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World's oldest man dies 'aged 146'

A man who claimed to be the world's oldest person has died at the age of 146, it is claimed.

Mbah Gotho, from Indonesia, was said to have documentation that showed he was born in 1870.

A lifelong heavy smoker, Sodimedjo – as he was also known – was taken to hospital last month for an undisclosed health complaint.

He discharged himself six days later and ate only porridge until he died a few days later, his grandson Suyanto told the BBC.

"Since he came back from the hospital, he only ate spoonfuls of porridge and drank very little," the relative said.

However, doubts have been raised



about his claim as Indonesia did not begin to record new births until 1900.

Mr Gotho's claim to be the world's oldest human hit the headlines last summer when officials at the local record office in his home town of Sragen, Central Java, said they had been able to verify his age.

He told reporters at the time that he began preparing for his death in 1992, including having a gravestone made: "What I want is to die."

He outlived all 10 of his siblings, his four wives and his children.

Mr Ghoto was buried on Monday morning in a plot he bought several years ago and using the pre-prepared gravestone, his grandson said.

"He didn't ask much. Before he died, he just wanted us, his family, to let him go," Suryanto said.

According to the Guinness World Records, the oldest person to have lived is 122-year-old French woman Jeanne Louise Calment, who died in a nursing home in 1997.

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Terrorism: An Ideological Violence

by Don Aguiar

Terrorism is not new, though it has come in a new incarnation. Historically, the Huns, Taimur Lane, Nadirshah, Mahmood Gaznavi, Hitler, Stalin, Mao, all are part of a chain of terrorists down to the modern day. Many may perceive the British as terrorists citing the gory incident of Jalianwala Baug.

The major difference is now the phenomenon of terrorism is no longer limited to a particular area or a geographical territory. It has become globalized. Now everyone in the world feels threatened and terrorized. It seems, psychologically, people have carried the feeling of terror within, the present day terrorists have only magnified it on a global scale.

Terrorism is the result of entrapment of soul in ideology. Any ideology, whether religious, political, or social, when becomes a closed system turns harmful. Idea is an open invitation to reflect, to search, to experiment. However, when an ideology is woven around it fanaticism and rigidity begin to strangle society. While an idea represents a free expression of thought, ideology is imposed to serve vested interests. In the imposition of an ideology the individual is not the concern, the system, the pattern and the conditioned view of the central force. Ideology when forced brings violence; violence is used to justify the rightness of ideology.

Terrorism is an ideological violence essentially rooted in unconscious human behavior. It shows its heinous form when governed by hypnotic conditioning. It is pointed out, "Terrorism is not in the bombs in your hand; terrorism is in your unconscious." Religion, in most cases, has proven Marx right for functioning as "opium" and has consequently rained terror on men, women and children. Ironically, more often than not religion has taken God for a ride and has sold ideology around it with force, often brutal.

So the question now is, whether mankind can break out of self-reinforcing process of violent aggressiveness or is it resigned to go on passively subjecting itself to it. According to Freud, it is natural to be violent, aggressive. He stops here, but if this is taken to be the final point, then there is no scope for evolution. One just has to live with it or find some temporary solution: alcohol, drug or a shrink. The belief that we are naturally aggressive serves to excuse our aggression rather than take responsibility for it. This robs man away from his potential to grow, to

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transform.

Marx, on the other hand, said existence is the essence of being, hence, the society, the history; the living conditions are responsible for man's actions. Man is not to be blamed for his acts. He insisted on changing the society, the outer structure. Here again, man was absolved from his responsibility. So, if we were to follow Freud and Marx, we will end up never realizing our true potential – our present actuality will remain an actuality.

Nevertheless, it is apparent that as a species we have, in our evolutionary process, made our genes work for us. We have shown that regardless of the environment or the social milieu, individuals such as Jesus Christ have overcome the odds and gone beyond the biological and psychological barriers. Studies have also shown how aggressive and antisocial individual behavior is related to family and socio-cultural influences.

The critical factor is how well we are successful in channeling the energy, in transforming the energy of aggression and violence into love and compassion. The way toward materializing this change - basic insight is:

"What happens with your sex energy depends on how you use it. What it can become does not depend on it alone, but on your understanding and on how you live your life. Have you not observed that it becomes brahmacharya, the state of celibacy when it is transformed? Brahmacharya is not hostile to passion; brahmacharya is the purification, the transcendence, the sublimation of passion. In the same way, the energy that manifests itself in violence becomes peace, serenity and tranquility. It is only a question of transformation. The energy that manifests itself in violence becomes peace, serenity and tranquility. It is only a question of transformation".

Existing nuclear and biological weapons have placed humanity at grave risk. Hence, in the context of our present day-to-day reality, how do we keep the human life free from terrorism? How do

we transform the energy used for terrorism into concord and tranquility? The first need obviously is to get out of the trap of dogmatic, closed, blind following of religion. But along with that we will have to be vigilant and pro-active, speak out against the regimented conditioning imposed by the custodians of "religion". We will need to bring more celebration in our life – more joy, more laughter. A happy person can never become a terrorist. We will have to move from Gun Culture to Fun Culture. Life is not a problem to be solved by violent means; it is indeed a gift to be shared by living joyously.

What we need in essence is a commitment to making this world for our future generation a better place to live and enjoy. First, we need to make a conscious commitment to be free of all conditionings, patterns of belief and behavior, trappings of de-humanizing ideologies. Further, we need to help our children remain free from all that breeds hatred, violence, prejudice, aggression.

We need to help them develop the quality of "religiousness" rather than having them follow religion blindly. We need a vision that would raise our consciousness higher so that we may take care of our lower instincts of hate and violence, greed and power. True happiness is in

growing, in expanding our consciousness; there is no happiness in being narrow and fragmented.

The twenty first century has brought us to a crossroad. We are, of course, moving ahead in leaps and bound as far as our horizontal growth is concerned. But we have also reached to a point where we need to work on our vertical growth as well. Along with material gains, we will have to move vigorously toward enhancing our emotional and spiritual growth. The horizontal seems to be taking us somewhere, but reaches nowhere – it is just like chasing horizon. The vertical, on the other hand, does not seem to be taking us anywhere, and yet, it leads us towards a point where being human, being an individual, being a spirit takes a new meaning, a new value, a new dimension.

We need to go back to the basics,; Awareness, Understanding, Meditation. Under the prevailing conditions, the greatest challenge before us is to heal our mind and body. We are a wounded civilization. So, how do we heal ourselves? *"As you become more and more meditative, your energies become non-aggressive. Your violence disappears; love arises."* This is transformation. And, transformation is the antidote to terrorism.

Thanksgiving



Thanks to
Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Vailankani,
Our Lady of Perpectual Succor and St.
Anthony. Praying for more favours

—Mrs Rita. N. Pereira, Bandra

BMC demolishes 122-year-old Cross in Bandra - Catholics upset

On behalf of the entire Christian Community, we hereby register our strongest protest and displeasure against the Assistant Municipal Commissioner Shri Sharad Ughade, who has illegally and deliberately by taking law in his own hands with the help of Staff of H West Ward, BMC along with Police Protection from Bandra West Police Station intentionally demolished the Holy Cross (erected in or about 1895) with a Bulldozer with an intent to damage/defile the place of worship which is held sacred by Christians thereby insulting the religion of Christians with clear knowledge by doing so he and others would insult the Christian Community.

The said Holy Cross is situated on a private land being Plot No.38 situated at C.S. No.A/650 near Dmonte Street and Bazar Road, Bandra West Mumbai 400 050.

The notice issued on 26th April 2017 Assistant Municipal Commissioner Sharad Ughade gives reference to Public Interest Litigation No.104 of 2010 pending Hon'ble Bombay High Court. This PIL only relates to religious structures on public property. As such the notice in question issued to the said Holy Cross had no application to the said Holy Cross since same is constructed on a private property. The Owner /the Community Organisations had written/replied few days to the said notice and even met Shri Sharad Ughade with documentary evidence including Revenue Plan/Property Card and explained the legal position.

However, on 29th at about 10.30 am Assistant Municipal Commissioner Sharad Ughade along with staff of H/West Ward along with Police Officials arrived at the site, but the locals vehemently opposed the said illegal and deliberate demolition but Shri



Ugade was adamant even quoted that "*Humne EK Mandir Toda Hai to ek Cross bhi todna padega*". Thereafter Sharad Ughade along with staff of H/West Ward along with Police Officials demolished the said Holy Cross.

This is nothing but blasphemy. An outrageously ridiculous reasoning which not only defies law of land but does not appeal to reason. This wanton and deliberate action on the part of Sharad Ughade and H/West Staff. How can a responsible Public Servant make such an irresponsible statement in full public view. This statement by Shri Ugade has been knowingly made by him disobeying the law thereby caused injury to the members of the Christian Community.

This is record that one Mr. Kaka Shidu Maske, AMC had filed a detailed Affidavit in Writ Petition No.2063 of 2002, giving therein detailed list of alleged illegal religious structures and shrines, wherein 67 such structures have been then noticed by BMC in H/West Ward, but nowhere the Holy Cross mentioned above and which has been demolished today figures. It cannot figure for simple reason that the said Holy Cross was on private property.

As such we kindly request you to im-

mediately file an FIR against Sharad Ughade and H/West Staff and also request hon'ble Municipal Commissioner to suspend Sharad Ughade and H/West Staff, who have conspired with each other with common intention and offence be registered under Sections, 34, 120B, 166, 295, 298, 425, 441 and 506 of IPC.

We are alive of the facts that some local Politicians will now rush to the hon'ble Chief Minister to smooth the ruffled feathers.

We hereby demand that the cost of re-erection of this Holy Cross may be recovered from the salary of Sharad Ughade and concerned H/West Staff.

1. Bombay Catholic Sabha, Rita D'Sa
2. Watchdog Foundation, Nicholas Almeida/Godfrey
3. Bombay East Indian Association, Adv. Vivian D'Souza
4. Save Our Land, Dolphy D'Souza/ Greg Pereira/Stanley Fernandes

Plans are under way to go to the court against this demolition on a private land by religious and social organisations

New Congregation MSIJ in Mangalore, gets it's first 2 priests

April 26, 2017 - A proud day for the Catholic church in Mangaluru; a comparatively new Apostolic order of religious, MSIJ - Missionary Society of Infant Jesus, founded here by a Mangalorean priest Rev Fr. Lawrence Pinto, of Diocese of Lucknow, UP; is closely supported by the Mangalore Diocese it's Bishop Rev. dr. Aloysius P D'Souza, the clergy, religious and laity, as well as the diocese of Lucknow.



This nascent congregation serving humanity in special ways, has harvested it's very first fruits in two new priests, the first crop. Mangalore Bishop with a sense of joy and pride ordained Deacon Ravi Kumar Bathula and Deacon Melwin Basil Pinto, at Bondel St. Lawrence church amidst all solemnity and pomp. Fr Melwyn Basil Pinto is from Hosabettu parish of Mangaluru diocese, and completed his theological education at Nagpur in Maharashtra. Fr Ravikumar Bartula is from Challapalli parish of Eluru diocese in Andhra, he completed his theological education in Gnyanapeta near Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh. Fr. Melwin will work in Gulbarga Diocese, and Fr. Ravi Kumar will assist Fr. Lawrence at the Mother House. The ordination was followed by a tasteful felicitation of the MSIJ founder and the two new first priests and community.

MSIJ - Missionary Society of Infant Jesus, Mangalore: Official Information : The Missionary Society of Infant Jesus (MSIJ), was founded on February 2, 2005 at the ancestral home of the Founder at Kavoor, Mangalore. Bishops Aloysius D'Souza of Mangalore and Bishop Albert D'Souza of Lucknow led the official Foundation Mass. This historical event took place in the presence of the Founder's brothers, sisters, relatives, friends, priests,

religious sisters and parishioners of Bondel Church. Bishop Aloysius D'Souza, being the local competent Ecclesiastical Authority, later granted the Decree of Foundation for the Missionary Society of Infant Jesus in the Diocese of Mangalore on March 16, 2005. Bishop Aloysius P, D'Souza is actively involved in the process of having it recognized by Rome as a Congregation, 'A Society of Apostolic Life'.



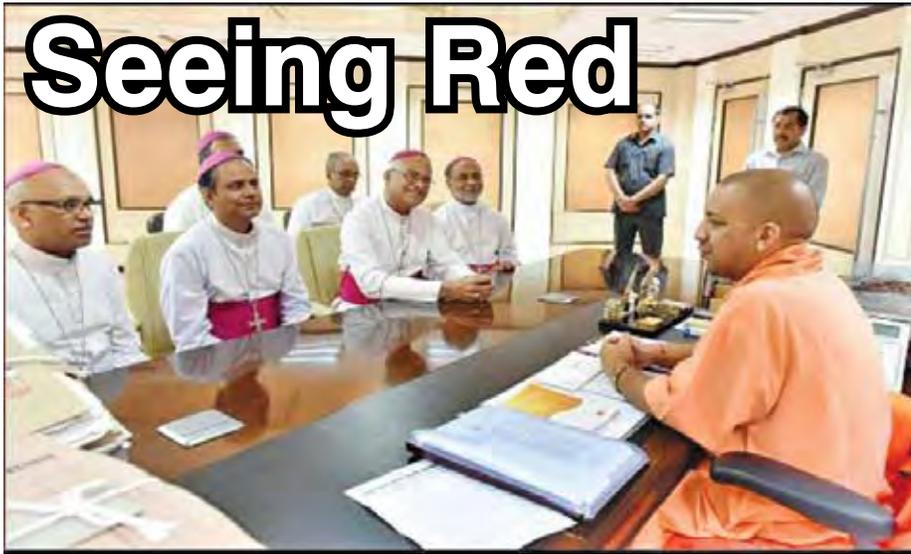
by Ivan Saldanha-Shet

1. The Name of the Society : In 1984, in the very first year of the founder's stay in the United States, he had suffered much as he was new to the country. Having not enough money, nor having an admission to a university, made his life a heavy cross. He was posted at the Holy Cross Parish, in Manhattan, from July 1984 to June 1985. During this period of hardships, he had a mysterious experience. One Sunday evening, two ladies appeared at the door of the parish house, and presented him with an unusual statue of Infant Jesus. These ladies asked him to pray to infant Jesus to help him come out of his difficulties in life. Fr. Lawrence often relates this story and recounts a number of events in which Infant Jesus had come to his rescue. He feels that the mysterious entry of the Infant Jesus into his life has been the real turning point in his life—in this sense, this is why he has named this congregation Missionary Society of Infant Jesus (MSIJ).

2. General Charism : The chief charism is to do pioneering healing-ministry for the emotionally and spiritually affected people (mentally and spiritually challenged) of rural India, including urban poor especially, the marginalized and poor people, the dysfunctional families, couples, disturbed children and youth, men and women in all walks of life, including priests, religious sisters and seminarians, by means of counseling, psychological therapies, spiritual direction, pastoral and formation ministries, in continuation of Our Lord's healing ministry by means of generous, dedicated and self-sacrificing service of the members of the Missionary Society of Infant Jesus.

3. Sub-elements of the Charism : Psychospiritual healing ministry remains the main charism of this Apostolic Society; it will strive deeply to involve itself in the works of Christ's mission of spreading the Gospel to remote areas of this country and Asia. At every mission station or parish they undertake, the Society will also establish counselling facilities to cater to the emotional needs of the parishioners. They will do their pastoral work with an emphasis on family ministry. The Society will also involve itself in the ministry of Formation—Religious formation and Seminary-Formation. The Society will take a greater interest in the Education Ministry especially 'Special Education' for mentally handicapped children. The Society intends, therefore, (Contd.. on p. 22)

Seeing Red



by *chhotebhai*

Last week the Prime Minister dramatically announced that red beacons would be removed from the cars of netas and babus. The gullible junta applauded. What the PM did not say was whether the hooters/ sirens on these vehicles and their escorts, with which they cut a swathe through dense traffic, would also be dispensed with. If not, this would be one more case of empty rhetoric, as with demonetisation and black money.

What really made me see red was the picture of some of our Catholic bishops of U.P. smiling endearingly while meeting Yogi Adityanath, the Chief Minister (CM) of U.P. I first saw the report in the Hindustan Times on 22nd April. Shortly thereafter a friend in Rome sent me the photo. I subsequently saw the same photo with a report in Matters India. By then the photo had gone viral on social media. The photo has the tag line in Hindi “UPCM Sri Yogi Adityanath Isai Dharamguruon ke ek prathinidhimandal se bath karte huey” (U.P. CM Sri Yogi Adityanath meeting with a delegation of Christian religious leaders). The words “Catholic” and “bishops” are missing. In all likelihood then, the photo was released by the U.P. Govt, and not the bishops. So who won the PR exercise? The CM; and the loser is the Christian community, for reasons that I shall enumerate.

Why did I see red, or feel that the Christians of U.P. have been given short

shriff? Firstly, in the composition of the delegation. Secondly, for the secrecy with which this “tryst” took place. Thirdly, for the manner in which the bishops presented themselves. And finally, because we don’t really know what transpired in the meeting, and what was its outcome. There are 9 Catholic dioceses in U.P. from which 7 bishops attended. Meerut and Jhansi were missing in action.

As I said, my first objection is to the composition of the delegation. It was in no way representative of the church in U.P. Catholics are not more than 25% of the Christian population. In my hometown Kanpur there are only 4126 Catholics (2013 statistics) out of a reported 55,000 Christians. The rest are Protestants or Evangelicals. The bishops did not also deem it fit to involve the laity in the delegation or the strategy that should have been adopted. This despite U.P. having produced three National Presidents of the All India Catholic Union in the recent past, even though the State has but a miniscule 1:160 Catholics of India. Interestingly none of the bishops of U.P. actually belong to the State, something the shrewd CM would have noticed from their names and accents. So who were they representing?

My second objection is the secrecy in which this meeting was shrouded, thereby raising suspicions about what the actual agenda was. Why weren’t the other stake holders consulted about the need, if at all, of such a meeting, the composition of the delegation, and the

issues to be raised? I find the whole exercise highly objectionable. Jesus himself had advised that we should strategise and assess our strengths before engaging a powerful opponent (cf Lk 14:28-33), lest we become a laughing stock.

My third objection is the manner in which the bishops presented themselves, with their Roman regalia of crimson red sashes and skull caps. This too when the PM was saying that the common man was the VIP, and there would be no red beacons, a colonial vestige of privilege. What impression would these red caparisoned bishops have left on the “ascetic” CM? I am a strong believer in being an Indian Christian, not a Latin, Roman, or Syro-Malabari one. My favourite bishop was the late George Saupin SJ of Daltonganj (Indira Gandhi hated his guts during the Emergency). He always wore a plain kurta-pyjama (KP) with an angochha (head scarf) thrown loosely around his neck, not unlike the saffron angochhas that have become the rage in the post-Yogi era. When he was in Khandwa Bp Abraham Viruthukulanganana sported a grey coloured KP. The former bishop of Udaipur, Joseph Pathalil also wore a KP. The former CNI bishop of Delhi, Pritam Santram wore a saffronish robe with a wooden cross. Could not our bishops have presented themselves in a manner with which the CM would have been more amenable? Pope Francis is crying himself hoarse about simplicity of life, but this doesn’t seem to impact our bishops. It reminds me of an anecdote told to me by the late Fr Dhiranand Bhatt (nee Alva) then Rector of St Joseph’s Regional Seminary, Allahabad.

About two centuries ago some Anglican missionaries in Bengal had converted many Hindus, Brahmins included. So some of the leaders were worried when they heard that the Anglican bishop would now be visiting Calcutta. How many more would he convert? The bishop duly arrived with all his red paraphernalia and entourage in a stately carriage. The Brahmins rubbed their hands in glee. Indians are used to seeing religious leaders as ascetics. They

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would not be taken for a ride in the red liveried carriage! A lesson worth recording.

The fourth, and possibly most damaging part of the Episcopal tryst with the yogi, is the agenda. We can only go by the media reports, as I have not seen any official handout by the bishops. Nor have they rebutted the media reports, so I am constrained to conclude that they are correct. This was a “courtesy” visit! Haha. There was a request for protection. Crazy, isn’t this our constitutional right? We don’t have to beg for it. By grovelling in front of the CM we have increased his stature, and decreased our own. Was any memorandum submitted? If so what was its contents? Was it written in Hindi, or perhaps English, Latin, Syrian or Malayalam? Would have loved to have been a fly on the wall during that meeting.

There are two little giveaways from the bishops. One was about interference by the local administration in our educational institutions. Read “Every sarkari babu wants his/ her quota for admissions”; and this is admission season. What could have been the CM’s response? “I will look into it. Nobody can take the law into his own hands”. This, coming from a person who has often enough in the past done exactly that. As my journalist son observed “How naïve can we get”?

The second indication is about an incident of harassment of a church where some Americans were present, that was allegedly attacked by the CM’s very own Hindu Yuva Vahini. Will he rein them in? Going by increasing instances of vigilantism, I have my doubts.

When the bishops spoke about freedom to practice our faith did they refer to propagation, or proselytisation, as it is sometimes called? Some evangelical churches in particular (not the staid Catholic Church or its bishops) are hell bent on proselytisation, regardless of the consequences, or the security threat to the neo-converts; often leaving them at the mercy of the vigilantes. It reminds me of Jesus’ warning to the Pharisees,

“You travel over land and sea to make a single proselyte, and any one who becomes one you make twice as fit for hell as you are” (Mat 23:15).

I dug deeper. According to the “Dictionary of the Bible” (DOB) by Rev John McKenzie SJ “proselyte” comes from the Greek word “proselytos” which means “one who approaches”. In today’s parlance it would be a “seeker”. We need to understand why Jesus himself was against proselytisation. A proselyte was a Gentile convert to Judaism. Such a person accepted Judaism in its entirety; which included circumcision, ritual bathing, animal sacrifice, and even the renunciation of wife and family. The DOB says that “When the Jews of the Diaspora spread out over the Hellenistic world; they began to present their religion in a way that was attractive to their neighbours. This was due not only to religious zeal, but also by a desire to create friendly relations in the foreign cities in which they lived” (Pg 699). Does this give one a sense of déjà vu, history repeating itself? We are further told that not many Gentiles were “able to make such a violent change in their lives”.

On the other hand there was another category of “seekers”, whom Jesus himself referred to as “those who fear God”. They accepted the morality of the Judaic laws, including monotheism, but not the externals like circumcision. Is there a lesson in this for us? Should over zealous evangelists ask the “seekers” of today to abandon their culture and heritage? Should we insist on baptism?

In Varanasi there is Matridham Ashram headed by Acharya Anildev of the Indian Missionary Society, a Catholic religious order. Thousands of “seekers” come there to hear the Word of God. Several experience miraculous healing and the power of the Holy Spirit. Their faith is so strong that they give up social evils like drinking and domestic violence. Hundreds of them fast throughout the Lenten period. They are known as “Christ Bhakts”. They are neither baptised nor uprooted from their cultural milieu.

Most of Paul’s converts in Antioch, Iconium, Phillipi, Thessalonica, Corinth etc were not proselytes, but “those who fear God”. Even Peter’s first gentile convert, Cornelius of Joppa (cf Acts 10:2-22) was not a proselyte.

In fact in circa 132 AD Hadrian banned circumcision, bringing an end to “proselytisation”. Is history repeating itself with the present dispensation threatening to ban conversions? Is the Lord saying something to us in these unfolding events? Surely our Catholic bishops are familiar with the history of the early church. So “what is the Spirit saying to the churches?” (Rev 3:22). I suspect that he did not prompt them to go and meet the CM, with or without their red regalia.

Before I end I must say that some of the bishops who met the CM are persons with whom I have shared a warm personal relationship for several years. I also have many good friends among evangelical Christians. They may be hurt by this article. I have no intention of doing so. But as Jesus said, one cannot be his disciple “unless he loves me more than his father, mother, wife, children ...” (Lk 14:26). So I hope and pray that my friends will pardon me for seeing red about the bishops seeing the yogi.

I recall that when we had a massive Dalit Christian rally at the Boat Club lawns in Delhi on 17/8/1990 we went to meet Prime Minister V.P. Singh in his chamber in Parliament. As soon as the towering figure of Abp Angelo Fernandes of Delhi entered the chamber the PM stood up to welcome him. My friend David Kandathil from Kerala tells me that his great grand uncle Mar Augustine Kandathil (1874 – 1956) was the first Syro-Malabar archbishop of Ernakulam. The erstwhile Raja and PM of Travancore (before Kerala State was formed) would go to meet him, and not the other way around. Would that our well read (pun intended) bishops learnt the lessons of history before embarking on another clandestine tryst with political leaders.

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Fatima Centenary Year Celebrations at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Karjat

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Thirteenth of May, 2017 will mark the Centenary celebration of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, which were hailed by Rome as “the most prophetic of modern apparitions.” During the World War I, Mother Mary appeared, at an obscure village of Fatima in Portugal with the message of ‘hope and peace’. The centennial celebrations have begun with the present Liturgical Year commencing 27th November 2016 and will conclude on 26th November 2017. Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI speaking on the apparitions of Fatima, has this to say “Throughout history there have been supernatural apparitions and signs which go to the heart of human events and which, to the surprise of believers and non-believers alike, play their part in the



unfolding of history. These manifestations can never contradict the content of faith, and must therefore have their focus in the core of Christ's proclamation”. During the Centenary year of the Fatima Apparitions, we express our praise and gratitude to the Most Holy Trinity for the love poured out through Mary, on humanity who in need to be reconciled with God.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima at Karjat, built in the year 1935 houses the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, brought from Portugal in the year 1920, much before the approval in 1930 by the Holy see. . It stands as Asia's first Shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima. A number of devotees assemble here, to receive the message of peace, from Our Lady of Fatima. Those that come here for solace, come with faith, and are rewarded with miracles. The devotees are reminded that ‘the miracle of contentment’ is one of the miracles that one can experience. On the 13th of every month the devotees gather here for a special day of devotion, to honour Our Lady of Fatima. The day of prayer begins with Rosary and the ‘unfurling of the flag’, as a symbol of raising our petitions to the Lord in prayer. A hymn sung as the flag is unfurled gives in brief, the message and purpose to all devotees for coming here from distant places to this remote area at Karjat. This is a gathering to pray (Prarthana) to take “Darshan”, and receive the “Sand-

esh”, a composite for peace. This shrine envisions a place for ‘peace’ and a house of prayer, which is the need of the hour. The devotees are encouraged to spend time to relax, from their busy state of life. Among many apparitions of Mother Mary, the Fatima apparition has a special place in the life of many devotees, chiefly because of the message and its fulfilment. The message is so simple but loaded with tremendous power.

God the Father has been benevolent on Mary by pouring out His Mercy. Mary has not in any way fallen short in reciprocating this Mercy to her people. Her message was a call to achieve peace through Mercy. Mother Mary was attributed an additional title in the Lorretta litany “Mary, Queen of Peace”, just seven days prior to her apparition at Fatima. Mother Mary has shown that peace in the world can be attained only through the acts of Mercy.

As the universal Church gears towards celebrating the centenary year of Fatima Apparitions, the Shrine of Fatima Karjat has a major role to play, in giving direction to this celebration. **13th May 2017 a special full day of prayer and consecration will be held at the shrine of Fatima Karjat with the blessing of the new altar of the extension.** Cardinal Oswald Gracias will preside over the event. Various programs and spiritual activities are earmarked to make this event

a memorable one. During the centenary year, beside getting a new edifice ready as a special gift to Mother Mary, we intend to work for Peace through various spiritual activities. With Peace as the central message from Our Lady of Fatima, the mother shrine for Fatima at Karjat along with the members of World Apostolate of Fatima is drafting a master plan and ways to achieve peace during the centenary year. The Message of Fatima is being preached to the contemporary world, focusing on the six New Evangelization issues:-

1. Fatima presents to our modern society the need for the conversion of human hearts! God is a family, the Trinitarian Family longing to share its Trinitarian Love and Life with Humanity! In Fatima, the shepherd children contemplated the Most Holy Trinity through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and were transformed by this experience of love as they were immersed in God as if in an ocean of infinite Love, Grace and Mercy. Every Fatima devotee has to be kind, loving, understanding and forgiving towards the other.

2. Prayer is the way to contemplate the mystery of God. Those wanting to grow in their spiritual life must practice the prayer of meditation. There is no better prayer of meditation based on the Holy Scriptures than the Holy Rosary! It develops in us the prayer of contemplation and therefore a pro-

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Why Was Mary Missing?

by *chhotebhai*

Why was Mary missing from what Christians consider the most momentous event in salvation history and the most defining moment in human history – the Resurrection? Was it an oversight on the part of the four evangelists reporting the event?

In my book “Beyond 2000” written for the third millennium of Christianity I had termed the Resurrection the biggest “blunder” by God. It was so poorly managed! Any shaadiwalah event manager would have done a far better job – with thousands of exultant witnesses shouting Alleluia/Hosanna. There would have been lights, cameras, action, with media crews and reporters buzzing like flies. Nothing of the kind happened. Was that why Mary was disappointed, and “boycotted” the mega event? Food for thought, or a slanderous sacrilege, to even suggest such a thing?

The four “reporters”, the evangelists, were not much better, with their contradictory reports (cf Mat 28:1-8, Mk 16:1-8, Lk 24:1-8, Jn 20:1-2). The only one with a touch of drama is Mathew, who reports that there was a violent earthquake, after which an angel descended from heaven and rolled away the tombstone in the presence of Mary of Magdala and the other Mary (identified by the other reporters as the mother of James and Salome). Mathew goes on to say that the angel tells the women to go to Galilee to meet Jesus. In the very next sentence he reports that Jesus met the women there itself in the garden.

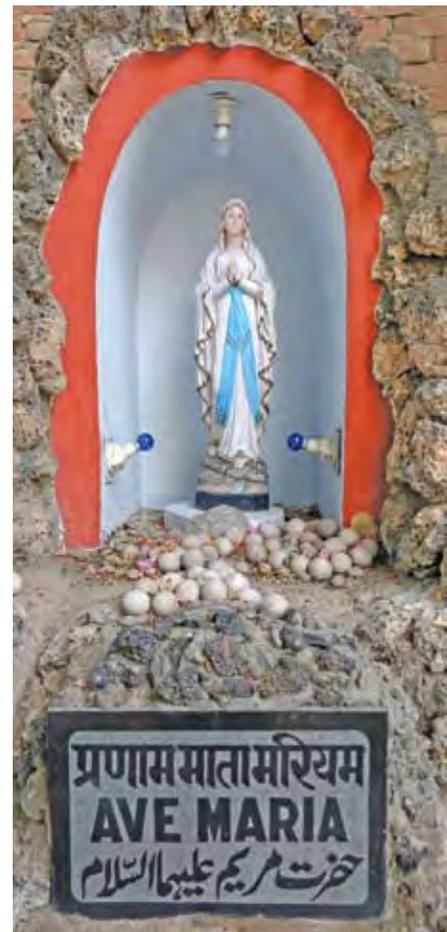
The other three reporters all state that the stone had already been rolled away before the women arrived, and not in their presence, as stated by Mathew! While Mathew and Mark report one angel (man) being present Luke reports that there were two. While three of the reporters mention the two other Marys being present, Luke adds

Joanna to the scene, while John only mentions one Mary – of Magdala. So did Mary the mother of Jesus, deliberately avoid going to the tomb, to avoid any future controversy? I have a different take on this Resurrection “scene”. I am choosing my words with utmost care.

Firstly, it was not a scene or an event that required physical presence. When something physical, like a dead body, transcends the physical (time and space dimensions) then anything physical can become redundant. Mary knew what was happening. She had already experienced the Resurrection deep in her being, so she did not need to rush to the tomb. She already knew that Jesus had risen. This is because of the unique bond that she shared with her son that transcended the merely physical, to a higher level, that defies human definition.

To understand this we need to go back to see how the relationship between Jesus and Mary evolved. It began with the Annunciation by the Angel Gabriel (cf Lk 1:26-38). Here again we find that Mark and John do not even mention it, and Mathew looks at it from Joseph’s point of view. What we do know from Luke is that the incarnation (becoming flesh) took place because of Mary’s unconditional “Yes” to the Word of God addressed to her. That is what John meant when he said “The Word became flesh” (Jn 1:13). This was just the beginning of an amazing relationship between God and man, as experienced in Jesus and Mary.

The second stage is equally unique, the Visitation. Mary is the first evangelist, the bearer of good news. “As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit” (Lk 1:41). So now the word becomes flesh in Elizabeth and her son, John the Baptist. The evangelical journey has begun. The Catholic Church is justified in calling Mary the “Queen of



Apostles”. She led from the front.

She was beginning to understand her role in the economy of salvation. That is why she “treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart” (Lk 2:19). It was not just the child growing physically in her womb, it was God’s plan of salvation that was unfolding, that required her deep meditation and contemplation. Lest she got inflated with pride in God’s choice of her, she received a sombre warning from the Prophet Simeon that “a sword will pierce your soul too” (Lk 2:35). Mary was destined to share totally in the redemptive suffering of her son.

But Mary was not a superhuman, she was plain human. That is why when she and Joseph were separated from the boy Jesus on returning from the Temple in Jerusalem, she reprimanded him for staying back in what he then termed his Father’s house. She was at a loss, and did not as yet comprehend Jesus’ own self-realization
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'VIP' waning or waxing?

This is one issue which does not die down. No matter how we try to emphasize that the public is the real VIP whereas those elected by them are public servants to serve those who have elected them. Unfortunately, there is a role reversal and the aam admi [Janata class] is considered as the subjects of the elected legislator. Perhaps, the whole class of politicians may have been guided by how the British Sahebs treated the people and even looted all the wealth of this country – no wonder it is an advanced nation while we are still where we are. Elected representatives, particularly the MPs, are a pampered lot. Everything is taken care of. The government has all the money when it comes to providing facilities to the MPs from all parties – not just the ruling lot. The party in power needs the cooperation of the opposition all the time so there is no way it can displease them. Every little suggestion that comes before the Parliament is quickly approved without any debate. There is mutuality of interest and therefore it is not surprising. No matter what the public says or how loudly the social activists agitate, nothing bothers them.

People say that the initiative taken by the Prime Minister in doing away with the Lal-Batti – a stop signal, is a signal in the right direction. Perhaps, odd as it may sound, it was the easiest thing to do. The red beacon is valueless. None of the affected people [VIPs] stand to lose even a Rupee. By doing what the PM did, how does the nation benefit? What will be the financial gains for the country – none. The real test will be when the PM dares to take any step that will take away the monetary benefits. You will see the real drama unfold. How much does each bungalow cost in Delhi that is given to MPs and the Mantris? How many days in a year do they really reside in those huge bungalows. The cars – fleet for Mantris, the security, salaries, airline tickets and rail passes for self and spouse, not forgetting the special service at airports and stations, all add up to a huge sum. Then they have free electricity, telephone calls, secretaries and what not. What about the security – multiple categories all at the cost of the common man. The PM needs to tackle these issues not the non-monetary ones. Changing VIP to EPI [Every Person Important] will not suffice.

The behavior of these elected leaders ought to have been one of humility towards the public which literally feeds them. People contribute to the national exchequer by making sacrifices – by doling out countless

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taxes which leaves very little for their own survival. On the contrary, we see arrogance. They can hit public servants at will. Remember the Ravindra Gaikward case, the Police are still investigating. They are busy but they have the time to call TTV Dinakaran within a couple of days and even sent a 'Look out Notice'. See the alacrity in the approach and still the government says, it never interferes with the investigating agencies. Decades back the Air India ad something like this to say "I serve the party in power" or something to that effect. This holds good for all agencies under the direct control of the government of the day. You cannot blame them since they have taken favours from politicians and bureaucrats and remain beholden to them all the time.

Just for the record. When David Cameron resigned he quickly vacated his official residence and was seen lifting cartons and loading them in the van. If that is not good enough, just recently, he was seen travelling in a metro. He could not get a seat. So he travelled standing without any fuss. He did not pull the chain or create any ruckus. Nobody even offered him a seat. In fact, nobody may have noticed him either since he was travelling alone. By the way, Air India belongs to the government and all MPs are 'deemed' government employees since they are paid by the exchequer. Air India employees can fly 'subject to load'. Why should these MPs not also be treated like-wise? Only when they travel to Delhi to attend Parliament, they can be given confirmed seats [not business class]. This is one area that needs a revisit if we are really serious about the whole issue of VIP.

Nepotism – BJP is learning

The term Nepotism was generally associated with Indian National Congress though it is rampant in most parties where such organizations are run as private family business. The BJP, by and large, remained away from this malaise for two reasons. Firstly, the party really came into being when it won 180 Lok Sabha seats and they had managed to keep that "we are different" charade for quite some time and successfully to a large extent. Now that the party spread its tentacles far and wide, including the North East, there are many claimants and aspirants for plum posts. Not all can be accommodated in the governments wherever they are formed by the party.



by Marshall Sequeira

Apart from leaders aspiring for recognition and loaves of office, they want their kith and kin to be accommodated. At the national level, it becomes too apparent if such relatives are given some positions of authority. Undoubtedly, nepotism is slowly but surely creeping in the BJP party like any other party and to that extent, it is one of the many parties in the country. That 'holier than thou' halo is slowly but surely waning. Had it not been for the uprightness of the Prime Minister things would have been worse. His commitment and integrity have remained very high and hopefully will remain so. He has kept his own kith and kin at a distance. Only recently, picture of his brother still plying an autorikshaw, was making rounds in the social media. It is not enough to be upright, it is equally important that those down the line do not tarnish that image.

BJP national executive with one President – Amit Shah has as many as eight vice presidents [compared to a lone VP of Congress in Rahul Gandhi]. The party is growing no doubt but does it make sense to have as many as eight VPs. The relatives of party leaders are dubiously accommodated in Bharatiya Janta Yuva Morcha [BJYM] headed by Mohit Kamboj. As against six VPs permitted by its own constitution or whatever [which is high anyway], he has as many as one dozen Vice Presidents in addition to five General Secretaries instead of two. All these are relatives of MLAs, Corporators etc. Things have been going on until the print media brought out these startling facts to light. The BJP party appeared 'startled' by this expose.

Surprisingly, the BJP top leadership is supposed to be in the dark which is hard to believe. Chances are that they turned a blind eye hoping that it may not come in the public domain. It is only natural that the top leaders would have been kept in the loop when this 'arrangement' must have been decided. The central leaders are supposed to be very upset and have directed the BJYM President to take corrective measures and prune the number of VPs and Secretaries. They should have sacked him flouting the norms.

Determined Zozan



BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH SJ

There is a steely determination in Zozan. As one listens to this 25-year old woman, one cannot but feel that she will go places. In a very casual way, she shares what she would like to do most in life: to learn new languages and to travel to distant lands.

In some ways, Zozan Hassan Khalil has begun doing both. She has already crossed international boundaries but as a refugee. When the war in Syria became just too bad, together with her parents, brother and sister, Zozan had to flee in February 2013, their native town of Al-Hasakah, in northeast Syria. It was not an easy journey. The vehicle driver who brought them had the 'right connections' at the various checkpoints. They eventually made it into the Kurdistan area of Iraq. Then carrying their few possessions they walked through the mountainous terrain right up to Dohuk. It was not easy, but they now felt safer.

Zozan looks back at the days in Al-Hasakah. She was a student doing

her engineering studies when war broke out. Life was comfortable until then. Al-Hasakah a city with a historic past was home to an ethnically diverse population of Kurds, Arabs, Assyrians and Armenians. She is filled with nostalgia as she remembers her



chapter in her life. She enrolled, for not one, but for three courses at the JRS Centre: English, Kurdish and Computer Education. Three courses at the same time? Rupina Khachik, the JRS Project Director chips in "We allowed her to do all three courses because we saw that she was determined to do so! Zozan came out with flying colours in all of them. We are proud of her!" Zozan says she enjoyed doing the courses. The JRS Centre soon became a second home for her. She was given a sense of belonging and acceptance, "I was never treated as someone different: as a Syrian or a refugee. I was made to feel that I belonged here!" She goes on to add, "I have made many new friends coming to JRS, from different religions, nationalities and ethnicities."

chapter in her life.

Zozan is effusive about the courses. "They were really very good and so were the teachers. JRS also helped her through some short-term courses, 'How to write a CV' and 'Preparing for a Job Interview'. Zozan feels that JRS empowered her and enabled her to get a good job, as an Administrative Assistant in a Company. A couple of months ago her father died due to a painful illness. She misses him. However, for Zozan life goes on.

Zozan has dreams of going back to Syria one day; of imparting the skills that she has learnt from JRS with others in her country, who are less fortunate. As she shares her dreams, an endearing smile lights up a face. Given her grit and determination, Zozan is bound to go places; her hopes will surely become a reality one day!

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Her family finally settled in Ankawa in Erbil. Adjusting to a new city, culture and environment was not easy. Nevertheless, Zozan took everything in her stride. Her elder sister is married and settled in Ozal, about 25 kms away from Ankawa. She called Zozan one day to inform her that a team from the JRS Centre in Ozal had come to visit her family. The JRS team had also informed her that the JRS was conducting various programmes for refugees and IDPs. At that time, Zozan was looking for opportunities to do something in life. She immediately contacted the JRS Centre in Ankawa and from then on, she began a new

Empower Entrepreneurial Skills in Child

As parents, it's easy to give criticism and praise for things that are tied to a grade but, it's important to encourage children in the activities that they choose to pursue out of their own ambition. Some children may not be born to be lawyers or doctors or to get good grades in a school but, they might have other skills that could lead them to be great entrepreneurs. Helping your child with an entrepreneurial skills is a good way to teach them the value of money and instil a profitable moneymaking mentality that they will use for the rest of their lives

As a parent, all of us want to give our children an edge and, help them learn important skills to lead a successful life. Well, have you ever wondered instilling a business skills in your kids right from a childhood? As the saying goes, "people with an entrepreneurial way of thinking see challenges as opportunities and confront them with great confidence to create value in the world." Kids can develop these key skills and behaviours to lead a successful life. In fact, they are more capable of learning them than adults because; they have fewer mental barriers to tear down in order to develop them. Here are few entrepreneurial skills you can teach your kids to help them lead a successful life:

Leverage failure as a learning opportunity: As a parent you influence your kid's willingness to try, experiment, fail, learn, and try again – an essential approach for any entrepreneur-to-be. First of all, allow your kids to make mistakes and get bumps and bruises. It might sound tough for some parents, but your child can't develop in a protective bubble and can't grow up without realizing that certain level of failure is inevitable. Instead of criticizing, help your child to practice the skill or brainstorm what exactly they could do differently next time.



Stop buying them stuff for nothing: The next time your kid asks a few bucks for a new toy, don't give the money straight away. Instead, ask them to brainstorm some ways to create the money for the things they want e.g. propose to you some service like doing the dishes for a few days or setting up a crowdfunding campaign among other family members. This will inspire creative thinking and will help your kids grow up with the spirit of entrepreneurship rushing through their veins.

Foster a sense of mastery: Entrepreneurs take huge risks daily, but being comfortable with the uncertain doesn't happen overnight. Kids need to have freedom for testing their boundaries and master fears while they're young. Let them take their own decisions and learn to face the consequences (positive or negative). This gives the child a sense of mastery. Gradually, you empower them to take risks and stay confident at the same time.

Teach them to set goals: Without a clear goal in mind no entrepreneur ever succeeded. Sit down together and write a top-10 list of goals your kid would like to accomplish this year. Let them choose the one major goal that would make the biggest positive impact in their life. Next, write down bite-sized, actionable steps necessary to achieve each goal and encourage them to start taking action on those steps today. You can make it even more fun by

drawing a visual scale of their progress and set up some motivational rewards once each goal (or step towards it) is achieved.

Teach them to recognize opportunities: Most startups fail because they can't seize the opportunity or recognize a potentially profitable market at early stages. If you want your kids to succeed, teach them how to spot untapped opportunities and pursue them.

Start playing a long-term game: each time your child points out small problems or setbacks in their or their friend's lives, like not being able to get stuff from the top shelf, praise them and brainstorm a solution together. This simple routine will teach them to focus on creating positive solutions, rather than focusing on the problem itself and allow them to create profitable ideas for their future companies.

Be the cheerleader

- Does your child have an idea to improve something? Encourage them to draw up a plan and, help them find ways to pitch their idea.
- Does your child love to draw, paint or do other kinds of artwork and crafts? Help them choose their favorites and, enter them in a fair or gallery.
- Have your child written a story? HElp them print or publish their writing and, distribute it to the right audience.

Miraculous Beads...

by Janice. Savina. Moraes.
A Rosary Devotee

A POWERFUL PRAYER:

Father Gabriel Amorth, Chief Exorcist of the Vatican writes: One day a colleague of mine heard the devil say during an exorcism: "Every Hail Mary is like a blow on my head. If Christians knew how powerful The Rosary was, it would be my end."

But sadly, Christians haven't realized the power of Rosary. Many of us consider Rosary as aboring and monotonous prayer. Little do we know about its miraculous powers and the protection it offers to those who pray with faith and sincerity. The secret that makes this prayer so effective is that the Rosary is both Prayer and meditation. It is addressed to the Father, to the Blessed Virgin, and to the Holy Trinity, and is a meditation centered on Christ.

ROSARY- WEAPON AGAINST WAR!

"Satan wants war," Mary said one day in Medjugorje. Well, the Rosary is the weapon which is able to guarantee peace for the world, because it is a prayer and a form of meditation able to transform hearts and defeat the enemy. Many incidents that have taken place in the history, prove that Rosary devotion could stop or prevent wars. Surrounded by so much of terror and evil, we can always seek Mary's protection through the recitation of Holy Rosary. We know that our prayer won't fail.

The Fifteen Promises of Mary Granted to those who Recite the Rosary :(Imparted to Saint Dominic and Blessed Alan)

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection



- and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at

the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.

9. I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.

10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.

11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.

12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.

13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.

14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.

15. Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

These promises will surely inspire you to pray Rosary with more faith and enthusiasm than before!

HOW TO PRAY:

- It is always better to recite the Rosary together with your family.
- You can mention your petition at the beginning of each decade. Pray for those who have asked you to pray for them. Pray for Peace and Harmony all over the world.
- Let the recitation not be a mere lip service, but every word must come from your heart. Pray with full faith and your prayer will be heard for sure.

Being the month of May (the month of Rosary), may each one of us be inspired to experience Mary's infinite love for us, through the regular recitation of the Holy Rosary.

Saliant Features Of The Good Shepherd



BY MELVYN BROWN

On rethinking the fourth Sunday of Easter (2017) we are reminded that this day is called Good Shepherd Sunday. The way you imbue the teachings of this day can inspire you to be a better Christian and Catholic follower of the faith.



St. Peter was one of the twelve apostles to be appointed as the 'Rock' upon which God's Church would build. (Mt.16:18). Peter was also delegated with the title 'Vicar of Christ' and 'Shepherd of His flock'. The presence of God in Holy Mother the Church is inextricably blessed and binds her rules, directions, commitments and laws with a closeness to Peter, the Vatican and the Spiritual Light of Christ through the Pope.

Good Shepherd Sunday is celebrated by the Church to honor the memory of Christ who gave his life for humankind, rose from the dead and lives as the Shepherd, to continue His work of redemption, preservation and protection of Mother the Church. Saint Cyprian once said, 'No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother.'

Christ shields His followers from the wolves who come in sheep clothes. When we are busy not thinking of Jesus, we keep ourselves open to evil and the forces of darkness. Jesus the Good Shepherd is always with you when you believe and trust in God and the goodness He wishes to gift you with. Jesus the triumphant Shepherd will take you to heaven where he has gone, for He is the Almighty living God.

In the Acts of the Apostles we find Peter speaking to those gathered before him. "Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has

made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (2:14), testified Peter in a voice of authority. Having heard the apostle, they asked, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

The First Letter of St. Peter had the answer (2:20-28): The Apostle recommends the early Christians to prepare themselves to suffer as Christ did. When a person bears suffering patiently, God is pleased. Christ, said Peter, suffered and left us an example, not to be angry when reviled, not to seek revenge, not to curse or condemn, but to trust in God's justice.

"By His wounds you have been healed for you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the shepherd and the savior of our souls."

In the Holy Gospel according

to St. John, the youngest apostle, two titles are given to Jesus: he is the Good Shepherd and the Gate of the Sheepfold. The shepherd leads, protects and gives true life to his flock. This truth is found in John's Gospel, 10:1-10.

Transform yourself from being a mere Catholic to being a Catholic who opens his Bible and reads the Word of God. You will then be able to contribute to the mission Jesus gave us, to preach the Word to all men and women across the earth.

The coverage of the Holy Word must vibrate on all possible channels to reach out to suffering humanity in senseless bombings, unbelievable demolitions to churches and temples, brain-dead rage in arson and rape. Christians turn to FORGIVENESS on Twitter and Instagram. Forgive and be forgiven is God's promise.

We believe in God, the Father Almighty. We turn the other cheek when rebuked. May God forgive his evil children and show them the truth and trust in His love as the Good Shepherd, in search of lost sheep.

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Handbook On The Civil Cases Concerning The Catholic Church In India

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Not every Catholic per se is familiar with the intricacies of the law, be it civil law or Canon Law. A comprehensive and handy guide to understanding the various types of civil issues the Catholic Church in India has often been involved in by way of civil court litigation is the need of the hour, a need this book ably fulfils. **HANDBOOK ON THE CIVIL CASES CONCERNING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN INDIA [ST PAULS]** is a truly helpful follow-up on the author's earlier volume *Church Related Issues*. Covering as it does a wide range of subjects, from Baptism to excommunication and from marriage to annulment and divorce, adoption, succession etc, it is meant to help the reader, both lay and clerical alike, to understand correctly the position of the Church on the one hand and that of the State on the other.

The Church in the course of its missionary journey to the Kingdom of God encounters several issues and problems in both spiritual and temporal administration affecting the lives of the people of God. When it is difficult to arrive at a solution either by mutual consent, negotiation or out of court arbitration, the Church has to defend herself in the courts of civil law to protect its interests and ensure justice. In spite of the constitutional provisions in favour of the Church as a minority institution, it is often put to the test. For example, in matters affecting personal law, as when proof of one's date of birth or marriage is sought, the validity of Church registers has long diminished, civil institutions demanding the furnishing of government or municipal records. Hence, there is primarily an urgent need for the Church's ministers (and secondarily for lay-folk) to seek the guidance of the various provisions of Canon Law especially when it contrasts with the different provisions

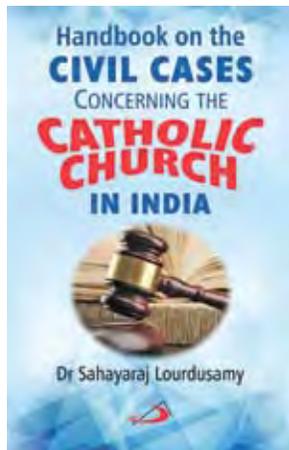
in civil law in the different states in the country.

Today, due to rapid social advances and the fast changing legal provisions in civil law, the proper administration of temporal goods assumes much importance. Further, even with regard to the administration of temporal goods, Canon Law clearly states that it should conform

to local civil law. However, not many of our clergy and religious are adequately equipped to proceed with the defence of the Church's rights within the framework of legal requirements. This is because having attached more importance to institutional or religious administration, they lack due knowledge and competence in relation to civil matters. That is where the practicality of referring to this unique work of Father Sahayaraj, who has a Master's in Canon Law from Saint Peter's Pontifical Institute, Bengaluru (1996-98) and a Bachelor's in Indian Civil Law through Vivekananda Law College, Bengaluru (1996-99), assumes significance. Indeed, **HANDBOOK ON THE CIVIL CASES CONCERNING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN INDIA** [ISBN 978-93-5015-291-1] comes as a ray of light not only for the clergy, religious and lay faithful but also for practicing law professionals of other faiths and cultures.

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Travelling is a part of life. Many people commute from home to work and back. A bus journey is a different world in itself. Most of the working people spend a considerable amount of their time travelling in a bus. So let's discover this world.

A good start for the day would be to reach office / work place on time. This is directly dependant on the driver. This would be followed by the commuter struggling to get into the bus for a seat. When the bus arrives, it is an eager common expectation for the door end to halt, exactly opposite you. Sometimes the exact spot of bus halt is known to the daily commuter and he makes it a point to stand exactly there when the bus halts. There is a cold war for this spot too. The 1st commuter, as soon as he gets in is like a child given the option of variety of chocolates before selecting one. Similarly, here the choice is in between the 2 seater and 3 seater, window seat and end seat, some even preferring the seat opposite to the

driver. The satisfaction of having acquired a good seat is evident on the person's face. The rest of the ones who failed to make it on time to the bus stand or the less enthusiastic ones who don't want to get involved in the daily fight for seats end up getting either a least preferred one or remain standing until they are blessed with one.

Coming to the choice of seats - the non window end is generally preferred, it is easier to walk out. The center of the 3 seater is the last resort. Having said this, people who sit till the end of the journey opt for the window seat to enjoy the view outside.

The day would start with greeting of your bus mates/co-passengers. The studious ones would start with their newspa-

pers. Any breaking news would be openly discussed. Most of the times the seat opposite to the driver is convenient as he too gets involved in the conversation. I admire the driver's ability to listen to them

ductor are the parents.

The conductor is involved in the following duties:

a) Granting concession towards bus charges. This includes remembering the regular passengers and their respective travel charges. Sometimes because of lack of change, it would be mutually agreed to pay the next day. This also must be kept in mind by the conductor.

b) The favourite dialogue of every conductor is "Bega Bega". By this the commuter is required to literally jump into and out of the bus so that time is not wasted in waiting. Reaching the destination on time is a priority.

c) The bus is never full; there is always space for more. With his magic words "pira-pole" and "dhumb pole" people are generally pushed and crammed together to create space. Over the years, the ticket word is conveniently abbreviated to "Tees-Tees" to extract fee from the passenger.

d) The conductor - no matter what his size - manages to squeeze in between the people and make his way. He is mostly always thin - a unique blessing to all conductors.

e) Some travellers are cradled to sleep in the bus. The conductor in this case has the additional responsibility of waking them up when it is their time to get off. The conductor being pre-occupied in his duties may sometimes fail to alert the passengers, following which, he or she gets down at the next stop. This is not uncommon.

Going down memory lane, I remember my school days when the passengers used to readily oblige to grant their seats for the ones who need it (pregnant ladies, people with small children, the elderly) 15 yrs from then i.e. now the seated passenger would generally avoid eye contact with them. Mostly they are busy browsing or "enjoying nature" looking out of the

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Travelling in public transport is no mean feat. Daily commuters find travelling by bus nothing less than a war that must be fought everyday... It is indeed about the survival of the fittest!!

And the question that arises is.... Is it a Journey or Mission Impossible??!



and simultaneously concentrate on the road ahead!

The ladies would start their chit-chat and topics would range from work to home or even their fellow bus mates. Some silent ones are seen to utilise their time to pray, either reading some holy book or chanting prayers silently.

Some others have ear phones plugged in their ears. I often wonder how loud would he/she have to play his music to solely enjoy the music and shut off the music played by the bus.

Some exams and the youth are seen catching up on their studies. Majority would be 'WhatsApp-ing'.

Either they are busy texting or not so busy browsing.

The bus is a home and the driver-con-



by Diana Lavina Martis

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found inner spiritual life. The present spiritual and moral crisis assailing the world is caused by the absence of prayer.

3. Penance today is, before anything else, the Sanctification of our Daily Duties. It is possible to be holy, living God's joy and peace on earth, through the daily offering of our duties to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as a way to sanctify our lives and offer testimony of our Christian faith among our neighbours.

4. The Communion of Reparation of the Five First Saturdays creates the holy habit of monthly Confession, Eucharistic Reparation and true devotion to Mary, through the authentic appreciation of Her Immaculate Heart, as people renew their baptismal promises and consecrate themselves to God through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the soul of the Message of Fatima. Special devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary has started from June 2016 at Fatima Shrine Karjat, as part of the commitment taken at the Mini Congress organized in May 2016.

5. Daily Family Prayer, particularly the meditated Holy Rosary. It is commonly known that "the family that prays together stays together."

6. The frequent – and even daily -- Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a sure antidote against the loss of faith! Loss of faith and morals is part of the Fatima prophecy. All ranks of the People of God, especially those in most need of God's mercy, should consecrate themselves or be entrusted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: (1) to prevent the loss of faith and morals among the faithful in our days; (2) to atone for the sins of the society of our time; (3) to invoke on the Church the special Marian protection given to those "favoured disciples of Jesus," like John the Apostle, who was closer to the Heart of His Master and Redeemer and who received Mary as Spiritual Mother at the foot of the Cross. The Brown Scapular is a sign of this consecration and must be propagated.

The message of Our Lady of Fatima is Biblical, simple, practical and appealing. The aim is only to work for peace with the support of this message. Guided by this message the devotees pray for a better world. Through the Centennial celebrations let us all aim to make this world a better place to live. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me, through Prayer, Penance and Sacrifice!

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(cf Lk 2:50).

Nevertheless she had a mother's intuitive instinct of how much she could demand of her son, as evidenced at the wedding feast at Cana. Despite Jesus' protests that his time had not yet come, she asserted her authority, expecting him to do something (cf Jn 2:5). Interestingly, Jesus doesn't address her as his biological mother now. He calls her "woman", the same term he uses from the cross, while committing her to the care of John (cf Jn 19:26-27). Exegetes tell us that he is now positioning her as the new woman, the new Eve (cf Gen 3:15), just as he was the new Adam. The mother-son relationship is gradually being raised to a higher level. In fact he negates the merely biological dimension. When a person in the crowd calls out, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that suckled you" he was quick in his rejoinder, "Blessed rather is the one who hears the word of God and keeps it" (cf Lk 11:27-28).

So it is not at all surprising that the womb was not at the tomb. The mother-son relationship had already transcended to that higher indefinable plane, being completely fused into the plan of salvation; through redemptive suffering, spiritual growth and ultimate fusion in the Divine. The evangelical reporters may have been confused about the numbers and sequence of "events" at the Resurrection. Not so for her who was fused with the Redeemer.

Peter, who had at that time, rushed to the tomb, later had a far more tempered approach. While explaining God's plan of salvation at the house of Cornelius he says, "On the third day God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people, but only by certain witnesses that God had chosen beforehand" (Acts 10:40). This was God's way, which Mary understood.

I will now digress to mention that my father was appointed as the first ever Envoy of the Legion of Mary way back in 1944, and it was he who built up this very effective spiritual organisation all over north India. Something of that must have rubbed off on me, because I too joined the Legion as soon as I turned 18. It was my initiation into a long journey of spirituality and service. For the last 42 years I have been wearing a wooden rosary around my neck, and I do pray the decades every morning, before starting work. But I find the Angelus (a devotion begun by my favourite, St Francis of Assisi) the most meaningful prayer, even more than the Our Father (which in its present format is in any case a distortion of what the Gospels record). For me the Angelus is the prayer of the incarnation, of the Word becoming flesh, the fusion of God and man that can remove much of our confusion.

As another expression of my Marian devotion I constructed a Grotto in the front of my house with a granite plaque that says in Hindi, Latin and Urdu "Ave Maria" (see pic).

As for evangelisation, foreign missionaries of yesteryear recognised the Indian yearning for the mother figure (mata) and successfully propagated Marian devotions among the catechumens. It had greater appeal to them than the Judaic concept of a Messiah and redemption from the bondage to sin. However, with the passage of time, these devotions became an end in themselves, cultic; overshadowing the core message of Jesus. Excessive cultic Marian devotions were anathema to our Protestant brethren, who saw only the cult, not the unique bond of Jesus and Mary. We Catholics are ourselves to blame for this excess.

I am far from cultic about Mother Mary. I prefer to address her as the Mother of Jesus, rather than

Inspiration!

promotion for you, so it's your job to break this rule and make it happen.

You have to go out clubbing on a

Are societal rules killing the fun in your life?

From the time we're old enough to understand what people are telling us, we start getting a series of rules to follow. A world based on rules is inherently limited. In this life, there are so many rules. There are some that are put in place for our safety, like stop at a red light and go at a green one. However, there are a lot of other rules that we feel the need to follow because, it's social norm. These rules can feel outdated and cookie cutter and, they really aren't at all necessary to follow. Rules are made to be broken, especially these



weekend: You are not automatically the most uncool person in the world if you don't go out on a Friday night or for the entire weekend. The only types of people who think that way are people who are immature. It's okay to have a mental health weekend, to kick back and just relax. You'll be a lot happier when you wake up the next

morning feeling refreshed and everyone else has a hangover.

We get to kindergarten and there's a set of rules on the chalkboard. As we get older there are entire departments designed to do one thing: Make sure you follow the rules. This structure and a world based on rules have limitation built into it. Too many rules actually get in the way of a person's ability to tap into their true potential. It's time for a change. Throw your rule books away and remove the limits that are built into the system. They say rules are to be followed, right? Well, rules mentioned below are meant to be broken and burnt to the ground:

No means 'No': Kids in particular are used to hearing their parents or teachers telling them this. But, society as a whole will imply this as if it has truth to it. Growing up being told 'NO' is bound to damage you and deter you from asking for what you want. No doesn't always mean no. If you are passionate about something try again and then, again. Never give up

on something that is important to you. Be persistent and always ask more than once. If you don't ask, you don't get.

Don't brag your accomplishments: You can't expect to accomplish anything if you believe accomplishments shouldn't be shared. Or worse, that other people shouldn't share them. In our society we're taught bragging is a bad thing and sharing our accomplishments is wrong. Why? There's a couple of reasons: People who've achieved less may feel inadequate. People are jealous of others successes. Notice how these issues are 'people' problems? That's right, which means 'you' are not the problem in these scenarios. If you've accomplished something and you're proud, share it with confidence.

Don't promote yourself too often: Another silly rule society will expect you to follow. There's no exception to this rule. If you don't promote yourself, how is anybody supposed to know 'who' you are? It's a noisy world full of billions of people so you've got to promote yourself as often as possible. Nobody's going to do the self

Remain mysterious: Sure it's fun to play these games with the people you are casually dating, but if you feel there is potential with someone, why hide who you are? Talking about who you are, what you believe in, your fears, hopes and dreams doesn't make you too forward. It shows that you are putting it all out there and want to make a real connection with a person. Games ultimately will lead you nowhere - takes off the mask and be you.

- The saying, 'monkey sees monkey do' exists for a reason. But you're a human being, not a monkey. So avoid feeling like a monkey!
- The rules are for people who are willing to settle for a mediocre life because they aren't willing to put in the time or effort to create an amazing one.
- Contrary to what we've been taught over in school, success does not come automatically to those who simply follow the rules. Decide to create our own.



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6660 NASHIK : Goan R.C. Bachelor (Born in November 1984) Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduation in perfusion technology, working as a Clinical perfusionist. Contact email : dan2mills@gmail.com

6654 MUMBAI : Mangalorean R.C. Divorcee (Born in October 1980) Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 95 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Hotel Management, working as a Asst. Manager in **CANADA**, seeks an educated, homely, UK bases girl. Contact Email : gladways207@gmail.com OR Mob.: 9930721252

6619 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1985), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 82 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA Finance, woking in MNC. Contact email : josh99.joshva@gmail.com

6612 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in October 1970), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 66 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HSC., Service. Contact 9167419437

6610. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1981), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 64 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. IT Engineering, working for Leading Engineering Company as a Solutions Architect. Contact email : krod1681@gmail.com

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6466. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1986), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 52 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Hotel Management, working as a Team Leader. Contact email : rikhil.joseph@gmail.com

6455. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1970), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., having own business. Well settled. Contact email : listv21@yahoo.co.in

5996 MUMBAI : RC Bachelor (Born in November 1974) / 5'8", B.E., working in Senior position reputed IT firm. Seeks alliance from R.C. spinster educated good family background Pl. reply with photograph and details to keithcardozo@hotmail.com OR 9820338755

6040 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1983), Ht. 6', Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com + IATA working as a Manager for Emirates in Dubai Seeks a humble, godfearing, educated Mangalorean girl. Ht. above 5' 5", age below 28 years. Contact email : philomenanoronha60@gmail.com

6113 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1976), Ht. 6', Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. HSC., Dip. in A.C.

Mechanic, working as a AC Technician in Muscat. Contact Email : suaresroshan@gmail.com

6213 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1981), Ht. 5' 7", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. PGDRM, working as a Manager. Contact email : laron316@gmail.com

MUMBAI : Tamilian Roman Catholic bachelor, (Born in June 1982), Ht. 165 cms, Wt. 67 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. (Civil), working as a Structural Engineer (Associate). Contact email : winall2891@gmail.com

6358 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1974), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Admin. Controller in **DUBAI**. Contact email : dsouzarobin25@gmail.com

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

6045 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1980), Ht. 6' 2", Fair Complexion, Handsome, Edn. B.Com., & HTL Management, Working on Cruise Line as Supervisor, Seeks an educated, simple, Mangalorean girl above 5' 5" Contact Email : marprop111@gmail.com

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6668. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1989), Ht. 5' 2", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., MBA in HR, working as a HR Professional in a Tata Group Company. Contact email : wilfyjoy@rediffmail.com

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 : jcl376@rediffmail.com

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. Contact : Email dsouzadoreena@gmail.com

6511. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in November 1990), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 75 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. MMS - HR, working as a Jr. Officer HR. Contact email : michelledsouza1990@gmail.com

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.

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 email id : dcostalarissa@yahoo.co.in

6505. MUMBAI : Mumbai based Mangalorean Roman Catholic parents invite alliance for their Beautiful daughter, (Born in

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May 1988), fair, smart, M.B.A., working as an Executive. Boy should be well educated, God fearing having good family background. Please contact with photograph & all details to Email: richard.dsouza17@gmail.com

6504. KUWAIT : Mangalorean Roman Catholic 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

6502. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1983), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 63 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Sc. Nursing, working as a ICU Nurse in Abudhabi - UAE. Seeks a well educated Mangalorean Bachelor with good family values. email: janydz_1484@yahoo.com

6500. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1975), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. S.Y.B.A., Pursuing TYBA., / ECCED (Teacher' Training Course), Teacher in a reputed Catholic School. Contact email : dmljanet@gmail.com or jdmello@rediffmail.com

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

6498. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Divorcee, 1st marriage annulled by the church, (Born in October 1984), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com, working as a S&Q Officer in Shipping company. Contact email : sanctity6498@gmail.com

6497. POONA : Tamilian RC Spinster, (Born in January 1982), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., working as a Sr. Manager. Contact email : harryanthony.7@gmail.com

6495. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in August 1990), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com / MBA, working as a Purchase Executive, Contact email : dsouza.deena833@gmail.com

6492. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Born Again Spinster, (Born in May 1987), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 53 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA in Finance, PGDM., working for a co-op. Bank in Mumbai. Contact email : brinliafernandes@yahoo.com

6488. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in January 1984), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 54 kgs, Fair and good looking, Edn. 12th Std., Beautician by profession. Contact email : sweta.ignatiusdsouza@gmail.com

6484. BANGALORE : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in September 1986), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., Nursing, working as a Nurse. Contact email : dsouza.antonette@gmail.com

6482. K.S.A. : Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in July 1983), Ht. 160 cms, Wt. Normal, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc. in Chem/ PGDMLT, Pathology Lab Technician (Instructor) in KSA since 10 years, well settled, seeks a suitable match. Contact email : mathew_680@yahoo.com

6481. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in November 1981), Ht. 5' 3", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Supervisor in Airport. Seeks a well settled bachelor. Contact email : linnet_r@rediffmail.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

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4. Brief History of the Founder : Fr. Lawrence Pinto, the Founder and Superior General of Missionary Society of Infant Jesus, a priest of the Diocese of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, had been dreaming of founding a Society of Apostolic Life (similar to a Religious Order) since 1982. His education in Clinical Psychology (Ph.D. at Fordham University, New York, USA), and his experience with emotionally disturbed lay people, priests and religious sisters over a period of 24 years, made him realize that he must offer his life for this unfortunate section of God's people. His work in the missions of Northern India, and his experience as school-teacher, Principal, Formator, Seminary Rector, and Director of National Vocation Service Centre, Pune, have also made him develop a keen interest in the Pastoral, Educational, Formational, and Family ministries.

5. Counselling Centre at present : For the last 11 years the Society has been running a Counselling centre. Fr. Lawrence, being a trained Clinical Psychologist; he takes five clients per day by appointment for Psychotherapy or Counselling. Priests who need counselling help come not only from India, but also from Sri Lanka and Malaysia. Many religious sisters, married couples, young and old men and women, children come from different parts of India for psychological treatment, Fr. Lawrence has counselled at least 3000 clients.

NOTE : On Wednesdays, the MSIJ, Society has arrangements for offering Mass followed by Novena to Infant Jesus at 5 p.m. all can participate.

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window. Some generally look back and forth expecting others to do the favour. Finally it is the person besides whom the needy stands, who sacrifices his seat silently cursing his ill fate for the day.

Getting out of the rush in the bus is a challenge in itself; it is an art. Getting up from the seat shouldn't be a last minute thing. It should be planned way before. Passing through the tightly packed bus consisting of people with the addition to the obstruction of the massive school bags slung on the children's shoulders is no easy job. If you have baggage, you can't squeeze past them with it. Usually, you first squeeze yourself out. Then someone helps you by throwing your bag/umbrella out of the bus. You have to catch it on time before it reaches the muddy puddle before/behind you. For some ladies getting out with dignity is a challenge in itself. It occurs to them that their dupatta is stuck in the crowd. So they end up pulling it hard from the door step while maintaining their balance at the same time.

Travelling sickness is common among the children. With the present system there is no cleaner to clean the vomit.

Women have reserved seats to their credit. It is not uncommon to find ignorant male souls occupying these seats happily while the ladies give them knowing glares.

The drivers are usually in a race with time, fighting the second's hand on the clock, setting as well as breaking record timing. The bus horn is liberally pressed upon expecting the way to be instantly cleared.

It is said that when we travel in the bus, we relate to the common man. It is an affordable mode of transport, though not always convenient. It is a part of the daily struggle of everyday life.

The above described bus situation is unique to India. Making the bus journey a smooth one is a huge challenge posed for those in authority. When this particular reformation will take place is anyone's guess. Until then, it is Pim Pim Pom Pom!!

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- Catering & Hotel Management
- Travel and Tourism
- Festival Decor Ideas
- Learn French
- Learn Gujarati
- Geography of India
- Learn Geometry
- Learn HTML and CSS
- Stress Management Techniques
- Learn Photoshop

We now live in an age where every tool we need is laid out before us. The only thing that's necessary is for someone else to reveal that information to us.

Everyday many people complain about not having the skills they need to go after their dreams. Besides the technically advanced careers, there's a variety of other career choices you can choose from. Life is about learning new things and expanding your pool of knowledge.



Among the available courses include:

- How to write music notes
- Learn Party Dance
- Learn to Play Guitar
- Learn the Art of Fruit Carving
- Paper Jewellery
- Learn How to Draw
- Learn How to Crochet
- Bindi-Kajal Making Art

- Discover Your Talent, Passion & Potential
- How to Groom Yourself
- Inspiration from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam
- Cultivating Positive Attitude
- Public Speaking Course
- How to Remember
- Be a Good Administrator
- Effective Time Management

- How to Choose Your Career
- Travel and Tourism
- Catering and Hotel Management
- Cake Making Art
- Tailoring Course
- Paper Quilling Art
- Chartered Account
- Bridal Makeup
- Candel Making Art

- Learn Konkani Basics
- Learn Hindi Easy Way
- Learn Sanskrit
- Learn Aramaic & Hebrew
- Course on Trigonometry
- Learn Mathematics
- Learn Algebra
- Nursing Training
- How to Run Tally
- Learn Microsoft Office
- Learn PHP Mysql

- How to Grow Business
- Art of Creating Wealth
- Wealth Management
- How to write a Business Plan
- Customer Service Course
- The Secrets of Motivating Your Staff
- Negotiation Skills
- How to Maintain Quality Standard
- Building a Sustainable Business
- How to Handle Conflicts & Disputes
- Getting Out of Debt
- How to Handle Business Disputes
- How to Find Investors
- Business Coaching

- Amazing Science Experiments
- Amazing Machines
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