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'Thought for the week'

Life is so ironic to understand fully, it takes sadness to know what is happiness. Noise to distinguish silent and a broken heart to find true love.

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Work ceaselessly to spread God's kingdom: Archbishop Machado

Yangon: All Churches have to ceaselessly work to spread God's kingdom in the present grave realities, an official of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences told the Asian Mission Congress now underway in Yangon, Myanmar.

The Christian witness is the need of the hour amid adverse situations one faces today, said Archbishop Felix Anthony Machado of Vasai, chairman of the Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the (FABC).

The mission congregation is organized by the FABC counterpart Christian Conference of Asia.

"This is a time of God's special grace for us as we meet and celebrate our joy for the ecumenical bonds, which exist between Catholic church and other Christian churches. Our common ecumenical journey has made tremendous progress in the course of these years," the Catholic bishop told the predominantly Protestant gathering.

The prelate was speaking at the diamond jubilee of the Christian Conference of Asia in Yangon on October 15. More than 6,000 people from different parts of the world, mostly from Myanmar, attended the glittering event.

"Our meeting on such significant and joyful occasion will also be important moment of encouragement for us to do everything possible, according to the injunctions of our respective churches, to journey together towards full and visible unity of our churches," Archbishop Machado said.

It is a joyful to celebrate the CCA completing six decades of serving and enriching the churches in Asia and contributing significantly to the nurturing and strengthening of the ecumenical vision and mission in Asia, he added.

CCA, the first ecumenical body in the world, was formed in 1957 in Indonesia.

The theme, "Journeying Together: Prophetic Witness to the Truth and Light, in

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Asia,” which was chosen for the Asia Mission Conference that coincided with the diamond jubilee was linked to the role and relevance of the CCA in the Asian context. It resonates with contemporary situation in Asia and in the world, that stressed the hope and trust in God’s promises.

FABC and CCA formalized an agreement to work together in 1995, although cordially and friendly relations dated back to many years before, the Archbishop said.

“Our joint efforts, to promote ecumenism, have been through the Asian Movement for Christian Unity (AMCU); this endeavor has been fruitful in promotion of ecumenical movement in Asia. Obviously, we still have miles to walk in order to reach the goal, which our Lord has set for us and the Holy Spirit urges us to trod. We have been trying to reactivate the Asia Ecumenical Committee (AEC), which was formed in 1995. May the Spirit always accompany us,” he said.

Reverend Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of World Council of Churches, Mathews George Chunakara, general secretary, CCA, and other national and international dignities also spoke on the occasion..

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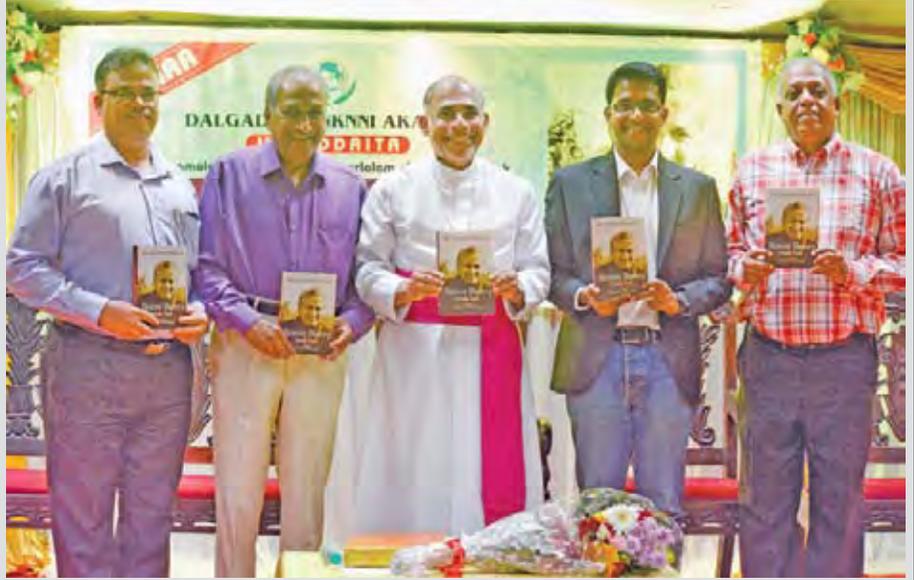
Thanksgiving



Thanks to Sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Jude for the favours
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, loved, glorified & praised throughout the world now and forever.
Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy kingdom come. St. Jude worker of miracles pray for us. St. Jude helper of the hopeless pray for us. Amen, Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days.

— Benjamin Coutino

‘Renver Borovp’ Book Release in Goa



Archbishop of Goa and Daman, Rev. Fr. Filipe Neri Ferrao released the book ‘Renver Borovp’. Present at the dais with the chief guest were Tomazinho Cardozo, president DKA, Vincy Quadros, secretary DKA, Celso Fernandes, treasurer DKA and Dale Luis Menezes, who compiled and edited the book. Book ‘Renver Borovp’ is written by Fr. Martinho Noronha

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Mass for Elders

On the occasion of World Elders Day, which is observed on Oct 1, the parish unit of BASCA held a special mass followed by fellowship, for senior citizens. (BASCA is an organization established by the Archdiocese of Bombay for the welfare of senior citizens, having affiliated units at the parish level). The service was possibly the best that I've attended. During the course of the service the celebrant in his own inimitable way, made all seniors feel that they belonged, that they were loved and that society owed them a huge gratitude. With words and gestures he made the seniors feel that they were still relevant and productive members of society, and not a liability. With a sprinkler in hand he went around blessing the elders with holy water. Little gestures like these mean a lot to the elders.

The fact that the church was packed was a clear indication that elders felt neglected by society. Services such as this one and the fellowship that followed, though few and far between, are eagerly looked forward to by elders. Such services need to be held more often. Most parishes have a children's mass on Sundays and even youth mass for confirmation students. So why not have a mass for elders, on one weekday in the month? And to cater to the entertainment quotient, what better than a free game of house, sponsored by well-off parishioners? After all, this is what fellowship is all about.

—Prof Robert Castellino
Orlem

Yet another Doomsday

Another Doomsday hoax and hysteria is being whipped up by some internet theorists who have predicted the beginning of the end of the world on October 15, 2017 and a 7-year period of tribulation and horror, when asteroid 'Wormwood' of the planet-X star system is expected to hit the earth anytime. Besides the huge solar flares and cataclysmic climate changes that would follow the collision, there would also be changes on earth in accordance with biblical predictions and apocalyptic visions of St John in 'Revelations'. While NASA has been quick to dismiss these predictions as an "international hoax", the theory is just one more in the endless list of D-day predictions right up to the 7th millennium. Scientists have also told us that we have had several D-days in the past where large asteroids have collided with the earth millions of years ago, bringing about the extinction of dinosaurs and reptiles that once roamed the earth and paving the way for 'homo sapiens'. And so it seems that there will be many more D-days to come in the endless cycle of life till we finally arrive at 'Judgement Day'. May our souls then rest in peace.

—A. F. Nazareth
Alto Porvorim

Preserve relics properly

A very interesting article-cum-report in The Asian Age dated Saturday, 30 September 2017 whose website is www.asianage.com and whose e-mail is letters@asianage.com and titled: Queen's relics sent to Georgia with the subtitle Retrieved from a Goa church 400 years after Ketevan was killed by Mr Rabindra Nath Choudhury says that in 1624 Georgian queen Ketevan was tortured to death by Persian ruler

Shah Abbas and her mortal remains were brought to Goa in 1627 for interment in St Augustine church complex and in 2004 ASI superintendent accidentally discovered her relics but it took a decade-long effort to establish through DNA testing in 2013 that the relics belonged to Ketavan and the relics reached Georgia from Goa on September 22.

Queen Ketavan is not listed in any Roman Catholic book of saints but is recognised as an orthodox Christian saint and St Augustine Church is probably the only church in India possessing the relics of two saints besides St Francis Xavier Church in Dabul/Chira Bazaar, Bombay which has a relic of St Francis Xavier's finger and a relic of St Cajetan -latter saint's relics history remains unknown despite efforts to trace its history.

The church and the ASI must jointly preserve a part of any relic found in India and Rome and in this case Georgia after ascertaining its authenticity has been ascertained and if this is impossible a duplicate of the original relic must be preserved in all the three places.

A temporary open air exhibition of Queen Ketavan's relics at St Augustine's Church makes no sense as it is better to re-build St Augustine's Church and have a permanent exhibition there with precautions like housing it in a bullet proof glass box with a buzzer /security alarm system along with a plaque about its history and similarly all churches must have a museum along with a plaque giving the history of their saints' relics.

In this way our faith regarding the veneration of saints can be strengthened

—Peter Castellino,

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Windows Opener



BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH SJ

Opening Windows is in most cases child's play. But often, windows which have not been opened for a long time, get jammed, the latches and bolts get rusted, cobwebs, dust and grime are all over the place; besides the room for which the windows are meant, becomes musty, the air is almost putrid and something urgently needs to be done: the windows have to be opened by an expert window opener who has to be called in immediately!

Exactly fifty-five years ago, God gave to the Church and to world an expert windows opener in the person of Pope John XXIII. On October 11th 1962, he opened the historic Second Vatican Council fully convinced that it was time to "throw open the windows of the church and let the fresh air of the spirit blow through." In what is regarded as a defining moment in the history of Christianity, John XXIII succeeded in throwing open the windows of the Church and allowing that much needed fresh air of the spirit to blow through.

The Feast day of a Saint in the Catholic Church is normally kept on the anniversary of the death (birth in heaven) of that Saint; in some rare cases on the birth anniversary of the Saint. In exceptional cases, another day is assigned. It is significant therefore, that the Catholic Church celebrates the **Feast of St. Pope John XXIII** on October 11th, the day he began Vatican II.

John XXIII was canonized (together with Pope John Paul II) a saint by Pope Francis on April 27th 2014. In his homily on the occasion Pope Francis said, "In convening the (Second Vatican) Council, John XXIII showed an exquisite openness to the Holy Spirit. He let himself be led and he was for the

church a pastor, a servant-leader. This was his great service to the church; he was the Pope of openness to the spirit."

It was not without reason that exactly six months after opening Vatican II and in the midst of it, Pope John XXIII literally shook the foundations of this earth on April 11th 1963 through his Encyclical 'Pacem in Terris' (Peace on Earth). This was his last Encyclical that he gave to the Church and the very first one by any Pope to be addressed "to all men of goodwill". The Encyclical was written in the context of the turbulence and conflict, which had seized several parts of the world: the Cold War, the erection of the Berlin Wall, and the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Vatican II and his path-breaking Encyclical are like two sides of a coin. The Church and the World: inseparable; both needed opening up and a thorough cleaning! *Pacem in Terris* has a more elaborate title, "On Establishing Universal Peace in Truth, Justice, Charity and Freedom". The four pillars: **Truth, Justice, Charity and Freedom** are in a sense the sum and substance of the Encyclical. It observes that real peace needs to be based on an order "**founded on truth, built according to justice, vivified and integrated by charity, and put into practice in freedom**".

Through the Vatican Council, Pope John XXIII wanted to make the Church more open, transparent and participative. This wish is indirectly reflected in his Encyclical in which he makes human rights paramount, saying that peace is possible only when the rights of every human being are addressed. *Pacem in Terris* goes on to list eight broad dimensions of human rights (most of them had earlier found expression in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights) like the rights to proper development of life, to ba-

sic security and to religion and conscience; and emphatically stating that these rights are "universal, inviolable and inalienable". Pope John XXIII in his Encyclical reminds all men and women of goodwill (and particularly the Catholics) to be more engaged in social and political life in order that we have a more just and peaceful world.

It is truly amazing that the very realities, to which *Pacem in Terris* drew attention to, are prevalent in our world today. War and violence, ethnic and religious strife have caused the destruction of life and property in several parts of the world; millions have sought refuge in other countries and many more are internally displaced; consumerism and the ills of globalization, the lack of concern for our common home have all fragmented the earth as never before. The nuclear threat looms large (thankfully, the Nobel Peace Prize for 2017 was recently awarded to the 'International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.'). Some divisive 'leaders' are even determined to build new walls.

Both the Church and the World needed a good Windows Opener; John XXIII fulfilled that mission in many ways, even as he made Truth, Justice, Charity and Freedom, the fundamentals of a more open Church and peaceful society. As we celebrate the memory of this Beloved Saint-Pope, let us pray that the spirit and message of Vatican II and of *Pacem in Terris* may profoundly touch those in the Church and all 'men and women of goodwill' everywhere!

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BJP struggles to win over Christians

by Nirendra Dev

New Delhi: India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is treading a fine line in promoting its pro-Hindu nationalist agenda while trying to court voters in Christian strongholds in the northeast and south.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several of his BJP leaders have been criticized for creating policies that push for a Hindu cultural and religious hegemony. Among those are national laws to ban beef and restrict conversions, moves that will inevitably drive religious minorities away from the party.

But ever mindful of placating religious minorities, the party has adopted different strategies tailored to different areas, and embraced Christian politicians in key states.

For example, the BJP has decided to go soft on the beef ban in the north-east and the southern state of Kerala where Christian votes are key to winning seats and the policy was unpopular.

The mollifying strategy of the BJP is also visible in the Christian-majority Meghalaya state, which is due to stage provincial elections next February. The BJP only holds two seats in the 60-seat state legislature and must tap into the voter base of Christians who

account for 83 percent of the state's 3.2 million people.

The Indian National Congress holds half the seats in house, but both the Congress and the BJP will be relying on support from regional groups trying to garner support for local issues and ethnic groups.

Horse-trading with smaller parties and splinter groups is an old political trick the BJP has employed in the past. Since 2014, the BJP has successfully formed a ruling alliance in the Christian stronghold of Goa on the western coast through such a strategy. At one point, it even had a Christian deputy chief minister in Goa.

Recently, Modi unexpectedly named Alphons Kannanthanam, a Catholic from Kerala, in his cabinet. Christian leaders were quick to note it was a vote-seeking move ahead of the 2019 general elections, when the BJP will need Christian votes to win seats in the state.

A week after Kannanthanam was made a minister, the BJP president Amit Shah appointed him as the party's election chief for Meghalaya. The message was clear: the BJP promotes Christians.

Meghalaya is one of only three Christian-majority states in India, the other two being Nagaland and Mizoram. With the clear support of Christians, BJP leads ruling alliances in Nagaland and in Goa, where a third of the population is Christian. They are looking to form more ruling alliances in states with large Christian populations.

The BJP is faced with multiple challenges in Meghalaya where the state's three major ethnic groups – the Khasis, Jaintias and Garos – are mostly Christians who consume beef as a dietary staple.

"The move for a beef ban has affected the BJP immensely," said a local Khasi Christian leader, K. Barnabas. "The BJP will fail to capture power in Meghalaya. Unlike other northeastern states, people have not accepted the saffron party," he said referring to the BJP's political colors.

The BJP will face strong competition from the Congress party, which has traditionally been popular in the state.

BJP leader Nalin Kohli last month met with a number of church leaders who rejected suggestions the gathering was politically motivated.

"It had no political agenda. It was a social gathering of intellectuals, and Christians were part of that group," said a Shillong-based Christian leader who attended the meeting.

If the BJP can make headway in Meghalaya, it is only natural they will move on to Mizoram and Kerala.

The increased acceptability of the party in these states will help it shed its image as a Hindu nationalist party and adorn the colors of secularism. The key question is whether Christians will help the BJP's image transformation?

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Mujhko Gussa Kyon Aata?

(A sequel to “Dil ka Dard”)

“Albert Pinto ko Gussa Kyon Aata Hai?” is a 1980’s Hindi movie starring Naseeruddin Shah, Shabana Azmi, Smita Patil and Om Puri. It received the Filmfare Critics’ award for the Best movie in 1981. It is about the angst of a young car mechanic who initially felt that undisciplined and striking workers were responsible for everything that was wrong in society. Through bitter experiences he gradually discovered that the major cause of labour unrest and various social ills was the capitalists that controlled the economy.

Abh mujhko bhi gussa hai (now I too am angry). There is angst and disappointment. In my previous article “Dil ka Dard” I had expressed the pain felt by my fellow countrymen because of the tall claims and false promises of the Pradhanmantriji (PMG). I may be permitted the use of this acronym because PMG himself is adept at making English acronyms for Hindi phrases. AYUSH, for example, is an acronym for Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy, which are projected as “indigenous” medicine systems. Ayush is also the Sanskrit word for “life” an appropriate name for the Health Ministry. But there is a fly in the medical ointment. Unani means Greek, and the system originates from the teachings of Hippocrates (460 – 377 BC);

and homoeopathy of course originated in Germany. So what is indigenious about them? Is there no place for allopathy in the Health Ministry? Is this the apathy that led to hundreds of kids dying in the BRD Hospital, Gorakhpur?

So PMG I do have angst against you. I previously challenged you on 6 of your major poll promises. I had not touched on terrorism. Despite your bombastic claims of a surgical strike, the terrorist attacks have actually increased. Earlier they were on soft targets, but now they are on military targets, with a repeat attack on Pathankot; proving that no lessons have been learnt. Kashmir was peaceful before you took over. But your National Security Advisor, Ajit Doval’s 56” doctrine has wrecked havoc there. You have lost the plot completely. You were visiting Nawaz Sharif on his birthday, and entertaining the Chinese Premier with lion cubs on a swing. Your naiveté backfired. There is a saying, “In war, truth is the first casualty”. So we really don’t know who blinked first at Doklam. Regardless, our foreign policy, if at all we have one, is in a mess. You have sidelined your own competent and humane Foreign Minister, Sushma Swaraj. So PMG, I am gussa.

Your announcement of a bullet train has only added more grist to the mill of angst. In recent months there were three major accidents in the vicinity of Kanpur, where I live. A week ago my wife and I went to visit a friend in Bulandshahr, 7 hours travel time, by the 14613/14614 Sangam Express. The up train was 8 hours late, and the down one 4 hours late. While awaiting our train I noticed that the display board was showing every train running late! So PMG, I am gussa.

I support your Swachh Bharat (SB) campaign and the drive against black money. But both are hastily conceived



by chhotebhai *

and poorly implemented. A couple of weeks ago the President, Ramnath Kovind, who hails from Kanpur, came for a SB rally at a non-descript village called Ishwaripur. I had never heard of it before. After the tamasha, the next morning’s newspapers were blazoned with photographs of the litter strewn around. Hypocrisy at its worst. So PMG, I am gussa.

You have chosen Mahatma Gandhi’s chasma as the symbol for SB. The Mahatma and his wife Kasturba cleaned the public toilets, not just for sanitation, but more so to express solidarity with the bhangis, who were at the bottom of the heap. I have seen you and your ministers using long handled brooms to sweep a few dry leaves. But I have not seen any of you actually cleaning toilets or night soil. More than the chasma (specs) you need the Mahatma’s nazar (vision), his attitude and approach to others. We just celebrated Gandhi Jayanti. That morning I messaged my Gandhian friends that the U.N. had declared the day as International Non-violence Day; but you have diluted it to an SB day. You need to groom better ideas than the ubiquitous broom. So PMG, I am gussa.

I have always been against black money, and have suffered immense financial losses because I chose to stick to the straight and narrow, in both business and property dealing. I would have been thrilled if you had succeeded in your campaign against black money, via notebandi or otherwise. But the RBI itself has admitted that this was an exercise in futility. This Hindi proverb is most apt, “Khoda

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pahar, nikli chuhiya” (you dug up an entire mountain and only uncovered a squeaky mouse)! So PMG, I am gussa.

At the macro level economists have told you that like notebandi, the GST has also backfired, not just for its rates of tax, but more so for the complexities of compliance. Petty traders, small manufacturers and artisans cannot afford to hire chartered accountants, legal consultants and computer operators to feed all data on line. So many, like me, have simply opted out. My family has been in business here for 160 years. Now the time has come to call it quits. I am literally closing shop. I was a pioneer in organised retailing in this city 25 years ago. Now it is game over. So PMG, I am gussa.

Fifteen years ago my family entered into a builder's agreement to erect the city's first mall, and I am the President of the Owners' Association. From the time GST has been levied my accountant spends most of his time figuring out what to do from the experts, and uploading data, if the server is working. As a result our billing cycle has been disrupted, causing a severe resource and cash crunch. So PMG, I am gussa.

This Dusshera, the traders here burnt the effigy of GST as Ravana. A cold storage owner told me that they had to throw out tonnes of potatoes be-

cause the formers did not have the money to redeem their stocks. The local distributors of Tata Tea and Nestle both told me that their sales have dropped 30% after GST. You talk of SB. Besides brooms you need toiletries and disinfectants. Earlier under Value Added Tax (VAT) toiletries were taxed at 14.5%, under GST it is 28%. Under VAT disinfectants like phenol were at 5%, now increased to 18%. So how can we aspire to a SB? At this rate, not just me, large sections of society are going to be disillusioned. One does not need to be a Nobel laureate like Amartya Sen to know where the shoe pinches.

Kanpur is famous for its leather industry and exports of finished leather, footwear and saddlery. I quote from a report by Mukhtarul Amin, the Chairperson of the Council for Leather Exports. Leather is a very labour intensive industry. Not just the Muslims, but Brahmans, Hindu Punjabis and Bengalis, and even some Malayali Christians are in the industry. GST on jobwork by small craftsmen has been pegged at 18%, and on leather goods like belts and purses at 28%. Duty drawback on exports have been reduced from 9.6% to 2.6%, thereby making the industry more capital intensive, and allowing cheaper markets like Bangladesh to emerge. Despite a crackdown by the National Green Tribunal and the economic slowdown of 2008, the leather industry grew by 11%, says Amin. But now he claims that leather exports have declined by 30%. So not just me, many more people are going to be gussa with you dear PMG.

You have waxed eloquent about a cashless economy and digitalisation. The day after your notebandi declaration PAYTM ran full front page newspaper ads. The majority shareholders of PAYTM are Chinese. So who benefited? Digitalisation will benefit Mukesh Ambani and his Jio. At a recent conference on mobile phones I heard him frankly admit that the money would come, not from the phones, but from data usage and transfer. So like Albert Pinto's, my eyes are also

opening to see who is really controlling the country and benefiting from your policy decisions. So PMG, I am gussa.

Whenever my man goes to the bank to get my poor savings bank passbook updated he invariably returns dejected because the “servers are down”. There are several more first-hand experiences in different sectors that show that digitalisation is not the Viagra for the economy that you are making it out to be. So PMG, with your digitile dysfunction I am both dejected and gussa.

Yes the capitalists are happy with you, and will surely continue to fund your elections and event management. Chartered Accountants, tax consultants and revenue lawyers (anticipating increased litigation) will also be happy. But whether they have enough votes between themselves to get you re-elected in 2019 remains to be seen. As of now, vast numbers of ordinary Indians will join Albert Pinto and me in saying “Hum sabko gussa aa raha hai”.

A parting salvo. Your slogan was “Sabka saath, sabka vikas” (For everyone and their development). Unfortunately it now seems to be “Khaas ke saath, samaj ka vinash” (With the privileged, and sowing the seeds of social discord). So PMG, I am gussa.

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MATRIMONIAL

MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster (Born in April 1973), 5' 5" tall, looks much younger to her age, good looking, fair complexion with qualifications, B.Com. (Mumbai), M.B.A. Finance (Canada), M.B.A., (H.R.) and Diplomas in I.T. (NIIT), Comp. (APTEC), and Cert.Ind Acct. (I.C.A.), working in good position. Graduate / Post Graduate unmarried R.C. Bachelors upto 47 years, employed in good position and well settled in Mumbai or abroad. Contact email.: bellwether77@yahoo.com OR Mob.: 9892700617



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Heaven in us, in our hands

by Tilly Peris.

Happiness, is not only within our reach, in us, but in our hands...God has put it in our own hands and power. You would have heard the quote, "God does the healing and the doctor takes the fees". In the month of October, remembering older persons and the sick, it is a time to reflect too, specially older folks..



and cheer them up. From the more healthy elders, it is often asked, 'How do you manage to keep young, active and healthy?'. Look at the common basic reasons:

Some even at the age of 80 and more rarely take medicines. Rising early, even before 4 am, prayer, reading scripture and meditation get the day on the right track, I too follow this regimen. Holy Eucharist is a big blessing where possible. Leave all unnecessary baggage behind, take one day at a time, as in the song! Consider, how you would be if it was the last day of your life? Useless matters and worries have no place! Just adjust your today well..and the tomorrows will take care of themselves...don't forget the rosary ever.

As I have personally experienced time and again....caring for the good of others, like visiting the sick, the lonely, the suffering young and the old, in their homes, hospitals, ashrams and so on. Just lending a sympathetic ear in most cases can bring a high degree of solace....beyond imaginable value. Food habits play a very vital role, one of the reasons for good health, better be vegetarian, besides avoiding coffee, tea bottled sweet drinks and such, eat less, help to be a healthy person, deprive your self of what is dispens-

able, have only the essential.

Attitude attracts positive energies and grace from the Supreme Lord. Everyone and everything on Earth is created by the good God; forgive and forget, never nurse any hurts or keep anger. If misunderstood avoid retaliation, pray for all, it will all go a long way to be at peace within.

Over the years experiences, changes and circumstances influence one deeply a great deal. Your family and friends are a great asset...in fact look at every stranger as "a friend you do not know". When and if possible attend retreats, but the good you learn must be put into practice, discuss with knowledgeable and good people, make pilgrimages, see interesting places and keep your mind agile and positive. Don't neglect seeing the doctor for real sickness... and follow his advise and take medication religiously with faith and obedience in the Lord. These are some of the things which will help you, as they have helped me and many, on this path to heaven and even glory on earth. And finally be grateful to every one who crosses life's path and be cheerful in all circumstances, this is a tall order but try and success can be yours soon for sure. Thank the Lord for all things.

The Author :



Tilliola Peris, (nee' Lobo) better known in Mangalore as Tilly, is a well known motherly lady, more than a social worker a 'Friend' to one and all. She and her late husband John; their mission was secretly, 'Human concern and care' returns excluded... spreading Christ's love. St. Ann's Capuchin Friary, Bijey, now a spiritual haven was donated by Tilly's grand father George Lobo in 1936 and named after her grand mother Anne . It is edifying that this extraordinary lady, handed over her husband's body recently to Fr. Muller's Medical College to support science and she has also pledged hers. She is of a courageous and noble spirit that does not need any monuments and is an example for people to bring peace and solace in this world.

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Simultaneous Elections?

This issue which was a subject matter of debate some time ago has once again been brought into public domain. What really prompted the government to bring the issue to the fore is not very clear. Perhaps the series of setbacks that the government has been facing of late be it the state of the economy, the failure of the GST, the unending debate on the demonetization, the stampede in Mumbai rail station all these have put the government on the back foot. When you have no answers you try and bring some controversial issue and hope that it will help divert public attention and save the government some embarrassment.

No doubt this system was in vogue soon after the independence of the country when for decades it was a one party rule throughout the country. Nationalism ruled the hearts and minds of the people. They put the nation first – above regional interests. There was political stability by and large and therefore the concept of simultaneous elections worked fairly well. Post independence, the first general election was understandably simultaneous. The next one after the reorganization of States also conducted likewise. Thereafter it was not really simultaneous – some States did not go to the polls with the rest. Here the concept of simultaneous election got fractured and the trend continues till date. Then we had a “Aaya Ram, Gaya Ram” phase when greedy politicians changed loyalties based on their own interests rather than any shift in ideology.

Today, some States have strong regional parties and they play a very important role in the governance of their States. Such parties have ruled their States like Tamil Nadu, Punjab, West Bengal etc. These parties with deep rooted regional sentiments will not favour simultaneous elections. State Governments fall as a result of defections or split in ruling parties or breakdown in coalition arrangement etc. In rare cases, State government is dismissed under article 356 of the Constitution – rightly or wrongly. How will such situations be dealt with? Say, the whole country goes for elections in 2019 where is the guarantee that all the States will be able to form governments. With a hung assembly, coalition may not succeed. Will you have a general election again? Even if

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State Governments are formed, within six months one can collapse. Will you have general elections? By then government in States like HP and Gujarat would be just about a year old. Will you dissolve these assemblies? What happens if the government at the centre collapses for some reason or the other like the Vajpai government that lasted for 13 days? If the aim is to avoid strain on the national exchequer, the results of such an exercise may be just the opposite.

The Election Commission by declaring that they will be ready for holding simultaneous elections is a statement of assertion that they will be logistically ready for such an exercise – with electoral rolls and other preparations that go into the whole exercise. Whether to go for such an exercise is a political one and all political parties and intellectuals must come on board. With the type of acrimonious relationship with the NDA and the opposition as it exists, consensus is illusive. The Centre will be blamed for hoisting its agenda on the other parties.

Why did Narendra Modi bring up this issue again now when it had died out with not many takers? Right now, the BJP in general and Modi in particular are in a very favourable position with the opposition in tatters so to say. He has managed to rope in the only serious challenger – Nitish Kumar on his side and now there is literally no challenge to his authority and popularity. Most regional leaders are preoccupied with court cases or other investigations [political vendetta they call it]. This is the time for the BJP to make a killing. If that does not happen, they would have succeeded in diverting the public attention on its setbacks. What an idea Sirji!

KHAKRA POLITICS

Following the outcry on the misery faced by traders and the public alike for the GST mess, the government shifted its gears from denial to acceptance mode. For three months the government dished out statistics to show how successful it has been in ushering an era of one nation one tax. The desperate calls from traders and others alike forced the government into hurriedly call the GST council to have a relook at the problems faced by traders who spent more time in trying to figure out how to handle the GST regime than on the business itself. The ancillary business like the software developers,



by Marshall Sequeira

consultants, experts, facilitators grew manifold. They are happy.

The Council in its wisdom brought out some changes in the periodicity of filing returns etc and thereby pandering to the wish-list of the business community and Gujarat [which is in election mode] is one such State which has possibly more traders than working people. It is amazing how the Council zeroed in on Khakra of all the items to reduce the tax. Is not khakra the staple diet of travelling Gujarati community? Will these two steps ensure the victory of the BJP in Gujarat for a record time? Perhaps yes. With the Congress having lost direction and possibly the will to put up a stiff fight, has made the life of the BJP simple. With whatever little clout that the Congress had was lost with Waghela deserting the party. It appears the Congress does not really bother who remains in the party so long as the writ of the Gandhis prevails. While the Congress may be able to improve its tally in that State, it is highly unlikely it is capable of making a serious dent in the fortunes of the ruling BJP combine.

The BJP wants to win handsomely in Gujarat to prove a point. They want to show that the BJP can win in Gujarat even if Modi is not at its helm as CM. Being his home state, the whole of BJP leadership will descend on Gujarat to canvass now that the election is expected before the end of the year. Waghela desertion of the Congress has made things easier for the BJP with whom he may align and then join the new government. Sometimes a single food item can change the electoral prospects of a ruling party. Remember when Sushma Swaraj was the CM of Delhi; it was the onion prices that saw her downfall. The Khakra push has come just in time. The BJP backed by RSS is hell bent on capturing power in as many States as possible to complete its dominance. Ultimately like one nation one tax theory, the aim of the Sangh Parivar could be to ensure one nation one party rule. The elections results in Gurdaspur [Punjab] and Kerala may act as a dampener.

Hum Sabk Ek Hai



The Bombay Catholic Sabha, Vikhroli Unit organised Inter Religious program Hum Sab Ek Hai on 2nd October 2017 in St. Joseph's Church hall.

We thank Chief guest Mrs. Janet Dsouza Ex. Vice chairperson, Maharashtra State Minorities Commission, speakers/ priest from seven different religion were present Hindu Priest Bhatji Ashok Joshi, Muslim Priest Mohammed Aslam Khan, Sikh Babaji Kulwant Singh, Christian Priest Fr. Prakash Tuscano, Buddhist Boudhyacharya Arun Khairmode, Jain Dinesh Jain, Parsi Sam Billimori Brahma Ku-

mari Nilima Ddid

Special thanks to Fr. Prakash Tuscano from Fatima Church Vidyavihar for making it inspite of his busy schedule. All of them spoke regarding their respective religion and also conveyed the message to all that unity is the need of the hour to maintain peace & harmony in our country & the world.

Guest of honours were Manisha Ra-



hate NCP corporater, Prashant Das, Jayant Dandekar Shakhapramukh MNS ward 118, Chetan Ahire, social reformer & many other dignitaries.

Also present were Mr. Anthony Dias, Jt. Secretary BCS HO, Mr. Mohan Sequeira chairperson n Mr. Victor Treasurer from Powai unit.

Around 300 people were present from different faiths.



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A happy family does not need to be perfect

Humans desire love and sense of security and who else can do that better than our families? We all want family members who with us resonate the feelings of love and appreciation. However, achieving a family environment that is happy, healthy and loving isn't always so easy. There are no perfect people on this planet, so families can never be perfect! However, there can be happiness in a family. Let us talk about little things that add up to big problems in a family and the keys for making a family loving and functional.

Don't think that anyone has a perfect or even better family than you because every family has problems and issues. The family unit is a dynamic, ever changing, living organism and there are several keys to making a family unit happy, functional and loving. There are also some common mistakes to avoid, as these mistakes damage the structure, relationships and harmony within the family. Focus on your own family and making the relationships work and you will be happier in the long run. So embrace them and make the relationships happier and more fruitful by following the tips that follow.

The only way to achieve a happy family is to comprehend where sources of unhappiness lie. It's important to be conscious of the given types of tendencies as this is an important first step:

Gossip:

Gossip is far too common in families and creates great dissension. If someone has a problem with a family member, they need to go to that family member directly for discussion of the problem. They should also talk to them in private. Talking about fellow family members behind their back is hurtful, breaks down trust within the family,

The Blame Game

If people within a family are continually pointing fingers of blame regarding issues within the family, or even

outside of the family, then there will not be peace. We all need to avoid the blame game. We all have flaws and idiosyncrasies. If you want others to accept your idiosyncrasies, then you need to accept their idiosyncrasies as well.

Unfair treatment:

Far too many families treat their children different from another. That may on the surface seem like a good statement, as we are all individuals needing individual treatment. When treatment from one child to another is unequal in that favoritism is exhibited, then things need to be changed. Parents should try to start the habit as early as possible, to treat their children equally, in regards to time, effort, gifts, etc. When treatments are not balanced equally, resentments develop between siblings. These resentments often carry into adulthood, as do the behaviors of unequal treatment.

Now that you know Negativity kills good spirit and essence of family. Focus on the good to be the positive light in your loved ones life. Cherish the positive aspects of that person now. Understanding that no family is perfect is only the first step, then you should practice doing the followings to build happiness in your family:

Be a family supporter:

Be a builder of life and love in your family by using encouraging words. Carry this through not only with your children, but with your adult siblings, parents, and extended family. You will see family members begin to flourish

because of your supportive words. You will also see relationships mended, and people healed simply by the power of the spoken word. Be a cheerleader for your loved ones, as you would want the same for yourself.

Practice warm traditions:

Practicing traditions as a family is a way of creating stronger bonds within the family. It also helps family members have shared life experiences that they can carry on to their own families and children in the future. Traditions have a way of making family members feel close because of the memories they have built over the years. Simple traditions like celebrating Christmas together or having a picnic with all distant family members once a year can build a never ending bond.

The good attitudes and feelings:

Be the family that supports their family members by loving them unconditionally. This means, putting yourself in the shoes of fellow family members so you can understand their plight. Be the listening ear and understanding heart when a family member is struggling or in need of support. Family members need one another. It is very hurtful to have family members who turn their back on the suffering of fellow family members. Families who demonstrate compassion, understanding, and flexibility to one another have healthier and happier relationships.

Fr. Muller's gets a Dedicated Director

Rev Fr Richard Coelho, a familiar secular priest of Mangaluru, is now succeeded the new Director of the oldest and largest modern health care institution at Mangaluru's Fr.Muller's Charitable Institutions (FMCI). It caters to a wide area even Mumbai. His appointment is not a chance happening but definitely has a Divine design woven into it. He has since 2010. been associated with this grand old institution of the Mangaluru Catholic diocese headed by Bishop of Mangalore, Rt.Rev.Dr.Aloysius Paul D'Souza. Assisting Rev.Fr.Patrick Rodrigues, former director who was a dynamic personality even to the day he passed away after a long illness, it equipped Fr.Richard well. The great super-specialty teaching hospital with wide range of specialties of modern medicine, Medical college, Homeopathic college, Nursing Institutions, Allied medical Institutions and much more. As a key official put it, Fr.Richard has been a thoroughly home grown hands-on expert, familiar with every doctor, staff, student and many patients and service providers as well - in short a "peoples person". He is well versed with this entire institution, like the back of his hand. With over 2000 staff, 300 plus doctors, apart from scores of medical personnel, and thousands of patients flowing around 24X7 it is a wonder. As the new Director of FMCI, his aim and goal he told this correspondent is for all round development; free care, more super specialties, operational streamlining to reduce turn around time, increase and improve free medical camps in more medical areas; new courses eg: for technicians in dialysis, EEG, ECG, OT and so on to lift up the standards and employment potential of the poorer classes. He maintains a dignity and serenity that only a priest of God can provide. "He is an exclusive design of Christ, his Master," with experi-



Rev Fr Richard Coelho

ence, love of people, desire for good, a human person....of divine value.

The back drop :

He smilingly terms him self a simple person with a simple background; always proudly says he is from a regular devout soil loving family of Attur. His father was educated for those times and in his surroundings was an intellectual example of an elder. Born at Karkala - Attur, June 14, 1961, he attended St Lawrence Schools in the holy and historic famed Attur St.Lawrence Shrine. Joined the tradition valued St Joseph Diocesan Seminary in Jeppu Mangalore in 1977. Along with his seminary training he did PUC at St Aloysius College followed by academic graduate studies; Philosophy and Theology courses at the Seminary. He then succeeded through a degree from Urbanian University Rome, while at Seminary here.

Anointed a priest May 3, 1988; His priestly mission took off with a stint as Asst Parish Priest, Vittal, then Asst P.P, Madanthyar. His mission was defined in 1991 to 1993, when he was appointed Asst Director FMCI, at this juncture he also did a Post Graduate diploma in Business Management at St. Aloysius College. Then was Parish Priest,

1993 to 2000 at Nainad. Director Family Life Centre, Bajjod,i 2000 to 2001. Parish Priest.P at Udyavar

2001 to 2008, followed by P.P Shirva and Dean to the Shirva Deanery 2008 to 2010. His experience wide he then succeeded to the glorious services at FMCI as Administrator of Medical College Hospital in 2010. Hospital got NABH and NABL accreditation and took on the modern shape of a 21st century institution where the stamp of Fr. Coelho has been a hallmark.

The Person :

Only a wizard can lead a medical institution with such diverse services. That spells out the gift of God to a special Divine person, who has taken vows to be a priest of God, and that Rev. Richard is known to live out day by day.

Fr. Richard's love for reading and serving the poor with dedication and commitment has been a noted blessing for many. Special love and concern for the poor and sick and little children. Guidance to students and the young have been a special mission successful at most times. Cheerful, externally serious, lovely to know. Where ever he has served and lived,warmly valued and loved by all people appreciating him affectionately. His deep desire is for discipline in all matters meticulous, constant striving to work hard dedicatedly; expecting all to do their best. At Fr.Muller's one thing that baffles one and all is his ability to carry the many meetings, inaugurations, seminars, conferences and councils and address the enlightened gatherings in a most fitting and admirable manner. It is God's gift - his love for work and staff, students and the sick is same as his love for the 'Master the Almighty Lord'.



by Ivan Saldanha-Shet



Pope Praises 'Diversity' of Catholic Churches in India!

Pope Francis on Tuesday 10 October 2017, praised the variety of Catholic Churches and rites in India; a richness for the country, and which ought to be strengthened. This diversity of Ecclesial life shines forth with great splendor!

Two Catholic Churches based in Kerala, the Syro-Malabar (Chaldean) and the Syro-Malankara (Antochian), trace their origin to the Apostle St Thomas. The third, Latin rite was introduced by missionaries in the 16th century.

"These various Catholic rites constitute a historic Christian presence in India; which is both rich and beautiful, complex and unique; which traditions and treasures the Second Vatican Council sought to protect and preserve."

The Pope's letter accompanied an announcement on the establishment of two new Eparchies for the Syro-Malabar Church – at Shamshabad(Uttar Pradesh), and Hosur (Tamil Nadu), along with their first respective Bishops. In his letter the Pope noted: "The path of the Catholic Church in India cannot be that of isolation and separation, but rather of respect and cooperation; and with several Bishops of various rites, will surely offer an eloquent witness of a vibrant and marvelous communion, along with a spirit of fraternity and mutual love. This should not be perceived as uniformity, but a unity in diversity!"

And if I may add: "Just as a body though one has many parts, yet forms one body, so we who are many are all baptized by one Spirit, into one body in Christ" (1Corinthians 12:12-13).

—Dr. Trevor Colaso,
(Memphis, TN. USA).

CRI Annual Held in Mangalore



CRI (Conference of Religious in India) of Mangalore unit had their Annual Gathering on 7th October, 2017 at St. Ann's High School Hall, Bolar, Mangalore. The meeting began with an invocation by sisters pursuing their B.Ed. studies at St. Ann's B.Ed. college. Fr. Paul Melwyn D'Souza, OFM Cap. The president of CRI Mangalore unit welcomed the gathering. Mr. Harry D'Souza from the Minority Cell and also a renowned journalist from Bangalore addressed the gathering and enlightened on the theme "Our share, Our Right" namma paalu, namma hakku (ನಮ್ಮ ಪಾಲು, ನಮ್ಮ ಹಕ್ಕು). His erudite speech was a surprise for

some and an eye opener others. Fr. Edward Thomas, SDB elaborated on the topic "Inter-Congregational Efforts for Development and Empowerment". He also set a committee to implement in Dakshina District what has been discussed and decided. Fr. Pius D'Souza, OCD, the Episcopal Vicar for religious and Sr. Edna Furtado, AC, the secretary of CRI and other dignitaries were present on the dais. Sr. Reema Crasta, SRA proposed the vote of thanks and Sr. Lolita Pereira, BS compered the programme. Nearly 300 sisters, priests and brothers were present for the gathering

Thanksgiving

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Environment Friendly Divali Celebration

Divali means the feast of light. Many people celebrate Divali by lighting rows of earthen lamps with oil. Many people illuminate their houses with electricity. Public buildings are decorated with chains lighted small bulbs. Many people keep bulbs lighted not only during Divali but also other times. Most people would not know that electric light produces carbon dioxide which warms up the air causing environmental pollution.

Electricity has become part and parcel of our daily lives. We need lifts to go up and down in multi-storey buildings. We need fridge to keep safe perishable goods like food and medicine. Similarly to run different types of machines and instruments we need electricity. Hence the demand for electricity is constantly growing in the whole country. People who use electricity without any care and concern, do not know that there are hidden dangers in it. For instance, to produce electricity using coals, mines are dug and thousands of tribal people are dislocated. They become homeless in their own land! Electricity is produced in India mainly from atomic power and with coals. Some countries like Germany and Japan, considering the dangers of coals and of atomic power, are looking for alternative ways for electric power.

In this context on the auspicious occasion like Divali, we need to think about the use of various types of electricity. Usually for light we use either big or small electric bulbs or tube lights. Much electricity is used through them and consequently pollution increases.

Let me give you an example: "Your bulbs are powered by the blood of tribal people." You may be shocked with such statement made by a high school girl, Sweta Marandi. She took part in an International Conference of United Nations in Brazil. In her talk in the conference she said, "Your bulbs are powered with the blood of tribal people."

Sweta Marandi's story was reported in THE TELEGRAPH dated June 10, 2012; and Sweta Marandi was identified

as a 12 standard student of St. Joseph's Convent School at Patna. The delegates of the UNO world conference were shocked with Sweta Marandi's frightening statement. Innumerable adivasi people who possessed homes and own lands were made homeless by the authorities mining the Adivasi land for coals. The dust from the mines as well as from the transporting of coal has affected the lives of the tribal people living close to the mining areas causing them sickness and untimely death.

In the United Nation's Environmental Programme (UNEP) has published a brochure called 'Environmental Development'. The story of Sweta Marandi is published in it. Sweta from her teenage years became an environmental protection worker through the inspiration of her school and a non-governmental organization (NGO) 'Taru Mitra' (friend of trees). After learning about carbon dioxide pollution and its harmful effects from 'Taru Mitra' Sweta learnt that the use of electricity can be reduced using LED (Light Emitting Diodes) and CFL (Compact Fluorescent Lamp) instead of electric bulbs and tube

lights. So Sweta with the help of her parents replaced all electric bulbs and tube lights in her home with CFL lights. Then taking the help of her friends Sweta got all the houses in their housing society to use CFL lights replacing all electric bulbs and tubes. They also got the authorities to replace the street lights with the CFL lights. This story of reducing the use of electricity and protecting the environmental pollution by Sweta and her little band became the talk of the town. The news reached in their school and in their Church. The local newspapers too took note of them. Then they started a movement against use of electricity for illumination in public institutes, temples and churches. They told the people that one electric bulb cause more pollution to the environment than a hundred small lighted earthen pots!

Sweta and her friends met Archbishop William D'Souza of Patna and requested his help to reduce the use of electricity and conserve the environment. Arch-



by Fr. Varghese Paul, SJ

bishop William D'Souza joining the children's movements addressed a circular letter to the people of his archdiocese, entitled "Environmental Problems and Our Response". In his letter he called the people to reduce the use of electricity and preserve the environment from pollution as much as possible. In his circular letter of about 1500 words he wrote: "There is no devotion in illuminating churches and other institutions on special occasions like Christmas, New Year and Divali."

Reading the Archbishop D'Souza's circular letter I came to know that Pope Benedict XVI has been honoured as "The Green Pope" by the famous international American news weekly "News Week". Pope Benedict XVI set up 3000 solar panels in Vatican that all the buildings of Vatican City are illuminated with solar lights. Vatican is a small city state. There are not enough trees to produce oxygen to counter the pollution caused by the electricity. So Pope Benedict XVI adopted a big jungle area of Burke national park in Hungary. The jungle trees produce enough and more oxygen to counter the carbon dioxide of Vatican City.

We have to realize that human life on earth is in danger. The human made pollution threatens the existence not only human being but also others species in the whole world. Man made pollution has already caused the extinctions of many living species from the face of the earth. In such situations every person is called to take small and big steps to save the environment and reduce the pollution.

Our aims and efforts should be to save the environment from all types of pollution. So that every living and non-living beings on earth are protected from the environmental pollution.

Finally in our mad rush for development we should be alert to care for the environment and save our earth instead of destroying the environment with all sorts of pollutions. We need to take concrete steps. Let us pay attention to the call of save the earth from poet and environmentalist Natwar Hedau in his anthology entitled "Vanviharini Vanvandana".

"Let us come together, taking care of the earth, Look, changes are coming in the water and air."



Television corrupts the minds of people



by Jubel D'Cruz

Watching television is a waste of time and it is slowly corrupting the minds of our youth. It also encourages teen violence, sex, drugs, inappropriate language, and bullying. Unhealthy lifestyles and low social skills are also a negative effect from watching T.V. The time spent watching television should be a small limited amount and more time should be spent outside and interacting with people.

Some of the programmes on television that teenagers decide to watch are very negative and destructive to the mind. Dramas can put extra stress on the shoulders of our youth, and teens live with enough stress in their lives as it is. Teen minds are like sponges; they soak up their environment and act like the influences they are around. More children are put through bullying today than in the past and television has played a huge role in displaying harsh language and bullying.

A huge percentage of adolescents have started developing unhealthy habits in front of the T.V. It has been proven that the more time a person spends watching T.V., the sooner they are going to die. Being active is one of the most important necessities of a person's body; and why would someone want to abuse their bodies by obsessive T.V. watching? More time should be spent experiencing the great outdoors and developing real life friendships.

Everything with television and electronics has limited the amount of real-life social interactive. Television,

texting, videogames, and the internet have all limited outside interaction. Life is about living each day through-out new experiences and when someone is bottled up in their home talking to people through these electronics, they don't develop the same relations like they would face to face with a person. Television has started brain washing the children of our future,



and with every generation, children and teenagers are getting lazier and lazier.

Despite all the negativity within television, there are a few ways it can be made into a helpful and handy tool. Depending on what is being watched, the mind is fed with information. It is important to choose wisely in what is being watched because the information put into the brain is used in everyday-life situations. There is a huge variety of television programmes available for young audiences to watch, and if more educational shows are watched, positive outcomes will occur in the viewer's actions. With the right

shows and conditions, television is a wonderful tool for healthy mind development.

But in all reality, television is a waste of time within a person's life and more time should be spent outside in-

teracting with people and nature.

Television corrupts the minds of the youth, contributes to developing an unhealthy lifestyle, and lowers interacting and social skills. People should step out onto the earth and experience what they are watching on T.V. There is always something better to be doing rather than sitting in front of a large box displaying coloured motions.

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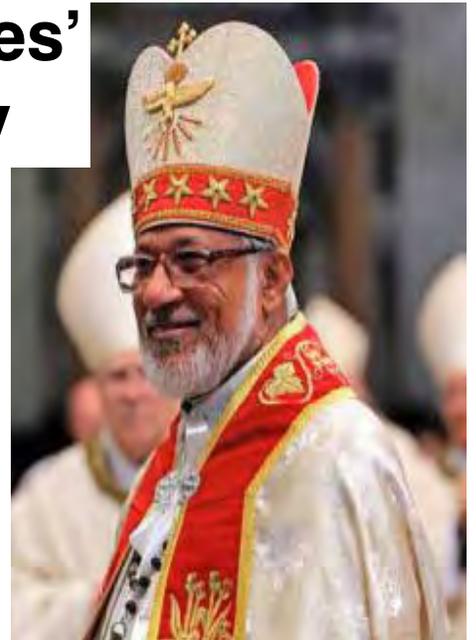
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Pope praises Indian Churches' 'beautiful, complex' diversity



Vatican City: Pope Francis said the variety of Catholic Churches and rites in India is a richness for the country that ought to be strengthened, and as a means of doing so, he expanded the reach of one of the country's indigenous Churches.

The decision moves toward a greater allowance for several bishops from distinct Catholic Churches in India having a presence in the same territory.

"In a world where large numbers of Christians are forced to migrate, overlapping jurisdictions have become customary and are increasingly effective tools for ensuring the pastoral care of the faithful while also ensuring full respect for their ecclesial traditions," Pope Francis wrote in an Oct. 10 letter addressed to India's bishops.

He said the diversity of ecclesial life in the country "shines with great splendor throughout lands and nations."

The various Catholic rites in India, Pope Francis said, constitute a historic Christian presence in India "that is both rich and beautiful, complex and unique."

"It is essential for the Catholic Church to reveal her face in all its beauty to the world, in the richness of her various traditions," he said, and noted how the Second Vatican Council sought to "protect and preserve the treasure of the particular traditions of each Church," an ongoing mission today.

His letter accompanied an announcement on the establishment of two new eparchies-Shamshabad (in Telangana) and Hosur (in Tamil Nadu) for the Syro-Malabar Church.

Pope Francis' decision to establish new eparchies for the Syro-Malabar Church and widen its jurisdiction to essentially all of India mirrors a similar

decision he made in August with the Syro-Malankara Church, when he reinforced their own presence with the establishment of a new eparchy and an apostolic visitor to the Syro-Malankara Church in Europe and Oceania.

The establishment of the eparchies also takes place as the Congregation for the Oriental Churches celebrates its centenary with a variety of activities in Rome, culminating in Mass with Pope Francis at the Basilica of St. Mary Major Oct. 12.

In his letter, Pope Francis noted that "In India, even after many centuries, Christians are only a small proportion of the population and, consequently, there is a particular need to demonstrate unity and to avoid any semblance of division."

He stated that when the Syro-Malabar Church expanded with missionary eparchies to parts of northern and central India, "it was generally thought by the Latin Bishops that there should be just one jurisdiction, that is, one bishop in a particular territory. These eparchies, created from Latin dioceses, today have exclusive jurisdiction over those territories, both of the Latin and Syro-Malabar faithful."

"However, both in the traditional territories of the Eastern Churches, as well as in the vast area of the so-called diaspora (where these faithful have long been established), a fruitful and harmonious cooperation between Catholic bishops of the different sui iuris Churches within the same territory has taken place."

He voiced hope that his decision to broaden the reach of the Syro-Malabar Church would be "welcomed with a generous and peaceful spirit, although it may be a source of apprehension for some, since many Syro-Malabars, deprived of pastoral care in their own rite, are at present fully in-

involved in the life of the Latin Church

Francis stressed his conviction that "there is no need for concern: the Church's life should not be disrupted by such a provision."

"Indeed it must not be negatively interpreted as imposing upon the faithful a requirement to leave the communities which have welcomed them, sometimes for many generations, and to which they have contributed in various ways. It should rather be seen as an invitation as well as an opportunity for growth in faith and communion with their sui iuris Church, in order to preserve the precious heritage of their rite and to pass it on to future generations."

"The path of the Catholic Church in India cannot be that of isolation and separation, but rather of respect and cooperation," he said, adding that the presence of several bishops of various rites "will surely offer an eloquent witness to a vibrant and marvelous communion."

Francis closed his letter urging the Catholic Churches in India "to be generous and courageous as they witness to the Gospel in the spirit of fraternity and mutual love."

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Inspiration!

Become a 'Jack of all trades and master of many'

Is it possible to, at once, be a world-class painter, engineer, scientist, musician and more? Well, it is entirely possible to be a jack of all trades, master of many. How? Being a jack of all trades means never being bored again. It also means building confidence, being adaptable and being a good leader and learning new skills - but it requires the right mindset. Whether you want to branch out a little of your comfort zone or wish you could do it all, our guide will help point you in the right direction.

A Jack of All Trades is competently skilled person, with a 'knows how' to lot of different types of work. In general, we're taught throughout our lives to pick something and specialize at it. Think of the classic "what do you want to be when you grow up?" question, as if you can only be one thing. Specializing certainly has a multitude of undeniable benefits, but it's not necessarily the only way to find success in life. Not everyone believes you have to choose, or that being a Jack of All Trades comes at such a high cost. Many people believe being a Jack can make it easier to master certain skills and has certain benefits too which gives them an edge over others. So, here is a complete download of the perks of being a 'Jack of all trades and master of many' and a few tips to attain mastery in the same. Let's start with many benefits of acquiring a lot of skills

You become more adaptable:

As a Jack of All Trades, you're able to take on a wide range of jobs and situations. You know how to use the knowledge and skills you've developed doing other things to make any job easier.

You cherish the go-getter attitude:



When opportunity arises, you're also likely to be the first one to dive in and go for it. You develop a go-getter attitude that can make you look really good. Essentially, adaptability is usefulness, and that's what you want to be: useful.

You become the best leader:

When you think of a good leader, you think of someone with experience. A lot of great leaders have a wide range of experience, though. Leaders that know all the aspects of a business have an edge on someone who rose through the ranks doing only one job.

You become all the more confident:

Confidence plays a huge part in our lives, both socially and professionally. With confidence, you can approach work without hesitation and come across as someone who appears capable to others. Doing the things you're good at is a great way to build up your confidence and a Jack of All Trades is good at a lot of things.

Now that you know about the perks, it's time you work towards becoming a 'Master Jack' and enjoy all of the perks to your maximum:

Define what you actually want to achieve:

When you close your eyes and imagine the types of things you'd like to be able to do, what do you imagine? Perhaps you envision being able to do

home repair, or maintenance on your car. Maybe you'd like to learn some carpentry in order to eventually build a shed. Maybe you'd like to learn a musical instrument. Figure out a large

goal or two that you'd like to achieve, then break this goal down into some basic skills. Another good exercise is to figure out the skills you already have.

When learning, master the basics first:

When you know the basic principles well, it becomes much easier to build more complex ideas on top. Knowing the basics well, is a technique that, when well-practiced, makes the entire process of preparing a meal much easier. Master the basics and the advanced techniques will seem much more attainable.

Share what you know:

Many people often feel that they don't have something of value to share. Very rarely is that actually true - all of us have something valuable to share right in between our ears. Share what you know freely and widely. Often, people have valuable information and insights in areas that they never expect until others ask about it.

Never fail to share with others. Why? When an opportunity comes around and you want or need something, if you've shared with someone in the past, they're much more likely to help you when you need it. The best place to start is with what you know, so get sharing.

Apply the skills you're learning in your own life:

Best of all, as you acquire these new skills, you can apply them in your own life. The better you become at writing, the more likely it is that you can sell a piece or you can start a successful blog that can earn you a bit of money.

All of this comes back to two things: building skills and building relationships. The more you do of both, the better off you are.



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6630. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1983), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 100 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., PGDBA in HR, working as Associate Manager. Seeks any Roman Catholic good familybackground. Contact email : dereck@live.in OR 9619402403

6764 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1977), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 76 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA PGDM, working as an Asst. Vice President. Contact email : shamlcoutinho@gmail.com

6763 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1978), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HSC, working as a Captain. Contact email : harrydsilva3@gmail.com

6756 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in December 1977), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 78 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 12th std. (HSC), working as an Admin. Assistnat in **DUBAI**. Contact email : charlotteirani@yahoo.com

6744 MUMBAI : Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1980), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 59 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduate, Service. Contact email : fernandes.ed2@gmail.com

6735 MUMBAI : Born and brought-up in Mumbai, Tamilian RC Bachelor, (Born in August 1977), Ht. 6', Wt. 89 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn.FYJC. hav-

ing own Transportation Business. Contact email : michaelenterprises07@gmail.com OR 9222008111

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6731 MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Bachelor, (Born in September 1978), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn.12th, working as a Office boy in Bank, having own house. Contact email : dsouzamaximmcb@gmail.com

6729 MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Bachelor, (Born in November 1988), Ht. 6', Wt. 72 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn.SSC, Diploma in A.C., working as a A.C. Technician. Contact email : johnmacoib@gmail.com

6726 MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Bachelor, (Born in January 1984), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn.B.Com., MBA, LL.B., working as a Manager in reputed Company. Contact email : franscoroyal@rediffmail.com

6723 MUMBAI : RC Bachelor (42) (Born in October 1974), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 76 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HSC., own business. Seeking single and simple orphan girl below 35 yrs. Preferably pet lover. Contact email : henriques.nigel@gmail.com OR 9821812507

6722 MUMBAI : East Indian RC Bachelor, (Born in September 1989), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 64 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., C.A., working in Audit firm. Contact email : eltn89@yahoo.co.in

6718 MUMBAI : Goan RC Bachelor, (Born in April 1980), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 85 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Marketing Executive. Contact email : mumbaischool@yahoo.co.in

6717 MUMBAI : Born and brought-up in Mumbai, Keralite RC Bachelor, (Born in June 1986), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., (Computer Science), PGDM MBA,m working as a Software Consultant in reputed IT firm. Only Child., Contcat email : donald.arakel@gmail.com OR 9004608504

6713 MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Bachelor, (Born in September 1989), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 67 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn.B.E. (Extc) working as a Sales Engineer. Contact email : coelho.helen@yahoo.co.in

6711 MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Bachelor, (Born in September 1985), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 67 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn.B.Com., IATA, working as Investment Banking Analyst. Contact email : tristan.fernandes85@gmail.com

6709 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1985), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn.MBA, working as a Logistics Operations. Contact email ; rosd2505@gmail.com

6700. MUMBAI : Goan RC bachelor, (Born in September 1979), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working for Private Firm. Contact email : savio_101in@yahoo.co.in

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6765. MUMBAI : Goan RC spinster, (Born in March 1986), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 42 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. C.A., working as a Chartered Accountant. Contact email : marilyn.dcosta22@gmail.com

6761. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC spinster, (Born in April 1990), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 54 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., Teacher by profession. Contact Mob: 9892316638

6759. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC spinster, (Born in April 1991), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 45 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.A.(Economics), M. Communication, working as a Account Manager. Contact email : anlobo21@gmail.com / avi03lobo@gmail.com.

6757. MANGALORE : Mangalorean RC spinster, (Born in May 1990), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 51 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA (IS), working as a HR in **Dubai**. Contact email : proposalmlore25@gmail.com

6752. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC spinster, (Born in February 1982), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Good looking, Edn. MBA (HR), working as a Chief Manager in Insurance Company. Contact email : genesia_17@yahoo.com

6748. MUMBAI : Goan RC spinster, (Born in March 1987), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., with Dip. in Software Testing, working as a Test Engineering Specialist at a MNC. Contact email : thomasdsouza18@gmail.com

6747. MUMBAI : Goan RC spinster,

(Born in August 1988), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 53 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A. B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : idalina1888@gmail.com

6730. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in June 1989), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 68 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., MBA Finance, doing B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : jgkelshikar@gmail.com

6728. MUMBAI : Maharastrian Protestant Spinster, (Born in June 1989), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 53 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 10th + Nursing Diploma, Nurse by profession. Contact Mob: 9892562906

6727. IMDORE : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in May 1990), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 58 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com with Computers, working for Airlines. Contact email : triptananda@gmail.com

6725. MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, (Born in September 1992), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B. Pharma, MBA, working as a Sr. Analyst. Contact email : meenad@indoco.com

6724. MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, (Born in April 1984), 5' 4", Wt. 78 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Beautiful, Edn. M.Com., works for a retail Company in **Dubai** as Team Lead - HR Operation. Contact email : avenap@hotmail.com OR 7506113313

6710. MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, (Born in November 1984), 5' 2", Wt. 50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, HR. working as a HR Manager. Contact email : mmf8425@gmail.com

6698. MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, (Born in July 1985), Ht. 4' 8", Wt. 41

kgs., Fair Complexion, Edn. M.A. History, working as an Executive. Contact email : sharmayne7@gmail.com

6687. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in October 1989), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.A., B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : snlpinto@gmail.com

6686. MUMBAI : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in October 1979), Ht. 5'5", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Sr. Customer Service Associate. Contact email : springwater1948@gmail.com

6683. BANGALORE : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in July 1989), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 48 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBBS., Doctor by profession. Contact email : nads.nisha@gmail.com

6680. MUMBAI: Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in January 1988), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. BMM, MBA in HR, working as a HR. Contact email: walterabrahamdsouza@gmail.com.

6679. MUMBAI: RC Goan parents seeks matrimonial alliance for their daughter, (Born in November 1989), Ht. 5' 3", slim, attractive personality, B.Tech, MBA from India's premier institutions, senior manager in renowned US based MNC from highly educated, professionally qualified and well-settled Roman Catholic bachelors in India/abroad with good family background and values. Kindly email profile and picture to tsm8759@gmail.com

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RF101576	RF101738
RF101431	RF101734
RF101319	RF101696
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6571. USA : Goan Roman Catholic Divorcee (Marriage Annuled), (Born in December 1969), Ht. 6' 1", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Eng., Engineer by profession. Seeks a girl below 35 years, preferably working in USA.

6564. DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1987), Ht. 179 cms, Wt. 78 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Mechanical Engineer, working as an Engineer.

6562. ABROAD : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1981), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. PUC + Computer diploma, having own business.

6558. KUWAIT : Goan Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in January 1982), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 80 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. Masters Computers in USA, working as a Manager in USA. Seeks a educated homely Goan or Mangalorean girl working in USA or India.

6553. GERMANY : German Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1980), Ht. 175 cms, Well built, Fair Complexion, Edn. Normal School Cheff. Working as a Cheff.

6546. USA : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in December 1987), Ht. 171 cms, Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. HSC., Diploma in Aviation, working for a Foreign Cruise line as a Security Officer .

6539. DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1982), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., MBA., working for Bank.

6526. DOHA QATAR : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in September 1982), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, PGDM, having decent job.

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6775. AUSTRALIA

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6760. KUWAIT

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6691. BAHRAIN

6685. DUBAI

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6569. DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1985),

Ht. 5' 2", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA - Finance, working as an Accountant.

6568. NEWYORK : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1990), Ht. 157 cms, Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.S. in Computer Science (USA), working as a Software Engineer.

6566. DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1986), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.S. in HR, working as a Admin. Exec. (HR).

6557. CALIFORNIA : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in August 1989), Ht. 5' 1", Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E. , M.S. in California, working in CALIFORNIA.

6542. AUSTRALIA : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1988), Ht. 159 cms, Wt. 57 kgs, Fair, good looking, Edn. Masters in Biotechnology from University of Queensland, Australia, working as Scientist (Research) in Australia.

6528. DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1985) Ht. 5' 7", Beautiful and Fair Complexion, Edn. Masters in Health, Care (MHA), Working as a Manager.

6527. DUBAI : Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in July 1987), Ht. 5' 3", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A. in Mass Media, working as a Senior Executive in Govt. in Dubai.

6749. AUSTRALIA : Goan RC spinster, (Born in October 1985), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 57 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) working as a Psychologist.

6513. USA : Mangalorean R.C. Spinster, (Born in May 1985) Ht. 5 Ft., Fair Complexion, Edn. : B.E. Working as a Software Engineer.

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