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Monegasque princess removed from British line of succession for becoming Catholic



Monaco, – Princess Alexandra of Hanover, a member of the royal family of Monaco, has reportedly been removed from her distant place in the British line of succession after having become a Catholic.

The news was reported in English Sept. 27 by Royal Central, which cited Point de Vue, a French weekly.

Because the British monarch is head of the Church of England, which is the established church, British law bars Catholics from succeeding to the throne.

The Succession to the Crown Act 2013 allowed heirs to the throne to marry Catholics, among other changes. However, the law still stipulates that the acting British sovereign mustn't be a Catholic. Catholics have been barred from the English throne since the Act of Settlement 1701.

The website of the British monarchy lists only the first 17 persons in the line of succession.

Princess Alexandra, 19, was born

in Austria and was baptized as a Lutheran two months after her birth. She is the daughter of Caroline, Princess of Hanover and Prince Ernst August of Hanover. Through her father she is descended from Victoria, Princess Royal, the eldest child of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

Alexandra is the granddaughter of Grace Kelly, who in 1956 became Princess of Monaco when she married Rainier III. So in addition to having been in the British line of succession, Alexandra is 12th in line to the Monegasque throne.

She is a figure skater, and has repre-

sented Monaco at international skating competitions.

Along with Alexandra, Lord Nicholas Windsor has also been excluded from the British line of succession for becoming Catholic. Lord Nicholas is a great-grandson of George V, and was baptized in the Church of England. He was received into the Catholic Church in 2001.

(Catholic News Agency)



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Do not figure out big plans at first but begin slowly, feel your ground and proceed up and up.

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Non-violence is the only way!

By Fr. Cedric IPrakash SJ

We live in violent times! Society today is becoming more and more violent. This violence is augmented by the fact that those who are in power bless this violence and are even directly involved in it. The perpetrators of heinous deeds shroud themselves in cloaks of immunity and impunity. In a so-called civilized and modern world, violence has become the new normal, with an aura of sanctity and legitimacy. Facing the scourge of this violence are ordinary citizens: the poor, the marginalized, the excluded and other vulnerable people.

Attacking protesting farmers is violence! As India and the world observed the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2 October, thousands of protesting farmers from Uttar Pradesh began arriving at outskirts of Delhi There could not have been an uglier scene: police brutally attacking and tear gassing the farmers who were demanding their legitimate rights. Ironically, it was also the 'International Day of Non-violence'.

Farmers committing suicide is violence! Sadly, they have no choice! In the three month period (March to May 2018), 639 farmers have committed suicide in Maharashtra. These are official statistics of just one State. On 10 September, a successful 'Bharat Bandh' was called by the Opposition parties to highlight the woes of the common persons of India including the plight of farmers. That day also happened to be 'World Suicide Prevention Day'; at least in one city, a group of 'high society' people mainly women held a rally to create 'awareness' about suicides. Little did they realise that joining the 'bandh' and highlighting the suicide of farmers would have given some credibility to their concern!

Arresting and intimidating human rights defenders is violence! On 28 August, the Pune police raided the homes of several frontline activists like Vernon Gonsalves, Arun Ferreira, Gautam Navlakha, Sudha Bharadwaj, Jesuit Fr. Stan Swamy, Varavara Rao and his family members, Kranti Tekula and Naseem, Anand Teltumbde. Five of them Gonsalves, Ferreira, Navlakha, Rao and Bharadwaj were later arrested. Several other human rights defenders, like Teesta Setalvad, continue to be harassed and have false cases foisted on them. The 'powers' really feel threatened by those who uphold the rights enshrined in the Constitutions.

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The Bhima Koregaon attack on Dalits is violence! The facts (including video evidence) is out there in the public domain. The police at once stage even filed cases against Hindutva leaders like Milind Ekbote (head of the Hindu Ekta Manch) and Sambhaji Bhide for instigating the violence on Dalits. However, Ekbote was released on bail soon after being arrested in March. Bhide has not yet been arrested; this in spite of a Supreme Court order demanding his arrest. Bhide, a hardcore 'hindutvadi', is close to several of the RSS leaders including PM Modi.

Rising prices is violence! Prior to 2014, the BJP was shouting hoarse about the 'price rise'. In just about four years the cost essential commodities have skyrocketed: petrol has gone up from Rs 62 to Rs 84; diesel from Rs 44 to Rs 63; cooking gas cylinder from Rs 382 to Rs 800; a Railway platform ticket from Rs 3 to Rs 20; milk from Rs 38 to Rs 52 a litre; and the indispensable 'dal' from Rs 55 to Rs 170 a kilo. The exchange for a US dollar has breached Rs 74- which is simply unbelievable. The purchasing power of the rupee has reached an all-time low! Whilst most citizens are affected, the poor suffer the most

Demonetization is violence! It is because its effects are being felt even today. It was a sham on the Indian economy. It hit the common person the hardest and without doubt helped the BJP and their ilk to launder their 'black money'. The case on the son of Amit Shah and his 'overnight' wealth through fraud companies has still to see the light of the day! Official data and reports from the Reserve Bank of India clearly indicate that the so-called 'demonetization' has in no way helped the Indian economy. Gita Gopinath, the Harvard Professor, who has just been appointed the Chief Economist of the IMF, has also been vocal in her criticism for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's controversial note ban announcement in November 2016. In several interviews in December 2017, Gopinath had said that the Modi government's demonetization plan was not macro economically sound.

Crony capitalism is violence! The rich have become richer in India and the poor poorer. A recent OXFAM Report clearly indicates that just one percent of India today owns 73% of the country's wealth. It is indeed a poor commentary of a country, which is supposed to be wedded to the principles of socialism and equity. The Government is clearly on the side of the rich and vested interests like the Ambanis and the Adanis, the Modis and the Shahs, those who have looted the country and milked the poor of what is rightfully theirs; besides, there are those who have escaped the country with full connivance of the Government. They have all also stashed their ill-gotten gains in banks abroad!

Corruption is violence! Blatant acts of corruption are mainstreamed as never before. One experiences it everywhere! The poor person has no choice but to 'pay' in order to get things done! Nevertheless, corruption has reached a new level of sophistication as seen in the 'Rafale' scam. It is clearly an 'abuse in authority' a key clause in the Prevention of Corruption Act. The Government from the Prime Minister to the then Defence Minister has thrown all propriety to the wind to favour their rich friends.

Buying and stock-piling arms and ammunition is violence! The Russians are here selling their weapons of violence; we have bought from the Americans, the French and from elsewhere! India today is the world's largest importer of weapons with 14% of the world's imports. In the past three years, India has imported arms worth US \$ 14 billion. Against whom will these weapons be used? The Pakistanis or the Chinese? Or perhaps against the protestors at home! Instead of increasing the outlay to alleviate poverty, precious resources are being utilized for greater violence.

Sexually assaulting another is violence! The victims are women and children! From the apparent sanctity of Churches to the apparent safety of one's home, they are at the receiving end of evil deeds committed on them! Some of these crimes are becoming known! However, lecherous, lustful men in a highly patriarchal society, which hardly respects the rights and dignity

of women, stop at nothing: from attacking women in public places to molesting them in crowded buses and trains. Some of those in authority then conveniently blame the women!

Divisiveness is violence! People today are divided so easily in the name of religion and caste! Recently, three police personnel have been suspended after a video of them abusing and resorting to physical violence on a Hindu woman for being friends with a Muslim man, went viral in Uttar Pradesh's Meerut. The 'love jihadis' take great pride in stopping people of different religious backgrounds from falling in love with each other!

Killing is violence! There is no doubt about that! So much has been happening all over! The lynchings because what another eats! The fake encounter killings: everyone is aware of who presided over these 'fake encounters' in Gujarat! The lynchpins of the Gujarat Carnage of 2002 still roam scot-free and are today in positions of power!

The list of violent deeds is endless! Violence has permeated into key areas of Indian society! It is a scourge. This is evident from the actions and the attitudes that are on display. If we truly want to live up to the legacy of 'ahimsa' given to us, we must eschew violence and ensure that the perpetrators of violence are made to realise that ultimately no good will ever come from any act of violence! Gandhi reminds us that, "*non-violence is not to be used ever as the shield of the coward; it is the weapon of the brave!*" **Non-violence is the only way!**

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' India is rusting '

With reference to MR A F NAZARETH's letter titled: ' Acche Din ' is a myth in THE SECULAR CITIZEN dated MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 2018 - SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2018 all politicians are crooks and just cannot be trusted to carry out their promises and come to power only to enjoy their lives by using and wasting taxes on activities that will only benefit them because they fear they will never ever be voted back to power and Modi is no exception to this rule.

He has gone many steps ahead and has rigged elections in different states and bribed politicians to join his party to gain power by hook or by crook and has yet to full fill his promise to put Rs 5 lakhs into every voter 's bank account when the voter voted for him.

The solution to deal with sky rocketing petrol, diesel and LPG prices is to promote hybrid vehicles ,hydrogen ,hybrid vehicles and solar powered vehicles with back up batteries and to promote solar power for cooking purposes .

GST rates must be drastically reduced and politician's perks must greatly reduced immediately and they must be forced to lead simple lives and stop treating politics like a business and lead simple lives which will make them more popular with the people who have voted for them and if they still do not mend their ways they must be recalled by a right to recall law which must be passed immediately without fail.

The money recovered from tax defaulters by freezing their accounts both in India and abroad along with their immovable property which must be auctioned and the resulting money must be used to fund important schemes and projects instead of being wasted .

Once bitten twice shy -politicians cannot and must not be permitted to fool people all the time.

If the May 2019 Lok Sabha elections are rigged the united secular and liberal opposition must file a complaint against their rigging in the International Criminal Court and then the United Nations can forcibly enter India and arrest the politicians who rigged the election and punish them and re-conduct free and fair elections under its auspices to set things right.

In this way India can be prevented from rusting.

—Peter Castellino
Mumbai.

Thanksgiving



May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, loved, glorified & praised throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy kingdom come. St. Jude worker of miracles pray for us. St. Jude helper of the hopeless pray for us. Amen,
Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. By the eighth day your prayer will be answered. It has never known to fail. Promise to publish this or distribute this as soon as your favour has been granted.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Lobo, Bandra

Seven Christians languish in jail for 10 years

Kochi: The online campaign seeking release of seven Christians of Kandhamal, jailed for their alleged role in Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati's murder, is gaining ground.

Social activist Anto Akkara, who launched the online drive, said that their illegal confinement in the jail, "is a blot on the judicial system of the country".

According to Akkara, Oct 4 marks 10th anniversary of the arrest of the four persons, who were sentenced by the court.

"On this occasion, a programme was organized in Kochi, which was called off due to technical reasons," Akkara said.

Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan had released a book -- Who Killed Swami Laxmanananda? -- written by Akkara's in 2016, in which he exposes the Sangh Parivar conspiracy to frame seven innocent persons.

Despite producing evidence on the role of high-profile persons, the innocent Christians continue to languish in jail since 10 years, Akkara pointed out.

About travesty of justice in Kandhamal, Akkara said Durjo Sunamajhi, one of the accused, was on a Kerala-bound train to work in the canteen of Lissie Hospital in Ernakulam with his nephew on the day Swami Laxmanananda was murdered. Later, Durjo was convicted by the court, Akkara said.

Despite 71,600 persons signing the online petition, the innocents, including mentally challenged Munda Badamajhi, continue to languish in the jail, Akkara noted.

"It's a shame for the nation that the appeal of the innocents challenging their questionable conviction of 2013 has been dragging on in the Odisha High Court for five years," Akkara lamented.

Doubts and Beliefs

by Don Aguiar.

A long time ago I had read a great essay on Doubts and Beliefs and how important it was to challenge beliefs that have been handed down to us by rigorous reasoning and questioning and the results could be that our belief was wrong OR that we may become even firmer in our belief as we have now found the reasons behind them. I think the original writer was either Stewart Mill, David Hume or Descartes.

Religion is not at all a “code of conduct”. It is “the belief in and worship of a superhuman controlling power, especially a personal God or gods” (Oxford Dictionary - OD).

Ethics, on the other hand (a branch of philosophy) is “a code of conduct. The OD defines Ethics as “Moral principles that govern a person’s behavior or the conducting of an activity.”

Religion co-opts ethics, not the dictates of religion. An insight common to non-believers. You need to be religious to live an ethical or good life.

Many priest and monks in olden times (17th century) were scholars who became too learned to hold on to the beliefs they did when joining religious orders.

For instant even as recently as in 2014, “16 percent of the Church of England’s licensed ministers are unclear about God and 2 percent think God is a human construct.”

The survey of 1,500 Anglican clergy

in England, Scotland and Wales conducted by the international market research agency YouGov, suggest the church’s leadership is confused about nature – even the very existence - of God.

Take Mother Theresa. She had a deep crises of faith in God for the last 40 years of her life. Although she publicly proclaimed that her heart belonged ‘entirely to the Heart of Jesus’, she wrote to the Rev. Michael Van Der Peet, a spiritual confidant, in September 1979 that ‘Jesus has a very special love for you. As for me, the silence and emptiness is so great that I look and do not see, listen and do not hear. The tongue moves (in prayer) but does not speak’.

Mother Theresa may have gone through this crises of faith. But that did not make her abandon her mission. She may have not found what she was originally seeking but she most likely would have found something which was probably of equal significance in the larger scheme of things. Good deeds are not to be confused with godly deeds. She was able to do good even without faith.

This is only to be expected in those who join religion when young, idealistic, and unclear of the world and its workings but who learn about the history of religion from the very insti-

tutions they join. Said learning makes clear to them that beliefs were mistaken, naive and so forth. Some leave, others remain in their institutions continuing to do humanistic work. Leaving any profession that one enters when young is hard, especially in the case of religion. It is easier to relinquish it in the mind but much harder to do so outwardly due to social, cultural, familial and other constraints.

In recent weeks Newspapers had the news on front pages and TV channels broadcast and debated prime time on the Bishop and the Nun together with the protest of the nun in Kerala backed by divisions in the community and vested interest of non-community members, trial by the media, pressure tactics and so on that took sides.

Likewise, while the #meToo movement has generally punished the guilty, some rape regimes have been genuinely unfair to men, and in our present derangement the reasonable concerns about the Bishop coexist with a slightly fevered eagerness to make him a bad-guy preppy scapegoat.

Is this the case of those joining religion when young, are economic unstable, idealistic and unclear of the world and its working but who learn about the history of religion from the very institution they joined? Have their crises of faith led them to behave in such manner in abandoning their mission for materialistic gain?

Anyone who understands Christianity in Kerala and the way the faith is rooted and spread in the soil, will understand why enemies within and outside the Church bend on destroying the faith. Once upon a time the Europeans came to India and spread the Christian faith among the people. Later on Kerala became the strong-

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hold of missionaries not only in India but also the whole world. The Church in Kerala has given us models of faith, great Saints, Blessed and Martyrs of faith and Servants of God.

This also is the cause of the problems of Church in Kerala. The enemies of Christianity from within and outside cannot digest the faith and dedicated commitment of Christianity and somehow are targeting the Church from all corners now.

The vocation to the Priesthood and religious life as brothers and sisters are the target from the enemies. They know the Church thrives because of the committed vocation to religious and priestly life. So targeting them will prevent vocations. The media and the fanatic organizations are on the lookout for a slightest mistake of one person within to target the entire faith. Governmental machinery is used to target the faithful and the hierarchy to create a wedge between them because the enemies are scared of the deep rooted faith and formation of people there as well as throughout the country.

I am not surprised of the maligning of vocations to priesthood and religious life that is going on in Kerala.... Because Kerala has many Saints and models of faith through religious life. Targeting religious life and portraying it negatively is the handiwork of enemies, of course, from inside and outside. In fact it will increase only in the coming days. The Church people must realize this and not fall prey in

the hands of the enemy.

Walter Lippmann said – Very few established institutions, governments and constitutions... are ever destroyed by their enemies until they have been corrupted and weakened by their friends...

News of the Catholic Church these days reminds us that we live in a world in which betrayers are always at hand.

As betrayers and betrayed, humanity is drowning in betrayal.

In his film version of Nikos Kazantzakis's novel *The Last Temptation of Christ* the director Martin Scorsese presents a powerful scene of betrayal. Scorsese shows Jesus walking away from the cross.

It is the last temptation of Christ, the temptation to betray his vocation to remain faithful to the Father on our behalf to and through death. In the novel and film, as in fact, Jesus does not give in to the temptation to betray. He

is the one who is faithful, the only one among us who is dependably faithful.

The root of betrayal is fear, crises of faith, economic instability, idealistic and unclear of the world and its working and our fears are rooted in the ultimately fearsome of these doubts and beliefs.

If we focus on belief after finding the reasons behind them by witnessing truly our Christian call we can face the external enemies. God Bless the Church!

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The Celibate Debate

In response to my earlier article "Frightening Franco Fiasco" I received a query from a major city in the south. I am reproducing it below:

"The view that many priests and seminarians believe that celibacy does not require abstinence from sexual acts, but from marriage, seems quite common. Interviewing an ex-seminarian for a job not too long ago, he said that his reason for leaving was being forced into sex by colleagues and superiors. Not quite believing him I approached the person who had taught English in the same seminary, who confirmed that indeed it was so. On another occasion, when my wife was talking to the seminarians about family life they told her that they knew so little about sex that the superior had handed out pornographic material for learning!! One wonders".

The respondent wanted some clarification on the subject. I can understand human frailty and the strong sex urge, because I am also a "normal" human being. However, the justification proffered by the seminarians and their "superiors" got my goat. When my wife read the email she was even more shocked.

Super intelligent people are past mas-

ters at self-justification. Like good lawyers they can give hair-splitting arguments to defend their clients. But such self-justification is inappropriate in a seminary that seeks to teach morality to others. It is the height of religious hypocrisy that Jesus repeatedly and roundly condemned.

As a married man, if I have a torrid affair with another woman that just stops short of genital penetrative sex (the legal definition for establishing rape), can I claim to be faithful to my marital bond? Bill Clinton used a similar defence for his affair with his intern Monica Lewinski in the Oval office, because he only had oral sex; so he could blatantly lie before TV cameras saying "I did not have sex with that woman".



by **chhotebhai** *

Or can a person eating meat claim to be a vegetarian on the specious plea that he has not killed or slaughtered any animal? It is patently absurd.

If our so-called celibates still insist that sexual abstinence (continence) is not the same as celibacy then we need to seriously examine the entire issue. In order to answer my respondent's query I had to delve really deep.

I shall begin with the teachings of

Vatican II. The "Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests" (P.O.) has much to say. "With respect to the priestly life, the Church has always held in especially high regard perfect and perpetual continence" (P.O. 16). Notice that the word used is continence, not celibacy.

There is a rider. "It is not indeed demanded by the very nature of the priesthood, as is evident from the practice of the primitive Church, and from the tradition of the Eastern Churches. In these Churches in addition to all bishops and those others, who by a gift of grace, chose to observe celibacy, there also exist married priests of outstanding merit" (Ibid). And again, "In the Latin Church, it was imposed by law on all who were to be promoted to sacred orders. This legislation, to the extent that it concerns those who are destined for the priesthood, this most holy Synod again approves and confirms" (Ibid).

So while not being intrinsic to the priesthood, those who submit to its authority, need to abide by it. Further, "Many men today call perfect continence impossible. The more they do so, the more humbly and perseveringly priests should join with the Church in praying for the grace of fidelity. It is never denied to those who ask" (Ibid). So what is impossible for man is possible for God. It is a gift to those who believe.

To attain this, the "Decree on the Appropriate Renewal of the Religious Life" (P.C.) advocates "mortification and custody of the senses" (P.C. 12). So lessons in pornography are certainly not the answer. One might here add that priests that live flamboyant lifestyles cannot be expected to be continent. There is also some more good advice. "Chastity has stronger safeguards in a community when true

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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

—Mrs. Lorna D'Costa, Thane



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fraternal love thrives among its members" (Ibid). "Since the observance of total continence intimately involves the deeper inclinations of human nature, candidates should not undertake the profession of chastity ... except after a truly adequate testing period, and only if they have the needed degree of psychological and emotional maturity" (Ibid). The problem here is that very few priests live in community, with mutual support, so any psychological imbalance gets severely accentuated.

The "Decree on Priestly Formation" (O.T.) continues in similar vein, emphasising maturity, magnanimity, freedom of choice and rightness of intention. "Depending on the age of each seminarian and his state of progress, careful enquiry should be made concerning the rightness of his intention and the freedom of his choice" (O.T. 6). It says that seminarians should perceive "the superiority of virginity consecrated to Christ, so that by a choice that is maturely thought out and magnanimous, they may attach themselves to God by a total gift of body and soul" (O.T. 10).

Many moons ago, when I was involved in youth and vocations ministry, I had noticed that most candidates joined the priesthood or religious life spurred by some pious illusion, based on what some relative had told them. Once in the system it was hard to get out. So they clung on, making a mockery of their vows, suffering in frustration, and venting it on others. Earlier there was much stigma attached to being an ex-seminarian or religious. Fortunately that ostracisation has reduced considerably today. But I still believe that teenagers entering a "minor seminary" are just not mature enough to have rightness of intention or freedom of choice. Last year, on a visit to Assisi, I stayed in the Capuchin Provincialate. They had several novices. The youngest was over 30, and the oldest was about 70! A stark contrast to the "fishing for vocations" that we do in India.

Other documents that talk of celibacy may not specifically refer to continence, probably because it is presumed. Canon Law says that in the Latin Church priests are obliged to live a celibate life (cf Can 1037). The official Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) toes the line of Vatican II. It reiterates that in the Latin Rite priests must be celibate (CCC 1579), though in the Eastern Churches married men may become priests (CCC 1580).

Besides genital penetration the CCC says that "masturbation is an intrinsically and gravely disordered action" (CCC 2352). However moral responsibility "must take in to account the affective immaturity, force of acquired habit, conditions of anxiety, or other psychological or social factors that can lessen, if not even reduce to a minimum, moral culpability" (Ibid).

It also warns against pornography, calling it a grave offence that should be prevented by civil authorities (cf CCC 2354). It certainly cannot be advocated by seminary professors.

India's greatest contemporary dogmatic theologians, Neuner and Dupuis, both Jesuits, in their book "The Christian Faith" give a glimpse into how celibacy evolved in the Church. They indicate that continence is a prerequisite for celibacy.

"Till the third century bishops and priests were mostly married men ... By the fourth century the unmarried clergy became the majority, by then too, ordained ministers were forbidden to enter the married state. Celibacy however was not imposed as a rule, but continence in marriage was gradually required from the married clergy of the Western Church. The first document that witnesses to this is found in the Council of Elvira, Spain (300-303 AD). In the sixth century continence became a clear obligation for the clergy of the Western Church ... The evolution from the law of clerical continence to that of clerical celibacy is a much later develop-

ment" (pg 484).

Jesus himself was forthright in saying that this form of life was not meant for all and sundry. "It is not everyone who can accept what I have said, but only to those to whom it is granted. There are eunuchs born so from their mother's womb, there are eunuchs made so by human agency, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves so for the sake of the kingdom of Heaven. Let any one accept this who can" (Mat 19:11-12).

One would then be constrained to conclude that becoming a eunuch (not having sex in any form) was not expected to be a common thing, as churned out in the thousands from our seminaries. I somehow feel that Jesus foresaw this as a special gift for a select few only.

From the history of the Church, more so in the Latin rite, we see a gradual evolution of continence and celibacy for the priesthood. Perhaps it is time to back pedal, to allow celibacy to be made optional as before. I fully support the demand for married clergy and even for women to be ordained priests. I may not see this happening in my own life time. It does not prevent me from looking in to the future with hope. The celibate debate is wide open.

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WHETHER THE RAFALE DEAL WILL BE FOR NAMO GOVERNMENT, SIMILAR TO WHAT BOFOR DEAL THRNED OUT TO BE FOR RAJIV GOVERNMENT - A DISASTER

by Eric D'Sa

Rafale is in news regularly these days especially after Anil Ambani's company which is supposed to build these planes in India has been dragged to NCLT by its creditors. A huge controversy over the Rafale deal has also erupted here, after a report in the French media quoted former president Hollande as saying that the selection of the Indian company in the Rafale deal was done at the behest of New Delhi. Hollande said that the Indian government proposed Reliance Defence as the partner for the French aerospace giant in the Rafale deal and France did not have a choice. His comments to 'Mediapart', a French language publication, triggered sharp reactions from the Indian opposition parties, which have been accusing the government of massive irregularities in the deal and benefiting Reliance Defence Limited, despite not having any experience in the aerospace sector.

In its statement, Dassault Aviation said the contract for supply of 36 Rafale jets is a government-to-government agreement, adding "It provides for a separate contract in which Dassault Aviation commits to make compensation investments (offsets) in India worth 50 per cent of the value of the purchase." The company also said its partnership with Reliance has led to the creation of the Dassault Reliance Aerospace Ltd (DRAL) joint-venture in February 2017. However it did not clarify why it chose an Indian group which had huge loan out standings and was on a verge of default.

Hard facts militate against the Modi governments position on Rafale. 'L'affaire Rafale' has become the Achilles heel of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government. The incontrovertible truth is that in August 2007, the United Progressive Alli-

ance (UPA) government floated a tender for the purchase of 126 Medium Multi-Role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA). The Indian Air Force found two aircraft technically equipped — the Rafale and the Eurofighter Typhoon. The tender had made it clear that all bids were to be inclusive of cost of initial purchase, transfer of technology, licensed production etc.

On December 12, 2012, Rafale emerged as the L-1 vendor with a publicly disclosed price of ₹526.1 crore per aircraft. Out of 126 aircraft, 18 were to come from France in a fly-

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way condition, with the remaining 108 aircraft to be manufactured in India by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) with transfer of technology. In addition, there was a 50%-offset clause requiring Dassault Aviation to invest 50% of the contract value by way of investment in India. On March 12, 2014, a 'workshare agreement' worth approximately ₹36,000 crore was signed between HAL and Dassault Aviation; 70% of the work on the 108 aircraft to be made in India was to be done by HAL and 30% by Dassault Aviation.

On May 26, 2014, the NDA government assumed office. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited France on April 10, 2015. Two days before the visit, then Foreign Secretary S. Jaishankar stated: "In terms of Rafale, my understanding is that there are discussions under way between the French company, our Ministry of Defence, the HAL... We do not mix up leadership-level visits with deep details of ongoing defence contracts. That is on a different track." Two facts are significant here — one, there were ongoing negotiations between the Defence

Ministry, Dassault Aviation and HAL for the purchase of 126 Rafale, 108 out of which would manufactured by HAL, and two, Mr. Modi would not be involved in this as the issue was of technical nature.

However, during his French trip, Mr. Modi inexplicably, and unilaterally, announced 'off-the-shelf' purchase of 36 Rafale aircraft at a cost of ₹1,670.70 crore per aircraft. Dassault Aviation disclosed this price in its annual report for 2016. The price was more than thrice the originally negotiated price of ₹526.1 crore and would involve an additional outflow of approximately ₹41,000 crore. HAL was dropped. Interestingly, all this was done without even cancelling the original global tender for 126 fighter aircraft. The fact that the technical specifications were identical in both cases and therefore, there was no case for a price increase is evidenced by the joint statement of April 10, 2015, issued by the then French President, François Hollande, and Mr. Modi which read: "Aircraft and associated systems and weapons would be delivered on the same configuration as had been tested and approved by Indian Air Force, in clear reference to negotiations and testing process for the Rafale jets under the UPA government."

The government proceeded to cancel the original tender only on June 24, 2015. Subsequently, the Defence Procurement Procedure of 2013 was retrospectively amended on August 5, 2015, in a very suspicious manner. Finally, the deal was signed on September 23, 2016. The government refuses to disclose even the purchase price of the 36 Rafale aircraft, citing mythical 'secrecy clauses'. Ironically, the said agreement nowhere prohibits disclosure of the commercial costs involved.

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Open Sesame In India!

By Ladislaus Louis D'Souza

With one clean sweep, the Supreme Court of India [SCI] struck down Article 497, decriminalizing ADULTERY, thus turning the very concept of MARRIAGE and the FAMILY on its head! The reason is not difficult to discern: adultery as a criminal act is related to the Biblical commandments upheld by the Church and the British are largely associated with anything that is Christian. So out goes a 'British era' law—in effect, a Christian principle of life done away with! It can now be gamely presumed that adultery is a virtue in the religion of the majority in the land of Manusmriti.

A glorification of licentiousness

It was one thing for the SCI to decriminalize HOMOSEXUALITY, but quite a different matter to decriminalize ADULTERY, considering that it strikes rudely at the very root of MARRIAGE, the foundation

of the FAMILY. With the state openly declining to protect the sanctity of the twin concept of marriage and the family, it is now open sesame in the country. Innumerable are the adulterers and adulteresses who must be now gleefully looking forward to bringing their clandestine relationships out into the open, throwing all besharamgiri to the wind! Indeed, no matter what the Catholic Church in India may say about adultery being wrong and sinful or whatever, **many a Catholic in a licentious relationship will now feel free like a free bird, emboldened to behave like animals** - or is that too far-fetched? Having watched National Geographic and other animal related channels one can safely say that even animals have some sense of morality. Now with the Pope on the one hand declaring his openness to believers living in unions other than the sacramental bond being admitted to the reception of Holy Communion and the

law of the land, on the other, upholding the immoral act of adultery as legal, there is nothing on earth to stop illicit relationships from flourishing.

Whither probity in life?

Sweden is probably the first country in the world to have long held INCEST legal. India becomes the first to accord similar status to ADULTERY. As though that isn't bad enough, the SCI has refused to impose a ban on criminals contesting elections and rising to wield political power. What next? Will it be long before THEFT and MURDER are also decriminalized? "The law is an ass – a idiot," says Mr Bumble in Charles Dickens' famous novel, Oliver Twist. It does look like the ass that the law sure is, is already on its way to being declared a criminal itself!

Just how pervert can society keep becoming, I wonder!

God save India! God save humankind!!

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The Dazzling white... the Shadow.... And Jesus alone stood there!

by Sr. Tessy Jacob SSpS

This is the scene from the transfiguration of the Lord. Peter, who is always impulsive, gets yet another special Perk from our Lord. He, one among the favorite three goes to the Mount Tabour, and much beyond the comprehension of an ordinary fish folk, he sees the young man with whom he had made recent comradeship is outshining the Sun! In all his sincerity and innocence, all that a poor man could think was to stay in that perfect stage forever.

It happened in a fraction of second. The next moment, a cloud over shadows and, Lo... Everything is gone except for a voice from the cloud. The puzzled Peter, rubbed his eyes hard and turned around and saw, nothing except the Young Chap who had taken them to the Mountain.

Ups and downs are part of our great journey called life. Happiness and

shadows are just fractions which come and go. When we turn around we could perhaps only see Jesus, and that's infinite.

All of us has had the experience of bouts of joy, but often are short lived ones. Often life goes on the mode of "*kabi khishi.. kabi gham*". There is no guarantee what is next.

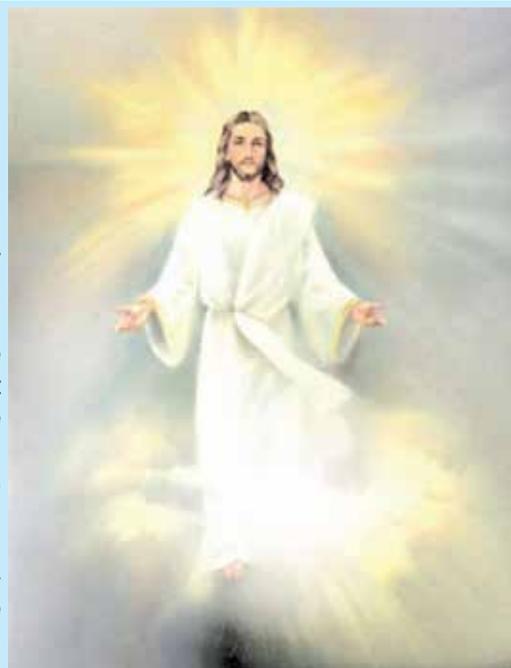
I was working in the school. Besides other assignments, I have taken up teaching in Class IX. As you enter the class you see, young enthusiastic young boys and girls grinning at you. They love the ice breaking session that I hold every day with them. The best of their self is out in the public for a while, and once the class progress in serious note, they shrink back to their world of imaginations and fantasies.

Perks in life are worth having. When we experience the peak of joy we wish if the time would hold still forever. Meeting a friend after many anticipations could be one of the worthwhile moment to be cherished. The days that you spent together would be the dazzling moments. When the time comes to bid bye, only shadow and the inner voice remain. Departures are inevitable. So after the friend parts its only our ultimate hope that remain with us.

Happiness and sorrows are inevitable moments of life. They come to us, even if we want it or not. Tagore was very genius in saying " This too will pass away"

Nothing remain with us permanent. The good moments, good people, good places, even good memories gets erased over time. The only permanent truth in life is Jesus.

We call the name of Jesus always.



Perhaps often when we are in troubles. Even its our tendency to raise our hearts to be thankful to God, when the unexpected joy strike our lives. But the latter is often happens instinctive than as a conscious effort. I remember, during my school days, on the days when we receive the answer sheets after the exams, there would be butterflies in the stomach as the names are being called out. All the while you wait for the papers there would be a prayer going on in your mind. And as my Roll number nears I would write and keep on the book which is just in front of me "Thank you Jesus", because after getting the paper due to happiness of disappointments- anything was expected, I would forget to thank God. Hence after the first few second of perplexity certainly my eyes would catch the attention of what is written on the copy just in front, and would remember to thank God!

Life is lived in moments. Everything comes and goes. Like peter we want to remain permanent in the most exciting moment, but its inevitable that we need to come down the mountain. Let coming down dishearten us, rather should make us feel I walk down with my Lord, who can transcend my every moment.

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Rethinking affairs of the aged in new India

Compiled : Ivan Saldanha-Shet.

On October 1, it was "World Senior citizens day" and there was a lot of talk and walks and runs and many celebrations, gatherings and so muchbut there was hardly anything like to "walk the talk" by those who hold the reigns and run the show. These things are done and forgotten....October marks many aspects of the aged, the ailing and ill. What is most vital and needed is that "Affairs of the aged, should come under a proper full fledged Ministry/ Department in State/central governments ...and these apart from many other matters, must oversee all matters about the aged people, their welfare and care."

" He who pursues righteousness and



loyalty finds life" - Prov.21:21. The civil society and government focuses on building opulent worship centers, palatial houses for VIPs and influential people, starting commercial ventures under the guise of service institutions. In this process it forfeited its patrimony, spirituality and the legacy of the Supreme. "If Jesus Christ comes today he may take something else in his hands instead of a whip to cleanse the world."

Lack of transparency and accountability often leads to corrupt practices in any organization. The mushrooming institutions are enslaving the innocent faithful with the drug of religiosity and their creativity and piety are destroyed. Guilt and depression, blind obedience and superstitions are promoted by the managements of these centers. Medical care is most

often whimsical and without supervision. The capacity and courage to question injustice and discrimination on the part of authorities were in some societies very poor and now are being killed.



Some facts on old age care now :

It is true many health care institutions and old age homes run by various entities, give commercialism the first place and big money the main value; the aim and end is accumulating illegal and cursed wealth. The institutions set up even when not needed and misused will only attract the wrath of the Gods.

The managements of old age homes and medical facilities....focus on sickness and cultivating the sick/aged, the force of nature will create more sick and crippled in body, soul and mind.....and the people who work for the cause will only fall into crime, sin and retribution. When most people fail to stand up for truth and justice, get cowed down by inimical forces of all hues, and go on to fall in step with corrupt and immoral systems...all will collapse, nature and humanity will destroy by cyclones, tsunamis, earthquakes and so on as we see today.....

Ambitious and greedy individuals, wrongly motivated, improperly equipped/ trained and lacking aptitude are embellished with glorified garb and undesirable powers and money, introspect how the whole system can become deeply immoral and corrupt. Old age plans and so on have little use when the aged person is not in control and dependent



on care givers - the chain is only as strong as it's weakest link. The high end old age institutions are gradually and visibly being oriented like super specialty hospitals, it seems to be only for sick aged, where 'wellness' the main need of the aged is not the aim but treatment of the sick, with all attendant torture and high expense is the norm.....one factor that promotes this functional fault is because it is managed and staffed by the so-called trained nursing and para medical personnel, both lay and religiously committed, who are only conditioned to professional images and attendant wealth/profitting aims.

In the case of institutions run by some minority groups the 'out sourcing' is haphazard and lacks any frame work or system. the income is beyond all expectations and prolific in crooked waysmost who have first hand experience, and face the ignominy agree and express the fact that the primary aim is to pamper and enhance their own fancy occupations of attending rituals, functions, celebrations, home leave, retreats, get-togethers, seminars and recollections,and so on and so forth....



Consideration and understanding with constructive mutual dialogue is totally absent in such minority institutions. Their one portfolio at all levels is ignore the petitions/complaints from sufferers and remain silent. There is no platform for exchange of difficulties...No grievance redress mechanisms and no concern and care at all levels...leading to misery emotional

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It is a 50-50 partnership:

If you and your partner are sharing and caring at the same time with 50-50 partnership, it means that your marriage is on a road where all you see is happiness. The thing about a happy marriage is equality amongst the two partners. If you are helping your partner out and doing the household works, the 50-50 partnership is shown and these kinds of marriages are always happy.

No signs of comparison:

When you and your partner don't compare, you put up a real relationship with each other. A happy marriage is said to



be one when you and your partner are not perfect but your imperfections complement each other and it is then that your marriage becomes perfect. No marriage is perfect unless the partners complement each other's imperfections.

Honesty, care, respect and love:

Honesty, respect, care and love, if these are missing in the relationship, it means that the couple is losing the hand over the marriage. These four are the pillars of a marriage and when one is broken the marriage fails. Every married couple needs to be honest, respectful, caring and loving for each other. It is the way to a happy marriage.

Being open and clear with each other:

If you and your partner are being open with each other and

are always clear about what you both want to form each other, then you and your partner share a happy bond. It might sound wrong but when you become straightforward and say what you want from each other, you become real with each other. Being real in a relationship shows the way to a happy marriage.

TIPS TO KEEP IN MIND

- **Never go to sleep when you are upset with one another.**
- **Leave past grievances in the past.**
- **If neither partner is willing to give in totally, at least reach a compromise or a trial-basis resolution.**

The Priest And Religious Life Is Significant To The Church

Acta Apostolicae Sedis, V 39 (1947). P. 116.

In the first letter of Paul to Timothy, in the New Testament he speaks of a consecrated celibacy in the order of widows (1 Tim. 5: 3-16). "Let a widow be put on the list if she is not less than sixty years old and has been married only once" (1 Tim. 5: 9).

Related to the charismata we find a life consecrated to God, showing itself in Virginity. Only certain souls are sent to the existence of Virgins consecrated to God, (1 Cor. 7: 25), a mystery taught by Christ.

Finally, in the Acts of the Apostles we are told of "Philip the evangelist had four unmarried daughters who had the gift of prophecy" (Acts. 21: 9). These women were consecrated to God and grew to be decisive to the young Church.

The structure of the Church regards with spiritual attention and care the religious life, the priest, hierarchy and the laity with love and satisfaction. The reason is pastoral.

Religious life and priesthood is unique and special as a state of life to which all are not called. The vows of poverty, chastity and obedience for the religious are a strong and important attribute to their work in the Church and trust in the Lord.

The Gospel of Mathew informs us that Christ said to the rich young man: "If you will be perfect, go, sell all that you have and follow me." (Mat.19:21).

To effect renouncement of the possession of material goods and wealth is the evangelical ideal. The obedience of Jesus to the Father is the exclusive expression of the primacy of the divine will.

At this point we should not forget that there is the universal priesthood, and a universal interdependence of Christians on the diocesan priest – all this helps towards the universal vocation to holiness. Religious life, is a total consecration to God.

To be led into the kingdom Jesus spoke about, a person should be open to the healing friendship and tears of the poor. Their vision of humanity is sealed to the new world order that is not ruled by fear, threat and false promises but in the pattern of weakness and poverty.

Truly there is no divine right to the conformation of the Church, except that it grows from the institution made by Christ and the Apostles at best in

its inception.

In the structure of the Church women occupy a special place in religious life and the secular state.

Men, women, contemplatives and missionaries make a component part of the Church.



BY MELVYN BROWN

I remember my Jesuit mentor at St. Xavier's College who spoke about the ancient philosophers who excelled at profound reasoning, but one of the best among them, Aristotle, could not argue to a God of love, for the simple reason that love is above reason.

Great thinkers and theologians also make a contribution to Holy Mother the Church, in constructive reasoning.

The great religious orders are of charismatic origin inspired by the Spirit. The fathers of the desert and the stylites are charismatics. The Jesuit priest went on to instruct that reason along with the founding of Christian institutions were charismata to guarantee the permanence and presence of the Church.

The charismatic works of the Spirit are seen in the mission of saints: St. Benedict, St. Francis, St. Ignatius and St. Teresa among many others.

Religious life is significant to the Church which is also shown in the irreplaceable character of the contemplative life in the Church.

Pope Pius XII put the order and class in a brief account when he said: "according to the apostolic fathers and the oldest ecclesiastical writers, it can be easily established that in different churches, the followers of a life of perfection constituted an order and a class in the society" ("Provida Mater,

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Since hard facts militate against the government, no amount of alternative facts, fake news and hallucinatory spin can transform the perception of it.

Meanwhile just go to Google search and click on to the information on the Hindustan Aeronautics defence aircraft's, the largest defence manufacturing company in India and what information it has provided to the Raja Sabha in 2018, about the type of different aircraft they are building and providing over the years and even today to, not only GOI armed forces but also to the private sector. The main difference between HAL and Anil Ambani's almost bankrupt company is, as a GOI owed company HAL can not give bribes to the politicians or the top airforce brass, while Reliance can do so and have known to have done in the past. So take out your politically tainted glasses, put your hand on your heart and decide for yourself, if you had to choose to build an aircraft to to fly yourself and your family around, would you put your hard earned money on HAL or Reliance to build that aircraft?

Catholics Join Gandhian Commemoration



KANPUR: The Catholics of Kanpur joined a large number of Gandhians, social and civic activists in a commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his sesquicentennial birth anniversary on 1st October.

The commemoration was held at Gandhiji's statue at the central Phoolbagh, organised by the Gandhi Peace Foundation (GSP), Kanpur unit. A Peace Rally had originally been planned, but the district administration did not grant permission for the same, at which the GSP President, Sri Deepak Malviya, and other participants, expressed great anguish.

Noted litterateur and Gandhian scholar, Padmasri Dr Giriraj Kishore warned against the pedestallisation of Gandhiji. As a young man he recalled having seen the Mahatma in his hometown of Muzzaffarnagar in 1947. When the people stopped the bus in which Gandhiji was travelling, in order to have his "darshan", he reprimanded them saying that they should forget Gandhi, and each one should oneself become a Mahatma Gandhi; so different from the cultic leaders of today who revel in seeing their own massive cut outs.

chhotebhai, the President of the Kanpur Catholic Association (KCA),

and a core committee member of the GSP, said that they had planned several programmes for the year, as one should not lose this golden opportunity to remember and follow the ideals of the Mahatma. He said that in a recent interview on NDTV noted historian Prof Ramachandra Guha had opined that today, more than anything else, we should emphasise Gandhiji's importance to communal harmony, and support for the weaker or oppressed sections of society; be they dalits, adivasis or anyone discriminated against on the grounds of religion, language, food habits, ideology etc.

Ironically, it is worth noting that the Govt of India has conveniently diverted the attention of the nation from Gandhiji's emphasis on communal harmony to that of a cleanliness drive; declaring the day as a Swacch Bharat Divas.

Rev Thomas Kumar of St Patrick's Church led the church choir in singing hymns for promoting peace and goodwill. He was assisted by Rev D Soosaidas, Praveen Dungdung, Joseph Lal and Emmanuel Premchand of the KCA.

—chhotebhai

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and physical for the aged and sick inmates. This is very really the case in facilities which charge a monthly fee which far exceeds the needs and is only a channel for greed - in many old age care institutions today. Govt grants and funds are pocketed in a brazen manner for self gains. The situation in free or nominal institutions is again very different.....But, the primary need is for a full fledged Ministry and department under the state and central Governments to implement a uniform and monitored service for all categories of the aged and ailing senior citizens.....all over India and many pockets the world over.

The Govt authorities routinely have their eyes closed, excuse that they lack staff, funds and jurisdiction. It is well past the time for the right of all groups to be respected, reiterated by law and practice. time that fundamental rights of the elderly / aged are given full weight and extended their due rights.... Both the Center and state governments must immediately form 'Ministries and Departments' for the 'Senior Citizen Affairs' as most heads are endowed with. These departments under the govt would 'out-source' and 'oversee' the running of all aspects of services for the aged. This will provide some efficiency, sense of uniformity and create a better infrastructure and channel of right services to the aged suffering which at present lacks all control and just consideration..... All aware and NGOs need to take up this as a serious and urgent matter.

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Implementing these tips listed below will help you find and keep the right friends and relationships:

Make and Maintain a Friend Bank

IN THE AGE of social media where you have 1000 plus friends list, making the right choice of friends and maintaining a 'friend bank' is an exercise that could prove to be important, allowing you to realise who your true friends are, allowing you to appreciate them even more and deepening your relationship and happiness with them. However, we are not telling you to carefully pick and choose your friends nor are we encouraging you to drop out of touch with some people. But considering a tier system may help to clarify things for you, to organise your relationships. Here how to effectively categorise your friends into tiers for a long-lasting and

Do your friends sometimes disappoint you? Ever feel like there is something missing in your relationships? Well, you're not alone. Too few of us have friends who are a source of inspiration and encouragement for us - both a ladder and a companion. Too many have been quite unfortunate in this regard. This is why having a friend bank is a must which can be made by harnessing a few simple skills which are greatly overlooked. Friend bank is all about mentally grouping those who you are closest to and happiest with. With this in mind, there are three different tiers of friends to consider.

Top tier: Best friends

There are the ones who are the most important to you. You are happiest with them and think are happy with you. Your friendship runs deep and as such you have a great deal of treasured memories with them and know that there will be many more great memories to come. You are willing to do whatever it takes to maintain the friendship and you know they feel the

same. Right now you can probably think of many people that fulfill this category. These are the ones that are so close and important to you, that they almost seem a part of you.

Middle tier : Good friends

These are the ones you really like spending time with. But you know deep down you have different tastes and values which sometimes results in you feeling distant from them. Sometimes it's enough for you to simply stay in contact with them through social media. You hope your friendship with them will continue and are willing to make some effort to maintain it but that is dependent on them as well. Friendship is a two-way street and it's only really worth it if they give as well as you.

Bottom tier : Distant friends

You like these people and they like you. In the past you've had some good times. But you feel that you and they are slightly drifting apart and that doesn't bother you too much. Your conversations with them are shallow, bordering on small talk, as quite simply, you don't have anything in common with them anymore. You and they rarely meet up or hang out. You think your feelings about them are mutual and feel you may drift apart entirely and that isn't necessarily a bad thing.

These people are like old friends from childhood, school, college or work. People that you really associated with due to proximity and never became all that close or were once close but the distance has become great. Everyone else is perhaps not your friends and are just acquaintances or perhaps even friends to be.

Moving forward, having and attracting friends who are of the same positive life view as you can be done by harnessing a few simple skills which are greatly overlooked.

Keep developing yourself:

To attract the right people, you should try to be one yourself. Friendship isn't about what you expect to gain from the other person but about what you can contribute to their development and prosperity as well. You can't contribute anything positive or meaningful to the growth of someone else if you haven't made any positive investments in yourself first. Be the best version of yourself and keep learning ways to grow. Do not seek gains or place too many expectations on people, for the best friendship isn't 'self-seeking'. It's about giving and contributing to the success of someone else.

Do not try too hard to be kind:

Being kind is good, very good as a matter of fact. But being too kind at the detriment of your well-being and peace of mind is poor judgement and a risk too expensive to bear. You can be rest assured that your life span will be cut short if you make it an habit to please or be good to everybody at all times. Most people might turn sour when you stop answering yes to their every request and choose to do something outside their expectation. But the right kinds of friends can't be bought by good deeds. They are attracted to those who do not try to seek their approval, but are comfortable in airing their opinions without compromise, and are bold enough to act their minds even if it means saying no.

Be yourself:

The right friends are those who choose to love and accept you just the way you are. They're not alarmed by your flaws and neither do they try to change you into someone you're not. Dare to be yourself, do not be shy about your hobbies. Talk about what you love and you'll attract those who share same passions and interests as

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Same Sex Marriage...

This interesting prayer was given in Kansas, USA, at the opening session of their Senate. It seems prayer still upsets some people.

When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says: "Woe to those who call evil good", but that is exactly what we have done.

- * We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.
- * We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it Pluralism.
- * We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism.
- * We have endorsed perversion and called it alternative lifestyle.
- * We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.
- * We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.
- * We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

- * We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.
- * We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem.
- * We have abused power and called it politics.
- * We have embezzled public funds and called it essential expenses.
- * We have insitutionalised bribery and called it sweets of office.
- * We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.
- * We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.
- * We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, Oh GOD, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Amen!"

The response was immediate. A number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest.

In 6 short weeks, Central Christian Church, where Rev. Wright is pastor, logged more than 5,000 phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively.

The church is now receiving international requests for copies of this prayer from India, Africa and Korea. With the LORD'S help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and WHOLE-HEARTEDLY become our desire so that we again can be called "ONE NATION UNDER GOD."

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you.

REAL FRIENDS

When you add someone as a friend on social media, their actual connection to you and your emotional connection to them isn't considered by the website. The site may highlight people you interact with online more but generally real connections aren't considered and all appear the same. People that you care about and those who care about you may fall from sight. As such it can be important to do the slightly unusual task of taking stock: To determine who are and who are not, your real friends.

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Can A Christian Drink Alcohol?

When a European Airline was initially launched, an educated Christian gentleman was traveling in the first class section.

An air hostess approached him with a complimentary drink, this was an alcoholic drink, but the man politely refused.

The air hostess returned but this time brought the drink on a platter, designed to appeal and impress. However, the Christian man again politely refused, explaining he doesn't drink alcohol.

The air hostess was concerned and informed the manager. The manager approached the man with another platter, now designed with flowers. He questioned, "Is there something wrong with our service? Please enjoy the drink, it is a complimentary offer."

The man replied, "I am a Christian and I do not drink alcohol? The manager still insisted that the man take the drink. Then, the Christian proposed that the manager should give the drink to the pilot first. The manager stated, "How can the pilot drink alcohol, he's on duty! And if he drinks there are all chances for the plane to crash".

The Christian passenger with tears in his eyes, replied, "I am a Christian and I am ALWAYS on duty in order to protect my FAITH and if I Drink Alcohol I will crash my whole life here and hereafter. I AM 100% ON DUTY!"

Maybe yours might not be an alcohol, it may be tempting you for 'sex' as it was done to 'Joseph', battling with how to control your 'anger', profane and vain 'babblings', your 'dressing', your 'attitude' towards people and finally not sharing the 'Word'.

Do you know that souls are dying because of those reckless behaviours of ours?

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6467. MUMBAI : Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1986), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 85 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.E.IT & MBA IT, working as a Business Analyst. Contact email : briansavio86@gmail.com

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

6465. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in April 1976), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 64 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA in International Tourism Management, Switzerland currently working as Head - Training with a reputed organization. Contact email : catholicmatri2015@gmail.com

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

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6450. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1970), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn.

B.Sc., (Physics), Green Card Holder. Contact email : florencedsouza07@gmail.com

6449. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1985), Ht. 5' 8", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. (Elect. & Telecom), working as a Networking Engineer in KUWAIT. Contact email : alwayswelcome107@gmail.com

6446. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1977), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 72 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.A., working as a Deputy General Manager. Contact email : albert.pinto2006@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

6429. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in April 1985), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 58 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Post Graduate in Marketing, working as a Manager. Contact email : francis.godad@gmail.com

6424. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1991), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 65 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., well employed, working as Sr. Customer Care Executive. Contact email : gerardd754@gmail.com, Mob:9594766322 / 9930620943

6419. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1985), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 62 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Sc.B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Only Child. Seeks preferably Goan teacher with B.Ed., qualification. Contact email : agnesmenezes107@gmail.com

6418. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1983), Ht.

5' 6", Wt. 90 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., (Chemistry), working as a Deputy Manager. Contact email : pradeep.bashyal@gmail.com

6415. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1987), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 55 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. HSC + Profession in Hotel Management. Professional in Food & Beverages. Only Child. Seeks a suitable match. Contact email : agnesd85@yahoo.co.in

6412. MUMBAI: RC Mangalorean, (Born in September 1984), 5' 8", MBA working in a financial firm, Mumbai Resident seeks alliance from RC girls, with pleasant personality, decent education and from a respected family. Contact with recent snaps and profile on alliancesjason@gmail.com

6411. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, Australian Citizen, (Born in September 1968), Ht 5'11, Wheatish, B.Com, Govt. job, seeks suitable march. Reply with photo to chrisnorbert@outlook.com / sharlet1968@gmail.com

6404. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in February 1981), Ht. 5' 5", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. HSC / Diploma in Optometry, working as a Sales Professional. Contact email : picardosimon@gmail.com OR 9819403252

6401. MUMBAI : RC Goan Bachelor, fair, (Born in January 1975), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 74 kgs, B.Sc., Post Graduation in Chemistry from St. Xavier's Mumbai, having own accommodation, working for a reputed company in Mumbai as a section Head, seeks alliance from RC Goan graduate spinsters upto 36 years with good family background and christian values. Pls. reply with details and latest photo to monty_017@rediffmail.com

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6965. MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, 36 years, Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 63 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. SSLC., having Agriculature. Contact : 9964885911

6964. DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1987), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 58 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. 2nd year PUC, working as a Team Member Staff. Contact email : denzildsilva4@gmail.com OR dorathydsilva@gmail.com

6940. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1984), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 73 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. SSC, working in MAURITIUS a Screen Printing Machine Operator in Textile Company. Contact email : ryanfernandes84@gmail.com OR 9819353213

6930. GOA : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1979), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. SCC and Diploma in Electrical, Electrical Contractor. Contact email : cajetan1208@gmail.com

6924. MUMBAI : Mumbai born and broughtup Roman Catholic Keralite Bachelor, (Born in September 1984), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 72 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Sc. (I.T.), working as a Sr. Software Engineer in Foreign Bank. Contact email : diana-manuel320@gmail.com

6923. PUNE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in April 1963), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 62 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn.High School + 3 years Full term apprectice, working as a Machinist CNC Operator in reputed organisation. Contact email : mathiaswilliam04@gmail.com

6918. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Widow, (Born in November 1953), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion,

Edn.D.P.E., Well settled. Contact email : louisn23@hotmail.com

6917. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1985), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn.B.E. MBA, working as an Engineer. Contact email : delphinempinto@gmail.com

6915. DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1988), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn.B.Com., MBA, CS, working as a Accountant. Contact email : marriageproposalseeker@gmail.com

6914. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in March 1985), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn.T.Y.B.Com., working as a Chef. Contact email : stanleycoelho@gmail.com

6899. MUMBAI : Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1968), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 77 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Diploma, Mechanical Engineering Graduation, MBA, working as an Engineer. Contact email : teresa.mimr@gmail.com

6896. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in March 1982), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 75 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. Electronics, Master in Information Management, working as a Finance Professional. Contact email : clyde25@gmail.com

6895. HONAVAR : Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in August 1981), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 5th Std., having own property business. Contact email : rosiehorta77@gmail.com Mob: 7977361995

6893. MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Widower, (Born in January 1967), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 70 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Graduate, working in Automotive Sector. Contact email : dan_3627@yahoo.co

6886. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1980), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 68 kgs, Fair Complexion, Sober, Edn. S.Y. B.Com., working as a Sales Ex-

pert. Contact email : sandypinto70@gmail.com

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

6879. U.S. : Parents of RC Mangalorean Bachelor, (Born in October 1989), 5' 10", born-bought up in Mumbai has done his Masters in Computer Science in US and is presently working there, seek alliance from RC preferably Mangalorean qualified spinsters working in US, pleasant personality and good family values. Please reply with details and photographs to amy.rigues@gmail.com

6875. KUWAIT : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in January 1985), Ht. 5' 7", Wt. 62 kgs, Very fair Complexion, Edn.ITI, working as a Sales representative. Contact email : roshan2421@gmail.com

6874. MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in May 1984), Ht. 5' 11", Wheatsih Complexion, Edn. PGDMA., working as an Account Manager. Contact email : eltonjds@gmail.com

6872. MUMBAI : Affluent Family Mangalorean R.C.Bachelor, (Born in September 1982), Ht. 5' 10", Wt. 86 kgs, Fair Complexion, Handsome, MBA, M.Com., B.Com., (Rank Holder) Banker by experience, (Director - Managing very profitable Business). Contact email : rajiv_alvares@yahoo.com

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6953. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1992), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Bachelor in Vet Science, Doctor by profession. Contact email : andrea-lobo786@gmail.com

6951. MUMBAI : Born Again Christian Divorcee, (Born in October 1976), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 55 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Post Graduate Diploma, working for Insurance Company. Contact email : sonalmodawal33@gmail.com

6933. USA : Mangalorean RC parents invite proposal for their daughter, (Born in October 1990), Ht. 5' 3", MS from USA, working in Minneapolis USA, holding H1b visa, born and brought up in Mumbai, from Mangalorean RC bachelors, working in USA, age below 31 years, masters or higher preferred, with good family background. Contact : Wilfred D'Souza : 09869165412 OR email : wilfred1954@gmail.com

6932. MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in September 1990), Ht. 5' 4", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., working as an Asst. Manager. Contact email : francisjerome.barrocas@gmail.com

6931. MUMBAI : Parents of Goan R.C spinster, (Born in August 1986), Post-Grad, writer in a reputed publication, 5' 6", Fair and of medium build, seek for their only daughter a well-qualified and settled groom. The boy should be 32-35 years of age, 5' 7", or taller. Preferably of Goan origin and residing in Mumbai. Interested families / boys may please write, with a photograph, to couri60@gmail.com or call 99202 70637

6929. MANGALORE : Mangalorean

Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in January 1986), Ht. 152 cms, Wt. 54 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.B.A., working as a H.R. Senior Manager. Contact email : jasmine.melonie@gmail.com

6928. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in July 1991), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 67 kgs, Dusky Complexion, Edn. MBA Operations, working as an Executive. Contact email : judith.dalgado2307@gmail.com

6927. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in January 1977), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Post graduate, working as an Admin., in MNC. Contact email : mrf.ma77@gmail.com

6925. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, having one 8 years old son. (Born in April 1987), Ht. 4' 11", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Ed., Teacher by profession. Working in **DOHA QATAR**. Contact email : precstillamarsh201@gmail.com

6903. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in June 1987), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 78 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E., M.S. Marketing, working as a Consulting Manager. Contact email : mendonca_luke@yahoo.co.in

6900. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in May 1989), Ht. 4' 10", Wt. 51 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BMS., Marketing specialization, working as a Customer Support. Contact email : pereira1189@yahoo.com

6858. BHOPAL : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in March 1993), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. Computer Science and MBA in HRM working in Bangalore. Contact email : godwinsvd@gmail.com

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.

6792. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1990), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBBS., pursuing MBA., Doctor by profession. Contact email : dr.criss25@gmail.com

6791. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1987), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 67 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. C.A., Working as a Senior Specialist, Seeks a suitable match. Contact Email : jolie_rosetta@yahoo.co.in

6782 MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1992), Ht. 5' 3", Wt.50 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. BHM, working as a Receptionist. Contact email : savinaj-mascarenhas@gmail.com

6780 GOA : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in March 1987), Ht. 5' 4", Wt.50 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.B.B.S., M.D. (Armenia), Doctor by profession. Working in **DELHI**. Contact email : samantha.saldanha07@gmail.com

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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: dianafnnds62@gmail.com

6767. MANGALORE : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in August 1991), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.A. (English), Teacher by profession. Contact email : predita1989@gmail.com

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

6568. NEWYORK : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1990), Ht. 157 cms, Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.S. in Computer Science (USA), working as a Software Engineer. Seeks a similiar qualification, having HIB Visa and working in USA below 30 years. Contact email : joymachado312@gmail.com

6566. DUBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1986), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.S. in HR, working as a Admin. Exec. (HR) seeks a Mangalorean bachelor preferably Postgrad./MBA/BE,. Contact wedd_prop@hotmail.com

6565. MUMBAI : Mumbai broughtup Keralite Anglo Indian Spinster, (Born in May 1988), Ht. 5' Wt. 48 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Computer Operator. Contact email : elenarosedcosta@gmail.com

6563. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholi Spinster, (Born in August 1990), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 60 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MBA Marketing, working as an Analyst, Contact email : noreen13nov@gmail.com

6560. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1986), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 79 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., MBA in HR,

working in a Reputed MNC in Mumbai. Contact email : jfran1302@gmail.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

6653 MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in July 1990), Ht. 5' 2", Fair Complexion, Edn. M.B.B.S., Doctor & pursuing M.D. Seeks M.D. / M.S., Doctors. Contact email : selwynhenriques13@gmail.com

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Inter Faith Prayer Meeting at Don Bosco, Borivli

In order to spread the beautiful message of brotherhood on Gandhi Jayanti, on 2nd October 2018, the Don Bosco Unit of the Bombay Catholic Sabha together with the Shanti Sagar Hindi Prayer Group conducted an inter Faith-Prayer meet entitled 'Bridging Hearts – Through Religion'.



To bring about positive vibrations in the audience, Fr. Allwyn led the audience to sing 'Itni Shakti Hame De Daata'. This was followed by the Sabha Anthem. Mr. Lucas D'Mello, the Chairman of our Unit, welcomed the religious gurus and guests, among them being our President, Mrs. Rita D'Sa and 2 Vice-Presidents, Mr. Lawrence Fernandes and Mr. Robert D'Souza, of the BCS, and everyone in the audience. Adv. Raphael D'Souza introduced the topic, quoting from each religion the essence of universal brotherhood preached in all religions. The gurus then lit the 'samey' (lamp) and were ushered to

said the Almighty created the Universe and all of us humans to love one another. It is the evil one who comes and divides us. He reminded us to heed our conscience. Mahatma Gandhi was remembered because of his passion for God.

The message of Sr. Neeta of the Brahmakumaris was one of peace. Even though there are many different paths, they should not divide us, but rather lead us to God. We can achieve this by living in unity, she said.

Jain Muni P.P. Devkirti Vijay Ji said that Religion does not create wars. If this was so, why then do we have divisions in our homes, in our country or continents, he wondered. According to him, education should teach us to honour and respect our parents and elders.

Sr. Carmen of St. Anne's Convent quoted Mahatma Gandhi who upheld the values of truth and non-violence. He worked relentlessly for peace with the firm belief that since all religions lead to truth, we all form one community. God is our Father and we are all his children, she said. We should strive for unity in diversity. She quoted Jesus' words 'May they all be one as you and I are one.'

Fr. Solomon, Parish Priest of St. John Bosco Church, echoed the words of the Jain Muni who stated that the seeds of humanism should be first sowed in schools through value education. We should all believe in the religion of humanity he said. Compassion, Forgiveness and Healing and the three pillars of humanism. We should also strive to become God-like by serving one another

Each turn of a new guru taking the mike was interspersed with slides songs/bhajans invoking communal harmony.

Brother Samson D'Silva of the Hindi Prayer Group led the faithful to prayer. Before the session could end, Adv. Raphael D'Souza, the immediate past State President of All India Catholic Union, Maharashtra State, and a Committee Member of our Unit was felicitated on his being appointed the National Secretary of AICU. Mr. Dominic Chettiar, our Vice Chairman, then proceeded to raise a Vote of Thanks. He thanked each and everyone profusely, including our Programme Co-ordinator, Fr. Allwyn Misquitta and Mr. Harry Menezes.



their seats on the dais.

The first speaker was Hindu Guru Dr. Jyotir Nath Babha. He said, "the same God who speaks to me speaks to you. How then can there be enmity between us." He recalled that earlier we were taught that our first priority should be our country, then religion, and lastly self; but nowadays the order is reversed. How can there be enmity between us if we have light within us, he stated. "jyotijyotjalao... jagrutrahe"

Maulana Mohammed Shafiq Alam

Shri Krushwar Panthaki, the Parsi Priest, said that most of the problems that afflict us are psychosomatic. We should, hence, cleanse our inner thoughts, words and deeds, he said. White, what most of the gurus wear, signify purity and saffron signifies sacrifice.

Gyani Gurusevak Singh, the Sikh Guru said, when God is one, who are we to divide mankind. All of us are created equal and we should learn to live with love with each other.

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