate’

Light a lamp for JOY – of childhood, of innocence, of spontaneity. Today as we celebrate ‘Children’s Day’ in India, we remember the millions of children who have been robbed of their

childhood – forced into child labour and other abuses. We joyously also remember our visionary former Prime Minister Nehru and his genuine love for children.

Light a lamp for FRATERNITY – as Pope Francis reminds us in ‘Fratelli Tutti’ – “*I have felt particularly encouraged by the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, with whom I met in Abu Dhabi, where we declared that, “God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters”.*

Light a lamp for SENSITIVITY – which a Mother so beautifully epitomizes through her love, her care, her sacrifices, the nurturing to help her children grow. I remember my own mother Cynthia (who meant the world to us) who left for her heavenly abode on this day ten years ago. We yearn for the sensitivity of a Mother – the feminine face of God.

Light a lamp for INCLUSION – in a society which is becoming more divisive and polarized. We see this happening all the time: to migrants, to refugees, those not ‘like’ us. The late and beloved Fr Pedro Arrupe founded the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) on this day (his birth anniversary), so that we truly accompany the ‘nowhere’ people of today.

Light a lamp for HUMAN RIGHTS – for all those who have risked their lives to defend the rights of others. Fr Stan Swamy and fifteen others in the Bhima-Koregaon case are illegally imprisoned under the draconian UAPA. They have stood up courageously for

the rights of the Adivasis, the Dalits, the poor and other vulnerable in society.

Light a lamp for RESTORATION – for the ability and creativity we need to make all things new. Today, we celebrate the Feast of St Joseph Pignatelli – a great Jesuit who is regarded as the restorer of the Society of Jesus. The Jesuits were suppressed from 1773 to 1814 (41 years) in many countries, mainly for not toeing the line of the ‘establishment’!

Light a lamp for PEACE – for all people everywhere; a peace which is respectful, wherein all are treated equally. Where a young woman feels safe and secure; where the elderly are assured of a helping hand; where people can celebrate each other’s festivals; where two lovers can marry irrespective of their different faiths. Where peace is love!

Light a lamp for CHANGE – which this red-letter day, 14 November 2020, signifies and actually mandates in so many different ways! A call for courage, for justice, for liberty, for truth, for joy, for fraternity, for sensitivity, for inclusion, for restoration, for human rights, for peace, for love and above all, for renewal and for CHANGE

Light a Lamp – today, tonight, tomorrow and everyday, till we realise the above; and after that, continue to keep the fire burning!!!

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BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH SJ

Archbishop to launch Biblical Year of the Pauline Family

“That the Word of the Lord may Speed on”.

Panaji: The Biblical Year of the Pauline Family with the theme “That the Word of the Lord may speed on,” will be launched by the Daughters of Paul, Goa along with the Diocesan Centre for Biblical Apostolate on November 26.

The inaugural Mass by Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao will be televised on CCRTV on 26 November at 7.00 a.m. Announcing the Pauline Biblical Year in January this year, the Major Superiors of the Pauline Family in Rome said that the common objective of the year-long celebration of the Biblical year is “Walking with the Church, we renew ourselves through familiarity, study and prayerful reading of the Sacred Scriptures, in order to live the Word of God so that it reaches everyone, especially those on the existential and thought peripheries.”

The Pauline Family consists of five religious Congregations, four secular Institutes and one association of Pauline Cooperators.

The Religious Institutes are Society of St Paul, Daughters of St Paul, Pius Disciples of the Divine Master, Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Sisters of the Queen of the Apostles.

The aggregated Institutes are Institute of Jesus the High priest for the Diocesan Priests, Institute of the Holy Family, Institute of St Gabriel the Archangel, Institute of Our Lady’s Annunciation and one Association of Pauline Cooperators.

Among these two religious congregations—Daughters of St Paul and Pius Disciples of the Divine Master are rendering services in the Archdiocese of Goa. A team of Pauline Cooperators is also being formed in line with Pauline Spirituality.

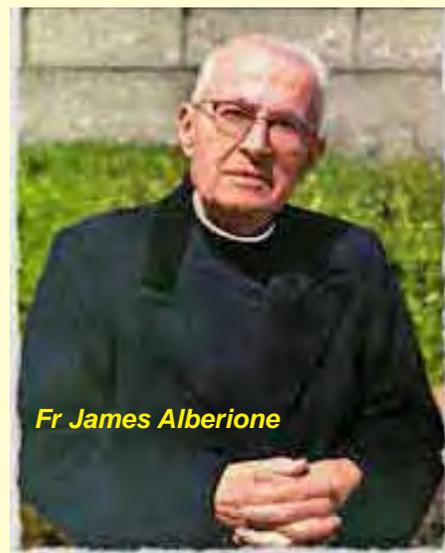
The first Pauline Bible Year was held in 1960-1961, during the time of the Founder Blessed James Alberione. On that occasion, Pope John XXIII said, “To love sacred scripture is to know and to love Christ; in scripture one can find the pure source of life. Drawing from this source people are spiritually cleansed, instructed in the eternal verities, and advance on the way to holiness. Wisdom’s treasure is hidden in this field.”

During that year among other programmes 30,000 people subscribed to Bible courses offered by the International Catholic Bible Society (now SOBICAIN) run by the Pauline Family, 1356 Bible weeks were organized in various dioceses and 1,290,000 copies of the Bible were distributed.

Fr James Alberione pointed out that “The secret for an ever-greater increase of the distribution of the Bible is in presenting God’s book in full adherence to the church’s interpretation and in accordance with a pastoral spirit.” For Fr Alberione, the aim of the Pauline Bible year was “To give the Bible. It is the centre-piece of our Pauline Apostolate.”

The second Bible year was organized in 1991-1992 with the theme “Break the Bread of the Word”. On that occasion the former Superior General of the Society of St Paul, late Fr Renato Perino of Society of St Paul said, “It is to revive the meaning and purpose of our Service of the Word of God.”

“The aim of the Bible Year is for a permanent return to this greatest of treasures which is the Word of God and which, with the Eucharist constitutes the two-fold life-giving source of Pauline Spirituality and of our apostolic life. And this intention is not to be simply circumstantial, a kind of commemoration, but something stable for the years that lie ahead,” Fr Renato



Fr James Alberione

Perino had emphasised.

The third Pauline Year will conclude on 26 November 2021, on the 50th death anniversary of the founder Blessed James Alberione.

A year long programme is envisaged by the committee for Pauline Bible Year in Goa for the public. The programmes include: Enter the treasure-trove of the Bible (on-line Quiz); Showcase your Talents with scripture (Skits on video); Capture the Beauty of Biblical Virtues (painting contest); Let the Word of God speed on (Bible distribution to the poor and needy); Live and Share the Word (Lectio Divina); Live your life like St Paul (televised family witness); Tending God’s Garden-Living Laudato Si; Giving Wings to Needy Students (providing financial help in educational field).

The Daughters of St Paul in Goa run three media centres in Panjim at 18th June Road and near Mary Immaculate Girls High School and Mapusa. They are looking for the association of the laity in reaching out to the youth, less fortunate and marginalized. Those interested in being associated with the year-long programme may contact the centres or the Diocesan Centre for Biblical Apostolate at Old Goa which is associated with the year-long programme.

Lissy Kurian FSP

I Was In France. On a Christ The King Feast I Preached On Democracy. A Woman at Communion Time Whispered To Me "Parle La Bible Pas La Politique! Christ Is Coming as The King or The Prime Minister or The President?"

The Feast Of Christ The King!

We are going to celebrate the feast of Christ the King on 22nd November. It is the last Sunday of the liturgical year, signifying the final coming of Jesus Christ, at the end of the world. He is coming as the king of the universe! The feast of Christ the King was started by Pope Pius XI with his encyclical *Ubi arcano Dei consilio* of December 1922. The context was the aftermath of World War I. Pius noted that while there had been a cessation of hostilities, there was no true peace. He deplored the rise of class divisions and unbridled nationalism, and held that true peace can only be found under the Kingship of Christ as "Prince of Peace". *"For Jesus Christ reigns over the minds of individuals by His teachings, in their hearts by His love, in each one's life by the living according to His law and the imitating of His example."* It was kingship prevalent everywhere and so the Church declared Christ the King of the universe!

IN THE DEMOCRATIC WORLD

Today the political situation has changed the world over. In most of the countries there is democracy. Citizens elect their Prime Minister or the President. Even in England though Queen Elizabeth is reigning, she is only Naam ke vaste queen. In fact the parliament elected by the people is ruling. The queen is there only for the sake of little supervision and blessing, to save the nation in case of emer-



Fr. Michael G. Vasai

gency. So we rightly raise the question: Whether we should celebrate the feast of Christ the King or the Prime Minister or the President. Those secular countries like France who uphold democratic values at any cost, will not like to honour Jesus as the king. Democracy has failed in many countries today. In our country according to some it is in danger, others say dictatorship has crept in! Bihar elections raise the question: who elects government voters or EVMs? In 25 constituencies there will be recounting of votes! The Narendra Modi government's demonetisation ruined the informal sector, caused immense misery to the poor and failed in curbing corruption, terrorism and black money, the declared aims of it. GST delivered a blow to the MSME sector, cut into the revenues of states, undermined the federal spirit of the country's polity and made states dependent on the Centre's mercy. And yet today, the finance minister says the economic crisis is the *act of God!* Those who profess God as their King, should question the PM!

All the more need to celebrate the theme '*Christ, The King, PM Or President?* Let children learn their Civics in their Sunday School. The world needs to be reminded of the good PM or President. We may get fed up with the democratically elected leaders who at times turn out to be corrupt, sold out to opposition parties. Then yes, perhaps we can look forward to a revised version of kingship!

POLITICS IN THE BIBLE

Politics is part of man's life. In the Old Testament Yahweh is the king of the Israelites. A number of kings appointed by God himself have later turned out oppressive to the people, 'worthless shepherds'. God had to overthrow and punish them! In the event of the liberation of the Israelites from Egypt. (Ex 14.19-31) God deals directly with Pharaoh, as the king of the Jews even fighting a violent war for them. Yahweh sends Moses as his ambassador to Pharaoh with a message, "Go and tell him, 'Let my people go!'" When he obstinately does not allow, God takes the fight in his own hands. The Israelites do not have to lift a finger in their own defence. Only Moses stretches out his hand (Exodus 14:26), thereby cooperating, along with God, with God's violent act in drowning the Egyptians! The Israelites leave things to God, who alone defeats the pursuing army.

"The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were



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divided." The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

In the New Testament Jesus declares that his kingdom is not of this world (Jn 18.36). He does not take the sword in his hand, asks Peter to lay it down for 'the one who uses the sword will perish by it'. He wants to rule over the hearts by love. He celebrates the victory over the Egyptians as a *memorial meal* (1Cor 11:23-26) *The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'* *In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'* *For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

He was anointed to free the captives and announce the good news to the poor (Jn 4.18). Like Barabbas he did not try to overthrow the Roman rule, but certainly entrusted the task to his disciples. That's how the Jews convinced Pilate that Jesus is a threat to Roman Emperor.

A CATHOLIC POLITICIAN?

Hence Vat.II asks the laity to enter into politics to build the secular city. **The separation of politics and religion should be properly understood. What is Caesar's and what is God's (Mt 22.19)? Nothing is Caesar's even Caesar belongs to God! No organised religion should interfere in politics. The religion of truth, justice and love should guide the government of any party. All religions should make it a point to be watchdogs of governments of any party. Priests too should be well informed and activists with regards to political life in the country like 82 year old Fr. Stan Swami in**

jail today.

Who is a Catholic politician? Pope Francis answers, "*I invite you to live your faith with great freedom, never believing that there exists only one form of political commitment for Catholics, a Catholic party,*" the pope said on March 4 during a meeting with 26 young Latin American leaders attending a course on politics and the social teaching of the church. Who practices Catholic values is a Catholic politician.

KAMALA HARRIS when campaigning for the vice presidential election, was criticised for not assisting the survivors of sex abuse at the hands of priests. She resisted informal requests to help them with their cases and refused to release church records on abusive priests. She had her own reasons; but her stress on justice was remarkable. She often used the New Testament parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable is about an *outsider* who helps a man beaten and left on the roadside. Harris said at a **Poor People's Campaign forum** last year.

" ... neighbor is someone you are walking by on the street. ... Neighbor is about understanding and living in the service of others — that we are all each other's brothers and sisters." In other speeches, Harris has invoked liberation theology, the strain of Christian thought that emphasizes social concern for the poor and political liberation for oppressed peoples. Her stress is on justice. *"Justice is on the ballot," Harris said at an event hosted by the Iowa Democratic Party last year. "Economic justice is on the ballot. ... Health care justice is on the ballot. ... Education justice ... Reproductive justice ... Justice for children ... on the ballot. Here's the bottom line, Iowa. I do believe that when we overcome these injustices, we will unlock the promise of America and the potential of the American people."*

Democrats have won the elections in the US. RJD has emerged as the biggest party in Bihar elections. May the kingdom of Christ come to America and with it to the whole world through the ballot!

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Thanks to Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Vailankani, Our Lady of perpetual Succor and St. Anthony

—Sarita D'Souza, Andheri



by Jubel D'Cruz

By Joe, Kamal[a] kiya!

After months of suspense, finally the Joe-Kamala duo came out Trumps. The President in office Donald Trump is simply not giving up, which is not surprising, because he has had his way all the time unless the judiciary stepped in to overturn his impulsive decisions which were not necessarily based on any cogent reasons. His arrogance and ego offended many of his own supporters too. The fall-out of the George Floyd incident sealed his fate with "Black Lives Matter" campaign while he wanted to suppress the movement by force. His reluctance to rein in his core support group, displayed his inner motives.

It is equally amazing that each American State can formulate its own election rules, something unheard of. Never before these weird provisions have come under world scrutiny except to some extent when Al Gore was facing George Bush but the electronic media was not as vibrant, then. The world has watched the goings-on in the political fight between the most powerful man on earth on the one hand and the other wanting to dislodge him. Compare this with when Hillary Clinton who was contesting which also went to the wire vacillating, from one side to the other. Finally when the result was announced the lady accepted the verdict with grace despite having more popular votes. Trump's reaction is disgusting so much so that some top CEOs had to tell him to accept defeat gracefully and let America move on.

This election will go down in history as one of the most bitterly fought contests and the atmosphere was vitiated from day one and it culminated in an ugly spat at the first public debate with Joe Biden. It is a shame that the organizers had to resort to muting the other when one was speaking in the final debate. What sort of an example these two men gave the younger American viewers? The incumbent president knew he was facing a losing battle ahead and went overboard in his tirade against the opponent and continued to hackle him till he was asked to shut up. What a disgraceful sight it was! The most powerful man was asked to shut up by his opponent and watched by millions globally.

The decision to name Kamala Harris as a running mate was the master stroke by Joe Biden. She is intelligent

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and well spoken. She has a following across the country particularly among the Indian and Jamaican voters. Her nomination sent out a strong message to all the women in general and the immigrants in particular that no position is too big for them. The results are there to see and given the global support that the new administration is receiving, the next four years hold promise of a new international order and even peace. Countries like Iran are already upbeat and they hope that the new incumbent at the White House will review all the senseless sanctions that were imposed. Trump's aversion to global warming efforts and his disdain towards the WHO have certainly not gone well.

The electorate in America is about one fifth of Indian voters of more than 900 million. The elections in India are held across the length and breadth of the country, some areas being hostile and even without any road. Yet the exercise is carried out with utmost finesse and the world has been lauding the professionalism and independence of the Election Commission. America should collaborate with the Indian EC and draft fresh election rules to replace some of the archaic provisions that exist in the American system. The American people have spoken through the ballot and it is up to the judiciary there to dismiss all suits and allow the nation to move on. By the way Trump had said he could migrate if he lost. Wonder if he will at least stick to his promise. Many countries will welcome him particularly Iran while India may not since he finds the country and the air very dirty. Why is Trump changing his hair dye from gold to silver – a sign of changing [fading] times? Sooner he goes the better as he is a huge embarrassment for the GOP. He is a very bad loser.

BJP's future strategy?

When the pre-electoral pact was concluded between the BJP and the JD[U] everybody applauded BJP's large heartedness in first agreeing to project Nitish as the CM and then distancing itself from the LJP which had left the NDA in Bihar. This move by the BJP was seen as an act of great 'sacrifice' but if you look at the circumstances prevailing then, it was actually killing two birds with one stone.



by Marshall Sequeira

Did the BJP have any options? Firstly the party could never dream of getting the majority on its own horsepower to dump Nitish Kumar in the process. Secondly the BJP did not pull up Chirag for insulting and threatening the future CM with jail. The BJP had kept its options open to tie up with LJP if he could surpass the JD[U] tally and dump Nitish Kumar. LJP not fielding candidates against BJP was part of the larger game plan.

BJP was aware that there were only three other big players in the field - JD[U], RJD and the Congress. Nitish could align with either the RJD or the Congress or both and dump the BJP knowing how power hungry he is. The BJP could not take any chances with this possibility keeping the track record of the JD[U] Chief in switching sides. While the RJD scion had said Nitish was not welcome, Lallu had kept the options open. The Congress would have been only too willing as, of late it has been comfortable to align with anybody. Taking a cue from Donald Trump, Tejaswi is complaining about postal ballots in Bihar.

By the way Narendra Modi only talks about dynastic Congress but BJP was okay cozying up with the Badals in Punjab, Thackerays in Maharashtra, Yadavs in UP, Raos in Telengana, Muftis in J & K as it served its purpose to grab power at any cost. Hypocrisy! For BJP, 2025 is more important as by then the Nitish factor would have proved ineffective. The next five years will be used to strengthen the organization and groom new leaders. With Sushil Modi being sidelined, the process has begun. Notwithstanding Nitish Kumar's denial that it was his last election, the BJP is fully conscious of the fact that he will soon lose his clout. Besides, the JD[U] does not have any other tall leader to replace him; hence the 'magnanimity' in projecting Nitish as the CM's face – a sort of farewell gift.

Acronyms for Christians and for CHRISTMAS!

DR. HAZELCOLASO

An 'Acronym' is a word or name formed, or an abbreviation from the initial components of a name or phrase, as in NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organization, or in WHO – World Health Organization! Here are 14 notable and shortened names or phrases for Christians; but some of them can be applied for anybody to succeed in life!

For Christians!

***LOVE!** – (L)isten! (O)verlook! (V)alue! (E)ncourage!
***HOPE!** – (H)old (O)n (P)ain (E)nds!
***FACTS!** – (F)orget the past; (A)ccept mistakes; (C)onfess your sins; (T)hank God; (S)mile always!
***FOCUS!** – (F)ollow (O)ne (C)ourse (S)uccessfully!
***FEAR!** – (F)orget (E)very thing (A)nd (R)un! Or *(F)ace (E)very one (A)nd (R)ise!
***FOCUS!** - (F)ollow (O)ne (C)ourse (U)ntil (S)uccessful!
***CROSS!** – (C)hrist (R)edeemed (O)ur (S)ins (S)ensationally!
***JOY!** (J)ESUS First! (O)thers second; (Y)ourself last!
***FAITH!** – (F)orsaking (A)ll (I) (T)rust (H)im!
***GOSPEL!**“(G)od so loved the world that He sent His (O)nly begotten (S)on, that whoever believes in Him should not (P)erish but receive (E)ternal (L)ife!” (John 3:16). Or *(G)od’s (O)nly (S)on (P)rovides (E)ternal (L)ife!
***BIBLE** – (B)asic (I)nstructions (B)efore (L)eaving Earth!
***PRAY!** (P)our out your heart! (R)ealize God will answer! (A)lways believe! (Y)eild to Jesus in the Eu-charist!

For CHRISTMAS!

*(C)HRIST the Lord is born in Beth-

lehem in a manger (Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:47).*(H)olyangel Gabriel announces birth to Mary! (Luke 2:8-12).

***REDEEMER** Who is Savior of the world (John 3:16-18; John 4:14-15).

***(I)MMAUEL** which means God with us (Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 7:14).

***(S)hepherds** went to see Him (Luke 2:15-16).

***(T)hey** spread the word; and all who heard it were amazed (Luke 2:17-18).

***(M)ary** was found with Child through the Holy Spirit (Mt 1:18-21; Lk 1:26-35).

***(A)ngels** praising God (Luke 2:13-14).

***(S)tar** which the wise men saw and were overjoyed (Matthew 2:1-10).

Also:

***C- CHRIST** was born to die for you!

***H - Hope**, joy and peace He brings for us!

***R – Rejoice** human race for God’s salvation is nigh! ***I– Invite** friends to all cribs!

***S – Shepherds** followed the good news of the angels for all! ***T– The** wise men also brought the good news to the Jews! ***M – Men** and women of honor, wisdom and love also spread His way, truth and the life’s love! ***A - All** persons of good will are welcomed! ***S – Savior** of all the world to be recognized and worshiped!

JESUS CHRIST! (J)ustified me! (E)nlightened my mind! (S)aved me! (U)ndermined my self-esteem! (S)poke eternal words! // (C)leansed my shame! (H)ealed my sins! (R)edeemed my life! (I)nspired me to love! (S)moothed my rough edges! (T)ook my place on the cross!

Christmas – 9 Powers! (C)leansing Power! (H)ealing Power! (R)estoring Power! (I)dentifying Power! (S)trengthening Power! (T)ransforming Power! (M)ass Power! (A)lmighty Power! (S)aving Power!

Each of us is an Innkeeper! Who decides if there is room for JESUS! For all of us He is a Sin-Healer! Is there place for Our Redeemer? //JESUS is the Reason for the Season! Come! Let us celebrate and legislate! (C)hrist’s Redeeming Birth! (H) Heard on Cross’s high! (R)un to Our Lord and Savior! (I)n a humble manger He was born! (S)aving us from our Trespasses! (T)ransforming us into a new creation! (M)ake disciples of all nations! (A)ll should worship Jesus! (S)ignal for us to do merciful works!

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Family Preparation At Home During Advent

By Melvyn Brown

The concept for an occasion like advent to be prepared and celebrated in the church, and in family circles, at a time when the Covid crisis encircles us, will surely bring a fruitful message of Christian unity. We wait for Jesus as he will bring us salvation and clean us from our fallen nature.

Like Simon, at the temple gate, we also wait for the 'consolation of Israel' (Lk.2:25).

The birth of Christ should be understood to be a major event in Christianity, as it is the fulfillment of scripture. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, for he was the prom-

ised Messiah, the divine Son of God, who would be the spiritual counselor for humanity as the Holy Spirit.

Families at home can prepare and celebrate the season of advent the coming of the Lord Jesus, for the time is fulfilled.

The First week of advent begins from 29th November. The individual family, at any hour of the day, can rally together its members as the first step in preparation. A senior member can speak about the Annunciation, or read it from the Bible. This should be followed by the reading from the Gospel of Mark 13:24-57. The family can meditate on the Gospel story. Finally, the Rosary should be said with the Joyful Mystery.

In all this package of spiritual good are three elements to be followed: First, a short prayer said together to ask God to bless and empower the family. Secondly, to say the Rosary and meditate on the Word made flesh.

The Second Week, the Third Week and the Fourth Week should follow the same plan as the First Week with changes for the Gospel reading. Second Week, Mark.1:1-8, followed by the Rosary: the Joyful Mystery.

The Third Week, the Gospel reading, John.1:6-8, 19-20. The Fourth Week, the Gospel reading, Luke.1:26-38.



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Peace Is The Mother Of Hypocrisy

"They do not know the way of peace"

Rom. 3:17

There is no general principle to the concept of peace, for it is a daunting task. To equate peace is an impossible vision, yet we find scholars and philosophers demanding world peace. The truth remains that peace is an imprisoned idea in the corridors of the human mind.



BY MELVYN BROWN

The prophet Jeremiah understood the general principle in the rule of limits; when Jerusalem was besieged he cried out: 'Peace, peace', when there is no peace.

The purpose of peace is neither the primary nor the proper purpose for

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Both the last two weeks ending with the Rosary on the Joyful Mystery.

The vision of the Christian Faith is not confined to ideas, and never changes the Word of God or the true translations of Scripture from Hebrew and Greek. The inspiration of grace we receive from reading the Bible governs our life in Christ. At advent let us thank God for coming down among us, teaching us 'obedient deeds', love, charity and forgiveness. The divine God is now with all humanity by the proximity of his Son Jesus.

Let us remember during this advent that the birth of Jesus prepares our heart with jubilation and spiritual dynamism, rejoice, the Messiah, the Lord of Hosts has come. The young and not-so-young will grow to be strong disciples for the future, to pave the way for our one true and eternal God.

human harmony and sanctification. It is a mere agreement with the objective to pause destruction, misery, loss of economy and lives.

Another term for peace would be to stagnate. And, of course, retaliation is worse when peace is applied to any context. Mahatma Gandhi said, "An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind." When we compare today to the past the transformation of society has hardly changed. Peace has always had absolute sovereignty over dark patches of the world, and still has.

Albert Einstein noted, "Peace cannot be kept by force, It can only be achieved by understanding." The role of peace-keepers is essential for our planet to survive, their role is a striking character to the other side of peace: keeping an open front for hope, solidarity and compassion.

There are several centers for peace advocates and those who believe in human rights. Often they pull their weight against those who try to stifle peace voices, and those with critical views on world or individual peace projects. A more positive structure is the United Nations, Unicef and a host of others on the international scene.

"Every 'Peace program' is a deception of the people and a piece of hypocrisy unless its principal object is to explain to the masses the need for a revolution."

V. I. Lenin

Peace should begin and gestate in the family. In time it becomes an external sign radiating what peace could mean

in both the spiritual and material life of humankind. Protests, processions should be "virtual" to avoid demonstrations and perhaps violence. God is everything when you turn to him in the family, requesting the Holy Spirit to inspire good for every bad.

Change can always be brought about when you turn to the Creator and believe in his love, charity, compassion and forgiveness. Peace may be possible in interaction through communication. There are four pillars to peace: Acceptance, tolerance, understanding and trust.

Peace in Christ is the ultimate goal. Saint John in his Gospel preserved the words of Jesus: "Peace be with you! My peace I give to you; not as the world gives peace do I give it to you. Do not be troubled! Do not be afraid!" (Jn.14:27).

John, the apostle went on to note what Jesus had further to say: "I have told you all this so that in me you may have peace. You will have trouble in the world; but, courage! I have overcome the world." (Jn.16:33).

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2. Wash your hands
3. Use masks

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3500 years ago the people of Israel were told:

1. Exodus 30:18-21 Wash your hands
2. Leviticus 13:4,5,46 Keep your distance, cover your mouth and avoid all contact
3. Leviticus 13:4,5 Anyone infected was to remain in quarantine from 7 to 14 days.

Yet today there are those who argue that the Bible is not a modern book

A man speaks frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant, and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"

"Is this her first child?" the doctor queries.

"No, you idiot!" the man shouts. "This is her husband!"

What is the difference between God and a social worker?
God doesn't pretend to be a social worker.

George W. Bush is seen crossing the Potomac river on foot.

The Washington Post : "President Bush crosses the Potomac River".

The Washington Time : "Bush's conservative approach saves taxpayers a boat".

Mother Jones : "Bush can't swim".

A film crew was on location deep in the desert. One day an old Indian went up to the director and said, "Tomorrow rain." The next day it rained. A week later, the Indian went up to the director and said, "Tomorrow storm." The next day there was a hailstorm.

"This Indian is incredible," said the director. He told his secretary to hire the Indian to predict the weather. However, after several successful



predictions, the old Indian didn't show up for two weeks. Finally the director sent for him. "I have to shoot a big scene tomorrow," said the director, "and I'm depending on you. What will the weather be like?"

The Indian shrugged his shoulders. "Don't know," he said. "Radio is broken."

A couple was having marital difficulties and consulted a marriage counselor. After meeting with them, the counselor told them that their problems could all be traced to a lack of communication. "You two need to talk," he said. "So, I recommend that you go to a jazz club. Just wait until it's time for the bass player to solo. Then you'll be talking just like everyone else."

The doorbell rang and the lady of the house discovered a workman, complete with tool chest, on the front porch. "Madam," he announced, "I'm the piano tuner."

The lady exclaimed, "Why, I didn't send for a piano tuner."

The man replied, "I know you didn't, but your neighbors did."

A policeman pulls a man over for speeding and asks him to get out of the car. After looking the man over he says, "Sir, I couldn't help but notice your eyes are bloodshot. Have you been drinking?"

The man gets really indignant and says, "Officer, I couldn't help but notice your eyes are glazed. Have you been eating doughnuts?"

A policeman stops a lady and asks for her license. He says "Lady, it says here that you should be wearing

glasses."

The woman answered "Well, I have contacts."

The policeman replied "I don't care who you know! You're getting a ticket!"

A tourist asks a man in uniform, "Are you a policeman?"

"No, I am an undercover detective."

"So why are you in uniform?"

"Today is my day off."

A man pulls up to the curb and asks the policeman, "Can I park here?"

"No," says the cop.

"What about all these other cars?"

"They didn't ask!"

A client of a hospital where they made brain transplantations asked about the prices.

The doctor said, "Well, this Ph.D. brain costs \$10,000. This brain belonged to a NASA top scientist and costs \$15,000. Here we have a policeman's brain as well. It costs \$50,000."

The client asked, "What? How's that possible?"

The doctor replied, "You see, it's totally unused."

"When I saw you driving down the road, I guessed 55 at least."

"You're wrong, officer, it's only my hat that makes me look that old."

A woman went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas Cards. "What denomination?" asked the clerk.

"Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?" said the woman. "Well, give me 30 Catholic, 10 Baptist ones, 20 Lutheran, and 40 Presbyterian."

"Dad, can you write in the dark?"

"I think so. What is it you want me to write?"

"Your name on this report card."

Sweet Seven Cups Burfi

Seven Cups Cake a traditional Diwali Sweet, very delicious tempting sweet!

The name indicates we are going to take 7 equal quantities of the below ingredients and we are going to make a tasty Seven Cups Cake. Very easy to make in less time and a very good dish for Diwali and other festivals.

The components are: 1 cup milk, 1 cup ghee, 1 cup besan, 1 cup coconut scrap and 3 cups of sugar.

To provide a delicious taste add Cashew nuts scrap and condimam. Some of us think it's like a sponge cake with 7 layers. But it's not a cake that we bake. It's a burfi variety. Most of us make Badam burfi, coconut burfi, Mysorepak and many more burfi varieties. Instead of one single flavor, this 7 cups cake has the flavor of besan, milk, ghee, sugar and also coconut. The combination of all of these makes this Seven Cups Cake much more delicious and appetizing.

Especially when we are planning to share our homemade sweets with our friends and relatives, we need to make more quantities and this is one of the dishes which gives more pieces of cake and is also simple to make. Some sweets like rasgulla, jangri are a little complex and also sticky. So we all look for some hassle free and simple dish and 7 Cups Cake is the perfect dish. The ingredients used in this dish are all simple and easily available in our kitchen. I always prefer to make this yummy cake and distribute to my friends and relatives.



Jayanthy
Subramaniam



Potato chops

Ingredients:

3 cups potatoes, boiled, skinned and mashed smoothly with salt
300 grams beef or chicken mince
4 large onions, chopped finely
4 green chillies, de-seeded and chopped finely
8 garlic cloves, chopped finely
1-inch fresh ginger, chopped finely
3 tablespoons fresh coriander leaves, chopped finely
1 tablespoon fresh mint, chopped finely
Juice of one lemon
Oil for frying
Breadcrumbs
2 eggs, beaten lightly
Salt and pepper to taste



Method:

Heat a tablespoon of oil in a frying pan and add the chopped onions.

Fry the onions until they turn a little brown.

Now add the ginger, garlic, green chillies and continue to fry the mixture until fragrant for about two to three minutes. Turn up the heat. Now add the minced meat, salt and pepper to taste and fry the meat until it turns brown lightly. Lower the heat and continue to cook the meat until all the water released has evaporated. When cooked through, remove from the heat and toss with the herbs and lemon juice. Set aside to cool until needed.

Take a portion of the cooled mashed potato (about the size of a ping pong ball) and flatten it to form the shape of your palm (it should be about ¼ inch thick). If the potato is too sticky, grease your palm with some oil. Cup your palm a little to form a pocket. Add a tablespoon and a half of the cooled meat mixture to the centre of the flattened potato pocket.

Enclose the filling by drawing up the sides of the potato and cover the filling completely so that no minced meat is visible.

Continue the same process with the rest of the mashed potato and mince.

Heat a generous amount of oil in a wide frying pan.

Roll each of the potato chop in some egg and then breadcrumbs before frying until each potato chop is golden brown.

Serve hot with tomato sauce.



Amit Rane,
Pune

Blessed James Alberione:

He Dared To Dream Big!

Better Yourself Books (BYB), St Pauls and Pauline Publications, *The Sunday Liturgy*, *Inspirational Quote*, *The Teenager Today* (with their headquarters in Mumbai) and numerous other media initiatives the world over owe their initial inspiration to Fr. James Alberione, a young Italian priest who dared to dream big and saw to it that, with the divine assistance, his dream reached its fulfilment in his lifetime while he lived a simple and saintly life. Pope John Paul II, beatified him on April 27, 2003.

Fr Alberione, for sure, led a very saintly life. But, he is known in the Church more for his outstanding contributions to the social communication media. He was one of the greatest visionaries of the 20th Century Church. More than a century ago, when communication media was in its infancy and computer and internet had not yet appeared on the scene, and Bishops and priests frowned at the very thought of a clergy man associating himself with the media, young Alberione dreamt of building a media empire at the service of the gospel.

He said. "a time is not far when people will stop coming to church, or will come much less than now; we should be prepared to bring the Word of God to them in their homes or where people gather often."

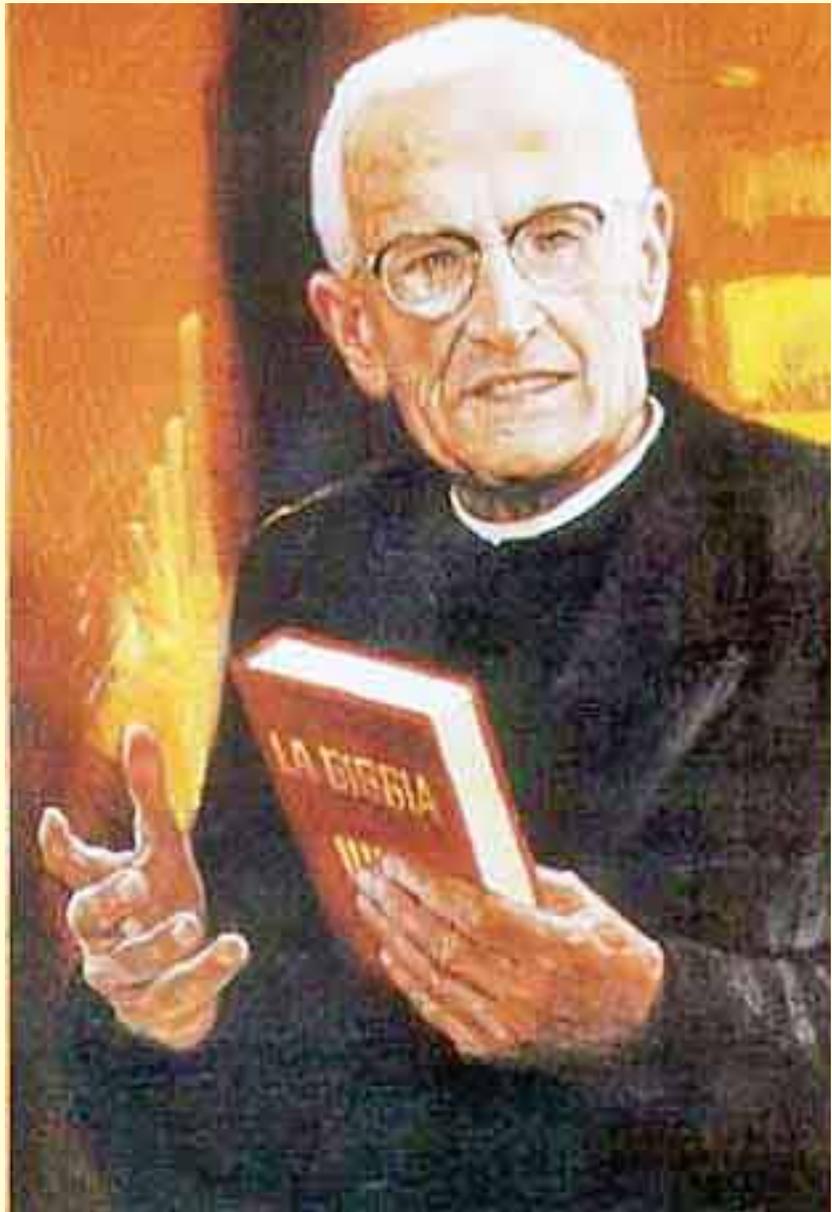
Covid time, more than any other time, has proved Alberione right! Leave alone people who do not as a rule go to church or those who are home bound due to illness, but for people who long to go to church for the daily/ Sunday Eucharist, or would step into a church for a brief Eucharistic visit, and are unable due to the govt. restrictions media (internet and computer/mobile phone) is now their only

ally. To millions of people and their families today, it is media that make the Word of God and the Eucharist available to them.

Inspired by Jesus present in the Eucharist Alberione founded ten media-oriented Institutes (five religious Congregations and five Secular Institutes) collectively known as the Pauline Family, under the patronage of St Paul. Three of them --Society of St

Paul, Daughters of St Paul, and Sister Disciples of the Divine Master-- are represented in India, and all the three have their communities in our Archdiocese.

Alberione was fully convinced of the power of the media to transform the lives of people. Ever since he opened a small printing press on August 20,



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1914, at Alba, North Italy, with a handful of young boys as his co-workers, few girls joined him over the coming months, Alberione never turned back. That day marked the foundation of the Society of St Paul and that of the Pauline family.

Soon, he sent members of the Institutes he founded to different countries of the world. With Fr Alberione guiding them, they started similar initiatives like those he had begun in Italy: established periodicals, opened radio stations, produced films and television documentaries, published numerous editions of the Bible, and inspiring books in the languages of the countries they went—“flood the markets with Christian literature and media material,” was his *mantra* for them.

However, Fr Alberione remained back in Italy, consolidating the projects he had initiated: opened a large printing plant, founded periodicals like *Famiglia Cristiana*, *Orizzonti*, *Giornalino*, etc. with very large circulation coming out of the press, weekly or fortnightly. He built a huge Sanctuary dedicated to Mary Queen of the Apostles, in Rome.

Printing of the Bible was his top pri-

ority and multiplying its editions and reaching its message to the people was his passion. His motto was “a Bible for every family and a New Testament for every person.” In his press a printing machine was set aside totally, for years, to print different editions of the Bible and the New Testament. He



Fr Alfonso Elengikal

started the *San Paolo Films*, and produced the entire Bible in colour. *Famiglia Cristiana*, the Italian Weekly that he founded, now ran into millions of copies, inspiring publication of similar periodicals in languages of the countries where Paulines are present.

Just as he strongly believed in the power of the media to transform people's lives, the visionary founder anticipated the major role women would play, in the coming century, in re-structuring the world, and brought women to the mainstream of his activities. Of the ten religious Institutes he founded, five of them were exclusively for women. He dreamt of consecrated women (Daughters of St Paul) working on printing machines, giving radio messages, and conducting choirs broadcast live, visiting homes, offices, etc. with bags full of Bibles and inspiring books.

Similarly. he visualised consecrated women kneeling before the Eucha-

ristic Lord (Sister Disciples of the Divine Master) interceding for those led astray by the instruments of social communication like the press, radio, television, internet, etc. also providing whatever is necessary for a meaningful celebration of the Eucharist and the liturgy. Still others would assist the Pastoral Clergy (Sisters of the Good Shepherd) in family visits, prepare the faithful for the Sacraments and in catechetical ministry. Still others, he thought, will engage themselves in the ministry of promoting (Sisters of the Queen of Apostles) and facilitating vocations in the Church.

Certainly, Blessed James Alberione was a marvel of his time, a “saint” who dared to dream big for the growth of the Church, answering to the then specific needs of the Church. Pope Paul VI reaffirmed this fact, by visiting Fr Alberione at his deathbed, imparting him his special blessing, minutes before he passed away into eternity on November 26, 1971. The entire Pauline Family, across the world, celebrates his 49th Death Anniversary and the Liturgical Feast on November 26.

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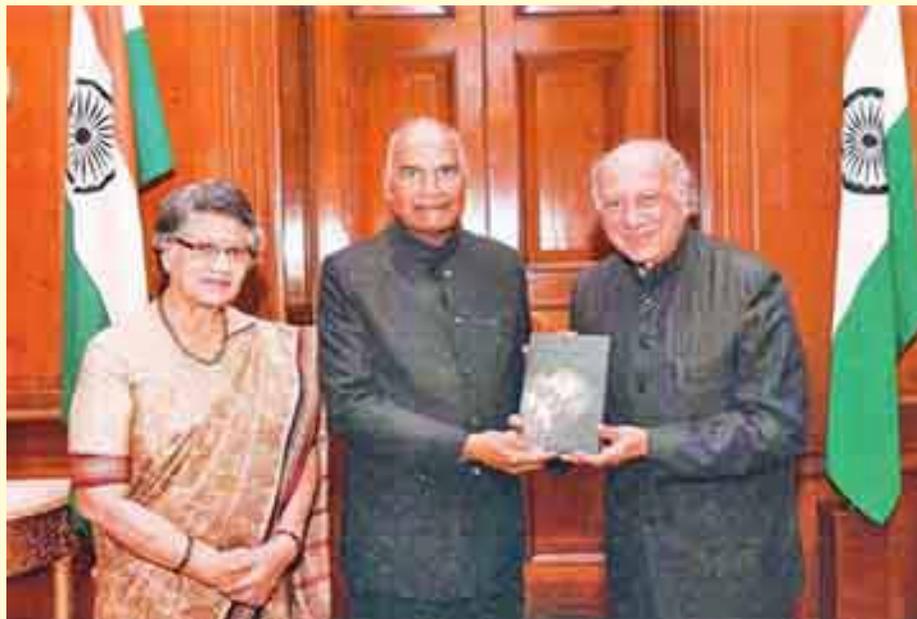
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Mangalorean, Ambassador (Retd) Pascal Alan Nazareth, had an amazing diplomatic career from May 1959, to May 1994. He has served in India's diplomatic and consular missions in Tokyo, Rangoon, Lima, London, Chicago and New York and as India's High Commissioner to Ghana and Ambassador to Liberia, Upper Volta, Togo, Egypt, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and so on. His Autobiography "A RingSide Seat to History - An Autobiography " was launched in a webinar on September 30, 2020, 26 years after his retirement.

Immediately after retirement, he plunged into Gandhian studies, lectures and a wide spectrum of hyperactivity. Mangaloreans know his caliber and always have admired his grit and service. Mangalore Today has been generously publishing Amb Alan's articles and reviews on his books in the last many years.

His two books on Gandhiji are trans-

lated into 23 foreign and 12 Indian languages and he literally went with them around the globe, leaving the writing of his autobiography till his 80th birthday, unusually rare.

A close associate of Amb Alan Nazareth, Dr Michael Lobo, renowned Community Historian and Genealogist, writes : Going back by 60 years to the year 1960, young Alan, has just been chosen as a member of an elite IFS group who will represent their country at diplomatic missions around the world.

This young man is scheduled to begin this adventurous career in the Land of the Rising Sun. Amb Alan Nazareth, the hero had already set his heart on the girl of his dreams as a life partner, he could not now take her with him. Reality of life is harsh, a close friend consoled him: "You will not feel lonely on the voyage. My own wife has volunteered to join you and keep you company not just during the voyage but also during the first few months of your stay in Japan!"

Dr. Michael Lobo says, "Dear readers,

I have just summarised the opening lines of the riveting book by a member of our own – Pascal Alan Nazareth (popularly known by his second name Alan). "A Ringside Seat to History" recounts the story of his life as an Adventurer-Diplomat, an Ambassador, and as a still active Author. You would have already guessed that the 'friend' who consoled him, and offered his own wife as a companion on the long voyage, was Alan's own father.

Expertise in narrating personal experiences is a skill often seen in diplomats. They produce more memoirs than others, perhaps because they experience and explore and discover more than others because of the diversity of exotic experiences encountered by them in diverse lands. Ambassador Nazareth's virgin narration in his prolific elegant language, choice of details, ego or malice absent, gives credibility to the different shades of life in all it's known and unknown facets of less negative and more positive. Coincidences are aplenty, summarised by Ambassador M K Rasgotra in his foreword, read more like fiction than facts.

Amb Alan's committed dedication to work, reinforced wisdom, unflinching courage, and unquestionable integrity are evident always. He does not camouflage his frustrations and disappointments, even reveals that two publishers had turned down his manuscript, perhaps rare.

There are many cases of second careers, like Amb Alan, involved in work and writing for other fronts; later normally at the behest of relatives and friends materialises a life story like this which takes the cake. The minute details of events, dates and times have electronic precision and clarity. No two autobiographies of diplomats are closely similar. Yet, recruitment, training, promotions and postings are

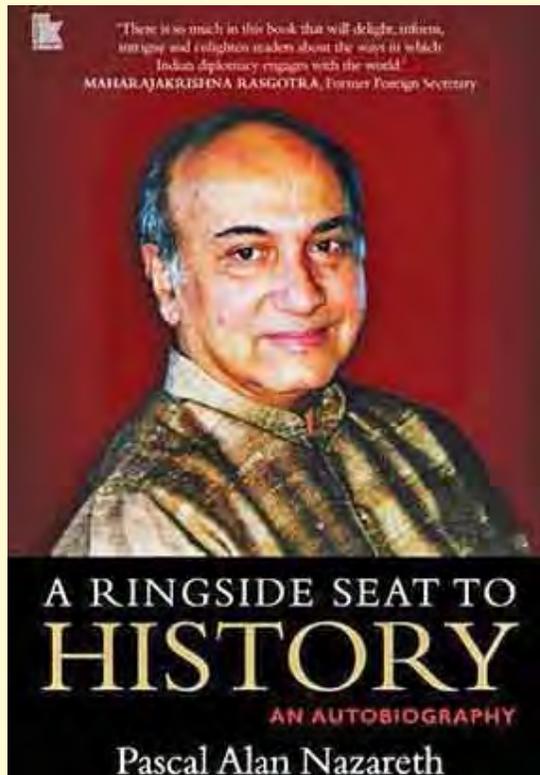


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said to be equitable. The nuances and of posting patterns of diplomats are different mazes and need maps for guidance, art than science a complicated blend.

Like in other diplomatic memoirs, the author's wife emerges as an equal partner in contributing to the prestige of the country and in sharing inconveniences and mishaps. Most women who marry diplomats with dreams of luxury and comforts invariably discover that diplomacy is also a challenging career. But most of them prove the point made by Pandit Nehru in Parliament that it is only the Foreign Service which provides the services of two persons for the salary of one.

Writing autobiographies is often a risky proposition for anyone because even truthful narration will be sus-



pected for its veracity. There is sufficient justification for mentioning accomplishments as they will never be known in the nebulous world of diplomacy in which successes cannot be

easily measured. To some extent, diplomats blow their own trumpet as the public rarely comes to know their work.

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