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Future priests would be ready to be builder of the church

Goa: Future priests would be ready to be builder of the church. Thus said Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt of Palai (Kerala) addressing the 16th annual meet of the Association of Rectors of Major Seminaries (ARMS) in India at St Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre, Goa on Nov 3.



Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao

on the theme "Intellectual Formation".

Intellectual formation in seminaries needs to address the needs of the church. All aspects for seminary training should gear seminarians to work for the church with competence, commitment and compassion, said the prelate.

The Nov. 3-7 seminar will deliver

Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao of

Goa and Daman and Vice-President of Conference of Catholic Bishops in India (CCBI-Latin Rite) and Catholic Bishops' Conference of India inaugurated the annual meet.

The other notable persons who addressed the meet included Jesuit Father Jose Thayil, president of ARMS, Father I. Raymond Joseph, Secretary of CCBI Commission for Vocation and Seminaries, Bishop Udumala Bala Showreddy of Warangal, Chairman of CCBI Commission for Seminaries and Patron of ARMS.

The key resource person was Jesuit Father M. Amaladoss, Director, Institute of Dialogue with Cultures and Religions (IDCR) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He is a leading theologian.

He spoke on Intellectual Formation of Priests (IFP): Perspectives from the Official Documents of the Church, Challenges to IFP in the Indian Context: Contextualization, Inculturation and Integration, the Situation of IFP today – Sharing experience and questions in groups Proposals for the Future.

About 70 participants across the country are attending the meeting.

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Endemic Dialogue & Democracy in our Community

by Don Aguiar

Sometimes jokes become unintended metaphors for much wider concerns. There is this one about a gentleman driving a car who abruptly turns without giving a signal. Not unexpectedly, there was an accident. 'Why did you turn without giving a signal?' asked the furious driver of the car behind. 'You could not see such a big car turning, how would you see a small indicator?' was the prompt reply.

The aggrieved person was stumped. Absurdity had overwhelmed reasoned argument. There was a 'dialogue' but it was bereft of meaning. It had, in fact, reduced itself to farce.

Is this form of 'dialogue' becoming endemic in our community in India? If so, the primary responsibility lies with our voluble selfish and obnoxious class. It monopolises most of the visible public space for courtesy, but rarely do we find interaction that enlightens and informs. Instead, we have people shouting at each other, high on decibel points, but low on reason, facts and linguistic restraint. Settling internal community issues, where community members spoke with courtesy and substance has almost become a thing of the past.

In such a milieu the real loser are the entire community for they have almost no chance to hear calmly, debate issues, or to evaluate, through exposure to reasoned discussion, what the church and their hierarchy have to offer in response to larger community issues and catholic-specific needs.

What we mostly hear are our leaders (both clergy & laity) holding forth without waiting to hear a response. For instance (will not take an instance from our community but a national instance and then you can match and come to your own conclusion) Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is an eloquent speaker, has perfected the art of the one-way monologue. He addresses people on radio, TV or from elevated, inaccessible podiums. It is difficult to remember the last time he met ordinary people, including journalists and citizens, in a forum where they could interact with him in a non-prearranged format.

The dialogic remoteness of some of our leaders has a lot to do with the lack of community democracy. Our community in India, the world's largest democracy, must face up to the fact that it is replete with absolute leaders who are completely undemocratic in the way they run the matters and business of the community as a whole.

We are increasingly living in an era of absolute leaders, absolute dynasties, absolute subjects and absolute followers. The freedom of conscience given by our catholic community

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leaders in the UK for a vote on community matters or direction would be unthinkable in India.

Anyone be it clergy or laity who would have dared to vote against his leader's choice would be automatically labeled as disloyal, and be dealt with accordingly. This frozen intellectual conformity, and the mind-numbing sycophancy it breeds, seriously jeopardizes our community democratic credentials.

The educated in our community are also increasingly culpable of cerebral laziness. The explosion of 24x7 news has reduced information to a few quick sound bytes, or the reiteration of selective facts, gossip or discussions that rarely offer in-depth insights. But, paradoxically, this very exposure, in this superficial 'breaking news' fashion, gives the average community member the sense that he knows it all, even if he actually knows very little or nothing about almost everything.

Moreover, the informational blitzkrieg hardly devotes required space to pivotally important but less 'glamorous' issues like the appalling state of our community health or education or housing, or the plight of our community farmers and the threat of the government wanting to take their properties for development of other facilities, thereby further constricting the canvas of all round community development to only the frenetic pace of transitory developments.

In the past, all our seminal works emphasized the importance of democratic dialogue. Vatsyayana begins his Kama Sutra by allowing an imaginary interlocutor to question him on the need for a book on erotica. The endemic dialogue is not a fiat; it nudges you to think and question.

The tragedy is that this deliberative pillar of our civilization is being gradually asphyxiated after India has become a democracy. Perhaps, it was not so evident in the years immediately after India was declared an independent country, where differences in opinion were taken on board with an open mind and without questioning bonafides.

But today every point of view is articulated as a simplistic dictatorial assertion, as is amply illustrated, for instance, in the ongoing cooperation within the various cells and associations of our community. There are no nuances, only the projection of brittle black or white certainties. Rhetoric has overtaken substance thereby reducing this dialogue, cooperation and building to the lowest common denominator of 'I am right, and you are

Three Sets of Women Honored!

1. Two Yazidi women who have survived sexual enslavement by the Islamic State (ISIS), have become advocates for their people. They have been awarded the EU's "Sakharov Prize for Human Rights"!

"Nadia Basee and Lamiya Asher were inspirational women who have shown



wrong'. In such a milieu, the shallow repartee in the joke we began with, will always prevail.

The week gone by has yet again tested the endemic dialogue and democracy in our community. It's almost as if every few months one set of the members of our community having to stand up to this endemic dialogue. But the jokers who forced this upon these people should refresh their minds with the adage that this endemic dialogue is the last refuge of the scoundrel. The same rouses who profess and practice this endemic dialogue are the people who want the idea of our community defeated. When I last checked we were a community governed by the Holy Bible and ruled by a set of Cannon laws. Yes, those very folks who suffer from amnesia when the democracy in our community is seized.

Does it auger well for a community as benevolent as ours to extract statements of allegiance to the leaders / head of our community as has been done in the case of ISIS or Al Qaida? Does anyone out there really doubt the community members love for their community in India? In fact they have done more for their community than most of the clowns braying for their blood. But then again, in our community it is easy to ask for blood and very difficult to shed your own. Because latent hypocrisy rules. We are at an inflexion point in our community's history.

There is much good that is being done but the shrillness and sharpness of the discourse is making us sound more like mobs than like a collective of reasons people. This needs to stop. We cannot have a community, which harks back to Orwellian thinking when everyone has to think alike in order to prove his or her dialogue. Nothing will be more dangerous for our community if we question every community member (who we disagree with) their form of dialogue. We need to take a deep breath and calm down

We are an educated community and democracy and dialogue must prevail.

incredible bravery and humanity in the face of despicable brutality. I am proud that they have won the "2016 Sakharov Prize", said the leader of the Liberal ALDE group, Guy Verhofstadt.

The award of Euro 50,000 is named after the Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov in 1988, to honor individuals or groups who defend human rights and fundamental freedoms. Other women who have won it from the sub-continent are, Aung San Sui Kyi (Burma, 1990); Taslima Nasrin (Bangladesh, 1994) and Malala Yousafzai (Pakistan, 2013). – (AP, Oct. 27, 2016).

2. Mumbai inched closer to the half century mark in cadaver transplants, after the family of a Jaslok Hospital staffer consented to donate her organs. This 49th donation by Sondharva Bhanji, 44, saved six lives including that of a 46-year-old heart patient from Andheri. – (TNN, Oct. 27, 2016).

3. Women across the globe work on an average 39 more days a year than men, with females in India working over 50 days extra compared to their male counterparts, data from the 'World Economic Forum' suggests. The global gender gap estimates that it could take 170 years for economic inequalities between the sexes to close, and revealed that the prevalence of unpaid labor burdens women. – (PTI, Oct. 27, 2016).

—Dr. Trevor Colaso,
(Now temporarily in Memphis, TN.
USA).



Bury don't scatter ashes:Vatican

With the 'unstoppable increase' in the number of cremations among Catholics, the Vatican has now announced a new set of guidelines for the dispersal of ashes. While the Church still maintains its preference for traditional burials it does not oppose cremations. The ashes cannot be dispersed over land, sea or air and must be buried in a cemetery or any other designated holy place like a church. The ashes cannot be kept at home or distributed among family members. Moreover, the ashes cannot be turned into diamonds or jewellery, a popular practice in Switzerland. The dead body cannot be claimed as the private property of the family to do what it wants with it.

Prior to Vatican II cremation was not permitted and those who chose it were denied a christian burial. Post Vatican II cremation was permitted provided this choice was not made through "a denial of Christian dogmas, the animosity of a secret society, or hatred of the Catholic religion and the Church". In subsequent decades after Vatican II the practice of cremation has become popular in western countries for various reasons including ecology, space constraints and economy. Even in Mumbai the practice is gaining ground. But while the practice has been growing some practices and ideas contrary to the

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faith have gradually crept in. Hence, a new set of guidelines has been formulated. Parish churches will now have to implement these guidelines and demarcate sacred areas to bury the ashes.

Scattering of ashes is not permitted because it may be misunderstood as some sort of 'religion of nature' whereas we believe in the resurrection and life after death.

—Prof Robert Castellino
Mumbai

—A. F. Nazareth,
Alto Porvorim

Ban on female ordination to priesthood

Pope Francis' latest statement that he believed that the existing ban on women's ordination to the priesthood in the Catholic church "is forever," is probably the final nail in the feminists movement in the church and clamour for equal rights on decision making, and ordained ministries in the male-dominated Catholic church. The statement by Pope Francis only reiterates what his predecessor Saint Pope John Paul II had stated in his

Apostolic letter 'Ordinatio Sacerdotalis' of 1994, that "the church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgement is to be definitively held by all the church's faithful. The reasons include the church's long-standing tradition recorded in sacred scripture, of Christ choosing his Apostles from among men only. The church's teaching authority has also held that the exclusion of women from the priesthood is in accordance with God's plan for his church". This is a major setback for women in the Catholic church, who can now only aspire to be ordained as deacons, only if approved by the recent Commission to be set up for the ordination of women as deacons.

Always Fight Unitedly

The decor of the pub 'Goregaon Social' at Oberoi Mall, Goregaon (East) was blasphemous and it hurted the religious sentiments of the Christian community. Nobody has the right to hurt the religious sentiments of others. Thank God, the objectionable decor from the Goregaon pub has been removed. If Christians get together and unite, nobody will be able to take an upper hand of them, not even the producers of Bollywood movies who depict Christians in bad shape.

—Jubel D'Cruz, Mumbai

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World Communication Day

The theme Pope Francis chose for 2017's World Day of Communications was released recently, and is titled "Fear not, for I am with you" (Is 43:5): Communicating hope and trust in our time." the Vatican website reported.

Coming from the book of Isaiah, the theme urges the world to listen to the voice of God who gives courage and holds in control of every happening in the world. It also invites the journalists and media persons to be the agents of truth and love so that they may carry on the mission of communication to the full extent at which it is intended by the divine wisdom who is the source and summit of all communication.

In the communiqué published alongside the theme, the Vatican's Secretariat for Communications said the theme was "an invitation to tell the history of the world and the histories of men and women in accordance with the logic of the 'good news.'" that reminds us that God never ceases to be a Father in any situation or with regard to any man. Let us learn to communicate trust and hope for history."

Shortly before the announcement of the theme, Pope Francis had a Sept. 22 audience with journalists, during which he reflected on the importance of respect for human dignity, telling them that their profession can never be used as a destructive weapon, nor should it be used to nourish fear. "Certainly criticism is legitimate, and, I would add, necessary, just as is the denunciation of evil, but this must always be done respecting the other.

Journalism cannot become a 'weapon of destruction' of persons or even nations," the Pope said at the Vatican's Clementine Hall. "Neither must it nourish fear in front of changes or phenomena such

as migration forced by war or by hunger," he said.

While the message from the pope is traditionally voiced near January 24, the feast day of the patron saint of journalists, St. Francis de Sales, the actual day is celebrated the Sunday before Pentecost.

In the month of October, the Pope asked the entire Church to pray for the journalists that they may practice ethical standards and express truth in their reports. Bearing in mind the importance of media as an instrument to build public opinion, the Pope urged the faithful in his monthly prayer intention to intercede for the writers to promote an encounter of culture and dialogue across the nations through their truthful and informative stories of the lives of men and women of our times which he called as the "first draft of the history, that introduces the people to the interpretation of events. "

In one of his discourse with the journalists, the Pope stressed three essential elements in the work of a journalist, that he said, could serve to "improve the society in which we live": To love the truth, to embody professionalism and to respect human dignity.

The Pope has called the journalists to be an "instrument of construction," factors in the common good, capable of avoiding the temptation of fomenting confrontation and instead promoters of a "culture of encounter."

He also noted that the journalistic profession was one that was continually adapting to changes in the way people digest news through new forms of media.

"We need information leading to a commitment for the common good of humanity and the planet," he Pope said, "that journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for the truth and a strong sense of ethics." Press and the media are important means to reach out the entire world. he opined.

As India is poised to celebrate the communication day on November 13th let us pray that Indian journalists imbibe the culture and attitude of the Church to carry out the mission of drafting the first drafts of histories of men and women of our times.

—Sr. Benigna Menezes,MSI

Holy Family's Palliative Care unit

Dr. Armida Fernandez, the respected and humane doctor, has many firsts to her credit. In 1977 she set up a Department of Neonatology and a neonatal intensive care system that reduced the mortality rates of preterm babies in Sion Hospital where she was the Dean. The good doctor then organized campaigns to popularize breast feeding. She set up the first human milk bank in Sion hospital.

During her interaction with poor patients, Armida realized the need to educate and empower underprivileged mothers in health care. In her words, these women are preoccupied with issues of "food, housing, domestic violence and social acceptance." In order to empower these hapless women, Armida founded her NGO SNEHA in 1999 in Dharavi.

The indefatigable Dr. Armida is currently the Medical Director of Holy Family Hospital. She is constantly striving to improve the standards of the hospital. She is now launching the Palliative Care unit of Holy Family Hospital on 20th November primarily to care for cancer patients. She is looking for committed volunteers who can offer at least 8 hours a week. Those who opt for counselling would get trained at Tata Memorial Hospital for two weeks. Volunteers are requested to contact Holy Family Hospital and request for forms. These will be sent across to them.

The unit is starting in January after Holy Family has doctors, nurses and counselors in place. We wish the new venture all success.

—Monica Fernandes

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Mumbai pub faces Catholic ire for “blasphemous” interiors

Mumbai: Police in Mumbai have registered a case against a pub in the western Indian city for using Catholic iconography and symbols in its décor in an ‘objectionable’ manner.

The Dindoshi police registered a First Information Report against “Goregaon Social” on the complaint of Watchdog Foundation, an NGO that aims to promote human rights and social advancement through the use of media.

The pub is located inside Oberoi Mall, Goregaon, a Mumbai suburb. The foundation filed a complaint against the pub and its management on October 2 afternoon.

The Archdiocese of Bombay too issued an official press statement earlier in the day condemning the restaurant for hurting religious sentiments.

According to a statement by the Watchdog Foundation, Goregaon Social’s interiors are plastered with outrageous depiction of various saints and religious items from the Bible.

“There are stain pictures of saints with funny names written there under. The Bar area has a backdrop of a Tabernacle set up. Even the seating arrangement in the bar is that of church Pews. Even the messages inscribed on the benches are from Holy Bible. This Blasphemy is nothing but an act of insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence to a religious or holy persons or sacred things, which is sacred or inviolable,” the complaint reads.

According to the NGO, the pub management has resorted to the “deliberate and malicious act” to outrage the religious sentiments of the Christian community.

“For instance Jesus is holding a leather bag, Mother Mary having a chain in her hand (instead of Rosary), Moses holding a Computer Tablet, St. Anthony is shown wearing Glasses, etc. Similarly Tabernacle where Eucharist is stored or reserved is instead shown in the said pub having some liquor bottles with inscription of Holy Cross on the container resembling the Tabernacle, which is considered most

Holy by Christians,” it adds.

Watchdog Foundation has written to the commissioner of police, the Prime Minister and the chief minister demanding action over the distasteful jibe.

The NGO, along with Guardians United, has demanded the removal of ‘all such religious articles hurting religious sentiments’ and arrest of the pub’s owner under Section 295A of Indian Penal Code.

The archdiocese’s press release has demanded the pub’s closure and cancellation of its license until it changes its interiors.

Father Warner D’Souza, a spokesperson for the Catholic Church, questioned the Bombay Municipal Corporation for permitting such interiors. “It is a clear violation of our laws and it is upsetting that our community is taken for granted like this,” he added.

The spokesperson said two priests went to the pub on October 2, but the management sent them back saying they were closed for maintenance.

Father D’Souza wants the pub owner arrested and the place shut down. “It shocks me that the place has been open for two months and yet, nobody reported it,” he added.

The offensive pieces have been removed from the pub as of 8 pm on October 2.

The pub is owned by Impresario Entertainment and Hospitality Pvt Ltd. Its chief executive officer and managing director is Riyaz Amlani.

The management has issued a release stating, “In no way is there an intent on the part of Social to hurt any religious sentiments. We are more than happy to engage with anyone who feels offended by the design and make rectifications.”

Meanwhile many Catholics took to social media to voice their anger and signed the Change.org petition demanding action against the pub’s owner. The petition garnered more than 3,000 supporters within hours of posting.

Source: mattersIndia

Respected Archdiocese of Bombay,

My Name is Riyaz Amlani, and i am the C.E.O. of the group that runs the Social brand.

I have just learnt that the decor of Goregaon Social has offended the religious sentiments of Catholics.

For this error i offer a complete and unconditional apology on behalf of our group.

Goregaon Social design was meant as a satirical statement against the ever growing trend of overt consumerism and the culture of advertising where people are made to feel inadequate and unhappy unless they buy more and more things.

In no way was there any intent on part social to disrespect or hurt sentiments taht are sacred to any community. on the contrary it is call to move away from the pursuit of material things and instead focus on the spiritual pursuits.

The intended message is that money and things cannot buy you happiness.

We have already removed all the imagery that the watchdog organisation considered offensive,

And further commit to ensure that we do all we can to ensure that no ones sentiments are offended.

I once again apologies for any hurt we have caused and accept full responsibility for the same.

If there is anything at all we can do to show our commitment towards making amends please do let me know.

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The way Fatima, the mother of Najeeb Ahmed (#najeebahmed) the missing JNU student was treated that evening by the Delhi Police was just appalling. She was at a rally peacefully protesting with several others about the mysterious disappearance of her son. They were demanding that the Police and the Central Government need to do much more to trace Najeeb. The rally was disbanded by the police. There is enough of evidence (viral on social media) to show how Fatima was dragged, manhandled and detained by the police. Several other protesters (including students) were also detained.



to as 'upgrading' the military. Countries who need to sell from their stockpiles, find India an easy customer. The budgets for essentials like education, health, agriculture, employ-

ment generation, poverty alleviation programmes- have been drastically cut. This does not augur well for 'development' meant to be inclusive and holistic.

Human Rights Defenders are pushed to the wall. Organizations which take a stand for truth and justice and for the Constitutional rights of the oppressed are denied the possibility of receiving foreign aid. Right-wing fascists with full support from the ruling class, lynch you or beat you because of what you believe in, eat, dress, write, see etc. Crony capitalism is on the rise.

It has never been so bad in India! Opposition, students and liberal media are suppressed; Rights and Freedoms are curtailed; dissent is quashed! Today it is not merely the writing on the wall: the dismantling of democracy has begun!

* (Fr Cedric Prakash sj is a human rights activist. He is currently based in Lebanon, engaged with the Jesuit Refugee Service(JRS) in the Middle East on advocacy and communications. Contact: cedricprakash@gmail.com)

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—R.G.Pereira

ing this past week. Some opposition political leaders who were protesting the death of a retired soldier were also arrested and were made to stop their protests. The son of the soldier who had gone to meet these leaders was beaten up by the police.

The popular TV Channel NDTV, will be taken off the air on November 9th for 24 hours because of the inconvenient questions they asked and their coverage of the Pathankot terror attack that took place on January 2nd this year. Another channel from Assam has been given the same treatment. For several months now, there has been a virtual black-out on the media (mainly electronic and social) from Kashmir.

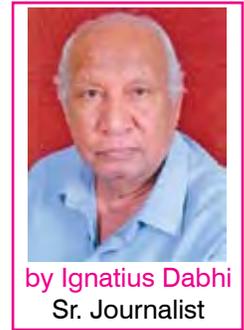
The BJP, the main ruling party, has gone to town about the "surgical strikes" on Pakistan. This is rather unfortunate. Anyone questioning the veracity of these 'surgical strikes' or asking for more information is termed 'anti-national' or 'unpatriotic'. Pakistan certainly does not have a favourable track record either on human rights or on the freedom of its citizens. However, there are well-meaning citizens in both countries who would like the avenues of dialogue to be kept open and to continue Indo-Pak bonding on meaningful fronts. This is also frowned upon.

India has upped its military spending. Precious foreign reserves are squandered on what is conveniently referred

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World Bank's Ranking ...

Every year India spends crores of rupees to attract foreign investment in India. Gujarat organizes 'trade festivals, inviting scores of foreign businessmen to invest in India... lacs and lacs are wasted or pocketed... We are ranked a poor 130th by the world Bank. Why?

All the 7-Star & 5-star hotels were fully booked by the Gujarat government for 23 foreign delegations who were invited to take part in trade fair. Only four MOU were signed and not a single nation actually agreed to invest in Gujarat! Rs.163 crores were spent for the 'tamasha'!!

This was widely criticized but the BJP men know how to silence those who raise their voice against them... Some foreigners, when asked, replied:

- 1: "Industrial growth is only possible when there is peace in the society...."
Gujarat witnessed more than 368 communal violences. Restlessness will never attract anybody to invest here.
- 2: "Gujarat's claims of progress economical growth and communal harmony in Gujarat. More than democracy, we have a 'police raj' in BJP's Gujarat.
- 3: "We doubt if we would really get good, man power. Many know no English and that can be a problem..."
- 4: "There seems to be a lot of corruption and nepotism in Gujarat and India in general."
- 5: "The government functions are not transparent. This does not help..."

Of 190 countries, India is ranked

130th. The message is crystal clear: because we are not peace loving, not transparent in our dealings, not tolerant, not adequate with manpower capacity, we are not preferred for foreign trade investment.

Modi, wherever he goes, seems to say that the nation has marched ahead only in last 29 months! He seems to force his story that he has been the only 'PM par excellent!! A reliable source, close to Amit Shah, said the other day: "Modi stories with tall claims are not acceptable in his Kitchen cabinet...."

We have miles and miles to go before the "achche din"!!!

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Bethany nuns promote scientific temperament among students



Mangaluru: In their effort to promote scientific temperament among young students, the Mangalore-based Bethany nuns have launched an annual science completion for school children in the region.

Bethany Educational Society of the nuns' Mangaluru Province organized the Science Model Competition Nov. 7 for some 28 schools in the area that the society runs. Some 140 students presented projects based in scientific

theories.

Senior Sister Shalet D Souza while addressing the students said "scientific temper is a way of life – an individual and social process of thinking and acting which uses a scientific method. It may include questioning," she said.

John Valder, an engineer who was chief guest at the program, opened the competition by sending a rocket which works according to Newton's third law.

While appreciating the venture he applauded the students, who presented the models in a creative manner and innovative ideas. He also appreciated the utility of the projects and the impact of the research study on the children.

Sister Mariola, the Province Councilor and the Coordinator for Education of Mangalore Province was the convenor of the science model competition. In her welcome address, she highlighted the features of the millennial children in this digital era.

She said the program aims "all-round growth of the students" and it was "Indeed a wonderful day of learning."

source: ucanindia

I guarantee you that your sins are forgiven...

by *Rtn. Calwyn D'Abreo*

At the confessional, a dialog between two human beings... one being a priest appellate who has the divine authority to absolve sins and misdemeanors saturated with the license to forgive .And the other , the baptized apostle -a vigorous and pioneering advocate and supporter of repentance and of equitable ,fair and impartial judgement arrested by the power of the sacrament of confession and in mild genuflection awaited the absolution blessing and the penance entwined.

Absolved of all your sins till this date and time... I say said the prelate.

Penance is as follows – "You will for 30 days give joy, give a happy smile , appropriately use words of warmth and camaraderie , offer love that institutes the Master's commandment , appreciate what the world is offering and what your family contributes to your wellbeing, compliment what you believe is in tandem with the goodness factor for all, connect with a stranger who needs your expertise to bring wellness to the community at large, for the love of the Master speak niceties from your heart , give your best to every single person so that it becomes a respectful involvement. Make everybody your friend , say something nice to yourself. Just do it.

I guarantee you that your sins are forgiven but the impact of what you will do for your penance will reverberate as with best of life for you and also your loved ones and all those who are emotionally close to you. All things that you therefore ask will be given . It is the Master's law. Here is the test... will you be ready and fit to accept all the goodness that will come to you no sooner you begin this penance portfolio.

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This line - "My name is Khan and I am nor a terrorist" was meant to convey something to the U.S. Now the people who have raised questions on the encounter, to neutralize the eight terrorists who 'managed' to escape at the dead of night, a few days back, may as well say "We are just asking questions and we are not unpatriotic". Unfortunately, for the BJP, whoever asks any uncomfortable questions are not patriotic citizens. The only lot which has patriotism written all over the faces is the RSS and the BJP. Is the NHRC also unpatriotic?

It is not the political parties alone which have raised serious doubts about the genuineness of the so called encounter. The BJP ally Shiv Sena has ridiculed the BJP. Three of the four leading English news channels have asked searching questions from the BJP led M.P. government. In fact one of them actually grilled the Home Minister of the State for his conflicting stands as also the version of the Police authorities. The problem is that both Shivraj Singh government and the BJP are actually cornered with uncomfortable questions for which they have no answers. For BJP, all suspects are terrorists except those from the radical Hindu fringe members who are innocent unless proved otherwise, not others.

Only one channel preferred to let the BJP off the hook and instead chose to target the political parties for doubting. Not a single word was asked about the official inconsistencies and they are many. For the news channel anchor who always claims to be the torch-bearer of the constitution and champion of the rights of the citizens was visibly 'silent'. The same anchor is seen soft on the BJP for a few months now. Whenever the BJP government is questioned, the tone is sober not that usual aggressive one. Reports suggest he is deserting his channel.

Sometimes when one has some plans in life for which the approval and clearance of the government are necessary, it does not pay to be over-aggressive with them. That could possibly answer the question why this sudden change of heart towards the BJP. Does it mean that other three channels are anti-national? The BJP has a lot to answer as the videos do not exactly

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match the BJP version. Yet they institute five probes.

Lest we are forgotten!

The biggest worry for the MNS led Raj Thackeray is not to be forgotten by the people of Maharashtra in general and Mumbai in particular. With a few months to go for the Municipal elections in the city, the party that is being deserted by most of the leaders who matter is scared stiff that the people of this metropolis may forget that such a party exists. The last MLA who gave some respectability to the organization too decided to go his way. It seems the elected MLAs do not take him seriously and desert him one by one.

Wonder if the party called the MNS has any constitution of its own. If it has, it would be interesting to know what exactly the party stands for. We have not seen or heard anything that it represents either by any action or word. But when you do not have anything of substance, you may as well remain silent. The party would do well to say 'Judge us by our actions'. Sure we will. In the past the only thing we remember is that taxi drivers hailing from the North were beaten black and blue. The party blamed the North Indians for the crimes in the city. On occasions, they humiliated the municipal engineers holding them responsible for the potholes which have adorned the city. Of course the intention behind the agitation on potholes was good but the methodology was crude. The whole lot of engineers went on strike. The doctors in hospitals are also not safe. They get roughed up. Schools dread when it comes to MNS. Well, that is their philosophy.

Only recently, the party was in the news. They decided that the movie with Pak artists should not be released. Many thought likewise but they went about their protest in a more dignified and democratic way. Everybody has a right to have a view so long as it is not forcibly imposed on others. That rule applies for those with a sense of civility. Not for those who believe that might is right. They threatened violence openly and indirectly challenged the State. This possibly unnerved the Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnis which



by Marshall Sequeira

forced him to bring Raj Thackeray to the negotiating table with producers of the film. He even seemed to take credit for preventing a showdown. MNS demand that producers donate a huge sum of Rs 5 crores for Army Welfare Fund was nothing but an act of thuggery. The Army top brass was quick to refuse to accept any amount which is not voluntary. To make things worse senior BJP Ministers at the Centre also expressed displeasure. MNS was red-faced so was the CM.

Seeing the discomfiture of the CM, the BJP engaged itself in a serious damage control exercise trying to play down things. The exercise they say was an honest attempt on the part of the CM to avoid confrontation without surrender. This did not impress the public which are highly incensed with the arm-twisting tactics of the party which really does not represent the people of this State. What the public is concerned about is the bad precedent that is set in the bargain. The diktat of the MNS is that any film that has a Pak 'component' will have to donate Rs 5 crores to the Army Welfare Fund. This is something that has upset the Film industry. With some producers openly refusing to abide by the diktat, the stage is set for another round of uncertainty between the MNS and the release of the next film.

The politicians' hearts are with the Jawans at least so they say. What did MNS do for the Jawans? Did they give a call to all the people not to spend money on crackers and sweets and donate the amount instead to the Army Welfare fund? It would have been a great call. By not celebrating, we would have shown that we are with the families of those who laid down their lives and the amount so donated would have really helped their families. By the way the villages of the martyred jawans are mourning not celebrating Diwali. . How much did the MNS donate to the Army fund, by the way?



COMMUNICATION AND MERCY

A Fruitful Encounter



by Ladislaus L.
D'Souza

It is significant that the Year of Mercy that opened on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8 December 2015, concludes on the Solemnity of Christ the King, 20 November 2016, i.e. during World Communications Month whose theme this year is the title of this article.

Face of the Father - Face of Mercy

We've seen Pope Francis express the nuances of mercy in the course of the year in ways one may have not dreamed possible and in a style and manner all his own, his words, gestures and facial expressions reflecting the fullness of mercy in the Father's heart.

What is the Kingship of Christ all about if not about mercy and its communication to the masses? And what is Christ's kingdom all about if not the reign of mercy holding sway in and through every means and facet of communication? This brings into focus the various means we use today to communicate - from internet to instagram and from SMS to WhatsApp and so much else, e-mail gently trailing along! Of all these means the most commonly used—or shall we say misused?—is WhatsApp, the instant communication at one's finger tips so to say.

Scripture based Communication

To get our use of the communications media right, we, as believers, need to look at communication in the context of Scripture - **"In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God"** (Jn 1:1). It follows then that with the Word having been sent into our midst in flesh and blood of which we partake at the Eucharist, our use of the WORD, both spoken and written of which we partake on an ongoing

basis and the use of the means thereof ought to be sensible. It is only when we understand the significance of this concept that we can become effective in the correct usage of every means of the communications media. Indeed, to communicate the Word to us God chose chaste means: the spotless maiden of Nazareth, Mary, whom He had prepared from time immemorial to be the Mother of His only Son.

"In the fullness of time, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Gal 4:4-5). If God Himself could choose to follow certain norms whereby His Son was to be born under the law, with a very specific purpose, viz to communicate His mercy to fallen humankind and raise us above the law, thereby redeeming us and gaining for us our sonship, how much more judicious ought we to be in what we communicate and the kind of means we choose to do so?

'Forwards'? Or 'Backwards'??

We may claim that the vast and varied means of communication at our disposal today are inventions of man. But who gave man the brains to invent those means if not God Himself? And to what purpose has He equipped man with the wherewithal to be so communicative if not to communicate His love and mercy? The truth is that God is extremely conscious of what He does and how He does it so that the benefit we, His very own creation and His partners in re-creation, reap may be fruitful.

Take the 'forwards' we both receive from or pass on to all and sundry with nary a thought for the veracity of their contents and the receptivity of the recipient to such material. Some have gotten so smart with their smart

phones that sending irrelevant texts to just about anybody within WhatsApp reach or forwarding to them what they've received that they take undue offence when confronted by a recipient either seeking or offering clarifications. Professing ignorance by way of an alibi such as "Forwarded as Received" is no excuse. Often texts concerning something that has happened eons ago is forwarded as fresh news; news regarding atrocities on believers that have already been circulated over a year ago is rampantly revived, creating a fear psychosis that can at best be described as media terrorism. Take the 'dance of the pope', for example – the pope himself might have already finished with the last steps of his dance in the imagination of the infertile mind in which it originated, but the *forwards* keep going round ad nauseam, taking the recipient backwards. The news item concerning the death and funeral of Sister Nirmala, Mother Teresa's successor, or that of the leaders of certain major mainline churches approaching the Pope, seeking unity with the Roman Catholic Church under papal authority are other falsehoods we could do without. As for the "don't break the chain please" brigade, nothing seems to be an obstacle to their propensity to keep on forwarding – "Forwarding is my birthright and I shall exercise it to my last breath!" (due apologies to Lokmanya Tilak!) We need to keep in mind that recipients tend to believe the contents of certain forwards if they are from supposedly reliable quarters. Are we to take undue advantage of the gullibility of others?

Use of honorifics

A blatant error on the part of most

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Instill confidence in your daughter

When your daughter is growing, it's a great time to think about how to increase her self-esteem. Here are few tips to instill her with the confidence that age needs to face the world and carve a niche for herself



Parents naturally want the best for their daughters: good friends, the wisdom to make good decisions, and strength to weather life's storms. Today we will provide you with perspective and advice to help you raise confident daughters ready to thrive in today's worlds

Teach her to always stand up for herself: Teach her to stand up for herself: Coach your child to convey her needs and feelings clearly to adults, without fear and stand up for herself with her peers. This will empower her from a very young age, not to bottle up her frustrations and assert herself at the appropriate time.

Ask her to listen more than she talks: Encourage your daughter to share her feelings, her dreams, her fears etc with you. The best way to make this happen, is to keep an open channel of communication and by preparing yourself to listen to her more than you speak. Refrain from lecturing her and passing comments like 'I told you so', however tempting it may be.

Preach to be comfortable in her skin: Every girl wants to look beautiful. Teach your child that nobody is perfect and also not to compare herself with others. Instead, teach her to focus on her positive points.

Teach her social graces: Next time you have a get together at home, make it a point to include her. Know-

ing how to behave in company and the right social etiquettes, will empower her and help her get rid of her inhibitions in front of people.

Insist on personal grooming: Teach your daughter to take care of herself and the importance of personal hygiene. Make her understand that she will feel more confident to face the world, if she is well turned out.

Expose her to how the real world works, she'll be well prepared for the future: Your daughter is the apple of your eye and may be treated as princess in your home so it may come as rude shock to her when she gets exposed to the various shades of sexism that exists in our society. Teaching her how to handle such situations will give her greater confidence to deal with such people.

Encourage her to follow her passion no matter what: Give her the freedom to pursue her interests. Don't decide what she can do and cannot. Let her be the judge of her capabilities. Support her in what ever way you can.

Introduce her to female role models: Let her read about their journey to success, the struggles they had to

undergo, their confidence in themselves etc. This will have more effect on her, than any lecture session.

Teach her to accept compliments gracefully: Let her not just brush it aside as flattery. Also teach her the importance of family and the importance of spending time with loved ones.

Sign her up for sports: Putting your daughter in sports at an early age makes her appreciate her body for its strength rather than just beauty.

Show interest in her academics: Demonstrate that academics are important by showing an interest in your child's academic life. Get involved in the school, show up at school events and check in on homework.

Support her through the tough teen times:

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Cause And Effect Of 20th Century Migrations

Consistent with the ongoing fight against terror groups and misguided prophets of our days, pious rationalists say, “evil will not win the route to the spiritual road of eternal life; martyrs and innocent migrants who were murdered apparently for doing no wrong, will get there first to divine company in heaven.

Global diplomacy is trying to revitalize the role of peace in an agenda plastered regretfully, in wasted words and blurry hope. Pope Francis’ strategy to be a messenger of peace in a tumultuous world, created by fear in migrants, murder, poverty and violence is not looking good. Evil is the new hate frontier. The Holy Father, however, believes in a favorable solution, that rumbling unrest is only the birth pangs for a New Jerusalem.

The race to heal and help the deprived of food, medicine, home and safety, to rescue children, expecting women, babies born in bomb shelters or refugee camps, is a mission of mercy beyond expectations of world leaders and aid workers. We must cultivate compassion in all migrant debates.

UNICEF, the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Cafod, the Little Way Association, the CAN (Aid to the Church in Need), and a hundred other welfare and emergency groups around the world have a single word for their endeavors, Mercy. In this line of work forgiveness is not hard to come by. Last week the pontiff called for a caring response to challenges. “What has happened to Europe?” At one time Europe had been the showpiece of the Christian faith. Recently, I read that a Catholic cathedral was sold to become a mosque.

At the same time the message rising in migration numbers carries a powerful voice of perception; infuriating hostility among so called leaders and their go-betweens who do little pretend-

ing to do much. Pope Francis in his own saintly way is making a difference in efforts to restore sense and reconciliation.

Political chaos in any country creates fear, tension and a dangerous emotional struggle among common folk to flee from rapists, looters, murderers and those trafficking in women. The human cargo of migrant panic, begins with hunger, sickness and body wounds weighing a massive load of Christian charity efforts to calm the storm and rewind lives to a sense of trust in God.

I have found in research five great migrations in the 20th century. The mass movement of people had been witnessed during the 1917 Russian Revolution. The breakdown of the Ottoman Empire had exploded over the lives of 5 million refugees, Russians mostly, Turks, Armenians and Assyrians on the run. Over 450,000 documents were issued to stateless people to travel. The fear factor had come into the limelight.

During World War 11 an incredible 11 million people were taken to Germany by the Nazis as slave laborers, others remained in refugee camps even after the war. Millions of displaced Europeans brought about the asylum system which is still in vogue today.

1947 signaled the end of British rule in India. The nation was divided into two states. The Punjab and Bengal were further split between two countries. Hindus fled Pakistan at the time of partition. Millions of Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs found themselves on the wrong side of the new borders.

14 million people crossed borders, the largest migration in history. The major routes taken by refugees were the Grand Trunk Road and the railways built alongside. Some of the most violent scenes were in Punjab, hundreds of thousands of people were mur-



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dered. Thousands of refugee camps sprang up across the Grand Trunk Road to protect home-less families in a new country. The GT road connected Calcutta to Kabul

Christian aid agencies provided assistance across the ravaged and decimated Indian countryside. Doctors and nurses risked their lives to be in harms way. The army, navy and air force did heroic work in the struggle to coordinate and impose law and order.

Some 14 million refugees fled Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. The 1975 Communist victories were a fear factor for the state and its poor people. Southeast Asian states turned away boats loaded with migrants. This act of inhumanity prompted global agreements in 1979 and 1989 to save and shelter 2.5 million people.

The Kosovo War (1998) forced millions of Kosovars to leave the Balkan areas with tens of thousands finding safe havens in Macedonia and Montenegro. The European Union tried hard to agree with Germany to share the burden and absorb the greater load of asylum seekers. The U.K. and the UN were prepared to only take in a few for which they received criticism.

These were colossal migrations of the 20th century. We live today with the festering wounds of the last century, made worse in our contemporary times with the distortion of Islamic principles (as some believe) worldwide: the tragedy of events in Fallujah, the horrible terrorist attack of September 11th, the land mines in Iraq, beheading like it was a game of threat, the birth of the Taliban, ISIS and so on.

Why does the world have to suffer the Passion of Christ?

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writers is the way they use the honorifics in relation to those concerned. They need to make their own study to ascertain when to use 'Oswald Cardinal Gracias' and when, 'Cardinal Oswald Gracias'. Take the names of saints. How a writer does not see the hilarity behind referring to 'Saint Padre Pio' or 'Saint Mother Teresa' or 'Saint Pope John Paul II' is beyond me! How could someone have missed out on the fact that the correct reference would be SAINT PIO DE PIETRELCINA, SAINT TERESA OF KOLKATA, and POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II? Before canonization, Mother Teresa was often referred to as BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA, the fact that the honorific BLESSED MOTHER is intrinsic to Our Lady coolly sidetracked. As for pope-saints, the pope is the only candidate for sainthood where his earthly honorific precedes his heavenly citation. After all, as successor to Peter he holds the key to the Pearly Gates no less!

Language – medium of communication

All said and done, what is communication without proficiency in the language used as the medium? With the world of communications technology evolving at a rapid pace, the need for the correct use of the WORD for communicating an idea or message cannot be overlooked. Blessed James Alberione, Founder of the Pauline Family, never tired of reminding his adherents that they were born of the Word and of the Eucharist. He avers that "the spoken word has the advantage of penetrating the mind more easily. But the printed word has the advantage of being better thought out, better preserved, more readily multiplied in copies" [UPS III 129]. Any wonder then, why we need to brush up on our vocabulary and our understanding of the various idioms and figures of speech we come across and feel tempted to use in our own texts!

While every language, whether foreign or Indian, has its own beauty and usage, English by far has become the lingua franca of the Indian masses. It follows then that irrespective of one's mother tongue, or the medium of one's education way back in one's home town, the need to get into the habit of

writing English correctly can never be over-emphasized. Those in the media apostolate particularly have a greater responsibility in this regard. With vocations coming in from the hinterland rather than from the urban areas, religious congregations face a challenge in terms of teaching the correctness of English usage, both spoken and written, whereby one understands the difference between *poster*, *pastor* and *paster*, *between holy day* and *holiday*, *Polish* and *polish*, *program* and *programme* and a lot else. It must be noted here that the Jesuits, Redemptorists and Franciscans are known to give due emphasis to this aspect of language, what with well-equipped English pronunciation laboratories *de rigueur* in their formation setup. This obviously is in keeping with their understanding of the fact that the four pillars of correct language usage are: *Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation and Pronunciation*.

Communications Etiquette

It would be in the fitness of things if we were to observe the niceties of decent communication by using our commonsense a lot more commonly in a more responsible use of media:

1. When you write, keep three important things in mind: what exactly you want to convey through your piece; the target audience; and the publication you plan to send it to.
2. Write your piece with a clear conscience, i.e. with goodwill towards all and malice to none. Having done that, remain open to reactions and feedback. If you do get any, take note and act accordingly. If you get none, let it stand at that. Not every reader is inclined to write in with their opinion. Either way, refrain from sending your piece to a list of individuals and expecting feedback, especially when you are well aware that those individuals are among the readers of the very publication/s you have already sent your item to. If they have a view to share in relation to your piece, they'd do well to write in to the publication concerned. Sending your piece directly to individual IDs is tantamount to a *jabardast* expectation of having them write back to you whereby they have no escape!
3. Refrain from sending out impersonal

messages, greeting someone for a birthday or for Christmas or whatever, be it by e-mail, sms or whatsapp. As a rule greetings sent out unaddressed specifically to the recipient deserve no attention.

4. Refrain from forwarding anything received, be it by e-mail or on WhatsApp, without first verifying the contents.
5. Refrain particularly from forwarding something received on a given chatline to everyone else on the same chatline. Imagine each of the 20 members of a given chatline forwarding the same item to everyone on that very chatline!
6. Give a thought to the possibility of the prospective recipient of your 'forward' having already received it from someone else.
7. If you have received something really very original – i.e. according to YOU! – check whether the prospective recipient would be interested in receiving that from you.
8. If there happens to be even a slight error in the contents DON'T forward it and if you do, be willing to acknowledge *your* lapse when confronted by the recipient.
9. Miracle cure medicines [for TB, AIDS, Cancer – whatever!] – check the telephone numbers indicated. You'll be surprised to discover that they are largely fake. God save us from fakeology, please!
10. A new line doing the rounds of the WhatsApp bazaar is "We're doing 1000 Hail Mary's. Say one Hail Mary and pass on the request to at least 10 persons; if you can't do it, please inform me." Well, we are each within our rights to either observe or ignore such instructions; but never ever pass on such instructions to anybody.
11. Keep in mind that time being of the essence, we need to consider the time factor in relation to the recipients of our communication. We need to have mercy on them! After all, the other could be as busy as we are to read lengthy stuff, perhaps even busier!

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Catholic church in UK updates medieval guide for terminally ill

The Catholic church in England and Wales has brought the medieval manuscript *Ars Moriendi* – The Art of Dying – into the digital age, with a website aimed at helping terminally ill people and their loved ones deal with death.

Like the original 15th century work, *The Art of Dying Well* is intended to bring religious comfort and offer practical guidance to people in the final stage of life. The modern-day version offers videos, animations and interviews with terminally ill people and their carers.

Although the content is based in the Catholic tradition, the church says it is intended for anyone addressing end-of-life issues. It features real stories from dying people and their families, as well as interviews with palliative care experts.

Odisha Church remembers past prelates on All Souls Day

Bhubaneswar: Odisha's lone archdiocese on November 2 prayed for two archbishops who died this year after the eastern Indian state for decades.

Divine Word Archbishop John Barwa of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar led the Mass when the Universal Church prays for

all departed souls. Ten priests assisted the prelate at the Mass at St Vincent's Pro-Cathedral Parish in Bhubaneswar, the state capital. About 40 nuns and more than 300 Catholics also attended.

The prelate prayed for the souls of Henry Sebastian D'Souza, the first Archbishop of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar, who died on June 27, and his successor Raphael Cheenath, who passed away on August 14.

"Many famous personalities of the world, and in the Universal Church who were inspiration and motivation to many of us died in their old age, some by natural calamity, some by accident, some were the victims of ISIS, those who have worked in the society with great zeal and commitment and have made huge contributions for the wellbeing of the human kind and left indelible mark. May Almighty God grant them heavenly peace and bliss," the prelate prayed.

Pope reiterates strong 'no' to women priests

Aboard the papal plane: During a press conference Tuesday aboard the papal plane from Sweden to Rome, Pope Francis said the issue of women priests has been clearly decided, while also clarifying the essential role of women in the Catholic Church.

"On the ordination of women in the Catholic Church, the final word is clear, it was said by St. John Paul II and this remains," Pope Francis told journalists Nov. 1.

The question concerning women priests in the Catholic Church was asked during the flight back to Rome after the Pope's Oct. 31-Nov. 1 trip to Sweden to participate in a joint Lutheran-Catholic commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

While there, the Pope participated in ecumenical events alongside Swedish Lutheran and Catholic leaders, including the first female Lutheran archbishop in Sweden, Antje Jackelén. She is the head of the Church of Sweden, the largest denomination of Lutheranism in Europe.

After stating that the issue of female ordination is closed, the Pope added that women are very important to the Church, specifically from a "Marian dimension."

Bishop of Vasai: marking 500th anniversary of the Reformation to boost ties with Lutherans

Mumbai (AsiaNews) – Mgr Felix Machado, archbishop of Vasai and president of the Office for Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC), spoke to AsiaNews about Pope Francis's ecclesial trip to Sweden.

On the occasion of the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the archbishop stressed that "As children of ecumenical era in the Church today, we must consider it an opportunity for us and seize the occasion of 500 years of the Protestant Reformation which Martin Luther led, in order to exploit it for closer ecumenical ties with Lutherans and others". Indeed, everyone realises that "authentic dialogue cares for the Truth."

Notwithstanding the controversy that accompanied Francis's journey among Lutherans, during which an important joint declaration was signed, Mgr Machado said that he believes that the main thing is not to sow divisions, but rather to listen and recognise "the truth of the other [. . .] acknowledging one's own weaknesses and courageously and patiently declaring [that] the Truth in charity is of utmost importance.

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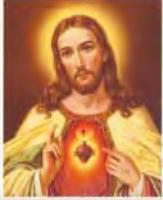
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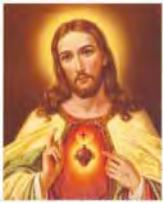


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—B. M. R, Bandra

Inspiration!

Successful vs unsuccessful people

There is no secret formula to being successful. It doesn't just fall out of the sky nor does it happen out of nowhere. There is no book or movie you can watch to get you there. What it comes down to is habits. Habits are what separate the strong from the weak. What we do on a constant basis and what we incorporate into our lives are what create our future

Have you ever wondered how one person becomes so highly successful than another person who is just like him or her (in almost every way) becomes so woefully unhappy and unsuccessful? Here are some of the biggest differences between successful and unsuccessful people.

Unsuccessful people criticise: They will find something wrong with everything and will blast your failures and shadow your successes. They will be the negative voice that doesn't believe in anything and is narrow-minded.

Successful people compliment: They understand when they should give constructive criticism or not. They will talk with positivity and see the future in something rather than just talking down about something.

Unsuccessful people blame others: these people love to point the finger on anything and anyone when something goes wrong in their lives. They constantly look for excuses and reasons as to why something didn't happen, rather than looking into what they did wrong.

Successful people take responsibility: They learn from their mistakes because they look at what they did wrong, recognise it and figure out a way not to make the same mistake twice.

Unsuccessful people think they know

it all: They are stubborn; they always think they are right and that they know it all, when instead they are the most least informed lot.

Successful people are constantly learning: Successful people understand that everything in life is about experience and the day you stop learning is the day you are dead. They are always asking questions and are always looking to attain more and more information.

Unsuccessful people don't know what they want to be: They love spitting out the line "I don't know what to do with my life." They never have any direction and instead of looking for some direction or some sort of target, they just sit and complain about it.

Successful people have goals: They understand there is one fundamental in life, you need to understand where you are start shooting towards it. It's having a target and the shot is your actions towards that target.

Unsuccessful people fear change: They think that what they are doing right now will never change and they are content with where they are in their lives. As long as they have the bare minimum of their basic needs, they are okay with it and don't really change their lives much because they are afraid to lose that consistency.

Successful people love change: They are always thinking about what is next, not what is going on right now. They welcome risks into their lives and are okay with sacrifice and risking it all for the greater good of their goal.

Unsuccessful people procrastinate: They will look for any excuse to take a break from what they are doing. They get distracted easily and they love putting things off until tomorrow. They are constantly letting unimportant things get in the way of what is important.

Successful people value their time: They will not let a minute go to waste for nonsense. They understand that time is the most valuable commodity that they have and they use it wisely.

Unsuccessful people don't understand hard work: They look for miracles, they look for free hand-outs and they look to get lucky. They think that success is only granted to those who

are lucky. They have to work ethic behind them and will do the bare minimum just to feel like they did something.

Successful people know things take time: They understand that nothing happens overnight. They know that the hard work that you put in will become the output that eventually emerges. They understand that success take time and that they have to perfect their craft and work their hardest to get there.

Unsuccessful people are negative: They are constantly calling themselves depressed and have severely negative outlooks on the way life treats them. They believe that everything will not go their way - and it eventually doesn't. It is their negative belief and the lack of confidence in themselves to ever amount to something.

Successful people are positive: They look at life differently, they are optimists and their beliefs are strong behind them. They believe that they have the ability to do anything they set their minds to and they eventually do so. Their will-power is what pushes them, they're ambitious and they believe that they can conquer whatever they want.

What you have to realise is that we are all human, we are all born and we all die. It's what we do with our time in between that makes us special. It's the habits, actions and beliefs that separate us - not anything else.



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6393 MUMBAI: Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in March 1977), Ht. 5' 6", good looking XII Pass, presently working as Share Broker having own bungalow accommodation at Bandra Mumbai also getting good regular monthly rent seeks goodlooking RC Spinster. Call 9167372840 Contact email : pintolazarus2012@gmail.com

6521. MUMBAI : Goan RC Bachelor, (Born in December 1976), Ht. 6', Fair, Handsome, Edn. B.Sc., MBA (HR) full time, working as Manager in MNC. Well settled. Seeks alliance with Goan RC Spinster. Contact email : alliedec2@gmail.com.

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6476 MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Bachelor, (Born in March 1987), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.B.A., working as a HR Manager in DUBAI. Contact email : jassyfernandes1958@gmail.com OR 9503282306

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6615. MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, (Born in March 1981), Ht. 154 cms, Wheatish Complexion, Educated, working, Contact email : valarie.estibeiro@gmail.com OR 99201125701

6611. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in January 1988), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BMS, studying EMBA, working as a Sr. Analyst., Contact email : alliancecaldeira,nc@yahoo.com OR 9833097876.

6504. KUWAIT : Mangalorean RC Spinster (Born in June 1980), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 58 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., Computer, Finance, Banking Marketing Course & Airlines Course completed, employed as a Travel Co-ordinator in Kuwait. Seeks a groom preferable working in Kuwait. Contact Email : lucy777p@gmail.com OR

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6468. MUMBAI : Parents of R.C. Goan innocent divorcee, 1st marriage annulled by the church, (Born in September 1980) /5' 2", looks much younger to her age, Only daughter, working in Muscat as a teacher, seeks preferably working and living India OR abroad below 42 years only. Contact email : carvalhovanessa28@yahoo.com OR 8308932277

6518. MUMBAI : Mangalorean R.C. Spinster, (Born in February 1989), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 53 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : jenisha.mathias@gmail.com OR 9930024223

6499. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in August 1980), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., PG in Finance, working as a Project Manager. Contact email : smartopt0909@yahoo.co.uk OR 9004788803

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6514. PANVEL : Goan R.C. Spinster, (Born in March 1988), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 52 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Sc. Life Science & PGD, working as a Research Officer in well known Pharmaceutical company. Contact email : jclld376@rediffmail.com OR 9870147918

6513. USA : Mangalorean R.C. Spinster, (Born in May 1985) Parents invite alliance from well educated Mangalorean R.C. Boy under 35 yrs., working in USA., for their spinster daughter 30 years, 5 Ft., Fair Complexion, Edn. : B.E. Working as a Software Engineer.

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6509. MUMBAI: Parents invite alliance for their daughter RC, (Born in May 1985), Fair, Pretty, BE, MBA, 5', 45 kgs, working for a reputed MNC in Mumbai from a suitable RC bachelor up to 35 years well educated, caring, understanding, well settled in India or abroad. Kindly email complete details with recent photograph to : elilierica7@gmail.com.

6479. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in November 1985), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, PGDM, working as a IT Engineer, Seeks a suitable match. Contact email : 2016onlyforyou@gmail.com OR 9819194352

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6340. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1989), Ht. 5' 3", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com, (Accounting) GNIIT, Working for a reputed IT - MNC as a Finance Executive. Seeks a well qualified and settled Mangalorean groom age upto 31 years, working in India or abroad. Contact email : nishalobo88@gmail.com OR 9930913027 / 9869077568.

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6506. MUMBAI: Roman Catholic Goan Spinster, (Born in July 1990), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 47 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., (B.A.F) Working as Accounts Executive. Contact Mob.: 9594815879 / 9920023963 OR email id : dcostalarissa@yahoo.co.in

6501. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in September 1979), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 70 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., working as a Secretarial Officer. Contact email : asklavina@gmail.com OR 9930999204

6445. MUMBAI : Born and brought-up in Mumbai Tamilian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1981), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., Working as a Sales Executive in a reputed diamond jewelry firm. Caste No Bar. Contact email : achari@yahoo.co.in OR 9833838392

6444. MUMBAI : (Born in December 1982) Goan 5' 2" RC Spinster

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6442. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in November 1990), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 49 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., working. Contact email : dsouzaavi29@gmail.com OR 9920113059

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