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The Debt to the Dead

All our bodies belong to the earth while our spirits merge with the maker. This meaningful poem by Mary Elizabeth Frye has not only consolation to those who mourn, but also a bitter truth that makes humans one with creation- from ashes we came and to ashes we return.

*Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints on snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain
When you awaken in the morning hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not stand at my grave side and cry
I am not there. I did not die.*



Three Receive AFJ Lifetime Achievement Awards



The Ambassadors For Jesus last Sunday morning, at Calcutta, presented three Lifetime Awards in the presence of a large gathering of Catholics at the Divine Mercy (private) Chapel.

AFJ Founder Melvyn Brown graced the occasion (see pictures), and was present to review the Ambassadors annual pastoral report in the Archdiocese. The AFJ program their apostolate with three groups: The Prayer Circle, the Silent chosen, and the Active members who use the print media to advance the Word of God, talks

to families and friends, and to perform small acts of charity with kindness.

Award Winner Shelton Pyster, who had acted as Jesus at eight different times over the years, was noteworthy for his skill and acting ability. Shelton is a pious man and was recently involved in the Fatima centenary celebrations in the city. He was also invited to the recent Archdiocesan Synod 2017 by His Grace, Thomas D'Souza, Archbishop of Calcutta. Shelton is a proud member of the AFJ.

Joe Baylis, was awarded for being the

oldest active member of the movement since the 1980's. He had been witness to many moments of the AFJ's success and failures.

Edwin Thompson was a loyal and active member, raising the AFJ banner in the field of football and hockey in tournaments.

All three awards were presented for Lifetime Achievement. Founder Melvyn Brown presented the Citations and trophies (see pictures) in the Divine Mercy Chapel amid loud clapping and screams of joy.



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'Thought for the week'

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The Most Important Issue

by Don Aguiar

There are many variations to the sayings "You get what you pay for", "You won't ever get something for nothing", "Good isn't cheap, and cheap isn't good", though in most cases and through experience these statements are very much true.

After boarding my flight back to Schiphol Airport Amsterdam from Heathrow Airport London and while adjusting my seat I heard a woman in the economy section yelling and on turning back noticed -

A Caucasian woman who arrived at her designated seat on this crowded flight from London to Amsterdam immediately didn't want it.

Why?

It was next to a person of color.

The woman, disgusted, called for a flight attendant and demanded she is seated elsewhere, yelling, "I won't sit here next to him!"

The flight attendant informed the woman that she would check to see if there was a vacant seat.

Unfortunately, there were none in economy, so she checked to see if one was available in first class.

After a few minutes, she returned and said, "I was informed there are no seats left in economy, but there's one in first class. It's our policy to never move a person from economy to first class, but being it would look bad to force someone to sit next to an unpleasant person, we'll make the switch to first class."

Before the Caucasian woman could say anything, the flight attendant gestured to the man of color and said, "Therefore, sir, if you'd kindly retrieve all of your personal belongings, we'd like to move you to the comfort of first class, as we don't want you sitting next to an unpleasant person."

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This vacant seat was side of mine and this colored guy who was upgraded to this seat was an Indian with a south Indian accent and on inquiring he confirmed he was from Kerala but based in Delhi. After settling in his seat and happy at the unexpected airline gesture which he said an Indian airline would seldom do but there are exceptions. Equating these exceptions to an Indian Airline he said that he was upgraded because the airline learnt that he was a central minister in the cabinet of the present Indian Government.

Knowing how well Indian politicians can twist and turn situations to their favor, I smiled. With an air of achievement he told me that he was the only Christian Minister inducted as a central minister in the present BJP Narendra Modi cabinet and asked my opinion and views about this development or rather an achievement of him being sworn in as the ONLY Christian central minister. I am sharing with you what I told him.

"You have been inducted in the cabinet, just to appease the numerical strong Christian community in Kerala which is essential for the party to make inroads in Kerala and to show them that a healthy relationship has been developed between the Christian community and the BJP, keeping in mind the forth coming elections for the state legislature. I hope the community understands the game plan and votes wisely."

Keeping in tune with his party line, he said - Once a man asked God – why you

don't fulfill my wishes if you are everywhere? GOD Replied – I am like a WiFi my Child.. I am available everywhere but you need to connect with me with a correct password. And the password is FAITH. In the same way this right wing party of which he has joined and been made a central minister in the Narendra Modi government is progressing on similar lines which is FAITH.

Knowing well that Indians have always tended to discuss and argue, to prize rational inquiry over dull conformity. In other words, the tradition of dissent and following (blind or in any form) has a long and honorable tradition in this land. One must be smart on tapping the following in their favor thru issues based on FAITH.

He suggested that we see the circumstances for what they are, not what they should be. This will help you consider various elements and make better decisions. Rarely in life will you face new problems? Learn from the past instead of being rooted to it. It's the best way to avoid the 'this-is-how-it's-always-been' syndrome as opportunity knocks just once.

The minority communities are well aware of the present government's policy of their members indulging in communal disharmony, minority persecution, the economy on the down side and so on. Yet there are still opportunists in the community who are interested in their advancement and will bend to any extent.

Being an opportunist is Ok but this lone Christian minister would be at a loss on how to take on his communal colored party members, nationalists and be able to deliver to his community as given to understand as well as to influence this government in ensuring privileges to his community or ensuring that his community is able to live as per guaranteed by the Constitution of India or on maintaining communal harmony, respecting the minorities and the Indian constitution in practicing secularism.

"If you want to see the true measure of a man, watch how he treats his employ-

ees, not his equals." J.K. Rowling

I mentioned to him that I met Carlos Slim, one of the richest people on this planet, when he invested in one of the companies I am a consultant to. I asked him what his secret to success was. He said a few things, but a couple of them were:

Focus on value, not on success. Success is a byproduct of value

Treat your employees well - as if one day, you will report to them

Do you agree?

I then gave him this example - A Chinese man married an African woman and had a child. Two months later the child passed away. At the funeral house, the African woman kept sobbing and saying – "I KNEW IT, I KNEW IT"!!!! A FAMILY MEMBER PULLED HER ASIDE AND ASKED; "What did you know?" She replied: "That Chinese products don't last long!!"

This Christian central minister got the message, but he still maintained that whatever be the odds, we need to be opportunists and take a shot to work to change adversity to advantage. Although one is aware that being a central minister from a minority community in a nationalist right wing government has its difficulties. We need not react to every opinion, every comment or every situation. Kick the drama and keep going ahead. Choose your battles wisely... not everything deserves your time and attention.

Our Constitution envisaged a "democratic, secular, socialist and sovereign nation" but the majoritarian ethos which dominates our government's speech and behavior today has another "nation" in mind. Whatever form that takes, one thing is sure, it will not be democratic?

Will we value the right to inquire, to challenge and to dissent, as part of our democratic legacy — or will we allow it to lapse by default? This is the most important issue of the present time.

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Drastically reduce GST rates

GST has made life expensive and resulted in the closure of many businesses and companies and only our greedy and selfish politicians have benefitted from it as they can line their pockets with it and squander it on their pleasure trips/holidays both in India and abroad thus Indian democracy is rightly called the government of the politicians for the politicians and by the politicians instead of being called the government of the people, by the people and for the people.

It is thus high time that this bad trend is stopped at once by drastically reducing our politicians perks and reducing all GST rates to 15% and encouraging states and union territories to declare themselves tax free if they wish to do so.

Besides this at international airports and seaports/docks/harbours, international road borders and international train border stations the GST on big products like TV sets, microwave ovens, laptops, personal and desk top computers, computer printers, music systems must be refunded to both Indians and foreigners.

Indians must be permitted to bring back to India gold and gold products whenever they travel abroad and it must be taxed reasonably instead of being banned outright because this has resulted in a black market for gold and gold products.

Double accounting by politicians and citizens must be drastically curbed by heavily fining people who indulge in it and giving them stiff prison terms which must be doubled if the offence is repeated and pressure

and bribes are used to avoid punishment of any kind by also punishing the person exerting pressure, and the bribe giver and the person receiving the bribe by punishing these people in a similar manner but the fine money must be utilised properly for important and useful projects instead of being wasted.

Finishing courses and ethics and etiquette courses must be incorporated into the syllabuses of schools, colleges and universities to help curb corruption more efficiently and effectively

Banks must ensure that they collect the GST only once on a particular credit card transaction and debit card transaction and if they fail to do so a consumer case must be filed against them and they must employ impartial PROs in all their branches and impartial staff and managers by making them undergo compulsory courses in ethics and etiquette and finishing courses once a month every year and any bank worker who refuses to do so must be permanently sacked on the spot.

So by drastically reducing GST rates life can be made easier for the common man.

—Peter Castellino

Arbitration: A solution to problems faced by housing societies

Catholics are generally in the forefront, when it comes to managing the

affairs of Co-op Housing Societies which are cosmopolitan in nature. Catholics in such cosmopolitan housing societies, do a commendable job and their efforts are generally appreciated by grateful members. This, however, is not the case in HSG societies that are predominantly Catholic. Many of these societies are on the brink of being handed over to the registrar for administration. So what ails our Catholic hsg societies? Basically, it boils down a huge trust deficit and big egos among all members. Members constantly bicker with each other and generally criticise those who work, even though very few volunteer to serve on the managing committee.

Hence many of our Catholic housing societies are facing problems in day to day administration and issues relating to redevelopment and conveyance of buildings.

Application of the Bible to real life situations can help solve many problems. In the early years following the crucifixion of Jesus, the people lived as a community and in complete fellowship. As the 'believers' (as they were known) began to grow in number, quarrels arose among them. The newly converted Greek Jews complained to the apostles that their widows were being neglected in favour of the widows of native Jews, in the distribution of community funds. The apostles then decided to select 7 'respected men filled with the Holy Spirit' to oversee the equitable distribution of funds. This pleased everyone. So Stephen and six others were selected for the work. And all were satisfied by their decisions.

I request the archdiocese or individual parishes to likewise set up a panel/s of capable persons to act as arbitrators. A hsg society faced with intractable issues may approach one such arbitrator, preferably from another parish, for arbitration. If still members fail to see reason, God help that society, as we all know what happens when an administrator takes over the society.

—Prof Robert Castellino
Malad Mumbai



A Striking Resemblance



by chhotebhai *

als. Then comes rocketman Kim Jong-un, President of North Korea, who believes that he will be immortalised if he nukes the rest of the world. Next we have the one and only Donald Trump, the American President, who

British. Anybody thought about that?

Namo and his National Security Advisor, Ajit Doval, believed that they would strike at the root of Kashmiri unrest with pellet guns, then by tying an innocent voter on to the bonnet of an army jeep. For three years they obstinately refused to dialogue with the stone pelters. Rather late in the day some realization has dawned and an interlocutor has been appointed. Is this a case of closing the stable door after the horse has bolted? It could now cause a nightmare (pun intended).

Another attempted strike has been against open defecation. Again a good idea that could go wrong. In my hometown municipal authorities are doing the rounds of slums early in the morning and beating drums or bugling to embarrass those with their pants down (pun again intended). Most of them are poor slum dwellers, including women and children. I find this inhuman. We need to ask ourselves why there are slums? Why is there migration from rural areas? Why have municipal toilets been converted into living accommodation for municipal workers? How many public toilets do we have, especially for women, in proportion to the population?

Even if toilets are being constructed, where is the water to flush them, the sewage system, and sewage treatment plants? Where are the sanitation workers to clean other peoples' crap? This last is a valid point raised by Mag-saysay Awardee B. Wilson of the Safai Karmachari Sangh. Nammo seems to strike at the symptom rather than the disease. He is yet to learn a holistic approach to good governance.

Namo has another target to strike at

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Those who don't learn the lessons of history are condemned to repeat the same mistakes. I see a striking resemblance in the behaviour and attitude of some of our current crop of leaders, with those of the past. Hence my apprehension that they may be falling in to the same trap, or making the same mistakes of those with whom they seem to share that striking resemblance.

In the last century we had dictators like Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, Mao and Salazar. All of them had simplistic solutions to complex issues and chose to strike at the "enemies" of the State or society. These dictators fell from grace and are today remembered more for their foolish decisions, rather than their leadership qualities or other accomplishments.

At present I find four world leaders who seem to have similar "simplistic" solutions. We have Rodrigo Duterte, President of the Philippines, who believes that he can solve the drug problem by shooting dead all the drug peddlers. No need of cumbersome tri-

believes that building a wall will prevent illegal migration from Mexico. Like Texan cowboys of yesteryear he also believes that he can shoot his way through North Korea, Iran and Islamist terrorists. As often as not, he ends up shooting himself in the foot; provided that it is not in his mouth!

We in India have our very own Nammo. He thought that a surgical strike against Pakistan would stop terrorism. It had the opposite effect. Nammo thought that an overnight Demo would exorcise the demon of black money. It failed miserably. Then he brought in GST that he euphemistically termed a good and simple tax. It was a good idea, but far from simple. The GST manual runs into over 700 pages. Four months down the line the experts are still looking for "simple solutions". Nammo is building a huge statue of Shivaji in the Arabian Sea, one of Sardar Patel in Gujarat, and now his aide in U.P. intends building a 100 metre statue of Sri Ram in Ayodhya. Such acts have a striking resemblance to Mayawati building huge icons of herself, among others, and of other megalomaniacs in history who wanted their subjects to bow down and worship them. They have all bitten the dust on which their pedestals were raised.

But Nammo and his ilk cannot learn the lessons of history, because they are busy re-writing Indian history; be it the cow, aerospace engineering, plastic surgery, the Mughal "traitors" and even the role of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Patel in the freedom movement. They are strangely silent on the role of the

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– a Congress mukht Bharat. To attain that end he seems to justify all means – poaching legislators, breaking legislatures, and threatening others with tax raids. If the Congress wants to dig its own grave so be it. But the goal of a striking leader should be to build the nation, not to destroy the opposition by means fair or foul.

Instead of deriding the Congress and questioning ad nauseum what they did in the last 70 years, he needs to take a good hard look at the leaders that went before him – both their achievements and their blunders.

Colossi of the freedom movement like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, and B. R. Ambedkar were all decisive in their own ways. Gandhiji brought us Swaraj, Nehru a vision of modern India, and Ambedkar a Constitution that many others envy. Nehru had to walk a tight rope between conservatives and communalists. He chose the path of modernity. So we had the Bhakra Nangal Dam, atomic power, IITs and IIMs, to which Sushma Swaraj paid glowing tribute at a recent meeting of the U.N. General Assembly. Nehru also acted decisively against a foreign power in 1961 to liberate Goa. That was far more challenging than the annexation of the princely State of Hyderabad, for which the Gujaratis would like to give all the credit to Sardar Patel alone.

Nehru's daughter, "goongi gudiya" Indira Gandhi proved to be even more decisive – whether it was the nationalisation of banks, abolition of Privy Purses, Urban Land Ceiling or the liberation of Bangladesh. By no stretch of the imagination can Namo claim to be the first "striking leader" of India.

Talking of strikers we could also learn some lessons from sport. About 55 years ago when I was representing my school in hockey and football I always played as left winger (was that a harbinger of my subsequent social proclivity?). Back then, in a team of eleven we had five forwards, three half backs, two full backs and one goalkeeper.

Today the formations have changed. Usually there is only one striker, four midfielders, four defenders and then the goalkeeper. The striker can do nothing on his own. He needs team work. Namo seems to lack that. For five months he did not have a full time Defence Minister. For several months there was no Environment Minister. In his recent cabinet expansion he leaned heavily on ex-bureaucrats, prompting political commentators to quip that his team lacked bench strength, again a term borrowed from sports parlance.

All leaders are prone to error. Nehru faced the ignominy of the Himalayan Blunder against China in 1962. Indira Gandhi broke the back of the judiciary and bureaucracy during the infamous Emergency. Her son Sanjay embarked on surgical strikes like forced sterilizations (our family planning programme is yet to recover from it), and planting eucalyptus trees that drained out all the underground water. Indira first propped up Bhindranwala, then killed him in Operation Blue Star, and ultimately paid for it with her own life.

Her son Rajive did not learn from his mother's mistakes. First he trained the LTTE cadres at the Chakrata army base near Dehradun. Then he sent the IPKF against them in Sri Lanka, only to die at their hands. When you sow the wind you reap a whirlwind. So Namobhai please learn the lessons of history, else you will bear a striking resemblance to those who struck first and got struck down later.

This surgical strike with my pen is not meant to strike down anybody. It is only hoped that those who read this will learn the lessons of history and avoid those pitfalls. Let us remember that a common man makes mistakes, a wise man learns from other peoples' mistakes, and a fool never learns. Let us all be a part of that learning process. Let us not be struck down by lightning, but rather be enlightened citizens. Jai Hind!

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Rome's youngest parish priest from Philippines



The Lord's calling came very early for Fr. Bonifacio "Ted" Sarte Lopez VI, who was recently installed as the youngest parish priest in Rome, Italy.

Lopez, 47, who was born in Sta. Cruz village here, will give pastoral care to the faithful in Saints Elizabeth and Zacchary Church in Rome after his installation this Sunday.

As an altar boy at the St. Stephen Protomartyr church in this city in Albay province, Ted loved collecting religious objects particularly rosaries and images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, his eldest sister Maria Teresita Lopez recalled.

"Ted was very fond of cutting out (pictures) of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Friday edition of a nationally circulated newspaper. Then he would put the pictures between his clothes inside the closet," Teresita said.

But it was Fr. Eulogio "Oloy" Lawenko Jr., a priest who used to serve in the same church, who inspired Lopez to finally choose the priesthood, she added.

It was while serving as sakristan under Lawenko that Lopez's future vocation formed in his mind.

"He left the country when he was 16 and got to Rome through the help of an uncle, (the late) Bishop Concordio Sarte," his sister Teresita said.

Lopez was ordained in 1994. Prior to becoming a parish priest, he was assigned to Parrochia Nostra Signora Di Lourdes in Italy.

The priest has been staying in Rome for the past 30 years, but visited the country briefly in 2015 during Pope Francis' pastoral visit.

Lopez's 83-year-old mother, Teresita, spoke for the family when she said that her youngest son has made her "the happiest mother on earth."

"All praises and thanks to God for the fulfillment of his dream," she said.

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Whether The Right Way To Help Rural India Is To Make Our Villages - Smart Villages?

by Eric D'Sa

It is time for fresh thinking about the changing economics of geography. Instead of concentrating on making our cities smart, should we seriously consider making our small towns and surrounding villages smart? There is growing anger in the rural India which is manifesting itself in the recently held elections in these areas. Some how GOI has not realised that note bandi which overnight removed 85% of currency in the circulation, has affected the rural sector much more than what was expected. Now as these poor rural people are gradually learning, that unlike what was dished out by GOI when the high denomination notes were withdrawn, the effect on the rich who were supposed to have stashed up black money at homes has been minimal and they have managed with the help of the same rulers, to overcome much personal financial damage. The rural poor will also gather from the stock markets, that the rich in the cities are growing richer, while they the poor as they can see around them, are growing poorer. The initial populism wave which GOI rode, seems to have gone over the crest. The recently introduced GST if not carefully monitored, is bound to further increase the disparities between the rich and the poor states and between the cities and the villages.

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There is a sobering lesson we can learn from the recent elections in USA, Germany and Austria, where the success of anti-immigrant, anti-globalisation parties showed that a message of hostility to elites and outsiders resonates as strongly as ever among those fed up with the status quo. Getting tough on immigrants will do nothing to improve economic conditions in eastern Germany, where 20% of voters backed the far-right alternative for Germany or middle states of USA, where Trump won decisively. But the self-defeating nature of populist policies will not blunt their appeal. Mainstream parties in India must offer rural voters who feel left behind, a better

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and more honest vision of the future, one that takes greater account of the geographical reality.

The recently published National Family health Survey (NFHS -4) data reveals that India is confronted with severe challenges of an inter generational cycle of under nutrition. The fact that every second women in India is anaemic, every third child is stunted and under weight, is a matter of serious concern. The chronic impact of stunting on life long learning and adult productivity and increased disease susceptibility is well known. The above study indicates that 40% of our future work force will not be able to achieve their full physical and cognitive potential. All the talk about the demographic dividend that India has, will be a mere mirage. It is not difficult to gather from the statistics that the GOI has, where these anaemic women and stunted children predominantly live. The statistics show clearly that in India, there are around 200 districts which are

very poor and these are in the states of Bihar, UP, Rajasthan ,MP, Orissa, Chattisgarh and Jharkand.

Economic theory suggests that regional inequalities should diminish as poorer (and cheaper) places attract investment and grow faster than richer ones. The 20th century bore that theory out: income gaps narrowed across American states and European regions. Even in India the central government did use policies to try and attract businesses to the poorer states. Tax incentives were provided for businesses to locate in the poorer districts. The Central Government through the planning commission, pumped in more finances into less wealthy states. No longer this will work with the abolition of the Panning Commission. Affluent places are now pulling away from poorer ones. This geographical divergence has dramatic consequences. A child born in the bottom 20% in wealthy Mumbai, has twice as much chance as a similar child in a village in Bihar of ending up in the top 20% as an adult. Opportunities of good education and jobs are limited for those stuck in the wrong places, and the wider economy suffers. If all its citizens had lived in places of high productivity over the past 70 years, Indian economy could have grown twice as fast as it did in these years.

So what do we do on a war footing to make these very poor districts in India in which most of our illiterate poor live, raise their standard of living. How do we help them to try and catch up with the rest of the country. It is not easy for these people to migrate to the richer states or cities, due to language, culture and religious barriers. May be GOI for a start should try to make the small towns and the villages surrounding them smart villages. They have the technology necessary to do so. They will have to invest in providing internet connections to these ar-

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eas and smart phones to at least the important functionaries in these areas. We need to get these people with the help of Digitisation leap frog and catch up with rest of the country. This will create literates, more jobs and wealth. The demand of basic goods and services from these marginalised people will help GDP grow at double digit. The following are a few suggestions of apps that can bring in the digital change and with it the required wealth into the most backward districts of the country:

Make Panchayats smart: If the government give smart phones to each and every one of the Panchayat member in these districts, the government will be able to monitor on daily bases, the money that can be increasingly pumped into these backward districts under different government schemes. They can communicate with these local leaders through Community Information Resource centres. Panchayat meetings can be monitored and the actual stories from active and successful Panchayats, could be used to motivate the laggards to do better. Leakages of money from all government schemes could be minimised.

Make school teachers smart: Before we can make our village schools smart, we have to make our village school teachers smart. They will be able to on daily bases give the attendance of students in their schools to the authorities. This will also minimise absence of school teachers, a perennial problem. The teachers will be able

to learn from more successful schools in other villages of how to improve teaching methods. It will make it easier for parents to communicate with their children's teachers on regular bases and get an update on the progress the child is making with learning. The free glass of milk scheme, the free noon meal scheme, which will more than anything else prevent the village children being stunted, be monitored better. Total literacy of all the village children should be the goal post set for each village school.

Make health centres Asha workers smart: Good health care advise and population control, greatly depend on the health care workers in our villages. These are the ones who will advise the mothers on the need to breast feed the child from first hour of birth and also the later feeds that provide the essential nutritions of proper growth. There are the ones who will then have access to a town government hospital, to get updated advise on how to deal with the health issues in the villages. They are also the ones who will vaccinate the children and keep the government updated on the progress made to ensure communicable diseases are prevented from spreading. Swatch Bharat, Rural drinking water mission, Integrated child development mission, maternity benefits schemes will not work, unless we have smart health care workers.

Make the village farmers smart: There is an urgent need for the village farmers to become more productive and grow the right crops that will give them the best returns. They can augment their agricultural income by earning from animal husbandry. More than any one else, the villagers not only need more food to eat but also increased protein intakes. Meat, fish and eggs, vegetables and different lentils should be available in sufficient quantities. This country with a huge population can only prosper, if our farmers have surpluses from which they can make a good living.

Make the village market place traders smart: As the villages get connected by good motorable roads to the city, what is essential is the market place where the goods and services are traded in a smart way. This has to be in the nearby town, if the village is not big enough to have its own smart market place, where the prices of goods and services can be checked with those in the cities, before a decision is made to sell or purchase. A farmer should be able to directly enter into forward contracts to ensure he gets the best prices.

So should GOI concentrate on making our cities smart as per the present plans or first tackle severe poverty and deprivation in our villages, by making our villages smart? You the Citizens decide.



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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.

— Charles and Melba, Bangalore

Thoughts on ‘Catholic’ Education!

by DR. TREVOR COLASO

Melvyn Brown’s article, “Encourage Catholic Education in the Faith”, dated 30 October 2017, in *The Secular Citizen*, is truly an ‘eye-opener’! Let me briefly quote just three pertinent points. 1. To encourage children to build their natural reserves, respect each other’s rights, and promote freedom of speech. 2. To reflect Catholic teachings in our Institutions which are crucial. 3. To grow in courage and trust in the Lord!

Catholic Education in India:

The late Cardinal Ivan Dias who recently died in Rome on 19 June 2017, was a member of the Vatican’s *Congregation for Catholic Education*. In 2002, he denounced pressures and intimidations issued by Indian authorities to Catholic schools, which had to put up with uncooperative and abusive public officials.

Cardinal Toppo of Ranchi, when he presented the *All India Catholic Education Policy* in May 2007 commented: “Education is a key to India’s development. Catholic education is an integral part of the Church’s mission, and is in perfect harmony with social expectations.” He cited Pope John XXIII – ‘The Church is both a mother and a teacher’!”



The first Catholic school in Goa was started by St. Francis Xavier in 1541. Today throughout India, there are 14,539 Catholic education institutions, of which 448 are colleges (159 in rural areas). They cater to nearly 7 million students, of which 54% are girls! Catholics represent just 22.7%, while 53% are Hindus. Besides, 41.4% belong to below the poverty line, 32.4% to lower income groups, and 19% to middle income status. Many of the leaders in political backgrounds have studied in Catholic Institutions!

Five Keys for a ‘Pastoral Catholic Education’!

Cardinal Giuseppe Versaldi, *Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education*, proposed five keys for pastoral education in the Catholic context. He was participating in Chile’s Sixth National Congress on Catholic Education, 12-13 Oct. 2017. (Brief extracts):

1. Proclamation of the Christian life:

Catholic schools have both, the right and duty to not only teach in consistency with its own values, but also to have an inner dynamism of proclaiming and living the Christian life!

2. Witness to Charity: A school community’s witness must be obviously noted for its charity! This makes

the values conveyed through its educators and its students credible and attractive.

3. Ongoing Formation of Teachers:

Such a formation can make both the faculty and administration able to feasibly engage with, and also to be a partner in dialogue with civil authorities. Such an attitude must be founded on the shared values of respect for cultural and religious diversity.

4. Working Together with the Church:

The school’s pastoral ministry must work side by side with the local Church and parishes so that they mutually help each other in their different roles; including that of their lives outside the classrooms, so that the Church community would think the school a living example.

5. Providence as a Guide:

Schools need to deepen their knowledge of what is going on in society, in both its positive and negative aspects. They must discern the true signs of the times; and with Christian hope founded on the faith, must realize that human history is always guided by Divine Providence!

And if I may supplement: “Train children towards a proper living; so that they remember it throughout their lives” (Proverbs 22:6).

Polluted Noise

It all started with a small girl filing a PIL in the Supreme Court over the noise pollution in the NCR. When the matter came up for hearing and realizing that the Diwali is nigh, the learned Court in its wisdom, decided that the sale of crackers be suspended till the end of October to see what positive effect it has on the already alarming pollution in the area. The BJP government at the centre did realize that the Apex Court had the interest of the country at heart and particularly of the ill effects of air pollution on small children and those suffering from lung ailment. So the BJP roped in its B team – its Parivar members to give the verdict a distinct religious colour with some ‘polluted’ noise. These organizations questioned why only Diwali was chosen as a test case thereby implying [not openly] that the highest court of the land is hesitant when it comes to other religions. These are the most uncharitable comments and the BJP by not distancing itself these elements indirectly endorsed these comments. The judges were pained by this comment and expressed it loud and clear.

This is the same BJP which advises its antagonists that they should respect the Court verdict [when it suits the party] and that it is unfair to impute any motives to any verdict that the Court delivers. The verdict was purely in the larger interest of the society. Even this did not deter the BJP party from continuing to toe the Parivar line. This polluted noise by the pro Hindu organizations was totally unwarranted. The opponents of the Court verdict wanted a total ban across the country and not just the NCR region and that too during the Diwali. If you want to curtail the use of water, you do it when there is a draught and shortage of water. Then they say other parties are resorting to minority appeasement which the BJP never does. Actually the BJP is right. The Hindu organizations are engaged in majority appeasement on behalf of the party. Ever since they have come to power they are doing just that in UP and other BJP States.

The air pollution post the Diwali celebrations did not show any drastic fall and this again is picked up by the opponents as a failure of the exercise. What they do not realize is what would have been the pollution levels if there was no ban on the sale of crackers. The Police did not show any urgency in

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strictly monitoring the dubious methods employed by traders in flouting the ban. They employed novel methods to deliver consignments to the homes – a la DTH concept which the authorities ‘failed’ to see. The Police force comes under the Home Ministry at the Centre which woke up only after a series of sting operations by one of the TV channels.

Air pollution is one of the many contributors to the environmental disaster. Apart from crackers indiscriminate use of harmful colours plays a major role. It is unfortunate that all Hindu festivals have noise and colours in plenty. It is doubtful if bursting crackers or generous use of harmful chemicals in colours is mandated by the religion. The same applies to the use of chemicals in manufacturing units and the effluents find their way in the rivers and the ocean.

The whole world is concerned about the environment and India is a leading nation to highlight the need to protect the environment. It is reported that out of 9 million environment related deaths in the world, India accounts for almost 6 million. This is an alarming figure and we should be ashamed of our complexity in this disaster. The BJP government should have come out loud and clear and said that it fully endorses the SC verdict. The PM should have led the way and appealed to the people. He knows when exactly to tweet and that makes him a successful Statesman.

Intolerance at its peak

That the BJP government is intolerant is a known fact but one did not expect it to reach such dangerous level [like the pollution]. How does one view the reaction to the Tamil film Mersal which has some dialogues – a satire on the GST. Mind you, it is the policy of the government that is sought to be criticized in this film – not any personality. The Tamil unit of the BJP which actually has no standing in that State, with a view to impress the party bosses in general and Narendra Modi in particular, has created this unnecessary fuss. They view this as a direct criticism of the PM – maybe because he has sought to take credit for GST regime.

There is a limit to intolerance. BJP workers had threatened to burn down the movie houses if the movie is shown. This has unnerved the producers be-



by Marshall Sequeira

cause the ruling combine leaning towards the NDA, may not stand by them. The Centre was quick to organize counter offensive. They have been subjected to [GST] tax raids and the main actor is being hounded for tax evasion. Where will this end. The BJP government, which was very discreet in the past, is now openly stifling the voice of dissent or criticism. Perforce, intolerance is in the BJP leadership’s DNA. Once the leadership takes a dislike to even its own senior leaders they are not expelled but sidelined to such an extent that their political careers are cut short.

If this was not enough, now comes the news from Chhattisgarh that a well known Journalist has been hounded just because he is trying to expose some moral depredations of a Mantri. The Jurno claims he has some video recordings of the sexual indiscretions by the Mantri. If the videos are fake or morphed, hang him. But why arrest him at unearthly hours. He is not a terrorist. The Rajasthan government promulgated a controversial ordinance which sought to ban any publication of indiscretions by ministers, bureaucrats etc. Judges were also sought to be incubated just to give credibility to the move. A couple of their own MLAs opposed it.

Why is the BJP leadership jittery? They want to open the Bofors case. They want Nitish Kumar to fight the election and split the votes in Gujarat. Jay Shah’s defamation suit is also a tactical move. With excellent oratorical skills Modi has been able to sell some fairy tales to the people about the government’s success story. It gives an impression that they fear the opposition will challenge their tall claims on various steps/initiatives taken by the government. May be they have read the joke on social media about a father in response to his child’s question said ‘No son, all fairy tales do not necessarily start with once upon a time, some start with Mithron [Friends]’. Perhaps he was right.

Blessed Rani Maria: Martyr for Justice

By Fr George Chathanatt, ssp

The Catholic Church will beatify, (the first step towards formally declaring someone a saint by the Church), Sr Rani Maria, a member of the Franciscan Clarist Congregation, in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, on Saturday, 4th November, 2017.

Sr Rani Maria, (Mariam Vattalil) was born at Pulluvazhy, Ernakulam district, Kerala, on 29th January, 1954 as the second child of Mr Paily and Eliswa. They had seven children. *Marykunju* (little Mary), as she was affectionately called, was brought up in a deeply Christian atmosphere. No wonder that the intense religious atmosphere of her family imbibed in her, at a very young age itself, the thought of becoming a nun and give herself totally to God.

Her mother says: *"Marykunju was different from my other children; she was an exceptionally obedient child,"* and her brother Stephen adds, *"she was a girl of few words and had no interest in adorning herself with ornaments of gold or silver. She would never hurt anyone."* Even as a school-going girl she found time to help her father in the field and her mother in her domestic duties. But she felt her true goal in life was to serve God as a religious nun.

So, after her studies, on the 3rd July, 1971 she joined Franciscan Clarist Congregation (FCC). She started her novitiate on 1st May 1973. With the appointment of Msgr Gratian Mundadan as the Bishop of Bijnor (U.P.), Mariam's desire to work in the missions was strengthened, and she made up her mind to work outside Kerala among the poor and oppressed. On 1st May, 1974 she made her First Religious Profession, taking the new name, *"Rani Maria"*. She made her final commitment on 22nd May, 1980.

Rani Maria had already requested her superiors to be allowed to go to

the missions, and so her superiors now told her that her request was granted, and Rani Maria gladly responded: *"I am very happy to work among the poor and the oppressed, for they are God's children, our brothers and sisters. I feel sadly very few opt to work in this field.."*

Reaching Bijnor, she soon studied the local languages and the new social surroundings. Initially, the villagers used to get frightened seeing the sisters, mistaking them for forest officials. They even used to run away for life throwing away the head-load of the firewood they were carrying. But, once they were won over, the Sisters became their best friends and they were ready to do anything for them.

Rani Maria soon observed the big difference existed between the "haves" and the have-nots". The have-nots were so illiterate that they were not even aware of their own human dignity, their rights and duties and simply accepted their miserable lot. Seeing this, she decided to remedy this by empowering them. She was well aware that this would cost her life. All the same, she was determined to change their dilapidated huts into modest houses, educate their children, get water supply, electricity and better road facilities. She also equipped herself with more theoretical knowledge of Sociology, by graduating from the University of Bhopal and later did her M.A. from the University of Rewa.

Equipped with the theoretical knowledge and practical wisdom she now began to provide educational facilities for the villagers; for the older people she conducted awareness programmes. She worked tirelessly day and night to make them aware of



human and Christian values, of their rights and duties, of justice, etc. Soon, Rani Maria came to be called *"Mother of the Poor"*, and *"Indore Rani"*. This infuriated the oppressors; they began looking for opportunities to get rid of her.

During the Panchayat election in December 1994, there was a clash between two factions of Kannad village and those of Selmi. Jeevan Singh instigated the police to take action against the poor and police

jailed some innocent ones. Sr Rani Maria with the help of a good lawyer got these out on bail and fought their case in court. Jeevan Singh was infuriated as she thwarted his plans. He decided to get rid of her at any cost; he hired a thug and waited for an opportune moment.

At 8.30 in the evening, 25th February 1995, Sr Rani boarded a bus for Indore. A group of three, Jeevan Singh, Dharmendra Singh and Samundar Singh also boarded the same bus. The first two had done meticulous hatching of a plot to kill Rani Maria while the third committed the atrocious crime. When the bus reached a secluded spot, it stopped for a while for the passengers to ease themselves.

The trio now went out and split opened a coconut and performed pooja on the stone deity nearby. They came back to the bus and distributed the kernel among the passengers, in a happy mood. Rani Maria asked him: *"why are you so happy and excited today?"* As if answering her question, he stabbed her on her face and dragged her out of the bus and kept on stabbing her till he made sure that she was dead. All the while, Sr Maria kept on uttering just one word: *"Je-*

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A Chain Of One Lakh Rosary

St. Louis De Montfort one of the most important promoters of Rosary says “Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood”.

The Rosary and consecration to Our Lady as a sure means of growing in grace and in love for Jesus her son and our Lord. When the holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer. True devotion to Mary is trustful; that is to say, it fills us with confidence in the Blessed Virgin Mary, the confidence that a child has for its loving mother. It prompts us to go to her in every need of body and soul with great simplicity, trust and affection.

We implore our Mother’s help always, everywhere, and for everything. We pray to her to be enlightened in our doubts, to be put back on the right path when we go astray, to be protected when we are tempted, to be strengthened when we are weakening, to be lifted up when we fall into sin, to be encouraged when are losing heart, to be rid of our scruples, to be consoled in our trials, crosses and disappointments of life. It helps us in our afflictions of body and soul; we naturally turn to Mary for help, with never a fear of importuning her or displeasing our Lord. Rosary is such a powerful prayer for every Catholic to reach to God through Mary.

With these pious ideas brandishing through our minds we as a parish community together with the Parish Priest Fr.Lamu Jayaraj and Assistant Fr. Arun Valan SJ unwrapped off with devotion dripping into our spirits and consecrating ourselves into the loving lap of unassuming Virgin Mother for a month long Rosary in our par-



Sr. Bindu Abraham

Spirit enveloping each of us as a parish community and as individual Catholics and devotees of our Blessed Mother. It was like a spiritual rain showering on each of us. The Parish Priest and Assistant were indomitable messengers of Jesus’ love. Daily more than hundred parishioners gathered in different families to pray the Rosary with devoutness and piety mingled with love and seasoned with devotion par excellent.

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We as a parish community made a dedicated commitment to ourselves and to Mother of the Rosary to pray more earnestly and with sublime fidelity one lakh Rosaries. The Rosaries were prayed individually in the morning and as a parish community in the afternoon and at night in different families under the benign leadership of parish Fr. Lamu Jayaraj. The young and energetic assistant parish priest was visiting the substations at night along with the catechists and prayed the Rosary in the villages.

Praying one lakh Rosary is the brainchild of the Parish priest Fr.Lamu Jayaraj, he himself a dutiful son of the Blessed Virgin Mother. Though we have named it as “A chain of one lakh Rosary”, we are sure to have prayed more than two lakhs Rosaries.

Everyday, we reflected on various themes from the Bible and from the life of the Mother. The whole month we experienced the surging of the Holy

In the last day i.e. on 31st we had the concluding ceremony held in Nirmala School. It was such a grand finale, more than 2000 faithful participated in the procession carrying the decked chariot of the Mother of Rosary with the devout reciting of the rosary with the accompaniment of singing the praises of the Mother. At the end of the Rosary a giant Rosary of 53 feet made of balloons was elevated to the blue skies praying for the whole of Machilipatnam and its every inhabitant irrespective of their caste or creed. It was such a moment of pride for every catholic.

We had the Holy Mass concelebrated by Fr.Ravi Shankar SJ and the Parish Priest and Assistant. It was a celebration pummeling the heavens to be unbolted and the celestial blessings bequeathed upon every soul. After which we had a sumptuous agape served for all. We are sure our Blessed Mother is pleased and bestowed her gentle blessings upon each of us.

Young M'luru doctor reaches for the stars ...

Dr Edmond Fernandes, is a pleasant personality whose great doings are often seen on electronic and print media..... a media darling, who is always followed by many, specially in Mangaluru. It is surely his personality and a deeply intense captivating sincerity, with a strong direction that wows all. Over the years in medical colleges ..and now as a full fledged medical doctor, social activist, head of an NGO, 'CHD - Center for Health and Development', in Mangaluru, he is distinctly perceived as a leader of promise, who will one day make an indelible mark. This is the hope and prediction of many great and ordinary people who know him. The smile of many serves a unique stature.



by **Ivan Saldanha-Shet**

Young Edmond's early days were in Mumbai, where his parents Edward and Cynthia Fernandes, were established; his schooling was at the prestigious Don Bosco School, Matunga of Salesian repute. He came to Mangaluru, where his roots original are, with his mother by his side, while his father worked in the far east, his parents really are to be admired for their exemplary support to their only child all the way. He primarily decided

to take up medicine at the well known historic Fr.Muller's College and Hospital. After his M.B.B.S (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery), he completed MD- (Doctor of Medicine) Community Medicine; and PGDip- PHSM (Public Health Service Management). Apart from all these achievements, his areas of Social Interests are Writing, Leadership, Music, Driving and Football. Branded By 'The Times of India' as "A Leader in the Making." Recognized by Mangalore Media as "Mangalorean Whizkid": At the age of 17, young Edmond, made a name as a journalist; At 18, entered medical school; At 19, was invited for guest lectures; At 21, seeking the paths of glory as a Medico-writer was recognized as arguably among the youngest medical student to have ever delivered a guest session at South India Level Research Conference.

Dr. Edmond, as he is affectionately known, is now recognised as Founder & CEO, CHD Group and Adjunct Faculty, Dept of Public Health, KSHEMA, Nitte University. His recent selection as a ' US Legislative Fellow' which is a very prestigious fellowship supported by the US Department of state, one among the 12 for this prestigious fellowship from across the nation and the only one from the state of Karnataka. The fellowship is mandated to understand and establish networks among mid-level profes-

sionals in the US and India. His exclusive exposure will be the working of the US Government Departments, interface with regard to public policy and relevant streams related to core natures of functions in depth. This will positively increase his reach for the stars.

Dr Edmond Fernandes' task will be aimed to build and strengthen Indo-US cooperation in 'Public health and policy domains'. In the US of A, he will travel to the states of Washington DC, Pennsylvania and to New York. Dr Edmond's focus will be the city of Philadelphia – where the US Declaration of Independence and the Constitution was signed in 1776. The Legislative fellowship will also focus on the structure of the US Government, the legislative processes, role of civil society and the impact of good governance on the lives of civil society.

Dr. Fernandes will take on civic leadership engagements and grass-root level activities while in the US and during the Professional Fellows Congress meet with other mid-level professionals and US Government officials. His known prowess and skill in oration will definitely be show cased and capture his audiences in the US. As part of the fellowship's diplomatic mandates, he will host an American Counterpart during visits to India. The Legislative fellowship is managed and implemented by World Learning Inc. Dr Fernandes is also Member- Health

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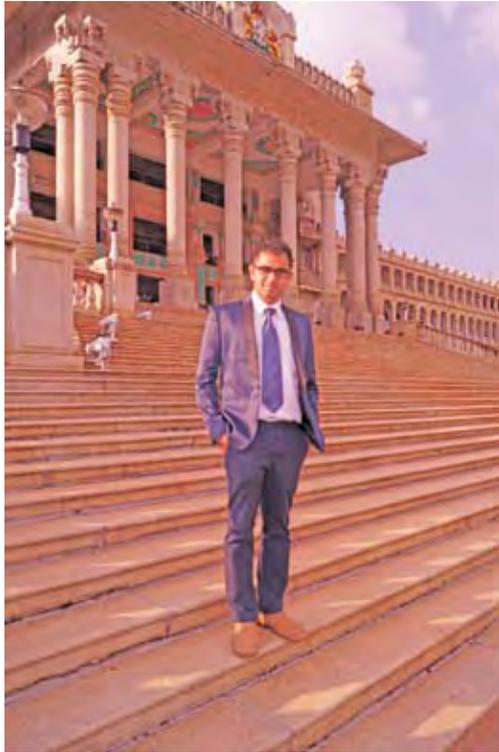


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Task Force, DDMA, Government of Karnataka and has worked extensively in community empowerment programs in and around the country and other nations besides the public health systems. He is sought after across the country as a Disaster Health expert. He was the first Indian to participate in the Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA) relief missions in the Philippines. Dr.

Fernandes, who is the chief executive, Health Concern Foundation, is the youngest doctor to be selected by the AMDA to represent India in a relief mission.

His 'Vision' in his own few words : "To create a visible difference for those who are victims of time and circumstance, through my work and through my words," Asked will he soon live abroad, he sternly retorted, "I did get many invitations to settle in different countries abroad with lucrative job offers, but I think I am too pro-India to consider settling in an alien land, when I have my own. The people of India deserve a new future, a new reality and that is what we must strive to build and create collectively at all times. The USA is a great country and they have much learning experience



to offer and they have so much to also learn from India. India has so much to teach the world and any visionary would appreciate that. The common ground is to figure out what we can mutually learn, un-learn and re-learn between our two great nations. He is articulate about the goodness of most in the medical profession and adds that they may not be spotted in public - Doctors are not far from Gods.

In a message after landing in the US amidst his busy schedule, Dr. Edmond had this to say to his admirers and the press at home, "Introspecting on India's rich civilization while on US soil; let me tell you today, there is no place as special on earth as is this Saffron republic that is India. We are so ancient yet so humble, so brilliant yet so inclusive, so diverse yet so incredible..... India, my India... how great thou

art."..... his love, dedication and commitment to India is superlative. May be it will inspire many in time to come, to work for possible durable change. It will be an eye opener to see the report that the good Dr. Edmond will give us after his return home at the end of November and a glimpse of his future plans..... into 2018.

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sus, Jesus...!" The co-passengers were afraid to intervene, frightened for their life. The two who masterminded the gruesome crime soon disappeared into the thick forest. The murderer was the last to flee the scene, after inflicting as many as fifty-four wounds on Rani Maria.

The little known village of Udainagar where Rani Maria's mortal remains were laid to rest, achieved overnight fame and a sea of mourners and admirers of the martyred Nun visited the place on the funeral day and continue to visit it ever since. The words of Bishop Anathil who officiated the funeral services were really prophetic: "Sr Rani Maria is a martyr, her tomb will become a pilgrim centre. She preached the Good News of liberation to the poor.... the people of this place will receive abundant blessings through her." The prophecy came true when Pope Francis approved the cause of her beatification on 23rd March 2017 and confirmed that Sr. Rani Maria will be BEATIFIED on 4th November 2017 at Indore,

Samundar Singh was convicted of Sr. Rani's murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Sr. Rani's younger sister, also a nun of the Franciscan Clarist Congregation, and her mother visited Singh in prison and conveyed their forgiveness. The Sister went a step further, and tied Rakhi on his hand on Raksha Bandhan Day. Singh was released from prison in 2006 after the Vattalil family pleaded that he be released as they consider him part of their family. Singh was moved to tears when he heard of Rani's Maria's beatification and looks forward to be present at the unique event .

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Divine Intimacy – A 30-Day Eucharistic Retreat

By Father Augustine Kolencherry, SAC

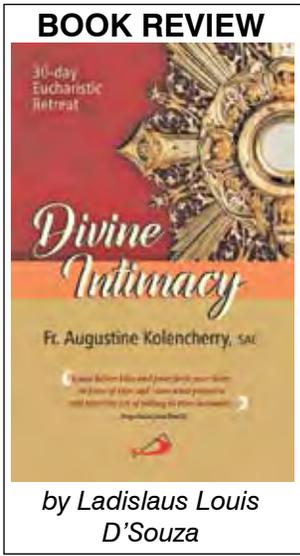
The importance of the Eucharist in the life of a Catholic can never be over emphasized! The storms and tempests of life can have no impact on him what with the effect of his time with the Eucharistic Lord, the Eucharist per se being the anchor of his life and the lifeblood of the Church! Here is a book of reflections and prayers that serves as a spiritual guide, leading the reader into a deeper communion with God through devout Eucharistic adoration. And what adds to the profundity of ST PAULS' offering of DIVINE INTIMACY [a 30-Day Eucharistic Retreat – ISBN 978-93-5015-301-7 – Pp 262 / Rs 250] as a guide is that the prayers and reflections each result from the author's own intimacy with the Eucharistic Lord. And all this, when absorbed in his God-given mission in the Himalayan Ranges!

If Christian perfection consists in the perfect union of the love of God and neighbour, it follows that every baptized believer should be gripped by love that makes for willingness to undergo any sacrifice for the sake of Jesus. "Once the heart burns with passion for the Lord, the natural outcome will be a flaming passion for humanity" (p 17), wherein lies the fulfilment of the Lord's twin-command to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and your neighbour as yourself"

(Mt 19:18-19).

Interestingly, DIVINE INTIMACY reveals the treasures of the inimitable personality of Jesus as seen in the Eucharist in which, the eternal victim offered, eaten and adored will enrapture us in the splendour of its light, setting our hearts afire! Meditation being neither thinking much nor shouting at all, but as Saint Teresa of Avila puts it, "loving a great deal," the significance of the Passion, Death, Resurrection and abiding Eucharistic Presence of Christ which constitute the story of our salvation in its entirety, cannot but be considered directly proportionate to the passion of Christ's love for humanity. Appropriately, Cardinal Alencherry commends the author in his 'Foreword' for having "done a magnificent job in putting together a month-long itinerary of meditations, resolutions and prayers, covering the whole of salvation history before the Eucharistic presence of the Lord so that when one completes this cycle of reflections,

tions and prayers, covering the whole of salvation history before the Eucharistic presence of the Lord so that when one completes this cycle of reflections,



one becomes renewed not only in one's union with the Lord but also in one's understanding of the divine mysteries" (p 12). A quick glance at the 'Contents' by the reader will confirm this.

The author goes on to explain: "Creation in its entirety per se is reflected in the Holy Eucharist. The Lord, who created everything and found everything good, established the Eucharist and decided to be with us in the form of bread bread (is) made from various elements in creation: grains of wheat....cultivated in the farms; powers of nature: air, rain, clouds, heat and wind, the birds of the air and animals of the earth, the Sun and the Moon and the stars; finally, the joint effort of human beings that plays a role in bringing out the bread. Now this bread is changed into the sacred Body of Christ. The Eucharist thus becomes reality at the peak of creation, representing as it were a complete transformation of all creation" (p 18)!

Our Blessed Mother, appearing at Medjugorje on 25 September 1995, said to the visionaries: "Today I invite you to fall in love with Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar" (p 22). The goal of our Christian vocation being to fall in love with Christ, this book invites us to go further, impelling us as it does to cling to him with heart and mind. DIVINE INTIMACY, in the words of Pope Saint John Paul II, bids us "Come before him [Jesus] and pour forth your heart in front of him and learn what prayer is and learn the art of talking to him intimately."

Thanksgiving

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Praised Adored, Glorified and Loved today and everyday throughout the world, now and forever. Amen!!

Ask St. Clare for three favours two impossible and say nine Hail Mary's and the above prayer for 9 days with a lighted candle and publish on the 9th day your request will be granted no matter how impossible it is



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Prioritise Beauty And Save God's Creation

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.....And God saw that it was good". (Gen.1:1&25).

Today, much of the earth looks appalling, and ugly. This beautiful earth has been broken down not only in morality and values, but in ugliness through modern and abstract paintings. Architecture is producing a nightmare of high-rise buildings dominating the skyline in angles which could pull down adjoining apartments. Ugly fashion designs. Modern misshapen monuments....

We should promote beauty at every turn of our streets, roads and pathways. Our railways, shipyards, waste-dump areas, schools, playgrounds, fields, ponds, hospitals, hotels and restaurants should conform to the rules and laws of 'beauty first'. We should challenge unacceptable designs, encroachment of rights. Reject the idea of relativism.

The Nietzschean concept that the past is irrelevant and that we can make our own value system is unnerving. Beauty has been entrapped in a culture of horridness and shame. Whatever happened to that colourful line from the English poet John Keats: "A thing of beauty is a joy forever".

Benedict XVI when he was cardinal Ratzinger, had lamented on the dying of beauty in a homily to his fellow cardinals before moving into the 2005 conclave when he was elected pope.

In the homily Benedict XVI said: "We are moving towards a dictatorship of relativism which does not recognize anything as definitive and has as its highest value one's own ego and one's own desires."

It is interesting to note that the great scientist Albert Einstein had pointed out, "The ideals that have lighted my way, and time after time have given me new courage to face life cheerfully, have been Kindness, Beauty, and Truth..." (Forum and Century, Vol.84).



BY MELVYN BROWN

Recently, John Hayes, a Minister of Transport in the U.K. told the media that we have "lost our faith in beauty, because we have lost our faith in ideals". This was a direct quote from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's work "dictatorship of relativism".

Mr. Hayes had been invited to a think tank ResPublica in their 'Backing Beauty' project. Hayes went on to make a blazing comment that the protection of beauty was necessary because "Truth is an absolute". And beauty the means by which it is revealed to us in its most comprehensible form."

William Somerset Maugham, the English novelist had once remarked, "Beauty is an ecstasy". At the other end of Europe, according to Stendhal (1783-1842), "Beauty is only the promise of happiness" (on love).

Nothing is irrelevant. It is of major importance to review our value system and discover the hidden movement and birth of the Nietzschean idea. The novel, Fountainhead, which deserved contempt turned out to appoint an architect in the lead role.

Many prints, paintings, sculptures come from galleries where distorted, vulgar and often mutilated images and ideas on subjects one is not comfortable with are on display. In homes, offices and institutions these scenes baffle the mind and the human eye. The cost of all these ugly trophies twisted in steel, fiber-glass, brass, copper and whatnot is mind-blowing.

We should keep God's creation preserved in our concept of beauty. If we ignore this, it will soon be lost and forgotten. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and his views on relativism are correct.

"God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good". (Gen.1:31).

How Fatima in Portugal got its name

In this centenary year of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the three children in the tiny village of Fatima in Portugal, visited by millions of pilgrims from all over the world, I wonder how many know how Fatima got its name. In as much as it is a holy site and pilgrimage centre for Christians, it also has Islamic connections, because Fatima bears the name of the favourite daughter of Prophet Mohammed. According to history, it was during the crusades against the Moorish occupation of Portugal that a Christian knight named Don Gonsalo Hemingues captured the beautiful daughter of the Muslim prince. Her name was Fatima who converted to Christianity and later married Gonsalo in the year 1158. Her baptismal name was Oureana, but her birth name was Fatima. It is from her baptismal name that the village of Ourem received its name. Unfortunately, Fatima died soon after her marriage and so the grief-stricken Gonsalo started living the life of a monk and retreated to a priori in the nearby mountains. Later he took the remains of his beautiful wife to the monastic land, built a chapel and named the place Fatima in honour of her Muslim name.

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The Debt to the Dead



BY VERA ALVARES

We remember our loved ones who have passed away and pray for them in a special way on 'All Souls Day', on the second day of November. To suffer the loss of a loved one is a dull pain within you that never goes away! But the joy of remembering those who were called away by the memories they left behind, can lighten that burden. There is so much to treasure, with positive thoughts and happy moments spent together. The verse that expresses how much we are obliged to our dead ones is the best tribute we can pay to their sacred memory!

*"you were
and always will be
that first ever touch
to have fertilized
the ground
beneath my life's trees
that first ever rose
to have fragranced
the rest of my memories."*

From- A touch, a tear, a tempest

Bidding farewell to a dear one at funerals has become an elaborate affair these days. It is natural when a family member who faces the congregation to thank it for prayers, presence and condolences, also includes a few words of love for the dead person. But expressing the extent of our loss in public by two and three people paying tributes in song and lengthy poetry diminishes the solemnity of the occasion. Are we too busy telling the world, how much he/she meant to us, when all we need to do is pray for the repose of the soul. As we remember our family members who have gone to their eternal reward on this 'All Souls Day', let us recall how we could have made them feel loved and wanted during their lifetime!

Here is a case-

Her parents, who owned a house in one of the Gaothans, had died early willing the house to their two children, a son and a daughter. She was grudgingly allotted space meant for

one person and constantly harassed to give up her claim to the house, by her brother. She never married and lived a lonely life, constantly falling sick due to stress and lack of good food. She would share her pain with a few sympathizers, who reached out to this lonely soul in any manner they could. Tired of her miserable existence she just gave up one day and went to meet the creator.

The funeral was a grand one, the brother and his family that had hounded her all her life, was splendidly attired in mourning attire, sniffing daintily into their scented handkerchiefs! The eulogies were prolonged and painful to the ears of listeners who had shared her pain. It stunned the gathering – was this just a malaise of hypocrisy or a way of life of the Catholic community?

More such instances can be given to illustrate our callous attitude towards our own family members during their lifetime. The number of seniors pinning in old age homes for just a loving word or caring gesture from their children is on the rise. It is true that the fast paced modern competitive life demands our time and energies, but to take time off to create happy memories with our own family members needs a caring nature. Do we lack this sensitivity despite professing a Faith based on "love one another as I have loved you"

We have a debt to pay to all other God's creatures, most of all those who have travelled with us on life's journey. Let us not forget the times someone held us close to comfort us, those who always had a smile and kind words to spare, those brought hope, sunshine and laughter into moments of our distress, those who revealed the silver lining when the skies were cloudy and all those who made our lives easier and comfortable! The ones who brought us into this world, scarified their time and resources to make us who we are today, should occupy a special place in our hearts.

Love them in return, treasure them while they are alive as payment of our debt to them. No amount of glowing tributes or show of grief can do them any good once they depart from this world.....

A Pastor once shared his strong disapproval regarding the huge expenditure at funeral services. He was of the opinion that a funeral needs to be a solemn affair with dignity and decorum, in a prayerful atmosphere. The purpose of bidding a fond farewell to the person we treasured through his/her life and will be loved and remembered till the end of our days, has to be more of a simple spiritual exercise than a show for the onlookers .

On this special day as we pray for our dead, our mourning is based on a valuable thought, that the mortal remains of a human being disintegrate into earth, into God's creation. And all our bodies belong to the earth while our spirits merge with the maker. This meaningful poem by Mary Elizabeth Frye has not only consolation to those who mourn, but also a bitter truth that makes humans one with creation- from ashes we came and to ashes we return.

**Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints on snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn rain
When you awaken in the morning
hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft stars that shine at
night
Do not stand at my grave side and
cry
I am not there. I did not die.**

Inspiration!

How to handle your GUILT

Nothing can weigh you down more than the feeling of guilt, no matter how minuscule or silly the matter is. Although it may be very tough to deal with at that moment, you always emerge a stronger and a better person from the whole experience if you are able to efficiently cope with the ache of guilt.

It's amazing how quickly guilt can kick in for the smallest, most meaningless things in our lives. Guilt is an emotional warning sign that most people learn through their normal childhood social development. Its purpose is to let us know when we have done something wrong, to help us develop a better sense of our behaviour and how it affects ourselves and others. It prompts us to re-examine our behaviour so that we don't end up making the same mistakes twice.

Follow these tips to help you deal with your guilt to become more confident and bold

Admit your mistake:

This is one of the toughest but also the most essential thing to do. For instance, why should your boyfriend be the only one apologizing? If you know you have made a mistake and are feeling guilty about it, just talk to him and admit your fault.

Go out and have fun:

It may sound like a weird suggestion but if you think about it, you will see how justified it is. Why should you let one event destroy your peace and happiness? You deserve much more than that. So go out and let your hair down. It will help you leave your cares far behind.



Make amends:

Apart from just saying sorry, you should also check if a particular trait of yours is responsible for the repeated problems and fights you have to face. For example, if you keep on losing your temper and then feel guilty later, why not do something about your hot-headedness in the first place?

Confide in someone:

Don't bottle up your feelings, as it will do you more harm than good.

Besides, what are your friends and loved ones for? Share your worries with someone you trust and he/she will definitely be able to help you get over it. But do make sure that the person you are confiding in is trustworthy and cares about you. If you confide in any random person, chances of you becoming their subject of gossip are more than you letting out your guilt.

Take it a learning experience:
It all depends on how you look at it. If you allow guilt to bog you down, rest assured it will. But on the other hand, if you look at it as just another opportunity for learning and improving, you will not only get over it but also come out as an improved version of yourself.

Take professional help:

It might seem to be an extreme step, but sometimes the feelings of guilt may be too hard to take. So make sure to seek therapy before things get out of hand.

Focus on the positives:

Every experience has its positives and negatives and instead of brooding over the negative outcomes, try to see the bright side of it.

Be aware that not every emotion, and certainly not every guilty feeling, is a rational one that has a purpose. Focus on the guilt that causes loved ones or friends harm. And remember to be skeptical the next time you feel guilty – is it trying to teach you something rational and helpful about your behavior, or is it just an emotional, irrational response to a situation? The answer to that question will be your first step to helping you better cope with guilt in the future.

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RF101167	RF100571
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RF100711	RF100475
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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

MATRIMONIALS

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GROOMS

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 RF101553. ABROAD
 RF101557. GERMANY
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 RF101586. CANADA
 RF101981. AUSTRALIA
 RF101709. USA
 RF101846. U.K.
 RF101795. NEWYORK
 RF101586. USA
 RF101557. GERMANY
 RF101975. DOHA QATAR
 RF101967. DUBAI
 RF100259. SPAIN
 RF101888. USA
 RF101882. DUBAI
 RF101981. AUSTRALIA
 RF101879. ABROAD
 RF101093. KUWAIT
 RF101431. DOHA QATAR
 RF102036. CANADA
 RF101585. GERMANY
 RF101981. AUSTRALIA
 RF101812. GULF
 RF101798. DUBAI
 RF101667. BAHRAIN
 RF101975. DOHA QATAR

GROOMS

6489 DUBAI : Roman Catholic bachelor, (Born in June 1988), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Graduate, working as a Front Office Clerk.

6113 MUSCAT : 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.

6040 DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1983), Ht. 6', Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com + IATA working as a Manager for Emirates.

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

6198 USA : Mangalorean Roman Catholic (Born in October 1969), Ht. 5' 10", Edn. B.Com., good personality, hailing from God fearing, cultured family, issueless, divorcee by mutual consent, working for Cruise Liner in U.S.A., as Security Supervisor.

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 RF101460. DUBAI
 RF101459. DUBAI
 RF101439. USA
 RF101330. LONDON
 RF101576. NEW YORK
 RF101548. CALIFORNIA
 RF101511. AUSTRALIA
 RF101439. USA
 RF101912. AUSTRALIA
 RF101330. LONDON
 RF101228. SYDNEY
 RF101130. USA
 RF102000. U.K.
 RF102044. AUSTRALIA
 RF102043. CALIFORNIA
 RF101460. DUBAI
 RF102043. USA
 RF102007. KUWAIT
 RF101883. BAHRAIN
 RF101988. AUSTRALIA
 RF101848. DUBAI
 RF101837. BAHRAIN
 RF101834. DUBAI
 RF100417. AUSTRALIA
 RF101449. MUSCAT
 RF101439. USA
 RF101812. USA
 RF101768. DUBAI
 RF100766. DUBAI
 RF101589. CANADA
 RF100684. DUBAI
 RF101677. DOHA QATAR
 RF101661. DUBAI

6377 USA : Parents of RC spinster (Born in June 1984) / 5'4", Slim, Fair, MBA working for a reputed company in USA, invites alliance from RC bachelors, qualified professionals well settled from good Catholic family background upto 37 years. working in US only.

BRIDES

6775 AUSTRALIA: Australian citizens of Indian Christian origin residing in Sydney seek matrimonial alliance for their daughter: Age: 43yrs Ht.: 5'4", Wheatish complexion, Beautiful with black hair Understanding, trust worthy, physically active, having a pleasant & affable disposition with strong family values and social networking skills. Marital Status: Divorcee / female living in New South Wales - Australia (has no children) Annulment in progress. Well educated employed in the Australian Financial Sector in a responsible position.

Expressions of interest are solicited from eligible male suitors meeting the following criteria: Must be Christian settled either in Australia, UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain, North America, Canada Age: under 47yrs Marital Status: Bachelor or Divorce (with no children) Personality traits: Suitor must be healthy with a pleasing personality & strong family values. Height :minimum 5'8" Suitors with strong financial resources pursuing either a Professional/ Corporate/ Business career will be highly favoured. Interested suitors are requested to send profiles to the following email: sme94227@bigpond.net.au

6528. DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1985) Ht. 5' 7", Beautiful and Fair Complexion, Edn. Masters in Health, Care (MHA), Employed as a Manager in MNC Dubai, is looking for a suitable alliance between the ages of 32 to 36 with a height 5' 10" and above. Kindly respond directly to the party by email : aara8185@gmail.com with your photograph.

6742. AUSTRALIA : Goan Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in December 1989), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 57 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A. working as a Project Manager.

5619 DUBAI : Mangalorean R.C. Spinster, (Born in November 1981), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Working in Govt. Hospital in Dubai as Specialist Doctor (M.D.) Seeks a well qualified bachelor from Decent family.

6033 ABU-DHABI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1979), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.A. Eng., Literature, working as a Copy Editor.

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