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A Happy Easter

First 'Konkani Thesaurus' Published

—Ivan Saldanha-Shet. M'luru.

A new lease of life for Konkani - March 18, Sunday, indeed a memorable day for the Konkani language and people. The 'Konkani Thesar' the first ever Konkani Thesaurus, compiled and edited by a unique Jesuit scholar priest of Mangaluru, Prashant Madtha SJ, was launched

forms of Konkani...not only just now... but for future generations to come. It will help Konkani users in Mumbai and everywhere to have easy access to better words.

The author compiler of the 600 page volume, Rev Prashant Madtha, a Jesuit of Karnataka, is a well known writer in both Konkani (with a pen name 'Valli Padraab') and Kannada, he is known for

Lord give me thousand more! He said his thick volume of the earlier Konkani dictionary, he was assured by many, was being used well...then, one day he saw the children in a class using it to stand on to reach the blackboard - that's how well books are often used. There is no need for a language to be 'Shudah' pure, but it should be expressive and alive, with words from all sources and languages without shame.



The book was officially unwrapped and released by St Joseph's Institutions (Bengaluru) Rector Rev Antony Joseph SJ. Speaking after releasing the book, he gave a deeper meaning of languages and the unique methodology envisioned, formulated and used by Rev Madtha in arranging the book which will put even 'Rogets Thesaurus' in the shade.

The provincial Rev. Stany D'Souza SJ spoke extolling the sweetness of Konkani and the contribution of Jesuits of Canara, and how the efforts of scholars like Rev Madtha have enriched it greatly.

Dr. Anil Pinto, Registrar, Christ University, Bangalore, made an indepth analysis and compared it to 'Roget's Thesaurus'. In 2008, the massive volume of Kannada synonyms and antonyms, 'Padanidhi', a first of its kind in Kannada, was published, bringing Rev Madtha laurels. The method followed in this Konkani Thesaurus, is not in alphabetical order but conceptually arranged.

The well known Konkani writer, CGS Taccode (Cyril Sequeira) welcomed the august gathering and was Master of Ceremonies, the event which was short and sweet, generated laughter all around. With a good attendance of literati of Mangaluru and surroundings, a few came also from overseas. Rev. Daniel Fernandes SJ, St. Joseph's college of Commerce, Bangalore who has published the book, was on hand. Many Jesuits, priests, nuns and people were present with joy on the occasion.

at a simple high profile event. It contains thousands of synonyms and antonyms for about 5000 Konkani words, the third dictionary by Rev Prashant Madtha SJ., a columnist, a prolific writer in three languages- five books in Kannada, 4 books in Konkani, one in English titled, 'On Eagle's Wings', recounting the history of St Aloysius College.

The ancient and still dynamic language, Konkani reaches out from the 41 clans that have used and developed it from time immemorial evolving from Prakrit ancient Sanskrit, now a modern version that has words incorporated unabashedly from many languages the world over. Signs are clear, the Konkani's will not be overcome by alien influences that are becoming overpowering, though Konkani has no script, it is written in 5 scripts of other languages. Scholars that can be named in a long recitation have contributed much, and Rev Prashant Madtha is tall among them too.. this 'Konkani Thesaurus' will serve to cater to and develop the written and active

the many first ranks and gold medals in his postgraduate career, a Kannada professor and principal of well known colleges. In spite of holding multiple responsibilities he has over the last many years put in additional 7 to 8 hours work for writing works of enduring need. He has bagged many awards and even 'India Today' acclaimed him as one of the 50 pioneers of change in India, named him as the 'wordsmith', 'Rogets of Kannada'. Speaking on the occasion he made all present to literally hold their sides with laughter. Though externally stern, his words comforted all with the high end mirth...speaking in chaste Konkani, he said people have come to the event expecting a great elephant to deliver a great trophy (Gaja Prasava or 'hestheche Balnter') but, see only a solid small volume. It reminds he said, of the famous book which was mis-titled 'How to change your wife' instead of 'life'. He said to him it was an exhilarating feeling like a mother's, after delivering a baby, who even though cursed and cried lots earlier, later says 'Savira Kodu Shivane' -

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'Thought for the week'

Life laughs at you when you are unhappy. Life smiles at you when you are happy. But, life salutes you when you make others happy.

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Christ has risen - Our Sins are Purged

By Don Aguiar

Since the Garden of Eden, it has always been the Fathers desire to simply be our God, to talk with us and to commune with us. But beginning with Adam, man just would not follow God's instructions. When the children of God veered/ turn from His leadership and requested judges, God complied/fulfill. He also gave them the Ten Commandments.

God knew that man could not satisfy all the requirements of the laws in the Old Testament. So of His Mercy and Love, He made provision to bless mankind through the acceptance of sacrifices. "Make an altar of earth for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your sheep and goats and your cattle. Wherever I cause my name to be honored I will come to you and bless you (Exodus 20;24, NIV). Still, this was no fool proof method for obtaining righteousness. "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should takeaway sin" (Hebrews 10:4)

Under the Law, one had to fulfill every commandment - even to the last detail - in order to be righteous, and because of the nature of man, which he inherited from Adam, this was IMPOSSIBLE. One might ask, "Why would God give man the Law if He knew it could not be fully obeyed?" God gave man the rules and the regulations of the Old Testament to make man aware of his sins and to show him that he desperately needed a savior.

God sends Jesus the savior - John 7;28: So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from? But I have not come of my own accord: he who sent me is true, and him you do not know. John 29: I know him, for I come from him and he sent me"

Jesus was sent as the ultimate sin offering, the final and perfect sacrifice who was compassionate and forgiving and advised the people to - "Forgive anyone who has caused you pain or harm. Keep in mind that forgiving is not for others. It is for you. Forgiving is not forgetting. It is remembering without an-

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ger. It frees up your power, heals your body, mind and spirit. Forgiveness opens up a pathway to a new place of peace where you can persist despite what has happened to you”.

Yet, even today most Christians are more conscious of their sins than of Jesus and their redemption. Sin-consciousness gets in the way of the Father's desire to fellowship with us and gives Satan control of our lives, all because Christians do not fully realize what the scriptures are saying

John 8; 34 Truly, Truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. John 8:36 So if the Son (Jesus) makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Paul the Apostle declared that "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) Paul further asserted "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied." (1Cor.15:17-19)

Romans 6:14 (NLT) says, "Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead you live under the freedom of God's grace. "Sin is like a prison. It dominates; rules and governs those who try to live according to the rules. The verse in Romans 6 is not describing the action of sinning, but rather, it speaks about dominion or control of sin. Consider this: if Christian sins, this does not mean he or she is no longer saved, because Believers are sealed forever and instantly in right

eousness the moment we receive Jesus as Lord.

What is more, God provided us rest from our sins by a new covenant through Jesus. "Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience" (Hebrews 4:11, NIV). And what is the disobedience? It is trying to obtain righteousness by keeping the law, which no one can fully keep. When we receive Jesus, we become recipients of the dispensation/exemption (rayaat) of grace. This is a benefit of the new covenant, and to receive it, Believers are only required to believe God. Believe that our sins of the past, the present and the future have been purged/cleaned/washed and are continually forgiven by the ever flowing fountain of Jesus Blood. This is called obedience to the faith (Romans 1:5)

Upon believing, God promises to be your God, write His instructions upon your heart, put His new righteous laws in your mind, be merciful towards you, and to no longer remember any of your sins or iniquities. (Hebrews 8:10-12). In this way, sin will no longer dominate you. In fact, God will remove evil desires from your heart – when you believe His promises!

After receiving Christ, if you do "miss the mark", remain obedient to the faith by remembering God's promise to be merciful. This opens the door for God to fulfill the other "I wills...." that He promises in Hebrews 8. God is now able to do for you what you have been unable to do for yourself: conquer the sin in your life! What powerful grace! Grace, however, cannot be fully appreciated until you come to the end of your efforts. When you run out of things that you think you can do to save yourself, you become a prime candidate for grace. Now you must trust God. And He is faithful to rush in and bless as promised.

Continue to remember that your sins have been purged. Let no condemnation or guilt prevent you from being obedient to this faith. Right believing

will lead you to right living, and this allows God to keep showing up in your life, working all things for your good. Believer, from now and until you leave this earth; let your consciousness be sealed in knowing that you are the righteousness of God.

Blessings of the Risen Lord upon you, may the sun always promise to shine, even though eventide may diffuse the horizon, as nightfall must descend in clockwork regularity. As we rejoice in His resurrection - Eat, drink, make merry: and in the time that intervenes between His resurrection and His birth, achieve yet more of His care and compassion that He carried off with such laconic passion.

May the Risen Lord be with you through all your endeavors - Shine bright forever - As He passed by this world, leaving love, light, laughter, wisdom and the marks of His unique compassion and sacrifice of redeeming us for/from our sins to be the righteousness of God as evidence of His passage.

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KEJRIVAL'S MAAPHINAAMAA

The Delhi chief Minister Mr. Kejriwal is busy these days asking pardon of those he has accused of corruption in the past. There are such 33 defamation cases in which he has asked for pardon from stalwarts like Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari and Jetley, Kapil Sibal, Sheela Dixit etc. How sincere is he in this exercise? He admits now that he did not check all the facts when accusing the individuals. But it is no secret that only because he has no time and money to fight these cases in the court he would like to get rid of them by asking pardon. Otherwise he still believes that he has solid proofs against those guilty of corruption. I sincerely hope the concerned people forgive him and withdraw the cases. Kejriwal is bringing about historic change in Indian politics. The world at large is taking note of the wonders he is working in Delhi state. He needs opportunity to complete his experiment of '*Pach saal Kejriwal!*' Why some principled lawyers come forward to fight the cases free of cost? Why some wealthy people not come forward to finance such court trials? In fact some lawyers engaged by him have withdrawn their commitment midway!

Kejriwalji has made many blunders, but in good faith. He is learning lessons from them. He should not go on accusing people right and left except when they directly come in the way of his duties as CM. Second lesson he should learn is that he should not take upon himself the total burden. The cases could be shared by other leaders to defend. Even now if it is possible other AAP leaders could be taken as fellow accusers in the cases. Ideally instead of *Mafinaamaa* the cases

must be fought in the court and the accused be punished.

Any way this is the wish of a sincere fan of Kejriwal in his experiment in cleansing Indian politics and creating *Bhrashtachar mukt Bharat!*"

—Fr. Michael G., Vasai.
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Bill Gates' opinion about India

Here's what the American business magnate and philanthropist, Bill Gates has to say about India.

India is the richest country in the world. But the funniest thing is that people fail to understand that they are like servants in their own country owing to which a farmer commits suicide cursing God for his misfortunes. The poor people in this country also fail to recognize the true culprits behind their poverty.

The youth is unaware of the people responsible for their unemployment.

Do you gather punya by offering hairs to God?

Does prosperity come to you by offering a coconut?

In reality, hair and coconuts offered to God make a big business for the temple priests.

What does one achieve by offering gold and silver ornaments to Gods? In fact, these are just auctioned off by the temple priests.

Instead of all these, one should ---

* Donate seeds to farmers so that they can grow more crops.

* Try to help in a poor girl's marriage.

* Adopt an orphaned child so that his/her future may be secure.

* Feed a hungry person.

- * Help a handicapped person.
- * Donate something to a village school library.
- * Donate money to an old age home or orphanage.

Schools in several villages have no shelter but temples have marble floorings. On the other hand, parents make a lot of queries when they are asked to donate Rs 200 to a school but donate in thousands to a temple without asking any questions.

Will such a nation become a superpower in real sense? The answer is No, because we call ourselves an agriculturist nation while our farmers commit suicides in almost every state of the country..

—Jubel D'Cruz, Mumbai

Beware of Abortion!

Dr. Donna Harrison, executive director of the American Association of Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists confirmed that "abortion is never safe"! This was a firm rebuttal of a report published on 12 March 2018, claiming that the practice of abortion in the U.S. is a safe procedure – "The Safety and Quality of Abortion Care in the United States".

However, Dr. Donna Harrison asked, "How is abortion ever safe for women? Is it free from risk and harm? Women need 'affection and not abortion'! Abortion harms women in the short and long term".

"First it can harm women physically by damaging their uterus through bleeding and infection. Later this causes them to have pre-term births. The psychological effects can be devastating, through severe depression, substance abuse, and suicide."

"Increased risk of 'breast cancer' is very real! So, U.S. State laws mandate that to conduct abortion, patients have to be notified about the risks of breast cancer! Also the use of 'ultrasound' is compulsory, so that pregnant females can hear their fetal heartbeats, and see their movements. This often dissuades them from proceeding with their abortion."

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According to the 2011 census of India, the sex ratio is 946 females to 1,000 males, due to female feticide - (Kerala - 1084/1,000, and Haryana - 879/1,000). So, to promote the health and sanctity of the womb, the Archdiocese of Mumbai celebrates 25 March (Feast of the Annunciation) as Prolife Day! "Children are a heritage from the Lord; the fruit of the womb a reward" (Psalm 127:3).

—Dr. Hazel Colaso, *Bandra (W), Mumbai.*

"We are the Church of Hope!"

A special pre-synod meeting of youth took place on 19-24 March 2018. It had drawn 300 representatives from around the world to discuss key themes ahead of October's Synod of Bishops - "Young People, Faith and Discernment of Vocation"!

A 22-year Chaldean Catholic refugee in Australia, Angela Markas commented: "To move forward, we need to be brave in addressing topics like, same-sex marriage, euthanasia, and the role of women's empowerment!"

"We are a Church of hope! We are the witnesses of the Resurrection! So we have this surety, that this will all heal; but we need to work towards it. Pope Francis is so intimate, in that he always addresses the littleness and the smallness of the youth!"

Katie McGrady, a young wife and mother, who was chosen by the U.S. Bishop's Conference, as one of the four delegates (all in their 20s) asserted, "There is an increase in drug abuse, harmful effects of mass media, and the impact of pornography! Another major concern was the growing number of young Americans who are not practicing their faith!"

"Young Catholics desire a faithful and authentic accompaniment in order to live their faith, and to form a relationship with Christ! - A true companionship, so as to respond through a one-to-one interaction with people of all faiths or no faith. 'We are the Church, the ministry for strengthening the Body of Christ!'" (cf Ephesians 4:1).

—Dr. Hazel Colaso, *Bandra (W), Mumbai.*

Easter and its significance

The church celebrates and proclaims Easter, the day on which Christ resurrected from the dead as the greatest event in church history. It is both a

historical event and a matter of faith, and not a myth as in the mythology of some religions. Although science will find it difficult to endorse the belief of a dead man resurrecting to life, the 4 gospel-writers testify to the empty tomb, the rolled back stone, the bewildered guards and the linen cloth and head band which were found in place inside the tomb. Peter and the 12 apostles were the primary witnesses to the risen Lord. Jesus lived 40 days on earth after his resurrection during which He appeared several times to his disciples, not as a ghost but in flesh and blood. Later, a doubting Thomas testified to the risen Christ only after Jesus appeared to him and showed him his hands and sides and asked him to put his fingers and believe.

Unlike Christmas which is celebrated every year on December 25, Easter is a variable feast governed by the vernal equinox on March 21. Western Christians who follow the Gregorian calendar celebrate Easter on the Sunday following the full moon after March 21.

Happy Easter
Resurrection Day
REJOICE
For He Is Risen!



Eastern Christians observe Easter on some other day. The differing dates of Easter has become a cause of concern for both

churches and ecumenical leaders with a growing demand to celebrate Easter on the same day.

Easter is a day for rejoicing in the church because it gives us new life in the risen Lord and re-instates us in the grace of God which was lost because of the sin of Adam. The church celebrates this new life by renouncing Satan and his works with the lighting of candles, new fire and incense, while people rejoice with Easter eggs which also symbolizes new life. It is the resurrection of Jesus which constitutes Him as the Saviour and Lord of humanity. St Paul tells us how important the resurrection of Jesus is for Christianity, because without the risen Christ, there would be

no Christianity. Good Friday was not the last word about redemption, but Easter is the definitive and ongoing fact of our salvation. It was St Augustine who coined the phrase "We are Easter Christians and Hallelujah is our song".



BY A. F. NAZARETH

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Why Join the Mumbai East Indian Chamber Of Commerce And Industry (MEICOCAI) Mumbai



There are two types of business owners. Those that are continuously achieving and the others who rest on their laurels and call it a day whilst the machinery set in motion keeps running to a tune long forgotten. Some business owners might say their schedule is demanding enough at the moment, and the thought of adding one more activity to their busy calendar is unbearable. There are others who we now call business startups whose aim is to marry with the first available angel investor who has an in law in the venture capitalist.

So why should they try to cram time into their already hectic schedules to join and actively participate in an enterprise that caters to their knowledge and awareness. MEICOCAI initiates just that. Because being a member of the East Indian Chamber Of Commerce and Industry amply qualifies their presence amidst the elite echelon and of those who are respected in the business of Trade and Commerce activities.

Being a designated member of MEICOCAI offers numerous benefits and keeps business owners small, medium and large on top of important, ever-changing issues and trends within their business speciality and the fast moving scenario within their category of trade, the business community and the local marketplace.

It is good to say that research points out that consumers and trade platforms are more likely to do business with a company if it is a member of a chamber of commerce. MEICOCAI leverages the best possible verticals to harbor in the climate most suited for all such business activities.

When the world of commerce, both local - national and international and the trade with industry as a focus sub-

ject attached know that a business, any business is a member of a national chamber of commerce, they are more likely to think favorably of it and more likely to purchase goods or services from the company in the future.

If you still don't think you have time to join and participate in MEICOCAI - the Mumbai East Indian Chamber Of Commerce And Industry your business chamber of commerce then consider the following:

Most business houses and singular entities think that being active in the local chamber of commerce is an effective business strategy, overall. It is more effective, though, for communicating to consumers that a company uses good business practices and is more effective for communicating that a business is reputable and has the value given to it by the Appraisal Board of the chamber

If a company shows that it's highly involved in its local chamber (e.g., sits on the chamber board), the trading community is more likely to think that its products assemble better against the competition.

MEICOCAI also gives credence to the authorship of products made by a member of the chamber.

How does all that sound? If your business is a restaurant or an East Indian curry masala partnership or an insurance company, isn't it fantastic to hear the news that consumers are more likely to choose your business over a competing, non-member business because you're a member of your national chamber of commerce? Are you convinced yet that you should join your local community chamber if you aren't a member already?

Increase your visibility in the community. As a new member of the cham-

ber of commerce, you will be listed in the chamber newsletter, e-newsletter, on Facebook, whatsapp, twitter exposure and have the opportunity to be highlighted in other chamber publications from time to time. You also can grow your business by advertising with the chamber in their newsletter in print or online and subscribe to sponsoring events on a regular basis for products and services that are current and useful to their marketing plan. The chamber may also promote your grand opening/ ribbon-cutting or an Udgathan ceremony and assist with any public relations efforts and involve in press notes and press conferences.

MEICOCAI creates dialogue opportunities for business as a whole.. MEICOCAI has numerous committees and chosen to serve on one of them provides numerous networking opportunities as well as professional leadership development. You can build your business while promoting developments of keen interest to local, national and global businesses and the community at large.

Gain a voice in government. MEICOCAI, the community's business chamber takes on tough issues that often create continuous distortions in the working of rules and regulations by regulatory bodies and opposes new

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regulations that create a hindrance in the business arena, high taxes, application fees, assessments and costs directed at small businesses. It also helps protect the principles of free enterprise and aids businesses in being treated fairly.

Make business contacts. The Chamber's most fundamental mission is to generate more business activity for the community. The Chamber initiates more business-to-business commerce and more opportunities for networking and connecting local professionals than is available through most other local organizations and reciprocal Chambers of Commerce within the Indian geography. Collaborating with international offices of other country's Chambers makes for an increased involvement within the ambit of fair trade practices and allows for a level playing field.

Receive chamber newsletters. Newsletters provide new member information and profiles, interesting information about operating a local business, mergers and acquisitions, collaborations and funding platforms and articles about the local and national business community. A once a month index on a page for the activities of the Chamber stands in good stead whilst planning your business diary and calendar and details about up-and-coming chamber events, among other things and invitations to reciprocal business councils in the country and abroad.

Acquire customer referrals. Every day, the Chamber receives calls from individuals and businesses looking for potential vendors - buyers , sellers ,

and MEICOCAI typically recommend chamber members on the approved list to to become involved in such matters of give and take.

Chamber events and programs. Chamber events and programs provide members with great opportunities to get to know new people and expand their prospect base. Chamber events are innovative and social ways to help members meet potential customers, clients and other like minded people who are affiliated as guests of other Chambers or are invited from special institutions of trade , commerce and industry.

Promotion and publicity. With a chamber membership, you can reach potential clients through member exclusive advertising and opportunities for business-to-business advertising and publicity in their newsletter and the presence of digital.

Small businesses and medium enterprises represent the largest segment by number of membership.

MEICOCAI has ample data to distribute to requests made by their authorized members on all indexed businesses and services.

Research done by MEICOCAI in 2016 indicates that chamber membership stimulates business-to-business commerce in the local, national and global community. Other businesses in the country are more likely to do business with you and your company if you are a member of MEICOCAI. Because a major part of a small business typically comes from business-to-business services, it is essential to maintain a positive standing within the local business community. This is a special mention for those who are looking forward to becoming members of MEICOCAI.

"But it takes time for a business to establish its image and reputation in the community", says our Chairman, Neil Creado. He says people like doing business with companies they like and trust, but that trust must be earned.

"The more a firm is networked with its community, the quicker and easier it is to establish a trust bond with customers," says Brian Pereira, President of MEICOCAI.

"MEICOCAI is a great place to network and meet people who share a common interest in serving their country via trade and commerce and assisting their customers make the right choice," says, Valencia Misquitta, Irani – the only lady Director on board. Valencia is a partner in all things nice at Avion Hotels and other Misquitta Hospitality properties in India.

Chairman, Neil Creado says all companies face common opportunities and problems. He founded the chamber-sponsored "Chairman's roundtable" and found it to be quite valuable. "In these forums, we discuss your challenges and problems and find solutions" voices the Chairman . Ready to join your local chamber, if you aren't already? Keep in mind, however, that you can't just be a member of the local chamber to reap the benefits of chamber membership. Paying your annual dues just isn't enough. You must also make an investment of time and effort in MEICOCAI's activities and become involved. Simply put, what you get out of chamber membership is directly relative to what you put in.

"If a firm or an individual business performer is to gain maximum value from his/her membership, it must be an active participation in chamber-sponsored events," Rtn. Calwyn D'Abreo – Founder-MEICOCAI says. "Chambers plan events so that its members benefit. Only by participation, can a firm get maximum benefit."

—Natus Ad Maiora

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3 Nails, 3 Hours & 3 Days

It's that time of year when well meaning people ask us what is good about Good Friday, if it commemorates the death of a great person like Jesus. It is also when people will call up their Christian friends to wish them a Happy Good Friday. Good Friday, for those who don't know, is probably another festival like Christmas, Diwali or Eid, and therefore warrants a festive celebration.



Jesus had sensed that these pious women were moved more by human emotions, rather than understanding the deeper mysteries that were about to unfold. This Good Friday we need to go beyond the merely physical to understand the deeper meaning of what Jesus was going through.

All physical pain is genuine, and cannot be discounted. But the uniqueness of Jesus' suffering was not the merely physical, or its quantity; but rather the quality of it. So what are the qualities of Jesus' suffering?

Firstly, it was voluntary. It was a conscious act. He could have avoided it if he chose to. "Let this cup pass over me". If I am thirsty and there is no water in sight, I have to bear with it. If, however, there is a glass of cool Roo-hafza within reach and I say no, then the torture becomes unbearable.

The second aspect of Jesus' suffering was the high stakes involved. If Dinesh Kartik was practicing in the nets he wouldn't have been unduly perturbed about how he played. However, when he had to score 5 runs of the last ball in the recently concluded tri-series in Sri Lanka, he knew that the stakes were really high, with the hopes of millions of fans resting on his shoulders. Christians believe in Jesus' salvific suffering and its redemptive value, for the sins of all mankind. So imagine the stakes involved and what was going through Jesus' mind at that time. He had to go through with it to the very end of human endurance. It was only when he got the final signal from the Father that "Jesus knew that everything had now been completed" (Jn 19:28) and he made his total surrender "It is fulfilled" (Jn 19:30). Jesus' submission, obedience and annihilation were total.



by chhotebhai *

The third aspect of Jesus' suffering is that he was innocent. What was happening to him was grossly unjust. That is why one of the thieves crucified with him said that they had got what they deserved, but "This man has done nothing wrong" (Lk 23:41). There are many other facets to Jesus' suffering, like the denial by Peter, the betrayal by the people who just 5 days earlier had welcomed him into Jerusalem with palm branches saying "Hosanna to the son of David". It would take reams to explain.

I will instead touch on two of his seven utterances from the cross. For me the greatest statement, that reverberates over time is "Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing" (Lk 23:34). It is easy to preach forgiveness, but not to practice it, especially in adversity. This is what Gladys Staines had learned from Jesus, and what she spontaneously expressed at the gruesome murder of her beloved husband and two little children.

The second is his concern for his widowed mother Mary. Seeing her at the foot of the cross he commends her to the care of one of his twelve apostles – John. To him he says "This is your mother" (Jn 19:27). In today's selfish career driven world, where both children and the elderly are abandoned, Jesus teaches us a lesson to care for the widows and elders.

So Good Friday is not about 3 nails or 3 hours of suffering. The Resurrection on the third day is the ultimate symbol of hope and victory over death, suffering and injustice. It settles all scores. That being so, it is perfectly in order to call this day not just a good Friday, but indeed the Best Friday!

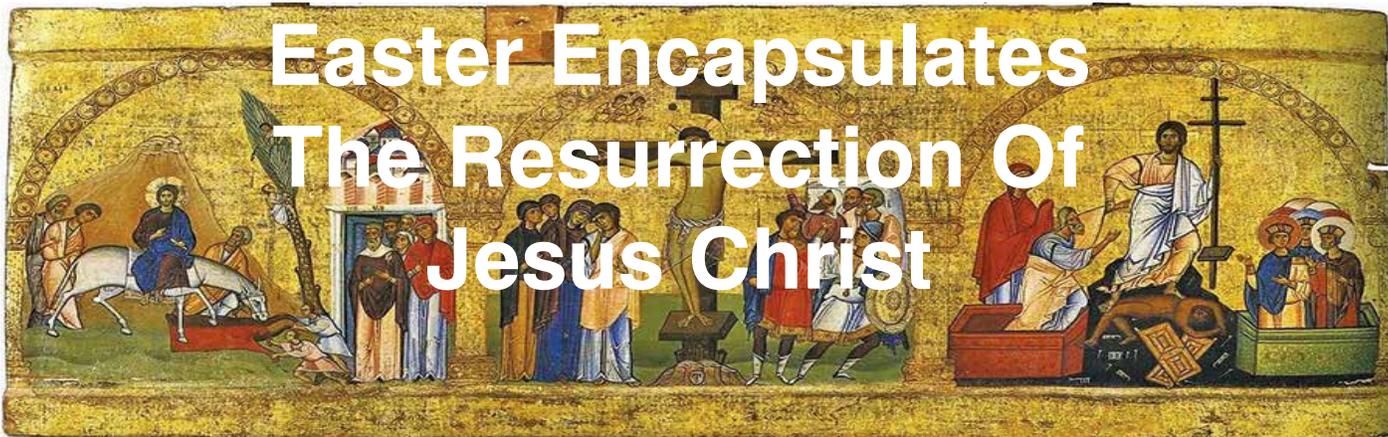
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On the other hand there are pious Christians who commemorate Good Friday by reflecting purely on the physical torment of Jesus. Some dear pastors will show their congregations the Mel Gibson movie "The Passion of Christ". Among the Catholics, a pious devotion "The Stations of the Cross" recreates the various stages of Jesus' crucifixion and death, the commentary again focussing on the physical aspects of Jesus' suffering.

Many non-Christians would wonder what was so unique about Jesus' passion and death. It was after all just a matter of 3 nails that kept Jesus on the cross for 3 hours, and then he rose again after 3 days. What was so special about those 3 hours of suffering? Terminally ill people suffer for years, without relief, something that the Supreme Court of India has recently taken cognizance of. There are also millions of people in the course of human history that have suffered torture and persecution for various reasons.

Interestingly, when the women of Jerusalem were lamenting over his pain, this is what Jesus said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children" (Lk 23:38). Je-

Easter Encapsulates The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ



Easter celebrates the fulfilment of God's plan of salvation that had His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, ensuring the return of the Father's human creation to Paradise, Good Friday paving the way! *Paradise Lost* [as a result of the sin of disobedience of our First Parents, Adam and Eve] was now *Paradise Regained* [as a result of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ], the hope of justice and peace alive anew! Yet, if the joy of Easter is to envelop us fully, we need to understand and appreciate Easter from a historical perspective. Just as the Crucifixion and Death of Jesus isn't a figment of the imagination, the Resurrection of Jesus which we celebrate at Easter is concrete history.



by Ladislaus L
D'Souza

Origins of Easter - It is often assumed that the word *Easter* comes from a pagan figure called 'Eastre' (or Eostre) who was revered as the goddess of

Spring or goddess of the East (from where the sun rises) by the Saxons of Northern Europe, and honoured with a festival called *Eastre* during the spring equinox. Her insignia was the hare (a symbol of fertility), hence the Easter Bunny! The Lily, a flower that is in glorious bloom during Spring, is mentioned frequently throughout the Bible and serves as a beautiful reminder of the significance of Easter, its magnificent whiteness symbolizing as it does the purity of new birth.

Social implications - The obscurity of the origins of Easter aside, the implications of its significance is what matters, the new birth it is associated with being the Resurrection of Jesus Christ to life on the third day of his death. Interestingly, the secular press is awash with reports about the renovation and upkeep of Jesus' tomb! Why so if the Resurrection event was untrue historically? Seen in the context of India,

the Resurrection implies the certainty of an entry for the common man into Eternal bliss assured by the Saviour - hope that keeps one from giving in to despair when faced with excruciatingly painful situations in life - an incurable illness, lack of employment, loss of life partner, and the like.

The Peace of Paradise - There's no gainsaying the fact that for peace to prevail truth and justice must be given their due. "Foolish" as we all are, we tend to miss the tree for the wood. "So slow to believe the full message of the prophets" (Luke 24:25), we tend to overlook the fact that we "enter into his glory" (Luke 24:26) not merely by suffering with him but by upholding the right to truth, 'truth' itself being the Son of God whom Pilate mindlessly put to death. Indeed, with the fostering of justice comes so to say the right to celebrate Easter. When we remain silent in a situation that calls for exposing the wrong and speaking out in favour of the right, we forfeit the very right to the joys of Paradise. As the famed American preacher of the 19th century, William Ellery Channing says, "The fewer the voices on the side of the truth, the more distinct and strong must be your own." Thus, when we remain indifferent and silent, we empower the unjust, bolster the false pride and ego that imagines that happy days come with doing exactly what is the opposite of truth. In the bargain, we deprive ourselves of the joy that comes with filling the emptiness of our lives with peace springing forth from the empty tomb that yielded the Truth, the risen Jesus, the Lord of peace eternal! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving



Thanks to Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Vailankani, Our Lady of perpetual Succor and St. Anthony

—A Devotee

Maya[wati] floors arrogance

The decision of Behenji Mayawati of BSP to support the SP candidates in Gorakpur and Phulpur [in UP] was a master stroke and credit must go to the persuasive skills of the SP chief Akilesh who is endowed with PR skills. For two sworn and bitter political enemies to come together is significant. This should galvanize the opposition towards unity for the 2019 general elections to make a fight of it.

The stunning results of the by-elections in UP in particular and Bihar as well, coming close on the heels of the results in Rajasthan, have jolted the entire BJP hierarchy so badly that they do not really know how to react. With brave face they say 'We respect people's verdict'. Do they have a choice? This development sends a very strong message from the Hindi belt to the BJP - Govern and do not to link everything to religion, beef, dress codes and nationalism. Let the Holy man do his job which he has opted for leaving the politicians to govern. Yogiji was better looking after cows and attending Parliament. Looking after cows and the people is not the same thing. Cows in gau-shalas, suffering from malnutrition, cannot complain as they have no voting rights. People have and they have exercised their right wisely and decisively because they were neglected. Yogiji cannot blame the party workers.

Shyamcharan Gupta MP from Allahabad has directly hit out at the CM saying the leadership is responsible. Arrogance, pride and hatred towards one community never go unpunished. There was too much of over-confidence. Never underestimate your opponent. This is a wake-up call for the entire BJP leadership which has belittled the opposition and their leaders. Your stature does not go up when you look down on somebody. When you over-criticize the opposition, actually you are betraying yourself. It gives an impression that you are actually nervous. It is time to put on your thinking cap and find out why your tally in Parliament has gone down steadily losing by-poll after by-poll.

The BJP with RSS together lost their way. Undue emphasis was placed on saffronization in the name of nationalism. Everybody was put to test and the onus of proving ones patriotism was on

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people especially the minorities. Sensitive issues like vande mataram, surya namaskar, over emphasis on yoga etc did not go well with the people. Failure to rope in fringe elements was seen as a covert way of encouraging them. They went about being moral police with Romeo squads, chasing meat traders in the name of cow protection and even lynching the suspects became rampant. You want to control the people and decide what they eat, what they wear, whether they should drink or dance.

With the UP results, the 2019 general elections will not be a one-sided affair. The big brother attitude has cost the BJP its allies – latest being TDP. The Akalis are unhappy. Shiv Sena in Mahashtra is the next on the list. Soon BJP will be left alone and with dissenting voices like in UP, the future does not augur well. Some desperate measures may be adopted to win back popular support. It is time Narendra Modi wakes up and smells the coffee and stops behaving like a permanent tenant of 7 Lok Kalyan [Public Welfare] Marg. By changing the name of the road from Race Course to Lok Kalyan public welfare is not ensured. You still have to deliver. You are a powerful orator – no doubt. People love your one-liners ridiculing the UPA and the Gandhis at every political rally. They get highly entertained but not fooled. Your tone has to be subdued. Come out of denial mode, respect opposition leaders and admit failures / shortcomings. Tell other BJP leaders and party spokespersons to shun arrogance and show humility and grace on national TV debates. By the way, one extra Rajya Sabha seat in UP does not reflect the power of the people. It could, at best, reflect money power.

Egos v/s unity

The political tsunami triggered by the UP and Bihar by-elections results has suddenly opened vistas for a real opposition unity to take on the mighty BJP and its allies [if any left, by then]. Most parties were decimated in 2014 but this new development [thanks to Mayawati] has invigorated them. Suddenly, everybody thinks it is possible to forge a united front and challenge the ruling combine. There is public dissatisfaction which manifested in the stunning defeat



by Marshall Sequeira

of the BJP candidates on the home turfs of UP CM and Dy CM. It is time the fragmented opposition sees this as a God sent opportunity and work diligently to arrive at a common ground. With not a single powerful leader in sight, the task of finding someone acceptable to all is going to be a Herculean task. The regional leaders are powerful in their own States but none of them possess the stature to match that of Narendra Modi. It is impossible to match his charisma. You need to settle for the next best by agreeing on someone who can enjoy people's confidence. Rahul Gandhi must stop believing that he is a PM material which he is not. There are many second rung leaders in West Bengal, Telangana, UP, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha etc but egos will come into play. All will want to be projected as PM-in-waiting. This could jeopardize the unity efforts.

That will be a litmus test for opposition unity. As I said in the last published piece, it is necessary for the NCP to merge with the Congress and that should not be difficult since Sharad Pawar was a tall leader in that party earlier. That will also boost the status of the Congress with their candidates in UP losing deposits. Pawar is a very powerful and administratively capable leader with a mass following of his own. He is capable of challenging Narendra Modi. Being in politics for over half a century, regional parties should not find it hard to accept his leadership. He may not be the best. Or simply fight the elections without naming any PM candidate. A dark horse [a La Deve Gowda or I.K.Gujral] could emerge at the right time if you manage to get a majority which is a Herculean task. So why get disunited in advance? Opposition leaders should show the same grace and maturity as Mayawati in national interest. The BJP can still win but their tally could come down. But if you fight separately it will split opposition votes to benefit the ruling party to maintain its tally or even surpass it.

Mary Magdalene witnessed the suffering of Jesus as the very source of mercy; the sight of his courage became a statement set as an example; his power was burnished in weakness. She was touched by every word, every action, every image of love and forgiveness her Lord radiated. This Mary of Magdala was to the epitome among the women followers who Jesus entrusted with the news of his resurrection.

Only the women from Galilee who had come to Jerusalem with Jesus remained there in every step of his passion; at the foot of the Cross, never afraid, but having the grace of staying in the front without taking flight. Only the youngest apostle John was the exception, he stayed and witnessed.

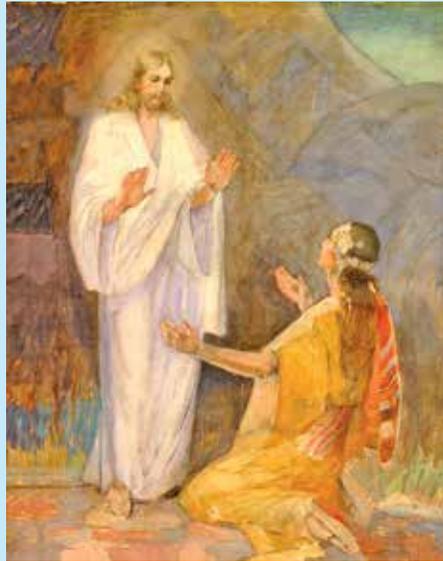
Mary Magdalene became the first woman mandated by God to be a special observer of the risen Christ; the first woman Jesus appeared to and spoke to (Jn.20:11-18); the first to receive the message to carry news of the resurrection to the apostles and disciples; the first woman to tell the Lord's Mother of her Son's victory over death.

It all began between the dark and daybreak; mysteriously sometime during dawn and sunrise. The cool, fresh air of the morning was kissed by the swirling dust, so fine you could see it, not feel it.

This was the place of the sepulcher carved out of the massive rock-wall. The body of Christ had been laid in the tomb two days ago. Jesus of Nazareth died and was put to rest in the vault here in Jerusalem, the city of King David. The silence of the night was suddenly pierced by the chirping of a bird hidden among wild plants jutting out of the dry rocks.

That particular morning Mary Magdalene had got up long before daylight could slip over the darkness. There was no way for her to know

Mary Magdalene's Experience Of The Resurrection



the hour. It was a time when the night mist cleared and revealed the rugged landscape in all its rugged beauty.

The third day had arrived. Mary's heart and pulse was racing with anticipation, not knowing what to expect. Her long dark hair was disheveled; her face flushed with anxiety, hope and fear. The other women were slowly getting up with the same intentions to visit the tomb, only they were preparing to take spices.

Mary Magdalene ran ahead of them.

She was breathless and perspiring, not wanting to miss any part of the experience. She tripped once, almost fell, but was strong and confident to keep her balance as she raced on the dirt path of broken stones and sand. The sandals on her feet were sticking to her soles and in-

step, wet with the possibility of falling off. The air was turning hot. But nothing mattered to her. Mary rushed with only one thought in mind, was her Master's body safe in the sepulcher.

Just forty feet from where she stopped, petrified, on seeing the tombstone rolled away and the entrance open. He was not there, the burial cloth and

the napkin which had covered his face was still there on the stone slab. Mary's trust and belief in Jesus was to become a chapter of remarkable importance for all ages. She recalled the words of Jesus, that he would rebuild the temple in three days. Even at that time she knew what Christ had meant, that his body was the temple and his resurrection a truth disclosed.

Overwhelmed with ecstasy Mary Magdalene stood on the threshold of the crypt, with the words of the Master echoing in her head: "I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days".

Mary was the first woman witness to see the empty tomb. She was the first to see the burial cloth and the carefully folded napkin that had covered the face of Jesus, and all this before the other women arrived.

Then Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene. He gave her the commission to be the messenger of his resurrection. He instructed her to inform the others: "Say to them I will soon ascend to my Father and to your Father, to my God and to your God."

In Christianity this was the moment of truth, the proof and highlight of belief, the living word was fulfilled – there will never be better news.

Dawn had silently slipped away and the sun rose in all its shimmering majesty as if to let the whole world know that his creator had conquered death and was ALIVE.

Mary Magdalene put her head to rest on Mother Mary's lap. And all her tiredness vanished.



BY MELVYN BROWN

Meeting the Challenge of Communalism

What is communalism that we hear about in the media? Do we care to understand? How do we face up to this challenge of communalism which is threatening to tear apart this country? Does it have any impact on us in the first place? **Well, those who felt it does, attended the 'Interactive' meeting, 'The Challenge of Communalism & The Way Forward' organized by the Malad-Orlem unit of the Bombay Catholic Sabha, on the 4th of February 2018 at the Nihar Hall.** It was heartening to see people of other communities also present at this meeting.

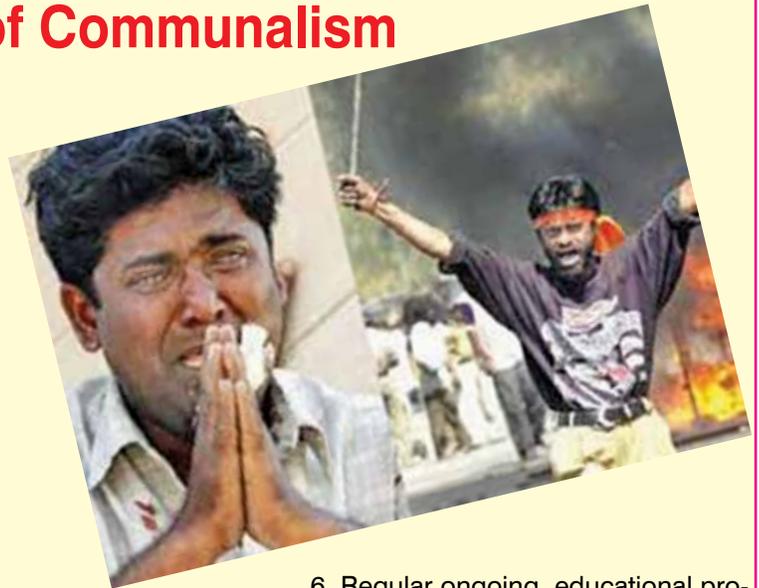
The renowned social activist, Prof. (Dr.) Ram Puniyani, the keynote speaker gave us an insight into what communalism is and how it is affecting the unity of the democratic set-up in our country. He took us down through history - the 1857 uprising when people of all communities Hindus, Muslims, etc. got together to fight the British. And it is at that time, Prof. Puniyani explains, the British understood the **'power of unity' and if they were to retain their hold over India, they would had to resort to the 'divide & rule' policy.**

Prof. Puniyani also touched upon other related issues like religious conversions in our country, the Godhra riots, Babri Masjid demolition. About how religion is being used to create communal tensions in society and how people will go to any extent in order to gain power.

Prof. Puniyani also fielded questions from the audience and we must accept, he has a wealth of knowledge and a really great memory.

As things stand today, this ideology of communalism is reaching dangerous proportions and its time we gauge the seriousness of the situation and do something about it.

One of the steps suggested by



Prof. Puniyani was, conducting workshops at various places to sensitize the people of the challenges we are facing on account of communalism. He expressed his willingness to be part of such workshops. He also suggested setting up of 'Peace Centres' all over Mumbai and India, which would certainly go a long way in maintaining peace & harmony among different communities in our localities.

Some of the immediate plan of action suggested :

1. One day workshop to understand various issues and concerns at Orlem, with resource persons like Dr. Ram Puniyani, Teesta Setalvad, Irfan Engineer.
2. To lead delegations to all secular political parties to be united in order to defeat the communal forces.
3. In order to understand what's happening in the country, it is important to view alternative news channels like The Wire, Sabrang.org, Alt News portal, and make an informed judgement.
4. Identify around 50 public spirited citizens from all communities in Orlem, to work out the future strategies.
5. Setting up of Peace Centres in Orlem, comprising all communities.
6. Regular ongoing educational programmes on Hindutva (which is nothing but politics based on religion), Constitution etc.
7. Networking with like minded members of other communities, celebrating each other's festivals etc.
8. Organise such meetings all over Mumbai.

Dolphy D'Souza, Convenor, Police Reforms Watch, also expressed his views. He also spoke about the need to wake up from our slumber and **'take the bull by the horns'** in order to preserve democracy in our country. Fr. Oniel Rodrigues the spiritual director of the Bombay Catholic Sabha welcomed the people and thanked Prof. Puniyani for giving us his valuable time. At the close of the session, Fr. Gilbert De Lima our parish priest, thanked Prof. Puniyani & the Bombay Catholic Sabha for organizing this meeting and assured them of his whole hearted help and support in all their initiatives.



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(on behalf of the Bombay Catholic Sabha - Orlem unit)

What Will Happen after Death?

I was coming from Secunderabad in a second class compartment of Ahmedabad bound train. When I got up in the morning after a sound sleep, I started reading from the Bible according to my usual custom. People reading a book has become a rare sight in the train. In fact I was the only person reading book in my compartment. Then, I realized that some co-passengers were watching me. After closing my Bible I was in a meditative mood enjoying the sceneries outside from my window seat. Trees, creepers and other plants were running at break neck speed in the opposite direction of my super fast train.



by Fr. Varghese Paul, SJ

Then, a young man sitting next to me asked, "Sir, Is the book which you were reading is the Bible? I saw you reading it yesterday too before you went to sleep. Are you a Christian?"

"Yes. I am a Christian. The book which I was reading is the New Testament of the Bible". I gave a short response to my co-passenger as I was not in a mood to talk as I was pondering the Gospel passage.

But my young friend must have felt encouraged by my short, clear answer to his question. So he asked me again, "Can I ask you a question?"

"Yes, you may ask. What is your name?"

"My name is Ramakrishna Reddy.

I am an Engineer working in a company at Jamnagar. I would like to ask you, what happens after death?"

I was reading my Gospel book in Gujarati. But our conversation so far was in Hindi. But I felt that to give a satisfactory answer to my young friend's question my knowledge of Hindi is inadequate. "Mr. Reddy, you are an Engineer. So you may know English. My Hindi is not powerful enough to answer your question about what happened after life. So is it okay with you if I speak in English?"

"Yes, Okay Sir. What is your name?"

"My name is Fr. Varghese Paul."

"So you are a Priest?"

"Yes, I am a Christian Priest. Among Catholic Christians there is a Religious Order (group) called Society of Jesus' and I am its member. Thus after giving a short introduction about myself I told Ramakrishna that in Catholic religion according to the Bible we believe in a new life after death.

In our creed we Christians accept and proclaim that, "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come". So for us Christian's life does not end with death but life is only changed into an everlasting life. We Christians believe in three different stages of life.

The first stage is the life on earth. We are all travelers in this life trying to

lead a good life, combating our evil tendencies and the evil. The second stage is that of saints who have led a good life on earth and have attained salvation or heaven or eternal life enjoying the company of the Risen Lord Jesus. The third stage is called purgatory. It is a stage of spiritual cleansing after death before entering heaven. Purgatory is for people who have not done any deadly sin or have repented of their deadly sin; still they have died without being completely atoned for the offenses they have committed against God and fellow men.

Then, the Christians believe that these souls in purgatory cannot help themselves but the Christians on earth can help them through their prayers, sacrifices and good works on their behalf.

In other words, we Christians believe in new, changed new life after death. So we have great respect for death and we show it by taking care of their tombs. We pray daily for them; we sacrifices and do good works on their behalf.

For instance, we read the biblical book of Maccabees, "They begged him that this sin might be completely
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blotted out. Then, Judas, that great man, urged the people to keep away from sin, because they had seen for themselves what had happened to those men who had sinned. He also took up a collection from all his men, totaling about two kilo-grammes of silver, and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for sin-offering. Judas did this noble thing because he believed in the resurrection of the dead. If he had not believed that the dead would be raised, it would have been foolish and useless to pray for them. In his firm and devout conviction that all God's faithful people would receive a wonderful reward, Judas made provision for a sin-offering to set free from their sin those who had died" (2 Maccabees 12: 42-45).

I did not have the Bible with me to read the above passage to Ramakrishna. So I told him that I have a small booklet, "What Does Jesus Mean to You and Me?" The story of Jesus' death on the Cross and his glorious Resurrection on the third day will give you a fair idea of Christian belief in life after death. I have the booklet in Hindi and in English.

From my bag I took out one copy each of the booklet.

Ramakrishna took the booklet in English. A third fellow passenger, who was keenly listening to our conversation, took the Hindi booklet from me. Some other passengers too wanted the booklet on Jesus. But unfortunately I did not have any more copies. Bible in the New Testament clearly speaks about life after death. Once the Sadducees who did not believe in the life after death asked a question to Jesus about resurrection. They told Jesus the story of seven men who one after another married a woman and died without leaving any child and finally the woman too died. Now, they put the question to Jesus: "when they all rise again, whose wife she will be as all seven had married her? "

"Jesus answered them, How wrong you are! It is because you don't know the Scripture or God's power. For, when the dead rise to life, they will be

like the angels in heaven and will not marry. Now, as for the dead rising to life: haven't you ever read what God has told you? He said, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is the God of living, not of the dead" (Mt 22: 29-32).

In another instance Jesus speaks about Resurrection when Jesus meets his friend Lazarus' sisters Martha and Mary. Both the sisters believed in the resurrection after death. After the death of his friend Lazarus Jesus reaches the house of the two sisters. Then, Martha complains to Jesus, "If you had been here, Lord, my brother would not have died". Then she acknowledges before Jesus, "I know that he will rise to life on the last day". "Jesus said to her. 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies'.

"Then Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus. Jesus called out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'

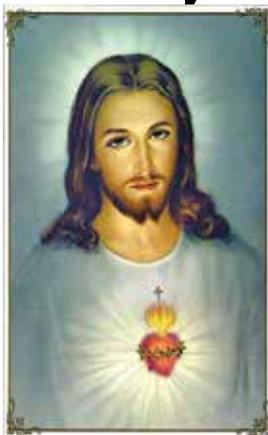
"The dead man came out wrapped in grave clothes. 'Untie him and let him go', Jesus said" (see John 11: 1-44).

A disciple of Jesus, who proclaimed Jesus' life and message far and wide, Paul writes in his letter to the Romans explaining the life after death to the new Christians, "For surely you know that when we were baptized into union with Christ Jesus, we were baptized into union with his death. By our baptism, then, we were buried with him and shared his death in order that, just as Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of the Father, so also we might live a new life" (see Rom 6: 3-4).

Christians believe that they will receive reward after death according to their life on earth. In the last judgment the people living sinfully will get eternal damnation and the good people will receive eternal life with Jesus. (see Mt 25: 31-46).

Finally, let me end this essay with a quote about death from a famous Spanish poet and writer, Federico Garcia Lorca, "Everywhere else death is an end. Death comes and life flies away. But in Spain the dead are more alive than the dead of any other country in the world". This quote is seen as a reflection of Christians' belief and culture in the life after death.

Prayer & Thanksgiving Prayer to the Sacred Heart



Oh Lord Jesus Christ, to Your most Sacred Heart I confide this intention (your request). Only look upon me, then do what your love inspires. Let your Sacred Heart decide ... I count on You ... I trust in You ... I throw myself on your mercy. Lord Jesus, You will not fail me.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in you.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in your love for me.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Your kingdom come.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I have asked you for many favors, but I earnestly implore this one.

Take it, place it in your open Heart. When the Eternal Father looks upon it, he will see it covered with your Precious Blood. It will be no longer my prayer, but yours, Jesus. Sacred Heart of Jesus. I place all my trust in You, Let me not be disappointed. Amen.

-A Devotee

Change is Secular

-Ivan Saldanha-Shet.M'Ilore.

Change is not welcomed by all people.....positive change is the result of fore thought and planning. Though change is happening all the time inside and out side - the matter of change is always, what why and how? Suspicion and suspense are ever present. In hind sight most of the past and the old is considered with affection. Ahead is constant change and suspense in all thingsEvery action, we see around us is about change. An election is about change of Govt.,renewal is the hope of change, change must be for betterment....development.

A birth is expected, question is when will it be? Then as the child grows.... school, college, job, marriage, again children....old age, death....all are questions of change? This is a cycle that is pre-ordained and yet, an eagerness to move on is ever present.....Yes, Change is the law of all that is alive...life it self. Yet, the fear of change is never absent, just as change is always present. So, the best path in life is to accept,welcome and even desire and work for change.....for the b e t t e r.... So, be courageous to change and streamline approach to change consistently.

Yes. I am changing. Days slip into

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weeks, weeks turn into months and months transform into years. Change is always present.

Yes, I am changing. After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have to also love myself.



Yes, I am changing. I just realised that I am not "Atlas" and the world does not rest on my shoulders.

Yes, I am changing. I have stopped telling the elderly that they have already narrated that story many times. After all, the story makes them walk down the memory lane and relive the past and feel happy.

Yes, I am changing. I realised not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. After all, the onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.

Yes, I am changing. I have learnt not to bother about my creased shirt or mismatched trousers. After all, personality speaks louder than appearances.

Yes, I am changing. I am learning not to let others make me feel incompetent. After all I am not only what they see in me. I might not be good at certain things but I am excellent at others.

Yes, I am changing. I walk away from people who don't value me. After all, they might not know my worth, but I certainly do.

Yes, I am changing. I remain cool when someone plays dirty politics to outrun me in the rat race. After all I am neither a rat and nor am I in any race.

Yes, I am changing. I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. After all it's my emotions that make me human.

Yes, I am changing. I have learnt that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. After all, my ego will keep me aloof whereas with relationships I will never be alone.

Yes, I am changing. I've learnt to live each day as if it were the last. After all, it might be the last.

Yes, I am changing. I am doing what makes me happy. After all, I am responsible for my happiness. And I owe it to me.

Life Is a Chance to grow a Soul. Real beauty is not what the eyes can behold, but what the heart can hold. Change is like a beautiful new baby, a hope.....Yes, it will change, so will you and me, constantly.....accept the change, take the good of it, leave the rest, change for the positive in life.

Inspiration!

great discipline. Do the same with your unique giftedness and temperament. And regardless of the profession you choose, you will impress.



Impress Anyone You Meet

can ever do.

Laugh often: Be that person that routinely laughs at other's jokes and stories. It concretely communicates that you enjoy life and their company. They'll be impressed and you'll be a more joyful person.

Be optimistic: Always

focus on the good aspects of people and situations. Sometimes you have to look harder than others but you'll always be glad you did.

Love your kids: And by love your kids mean genuinely like them too. Enjoy being with them, spending time with them and invest in their lives. This love towards children will be evident in your life even when they aren't around.

Be faithful to your spouse: Marital fidelity is going out of style too quickly these days. Stay faithful to the one you chose. Your friends and colleagues will be impressed, not to mention your partner.

Respect personal boundaries: If you like to hug or shake hand doesn't mean the other person will like the same. Some people hate such behaviour. So examine carefully others behaviour and choices and work accordingly.

Develop your strengths: We are all impressed by good singers, authors, writers, architects, speakers, CEO's, computer programmers, mothers and athletes. There is only one thing they all have in common, they discover their strengths and develop them with

Appreciate different opinions: While there is nothing wrong with being dogmatic in your beliefs, a healthy appreciation of how others came to theirs is definitely an impressive quality.

Love you life: Don't fall into the trap of living life like everyone else. Avoid television and consumerism. Embrace your passions and find enjoyment in your life. The people around you will be impressed.

Encourage more: Living your life in competition with those around you will never impress. After all, everyone else is already doing that. Change the world by being different. Seek to encourage and lift up others. And the person who benefits the most just may be you.

Love nature: People who exhibit care for the physical world around us exhibit care for all humanity.

Listen intently: Eyes focused. Ears tuned. Cell phone off. In a world that can't move fast enough, someone who can find time to listen is as rare as a precious jewel and far more valuable.

Be modest: You are special, unique and gifted. And the less you make an effort to tell everyone that, the more they will notice.

Don't live to impress: Live to inspire. Give up your desire to impress everyone you meet. But never give up your desire to inspire everyone you meet. Of course, the greatest thing about this list is that you already possess everything you need to inspire others. So why not get started? Stop trying to impress others with the things that you own and begin inspiring them by the way you live your life.

This is not about impressing people with expensive cars, big houses or pretty clothes, it's about physical things that will attract people to you, help you to be a better person and impress everyone around you in a good way.

Whether it's new friends or perhaps a current or potentially new employer, it seems like we are always trying to impress someone. There are actually a few simple and subtle things that you can do to help you impress anyone.

Be generous: Regularly give your time, energy and money to others without expecting anything in return. The giving of your life to another is one of the most impressive things you

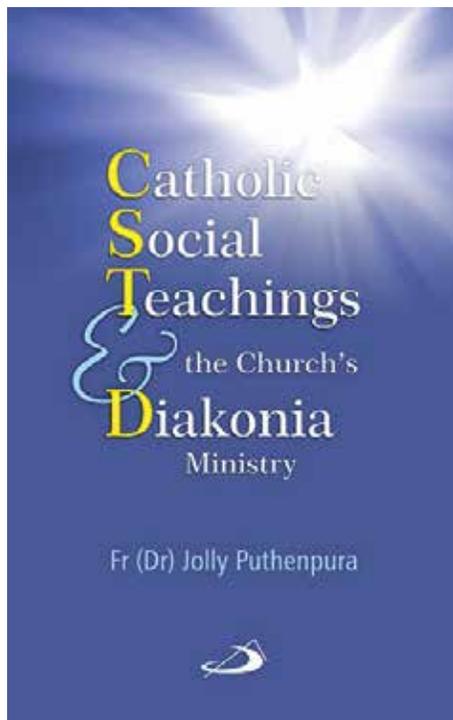
Catholic Social Teachings & The Church's Diakonia Ministry

by Father (Dr) Jolly Puthenpura

The social teachings of the Catholic Church concern the human person in relation to the Creator as evidenced in her *diakonia* ministry. But the numerous facets of the Biblical, Theological and Ecclesiological relevance of these teachings remain largely unknown to Catholics in general. That lacuna is what this book admirably fills in.

The Greek word *diakonia* means service, and right from the early Church the disciples were involved in worship, proclamation and service. The crux of Christian discipleship lies in Jesus' command: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" and "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Mark 12:30-31). The social teaching of the Church is very special in the sense that it is not simply based on philanthropy but is an expression of a close link between God's love for us and our love for God which translates into a real active love for our fellow human beings, faith, hope and love thus emerging as the three cardinal virtues of Christian Theology. Accordingly, the contents of **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS & THE CHURCH'S DIAKONIA MIN-**

BOOK REVIEW



By Ladislaus Louis D'Souza

ISTRY commendably elaborate on the twin ministry of charity and service as being a core faith-expression of the Church. In effect, the Church's *diakonia* ministry comes through as a tangible expression of Faith in action. Love of neighbour, grounded in the love of God ought to be a pertinent way of life for every believer as much as it is the fundamental responsibility of the Church at the grassroots level.

The salient feature of this book is that it is a treasure trove of sorts from which not merely every believer but also all people of goodwill (including people of no faith) would be able to draw much inspiration, encouragement

and motivation for making a consistent commitment to the cause of social justice in response to the changing equations on various fronts across the world. In effect, the contents of this book highlight the relevance of the Church's social teachings to our times besides drawing readers of every persuasion, most specifically Catholics, to the benefits emanating, setting into motion a cycle of sorts: **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS & THE CHURCH'S DIAKONIA MINISTRY** will throw more light on and deepen the understanding of better practices of the different principles of Catholic social doctrine, resulting in further inspiration and motivation for more readers, especially those engaged in the Diakonia Ministry of the Catholic Church, to appreciate better the richness of Catholic social doctrine and put the same into practice in their social service engagements.

In Chapter 6 of the Acts of the Apostles, seven men are set apart for *diakonia* so that the Apostles themselves can devote time fully to the Proclamation of the Word of God, while the deacons would serve at table and avoid the occurrence of any injustices. It is here that the real 'social teaching' of the Church begins—service without injustice and open to all but also at the bidding of a higher authority namely the Word of God.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS & THE CHURCH'S DIAKONIA MINISTRY (ST PAULS – ISBN 978-93-5015-305-5 / pp 152 / INR 160) is a detailed exploration into the various dimensions of the social ministry of the Church with special reference to the Indian context. The scientific analysis of the Church's development services and the study on the extent to which Catholic Social Teachings continue to influence Church ministry, makes convincing reading. Chapter 3 (pp 65-103) in this book for instance, deals with the scientific study conducted by the author among 25 Catholic social service societies in Maharashtra - an honest soul-search that makes possible the understanding of how well the *Diakonia* ministry of the Church is rooted in her social teachings.

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6798 MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1987), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 74 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. BE, working as a 2nd Engineer in Foreign Ship. Well settled, handsome, simple and humble. Contact email : marialewis198@gmail.com



6828. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1983), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 81 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Diploma in Electrical / Tele., working as a Site Engineer in Airport. Contact email : anthonylobo1983@yahoo.com

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6748. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic 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 Roman Catholic 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

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. Contact email : mark.alvares16@gmail.com

6741. MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in March 1993), Belonging to a very affluent business family. Edn. MBBS, intends to pursue M.D. Very fair, very beautiful seeks suitable groom Contact email : sona68500@gmail.com

6739. MUMBAI : Anglo Indian Ker-

alite Spinter (Born in February 1995), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 62 kgs, Fair, goodlooking, Edn. 5th Std., slow learner, handicap, able to do house work, very much interested in handicraft. Seeks a suitable match. Contact email : mercyserroa@gmail.com

6738. MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in November 1986), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 58 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA, PGDM., working as a Finance Executive. Contact email : vinishaleena@gmail.com

6737. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in November 1988), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., Working as an Accountant. Contact email : jocelyn_rod15@yahoo.in

6736. BANGALORE : Goan Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in February 1987), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Masters in Library & Information Science, working as a Librarian, seeks a suitable match. Contact email : gracefreitas@rediffmail.com

6733. MUMBAI : East Indian RC Spinster, (Born in October 1989), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A. (Hons), & CS (Company Secretary) working as a Company Secretary in Financial Company. Contact email : cslibra89@outlook.com

6732. MUMBAI : TAMILIAN RC Spinster, (Born in June 1990), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 52 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Contact email : adnadar@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 : Maharashtra 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 Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May

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6725. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic 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 Roman Catholic 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

6721. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1993), 5', Wt. 45 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., IT., working for Engineering Company. Contact email : lynettelewis67@gmail.com

6720. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1989), 5' 5", Wt. 62 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA working as a HR. Contact email : janessafernandes25@gmail.com

6719. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic, homely and loving Spinster, (Born in August 1969), 5' 5", Wt. 50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. SSC., Contact Email : sachin.gaste10@gmail.com OR Tel.: 7498392432

6716. MUMBAI : Anglo Indian Roman Catholic Annulled (Divorcee) (Born in November 1983), 5' 2", Wt. 56 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Master's Management, working in **DUBAI** as a Marketing/Sales. Contact email : diana-marriot@rediffmail.com OR maskeld795@gmail.com

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Jesus is calling

Are we ready to rise with Him ?

by Melville X. D'Souza

It was a Religion class in school and the teacher was explaining about heaven & hell, about how nice it is in heaven where everything is peaceful, so very nice, etc. And, how bad it is in hell where people are burning and suffering. The students had been listening attentively. And then, the teacher asked the children, c'mon tell me now who wants to go hell, put up your hands. Nobody raised their hands. Then, she said, now who wants to go to heaven. Each and every child in that classroom put up their hand; one could see the joy on their faces. The teacher dropped a bombshell; she said, **if you want go to heaven, you will have to die, it is only after you die, that you will rise up in heaven to a new life.** Tell me, who is ready to die ? At this, their faces fell, they had a dejected look on their faces. Sad truth - Everyone wants to go to heaven but nobody is willing to die !

The children in that Religion class were baffled at the question their Religion teacher put before them. Today, the Lord puts that same question before us, 'are you prepared to die in order to rise to a New Life ?' We surely want to go to heaven but we don't want to die. When God created the earth, he gave Adam & Even dominion over everything in the Garden of Eden – the fruits, animals, etc. But He also prohibited them from eating of the fruit of a particular tree. We know from scripture, how Eve gave in to the temptation from the devil, who fed her all false falsehood, and we see the result. The moment Eve bit that apple and gave it to Adam, they

had fallen into sin. The world had fallen into sin. **But it is in dying to sin, that we rise with the Lord.**



God had made a covenant with man but it was man who broke that covenant by falling into sin; by succumbing to the pressure from Satan. Man found himself too weak to resist sin.

We are all sinners, so should we all die ? God did not want all mankind to be wiped off the face of the earth because we had sinned. And so, God decided that only one man should die, taking upon himself all the sins of man. Therefore, God sends down his only son, Jesus, for

this task of bringing the world out of sin. To teach them compassion & mercy, right & wrong, humanity; to teach them what is Love - unconditional Love. We need to die to sin in order to rise with the Lord !

A big transformation took place at Calvary, where the robber on the right of Jesus rebuked the robber on the left. He decided to renounce his sins right there on the cross; 'remember me when you come into your kingdom,' he says to Jesus. And Jesus responds, "this day you will be with me in paradise." **He died to sin, but had risen with the Lord !**

Jesus rose from the dead, at Easter. Does Easter signal the end of the Lenten season, when we are called to rise up from the depths of our sins ? Perhaps not, **because everytime we rise from our sins it is Easter, which means we are rising with the Lord. Jesus is calling us to rise with Him - are we ready ?**

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