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The Golden D'Silva Couple

The D'Silva couple celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary this month are very special to mention. Their contribution to the society if documented can run into several hundred pages. However a brief achievements of this couple over the years is given here which can be a source of inspiration to the present youth.



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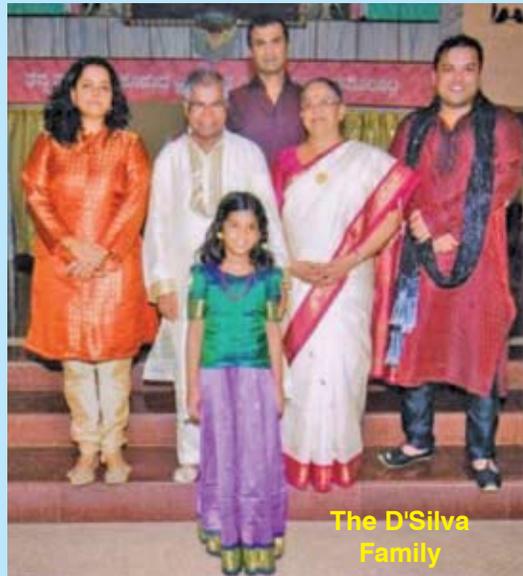
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He has the following Awards to his credit:

- i. Entrepreneur of the year 2005 by Rachana, Mangalore.
- ii. Lifetime Achievement Award-2008 by Federation of Konkani Catholic Associations of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- iii. Distinguished Achievement Awards-2008 to Outstanding Konkani 2008 by Dr. T. M. A. Pai Foundation, Manipal.
- IV. Sandesha Special Recognition Award 2012 by Sandesha Foundation for Culture & Education

His other contributions specially in his home district of undivided South Kanara:

1. Typewriting Institutue in 1988;
2. Tailoring Classes in 1992;
3. Civil Services in 1996;
4. Education for Excellence (Civil Services) in 1997;
5. Excellence Awards in 2002;
6. NTSc Classes in 2004;
7. Self Help Groups in 2004;
8. First Vishwa Konkani Sammelan in 1995;
9. Mandd Sobhann;
10. Fist World Convention of Kanara Konkani Catholics in 2004;
11. Gram Panchyat Election 2010;
12. Computer set donated in 2010;
13. Uniforms donation since 2007;
14. MCC Bank Ltd getting Banking License from RBI in 1994;
15. World Konkani Centre Mangalore



The D'Silva Family

'Thought for the week'

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Dire need for more priests, parishes as global Catholic population grows

The global Catholic population is growing — so quickly, in fact, that priest and parish numbers cannot keep up, says a new study on trends in the worldwide Church.

And this poses a challenge: With an overall growth in the number of Catholics, especially in Africa and Asia, but not enough growth in the number of parishes and priests to supplement it, there are fewer opportunities for Catholics to receive the sacraments and participate in their parishes.

"The Church still faces a global 21st century problem of keeping Catholics engaged with parish and sacramental life," stated the study by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University.

The study "Global Catholicism" drew from Vatican statistics and other surveys since 1980 to detail where the Catholic Church has grown and shrunk at the parish level and to predict the demographics of the next few decades for the Church.

This growth was examined at the parish level because parish life is ultimately the "brick and mortar" of the Church where Catholics receive the sacraments, associate with fellow Catholics, and participate the most in their faith, the study explained.

It tallied the growth of Catholics, priests, religious, parishes, reception of sacraments, seminarians, and Catholic welfare institutions like hospitals and schools in five regions — Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania and the Americas.

The overall finding of the report is that the Church is in the midst of a "dramatic realignment".

It is waning in its historical center of Europe, its growth is slowing in the Americas and Oceania, and it is booming in Asia and Africa.

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This forecasts a Catholic shift away from the traditional centers of Europe and the Americas and toward the “Global South,” the mostly-developing parts of the world that include Central and South America, Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, South Asia, Oceania and much of the Far East.

Dr Mark Gray, a senior research associate with CARA, explained the implications of this shift in an interview.

One problem highlighted by the study is that most of the world’s parishes are still in Europe and the Americas, where the Church is declining or stagnating in population. The developing world is seeing more Catholics, but not nearly enough parishes to serve them.

“You’ve got all these beautiful parishes,” Gray said of Europe. “You can’t pick them up and send them from one part of the world to another very

easily. So in one place the Church is going to have to close parishes, and in another place it’s going to have to build a bunch more, and it’s going to have to figure out how to manage its clergy.”

Another finding of the report is that Catholics are participating less in the Church as they grow older, as seen in sacramental participation rates.

In every region, the number of infant baptisms per 1,000 Catholics is greater than the number of first Communion, which is greater than the number of confirmations, which is greater than the number of marriages conducted within the Church.

While this may not be surprising in regions like Europe, which is seeing an overall decline of priests and religious, it is also the case throughout other regions where Church numbers are growing.

The Americas have both a lower Mass attendance rate and fewer marriages per 1,000 Catholics than does Europe, despite the overall American Catholic population growing. Gray admitted that these findings have yet to be explained.

Furthermore, the number of religious priests, brothers, and sisters all declined in the Americas since 1980, even though the number of Catholics and diocesan priests has risen there.

And even in Africa, where the Church is growing the most, there is a steep decline in sacramental par-

ticipation from baptisms to marriages — the marriage rate is actually as low in Africa as it is in the Americas.

The African continent leads the world with more than 13,000 Catholics per parish.

“In Africa, more than elsewhere, the Church needs to explore the possibility that some forego or delay sacramental activity due to a lack of access to a nearby parish,” the CARA report states.

Asia, however, is setting the bar in sacramental participation. It leads all the other regions in rates of first communions, confirmations, and marriages.

“Something’s happening in Asia that is remarkable. It’s bucking the trend of everywhere else,” Gray said. Catholic leaders should be paying attention to what’s happening there, he added.

Excluding mainland China, for which the Vatican did not provide data, the Catholic population rose in Asia by 63 percent since 1980. Overall Mass attendance did not significantly decline, either, although some Asian countries reported a higher Mass attendance than others.

The number of diocesan priests more than doubled on the continent since 1980, and the number of religious priests, brothers, and sisters each almost doubled in that time frame.

What are the consequences of having too few priests, religious, and parishes to keep up with the overall growth of Catholics around the world?

In some places, closings and consolidations will lead to “mega parishes”.

Especially in Europe and North America, where this is already happening, the result could be a crisis of community where many Catholics experience “anonymity” amidst so many fellow parishioners, Gray explained.

And these “anonymous” Catholics may be less inclined to participate in

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the life of their parish — donating less, participating in sacraments less and bringing fewer children to Church.

This is particularly difficult for Europe and North America, Gray noted, because historically these regions were well-staffed with parishes and priests, and were used to having smaller local parishes rather than larger mission parishes.

Now, not only might the parishes be larger, but priests could be serving multiple parishes, leaving Catholics with fewer opportunities to associate with their parish priest.

“People for the longest time expected they could go to their neighborhood parish whenever, knock on the door, and there would be a priest there. Especially when someone was really sick,” Gray said. Now this may not be the case.

Europe will see a five percent decline in its Catholic population by 2050, the report predicted, but far more alarming is that the number of diocesan priests and vowed religious has already fallen by 40 percent there since 1980. The overall number of parishes has declined as well.

Consequently, priests from other continents like Africa have already had to come minister to European and American Catholics. This puts a further strain on the African Church, where the significant growth in parishes, priests, and religious has still not kept up with the major Catholic population

boom there.

“While some African priests serve internationally in parishes throughout the world this may become more challenging in the coming decades with more pressing needs at home,” the report states.

Of the regions covered in the report, Africa saw the largest increase of Catholics per parish since 1980, jumping from 8,193 Catholics per parish in 1980 to 13,050 in 2012.

Although the number of priests and parishes in Africa have jumped by well over 100 percent in that time frame, the number of Catholics has skyrocketed by 238 percent, thereby increasing the gap between the numbers of Catholics and the number of priests and religious.

The continent’s Catholic moment is a consequence of its population boom, the report said, as fertility rates in any given region are directly connected with the vibrancy of the Church in that area.

Where the fertility rate is below the replacement level of 2.1 children per couple — such as in most of Europe — the Church is struggling.

Where the fertility rate is highest above replacement rate — like in Sub-Saharan Africa where it is 5.15 — the Church is growing rapidly.

And where the fertility rate is approaching replacement rate level — like in Latin America and the Caribbean where it fell from 4.2 in 1980 to 2.18 in 2012 — the Church’s growth is slowing down.

Gray’s explanation for this is simple.

Fewer births “means fewer baptisms, fewer first communions, fewer marriages, smaller populations eventually.”

Source: Catholic News Agency

1,500-year-old church discovered near Jerusalem



Jerusalem — A 1,500-year-old church from the Byzantine era was unexpectedly discovered during the course of works to widen a highway between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Israel officials said recently.

Located at the entrance to Abu Gosh, an Arab village 13 km west of Jerusalem, the church dimensions are about 16 metres in length including a side chapel 6.5 metres long and 3.5 metres wide along with a white mosaic floor, Xinhua reported.

A baptismal font in the form of a four-leaved clover, symbolising the cross, exists in the chapel’s north-east corner, according to the Israeli Antiquities Authority.

Fragments of red-coloured plaster found in the rubble strewn throughout the building indicate that the church walls were decorated with frescoes.

Archaeologists believe the site witnessed intense activity, as inferred from the plethora of findings which include oil lamps, coins, special glass vessels, marble fragments and mother-of-pearl shells, Zee News reported.

The ancient church was built inside a road station by a remote road leading to Jerusalem and the coastal plain. Now, Highway 1, connecting Jerusalem and Israel’s financial capital Tel Aviv, stands by the site.

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Whither Christian Modesty?

“And the prize for the female contestant with the best attire goes to.....?” You guessed it right: to the leggiest lass who dared to so dress in the skimpiest outfit ever—for the King & Queen contest—as to have skin (with hardly any flesh beneath it) exposed to the maximum. Following close behind as 1st runner-up was another one who wore a tent that revealed more than it covered. Now, now! No prizes for guessing the who-where-what of the episode which took place at a church-related affair in a vast church-related setting in the presence of a church-related gathering. But which ‘queen’ worth her regal salt would find it dignified to dress that way?



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Needless to say, the happening had the cameramen (both the professional and the non-professional variety) in a tizzy, each trying to outdo not only the other but also themselves in terms of angles, postures and positions that had the inners visible in every frame. TO WHAT PURPOSE, may one ask? Further, what has such skin/flesh exposure to do with

a church-related event, be it an anniversary, a jubilee, a centenary or whatever? Is the kind of dressing that won the contestants concerned top awards (with non-Christians forming the panel of judges), to be held up as an example for our youngsters? If so, when Hindi films portray such vulgarity as specifically associated with the Christian community in general and Catholics in particular, why do we ever so readily raise such a hue and a cry as though we were being deprived either of our sainthood or our sanity?

Our parish Fathers are very solicitous about the spate of robberies taking place day and night just about anywhere and everywhere. Announcements are therefore made in advance advising those attending major celebrations in the Church's Liturgical Calendar against wearing gold ornaments and other jewellery. A very good thing, for the overriding principle is, 'better safe than sorry.' But when it comes to dressing, our pastors seem to fight shy of trying to preach people out of their provocative dress-style into morally proper yet fashionable garb. The result: our budding young fashionistas bare their all even during the Palm Sunday Passo Service.

Modesty by any other name....

Let's get this right man: It's a question of Christian morality! Covering as well



as baring each have their own purpose and significance. Frankly, baring the head in church is one thing, but baring other essentials is certainly not the done thing. In some instances it might appear to be a case of a vain effort at showing off what one does not have, while in others it could be an inadequate understanding of the sacredness of the female anatomy, woman being considered co-Creator (with God) of human life. Take the case of Margarida who had chosen a scant and flimsy dress for her darling babe, Similie, for her “Sweet 16” birthday party. Similie (all names changed for obvious reasons), a product of a Catholic school, was aghast at the revelatory element of the dress, promptly declining to wear it and taking her case to Dada dearest. But Dada, Denzil, being the type who kissed the floor Mama walked on, coolly said, “Listen to what Mama tells you, dear.” Ah-hah! Then it was not long before each little itsy-bitsy number led to an even itsier-bitsier one until Similie's boyfriend, a ‘call-centre’ executive, and a non-Christian to boot, unable to resist the ‘revelations’ any more, unwittingly landed Margarida and Denzil the unenviable role of early, uncoveted and unwelcome grand-parenthood!

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Yoga is a science, not religion

While we are in the midst of controversies surrounding the use of Various 'asanas' to be performed on June 21, International Yoga day as declared by the United Nations, it would be interesting to mention that a certain retired

Catholic priest from Kerala has developed a new stream of Yoga which he has termed 'Christian yoga' "Unification of all in God, is the fundamental principle of Yoga" he says and therefore there is no way that yoga can be associated or identified with any one religion, particularly Hinduism, despite its Hindu roots. Even a few Hindu sages have stated that yoga is a science and not a religion. A science which evolved in Indic civilization, but not the exclusive preserve of Hinduism. Just as there is a physical

science for external well-being, yoga is a science for inner well-being. Today Yoga has a universal appeal and practised more in the West, but not in its pristine form where it is marketed as 'Secular' yoga. Nevertheless, the benefits accruing from Yogic practice are immense even in such a form and even without the much debated "Surya Namaskar" asana, which can hardly be reconciled with the faith of devoted Christians and Muslims.

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Selfish, Irresponsible, Lazy, Fickelness?

by Don Aguiar

A disciple came to the master and said, "I am in trouble. The trouble is that the richest man of the town is going on a pilgrimage. He has plenty of cash, gold and other valuables in the house, and I have a great reputation because of all the discipline that I have gone through and the character that I have cultivated. I have such a reputation in the town that he wants me to take care of his house and wealth while he is on his pilgrimage. And I am afraid -- I know my temptations. And the wealth kept in the house mostly unlocked is really tempting; in fact I have always been infatuated with wealth. I have been avoiding...! This is too much: for six months or nine months I will be responsible for this wealth. I cannot trust myself. What should I do?"

The master said, "I know a man who knows the secret. You go to him."

And he told him to go to another village where a madman lived. He said, "But what can that madman do? I know about that madman, I have heard much about that madman. He is utterly mad! How can he help me?"

The master said, "You just go, but go very watchfully. Watch everything that is happening there."

He went to the madman. A very beautiful young girl was pouring wine and the madman was drinking.

This beautiful young girl pouring wine and the madman drinking -- this man felt great hatred, condemnation. But because the master had said, "Watch and go and ask him for advice..." he forgot all about his problem.

First he asked, "Please tell me what is happening. What are you doing?" The madman laughed and he said, "This boy is my son. And come close -- my glass contains only water.

What he is pouring is not wine."

The man asked, "Then why are you pretending that you are drinking wine? Nobody sips water the way you are sipping. The flask from which he is pouring water is not used for keeping water -- then why?"

The madman laughed and said, "So that nobody entrusts his entire wealth and house to me when he goes on a pilgrimage. This is a device!" He must have read the thought, he must have been telepathic. He must have seen this man through and through. "...So that nobody entrusts his entire wealth and house to me, so nobody bothers. So that I am left alone. But please don't tell my secret to anybody; otherwise I will have to move from this town to another town.

My madness is a rumor created by me. My characterlessness is a rumor created by me. And if YOU really want to work on yourself," said the madman, "you should do likewise. Go back. Start behaving foolishly, stupidly, madly -- at least pretend! -- and nobody will bother you." Thus explains why many spiritual masters and their disciples behave like Madmen so that they are left unbothered and alone to enjoy the spoils of the following they create that at times become a community where they are the leaders or guiding light.

We see many such people behaving in a similar fashion within our community and in particular our clergy inner circle. Is it because such people chose to be selfish, irresponsible or just plain lazy? Do people in the community tell themselves not to get disillusioned after experiencing such behavior; however chances are that they already are? If anything, collective morale starts sliding rapidly. Taking advantage of the disenchantment, some people in the community

suddenly wake up from deep slumber and go ballistic with pseudo-socialist slogans and actions against such behavior from the clergy inner circle that are in charge of the church finance and properties.

Take the example of the Archdiocese of Bombay where some community members have put their queries regarding Church & Church institution properties and finances and other issues to the Church authorities a few years ago and are yet waiting for a response despite regular follow-ups as they want to take the community forward in getting these requirements and projects moving that would benefit the community - that hadn't happened in as many years. But what is more likely to happen -- time will tell.

The community needs responsible, energetic, active, honest, attentive and concerned clergy to be put in charge of the properties and finances of the church who will quickly respond to the community's queries and a host of other things and in particular interact with the government in safeguarding the community's interest as the present government's communal wing is desecrating or targeting our Churches, institutions, people, dictating our food habits (beef ban), etc. The community had hoped our present clergy leaders' policies would create them as there is as much finance and vacant property with the Church in Bombay to support these projects of housing, infrastructure, sports, entrepreneurship, etc. for the community, as well as the clergy leaders' contacts within the present government and with the outside world to tame the present government to respect our religion, community, food habits, etc.

The community also wants the non transparency in the Church and parish institutions finances and prop-

erties to be made transparent. That hasn't happened either. And why hasn't this either happen as yet.... is it also because of the clergy's inner circle fickleness of mind.

There is an ancient story about the fickleness of our Mind.... which plays a major role between the clergy leader and his inner circle against his community that has led all these matters to continue for years without seeing the light at the end of the tunnel which leads to mistrust, hatred, unpleasantness, etc as well as it coming out into the newspaper to the astonishment of the other communities that are waiting to take advantage of such situations and to the saying – “But what is more likely to happen – time will tell”.

A man who has gone out of his town comes back and finds that his house is on fire. It was one of the most beautiful houses in the town, and the man loved the house. Many people were ready to give double price for the house, but he had never agreed for any price, and now it is just burning before his eyes. And thousands of people have gathered, but nothing can be done.

The fire has spread so far that even if you try to put it out, nothing will be saved. So he becomes very sad. His son comes running, and whispers something in his ear: “Don't be worried. I sold it yesterday, and at a very good price – three times.... The offer was so good I could not wait for you. Forgive me.” But the father said, “Good, if you have sold it for three times more than the original price of the house.”

Then the father is also a watcher, with other watchers. Just a moment before he was not a watcher, he was identified. It is the same house, the same fire, everything is the same – but now he is not concerned. He is enjoying it just as everybody else is enjoying.

Then the second son comes running, and he says to the father, “What are you doing? You are smiling – and the house is on fire?” The father said, “Don't you know, your brother has sold it.” He said, “He had talked

about selling it, but nothing has been settled yet, and the man is not going to purchase it now.”

Again, everything changes. Tears which had disappeared have come back to the father's eyes, his smile is no more there, and his heart is beating fast. But the watcher is gone. He is again identified.

And then the third son comes, and he says, “That man is a man of his word. I have just come from him. He said, ‘It doesn't matter whether the house is burned or not, it is mine. And I am going to pay the price that I have settled for. Neither you knew, nor did I know that the house would catch on fire.’”

Again the father is a watcher. The identity is no more there. Actually nothing is changing; just the idea that “I am the owner, I am identified somehow with the house,” makes the whole difference. The next moment he feels, “I am not identified. Somebody else has purchased it, I have nothing to do with it; let the house burn.”

Is this what the clergy has been doing over the years going back and forth in becoming the identifier as they are the sole trustees of these immovable and movable property and are very protective of them, suddenly as it suits them they becoming watcher as they are aware that the immovable and movable properties have been donated by their local community members who are no more resulting in the clergy doing whatever suits them after getting the nod of their select finance and property committee members rather than do whatever is beneficial for the community. With this being done nothing dramatic is not actually happening for the benefit of the community, nor is it being attempted. The clergy is competent, there's clearly a leader at the helm, a desire to provide direction. All this is true, and this is the reason the leader of the clergy continues to be popular, but there is still a significant mismatch between body language and performance.

For someone who's used symbols masterfully, the clergy leader slipped up badly in making frequent trips abroad. It showed his obvious

comfort with the trappings of power and a lack of awareness about how his actions would be perceived. Add that to the anti-community tag that some community members have potentially saddled him with, and one can visualize a storyline about someone too interested in the rich to worry about the poor beginning to emerge. The fear of this perception gaining ground has put the clergy on the defensive, and reduced its room for manoeuvre.

You cannot speak the language of honesty, humbleness, charity, clarity and strength and act in a manner that sends consistently mixed signals. This is what this clergy leader is doing – everyone is a little less certain today about where they stand. To some extent, expectations are being recalibrated, as they need to be, but the clergy leader's image too needs reworking. Either his actions need to be re-scaled or his communication style needs to become aligned with the actions of his clergy.

Despite these overwhelming odds, our community members are a buoyant lot. In fact, we are pretty amazing when it comes to survival. This is why we are deeply hurt by the clergy leader's inner circle insensitive comments during their press releases. Sorry to say, the clergy leaders inner circle should never have made such press releases without being sure that it would not further misunderstandings and resentment with any part of OR the entire community against them

Your eminence, our clergy leader in the archdiocese of Bombay we are very proud of being members of our community. But the one thing we do need to be ‘ashamed’ of is the fact that we keep supporting you and you let us down. Bring on the honest, polite, straight forward communication and action, and ensure that your inner circle & clergy follow them.

For optimists in our community there's still reason to believe in the archdiocese of Bombay clergy leader led communication and action miracle. But the clergy leader may want to boost our community's confidence by showing a little less caution and a little more resolve.

"Modi's Castele's In Air": Wall Street-US

All major newspapers in the U.S. and the U. K. downplayed the first anniversary of the Narendra Modi government. The most read 'New York Times' Termed Modi's election promises to the simple-minded Indians as "Make-in-India has proved to be castles in air", so was it termed by 'Wall Street Journal'. Another U.S. newspaper said: "Indian voters voted Modi for a change and economic reform. Their hopes are belied and Modi's 'Make-in-India' promise has totally failed. On export front India has done fairly bad. And industrial investment has been reduced. The rate of inflation is hard to adjust. On the fifth consecutive month in April export rate has gone down.

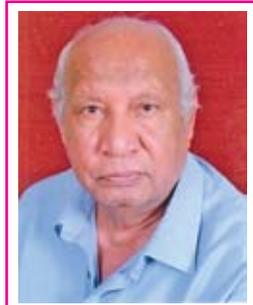
Foreign investors have withdrawn their investment worth 2b. US Dollars. New York Times has advised PM Modi 'to face the reality and accept the truth'. Speaking on the 'Modi agenda', the daily said, "His sky high expectations have crashed and Modi regime could not create job opportunities as promised. India can never over-run China in industrial progress. It is often said in India that India has been the most progressive country but at the same time no job opportunities are created.

There is no conducive atmosphere for trade and industry in India now. Two of Modi's most important Bills have failed to pass in the Parliament. His Picture has emerged as anti-farmers and anti-poor..."

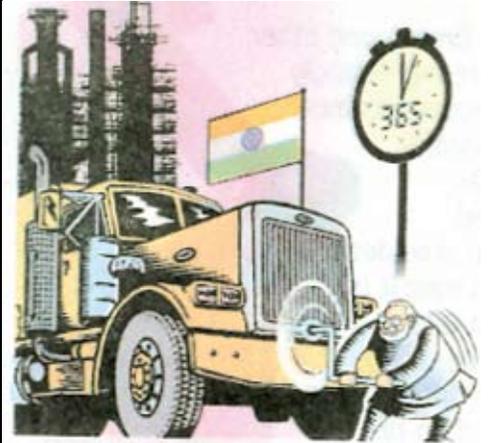
The entire Opposition has united against Modi and his frequent foreign trips have been closely scrutinized. Many newspaper editorials have called him "NRI Modi".

Of 365 days in power, Modi was on

People voted for Modi. Each voter had high expectations. The Manmohan - Sonia duo could not curb corruption, inflation and price-rise. Modi and his men went on promising moon! And within first 100 days Modi disappointed all. Market had high hopes, investors had sky-high expectations... Political pundits say that things remain the same. The chef is new but dishes are no better.... Mr. singh was a silent sufferer, Modi has been a loud-mouth heart-break! The common man has only one role - to suffer silently...



by Ignatius Dabhi
Sr. Journalist



four big write-ups on India - they had an anti-India undertone!

In education deficit has increased this year, putting a huge question mark on Narendra Modi's credibility to deliver on his promises.

The leading newspapers of India have taken the same line. 'The Hindustan Times' says: Slogans are jargons can not answer on the government's inability to deliver goods... The Hindu says: "Ground reality has not changed despite the rhetoric, promises and assertions..." The Times of India says: "Modi has failed on major fronts... His election promise of five crore jobs in five years is something like an election 'jumla' still not producing any visible results..."

On the whole, it is far good to say that Modi has a lot to do and miles to go before it is too late.



foreign trips for 138 days. The day Air India Jet landed in Delhi from China the biggest Chinese newspaper has

Money power in politics

The recent episode which brought to the fore, the power of money in politics, has really surprised none except that Revanthi Reddy, had the temerity to openly offer a whopping 50 million Rupees to a fellow legislator – Elvis Stephenson for his vote in the election to the upper house of the State. The MLA was so brazen in his approach that he offered the huge sum openly and did not hesitate to make a 10% down payment. It was not clear if he balance was payable if he lost the election.

The nominated legislator – Mr Elvis Stephenson, fortunately was not tempted with the highly lucrative offer. He quickly got the anti-corruption bureau of Telangana activated to trap the concerned MLA who was promptly arrested by the police, red-handed. The authorities had taken care to record the entire proceedings to make a fool-proof case. It must be said to the credit of Mr Stephenson that he stood by his values. This has rattled the TDP and it now transpires that the Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, had been in the know of things and there are recorded audio tapes which are reportedly pointing fingers at the CM himself. Others including TDP ministers at the centre and even MPs are involved. It is hard to believe that such huge funds can come from an individual. The party must have raked in enough during its one year stint in the government. The opposition parties are naturally going to pounce on the God-sent opportunity to pin the government in general and the CM in particular.

This case points to the greater malaise that plagues our political system. For the Beatles, 'Money could not buy love' but surely it can buy everything else in this country. With a few exceptions like Elvis Stephenson, leaders get into politics, spending a lot of money – in crores, to get elected. They know for sure that the 'investment' in electoral politics, howsoever big, can be made good in no time. With a highly volatile political system in this country, politicians are not sure of their tenure in office. They therefore are in a mighty hurry to retrieve their capital investment and also for rainy day. Of course, these politicians never see such dark days. For them it is

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'sunny' all the way.

There is a growing demand for State funded elections in this country. But whether such a system will reduce the corruption in elections is anybody's guess. If politicians were to stand for elections only to serve the country, then the concept of State funding would be the ideal solution. However, when they want to get elected so that they can mint money not only for themselves but to other kith and kin, State funding will not deter them from making money. Actually, they will save their own funds [initial investment] which they would have otherwise used for campaigning.

The opposition is demanding the resignation of the CM and why not? The charge is grave. It is only fair that the CM steps down till the entire matter is investigated thoroughly by an independent authority like the CBI. While the public will insist on a fair investigation, the reported moves by the TDP to meet BJP leaders who matter, is bound to cast some doubts on the seriousness of the BJP government at the Centre. The NDA needs support from all and sundry [except the Congress] on crucial issues. Will the Modi government show that it means business?

The Law[less] Minister of the Land

The Ministry of Law is associated with Justice - something that the government in power is supposed to ensure. The man in charge of that ministry must therefore preferably be a paragon of virtue – a rare thing these days. Unfortunately, the AAP government in Delhi is mired in controversy. The first Law Minister – Somnath Bharati decided to take the law in his own hands by usurping the police powers and conducting a mid-night raid with his supporters. The Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal then backed him.

The accused Law Minister [who has since resigned] is embroiled in a more serious controversy which is a mild term in the present context. Jitender Tomar is alleged to have forged his credentials and two universities have confirmed this in writing hence it no longer remains 'alleged'. The BJP went hammer and tongs after him. Whether



by Marshall Sequeira

the Police, in trying to impress their bosses in MHA, went overboard filing an FIR at wee hours, is another matter altogether. The fact remains that the Court, without passing any strictures, accepted the arguments and papers presented by the Police and allowed them four day custody. This matter relating to fake certificates and mark sheets had surfaced some months back. The Delhi CM steadfastly stood behind his Law Minister. He cast aspersions on everybody else except his own Minister holding a very important post of Law Minister. When a Law Minister breaks the law, he should have been sacked.

In the midst of this controversy, another MLA's [Surinder Singh] educational qualifications have come under scanner. It is only hoped that the CM does not make the mistake again of defending him. As if that is not enough, Somnath Bharati is in the news for the wrong reason again. What is really wrong with AAP? It is disintegrating and finding it hard to govern. It gives an impression that it is running out of ideas. The AAP may be jinxed but controversy a day is not the best way forward. If you are capable of governing, it will be seen even if the centre is creating hurdles. You do your job.

People admire Arvind Kejriwal for his uprightness just like Manmohan Singh but he had to pay the price and a heavy one at that for tolerating corruption. This is something that the maverick CM must bear in mind and not tolerate crimes by his colleagues. Incidentally, the BJP cannot afford to take a high moral ground. A minister's fake certificate issue is wide open. Two BJP corporators in the BMC – Dilip Patel [Juhu] and Bhavna Jobanputra [Mulund] have been already disqualified for submitting fake caste certificates. Why is the Maharashtra Govt not filing FIRs against them and arresting them? Are they waiting for a nod from Delhi?



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Deal With A Personality Clash

Personality clashes in life are inevitable and if you're dealing with this at the moment and don't know what to do, there are some ways to cope. Whether you're at school, college or work, these steps to dealing with a personality clash are sure to help you.

Personality conflicts are the most commonly reported problems in the workplace and even relationships. Often these conflicts go unresolved because people concentrate on the personalities rather than focusing on the issues. When this conflicts escalate it only leads to toxic environment. In any relationship, both people influence the other's behavior. In personality conflicts both parties bear some responsibility for where "things are at."

We can't control or change the personality of the other person but we certainly can control our own emotions and change the way we react to the other person. Use these steps to help de-escalate or resolve conflict

Acceptance

One of the first steps to dealing with a personality clash is to accept that it's inevitable in life. We're not going to get on with everyone all the time and when we dwell on it, it can become more of an issue than it actually is. Accept that we're all different and that we have different ways of seeing the world. It's what makes this world such a magical place!

Think It through

When you have accepted that personality clashes are inevitable and it's nothing personal, you can work towards a solution. Think it through and work out why there is a personality clash. Are you both trying to work towards the same goal but have a difference of opinion? Is there something about the way they work that irritates you? Sometimes, the things that irritate us say more about ourselves than they do about the other person!

Stay Calm

It's important to stay calm in the



face of a personality clash. Whether that involves taking some time out or breathing deeply, be sure to remain calm and don't lose your cool as this is when more issues will arise. If they say something that irritates you, try to respond calmly rather than snapping back at them.

Compromise

Compromise is so important and it's true for both family relationships and work colleagues. Sometimes we need to think about ways we can all be happy. You need to find a way in

Insight to personality clashes

1. Personality clashes occur when two (or more) people find themselves in conflict not over a particular issue or incident but due to a fundamental incompatibility in their personalities, their approaches to things, their style of life.

2. A personality clash may occur in work-related, family-related, or social situations.

Always remember

1. Make sure you know what you're getting into. Long-term solutions to short-term problems are dangerous.

2. If somebody is repeatedly or constantly being disrespectful, rude, threatening or violent towards you then it might be better to solve them problem permanently.

which you can both work towards the same goal. Think about how you can compromise and use each other's knowledge and expertise to get the job done.

Get to Know

We're more similar than we think and when we accept that fundamentally, we're all after the same goals in life, it can be easier to work through personality clashes. Getting to know the other person can be one of the best ways to work through a personality clash. Have a coffee or lunch together and get to know each other a little better. You might find that you have more in common that you thought.

Team Building

Team building exercises are used in many corporations, colleges and schools to help people learn how to work together in order to achieve a common goal. This can be one of the best ways to deal with a personality clash and although you might not initially be able to cope with being in the same team as that person, you may find that when you're working towards the same goal, you can look past your differences.

Let It Go

If we think about something all the time, we can actually make things worse for ourselves. I'm sure you have found yourself going home after a hard day at work or college and ranting to the family about someone you just can't stand to be around. I know I have! What I have learnt though, is that although the venting makes me feel good, there is only one person who ends up feeling bitter and twisted by the anger, and that's me! It's not healthy to carry the hate around and it's much better to accept that we're all different, just let it go and move on.

The Awesome Authority Of The Old Testament

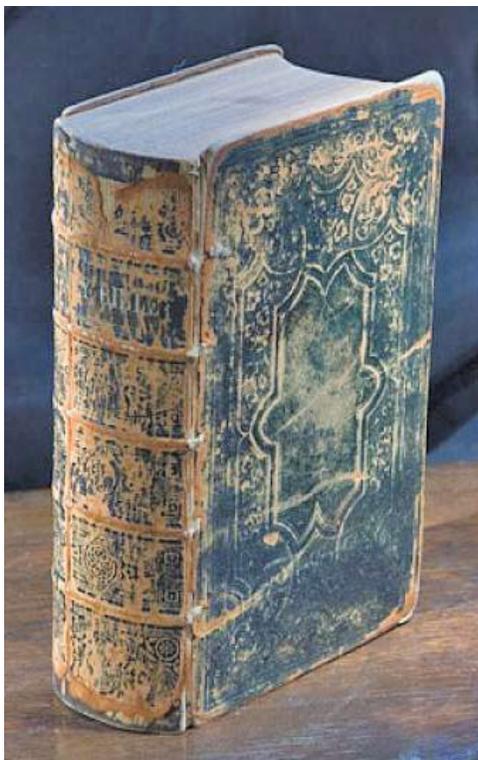
A mood of doubts hangs over the heads, or perhaps it is more accurate to say a mood of disbelief in God. The most anxiety in people are moods of threats to their life, wealth and beliefs in the Almighty. Fear worldwide has gripped peoples psyche, and even long before September 11, 2001. The world's climate of fear, in other words is a fever of fear – and the power of belief in God is a theological truism that God projects a shield to win.

First is the appeal to know God. Those who wish to discover God must read the Old Testament. Within the 39 books, the history, prophecy and people are introduced as no different to those around us today. In the core of everything is the infinite and trusting God, a God to believe in and to know.

Through the Old Testament God had revealed Himself to us. The Old Testament starts before time did. Before man, before stars and planets, before water and air, before light and sound, animals, trees and flowers, it started with God. The Old Testament tells us about God. How life began, how Satan came into the world, about creation and about the prophesies of the Messiah who would be humankind's redeemer. It teaches us to live a holy life. It fills our beings with praise and with gratitude. Today, many have yet to discover God. To many Christian families, the Old Testament is simply "another book" in the Bible.

In our world today, the Old Testament is relevant, alive and fruitful. The language may seem obscure, but the message is powerful. It is perhaps not surprising to learn that what seems like myths and legends can be proven through science. It is never dull reading, but a dramatic and realistic expose, easily as close to us now as it was then.

The lack of trust we have in God is a one-horned specter of fear in our



hearts. To make sense of irrational thoughts, we must spend some time to know God through the Old Testament and to understand that it lays a foundation for the whole Bible. The foundation in the First Book relates to the truth for the superstructure of the New Testament. To know God is to know Christ better. Our Christian faith is held together on the firm groundwork of the Old Testament. It is the book of sacred history showing the power and the majesty of almighty God.

Those who believed in God won His favor. God made and kept His promises, helped those who called out to Him and had the power to change the course of man's history. "Believe and all things are possible." This is one of the most powerful of all statements in human history. Believe in God and you will be a success in whatever you do. In the Old Testament God sent His prophets with a message paving the way for His coming. There were so many of them telling a story, putting in and adding incredible facts in the pieces which would be put together by the Messiah himself.



BY MELVYN BROWN

Suddenly, the Christ was born. The time had arrived and the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us. The truth was being revealed. Jesus said: "Do not think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill". (Matt.5:17-20). Jesus wants us to believe in the Old Testament as He did. Christ regarded the Old Testament as truth itself. He confirmed the existence of Abraham, Abel, Noah, Lot, Elijah, Elisha and Jonah. Above all Jesus acknowledged the authority of the leaders of Israel, the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

Finally, Christ turned to the Old Testament for His appeal. When you believe in God, the power of your belief will radiate Christ in your person. Believe.

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The Family Shares Its Merciful Heart

by Leon Bent

Pope Francis has declared an Extraordinary Jubilee Year for the Church, calling it a "Holy Year of Mercy". The year will begin on December 8, 2015, the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Second Vatican Council, and conclude on November 20 2016, the Feast of Christ the King.

"I am convinced that the whole church -- that has much need to receive mercy because we are sinners -- will find in this Jubilee the joy to re-discover and render fruitful, the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time," Pope Francis said in announcing the year.

"Let us not forget that God pardons and God pardons always," the Pontiff continued. "Let us never tire of asking for forgiveness."

How can the Domestic Church best prepare for this Year of Mercy?

How do Children become Merciful?

How can we raise children who exemplify the virtues set out in the Sermon on the Mount? Living a family-centred lifestyle is a journey which starts with spiritual conversion. The first Beatitude states: "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 5:7) - "for they shall receive mercy" (Lk.6:36). When we're poor in spirit, we possess humility and recognition that we're nothing without God. This fundamental option runs through all the Beatitudes! Growing up in an empathic, gentle home can help our children develop an authentic self-esteem that includes humility and trust. I think the kind of trust in, dependence on, and surrender to God that, we need to be poor in spirit, may be easier for adults who felt cherished and cared for as small children.

Well, kids develop compassion by being treated with gentleness and sensitivity; by watching their caregivers treat others with compassion.

We as Catholic (Christians) want our children to not only possess empathic feelings; we want them to feel compelled to act when they encounter others in need. Children who are raised in loving, warm homes in which their needs and feelings are respected and recognized, are more likely to possess genuine love and compassion in adulthood.

If we want to raise children who are

merciful they need to witness us, parents, treating others with mercy, too. Then, they will present the living face of our Merciful Father to the world?

Mission of Divine Mercy

Mother Teresa is a model for Catholics around the world for her mission of mercy. In this same spirit, we are called as Catholics to live the faith in doing works of mercy. We cannot have faith without action.

The Works of Mercy

Corporal Works of Mercy

To feed the hungry.

To give drink to the thirsty.

To clothe the naked.

To visit the imprisoned.

To shelter the homeless.

To visit the sick.

To bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

To admonish the sinner.

To instruct the ignorant.

To counsel the doubtful.

To comfort the sorrowful.

To bear wrongs patiently.

To forgive all injuries.

To pray for the living and the dead

Militant Works of Mercy

To love our enemies

To do good to those who hate me

To bless those who curse me

To pray for those who treat me badly

To pray for those who persecute me

The Key characteristic of God is Mercy. When we make this our ministry as a Family or as individuals, we take on the very passionate and caring heart of God, filled to overflowing with His Love, like the Prodigal Father, the Good Samaritan and the Good Shepherd!

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Whither Christian Modesty?

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Keen dress sense

There is a deeper aspect to the dress-code issue. And that is, discerning the place and occasion each style of dressing is suited to. We wouldn't dare go to office wearing shorts and T-shirts! Why? Because it's against office regulations, right? Or even to a wedding or some such formal function? 'Cause it's against unwritten norms, isn't it? So what gives us the right to wear that sort of garb to Mass, which is the most formal Liturgical Celebration ever, the source and summit of Christian worship so to say (as pointed out by Vatican II)? Shorts & T's have their place in the home, a park or on a jogging track, or even in a gym, a bikini has its place on the beach, slit-gowns have their place in a wedding hall. Similarly, formal and semi-formal wear each has its own place, too. It's up to parents to understand and draw the line and to get their wards to gently toe that line. As for those who are into adulthood, it is simply hilarious, observing some daring barbers struggling to pull their hemlines lower down – or at least pretending to do so! – as though the hemline had suddenly decided to do its own trick!

It is also up to our Pastors to somehow make bold to put that line into perspective, so that the faithful at Mass, their propensity for the baser things of life duly subdued, are slowly enabled to appreciate better the sacredness of the Mass and the significance of Church attendance. Visitors to the Holy Land would vouch for the fact that several of the holy places are out-of-bounds to pilgrims or tourists who are scantily clad. What then is stopping our Reverends from adopting measures that can have the desired effect in our parish churches? Church's responsibility

Ideally, both pastors and parents

Welcome, daughter

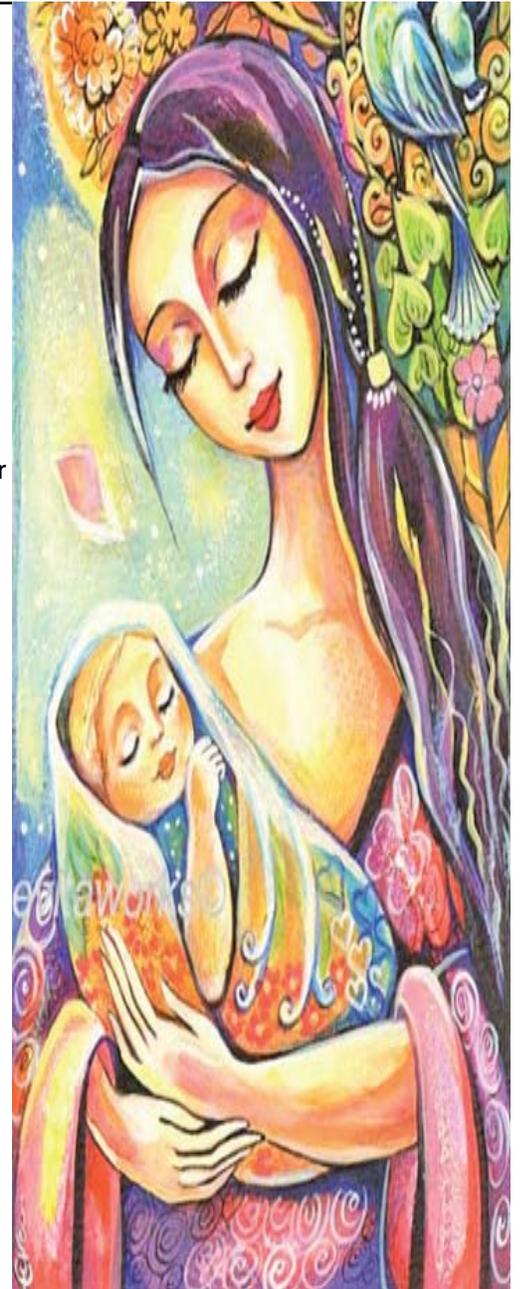
Fill my home, daughter
And light a lamp in my home
The jingle of your bangles
The tinkle of your laughter
May reverberate
In every corner of my home!

Bring new life
To this lifeless house, my daughter
Let our hearts swing with joy
To your joyous lullabies
When you swing the cradle
Of my grandchild

Let there be a new taste
On the food you serve
As never before!
Teach us the taste of
Joys of life
Of the family united



by J. B. Moraes



would do well to put on their thinking caps and come up with ways and means to jointly put an end to situations where the parish is obliged to keep capes and aprons handy for use on Sacramental occasions – like where the bride has forgotten to conceal her assets, or the Maid-of-Honour has shorn herself of all honour by forgetting to zip up (or down?), or the godmother has apparently decided to cock a snook at the dress-code! Or where, big babe, urged by Mama and encouraged by Dada has decided to be a plaything in the hands of those to whom modesty and immorality are just two other words!

Would we, with the onset of the monsoons at the commencement of a new academic year in most parts of the country when change on every front is in the offing, rather be like Harry (in Shakespeare's Henry) who "was the mirror in which noble youths dressed themselves" (Lady Percy 2, 3, 21), thus allowing our skewered notions regarding dress and morality to be literally washed down the nullahs? Or would we, like Job, prefer to say, "Naked came I from my mother's womb and naked shall I return there" (1:21a) even as we, in the intervening period, dare to subdue our modesty?

Are you confident or arrogant?

Many individuals don't know the difference between confidence and arrogance. Having self-confidence is one of the key positive qualities that can lead you to success. It allows you to overcome fears, take control over life decisions and just attract those around you. However as with anything, having too much of a good thing is harmful. Over-confidence can be very off-putting when it becomes arrogance. Here are 7 ways to tell the difference between confidence and arrogance.

Attitude

The main difference between confidence and arrogance is the attitude with which the person carries him or herself. Arrogant people just exude negative energy that sends everyone running the other way. Confidence on the other hand is a lot less intimidating and a lot more open.

Condescending Remarks

If a person acts like he or she is above everyone, it is a definite example of arrogance.

Arrogant people build themselves up by tearing others down; they make themselves feel better by establishing their superiority. On the contrary, confident people feel great about themselves without having the need to hurt



others. They are not intimidated by other people's success and are not blind to their potential.

Relationships with Others

Arrogant individuals often have strained relationships with others. They can't fess up to their own mistakes and therefore blame others for their failures. In addition, they are not afraid to give up some relationships at the cost of their success, which is why most of their friendships and connections are maintained at a superficial level just for their benefit.

Clear Self-perception

Confident people are aware of their weaknesses but they don't give them the power to bring them down. They are comfortable in their own skin despite the fact that they are not perfect. Meanwhile arrogant people are blind to their own imperfections. They refuse to admit to their faults and mistakes and have this false belief that their actions are irrefutable.

Quotes on Forgiveness

1. Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future. --- Paul Boose
2. When you hold resentment toward another, you are bound to that person or condition by an emotional link that is stronger than steel. Forgiveness is the only way to dissolve that link and get free. --- Catherine Ponder
3. Always forgive your enemies – nothing annoys them so much. --- Oscar Wilde
4. To forgive is the highest, most beautiful form of love. In return, you will receive untold peace and happiness. --- Robert Muller

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In office setting or even in personal life if you want to exchange some vital information, a small call is far more effective than a series of text messages. Messages generally digress, go off topic, or reaches to inanities like “sup” and “hmm” that does not mean anything. In an official conversation, once things have been finalized just draft a mail and forward it all the people involved in it. We do not realize but every day we waste all most over an hour in messaging.

Restrict social media

We do not realize it but Social media sucks so many hours out of our day. Although it has made lives easier in various ways, allowed us to connect to our friends and family and also a great way to share updates with them. But at the end it is one of the biggest ways to waste our precious time and we can do it effortlessly. The temptation to postpone our important work while we are busy with Twitter, Facebook, orkut etc is very common. It can ruin our best efforts to save our time. Once



we go on these sites, we know what happens then. Therefore to control it stop checking such sites constantly. Instead, restrict your viewing time to 5 minutes, not more than three times a day. This will not only keep you updated but will also regain plenty of hours out of your day.

Say No to rush hour

Carefully plan your route and mode of transportation before leaving home. Arrange your things as much as you can the night before, so that you can leave home on time without any last moment hassle. The major rush hour is between 8-9am. If you can leave home at 7:30 instead of 7:45, you can avoid most of worst traffic. And once you reach office, you'll have extra time to relax and catch up

with your pending work.

Use Technology

In this technology oriented world, while using computers or laptop less typing equals more time. There are softwares that reduces the number of key-strokes. Such as Text Expander, autocomplete or autofill etc, they not only simplify repetitious tasks like adding up signatures, writing unvarying letters, completing forms but will also save hours in the long run.

Simplify Your Morning

The best way is to get ready for morning the night before. Try to set out everything possible from preparation of breakfast ingredients to clothes, from backpacks to lunches. Do this all before going to bed. It will leave you with fewer things to think about when you wake up. Shower or take a bath at night, instead of doing it in the morning. Decide the night before what to wear the next day rather than struggling with your cupboard in the morning. Also pack your work/school bag the night before, Keep your wallet, purses, keys by the door in a basket or at one place.

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MUMBAI : Tamilian Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 26 years, Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BHMS/BAMS, Homoeopathic Doctor. Contact email : shanin2304@gmail.com OR 98200 55319 **(Regd. NO. 6355)**

MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 26 years, Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 44 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., Working as a Sr. Officer in Bank. Contact email : rima.dsouza@hotmail.com OR 9920627802 / 9819602045 **(Regd. No. 6217)**

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MUMBAI : Roman Catholic Divorcee, age 31 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 56 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com/MBA, Sr. Executive with a reputed firm, seeks a suitable match. Contact email : ritadsouza58@gmail.com OR 9323628370 **(Regd. No. 6001)**

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MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 32 years, Ht. 5' 5", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. Elex / Telecom. Working as Technical Sup-

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MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 40 years, Ht. 4' 11", Wt. 50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as a Secretary. Contact email : theresaalvares@gmail.com OR 9892173250 **(Regd. No. 6227)**

MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 25 years, Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 45 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Supervisor in Bank. Contact email : mistressajames001@gmail.com OR 099796887644 **(Regd. No. 6226)**

MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 26 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 50 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Graduate, D.Ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : kitoo_angel@rediffmail.com OR 9821389985 **(Regd. No. 6224)**

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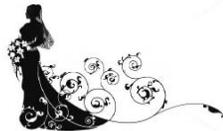
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MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, aged 30 years, Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E., (Electronics), working as a Technology Lead. in IT Company in **USA**. Contact : laetitia.viegas@gmail.com OR 25886316 **(Regd. No. 6030)**

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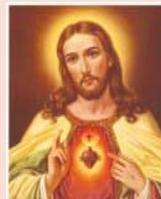
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