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# Pakistan and Japan get surprise red hats from Pope Francis

**International:** Once again, Pope Francis has made cardinals of bishops in unexpected dioceses in Asia. Archbishop Thomas Aquinas Manyo Maeda of Osaka in Japan and Archbishop Joseph Coutts of Karachi in Pakistan are the two surprise appointments.

Both countries have small Catholic minorities. There are about 950,000 Catholics in Japan — about 450,000 of whom are Japanese nationals and the remainder expatriates, largely from the Philippines and descendants of Japanese who emigrated to South America early in the 20th century. In Pakistan, there are about one million Catholics among the 2.5 million Christians in the country's 180 million people, the vast majority of whom are Muslims.

"I am happy to announce that on June 29, I will hold a consistory to make 14 new cardinals," Pope Francis said, referring to their investiture ceremony, in remarks to people gathered in St. Peter's Square on May 20 for his Sunday Angelus Audience.

"The countries of provenance express the universality of the church, which continues to announce the merciful love of God to all people on earth," he added.



Cardinal-designate Coutts served as the bishop of Hyderabad Diocese from 1990 till 1998 before moving to Faisalabad Diocese. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him archbishop of Karachi.

"In this diocese the church has for over six decades brought good news in the fields of education and medicine, and in the case of natural disasters reached out to those who have been affected, injured or become sick," said Cardinal-designate Coutts.

"It's time to promote harmony. That is our new motto. We have to learn it and teach it. Now we are tasked with restoring harmony to this seaport city by welcoming people from different customs and traditions."

Over the past 15 years especially, the Catholic Church in Pakistan has been assailed by a string of deadly attacks and many of its followers have been caught up by the nation's strict blasphemy laws that Cardinal-designate Coutts has campaigned against.

Cardinal-designate Maeda was himself reportedly surprised at his appointment along with local Catholics as Archbishop Kikuchi, the new archbishop of Tokyo, was expected to get a red hat. Archbishop Kikuchi is president of Caritas Asia and is well-known in Rome. He is a member of the Divine Word religious congregation, is multilingual and has worked in Ghana as a missionary. Cardinal-designate Maeda speaks no foreign languages and has no international experience.

But Father Michael Kelly, executive director of ucanews.com, said that in his view Kikuchi might be "not long for Tokyo. He's officer material and there are spots coming up in dicasteries where

he'd be well placed to take over including Caritas and a few others."

Father Kelly also noted that the pope listens to advisers, including Jesuits, when making decisions on senior appointments.

As well as the two Asian nations, the pope also made cardinals from Iraq, Portugal, Italy, Poland, Peru, Madagascar as well as several high ranking Vatican officials including Archbishop Giovanni Angelo Becciu, the powerful *sostituto* or chief of staff in the Secretariat of State. He has also been the pope's special delegate for the resolution of troubles in the Order of Malta.

Of the new cardinals, 11 are under 80, making them eligible to vote for — or be chosen as — Pope Francis' successor.

The new cardinals will receive their "red hats" at a consistory in Rome on June 29, the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

The addition of 11 new members of the College of Cardinals takes the number under 80 that can vote to elect a pope to 125, higher than the limit of 120 set by Pope Paul VI. Pope Francis has already appointed 60 cardinals in his five years as pope and there are now 213 living cardinals.

The other cardinals announced on May 20 are the pope's vicar-general for Rome Archbishop Angelo De Donatis, Spanish archbishop and Jesuit Luis Ladaria who is Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Archbishop Antonio dos Santos Marto of Fatima, Portugal; Pedro Barreto, archbishop of Huancayo, Peru; Msgr. Desire Tsarahazana, archbishop of Toamasina, Madagascar; and Msgr. Giuseppe Petrocchi, archbishop of L'Aquila, Italy.

The three bishops over 80 who were named cardinals are emeritus — the archbishop of Xalapa, Mexico, Sergio Obeso Rivera; Toribio Ticona Porco, a bishop from Corocoro, Bolivia; and Father Aquilino Bocos Merino of Spain.

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## Karnataka Drama

By \*Fr. Cedric Prakash SJ

The 'natak' in Karnataka, since the results of the recently-held elections to the State Assembly were announced on 15 May, was a drama which played out for almost a week and in the end the script going awfully wrong for the BJP. In spite of all their 'powerful machinations' complete with money, muscle and manipulations, they did not succeed this time in yet another murderous attempt on democracy. "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark" - is an oft-quoted line from William Shakespeare's immortal play 'Hamlet'. How true this is for several parts of India today when the political situation is not merely rotten but the stench and fumes, which emanate from this rot, can choke to death the strongest of persons. Karnataka this past week was just one chapter of this sordid drama. The country however, tonight breathes a sigh of relief because truth ultimately triumphed!

That the murder of democracy in India is taking place albeit slowly and systematically in the recent past, was never in doubt! The events of this past week however, have made it blatantly clear that the fascist forces in the country will stop at nothing to achieve their lust for power and to destroy the cherished values of democracy, which embody the spirit, and idea of India.

The nation and in fact the world is appalled at what is happening in India today and particularly with abysmal depths where corruption is concerned. The elections to the Karnataka State Assembly were always expected to be a watershed moment in the history of the country. The outgoing Chief Minister of Karnataka Siddaramaiah of the Congress Party had done a creditable job at the helm; besides he was the first CM of Karnataka in forty years, to complete his term in the top position. By all standards, he and his party were expected to romp home, despite the fact that Karnataka over the years has made anti-incumbency its flagstaff and has been consistent in voting out the ruling party. Siddaramaiah however in the final run had to contend with the 3Ms of the BJP: Money, Muscle and Manipulations- all three personified in the three who led the onslaught Modi, Amit Shah and their CM candidate B.S. Yeddyurappa.

In the end, as some had forecast it was a hung assembly. The BJP won 104 of the 222 Seats; the Congress 78 and the Janata Dal (Secular) 37; two other seats went to two other parties and one to an independent. The Congress and the JDS in record time staked their claim to form the Government saying that they have

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117 members on board. The BJP also staked their claim despite not having the required numbers. Significantly, the Congress polled more than 38% of the vote share and together with the JDS (18.3%) totaled more than 56% of the vote share, which was way ahead of the 36% polled by the BJP.

In keeping with the recently 'established convention' by the BJP Governors in Goa, Manipur and Meghalaya, the most obvious thing for the Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Vala to have done was to invite the JDS- Congress combine to prove their strength on the floor of the House. One needs to look at pure facts: in March 2017, in the Goa Assembly elections with a house strength of 40, the Congress one 17 and the BJP won 12; the Governor invited the BJP in a post poll coalition (BJP+MGP+GFP) to form the Government. The same month (March 2017) for the Manipur elections (with an Assembly strength of 60) the Congress won 28 and the BJP won 21; yet the Governor invited the BJP to form the Government in a post poll coalition (an independent MLA was also detained at Imphal Airport through security agencies & handed over to BJP). In Meghalaya in March this year (Assembly strength 60), the BJP won just two seats in comparison to the Congress' 21 seats yet the partisan Governor invites them in a post poll coalition (NPEP+UDP+PDF+HSDPDP) to form the Government. The same was true in the Bihar Assembly elections too.

Whereas in Karnataka today despite a post poll coalition of the Congress and

JDS with numbers surpassing the half way mark, the Governor threw all Constitutional propriety to the wind, proved to be extremely partisan and in very surreptitiously at nine pm on the 16 May invited Yeddyurappa to be sworn in the next morning at nine. In a highly unethical manner, he also gave Yeddyurappa fifteen days' time to prove his majority on the floor of the house. Vala's contention was that the BJP was the single largest party; strangely, he did not think it appropriate to go by the precedence of his fellow Governors who followed a completely different set of rules in other states very recently. Vala is cast in the RSS mold, was the founder of the Jan Sangh in Gujarat and so in no way could he displease Modi and top brass of the BJP.

Providing fifteen days to prove one's 'majority' (when there is none) was obviously a blatant invitation to 'horse-trading'; given the fact that it has within its ranks some of the most corrupt men of the country and many with criminal backgrounds, it was obvious that the BJP would do everything (by hook or by crook) to buy up MLAs who are not in their fold. They began working on this 'strategy' from day one as is evidenced by the audio tapes produced by the Congress at a media conference yesterday.

The Congress and the JDS combine also acted swiftly to thwart the nefarious designs of the BJP. As soon as the Governor gave Yeddyurappa the invitation letter to be sworn in as CM, the Congress-JDS through a battery of eminent lawyers petitioned the Supreme Court to stay the swearing-in. A three-member bench in a special post-midnight session heard both sides of the arguments. Whilst they did not stay the swearing in, the judges did make several adverse comments on the controversial role of the Governor (strangely, the honorable judges did not think it necessary to cite the precedence of the Goa Assembly elections of 2017, in which the Supreme Court in response to a petition had permitted the BJP who had lesser members than the Congress, to form a coalition after elections and then seek their strength in the house).

On Friday 18 May, the Supreme Court ordered that a floor test be conducted on Saturday 19 May at 4.00 pm in the Karnataka Assembly for Yeddyurappa to prove his majority, clearly stating that he could not take any major decision before this floor test. Apparently, Yeddyurappa has already begun transferring some police officials in total violation of the orders of the highest court of the land. Besides the BJP was desperate to be nominate an Anglo-Indian MLA to the Assembly-, which was flatly denied by the Court.

The Governor had also appointed KG Bopaiah a hard-core RSS member as protem Speaker of the Karnataka Assembly! Bopaiah's track record has not been one of fair play or objectivity. In 2011, the Supreme Court had pulled him up for his partisan role in the illegal disqualification of some rebel BJP and independent MLAs. The Congress also challenged this appointment in the Supreme Court but their appeal was turned down.

In a major intervention the Supreme Court also ordered that, the 'floor test' had to be livestreamed so that the entire nation had the possibility of watching live the proceedings in the Assembly. Until Saturday 19 May morning it was anyone's guess as to how many of MLAs from the Congress/JDS would have been 'bought up' by the BJP. A couple of Congress MLAs were 'abscinding until the very last – but they turned up in the Assembly well before the vote.

Ultimately, the BJP did not succeed in their game plan, in attempting to foist a falsehood on the nation saying that they had the required numbers and with total help from a partisan Governor. Yeddyurappa, after all his earlier bravado comes to the House, refuses to take a floor test and knowing that the proceedings are being livestreamed gave a twenty minute 'address to the nation', described by some as emotional. Like his mentor Modi, he also shed some crocodile tears not realizing that the people of India were not going to accept his hypocritical words after flagrantly at

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## Jai Hind controversy

This is with reference to the guest editorial 'Jai India, not Jai Hind' by Ladislaus Louis D'souza (Secular Citizen, May 21). The writer it appears has been misled into believing that the word 'Hind' which is a short form of Hindustan represents Hindus, and Hindustan is the land of Hindus, which in reality it is a Persian name for the Indian sub-continent --the land beyond the river 'Sindhu' (Indus). 'Jai Hind' on the other hand is a salutation to our country and motherland and slogan to show our patriotism. It was immortalised by Subhash Chandra Bose and was the battle cry of the Indian National Army. A commemorative postal stamp and postmark 'Jai Hind' were also issued by the Indian Postal Dept on Indian Independence Day, Aug. 15, 1947. All India Radio also ends its broadcasts with "Jai Hind". So, is there anything wrong?. Secondly, as the slogan 'Jai Hind' is devoid of any religious connotations, I don't think there is any religion which would object or stop its adherents from saluting their own country and motherland. It is therefore strange that the writer has found it inappropriate for Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas (Gen secretary of the CBCI) to sign off the CBCI statement with 'Jai Hind' instead of 'Jai India' and calls for a further introspection by all Bishops on the future usage of 'Jai Hind', on the specious ground that it amounts to promoting the ideology of the Hindutva brigade.

—A. F. Nazareth  
Alto Porvrim, Goa.

## Horse-trading, an insult to voters

Elections over, Karnataka was headed for a long round of horse-trading, which to say the least, is an insult to the electorate. But then nobody really cares for the voters after the elections. When voters take the trouble of choosing a candidate because of his ideology what right does he have to change his ideology immediately after the elections (undoubtedly because of power and pelf?) He has a right to resign. But thereafter he must be debarred from contesting elections during the term of the house, for having spurned the mandate given to him by his voters.

In any other country such horse-trading would mean the end of one's political career. In our country, it's the beginning of a new and more lucrative political career. This lacuna in the anti-defection law needs to be plugged. The person chosen by the governor to form the govt must prove his majority within 24 hours. Allowing a period of 15 days to prove his majority amounts to tacit acquiescence of horse-trading. (Fortunately the Supreme Court scuttled any hopes of horse trading by ordering a floor test the next day.) Either horse-trading should be completely banned by not allowing time for trading or then it should be made completely transparent: Immediately after the elections, all legislators, who so desire, should be declared free agents and auctioned in public so that we may know the true value and character of these horses!

—Prof. Robert Castellino,  
Mumbai

## Asifa - who is responsible ?

When the Nirbhaya incident occurred some time in 2012, the entire country was disturbed. People came out onto the streets, protests, candle march, etc. No more Nirbhayas, they said, enough is enough! And then six years later, an eight-year old Asifa wakes the nation out of its slumber. Once again, protests rallies, candle march, the entire country was in mourning. People felt the blood of Asifa should not be in vain, something needs to be done.

Even while all these protests, agitations were in progress, rapes of minor girls, crimes against women and children continued to occur. And it not limited to places like U.P., Bihar or Delhi, it is happening all across the country. **Of what use are all these protests, one would tend to ask. Where is all this leading to? The perpetrators of such crimes continue to go scot free. Justice delayed is justice denied, it is said.** It seems now, like people would soon lose faith in the judiciary, because such cases drag on for years and when judgement is pronounced it does seem

to match the crimes committed. **What we need today, is instant justice – should we say mob justice! Such trial by the public may sound barbaric, not in keeping with ethics, etc. But, isn't the crime equally barbaric?** Needless to say, this is the need of the hour so that it would deter others from committing such crimes. But alas, that is not happening, or rather not going to happen, because the victim is not the daughter of any those politicians, nor of any high-ranking government official, nor of a police officer, nor of any of those in power.

So, here we are. **Till such time that speedy and harsh punishment is not meted out to the culprits, such incidents like Nirbhaya, Asifa, etc., would continue to happen. And we will continue to ask 'who is responsible for this?' And, how many more Asifas or Nirbhayas would it take to bring our countrymen to their senses?**

—Melville X. D'Souza  
- Orlem, Malad West

# When anything is FREE Your Freedom is the PRICE!!!!

by Don Aguiar

Desmond Tutu once said, "When the Missionaries came to Africa, they had the Bible and we had the land. They said, "let us pray". We closed our eyes. When we opened them, we had the Bible and they had the land.

Likewise, when social networking came, they had the WhatsApp and Facebook, and we had the freedom. They said it's free. We closed our eyes. When we opened them, we had the WhatsApp and Facebook, and

they had our freedom.

During the recent Elections in Karnataka it is said that most of the Catholics did not exercise their franchise when Election Day came - The Catholics of Karnataka said instead, "let us pray" They closed their eyes. When they opened them, they were in for a big surprise and learnt that in spite of not having the numbers to form the government the governor has invited the BJP to form the government and given them time to prove their majority on the floor of the House in twenty four hours. Will the BJP succeed in

getting the balance numbers from the opposition camp by flexing their money power to prove their majority, let us wait and watch?

Should "BJP" succeed then Karnataka be ready for  
Hindu – Muslim  
Hindu – Catholic  
Churches torched  
Rape cases  
Paper leak  
Corruption in government  
Price rise  
Tax increase  
Bank Frauds  
Politician's dictatorship

Hip hip Hurray...

It is alleged that most of the Catholics in Karnataka did not exercise their franchise. Instead they were sitting in their homes and commenting on WhatsApps, Facebook, E-mail, Twitter and Instagram as well as kept praying at home for their favorite's victory or were they faking that too – praying!

And then for the coming five years - keep grumbling about Churches being torched and they being attacked by communal forces, bad civic amenities, pot hole-ridden roads, dripping water taps and so on. If the Catholics don't wake up and understand that exercising their franchise is an important duty for the wellbeing of secularism and democracy which is the creation of man and man alone can

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tempting to destroy all that is sacred in the Constitution and the values, which embody democracy.

For the Congress. JDS and all other secular parties in the country, there are any amount of lessons to be learnt from this Karnataka drama; the first is that they have to remain united, come what way- including 'seat-sharing' and working in tandem despite differences; secondly they should stop playing 'soft Hindutva' – they need to keep all of that only for the BJP/RSS combine; they should disassociate from all who are corrupt, communal, criminal and casteist ( the BJP has proved time and again that these are their core competencies and integral to their ideology) and finally, they have to ensure that the Constitution of the country and democratic principles are not subverted. They all need to get their act together immediately if they want to dislodge the BJP from power in the General Elections of 2019.

The drama in Karnataka was no soap opera; it was for real! The muscle, money and manipulations of the BJP have come to naught this time. Nevertheless, everyone is aware (given what was unfolding this week), that they will stop at nothing to attain their 'desired goals'. This time truth and justice have

triumphed. In a span of four years, they have destroyed so much of the idea and spirit of India. The 'we, the people', must exercise their responsibility and realise that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty"; wholeheartedly engaging in the crucial struggles of our times and taking a stand for the rights of all, is the only way forward. We need to substantiate our actions in the prayer of our Nobel Laureate, Rabindranath Tagore,

*Where the mind is without fear and  
the head is held high  
Where knowledge is free  
Where the world has not been broken  
up into fragments  
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Where words come out from the  
depth of truth  
Where tireless striving stretches its  
arms towards perfection  
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not lost its way  
Into the dreary desert sand of dead  
habit  
Where the mind is led forward by  
thee  
Into ever-widening thought and ac-  
tion  
Into that heaven of freedom, my Fa-  
ther, let my country awake.*

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remedy this situation, but be lazy and simply choose to be indifferent, only because it is free, then even God may not be interested in saving us. From the Bible one is aware of whatever God has created He will take care of.

**When anything is free, your freedom is the price!**

A man purchased a royal Enfield Bullet 350cc,, so that he could take his girlfriend for long drives. But unfortunately, he was not able to hear his girlfriend's voice while riding on it because of the loud bullet sound. He got fed up and sold his bullet and brought Honda Activa.

He got married to his girlfriend and one year later.....

He sold the Activa and brought a Royal Enfield Bullet 500 cc Again.

An example of one's behavioral pattern when in need and after the need is met. That's what one notices on the behavioral pattern of the present government and generation – when in need they do all that they can to get rid of the loud noise or whatever and after the need is met they let the loud noise reign.

This very pathetic behavior of the present government and generation has led to such a sorry outcome in Karnataka. When Catholics are attacked and their churches torched, some of them will come out for a few hours but most of them will keep quiet and will fast forward the message

without checking if message is fact or fake on WhatsApps, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and request people to pray. At times such messages can be misleading and may cause damage and loss to the community or hold the community in low esteem in the eyes of the other communities. That is why the Catholics who are the most educated community should be a responsible community and be able to differentiate the truth and the fake messages before fast forwarding messages.

One must be made aware of - that WhatsApp is being misused in India (which reportedly has some 250 million users) politically, religiously, etc., by the obvious suspects, quite similarly to Facebook's misused by Russia, and perhaps American actors, too, collusively, as in interference in the last US elections and as you see in the financial muscled and electronically controlled elections in India by the obvious suspects.

The fake news genie is out of the bottle, everywhere, and will only get worse. Propaganda is as old as the hills, of course, but the means have been so technologically enhanced in our age that reining in its excesses is going to be a struggle that I don't see quite ending.

As can be seen in any sphere of human activity, the inclination to seek advantage by unfair means is at least as deeply embedded in the human DNA as its opposite (Judging by the state of affairs, I might sadly add, Even deeper)

Without doubt, misuse is wrong, the fault in the judgment is to criminalize or make illegal the fraudulent messages forwarding only. That's futile akin to locking the stable door after the horse is bolted. The containment is better done, by having measures in place that ensure the blocking of gratuitous messages of hatred, malice, unfair political gain, and so forth of source. Of course, that's easier said than

done. Tracing the source of content, one solution, is a tech matter. WhatsApp could play a helping role. So could independent or neutral secular hats. Once done, punitive measures could be taken subject to the will of the government that will prevail.

Another solution is to have WhatsApps play a monitoring role, just as Zuckerberg was told to do by the U.S government in Facebook's case. Again how effective is that is anyone's guess.

Privacy laws can be strengthened to protect or shield end users of WhatsApps from getting gratuitous messages, and more punitive measures (jail, etc.) would perhaps help in making the original sender think twice before originating fake news. As one is aware the Indian government not only has their party but also gets its machinery to promote such news in order to influence the citizens and promote their communal agenda to win elections. If secularism is able to correct this wrong it would be a new triumph for secularism and democracy otherwise the end is far from near and your freedom is the price!!!!

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# IF OUR NATION IS SLOWLY TURNING INTO AN ILLIBERAL DEMOCRACY?

by Eric D'Sa

This is a question that as a self styled 'Liberal' has been worrying me these days. So why do I consider myself as a 'Liberal'? If you check the Oxford English Dictionary for a definition, it says a liberal is one who is willing to respect and accept behaviour and opinions, different from ones own. It also goes on to define, as the one who favours individual liberty, free trade and moderate reform. I do believe as a person who has travelled around the country and the world, I have grown to accept that being a liberal, has helped me to make friends easily and enjoy the wide variety cultures, foods, festivities and oneness of this diversified world.

So what has liberalism to do with functional democracy? Why is it so important for people to be liberal, for democracies not to gradually turn into illiberal democracies or autocracies, for all practical purposes? A basic bargain at the core of liberal democracy, is the recognition of rights that key minorities value and those that are fundamental to generating broader benefits. So how does one realise that the democracy in which one is living is gradually dyeing? Unfortunately much in life looks obvious after the fact. The challenge is to understand events and trends earlier, which is specially important, when the issue is the demise of democracy.

When political pundits study the recent cases such as Venezuela, where a thriving democracy has almost disappeared, it is not the overthrow of an elected government, but the actions of an elected leader that is responsible. The modus operandi is almost similar to those that have occurred earlier, like in the case of Hitler. An elected popular leader, is slowly made by his followers into a demagogue who then gradually eliminates or weakens the checks and balances on his author-

ity. This he does by undermining the independence of the courts and other similar bodies, severely restricting the independence and freedom of the press, tilting the playing field to make elections easier to win, and delegitimising and imprisoning his political opponents.

In most countries, the well being of the majority depends on the willingness of capitalists, entrepreneurs, managers and professionals, to organise production and create jobs. But these elites are unlikely to do so, if their personal liberty, property and

**YOU THE CITIZENS  
DECIDE:**

civil rights are not protected, as in the case of most communist societies in which they decide that the state only will provide the same. But excluding these elites causes a shortage of financial capital and know-how. So, a basic bargain at the core of liberal democracy, is the recognition of the rights that the key minorities value and are fundamental to generating broader benefits.

What happened in Venezuela was the near elimination of property rights, which caused a massive exodus of those who could organise efficient production. This no doubt happened during the oil boom and massive external borrowing. Abundance of petrodollars convinced the the ruling clique, that the state could substitute the productive elite through nationalisation and other kind of collective state property. While the mirage lasted, the system could tolerate less competitive elections. It slowly became an illiberal democracy. When the price of oil plummeted in 2014, the mask slipped and the economy imploded. By December 2015 voters elected a

National Assembly with two thirds opposition majority, signalling to Maduro that even a highly illiberal democracy, would not keep him in power. At this point, Venezuela descended into out-right dictatorship.

It is not easy for a new nation like India, which had never been in its very long recorded history, a nation as it is today and be a functional democracy. During the said recorded history, it was a conglomeration of a large number of squabbling autonomous small nations, that was ruled in one way or the other by a number of dictators such as Rajas, Maharajas, and Emperors, most of them self serving bigots. Only for about a century before it's independence, it was forcibly combined by a foreign super power, into a single administrative block and even during this period, to ensure some continuity and easy control, the super foreign power maintained in many areas of their rule, the facade of these small kingdoms as being ruled by the Rajas, while they were in fact impotent and ruled as per the instructions of their foreign masters.

Hence, not many gave the new nation that was born on the midnight of 15th August, 1947, a remote chance of being a functional liberal democracy that the founding fathers set up to achieve. It was not only the largest ever democracy that the world had even seen, but more importantly a nation that brought under its one umbrella, a highly pluralistic society. No other nation had under it all the recognised religions and sub religions of this world. It had people who had for centuries lived under different cultures, spoken different languages and dialects, had different culinary habits, some of which they had assimilated from different foreigners. Yet contrary to the expectations we have continued to be a vibrant democracy with regular

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elections being held and change of governments taking place peacefully. To this we have to give credit to the leaders who gave the nation for the first time, a well defined written constitution and the governments and its leaders over the years that have adhered to it until now.

For a democracy to function smoothly there is a need of political competitors and fair elections. There can not be a large totalitarian political party that can rely on funding from corrupt money laundering elite. Such a co-existence would rule out long lasting economic recovery and growing disparity of wealth between the rich and the poor, as is happening today in India. Though there is a lot of anti corruption talk, the promise given to the people of an independent Lokpal under whom the CBI would function, has not been established on one pretext or the other. At the same time the vacancies in the highest courts in the country are not being filled in and we have reached the alarming state of half the seats being vacant, while thousands of cases are lingering for years, some even for decades in the same courts.

We are also witnessing the gradual politicisation of the state police forces who have become a tool in the hands of the politicians. All recommendations of more than 3 committees for police reform have been sidelined. The police force is kept at minimal strength, overworked and underpaid. This is a means by which the politicians make them a tool for carrying out the loot of the country which is partly distributed to these underpaid guardians of law and order. They are now being used to get rid of local political opponents in what is conveniently called encounter killings. The freedom of local press is being curtailed by using money power to ensure the journalists tow the political line and if they still persist in being independent, the police are used to bring false charges against them.

And lastly what is most worrying for

## Memorial to Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church!

**O**n 11 February 2018, Cardinal Robert Sarah, head of the *Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments*, inscribed a new obligatory *Memorial to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*. This memorial is to be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost!- (This year on 21 May 2018).

Cardinal Robert Sarah rejoiced: "This celebration will help promote affection for Christ and His mother. It will remind us, that the growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the Oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet, and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed!"

Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles was excited: "Let us cele-

brate this new memorial with prayer and celebration of the Eucharist! This memorial is a unique 'prophetic rediscovery of an ancient devotion', which will bolster modern Catholics' recognition of Mary's role in the Church, as well as the infinite Love of God! The first Christians understood Mary to be the perfect symbol of the Church's 'spiritual motherhood'! And to know that Mary is the 'Mother of the Church', is to understand the depths of God's Love for us! Let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to be our mother and Mother of the Church, and to transform us towards a renewed love for Jesus!" (cf. John 19:25-27).

—Dr. Hazel Colaso,  
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the future of our democracy is the growing money power that is coming into play during elections. There is no official cap on the amount the political parties spend for their candidates during election. Hence the cap put on each candidate of how much he or she can spend on an election become mere infraction. Since the accounts of the political parties are not subject to any audit, there is no way in it being controlled by the election commission unless the spending is blatantly open. The introduction of minimum political donation by cash by individuals to Rs. 2000/- is easily overcome by fake names. As far as funding by company's are concerned less said about these new political bonds which are supposed to overcome black money, the better.

Hence may be a time has come for you the citizens of this great democracy, to collectively start taking necessary actions to ensure, that the required checks and balances that are enshrined in our constitutions are not diluted, the freedom of the press is secured and the nation prevented from slowly sliding into an illiberal democracy.

## Thanksgiving

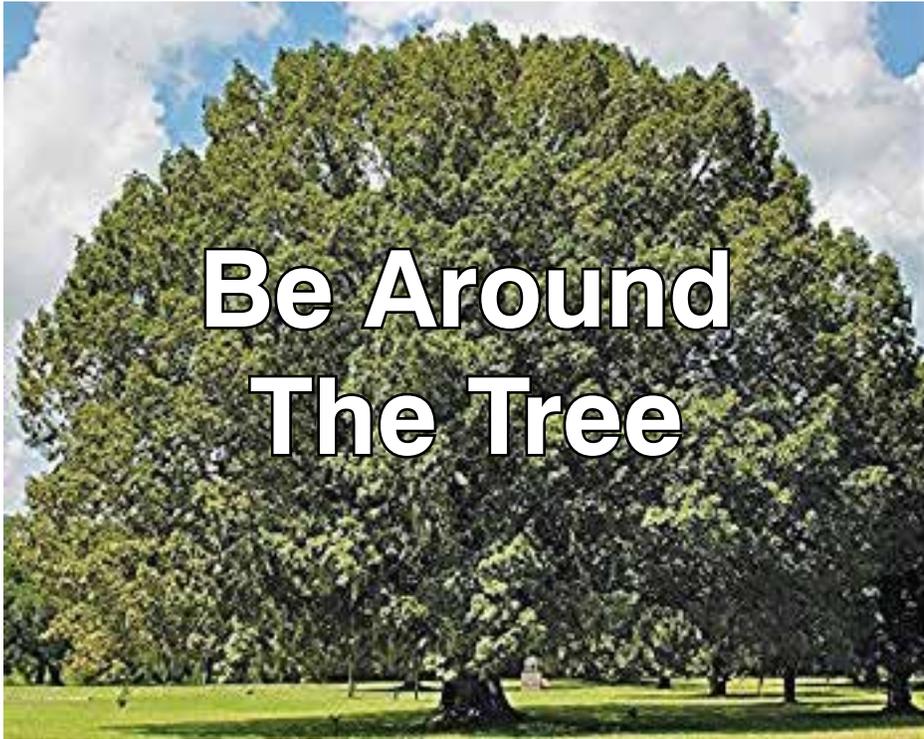


May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Praised Adored, Glorified and Loved today and everyday throughout the world, now and forever. Amen!!

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

—L. L. Misquita,  
Dadar



# Be Around The Tree

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Let us realize that our roots belong to that one same tree, from whom we shall not try to detach or extract, but empower ourselves as we branch out against all odds, yet remain grounded with our values and faith in God.

**A** Tree is a symbol of beauty, strength and wisdom. It is known for its enduring strength and protection. It is the most pure form of giving, as it nurtures life. **In Christianity there have been instances where it has been encouraged to plant trees in Israel to reinvigorate the land.**

**The Bible too in the first book has put all life in the beautiful Garden of Eden. The tree was always good.** Always be around the tree. Under the shadow and shelter of the tree individuals get support from others in the efforts to create common good resulting in both self and others getting the right stimulus to progress and prosper in life. If you are around the tree, (one platform) like Gujaratis, Marwaris, Jains etc. then we Christians as a community will not be labeled as individually rich yet a collectively poor community having no voice to make a choice. This is a true but a sad reality, because we are not around the tree. When we are around the tree, this tree will enable us to be-



**Freddy Mendonca**  
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come collectively rich. When there is collection of individuals, it is strength to be reckoned with. In this world of opinion and thoughts, our collective strength does count, else we will be left out/uprooted and disconnected from the main stream. We will have no recognition. When we the people are around the tree, everything shall happen; the fruits can be shared according to the needs of all who are around it. What a grace! The idea is always to be around the tree.

We are a community, with many business organizations branching out steadfastly. To be benefitted, we should not be the occasional visitors only to enjoy the fruits of labour, but be around it, even at times when we ourselves are not getting any benefit. Benefits will be derived in its own time as it is not instant. Like a child is nurtured, educated, with lot of patience and unconditional giving, a time will come when the child stands on its own feet. Likewise with any institution/organization built for a common purpose, the success of the institution is only possible

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## Lessons to be learnt

The BJP has lost a major battle in Karnataka having had to face the ignominy of running away from the floor test. Why did the CM not test the waters? Did he fear some abstentions from his own flock? If he was sure of losing he could have thrown in the towel the moment the Supreme Court drastically cut the time from 15 days so graciously offered by a pliant and helpful Governor. The BJP was so shaken up that the Yeddyurappa and his flock rushed out even as the National Anthem was being played. Not long ago the same party insisted on people standing for the national anthem everywhere including the cinema halls. For a CM to show disrespect in full view of the millions of viewers showed how crest fallen he was for losing power. Then they say they are not power hungry.

On the eve of counting, one of most powerful leaders of the BJP was asked by an Anchor how they would manage the shortfall. With a smirch on his face, he said "We have Amit Shah". This loaded statement showed too much of confidence in one man. It shows he is capable of doing anything to get things done and that includes horse trading. In Karnataka, even before the results were declared, the Congress and the JD[S] quickly stitched an alliance with some 116 MLAs. This rattled the BJP because they felt only they could outsmart the Congress. There were no spare MLAs whom they could tap and seek support. The one and only option was purchasing MLAs from the opposite camp at any price. The other group preempted any poaching by keeping their own flock in safe custody. Nothing wrong in that! Every party does that in different ways. This fiasco will haunt the BJP for a very long time especially since Narendra Mody had made this State a prestige issue to get that elusive entry into the South. Their Advocate openly declared before the Apex Court that they will manage to get MLAs from the opposite camp much to the amusement of the bench and those present during the nocturnal hearing.

There are lessons to be learnt. Obviously, the governor was arm-twisted into calling the BJP to form the government knowing very well that there were no unattached MLAs they could nego-

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ciate with to get support except through open poaching. He should step down to uphold the dignity of the high office. Role of governors must be revisited and redefined. The tape recordings of the alleged offers to lure the MLAs from the opposite camp, if real, will tarnish the image of the BJP in general and Narendra Mody in particular. All his much hyped fight against corruption stands hollow. The disgraced Chief Minister did admit that he was in touch with the opposition MLAs for support. What other proof is needed that BJP is no different and perhaps for the first time they have lost credibility as a party with a difference.

The coalition of the Congress and JD[s] may not survive for the full term but they have proved a point. Of course they will try and hold on till the 2019 general elections. This has given the opposition parties a big boost for a real strong front. Rahul Gandhi must be ready to sacrifice his dream of becoming the Prime Minister and let a consensus candidate emerge after consultations. Fighting as a United Front should be first goal if they want to make a fight of it. By the way, the incumbent Chief Minister Kumaraswamy should immediately institute a judicial inquiry to probe the allegations of horse trading which have surfaced with recorded conversations. This can badly expose the BJP just before the crucial State elections in Rajasthan and MP not forgetting the 2019 general elections.

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## Irani's rise and fall

Once again Smriti Irani is in the news for all the wrong reasons. For someone – a novice in the male dominated political world, she surprised everybody when she was entrusted with the high profile HRD ministry in 2014 when Narendra Modi came to power. She agreed to take on Rahul Gandhi in his own constituency [and lost eventually]. This was seen as the only qualification that could have earned her that portfolio when many other aspirants were ignored. Everybody had to reconcile to the fact that it is the sole prerogative of a PM to choose his team and rightly so. He obviously felt she could bring laurels with some innovative ideas though her educational qualifications remain suspect



by Marshall Sequeira

even till now.

She made a hash of things and had to be unceremoniously shifted to a non-descript ministry of Textiles generally reserved for discards [similar to the Local Arms Division in the Police force]. She said she felt elated. Anyway, she did not 'drape' herself with glory until an opportunity arose and she was given the additional charge of I & B Ministry. Here again she made of mess of things. Firstly with the 'fake news' directive which was withdrawn at the behest of the PMO as the government was embarrassed.

This was followed by the fiasco at the Awards ceremony with none other than the President of India. With some of the awardees refusing to accept the awards from a junior Minister instead of the President and boycotting the function, left the government red-faced. With due respects, the President should not be selective in giving awards. Either he gives all the awards or none at all. He could have just inaugurated the function, given a speech and left. If the President is averse to time consuming functions, he should avoid attending them altogether.

The PM must have been embarrassed and quickly decided to divest Irani of this prestigious portfolio. Ironically, the PM felt her junior could do a better job. Not a nice compliment. Perhaps she is happy that she still finds a place in the cabinet. She has embarrassed the PM and the BJP time and again; yet retained as Minister which shows that the BJP is suffering from talent-deficiency. How else can you explain the additional charge of Finance and also Corporate Affairs to Piyush Goyal who is already saddled with Railways which until a couple of years had a separate budget? Finance is too important a Ministry to be handled on a part time basis. Who knows Goyal – the CA in whom the PM has reposed full faith, may have a magic formula to put the economy back on track.

# Happiness Is An Inside Job



**T**his is the title of a popular book by late Fr. John Powell, SJ a well known author of best sellers: A reason to live and a reason to die, Why I am afraid to tell you who I am, Secret of staying in love and Will the Real me stand up please?

Did you know that at Harvard, one of the most prestigious universities in the world, the most popular and successful course teaches you how to learn to be happier?

The Positive Psychology class taught by Prof Tal Ben Shahar attracts 1400 students per semester and 20% of Harvard graduates take this elective course.



by Thomas Lobo

According to Ben Shahar, the class - which focuses on happiness, self-esteem and motivation - gives students the tools to succeed and face life with more joy. This 35-year-old teacher, considered by some to be "the happiness guru", highlights in his class key tips for improving the quality of our personal status and contributing to a positive life:

**\*Thank God for everything you have\***: Write down 10 things you have in your life that give you happiness. Focus on the good things!

**\*Be Assertive\***: Ask what you want

and say what you think. Being assertive helps improve your self-esteem. Being left and remaining silent creates sadness and hopelessness.

**\* Spend your money on experiences\***: a study found that 75% of people felt happier when they invested their money in travel, courses and classes; While only the rest said they felt happier when buying things.

**\*Face your challenges\***: Studies show that the more you postpone something, the more anxiety and tension you generate. Write short weekly lists of tasks and complete them.

**\*Always greet and be nice to other people\***: More than 100 inquiries state that just smiling changes the mood.

Happiness is like a remote control, we lose it every time, we go crazy looking for it and many times without knowing it, we are sitting on top of it ...

Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple and the greatest Innovator of modern times shared the secret of True Happiness on his death bed:

I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world.

In others' eyes, my life is an epitome of success.

However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, wealth is only a fact of life that I am accustomed to.

At this moment, lying on the sick bed and recalling my whole life, I realize that all the recognition and wealth that I took so much pride in, have faded and become meaningless in the face of impending

You can employ someone to drive the car for you, make money for you but you cannot have someone to bear the sickness for you.

Material things lost can be found. But there is one thing that can never be found when it is lost - "Life".

When a person goes into the operating room, he will realize that there is one book that he has yet to finish reading - "Book of Healthy Life".

Whichever stage in life we are at right now, with time, we will face the day when the curtain comes down.

Treasure Love for your family, love for your spouse, love for your friends...

Treat yourself well. Cherish others.

As we grow older, and hence wiser, we slowly realize that wearing a \$300. or \$30.00 watch - - - - - they both tell the same time...

Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30.00 wallet/handbag - - - - - the amount of money inside is the same;

Whether we drink a bottle of \$300 or \$10 wine - - - - - the hangover is the same;

Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3000 sq. ft. - - - - - Loneliness is the same.

You will realize, your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.

Whether you fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down -----  
--you go down with it...

Therefore.. I hope you realize, when you have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, who you chat with, laugh with, talk with, have sing songs with, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven & earth, .... **That is true happiness!!**

*Pope Francis puts it beautifully when he says:*

To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the box of fear, love in disagreements.

Being happy is not only valuing the smile, but also reflecting on sadness.

It is not just to commemorate success, but to learn lessons in failures.

It is not just to have joy with applause, but to have joy in anonymity.

To be happy is to recognize that life is worth living, despite all the challenges, misunderstandings, and periods of crisis.

Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but a conquest for those who know how to travel within their own being.

To be happy is to stop being a victim of problems and become an actor in one's own history.

It is to cross deserts out of itself, but to be able to find an oasis in the recesses of our soul.

And you will discover that to be happy is not to have a perfect life.

But use tears to water the tolerance.

Use the losses to refine the patience

Use flaws to sculpt serenity.

Use obstacles to open the windows of intelligence.

Never give up on the people you love.

Never give up being happy, because life is a must-see!"

ABC news anchor Dan Harris suffered a breakdown while delivering a live broadcast in 2004. Harris later explained that his on-air meltdown was a combination of something that was building up for years....a sense of inadequacy, of being overwhelmed by

## Salt - VS - Rice

**If you were to cook 3 cups of rice, would you add 3 cups of salt to it?**

I certainly hope not!

So, in every preparation of rice, the rice always 'outnumbers' the salt, yet a little salt makes a 'huge difference/ impact' in the overall outcome.

In the room in which you currently are, look up at the ceiling... Yes, I said look up!

What is the size of the bulb compared to the size of the room? In the room from which I typed this, my guesstimate is probably a ratio of 1:5000.

Yet, 'darkness flees' the entire space once the small bulb is 'flipped on'.

If I am the salt of the earth, and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-14, NLT), then "little me" has the ability to make big things happen.

Sometimes, because we feel 'outnum-

situations around you, the pressure of daily performance.....

How does one cope up with the day to day pressures we face at work and in business.....one way is to shut out the noise and clear the emotional slate by initiating well timed emotional reboots by shifting your focus from the FUTURE TO NOW: Take just five minutes a day to engage in a mindfulness activity, says Dr. Marsha Richardson, a senior lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania who was in Mumbai earlier this year to conduct workshops on mental health for various peer groups. A simple activity like taking a walk in a park, taking in some fresh outdoor air or reading a book can break the cycle of monotony and pressure. I remember one of my senior colleagues compulsorily reading a light novel during his lunch break every day.

At the end of the day, it is important to realize that we have the internal resources to create Happiness in our

bered or overwhelmed at the sheer magnitude of evil or wrong-doers', we then choose powerlessness, and decide to go with the flow, not standing up for what we believe is right.

Stop it! Little doesn't mean insignificant.

You are 'significant'. Your presence should make a 'BIG' difference. Stop waiting to be on the side of the majority. They may be the majority, but they are the 'trivial majority', and you are the 'impactful minority'.

They are the 'rice of the world', and you are the 'salt of the world'. They are the 'room', and you are the 'light'.

Make your influence felt!

*Matthew 5:13 says:*  
"You are the world's 'seasoning', to make it 'tolerable'."

lives.....

Once a disciple went to the Buddha and said: **I WANT HAPPINESS**. The Buddha replied: **I is Ego....Want is Desire...when you leave them out ... You are left only with HAPPINESS**

I had the privilege of spending a week in Bhutan last year and was much intrigued by their concept of Gross National Happiness..... mind you, this country is considered to be among the poorest and underdeveloped nations of the world....major occupation is agriculture and cottage industries.....more than 70% of the population lives below the poverty line on less than \$ 1.25 /day, yet they are known to be the happiest people on earth.

Yes, it is time to realize that **HAPPINESS IS INDEED AN INSIDE JOB**.....it is there in your heart..... Discover it, cherish it and share it with others.

# We Are A Team



by *Sunita Valladares*

When I was a little girl there used to be a jingle. It went like this, “We are all in it together for the fun of it.” For some reason I recollected that jingle a few days ago. I was thinking of God and me as a team. We are in this together and we are together in everything, in sad times and fun times, good times and bad times. We are partners. We are friends to the end. Friends forever. If you have a personal relationship with God, He can be your partner too. God is interested in every detail of your life. That’s why he has numbered the very hairs on your head. But we forget to involve God in whatever is happening in our lives. We try to do everything on our own strength, and think of God only on Sunday mornings, when we have to go to Church.

But God loves us unconditionally, He has us on His mind all the time. Like the song says, “God is good all the time”. If we would only seek His will everyday, we would avoid so many mistakes that we make in daily life. God wants to know everything about us.

“Just like a child who loves His Father dear”, we have to open up to God. God has a plan for each of our lives,

a plan to give us a hope and a future. We have to stay connected to God and His Holy Spirit so we involve Him in everything that we do. The way to stay connected to God is to pray at all times and study and meditate on His word found in the Bible.

But we tend to forget God, or leave Him out completely. We think, “What shall we eat, What shall we drink, What clothes will we wear”? How will we please our boss so we get a promotion? But the Lord says, “Seek first the Kingdom of heaven and all the rest shall be added unto you”.

When we put God in the center, everything will come together. We should not think of pleasing other people, we should not be seeking their approval. We have to be God chasers and God pleasers. God wants to have first place in our lives. Our God is a jealous God. But we are His treasured possession. This is mentioned quite often in the Bible. The Hebrew word is Segullah. We are so precious to God and He will never forsake us. He loves us with an everlasting love. My brothers and sisters. God and you are a team.

If we accept His partnership, “ We can be more than conquerors” and we will have the abundant life that he has promised.

## 5 Approaches for Youth Synod

After a two-day meeting, 07-08 May 2018, the governing council of the Vatican office for the Synod of Bishops approved the text of a ‘working document’ for the upcoming October gathering dedicated to the ‘youth’! It was presided over by Pope Francis.

The document includes ideas and thoughts from five sources: 1. Answers to questionnaires sent to Bishops conferences. 2. Replies to an online feedback for youth. 3. Responses to an international seminar on youth that took place in Rome in September 2017. 4. Suggestions from individuals and groups. 5. Concluding statements from the document of the March 19-24 pre-synod meeting in Rome, which gathered 300 youth from around the world.

The “Final Document” written by youth, both Catholics and non-Catholics, urged the Church: 1. To be more authentic, modern and creative in the way it interacts with youth; specifically in how it addresses controversial issues. 2. To be taken seriously as leaders and contributors to important discussions happenings in the Church. 3. Not to shy away from talking about hard or contentious topics such as sexuality and women’s role in the Church. 4. To appoint mentors who could help them navigate the touch issues, and listen patiently to their queries. 5. To show them a faithful and a genuine accompaniment, in order to live the faith, and to form a relationship with Christ, their “Living Stone”! (1 Peter 2:4-5).

—*Dr. Hazel Colaso,*  
*Memphis, TN.*  
*USA.*

# Rock around the clock till night

**W**hen the most popular song in the early 1950's was written by Max C. Freedman and James E. Myers, they intended to sway people to the dance floor after a normal day at work, and so **'TONIGHT'** was the highlight of the day. Things have changed and people have begun to rock **TILL** night, until their feet give way.

Do we have a life? I mean one that we own? Ambitious women are struggling to juggle their work, family and social lives, with four out of five saying they are constantly tired and stressed. With the work hours extending, women are teetering on the brink when it comes to physical and mental health.



by Mrs Deepika Lobo  
Clinical Psychologist

Studies were conducted on older women asking them if they would like to change the way they had lived. Most of the respondents agreed that they now realized the importance of appreciating life's precious moments and it is sure to make every modern woman rethink her hectic lifestyle.

Women today have mastered the skills of multitasking, so as not to lose out on opportunities that knock on their door. Technology, tools and Apps right from the kitchen to the closet are at our fingertips. However in the harp of being everywhere, are we losing out on the pleasure of being a woman to the *pressure* of being a woman?

Since an overly busy life is so often linked to stress, the result of not having enough downtime could possibly release hormonal chemical cortisol that temporarily shuts down our digestive and immune systems. This could stop us from performing at maximum potential, keeping our bodies in constant "fight-or-flight" mode.

The grace to simply hold your baby and see her/him growing slowly, the grace to be the nurturer, the grace to guide your family in truth and wis-



dom, the grace and power to pass it to the next generation is a gift from God! Role reversals are happening but we might not be lucky enough to have a Soul reversal. So get sorted early into your life. Do everything that makes u smile, because when the clock won't stop ticking, you might just end up saying what these two old beautiful women

just told me

"I wish for an extra second of cuddling my babies, before they were too big to hold" .....as another adds "what I wouldn't give for an extra minute on the dance floor while my legs were still strong enough to carry me"

Women were never in the danger of burning out. It's the time for us to rock along with the biological clock. Make each second yours. Let us spend more time in BEING than in doing.

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# Renovated Bethany Chapel opens at Bendur

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Soon after the mass ended, the Bishop installed the Blessed sacrament in the freshly redecorated adoration cell next door; all set to revive 24 hours adoration as per the wishes of the Founder and 'Servant of God'. The bishop also Congratulated the 27 nuns celebrating 50 years of avowed religious life and the good work and achievements in their half a century of dedication in various vital positions and mainly taking Christ's preaching, care and love to all people in need. He recalled the words of Pope Francis who stressed in this context the 3Ps for religious - namely 'Prayer, Poverty, Patience'. He mentioned that presently these things in the world could solve all problems and suffering. In spite of the reduction in vocations to the religious life, the three Ps could bring change and the Lord will do the needful if one perseveres and has patience. The renovated power house of prayer is sure to bring miracles to the BS congregation. The agape continued in the main hall of the convent with smiles, song and good wishes for the jubilant nuns, it will be long a great memory for one and all in the annals of Bethany.



by Ivan Saldanha-Shet. M'lore

## Bethany History:

'Servant of God' Msgr. Raymond Francis Camillus (R F C) Mascarenhas, his death as his life was of great heroic virtues. Favours received by devotees have given reason to look forward to his sainthood.

Early Life : Msgr Raymond Mascarenhas, is descended of a family who faced the 15 year captivity (1784-99) under Tipu Sultan. Raymond was born on January 23, 1875, and studied at Milagres and later at the famous Jesuit St. Aloysius of Mangalore, he joined the St. Joseph's Seminary at Jeppu . An extraordinarily gifted scholar, was



anointed a Priest on March 4, 1900, at the Cathedral. Many have testified that 'Servant of God' Raymond, was glowing with zealous holiness even from the early days of priesthood.

Compassionate Pastor : As a young priest he served at Mangalore and Kallianpur. In 1903 he was appointed Parish Priest at Udayavar near Udupi. He worked heroically and established a new church - St. Francis Xavier. This reputation sent him to Agrar. In 1914 Fr. Raymond was requisitioned to the new parish of Bendur, a barren place, as it's first parish priest. It is seen that in the 17 years, till 1931 that he served Bendur, it became a true Catholic center of faith and development. Among his many achievements is founding the indigenous order of nuns at Bendur Mangalore under the name of "Sisters of the Little flower of Bethany - BS".

Msgr Raymond's vision and ability in the education arena earned him a place on the educational council of the region. He was a pioneer to heed Gandhiji's call and set up industrial training for women and weaker classes. In 1955, recognizing Msgr. Mascarenhas' singular services the then Bishop Rt. Rev Basil Peres recommended him to the Holy See and he was granted the honour of "Domestic Prelate" which is a special recognition for the clergy equivalent to a 'knight'.

His magnum opus, the Bethany Congregation is a model of high religious standards and service spread over India and parts of the world. Basically comprising near 1,500 nuns, 180 communities in 48 plus diocese in India and 9 diocese abroad. The nuns render yeoman service in women's welfare, health care, geriatric care, and so on - in particular education.

The striking factor about 'Servant of God' Msgr. Mascarenhas is a life of reflection, silence, simplicity, asceticism and zeal towards people around him and known to be consistent and constant. Sadly in March 1960, he was struck down by a paralytic stroke that left him bound to his bed in the Cottage at Bethany till his heroic death on December 23, 1960. His passing away stunned the city. Today his places are sacred to his devotees who visit them to ask for miracles. Many historical facts will thrill - read various publications and visit, for blessings.

A great number of documents, eye witness accounts and interviews with testimonies running into thousands of pages have been presented. and submitted to the Bishop. The main steps on the journey to sainthood in the church are three - 'Servant of God' 'Venerable' and 'Blessed'. Hopefully the cause of this Saint in waiting from city of Mangalore will move forward soon.



# Inspiration!

## Are you Arrogant or just Confident?

**ARROGANCE AND SELF-AWARENESS seldom go hand in hand! It's important to understand the differences between arrogance and confidence, because no one likes to deal with arrogant people. Both arrogant and confident people entail a strong belief in their own abilities. Those with confidence can easily overcome fears and uncertainty. Moreover, they have a positive and optimistic vision that makes them strong and admirable. Sometimes over-confidence turns into arrogance and it is big weakness. Arrogant people usually view themselves as superior and never admit their mistakes. Read on to find out the difference between arrogance and confidence**

**H**aving self-confidence is wonderful and a positive quality to successfully navigate life. Self-confidence is wonderful asset. It allows us to get past fears and doubts and take control of life and decisions. Those with confidence have a positive and optimistic attitude that is easy to be around. Others typically view a confident person as dependable and admirable. However, as often true, too much of a good thing can become a bad thing. Overconfidence is a weakness and most would agree that arrogance is undesirable.

**There are significant differences between confidence and arrogance.**

*Here are some of the key ways confident people and arrogant people typically behave differently:*

• **Confident people** are generally friendly

and willing to talk to a variety of people. Arrogant people are much more selective regarding who they talk to, often based on surface traits such as looks, clothing or status symbols.

• **Confident people** are talkative and they like to share themselves but they're also good listeners and they like to get to know others. Arrogant people like to talk constantly in conversation and they rarely care to listen. For them, conversation is all about them.

• **Confident people** disclose themselves wholeheartedly. They talk about the good and the bad about themselves. Arrogant people actively hide their flaws but they constantly bring up their accomplishments, often embellishing them. They don't so much talk, as brag.

• **Confident people** compliment and appreciate others but they can also give them a negative feedback when useful or tease them playfully. Arrogant people only do the negative part. They frequently judge, criticise, mock or put others down, whether present or absent, so they can feel superior.

• **Superiority is the main quality of an arrogant person.** Arrogant people are single-minded; they either think that they are superior to others or inferior to them. This arrogance may be nothing more than a way to cover the feelings of inferiority they experience when dealing with someone else. It seems they feel better when they tear others down. On the contrary, confident people are high-minded, because they can feel good without having a desire to offend others. They usually see people's potential and can help them succeed in something.

• **Confident people** ask for help but they also give help back. Their relationship run on fair, reciprocal support. Arrogant people demand, take, take some more and even expect to be given without asking but they rarely give back. They see their mere presence as sufficient reward.

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• **Confident people** are honest and they keep their promises. They often feel remorse when they hurt others and they try to show it. Arrogant people lie, manipulate, break their promises and make excuses. They rarely apologise and make excuses. They rarely apologise when hurting others, as they never see it as their fault.

• **Confident people** have an assured but relaxed and open body language in social settings, most of the time. Arrogant people have a body language that's typically inflated, meant to convey superiority and dominance. A slightly raised chin is like their trademark sign.

• **Confident people** always feel comfortable, because they have the right conception of perfection. It seems impossible to bring them down, because they are aware of their weaknesses and know how to deal with them. Meanwhile, arrogant people brush their own shortcomings aside. By virtue of their obstinacy, they cannot admit their mistakes.

• **Strive for honest** self-acceptance and nurture self-confidence. Beware the pitfalls of crossing the line into overconfidence or arrogance. As with most things in life, the healthy place is always with balance in the middle.

• **Keep in mind though,** that your behaviour is ultimately a result of your feelings and mindset. So, by far the best way to be able to regularly act like a confidence person is to actually be a confident person on the inside.

# How to Kill a Bad Mood and live happily ever after

by Rtn. Calwyn D'Abreo

In the midst of a soulful cyclonic ambiance when asbestos couldn't take the absorption of a vitriolic mood and sapphire had a shady hue due to the caustic weather about because of a personal genuflection towards an antonym for serendipity I was destined to get the best out of a conversation with the Deanery head of a group of parish constituents in the suburbs. We were seated at a café coffee day in the aft'noon on the fourth day of the week when two biscotti crackers is an accompaniment with the coffee. I was questioning and the Clerical collar was surprisingly responding to my many juxtaposed questions that had inferences of deep value. But , amongst the many queries put to the padre I will imitate in words exactly what he said about one question that had long been spoken about by all and sundry in prose with punctuation. And what we should all know for all times to come.

**How do I kill a bad mood to feel better when I am under the clouds of a season of banded emotions and undignified feelings.....? And the clerical collar answered** " it has never been a good thing for anybody to feel the essence of a bad mood mostly when you cannot shove it away from the presence it makes within the ambit of your existence. But , keep in mind that there are ways and means to make all the difference and the system lies within you to begin the episode of acceptability and cognizance. I will now suggest you a few applications that are most effectively used by some of the bards and often these affidavits of real time solutions come impressed with the power of application much to the benefit of the user."

Try to pretend says the cleric. In other words fake it. Turn your grumpus

face into a soliloquy of positive inferences. Smile at yourself in the mirror. Get into a physical enactment that actually says you are good for the moment and therefore for the day till the nightingale sings. Watch something hilarious and laugh out loud as if there was no tomorrow. Laugh out loud. But laugh. *Relax wearing a color you like and feels soft to the senses.* Do not over starch yourself. Wear the red of the bullring where rodeo is your panache and the bull is your joker. The red bandana and cape will make you feel environmentally fit whilst you snort volumes of positive dust inside the hybrid . *Connect with your favorite music and dance to it , sing with it, physically break dance to it...as if you have a partner who is imitating you with flourish.* Partnership is a great mood buster. Music is scientifically proven to have an effect on people's moods, so put on your favorite upbeat tune if you're feeling low. If you want to continue reaping the benefits of listening to your favorite music, try to put on one song that makes you feel happy each day. Oh, my kingdom for a *sensual massage.* Be afraid not of the deft fingers that trail alongside your loin cloth besides the hardened femur of all ages. Have a massage that feels like as if in a spa. You do not require a masseuse if you cannot get one at hand. Use your muscle bound elbow to finger tips to knead a sore muscle and fathom the trunk by stretching behind with a left hand above your shoulder and your right hand midway like Thor across the back and move in circular momentum. Slow and easy. Definitely not like a scratch or an itch but as if a caress. Slowly massage area using circular motion. *Next, embrace somebody*

who would acknowledge the hug with a thank you and without a retort. Hug your favorite home pet. This instantly puts you in a different mood. Aggressiveness disappears you begin to get a slow 'diazepam' high and the physical act of a clinch and a squeeze and a Victorian embrace sets your feeling good emotions and feelings on a very different plane. Success is guaranteed. The physical act of an embrace or a gentle clasp releases the feel happy hormones in the brain, namely serotonin and oxytocin, so if you're in a bad mood, hug it out now and feel gloriously lightweight and happy . *Walk the Blues away.* Get out in the open and say 'good day sunshine ' and grab some D3 and feel better as you spend at least 20 minutes in solar energy. Best time to do this exposure is between 10 am and 12 noon in any tropical geography. So get into your shoes made for walking and walk away your blues. With the sun in your face and your head held high with a sun visor to shade your soft under eye tissues the mind searches for nirvana. *Pray to belong to the elite club of fundamental reasoning.* Regardless of if you practice your devotion to your deity and if you ever do it at all, you should know that meditating or praying for just a few minutes per day can actually change the DNA of your being and do wonders for your health. A Litany to the Almighty, the source of infinite intelligence can be a very effective .Prayer and affirmative s will see you through the maze of cobwebs that would otherwise cause poison,

My Padre was scholastic in his advice and never a moment of bargaining came from my dialog with him. But in conclusion let me say it now and then when we meet again that if you follow this table of contents you will never marry into a sad situation and a bad mood will never see the light of day nor will it trail you in your shadow at noon.

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B.Sc., working as a Internet Manager. Contact email : dsilvaahimsa@gmail.com

**6844. MUMBAI :** Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1988), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 55 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Bachelor of Engineering in Information Technology, working as a Project Lead. Currently in New Jersey, USA on a Project. Contact email : andy\_999in@yahoo.com

**6841. MUMBAI :** Anglo Indian / Keralite Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1991), Ht. 170 cms, Wt. 78 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., working as a Sales Executive. Contact email : mrsannieroy@yahoo.co.in

**6838. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1974), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion Edn. VII std, working as a Electrician in BEST. Having House. Seeks a simple, understanding and good natured girl. Contact email : belindacardoza777@gmail.com

**6805 ABUDHABI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1984), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 12th std., + correspond B.Com., studied in Mumbai, working in Bank as Recovery Officer. Contact email : pawan.sana@gmail.com

**6803 MUMBAI :** Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1980), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 82 kgs, Wheatish Complexion Edn. B.Com., Advertising Professional. Contact email : barretto.john@gmail.com

**6832. MUMBAI :** Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1970), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 59 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Captain in Hotel. Contact email : ignatius.matel@gmail.com

**6830. BAHRAIN :** Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1988), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 97 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA, Marketing Professional in Public Sector. Contact email : rolsonvaz@gmail.com

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

**6113. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1976), Ht. 6', Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. HSC., Dip. in A.C. Mechanic, working as a AC Technician in Muscat. Contact Email : suaresroshan@gmail.com

**6198. MUMBAI :** 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, well settled in Mumbai, Seeks suitable match. Contact email : dsouzamalcolmneil@gmail.com. Phone/SMS 09480157258.

**6172. MUMBAI :** Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1978), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 86 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., Position : Financial Consul-

tant. Seeks a alliance from RC graduate/ pst graduate spinster. Contact email: raceangelreb@yahoo.in

**6508. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor (Born in October 1986), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 80 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E.. working as a Asst. Manager in German Company. Seeks a tall, well educated homely Mangalorean girl. Contact email : colind.3010@gmail.com

**6434. MUMBAI :** East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1978), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 50 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MD, MS., Doctor by profession. Contact email : rayanvincent@rediffmail.com

**6573. VALSAD :** Goan / Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1986), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 68 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E. Mechanical, working as a project engineer in Saudi Arabia seeks a well quified girl from a good family background. Contact email : ian.roshan.dsouza@gmail.com

**6664 MUMBAI :** Mangalorean R.C. Bachelor (Born in December 1982) Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 68 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., A.C.A., LLB., C.A. by Profession. Contact email: saldanha\_ryan@yahoo.com OR 9820670158.

**6663 MUMBAI :** Goan R.C. Bachelor (Born in January 1979) Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., Working as a Manager in MNC. Contact email: francis\_fernandes20@yahoo.com

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**6885. USA :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1986), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. (I.T.), working as a Software Consultant. Contact Email : jane\_3105@yahoo.co.in

**6884. MANGALORE :** Mangalorean RC Bachelor, (Born in April 1984), 5', Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 8th Pass, working with Interior Designer. Seeks a simple poor girl, studied upto 10th std., Contact Mob: 7795733200 / 8971267606

**6863. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1986), Ht. 6', Wt. 54 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a C.S.R. Contact email : canute86@gmail.com

**6829. AUSTRALIA :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in March 1978), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Customer Support. Contact email : arthur.fernandes@live.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

**6818. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1986), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Computer Engineering, working for a reputed IT firm. Contact email : celinedsz55@gmail.com

**6817. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1989), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 75 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., B.I.S., working as a Sr. Software Engineer. Contact email : fernandesmelwyn08@gmail.com

**6833. AUSTRALIA :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1986), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 78 kgs, Fair, Handsome, PR Holder, Edn. Masters by Research in Biotechnology from QUT, Australia, Currently working with reputed company in Quality Assurance dept., Seeking a qualified and God fearing Mangalorean RC girl. Contact email : lizbf2017@gmail.com

**6815 MANGALORE :** Mangalorean RC Bachelor, (Born in January 1971), Ht. 5' 7", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. PUC Diploma in Civil Engg., having own business, Contact email : wilmanenz@hotmail.com

**6813 USA :** Mangalorean Protestant Divorcee, (Born in March 1951), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. Medium, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBBS., MD., Doctor by profession. Contact email : fh2@mail.com

**6857. AUSTRALIA :** Mumbai born and broughtup Tamilian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1988), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., IHM., Working as a Store Associate in Australia and is

a permanent resident. Contact email : simonsigo31@gmail.com

**6856. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1973), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 67 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA, working as a HR. Contact email : clifforddsilva@yahoo.co.in

**6854. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1985), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 78 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. F.Y. B.Com., working as a Sales Executive. Contact email : rquadres85@yahoo.co.in

**6852. MUMBAI :** East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1983), Ht. 5' 8", Well built, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Bachelors in Hospitality and Tourism Management. Working as a Chef Head Chef in DUBAI. Contact email : joslyn.gomes@gmail.com

**6847. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in April 1973), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 75 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. SSC, Having own business. Contact Mob: 9833176215

**6846. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1985), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 70 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Office Administrator. Contact email : kevinbr85@gmail.com

**6864. DUBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in December 1963), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Non SSC. working as a Driver in Well known Company. Well settled. Contact 971-50-3564608

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**6882. MANGALORE :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1988), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.V. Sc. Assistant Professor by profession. Contact email : clarencemiranda5811@yahoo.co.in

**6881. MUMBAI :** Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1990), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 64 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MDS in Endodontics, working, Seek alliance from well settled RC Bachelor upto 30 yrs. Kindly reply with full details & Photograph to email : anacletaheredia80@gmail.com

**6880. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1980), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 66 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A. Contact email : ben864@yahoo.co.in

**6878. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1986), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Edn. B.A., PGDID, Service. Contact email : terrenceeq123@gmail.com

**6877. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1991), Ht. 5', Medium Weight, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working for Bank in Investment Department, Contact email : ashwinilewis18@gmail.com

**6876. DUBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1985), Ht. 5' 3", Average built, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA - (Finance), working in MNC in DUBAI. Seeks educated, well settled bachelor from decent & respectable family between

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**6769. MUMBAI :** East Indian Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in December 1986), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA in Finance, Deputy Manager in Bank. Contact email: dianafrnds62@gmail.com

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

**6822. KUWAIT :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1982), Ht. 5' 4", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc. Post Graduate in Mumbai University, Teacher in Kuwait. Contact email : pereiralucy2017@yahoo.com Tel: 00965-60402765 / 9867308911

**6821. UAE :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1992), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Sc., in Zoology from Mumabi, working as a Content Writer at Academic Publication. Contact email : clevan2006@rediffmail.com

**6836. CANADA :** Parents of RC 26 years spinster, (Born in July 1991), Ht. 5' 4", B.A., B.Ed., (Honours) teaching in Canada (Govt. Job) seeks alliance from well-educated Bachelor (Preferably settled in Canada) within 28 to 32 years with good values, height between 5' 5" to 6' 2". Please email to musicfan0323@gmail.com with recent photo and phone no.

**6839. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Issueless Divorcee, goodlooking, (Born in May 1980), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 70 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., MBA., working as a HR in TCS., Contact email : matrimony-watch@gmail.com

**6861. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1991), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., PG Banking & Finance, working as a Clerk in Bank. Contact email : michaelfernandes59@gmail.com

**6860. MUMBAI :** Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1991), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.M.M. (Mass Media), working for IT in MNC. Contact email : lgp1891@gmail.com

**6859. KUWAIT :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in August 1986), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Sc., in Physiotherapy (Orthopedics), U.K. working in Kuwait. Contact email : nisha\_sequeira@hotmail.com

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**6855. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1990), Ht. 5', Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. CA by profession working for privated company. Contact email : mithalimenezes@gmail.com

**6853. DUBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1989), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 79 kgs, Fair Complexion, good looking, Edn. M.Com., PGDM -HR, working as a HR Assistant in Real Estate Firm in Dubai. Contact email : sav\_cm@yahoo.com.

**6851. BAHRAIN :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1989), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 64 kgs, Fair Complexion, good looking, Edn. B.E. Masters in IT Management, working as a I.T. Service Delivery Engineer. Contact email : sjbs2k18@gmail.com

**5997. MUMBAI :** Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1974), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 70 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.D.S. Dentist by profession. Email : drcleona@yahoo.com

**6129. MUMBAI :** Tamilian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1983), Ht. 4' 11", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working for Bank, Contact email daisy.dec1@gmail.com

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rodriguesmary898@gmail.com

**6246. MUMBAI :** East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1986), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 64 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working, Contact email : mariashgo24@gmail.com

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Contact email : 4.saviola@gmail.com OR 9769598323

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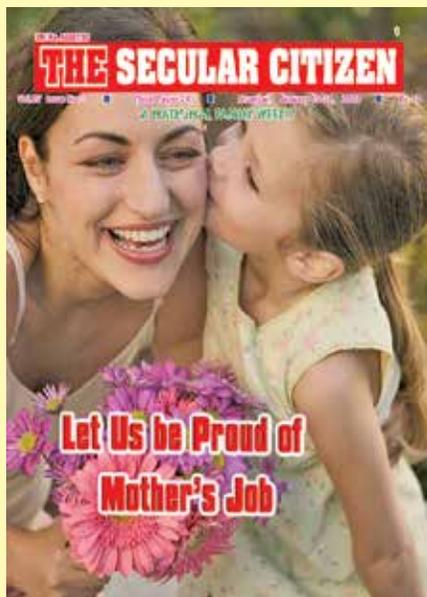
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