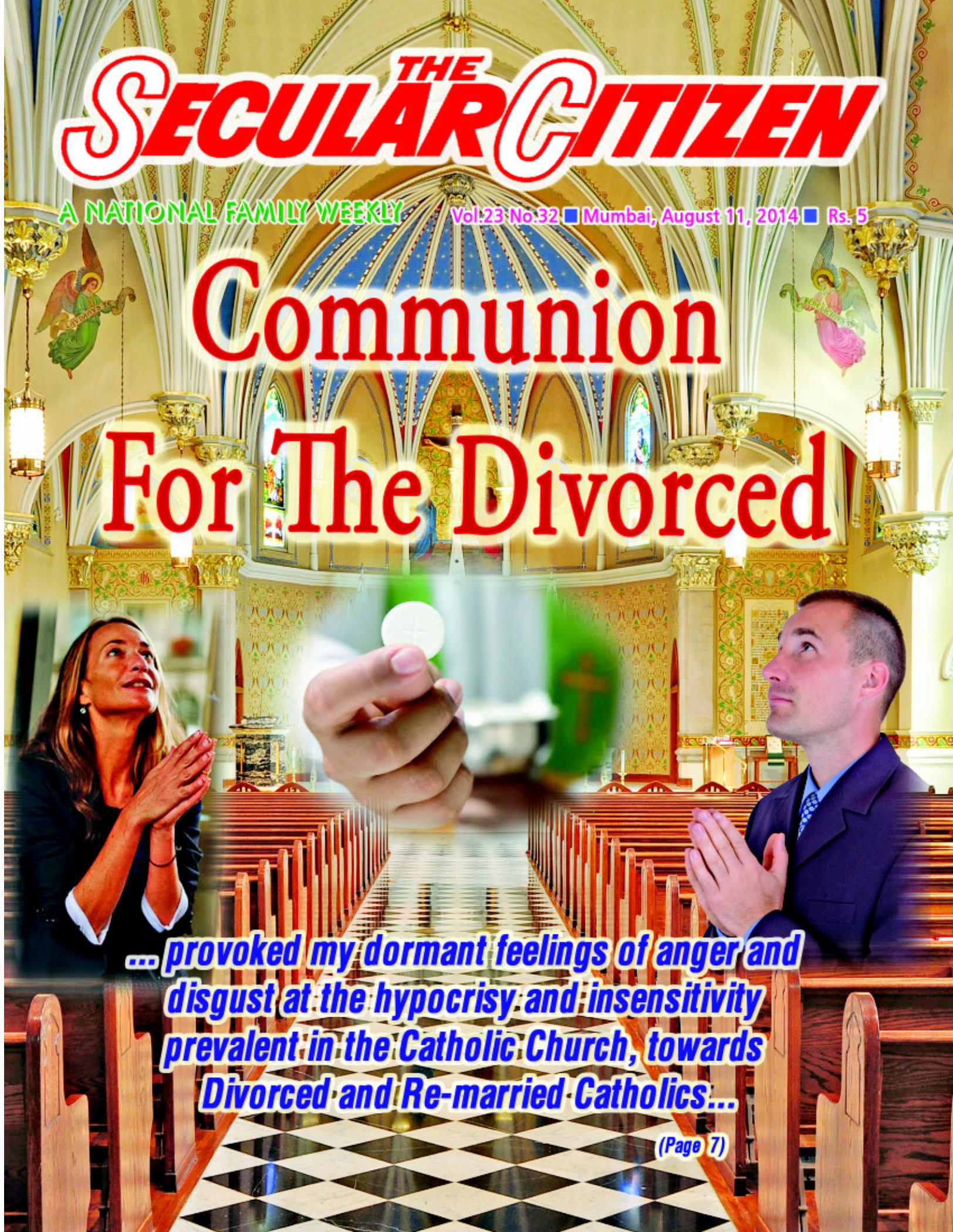


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Waiting For An Islamic Reformation

The eyes of many are focused on the unspeakable brutality and pointlessness of the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17. But alongside this event, minds and hearts across the world are assailed daily by barbarism across the Middle East and in different parts of Asia.



BY FR MICHAEL KELLY

It's the paradox of liberalism that pluralistic secular democracies such as in Japan, Taiwan, Indonesia and other parts of Asia afford citizens far greater freedoms than some of its citizens would be ready to concede if they were in charge. Authorities in those countries readily approve the right of Muslims to build mosques, get government subsidies for their schools and dress as they wish.

Not so for Christians in parts of the Middle East like Saudi Arabia, Iran and a dozen other countries where churches are outlawed and Christians are persecuted, even condemned to death if they convert from Islam. In states where the mullahs govern and sharia law prevails, there is no margin for the concessions freely granted in secular, pluralistic democracies.

Some societies in Asia and elsewhere have received Muslims as workers or refugees. But these countries also have Islamic citizens who would welcome the day that sharia law trumps the hard won victory of an independent judiciary, the rule of law and the weighty tradition of the secular, democratic processes.

The flashpoint that shows all the signs of a new- and world-endangering totalitarianism is the collapse underway in Iraq. According to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the greatest dislocation is occurring in Iraq where Sunni forces operating for the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS) are cutting a swathe through northern Iraq, adding on a daily basis to the 1.2 million internally displaced people there, including 500,000 displaced coming from one province alone since January.

ISIS forces are targeting Christians in particular, with Christians fleeing parts of

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the Kurdistan region of Iraq, staying outside UNHCR camps and general facilities like schools and municipal buildings. Churches and monasteries are bombed by the Sunni insurgents of ISIS, along with religious shrines of their Muslim opponents, the Shia.

These expulsions are occurring in parts of Syria and Iraq where there have been Christian communities for more than one and a half millennia.

But the sharp rise in brutal intolerance doesn't stop in the Middle East. Add to the Iraq catastrophe the pointless war between the Palestinians and the Israelis, violent tactics of the Chinese military toward large Christian communities around the city of Wenzhou and elsewhere and the abusive treatment of Rohingya Muslims by Buddhists in Myanmar all suggest that humanity is in the midst of a powerful outbreak of violent intolerance not seen since the days of carnage in Rwanda 20 years ago.

What are we to make of this mayhem? Reactions across the world vary from the impotent outrage to the nonchalance of secularists who just murmur, "I told you so. Religion brings nothing but trouble".

But these reactions -- often felt and uttered by Europeans and Americans - need to keep in mind that for many hundreds of years, Europeans indulged in such exercises in intolerance and brutality, costing countless millions of lives. The mere mention of the wars of

religion (16th to 17th centuries) that followed the Protestant Reformation, and proved to be the most costly in history for the human lives it claimed relative to the population of Europe at the time, should give anyone from the West pause before denigrating Muslims.

The whole sorry history of the two world wars of the 20th century is testimony to how little we humans learn from our experience. And this apparently never ending catastrophe begs the question of how we humans can live together peacefully, tolerating our differences and each other's peculiarities?

While the West has little to boast about in its record, there is something that Europe, the US, Australia and all countries described as secular states have in common. And the course of its development is the subject of one of the most significant books of the last decade - A Secular Age, by the Canadian philosopher, Charles Taylor.

A monumental work of almost 800 pages, Taylor's thesis is rather simple: where the marriage of altar and throne kept Western society relatively well regulated during the reign of Christendom, the Protestant Reformation broke the political consensus and the controlling devices holding Europe together; it broke up and Europeans behaved badly; eventually they came to recognize that civilized life meant self-control, the rule of law and the resolution of disputes in a rational way was the only way for humanity to thrive.

As Europe unraveled, the Church lost its role as the moral regulator, kings and queens lost their all-controlling rule by divine right, the voice of democratic change became heard through parliaments and assemblies and the function of an independent judiciary was progressively defined.

Islam had its reformation very soon after the prophet's death when the basic division between Shias and Sunnis occurred. But there has never been any equivalent of the Enlightenment, the French Revolution or the US Declaration of Independence that shaped what rationally operating Western political states inherited.

What there has been over the last century is the growing oil wealth of many Islamic states able to finance the opportunism of fanatics along with poor diplomacy by Western states beginning with the way the Middle East was divided up and then dealt with. Many will be the calls for external intervention to bring hordes of marauding militias to heel.

Many will be the expressions of despair over the international community's impotence before this and other offences to our shared humanity and sense of what civilized humanity requires.

Europe and the US became civilized, started to develop and respect the rule of law and saw better ways of resolving disputes than killing opponents the hard way. Let's hope that Islam can learn the same lesson fast, separate religion and law, learn how intellectually unsustainable and practically destructive it is to read a literal truth into a 1,500-year-old document (Qu'ran) and join the post-modern world.

If the Islamic world can learn the lesson, the world will be a better place.

Jesuit Fr Michael Kelly is executive director of ucanews

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John Dayal for Rajya Sabha

I have used the freedom of expression to offer my views to the Indian Church. Regardless of denominational boundaries, John Dayal is undoubtedly a household name.

Recognized as an unusual gift from God, the indelible mark he has made on Indian Christian community is conspicuous everywhere – East, West, North and South.

How often India has read him in Newspapers and watched him on television on crucial issues pertaining to the minorities!

Be it the Gujarat carnage or the pogroms against Christians in Odisha, whether it is the individual ignominy or an ecclesial scandal, be it a legal battle or an aggressive frontal assault, major Christian groups have all sought his help to defend their cause.

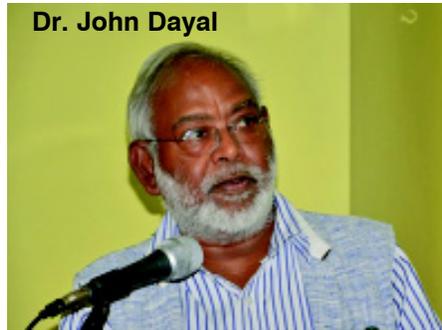
He is not just a “prominent member of catholic community” as the renowned Journalist Javed Naqvi described him in Deccan Chronicle recently. He is perhaps the most sought-after stalwart and champion of suffering Christians in the country today who stays bonded with all sections of the community.

Indian Christian Community is sometimes baffled to see some obscure Christians occupy prominent places in Government Agencies and Commissions. It is indeed mind-boggling why a person of the stature and calibre of John Dayal has never made into those positions.

The community has fielded him to speak for those who have no voice and to fight for those trampled and denied of their rights. But it has perhaps never thought collectively of deploying him in high places of power to be able to bolster a beleaguered community he has served with so much of zeal and enthusiasm.

Like a stigmatized Karna in Mahabharata, totally divested of his supernatural shield and weapons, he fights his battle naturally.

Admittedly, John Dayal's contribution to the victims of persecution has been immense. Though not placed in the corridors of power, he has served



the community well and produced extra-ordinarily.

It would be interesting to witness how a man like him would perform when seated in the Upper House.

Some may argue, it is impossible to think of a motion such as this, certainly not under the new government. But John Dayal is not a new kid on the wall.

The Governments which had many Christians in places of authority in the past had never thought about sharing power with him. Except for a membership in the National Integration Council with no major role to play, he seems thrashed out of the arena.

It clearly calls for freedom from sectarian agendas. Those in political parties who have cherished a long time friendship with him now have to galvanize their good wishes into serious action. There can't be a better time for Christian friendly states and constituencies to march on magnanimously considering the candidature of John Dayal.

Federations like CBCI, NCCI, EFI and other national bodies have to form and reform ways to impact the process of the government in the next few years, if not anon.

Those who know Dr. Dayal would concur he has the will, the determination, the passion, the prowess, the skill and dexterity.

Doesn't he deserve a rich offering from the Indian Church before he hangs his boot to retire from active service?

*Respectfully submitted by,
Bishop Joab Lohara
President, Free Methodist World
Council*

St. John the Baptist Church, Seepz, Andheri



We are pleased to inform you that pursuant to the email dated 12th May 2014 written to Chief Minister by St. John the Baptist Church Save Committee and subsequent response thereto from the Chief Minister vide his email dated 13th May 2014, **the Government of Maharashtra** on the proposal given below by the St. John the Baptist Church Save Committee has agreed **in principle to handover the 500 years old heritage Church of St. John the Baptist situated at SEEPZ, MIDC, Andheri (East), Mumbai to the Archdiocese of Bombay, which will be maintained at the cost of the State Government being heritage structure and be kept open for worship 365 days a year.** A report/extract from Minority Development Committee meeting dated 15th May 2014, Government of Maharashtra for the year 2013-2014 at page 28 is attached herewith for your ready reference.

Kindly request you to pray for the success of this proposal. Please circulate this email to all elected MP's, MLA's, Corporators and political party workers so that the proposal is passed unanimously before the coming State Assembly elections in October 2014.

*For St. John the Baptist Church Save
Committee
Nicholas H. Almeida, President;
Godfrey W. Pimenta, Advisor*

Its Clarence Pais, Not Hillary

Teresa.

—Gregory Rebello, *Bandra*

In the Secular Citizen of 21 July 2014, Chhotebhai has commented on Bernie Tellis article of 7 July and has stated that the amendments to the Indian succession Act were made because of the efforts of Advocate Hillary Pais of Mangalore. The Advocates name is not Hillary, but Clarence Pais. Advocate Clarence Pais had approached Arun Jaitley the then Law Minister for this purpose with the help of Union Minister George Fernandes. In their childhood days George Fernandes and Clarence Pais were neighbours and friends and for some time, the three of us were together in the Alter Boys Sodality in our Parish Church at Bijai, Mangalore.

By the amendments to the Indian Divorce Act and Indian Succession Act, Advocate Clarence Pais had rendered great service to the Christian Community in the country. This was acknowledged by the Church and the Pope had honoured Advocate Clarence Pais with the "Knight of St. Gregory the Great"



Lately, Advocate Clarence Pais helped the Missionary Sisters of Mother Teresa to have a Home in Falnir, Mangalore. Years ago, that place were "willed" by the owner, a lady, for the nuns. But unfortunately after her death, the place was occupied by an affluent local person who refused to vacate it. Advocate Clarence Pais, on his own, fought for the nuns in the Karnataka High Court and ultimately the affluent occupant handed over the possession of the place to the sisters of Mother

Respect the National Flag

It's a pity that after every Independence Day and Republic Day celebrations, the country's national flag is strewn on the streets and people irrespective of caste, creed and colour blithely walk over them. Even when the national anthem is played on radio or telecast on television, people don't respect it by standing to attention and singing it. They are busy talking to people on their mobile phones or chatting with their friends who are standing beside them. As Indians, we should show respect for our country's national flag, national anthem and national song. It is only through the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters that we have managed to gain independence; otherwise we would've still been living under the British dominion.

— Jubel D'Cruz, *Dombivli*

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Communion For The Divorced



BY CHHOTEBHAI

An article, “Holy Communion for Divorced & Remarried “ by Cardinal Jorge Estevez of the Vatican in July 2006 was thought provoking – for the wrong reasons. Much of what I then read provoked my dormant feelings of anger and disgust at the hypocrisy and insensitivity prevalent in the Catholic Church, towards Divorced and Re-married Catholics (DARCs).

In particular I found that the Cardinal’s remarks that DARCs should live as “brother and sister” under the same roof was a cruel joke. It is obvious that the Cardinal’s knowledge of human psychology and physiology was abysmal. How can Catholic couples expect any empathy from such an ostrich like approach?

Besides being married for 30 years, I have for the last 45 years been working among youth and laity in faith formation, evangelization, lay leadership etc. I have been very specifically involved in marriage preparation for youth, and marriage guidance for couples. I make these averments because what follows may draw howls of protest from “comfort zone” Catholics. My observations are based on both first hand experiences, and several years of study of scripture and church teachings.

I subscribe fully to the Catholic Church’s objective teachings on the sanctity and sacramentality of marriage. In fact, I believe that in a tempestuous sea of sexual licentiousness, the barque of Peter is indeed a sobering influence and a beacon of light. The problem is not with the objective teaching, but with the subjective application of Church regulations.

A comparison will best illustrate my point. A Catholic priest goes through 12-14 years of indoctrination before

ordination. He has various “aptitude” tests. Several lakh rupees of public money is spent on his training. He is then presumed to have “rightness of intention and freedom of choice” (Vatican II “Decree on Priestly Formation” OT No.2). He then receives the sacrament of ordination. His sacrament is a bond, with the ecclesial community, that he is expected to guide and serve. It is not a *unilateral* commitment, because he is welcomed and accepted by the ecclesial community in the ordination ritual.

Subsequently, despite all this preparation, enlightenment and investment, an ordained priest may be freed from his sacramental bond and obligation, if he so chooses. The Catholic Church invariably grants dispensation/laicisation to priests seeking it.

Why then double standards for the matrimonial bond? Is it because the clergy/hierarchy make the rules, keeping their own vested (vestmented) interests in mind? Let us now examine the criteria for marriage, as enlisted in the Code of Canon Law. In the matter of “matrimonial consent”, which is a pre-requisite for a valid marriage, it states as follows:

“The following are incapable of contracting marriage:

1. Those who lack sufficient use of reason
2. Those who suffer from a grave lack of discretionary judgment concerning the essential matrimonial rights and obligations to be mutually given and accepted.
3. Those who, because of causes of a psychological nature, are unable to assume the essential obligations of marriage” (Canon 1095:1-3).

Regarding ignorance about matrimonial consent and knowledge, the law further states: “This ignorance is not presumed after puberty” (Canon 1096:2)! Wow! In modern society girls are attaining puberty, as early as in their 10th year of age, and boys at 12! What can the Church “presume” about them? What about the three criteria for “matrimonial consent”? They cannot be taken in absolute and objective terms. This is a “grey” area, where no outsider, not even an ecclesiastical authority, can pass judgment. In India 95%, if not more, are “arranged marriages”. There is little or no marriage preparation. A short course, conducted by a dogmatic and doctrinally oriented parish priest, after the wedding cards have been printed, is grossly insufficient, to prepare a couple for marriage, or to fulfill the canonical requirement of “matrimonial consent”.

In the given circumstances, it is humanly impossible to categorically state that the basic criteria for a valid marriage are fulfilled. We cannot go by presumptions or assumptions. The demands on an individual in a marital bond are far more vigorous than for the clerical bond. If two priests in a parish house don’t talk to each other; if one is an alcoholic or a debauch; it does not directly affect the other. If there are serious differences of opinion, one can easily get a transfer, and begin life afresh. Such options are foreclosed for married couples. My contention therefore is that *there is nothing absolute in human relationships*. Even Peter could not muster the courage to reply categorically to Jesus’ question, “Do you love me more than these?” (Jn 21:15). Paul, the prolific writer, could not define love. He came off second best by telling us what was *not love* (cf 1 Cor 13:4-7). If humans are incapable of the absolute, can any man made law hold

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them to absoluteness? If priests can get their clerical bond dissolved, why shouldn't a similar approach be adopted for the matrimonial bond?

I must reiterate that the permanent matrimonial bond is the ideal for individual happiness, for the good of children, and for the benefit of society. However, a philosophical thumb rule is that an affirmation of one thing is not the negation of another. Therefore our affirmation of the matrimonial bond should not negate our empathy and concern for those whose bonds have broken. Who are we to judge (a key sentence used by Pope Francis)? How can we presume that a couple had full knowledge and consent at the time of marriage, or even after? Women and children are the usual victims. They have no voice in the dogmatic and doctrinal corridors of power, authority and decision-making.

This brings me to the last point regarding the denial of communion to the DARCs. Should they be left out in the dark? If there is no *absolute* means of determining knowledge and consent in a marriage, can we be so *resolute* and rigid in denying communion to them? Are the millions of other Catholics, who voluntarily receive communion, holier than them? Is an alcoholic husband who bashes his wife every other day holier than a DARC, just because he hasn't "divorced" his wife? Are his recurring actions not more scandalous than divorce? I know several priests who are confirmed alcoholics, and some who are sexually active, who nevertheless get up the next morning to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Are they not a greater source of scandal to the ecclesial community, than the DARCs? Pope Francis is now on record that one in fifty priests are pedophiles! On the other hand I have also met a few DARCs and would hesitate to call them "public sinners".

If I recall correctly, Bishop Cornelius Jansen of Ypres, in the Seventeenth century, was the author of the Jansenist heresies. One of the ideas propounded

by him was that Holy Communion was a *reward for being good*. The Church condemned this approach, stating rather that, Communion was a source of sustenance and nourishment for the weak. This magnanimous attitude is reflected in the most important document of Vatican II – the "Dogmatic Constitution of the Church". It states, "The Church, *embracing sinners in her bosom*, is at the same time holy" (LG 8). If the sacraments are a means of sanctification for those in need, rather than a reward for being good, then do not the DARCs stand in need of such spiritual sustenance? Where there is a will there is a way; so the Church can evolve pastoral guidelines for the same, without necessarily compromising on the sanctity of the matrimonial bond.

In Mathew Chapter 19, Our Lord Jesus upholds the sanctity and indissolubility of marriage. However, when he was queried about why Moses permitted divorce he replied that it was because of the "hardness of their hearts" (cf Mat 19:8), though this was an exception, and not as originally intended. Is this a case of "situational ethics" as moral theologians would define it? If there is a precedent, then there could be an antecedent too. From "hardness of heart" we could today talk of the "harshness of life", where it is far more challenging to live a perpetual covenant than it was in Moses' time. There can always be exceptional circumstances; which only reinforce the point that "exceptions prove the rule".

We have no right to condemn DARCs, and call them public sinners, living in

mortal sin. They may in fact be having a far more loving relationship between them than many "married" couples. While on the one hand upholding and respecting the Catholic Church's teachings on the sacredness and sacramentality of the marital bond, I feel it is time that the Catholic Church took a more empathetic view of the DARCs, and not give absurd advice to them to live as "brother and sister under one roof". Let us learn from the compassionate Jesus, who did not condemn the woman caught in adultery, nor the Samaritan woman who had multiple partners. Here again we find that Pope Francis often uses the words "compassion" and "mercy", rather than "judgment".

As National President of the All India Catholic Union in the 1990's I was pushing hard for the Government to enact new personal laws for Christians; for marriage, divorce etc. I met with stiff resistance from some sections in the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India. In that context I had then stated, "*Celibate old males sitting in boardrooms, should not decide the fate of young couples in bedrooms.*" It created an uproar. I still hold that view. Married couples, lay leaders and women should be actively involved in moral theologizing, ecclesial legislative processes and issues that directly affect their lives. Let us hope and pray that these voices are heard in the forthcoming Family Synod in Rome.

* *The writer is the co-ordinator of the forthcoming "National Consultation on Catholic Families"*

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—Jubel D'Cruz, Dombivili

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Take the case of a bird in a cage – when that bird was a tiny baby, you take care of it – give it food, water, etc. Slowly, the bird grows and wings take shape and the next thing you know, the bird wants to fly – it wants to be free, to fly wherever it wants to, eat or drink whatever it wants, in short it wants complete independence. **That bird wants to be free but we choose to keep it in that cage; we make the choice for that bird!** You can see it actually struggling to break free from that cage, flitting from one corner to another looking for some opening to come out. But then, you want to have the pleasure of watching that bird in the cage but on the other hand, you have snatched away his freedom !

Let's take a look at our 'beloved' country, India. For around a hundred years, our country was in fetters; the country was in the clutches of Foreign Rule – the British had complete control over the country; they had chained our country. They had looted the country of many of her riches. From History books, we know how our countrymen were suffering under the British, how our freedom fighters struggled to gain independence for India, to gain freedom for our countrymen. It was indeed a great, drawn out struggle for freedom. And what was the response of the British ? They kept suppressing our freedom fighters, confining them to prison, etc. They had the power to do that. All agitations were put down with an iron hand. They tried all sorts of tactics to keep the country in their clutches against the wishes of the people of

India. But eventually, there came a time when they could not hold on any longer. They decided to grant independence to India, to grant them the freedom they longed for. And so, India gained independence on the 15th of August. But yes, they did not do it gracefully; there was a price to pay – the partition of the country. But yes, we are a free, independent country today !

On the 15th of August, we celebrate 67 years freedom; independence from foreign rule. God in His gracefulness has given us the Free will to do manage our country without fear of any Foreign rule. Well, are we happy with the freedom we are entitled to ? We need to ask ourselves, 'Are we using our Free will to work for the good of our countrymen ? If your neighbour is in distress, what would you do ? You have the choice to either ignore his cries for help or offer him all possible help. It is your Free will to do either of them.

Look around the world today and you will find how people grossly misuse their Free will, misuse of the authority, abuse of power. You see people forcing their will on others, subduing them, suppressing them into submission. You can see people inflicting misery on others because they have the power to do that, they have all the authority.

What about our Mother Mary, whose feast we celebrate on the 15th of August – her Assumption into Heaven. We need to learn from her how to use our Free Will in the right manner. Take the wedding feast at Cana, where the hosts had run out of wine. Mary could very well have used her Free will and turned a blind eye to this situation just like any of the other guests. **But, we know what Mary did – she saved the hosts from embarrassment. And Jesus in His gracefulness granted her what she wanted.**

Look at our politicians, how they use our votes, how they use their position to amass wealth for themselves and for



BY MELVILLE X. D'SOUZA

their family, ignoring the needs of their countrymen. Is that why we were given freedom ? Is that why our country was granted independence ? Winston Churchill was apprehensive about granting independence to India and 67 years later his words still ring in our ears – he said, **Power will go to the hands of rascals, rogues and freebooters. All Indian leaders will be of low calibre and men of straw. They will have sweet tongues and silly hearts. They will fight amongst themselves for power and India will be lost in political squabbles. A day would come when even air and water would be taxed.**"

Where do we stand today ? No, we may not be leaders about whom Winston Churchill spoke those words. But don't we have sweet tongues and yet slander the name of others, gossip to no end about the others ? And our hearts ? we have small hearts, we do not want to open our hearts to others, selfish that we are ! Don't we fight among ourselves even while a tragedy has occurred somewhere in the neighbourhood, even in the family ? Are we any better than the rascals and rogues Winston Churchill referred to ? We want to rob others of their possessions, their property; we want to cheat others for our own narrow selfish interests. We want everything for ourselves and we want it NOW ! We need to think – every time we do things to hurt others in society, even our own family members, we are falling from Grace. We need to use our Free will keeping in mind the Grace of God. Can we do that ? We need to use our Free will in a fair manner; we need to justify the Grace and Free Will given to us by God.

“Fascism” : Some Characteristics!

Fascism is best described as a kind of “radical authoritarian nationalism” which saw its roots in the early 20th century of Europe. It thrives on ‘majoritarianism’, where the more powerful (either with numbers or with resources) genuinely feel that there is no place for the weaker or for the minority sections. In the wake of neo-fascist trends emerging in several parts of the world today, it is good to take a close look at some of the characteristics which are embodied in this ideology; these include:

- **to create a false sense of ‘nationalism’**

Fascists normally try to unite their followers by creating a feeling that they and the country are one. They use loose terms like “they are the nation”, “they are for all”, “the country comes first”. These terminologies are conveniently lapped up by their followers. Sooner or later, they create the bogey of an “outside” enemy which helps in rallying the people.

- **to denigrate the minorities / weaker sections**

In the context of the above, fascist ideologies subtly and openly denigrate, demonise and attack the minorities and the weaker sections of their society. These groups just do not have a place in their scheme of things. At times, they are conveniently ignored and at other times, they are made to feel as though they are a major burden in the country; they are “terrorists”, “they are out to convert you” are familiar words. The way Hitler exterminated the Jews, the Catholics, the gypsies, the nomads, the homosexuals, the writers and the poets of his times helps to illustrate this point.

- **to take-over / use the media for their agenda**

Among the first take-overs by the fascists is that of mass media and communication. They do so either directly or through one of their honchos from the corporate sector. Once media is in their control, it is easy to manipulate gullible citizens. The way Josef

Goebbels, the propaganda minister of Hitler regime was able to use the media so effectively on behalf of the Nazi regime is today termed ‘Goebbelsian’. The fundamental axiom is “to tell a lie a thousand times and people believe it as the truth”. What fascists conveniently do is to highlight issues of others and sweep under the carpet their own; eg. a gangrape which takes place in an area which is not ruled by them is highlighted several times over by the media whereas a dozen more serious crimes in their own territory hardly find a mention.

- **to intimidate and harass independent writers / poets and social media activists**

Even in the most totalitarian State, there will be those who cherish freedom of speech and expression and will not hesitate in writing about the truth and what will ultimately help others; fascists cannot tolerate such people and they are systematically hounded, denounced and even put in jail.

- **to take on human rights defenders and others who take a stand**

Fascists brook no dissent. They are unable to deal with those who highlight their shortcomings and take a stand about it and also those who support the victims of injustice and accompany them in their struggle. So what is foisted on these groups of people are false cases, subtle leaks of “abuse” of power and money. Human Rights Defenders are always on the radar by fascist forces. Fascists are always afraid of the truth!

- **to manipulate education and distort school textbooks**

This is one of the easiest ways by which fascists manipulate tender minds and provide them with an ideology which is one-sided, subjective and even perverted. History becomes something to be tampered with; replete with lies and falsehood. School textbooks then seriously violate the rights of children.



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Fiction is highlighted as historical facts. Those who conform to the ideology are made the editors / writers of school textbooks.

- **to divide and rule**

This is a time-proven strategy of fascists anywhere - their ability to play one against the other; very specially from among those who seek to oppose them. Their methodology is very simple: they co-opt a few, through favours and other privileges and make these co-opted their ‘spokespersons’. This creates great confusion among the rank and file of the opposition and it also helps in quelling voices of dissent.

- **to create fear and panic**

Fascists are known to create fear and panic among sections of the masses. They normally start the fire but conveniently blame the other for this. Vulnerable groups (particularly the marginalized and minority communities) are really afraid to take on fascist forces because of long term repercussions to their lives, families, possessions, their work and livelihood. Panic and fear put people on the back-foot. Often key leaders or spokespersons are either killed or literally made ‘impotent’ through false cases and frivolous charges.

- **to infiltrate realms of governance**

Fascism is not a phenomenon that happens overnight. It begins in innocuous and subtle ways; those who follow their ideology are placed in ordinary and in key positions in the bureaucracy, in the judiciary, in the media, the police and in other significant institutions. Over the years, these officials are able to deliver; before one realizes fascists have their people running and controlling everything that matters.

- **to be wedded to the corporate sector**

The corporate sector which is normally market-driven and who seek their own

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Budget For All

The Finance Minister announced the eagerly awaited budget with something for everyone. Some got more while others had to be content with whatever was thrown their way even if they were crumbs falling from the rich man's table. All in all, this maiden budget of the FM was hailed by most people [except the opposition]. They say it was a non-populist budget unlike the earlier one. That has to be understood in the context in which the last budget was presented – just before the elections which the UPA lost. The present FM did not have those constraints except that two important by-elections are due in Haryana and Maharashtra in the next three months. The FM has extended the Excise concessions of the previous FM by six months ostensibly to cover these elections.

On the income tax front there is something for everyone including the super rich though peanuts by their standard. By increasing the threshold limit by Rs 50,000 he has tried to meet half-way though Rs 1,00,000 would have been appropriate. But he tried to make up by increasing the limit under 80/C to Rs 1,50,000 with a matching increase in the PPF contribution. This is a huge step because 8.80% tax free interest means a lot in real terms especially for those whose 15 year term is nearing. Perhaps a little more could have been given to the salaried class by way of enhanced conveyance and mediclaim limits.

The FM is obsessed with the figure 100 and a number of items [28 to be precise] have an allocation of Rs 100 crores each, though the allocations fall far below the required amount in most cases. 'Beti bachhav, Beti padhav' scheme has an allocation of Rs 100 crores which is a measly sum for the ambitious scheme spread across the country. While nobody grudges the cleaning of the river Ganga which has special significance for the Hindu community, a sum of Rs 2000 crores in this year alone [barely seven months] looked a tad too much considering the financial crunch faced by the FM. Whether this was meant to appease a particular segment, well it is hard to say. Similarly, a party which was vociferous when it came to appeasement by the UPA decides to allocate Rs 100

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crores for up-gradation of the Madrasas in the country. This sounds a bit strange since no other minority community received such a favoured treatment. Incidentally, as strange as it may sound, it was during the last NDA term, the Haj subsidy was enhanced.

What most of the business magnates agreed was the clarity that this budget brought to the various ambiguous provisions of the policy. Due to this, some unscrupulous business houses took undue advantage while others were confused. Now that things have been put in the right perspective, the chances of unnecessary litigation have been minimized. The FM should keep reviewing the provisions from time to time.

A sum of Rs 200 crores has been earmarked for the statue of Sardar Patel. This, we are told, is to give a place of pride to the veteran who was the first Home Minister. If he signifies 'unity' of India then Mahatma Gandhi signifies 'freedom' of India'. We all respect the Sardar for his contribution. Both are sons of Gujarat and it would have been more fitting to see a gigantic statue of the Mahatma instead, who not only gave freedom to the country, but became a global symbol for freedom and non-violence. Gujarat seemed to have forgotten the Mahatma except for the farcical prohibition.

Iconic Blunder

It seems that power has gone to the heads of the leaders of the BJP as well as those in the parivar. The recent utterances of one of them from Telangana declaring that Sania Mirza is not suitable to represent the nascent state as its Ambassador. While he was within his right to express his opinion, it would have been prudent to stop there. It is the prerogative of the government to take a call on such issues. Here is a leader who questioned her 'Indianness' having married a Pakistani cricketer. He went on to say that she being a 'daughter-in-law' of Pakistan, is not qualified to be an Ambassador of the state.

Following the national outcry after his distasteful remarks, the BJP high command quickly went into a damage control mode saying she is fit to be the country's Ambassador. The national



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spokesperson said that those are the personal views of the leader. It gave an impression that the party agrees with him but does not want to say so openly. It is a matter of shame for the party which is walking that extra mile to mend fences with Pakistan. One would have understood if the BJP was not in power but for a leader of the governing party to do that and not being pulled up, is downright shameful.

You could make out that the party's distancing itself was cosmetic. The spokespersons instead of showing some remorse, tried to be one-up by recalling the sins of the Congress party. One of the senior spokespersons went on to say that if there is a border conflict with Pakistan, Sania Mirza will face a Hobson's choice whether to support India or Pakistan. This was the most bizarre comment one ever heard. In my previous article I had dwelt extensively on the immaturity of the new breed of BJP's spokespersons. When you have hawks as spokespersons in the Opposition, the ruling party must be well equipped.

They tried to draw parallel with Sonia Gandhi who was referred to as 'daughter-in-law of India' by the Congress Party and demanded respect for her. The BJP had said that Sania being a daughter-in-law of Pakistan she failed to qualify for ambassadorship. The Congress had sought 'respect' for their leader. Here the BJP is showing 'disrespect' to a daughter-in-law. Both are highly contrasting examples. But one can forgive the BJP because they are novices when it comes to governance. Within two months the party has succeeded in bringing down its credibility by at least 25%. The result of Uttarakhand by-elections where the party lost 0-3 shows the utter failure of the Modi government and disenchantment of the electorate. Trying to divert public attention by encouraging divisive politics will not take the party far.



MUSCAT based **Mangalorean** bachelor 26 years, 6' tall, handsome M.Sc., holding good Managerial (Eng.) Post in petroleum co. Parents too are based in Muscat (having house in Mumbai) (status family) Seeks good looking homely bride. **(Approach the groom and the family through Royal Christian Family-Ref.:SF02)**



MUMBAI based **Mangalorean** bachelor 27 years, 5'6" tall, loving natured MBA, Managing Family Business (has over 700 workforce). Parents based in Mumbai (well connected socially and business-wise) (status family) Seeks a good looking homely bride. **(Approach the groom and the family through Royal Christian Family, -Ref.:SF01)**



MUMBAI based **Catholic** divorcee 33 years, 5'8" tall, simple natured MBA, Managing Family Business (A popular chain of business in IT sector spread all over Mumbai). (family well connected socially and business-wise) (status family) Seeks a good looking homely bride. **(Approach the groom through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF03)**



MUMBAI based **Mangalorean** bachelor 26 years, 5'11" tall, loving natured MBA, Sales Director. Only child. (Builder developer Family business) (status family) Seeks a god fearing kind hearted bride. **(Approach the groom and the family through Royal Christian Family - Rev.:SF04)**



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MUMBAI based **Goan Roman Catholic** bachelor 41 years, 5'7" tall, smart B.Com., NIIT. Consultant for a MNC (status family) Seeks a good looking homely bride. **(Approach the groom through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF05)**



DUBAI-MUMBAI based **Goan Roman Catholic** bachelor 37 years, 5'7" tall, smart MBA. HR Specialist in Dubai (status family) Seeks a good homely bride. **(Approach the groom through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF06)**

MUMBAI based **Mangalorean** divorcee (no issues) 34 years, tall, handsome Edn. BDS, Doctor (Dentist) by Profession having own clinic in Mumbai (own house) (status family) Seeks a homely lady. **(Approach the groom and the family through Royal Christian Family- Ref.:SF16)**



MUMBAI based **Mangalorean** bachelor 29 years, 5'9" tall, Fair, Handsome, loving natured Edn. B.Com., CEO in Popular Family Business. Parents based in Mumbai (well connected socially and business-wise) (status family) Seeks a good looking stylish bride. **(Approach the groom and the family through Royal Christian Family, -Ref.:SF17)**



MUMBAI based **Catholic** divorcee 30 years, 6'1" tall, simple natured Edn. Diploma in Civil Engineering. Position : C.E.O. in Family Construction Business. (status family) Seeks a good looking homely bride. **(Approach the groom through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF18)**



MUMBAI based **Goan** bachelor 30 years, 5'4" tall, good natured Graduate, position a Sr. Executive. (status business family) Seeks a god fearing kind hearted bride. **(Approach the groom and the family through Royal Christian Family - Rev.:SF19)**



MUMBAI based **Mangalorean** bachelor 36 years, 6'1" tall, smart natured M.Com., Position as a Senior Manager. (high income) Parents based in Mumbai (status family) Seeks a good looking homely bride. **(Approach the groom and the family through Royal Christian Family, - Ref.:SF20)**



MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 25 years, Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 54 kgs, smart, wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., LLB., (business family) parents invite proposals from well settled, sober habit boys. *(Approach the bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF07)*



AUSTRALIA - MUMBAI : Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 26 years, Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 50 kgs, smart, Master of Science, B.Sc., Serving in Australia. Parents invite proposals from Australia Card Holder or settled anywhere abroad well placed boys. *(Approach the bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF08)*



MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 26 years, Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 51 kgs, smart, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA., Active in Family Business . Parents invite proposals from good family, well settled, boys. *(Approach the bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF21)*



NASHIK : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 25 years, Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 56 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. C.A., working as a Chartered Accountant. Parents invite proposals from well settled, qualified boys. *(Approach the bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF14)*



Since the families are upper middle and status level, initial approach and verification will be done by Royal Christian Family before putting both sides in direct contact with each other. Non members too can respond. Tel.: 22693578, 22654924

MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 41 years, Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 54 kgs, smart, wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.B.A. (Finance), M.B.A., and Diplomas in I.T. (NIIT), Comp. (APTEC), and CERT.IND A/C. (I.C.A.), holding good position. Invite proposals from professionals *(Approach the bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF09)*

KOLKATA : Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 27 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 64 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBBS, MD (PAED), Doctor by profession. Parents invite proposals from Professionals, Businessmen. *(Approach the bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF11)*



MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 25 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 54 kgs, smart, Fair Complexion, Beautiful, Edn. MSc (statistics), Position a Sr. Marketing Executive. parents invite proposals from well settled, sober habit boys. *(Approach the bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF13)*



MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 25 years, Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 56 kgs, smart, wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. (Information Technology) working as a Software Engineer. parents invite proposals from well settled, good family boys. *(Approach the bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF10)*



MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 32 years, Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 55 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. good looking, smart, Edn. M.M.S., B.Com., Position: Manager - Marketing. Parents invite proposals from well settled, bachelors. *(Approach the bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF12)*



MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 30 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 55 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., MBA - HR. Position : HR Manager in Foreign Bank. (status family) Parents invite proposals from well placed boys. *(Approach the bride and family through Royal Christian Family - Ref.:SF15)*

Vatican Wants To Ensure Dignity Of 'Sign Of Peace' During Mass

Vatican City: The Congregation for Divine Worship, in a recent circular letter, announced that the placement of the sign of peace within Mass will not change, though it suggested several ways the rite could be performed with greater dignity.

"The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments ... pronounced in favor of maintaining the 'rite' and 'sign' of peace in the place it has now in the Ordinary of the Mass," Fr. Jose Maria Gil Tamayo, secretary general of the Spanish bishops' conference, related in a July 28 memo.

He noted that this was done out of consideration of the placement of the rite of peace as "a characteristic of the Roman rite," and "not believing it to be suitable for the faithful to introduce structural changes in the Eucharistic Celebration, at this time."

The sign of peace is made after the consecration and just prior to the reception of Communion; it had been suggested that it be moved so that it would precede the presentation of the gifts.

Fr. Gil's memo was sent to the Spanish bishops, and prefaced the Congregation for Divine Worship's circular letter, which was signed June 8 by Cardinal Antonio Canizares Llovera, its prefect, and its secretary, Archbishop Arthur Roche. The circular had been approved and confirmed the previous day by Pope Francis.

The letter made four concrete suggestions about how the dignity of the sign of peace could be maintained against abuses.

Fr. Gil explained that the circular letter is a fruit of the 2005 synod of bishops on the Eucharist, in which the possibility of moving the rite was discussed.

"During the Synod of Bishops there was discussion about the appropriateness of greater restraint in this gesture, which can be exaggerated and cause a certain distraction in the assembly just before the reception of



Communion," Benedict XVI wrote in his post-synodal apostolic exhortation 'Sacramentum caritatis'.

He added that "I have asked the competent curial offices to study the possibility of moving the sign of peace to another place, such as before the presentation of the gifts at the altar ... taking into account ancient and venerable customs and the wishes expressed by the Synod Fathers."

An inspiration for the suggested change was Christ's exhortation, at Mt. 5:23, that "if you remember that your brother has anything against you, leave your offering before the altar, and go be reconciled first." It would also have brought the Roman rite into conformity, in that respect, with the Ambrosian rite, celebrated in Milan.

The Neo-Catechumenal Way, a lay movement in the Church, has already displaced the sign of peace, in its celebration of the Roman rite, to before the presentation of the gifts.

The Vatican congregation's decision to maintain the placement of the sign of peace was the fruit of dialogue with the world's bishops, which began in 2008, and in consultation with both Benedict XVI and Pope Francis.

The Congregation for Divine Worship said it would "offer some practical measures to better express the meaning of the sign of peace and to moderate excesses, which create confusion in the liturgical assembly just prior to

Communion."

"If the faithful do not understand and do not show, in their ritual gestures, the true significance of the rite of peace, they are weakened in the Christian concept of peace, and their fruitful participation in the Eucharist is negatively affected."

On this basis, the congregation offered four suggestions which are to form the "nucleus" of catechesis on the sign of peace.

First, while confirming the importance of the rite, it emphasized that "it is completely legitimate to affirm that it is not necessary to invite 'mechanistically' to exchange (the sign of) peace." The rite is optional, the congregation reminded, and there certainly are times and places where it is not fitting.

Its second recommendation was that as translations are made of the third typical edition of the Roman Missal, bishops' conference should consider "changing the way in which the exchange of peace is made." It suggested in particular that "familiar and worldly gestures of greeting" should be substituted with "other, more appropriate gestures."

The congregation for worship also noted that there are several abuses of the rite which are to be stopped: the introduction of a "song of peace," which does not exist in the Roman rite; the faithful moving from their place to

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Kripa's Lifetime Achievers

Today, Kripa Foundation stands as a beacon of hope to those who have succumbed to the menace of alcohol and drugs. Here they are assisted to retrieve their dignity, mend their broken lives and restore tranquility in afflicted homes. Kripa was started by Fr. Joseph (Joe) Hillary Pereira almost 33 years ago in the compound of Mount Mary's Basilica, Bandra with three resident patients, a priest, a doctor and a recovering alcoholic as "a role model" for recovery and sobriety. Now, Kripa is housed in the compound of Mount Carmel's Church, Chapel Road, Bandra, from where it continues its crusade against chemical substance abuse.

Over the years, thanks to the untiring efforts of its Founder and Chief Trustee, Fr. Joe Pereira, Kripa has become the largest NGO in India affiliated to the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. In recognition of his services to society and the "fallen" in particular, Fr. Joe was in 2009, awarded the Padma Shree. Perhaps in further recognition, the same Ministry has awarded the Lifetime Achievement awards to Fr. Joe Pereira and Kripa product, Mr. Bosco Michael D'Souza. They received the awards at the hands of President Pranab Mukherjee on June 26, 2014, in New Delhi

Fr. Joe's award was for "Outstanding Individual Achievement by a Professional", while Bosco award was in the category of 'Outstanding Achievement by a former Addict.' Bosco, a parishioner of St. Peter's Church, resides at Jain Mandir Road, Bandra.

For Bosco it was a long and tedious journey on the narrow path to liberation from alcohol addiction. But he was not alone, by his side always, was his determined and devoted wife, Charmaine together taking one day at a time till complete weaning off. And then, there was no turning back! Then came the ultimate reward with his selection for the Lifetime Achievement Award. This

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cup of joy came full to the brim to be shared by the husband and wife team who together had surmounted all obstacles.

Bosco Michael D'Souza is a 'man' again who walks with his head high, little wonder he has been elevated to the position of National Programme Director for Kripa Foundation. This requires him to co-ordinate with all Kripa therapeutic facilities nationwide for the implementation of the programme for substance use disorder rehabilitation. Bosco's task is not an easy one, but he has come a long way after living with thousands of addicts and rehabilitating them to fit into the mainstream of society.

In fact, the Vasai Centre with its 80-bedded hospital, established by Bosco ranks as one of best in the country and stands as a lasting reminder of his contribution to the rehabilitation of the alcoholic who says "I am not fallen, only sleeping". After this success, he has been instrumental in setting up seven new Centres in seven other States in the country.

Glory does not sit well on Bosco, and for all he has accomplished he gives full credit to his philosopher and guide, Padma Shree Fr. Joe Pereira. He is contented to remain his Man Friday. Fr. Joe's journey on his self-chartered course is unending as he conducts

programmes all over the country and even beyond. Relying also on eastern disciplines to effect changes in various kinds of addictions, Fr. Joe is closely associated with Iyengar Yoga of which he is an ardent practitioner and teacher, sharing his knowledge and experience with over 120 countries.

The Kripa formula is claimed to be helpful, because as Fr. Joe believes "it is a formula that understands that addicts are not bad, they are not to be condemned. It acknowledges that you are human and that we can love you back to life." Hence, he thanks God for every day of his life for the gift of empathy, the ability to be completely non-judgmental while stretching out a hand.

His programmes have been embraced abroad with much enthusiasm, and the Alcoholics Anonymous self-help formula has begun to add the "body element" in its 12-step method to its psycho-spiritual and psycho-social dimensions. The use of meditation is the eleventh of its 12-step plan for recovery.

In conclusion, Fr. Joe Pereira prefers not to refer to Kripa as a treatment centre. He affirms, "I am a health freak, and I prefer to consider Kripa (which means 'grace') as a re-learning centre. For here they re-learn how to live again, and thus become my primary agents for transformation. They are my wounded healers, the only one who can tell the world how to get well."

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Flag Hoisting

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Make sure you follow the rules while Hoisting the National Flag.

If you are hoisting the tricolour, make sure you follow the Flag Code of India that lays down all the rules and procedures to be followed while hoisting the national flag.

"Belonging to the forces myself, I make sure that the national flag is hoisted with utmost respect while following all the rules laid in the Flag Code of India. We make sure that the dimension of the flag is correct and the timing is right. We also keep in mind that we don't keep it on the ground in any circumstances and keep it folded after it has been lowered in a proper place," says Brigadier Ganju, chief administrator RWA at Nirvana Country.



We have an entire SOP manual with around 14 pointers to be followed while hoisting the flag, as it's a symbol of national pride, and no callousness is exhibited during the ceremony. Most residents come together for this celebration and we make sure that all rules are followed with utmost care," says Ashish Sarin, VP RWA, Gurgaon One.

"We've been celebrating Republic Day for the past 6-7 years, and have been following most of the rules regarding flag hoisting from the dimension of the flag, to the timings for hoisting, and even the folding of the flag and keeping it on the shoulder after it is hoisted. Most of the residents of our society are present during this ceremony," says VS Mathur.

"We buy the flag from standard shops and they are authorised to sell only the correct size. We follow all the procedures that are required as per the Flag Code of India and no carelessness is exhibited. While hoisting the flag, the national anthem is played, and since many ex-servicemen reside here, they lower their caps during that time. All of us stand in attention and salute, and while the last string of the anthem is being played, we lower the salute. This is followed by distribution of sweets, etc," adds Colonel Ravinder Kataria.

"We definitely follow the Flag Code of India while an elderly person hoists the

flag in our society. This is followed by other activities and competitions for kids as well as parents, and people also talk about the essence of the celebration so that our kids learn about our country. Although I didn't know about the rule of not keeping the flag on the ground, we anyway never kept it down," says Kanika Gupta

The Flag Code of India

After Naveen Jindal, member of parliament, Kurukshetra, was asked to remove the display of the national flag from his factory premises, he took the legal route and got the Flag Code of India amended. The union government approved the recommendations of the inter-ministerial committee and removed the restrictions on the use of the national flag by all Indian citizens from January 26, 2002. The Flag Code of India states:

1. The national flag of India shall be made of hand spun and hand woven wool/cotton/silk khadi bunting and its length to height (width) ratio shall be 3:2.
2. The flag shall not be used for commercial purposes in violation of the Emblem and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950. It should also not be used for personal purposes.
3. The flag shall not be used as a receptacle for receiving, delivering, holding or carrying anything. Provided that there shall be no objection to keeping flower petals inside the flag before it is unfurled, as part of celebrations on special occasions and on national days like the Republic Day and the Independence Day.
4. The flag shall not be intentionally allowed to touch the ground or the floor or trail in water.
5. Where the flag is displayed in open, it should, as far as possible, be flown from sunrise to sunset, irrespective of weather conditions.

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exchange the sign; the priest leaving the altar to exchange the sign with the faithful; and when, at occasions such as weddings or funerals, it becomes an occasion for congratulations or condolences.

The Congregation for Divine Worship's final exhortation was that episcopal conferences prepare liturgical catechesis on the significance of the rite of peace, and its correct observation.

"The intimate relation between 'lex orandi' and 'lex credendi' should obviously be extended to 'lex vivendi'," the congregation's letter concluded.

"That Catholics are today faced with the grave commitment to build a more just and peaceful world, implies a more profound understanding of the Christian meaning of peace and of its expression in liturgical celebration."

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India's Freedom Struggle



This Independence Day, we recommend you to read Jubel D'Cruz's book 'India's Freedom Struggle'. The book has been published by Vasan Publications, Bengaluru and is priced at Rs 40/- per copy.

'India's Freedom Struggle' tells us the story of how the British came to India in the 16th century A.D. and conquered the country and took away everything the Indians owned. Those were the days there were no political parties like the Shiv Sena, the Bajrang Dal, the Congress and the Bharatiya Janta Party who could fight the British and drive them away. The poor people of India had no other option but to work hard and pay taxes to the British government. The Indians who worked for the British were also paid less and were made to work for more than ten hours a day. The Muslims kings and queens who ruled certain States then, could not fight the British, as they were more powerful than the Indians. Rani Laxmibai, popularly known as Rani of Jhansi and Razia Sultana who waged war against the British, were killed instantly. Then came freedom fighters like Mahatma Gandhi, Subhas Chandra Bose, Bhikaji Cama, Aruna Asaf Ali, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Bhagat Singh, Mangal Pande, Udham Singh, Jatin Das, Chandra Shekhar Azad, Sukhdev Singh, Khudiram Bose and many others who waged war against the British. After a long battle of over a hundred and fifty years, India finally gained her freedom on the night of August 14, 1947. Thanks to all our freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives fighting for our country's independence.

— Jubel D'Cruz, Dombivili

Workshop on Ethics & Governance In Business

Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT) had organized PCGT Dialogues – Workshop on Ethics & Governance in Business, on 1st August, 2014, under the banner of Youth For Governance, which turned out to be a great success.

128 students from different colleges across the city of Mumbai participated in the workshop. The Panelists were:

Mr. Ashok Barat, MD, Forbes & Company, formerly worked with Hindustan Lever Ltd., Pepsi, Electrolux, Telstra & Heinz.

Mr. Homi Khusrokhana, , President, Bombay Natural History Society & former MD, Glaxo, Tata tea & Tata Chemicals

Mr. Prasad Chandran, Chairman — Social Enterprise for Ethics, Governance and Organization Strategies, Trustee, Public Concern for Governance Trust, Former Chairman & Managing Director of BASF .

The panelists spoke on different aspects of Ethics and Governance in Business and encouraged the students to be alert citizens and not fall for corrupt practices in this field.

Mr. Khusrokhana explained with a presentation on the importance of integral ethics and how the top most to the grassroots of a company have to be a part of good governance.

Mr. Ashok Barat spoke on how one can plan a well built career in the corporate sector, be successful ethically & morally.

Mr. Prasad Chandran encouraged the Youth on how they can battle corruption in their own capacity and that they should begin at their college level itself..

The panel talk was followed by an interactive session where the students had a lot of doubts on how they could really sustain themselves ethically and mor-

ally when the Business elites themselves may be corrupt and hence influential as well. How, then, can one stand for values against such a powerful influence, risking a great deal in the field.

The Panelists unanimously believed that it is better for a person to quit such a company than continue to maintain unethical standards. They warned the students to research on the company before they join it. They also suggested that since the Business elites are so influential and powerful one must not stand alone against such entities but take help from co-workers or join organizations or NGOs which battle corruption and promote good governance and will support your cause.

The session ended well with students requesting PCGT to conduct more of such workshops to create awareness amongst students to battle corruption in their own capacity.

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Taking the Stress Out of Family Get Togethers

Give the Other Person the Benefit of the Doubt and express love and courtesy regardless of how you are treated. The old cliché, “kill them with kindness” holds true. Smile, nod, acknowledge what's said and show interest.

Choose Joy Despite the Circumstances. The event will be over in a few hours or days and you can then resume your life. Don't allow anyone to steal your good will and well-being. If difficult people are in your home for an extended period, give yourself some time off. Grocery shop alone, get up early and take a walk, excuse yourself for an afternoon nap. If you work, you have those hours away from home and the stress.

Ask Questions. People love to talk about themselves. Find a point of interest and explore it with one or two individuals. This is a good way to learn more about other people and to distract them from disrupting the get-together with hurtful or difficult behavior.

Provide Opportunities for Your Guests to Participate according to their



skill and interest — setting the table, leading a game, reading a story, clearing the dishes and so on. People like to be useful. When they are involved, they are less likely to grab the spotlight. One woman learned that her mother-in-law, who is most comfortable in the kitchen, creates less havoc when she has a job to do. For years now, the older woman has been in charge of whipping the potatoes, tossing a fruit salad and setting out the cakes and cookies at family celebrations. The grandchildren tell her, “We can't wait to eat your whipped potatoes. They're the best.” The stress when Grandma's around has nearly disappeared, now that she feels useful.

Limit the Amount of Time You're To-

gether and stick to it. Set a time frame, whether the gathering is at your house or you're the guest in someone else's home. When you reach that point, excuse yourself gracefully. You have the right to come and go as you please. Others have the same right too.

Keep a Sense of Humor. Laughter is a great antidote to stress. If someone criticizes you about something you say or do, take a breath and respond in a playful way. “Thank you, I'll keep that in mind for next time.” “I wish I had your leadership skills.” “You sound as if you have some great ideas.” Such statements acknowledge the other person, while retaining your sense of self.

Remind yourself that each of us is unique, no matter how difficult we may seem to one another. Extend some love, kindness and charity to those who annoy and frustrate us even as you would like the same treatment from others. And perhaps one day we will even grow to love them as we hope they will one day love us.

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profits are normally wedded to fascists who can take quick and hard decisions on their behalf. So if a certain environmental clearance is needed, a multi-national knows that they will easily have the clearance even if they violate standard norms or their land acquisition is faulty. Several from the corporate sector will do plenty of flag-waving for fascists who are able to deliver on their terms and conditions. Fascists have plenty of resources available to them.

• **to defocus from ground reality**
When the ground reality becomes too hot for them to handle, fascists normally try to defocus in a very clever way – they change not only the tune but also the song. If one group is

affected, they cleverly speak about “the whole country”. If the issue is about communal violence, they use concepts like ‘development’. Simultaneously, they will also ensure that their affiliates and associated organizations propagate their agenda blatantly.

The above are just some key characteristics to enable us to understand how the fascists operate. It is important that all of us look around and in a calm and mature way, do our part to ensure that the values enshrined in democratic traditions and upheld by the fabric of pluralism, are not compromised anywhere.

30th July, 2014

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Impress the Guy's Family



Some women absolutely hate meeting a guy's family, but when you know the right ways to get his family to like you, it's a stress free event.

a guy's family is going to be judgmental when he brings a new girl home. It doesn't mean they hate you. Try a few of these ways to get his family to like you and they'll love you almost as much as he does.

Know What Not to Say:

Every family has certain hot button topics. One of the easiest ways to get his family to like you is to simply avoid bad topics. Talk to your partner before the big meet and see what's off limits.

Be Honest:

You honestly don't know what your guy has told his family about you. Plus, it's their job to learn as much as possible during a single meeting. They will ask awkward questions. Don't get defensive. Remain calm and answer any questions they ask as respectfully as possible. If there's something you're not comfortable with, tell them you're

not comfortable discussing that right now.

Talk about Mutual Interests:

Everyone loves talking about things they enjoy such as hobbies or their career. Talk to your guy about things you and his family might have in common. Any time the conversation starts to make you feel uncomfortable, bring up one of your mutual interests.

Speak up:

Even if you're naturally shy, his family will think the worst of you if you're quiet the whole time. Participate in conversations. Ask his family questions. If nothing else, ask for some funny stories from his childhood. Parents and siblings love sharing embarrassing stories.

Dress Nicely:

You don't have to wear formal attire, but dress appropriately for the meet. You want to make a good first impression. This isn't the time for your tightest or sexiest clothes. For casual meetings, nice jeans and a solid-colored tee are fine. If you're not sure, ask your guy

how his family typically dresses and what you should wear. After all, he wants you to make a great impression too.

Go to Family Functions:

You'll have to interact with his family more than the initial meeting. You don't have to go to every family function, but try to attend as many as possible.

Invite Them out:

The more his family gets to know you, the more they'll like you. Try to find times to invite his family to do things with the two of you. For instance, you could host a dinner or meet everyone at a restaurant. Not only will you feel more comfortable, but they'll be happy to be invited. If you feel comfortable enough doing things with members of his family on your own, even better.

Interact with his mom:

This is probably the most important step and it can go a long way in helping you connect with his family members. If you can, try to get some one-on-one time with his mom. Slip into the kitchen when she's making coffee or cleaning up after dinner and thank her for having you over. She will most likely appreciate the fact that you've taken the time to approach her directly and it shows you want to make a good impression.

Good News for Women in Mumbai

Police commissioner Mr Rakesh Maria has started a novel service with a dedicated helpline for women when traveling alone by auto or taxi. Before boarding taxi or auto women should send a message of the vehicle registration no to 9969777888. You will get an acknowledgement via sms. The vehicle will be tracked via GPRS. This service is free. Service started by mumbai Police jointly with MTNL



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Sister Christina Scuccia, the Sicilian singing nun had entered Italy's singing contest. On YouTube she had more than 50 million viewers for her version of Alicia Keys' "No One". At the end of June 2014 she was declared Winner for the Voice of Italy Award. The Sicilian nun celebrated her victory by reciting the Lord's Prayer on stage. She believed in God. In an interview Sister Christina said, "My presence here is not up to me. It's thanks to the man upstairs!" and her long arms swung upwards to the kingdom of God.



BY MELVYN BROWN

Indeed, the singing nun would know better about faith and belief, and the lifetime design she chose to proclaim the good news of the kingdom. It is written in the Gospel of Matthew that Christ had informed his disciples, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven..." (Matt.13:11).

It's time to understand that there's no such thing as a placebo for belief. When you believe in the air we breathe yet cannot see it, when you believe in the water around you and cannot hold it, you believe in God, creator and Lord of the universe. To believe is a crucial part of our life and faith. It helps us in being committed to our mission on earth and prepares us for the after-life. God's kingdom is a reality, a powerhouse of spiritual strength when the end draws near. "For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you." (2Peter 1:11).

Believe in His kingdom.

Pope emeritus Benedict XVI when referring to Martyrs for Christ, said : "These brothers and sisters of ours, united in the selfless offering of their lives for the Kingdom of God, are the most powerful proof that every factor of division can be transcended and overcome in the total gift of self for the sake of the Gospel." The fact remains that 'the kingdom of God' is both appealing and proven in Scripture.

Jesus wants us to believe in God and to believe in him. In the gospel of John it is made very clear that the kingdom is true. "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not

so, would I have told you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also." (Jn.14:3).

The Lord's Prayer makes a positive statement : "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...". Christians say this prayer in every corner of the world. The prayer is taught in schools, said in the home and is used in many fascinating ways in times of personal or collective crisis. The Lord's Prayer reminds us of God's kingdom, His love for all believers and His willingness to assist when we turn to him... He is a God who heals and protects coursing a trend to lead us to his kingdom.

Texting and Twitter have created an outsize role in the romance of belief in God's kingdom. The phenomenon has created a staying power for this generation of youth in amazing dialogue in spiritual terms. Many millions of the faithful plow through the internet in a quest to know about the kingdom of God. Students of theology ought to reach out to the web and weave golden threads on the kingdom. Priests and seminarians need to create a special blog spreading the good news of the kingdom.

Why is the kingdom of God, for instance, so less known and other scripture related topics so popular? According to the recorded words of Jesus in Matthews gospel we discover Christ saying : "Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matt.6:33).

What should we make comparison to the kingdom of heaven ? How should we focus our attention on this topic? There is, for example the parable of someone who plants good seed and at night an evil person comes and sows weeds among the wheat. The master of the house permits the two to grow together and only during harvest he orders the servants to first gather the weeds and burn them. And then gather the wheat into the barn. The parable wants us to know that when the time arrives for our passage to heaven the sheep will be sorted out from the goat.

And as a person whose first reaction to be told of His kingdom in scripture

and in Sunday sermons was to know the run off needed a pastoral direction to send home the message. Believe in the kingdom of God and host satellite segments in the media and in documentary narration. The endless and inspired sermons on the subject could be the gift of the spirit to end the famine of knowledge on knowing the kingdom of God.

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of all the seeds we are told., it grows up to be a large tree and a shelter for birds.

Jesus told the Apostle Peter: "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church... I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven..."

The good thief on the cross beside our Lord said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (Lk.23:42). Jesus turned to the repentant criminal and replied " Truly I tell you today you will be with me in Paradise."

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