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HOW MANY TIMES have you said 'yes' when you really wanted to say 'no'? What about the times you've compliantly accepted a 'no' from somebody when everything inside you screamed, 'Speak up and get a yes?' How about the times you've wanted to shout, 'This is what I want' but stifled it and kept quiet?

'Futulli Modki' new Konkani Play



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Rape accused bishop Franco Mulakkal granted conditional bail

Kochi : Bishop Franco Mulakkal, who was arrested on September 21 on charges of raping a nun from the Missionaries of Jesus (MJ) congregation, was granted bail on October 15. He had earlier filed a bail application earlier this month in the Kerala High Court, which was rejected.

The Kerala High Court also ordered the bishop to be present before the investigating officer once in two weeks. The bishop has also been directed to surrender his passport to the court and he has been forbidden from entering Kerala.

The Kerala police objected to Mulakkal's bail plea inside the court and told the court that the statements of 22 more people need to be recorded in the case.

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Praise the Lord Jesus! Alleluia

If you remain in me and my words remain in you. Then you will ask for anything you wish and you shall have it.

(Jn. 15:7)

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'Thought for the week'

When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see one which has been opened for us.

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Global Warming / Climate Change

By Don Aguiar

The earth and everything on it was going very well till the human race came along. Ice age came followed by great floods, species became extinct, new species were born.

There was a delicate balance between the earth, its environment and the different species, so that only numbers that the earth could sustain remained. The earth is too big and dynamic a force to be changed much by human race. We have a very "human centric" view of the world. The human race will not destroy the earth. The earth will destroy the human race if it gets too big for its boots.

The answer is not vegetarianism or going back to caveman type existence. We were born to be meat eaters. There has always been a balance between carnivores' herbivores trees, plants, bacteria, viruses and all living beings.

But our numbers and our "intelligent" behaviour has put us at risk. The answer is reduction in numbers. And if we don't do that, the earth will. Yes Dr. Ernst Mayr, American biologist viewed human intelligence as a "lethal mutation".

We need the earth. The earth can and will exist without us. We need to look after the environment for our own survival. And the same applies to weather one is a vegetarian or a non-vegetarian. That's a choice we make for our own wellbeing and maybe our religious beliefs.

The burden of over 7.5 million people ravaging planet earth for resources is well understood and documented. However that correction cannot possibly happen in a couple of decades we have if we decide to take no action against greenhouse gas emissions.

The personal and individual responsibilities are not a matter of choice or religion anymore but statements made by scientists backed by facts and trends. 2 degrees Celsius is all we need to wreak havoc... After that, even a half a degree increase will significantly worsen the risks of drought, floods, extreme heat and impoverish hundreds of millions of people and, yes, Mother Nature will take charge if we don't. Studies also show that when this happens the poor or less fortunate of our societies will pay a higher price than those who can and will relocate to safe havens.

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Humans have been around for around one hundredth of one percent (0.01%) of the 4.5 billion years of the planets existence. The previous ages Pleistocene and Holocene have now given way to the Anthropogenic, which defines Earth's most recent geologic time period as being human-influenced or anthropogenic, based on overwhelming global evidence that atmospheric, geologic, hydrologic, biospheric and other earth system processes are now altered by humans.

Climate change is likely to impact natural ecosystems as well as socio-economic systems in India which in turn are likely to affect food production, water supplies, biodiversity and livelihoods.

Summer temperatures could increase by 3 degree Celsius and weather patterns change dramatically, resulting in severe floods washing away farm land, homes, roads and bridges. Other side effects would be poverty, food shortages and increased pollution.

A popular view of climate science deniers based on their biblical notion that man has dominion over the planet - "As a Christian, I believe that there is a creator in God who is much bigger than us and I'm confident that, if there's a real problem, he can take care of it" If this popular view based on biblical notion have them to believe in giving them and others comfort.....

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provided they also use whatever common sense there is to preserve the planet earth and not just leave it to divine intervention. Otherwise paying lip service to religion is fine and dandy, but when the stakes are so high, the politeness is misplaced. The days we predicted would happen in our children's times are happening in our own times now.

Evolutionary theory says the fittest will survive. If we look around us it appears as though the rich and powerful survive better and since their progeny is better endowed and cared for, they too will survive better.

But actually the number of poor impoverished people in the world keeps on increasing at a much faster rate than the numbers of the rich and powerful. It may also be that the poor are busy fending for themselves to be bothered fighting among themselves, while the rich and powerful are constantly trying to pull the other fellow down.

It is believed that the rich and the powerful will surely prevail in the beginning. But when the push comes to shove, when it's a matter of sheer survival, the poor may well have more endurance than those who are comfortably off.

The industrial revolution has allowed mankind to grow, transport and store more food than ever before. But it is shameful that much of the food produced is thrown away unconsumed. We now waste much more food than ever before. BUT NOW Climate changes are likely to affect food production, water supplies, biodiversity and livelihoods.

The average life span of any of the billion species is around 100,000 years. Modern humans have been around for about the same numbers of years. So is another mass extinction about to happen? After the dinosaurs, us? Self-inflicted for sure.

Biologically speaking, those species survive better that are either quick to

mutate (say bacteria) or are painted into some corner of the ecology (like beetles)

But, going up the "intelligence scale" the species do less and less well. So there are more bacteria than insect and more insects than mammals.

Humans with their intelligence, are on top of the heap, so their prospects are sort of bleakest. Of course some may survive (those few with more resources than the billions with less or none) but the survival may not be pleasant but for the rest of their time will be up.

That's why Stephen Hawking and many others (E Musk, et al.) have made the case for repopulating elsewhere.

I personally think that it's a very dangerous endeavour. If we cannot preserve what we already have, we, as a species, do not deserve to exist.

Of course the poor will have zero chance of getting a seat on the flight to Mars except as guinea pigs for the billionaire capitalists and other powerful elite who after rendering the planet unliveable, like rats they start deserting a sinking ship

It is strongly felt that it is us human beings, who require the earth. And therefore we need to strive to prevent us from making it uninhabitable for us.

It is felt that we can achieve this if we take the threat to our survival very seriously. And hope shouldn't be lost because we have the intelligence to preserve mother earth (for our own survival). We just have to take the whole issue very seriously. And I think we will.

Otherwise Nature will plan destruction of Humanity if nature feels that humanity is unable to sync with it. AND before it is too late and lost... we start cleaning out the Barrels/Casks/Vats of Malts, Wine... Etc. Good liquor is Bad Thing to Waste. So let's toast to the fine memories of life and let Nature Do what Nature Does.



Pope blames the devil

Pope Francis in a recent statement, has blamed the devil for the spate of sexual-abuse cases by priests and bishops all over the world, which have brought shame and scandal to the Catholic church. But more than blaming the devil, it is the disciples of Satan in the guise of a few priests and bishops who are responsible for their misdeeds and cover-ups that have undermined the Catholic church. The abuses were both criminal and morally reprehensible. They were betrayals of trust that robbed the victims of their dignity and faith. Not long back it was pope Paul VI who also lamented that the "smoke of Satan" had entered the church, after some drastic changes were made in the liturgy of the new mass after Vatican II. It is therefore important for Pope Francis to purge the church of these Satanic forces. Bishops should be made responsible just as priests are held accountable. Prayer and fasting called for by the pope should go hand in hand with tough measures that are transparent. For too long we have lived with these acts of abomination in the name of religion. It is now time to act.

—A. F. Nazareth, *Alto porvorim*.

Latin mass celebration

This is with reference to the article 'A personal parish for Latin mass' by Prof. Robert Castellino (Secular Citizen, Oct. 8-14). It is a good idea to have a personal parish for Latin mass goers, who find more spiritual satisfaction 'the old Latin way'. However, it is unfortunate that the traditionalists celebrating the Old Latin mass of St.

Pius V still hold on to their belief that the 'New Order Mass' is an altered form of consecration which renders the sacrifice and sacrament invalid. Consequently, all Catholics attending the new order mass of Pope Paul VI, only worship ordinary bread and wine instead of the real presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. On the other hand, no matter what Pope Paul VI might have said or done contrary to that of Pope Pius V, he has neither officially abolished nor forbidden the traditional Latin mass which is still valid today.

—A. F. Nazareth, *Alto porvorim*

MASS SUICIDE PROPOSED AT SABARIMALA

It has been widely reported that the Kerala unit of the Shiv Sena [SS] has threatened to position suicide squads at various entry points to the Sabarimala Temple to ensure that the temple is not desecrated with the entry of females in the age group of 10 to 50 years.

This is the stuff real news is made of and the SS would be doing itself a great favour by having suicide squads formed right across the country to protest the entry by the 10-50 year-age female population even as the Pirayi Government in Kerala gears up to ensure that the verdict of the Supreme Court [SC] on the issue is observed fearlessly.

If the SC verdict is in reality honoured in letter and spirit, the SS is likely to decimate itself at the altar of suicide. Perhaps other like-minded parties and individuals could join in to make the protest more effective. Could there be anything better or more appealing? Governments at the

Centre and in every state across the country would do well to offer mass cremation free of cost to all such suicides.

Let's all hope the threat does indeed come to fruition.....

—Ladislau Louis D'Souza,

Me too?

We all respect to women, we must give a serious thought to these comments from a writer-I think Geetanjali Arora on 'me too'...

She says, "... You do me favors, I do you favors, 30 years later let's call it 'me too'...!"

A strong woman does not wait 30, 20, 10 years to speak up; she slaps him on the first 'bad touch' and knocks him out.

Don't hide your weakness. The favors in returns that you enjoyed and the work you got by "I was too scared" cry now?

You were scared to say NO then because it was hard to stand up for what was right and you were scared to lose your status and position in the work place, so YOU **CHOSE** to accept the molestation and went back for more!

It's very easy to play the 'abala nari' card later and gain sympathy.

The Shakti does not wait for a later date to speak up; she silences the evil on spot.

My thoughts on this nonsense of 'me too'. I don't have 'me too' stories. Anyone who tried got a tight slap then and there and I was never afraid to walk out with my head held high - be it in a job or relationship.

"Strong women don't have 'me too' sob stories. They only have - 'slapped him back' short essays!"

I think Vishakha law gives the same Mantra to women, right?.

— Fr. Michael G,
St. Paul Church, Nanbhat, Vasai

Rosario Cathedral feast celebrated in solemn grandeur, October 7.

—Ivan Saldanha-Shet.M'luru.

The Rosario parish celebrated its patronal feast on October 7, amidst pomp and devotion. This year marks the year of the Rosary as well as 450 years of its founding in 1568. The Jubilee grand finale is set to be celebrated before the year ends. The solemn festival mass was celebrated at 8 am, by the emeritus bishop Rev. Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza assisted by Rev. Maxim Noronha the Vicar General of the diocese. The new Bishop Rev. Dr. Peter Paul Saldanha is on a mission in Rome and could not be present. Rev. J B Crasta, Rector, the chief architect of all these celebrations with the priests of the parish concelebrated the mass. Over 2000 parishioners graced the occasion with all devotion and the enthusiasm visibly at a peak.

The main celebrant of the mass, the emeritus bishop in his homily brought out the ethos of the 450 years of Catholicism in the region. He said that the LORD's gaze fell on the virgin Mary and he decided to make her His mother and be born on earth to save the human kind who had fallen into sin. After accomplishing His mission on earth and just before dying on the cross, He saw his mother in grief and to relieve her of the sufferings He made her mother of His followers then and for all future time. 450 years ago the church arrived through the Portuguese with Konkani Catholics from Goa at Bolar. These Goans had a great attachment to Mother Mary and they brought the devotion to Mangalore, and today it has spread all over the region. This was made possible by the folklore in ancient Konkani by word of mouth by reciting 'Gumtam Podam', using a pot to give a beat and timing. Reciting 15 decades of the Rosary, brings into sight the sum-

mary of the Lord's life. The family is the basic cradle of all good in society and must have the fear of God at all times.



After the mass there was a general fellowship with all present and the festive arrangements brought out the human concern and care from all present. In the evening at the cultural hall, there were children and adult competitions which were very professional and even the judging was by experienced professionals in the field. A special humorous play in Konkani - 'Sorr Sargaar' (Thief in Heaven) by artists of the Parish which thrilled the huge gathering present. The Rosario Youth Movement (RYM) was instrumental in organizing this memorable evening enjoyed by many. Indeed the occasion helped to foster a better bonding and recognition among the parish members.



Michelle Obama's Foresight – 'GlobalGirls'

Michelle Obama, former first lady of the United States, observed and expressed – (some excerpts):

"I visited a high school in Unification Town, a small village outside Liberia's capital city of Monrovia. There is a promise expressed inside each of these young girls – They show up enthusiastically even after walking for miles, or waking up early, in order to earn some extra pocket money, to help pay their school fees. They show up even if they are pressured to marry as adolescents."

"Today, more than 98 million adolescent girls are not in school. The reasons are many, including scarce resources, early pregnancies, dangerous commutes and threats of violence."

"That is why today (11 October), on the International day of the Girl, I'm proud to announce the Obama Foundation's launch of the Global Girls Alliance! We are seeking to empower adolescent girls through 'education', so that they can support their families, communities and countries."

"The evidence is clear – Girls who attend secondary school earn higher salaries, have lower infant and maternal mortality rates, and are less likely to contract malaria and HIV."

"Global Girls Alliance offers scholarships, promotes mentorship programs, and prepares girls to become entrepreneurs ... We've partnered with GoFundMe to create a new social fund raising platform at GlobalGirlsAlliance.org/donate – where anyone can finance girls in places like India, Guatemala and Uganda."

As one girl boldly commented: "If we are educated, the nation will be educated!" The Good Word compliments: "Give her credit for all she does. She deserves the respect of everyone" (Proverbs 31:31).

—Dr. Hazel Colaso,
Memphis, TN. USA.

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Bishop Franco Mulakkal, accused of raping a nun belonging to the Missionaries of Jesus congregation in Kottayam, was arrested on September 21. The Bishop was arrested from the Thripunithura Crime Branch Police Station after a three-day interrogation. On September 24, the Bishop filed an application seeking bail when he was produced in Pala Judicial Magistrate Court, which was rejected by the magistrate.

The Kerala High Court had rejected the bail plea of bishop Franco Mulakkal in the Kerala nun rape case. The court rejected the plea on the grounds that there is prima facie evidence against the bishop.

The Bishop of Jalandhar has been accused of raping a 44-year-old nun multiple times between 2014 and 2016.

Two months after the survivor lodged a complaint, five nuns from the convent — Anupama, Josephine, Neena Rose and Anaitha – protested in front of the Kerala high court alleging inaction by the police. This sparked outrage across the state, exerting pressure on Kerala police, who then issued summons to the bishop, asking him to appear for questioning on September 19.

A day before his arrest, the Apostolic Nunciature to India accepted Franco Mulakkal's request to be relieved of his religious duties temporarily. Pope Francis also appointed the Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Bombay to take over the duties.

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Big Foot Cross museum which houses 1602 crosses from the world over



The newly renovated Big Foot Cross museum which houses 1602 crosses from the world over was blessed and re-opened to the public on the day of the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, 13 October 2018. This impressive collection is classified into over 98 genres of crosses, which are categorized by the distinct style of the cross. The latest feature of the museum, a unique cross dedicated to San Damiano from Assisi, Italy, was unveiled by Jolaine De Souza, a lecturer at the Fr. Agnel college of Arts and Commerce, Pillar. The new streamlined plan of the museum allows the viewer unrestricted observational access and allows for seamless view of the various crosses on display

Felicitation for Kota born achievers



Catholic Sabha Kota Parish Unit felicitated on Sunday 7th October, 2018 two residents of Kota for their proud achievement. One was Sri Kota Srinivasa Poojary, a BJP MLC in Karnataka Legislative Assembly who was made recently Leader of Opposition in the Upper House. A second achiever was Sri Alwyn Quadros, who was elected as the President of Central Council of Catholic Sabha, Udupi Pradesh in June 2018.

Around 150 citizens, Hindus, Muslims and Christians, of Kota gathered at the Kota Church premises and appreciated the achievements of these two gentle-

men. Rev. Dr. A. D'Lima, Parish Priest of Kota honoured them with garlanding and presenting shawl, peta, fruits and a felicitation letter. Smt. Juliana D'Souza, Vice President of the Parish, Sri Michael Pinto, President Kundapur Varado Unit of Catholic Sabha, Smt. Vanitha Achary, President of Kota Panchayat were present on the dais. Sri Harold Fernandes, President of the Kota Unit of Catholic Sabha presided.

In the beginning, Sri Valearian Menezes explained the purpose of the meet. Smt. Saira Quadros proposed vote of thanks. Smt. Nora D'Souza and Kum. Janice Rodrigues compered.

WHETHER THE CONGRESS PARTY IN PARTICULAR AND THE OTHER REGIONAL PARTIES WHO ARE OPPOSING THE BJP/RSS COMBINE ALONG WITH THE OTHER NDA PARTIES, SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THE WESTPHALIAN MOMENT?

by Eric D'Sa

Most people reading this article and seeing the above picture will recall the Karnataka moment which is popularly known in Europe as the Westphalian moment. For those who do not know what that term denotes and especially us Christians living in India, it would be in order worth reflecting on that one moment that occurred as far back as 1648. Suffice it to say, the Treaties of Westphalia ushered in a balance between states in central Europe which had, until that watershed accord, been dominated by the Holy Roman Empire with the Habsburgs and their Catholic allies on one side and Europe's Protestant nations and France (Catholic but anti-Habsburg) on the other. The Protestant states of Europe such as the Swedish, Danish and the Dutch fought Rome gallantly for thirty years, but the tide turned only when France, though Catholic, joined the war on the Protestants' side, altering the war's destiny.

Westphalia has its critics, who point to the risks of territoriality stemming from geopolitical autonomy, but it has, nonetheless, become a metaphor, a by-word for smaller entities coming together to resist the might of the physically and militarily large, the technologically and financially preponderant and the politically dominant. Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger put it succinctly, when he described the Westphalian viewpoint as "checking each other's ambitions through a general equilibrium of power" No analogies are perfect, no metaphors fit like a glove but post-Karnataka India, in 2018, shows unmistakable signs of a Westphalian moment — its fragilities and possibilities, both.

The BJP, ruling at the Centre and in

a majority of the States, is not unlike the Holy Roman Empire of 1648. And the Congress, the second largest national party, is like France, bigger than 'the rest' but capable of giving moral and material support to them and, in a way, leading them to discover, to quote Mr. Kissinger again, "a practical accommodation to reality, not a unique moral insight". To offer the Holy Roman Empire of India, 2018, a defining



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knock-out blow, the Congress needs to discover within itself the France of 1648, convert its sense of bigness into big sharing, big giving, big leading and – big-time self-forgetting, big-time self-restraining. Without Sweden, Denmark and the Dutch in tow, France could not have taken on the Holy Roman Empire and the Habsburgs. Without the regional parties, the Indian National Congress cannot take on the BJP/RSS.

If in the State Assembly elections that have just been calendared, the Congress shows a "practical accommodation to reality", then the possibility of the gesture being reciprocated by the regional parties and by India's Left, never to be discounted either for its ideological voltage or its numerical increment, in 2019 gets enhanced. And this cannot but lead to "a new equilibrium" and a new impulse to federal and republican nostrums, so rudely staunch by the NDA government. The Congress must take that call as soon as possible.

So, does that mean that the Congress does all the giving and the regional

parties all the taking? It cannot, not in Westphalian terminology. Regional parties have to know that the Indian voter has shown a power of discrimination that calibrates choices, voting in a particular way for the State and in another way for the Centre. That highly intelligent voter must be given the choice and the chance to vote simultaneously for federalism within the State and democracy at the Centre. And that choice and chance can be given to the voter only if the Congress and the other Opposition parties come together in a pre-poll alliance.

If they does not have such an alliance and the democratic vote gets splintered, plain arithmetic tells us that the chance of majoritarianism getting the better of democracy will heighten. And even if the Congress 'here' and a regional party 'there' were to emerge as the single largest party and manage to form a government, that victory will be pyrrhic, for the 'Holy Roman Empire' would have prevailed over the scattered states of our 'Europe'. The NDA, back at the Centre in 2019, will take little time to reduce the regional parties and the Congress to abject, minor entities.

The writing is on the wall. Its Westphalian moment must be seen and grasped by India's democratic Opposition. We the Citizens can only hope they do so for our democracy and pluralistic society!

WE TOO - HUM BHI!

The “Me Too” moment seems to have arrived in India, with long suppressed secrets of sexual harassment tumbling out of the dark recesses of memory, to shame and shock the mighty – be they journalists, actors, sportspersons or politicians. Some would have us believe that the Catholic Church in India has also experienced its Me Too moment; with the arrest of Sriman Franco Mulakkal (I would rather not address him as bishop).

The parallels between Franco and MJ Akbar, Minister of State for External Affairs, are quite easily drawn. I have never met Franco, but I did meet Akbar at a party thrown by an office colleague at his flat at Pedder Road, Bombay in 1972. At the time he was probably with the Illustrated Weekly of India when that other self-confessed dirty old man, Khushwant Singh, was the editor. It is too long ago for me to recall if there was anything to cause a Me Too moment at that party.

The comparison between Franco and Akbar, however, is not to do with their partying, but with their response to the accusations levelled against them. Both are powerful men. Both have been accused of abusing their positions of authority to sexually harass helpless women under their control. Both have denied the accusations, despite prima facie evidence, and both believe in attack as the best form of defence. So both did not deem it fit to resign on moral grounds. Rather they went on the legal offensive against their relatively weak accusers. Franco orchestrated support for himself, and by the time this appears in print, it is highly probable that Akbar will follow suit. In both cases the powers that be chose to maintain a deafening silence; that can only be interpreted as tacit support for, or a cover up of, the alleged misdeeds of the accused persons, thereby making them partners in crime.

I have a query here. Will Me Too be a moment, as portrayed by the media, or a movement? A moment is a flash in the pan, come and gone in the blinking of an eye, vanishing like an early morning dew drop in the harsh glare of the sun? A movement on the other hand is a sustained force, that has an element of continuity.

In the case of the Catholic Church in India, the Franco fiasco has resulted in a moment, but certainly not a movement; because no other victim has come out to level similar accusations, despite many claims that the problem of sexual harassment of religious sisters is endemic. The polemical question therefore remains. Is this just a flash in the pan that will soon fade from public memory, like the Abhaya case, also in Kerala, years ago?



by chhotebhai *

Me Too, by its very definition, is about an individual. We Too (Hum Bhi in Hindi) is, in contrast, a collective expression. Me Too may be an unsustainable moment, but We Too has the potential of being a sustainable movement. In the context of the Church in India, We Too would not be about a personal thing like sexual harassment. It would, instead, be a collective expression of anguish, and frustration against acts of both commission and omission.

This sense of frustration was accentuated by the recent Franco Fiasco. The cover up, the obfuscation, the self-justification, the tacit support for the accused rather than for the alleged victim, the suppression of news in the hierarchically controlled media; all raise the banner of revolt at the deafening silence or complicity of the CBCI. The only redeeming grace was the intervention of Cardinal Oswald Gracias and the subsequent very frank admission by the archbishop of Faridabad.

Not just the CBCI, all other recognised national Catholic organisations like the CRI, NCCI, CPCI, AICU, NCCWI, ICPA etc remained mute spectators, lending credence to the belief that they are mere lapdogs, not watchdogs.

But nature abhors a vacuum. So somebody, somewhere, must step in to bridge the gap or stem the rot. For the last four years, since the abysmal failure of the Indian bishops' preparations for the Synod of the Family (a damp squib), I have been restless over the need to bring like minded people together on a common platform; to express the unspoken needs of the church. Two years ago I had met Swami Sachidananda Bharati, aka Airforce Baba, a former IAF officer who has dedicated his life to reform in Indian society and renewal in the church. We collaborated for a Peace Seminar held in New Delhi earlier this year. We are now planning a gathering of concerned persons in February 2019.

Details of the venue, dates, costs etc are being worked out and will be made public as soon as they are finalised. The General Elections are also not far away, and their outcome would have serious ramifications for the Christian community in India, necessitating a We Too movement. Our presence in the mainstream print, electronic and social media is also limited. Our “spokespersons”, like those of political parties, tend to defend the indefensible, or are looking over their shoulders for a pat from their hierarchical bosses. How much longer can we remain mute spectators to these “developments” or lack of them?

Was it Martin Luther King Jr who had famously said that “It is not the deafening sound of the wicked that agitates me, but the deafening silence of the good people”? The word of God addressed to two Major Prophets has always spurred me to action. God says to Ezekiel:

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"I have appointed you as a watchman for the house of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them for me. If I say to someone wicked, Evil doer you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked person to renounce such ways, the wicked person will die for this guilt, but I shall hold you responsible for the death. If, however, you do warn someone wicked to renounce such ways and repent, then the culprit will die for this guilt, but you yourself will have saved your life" (Ez 33:7-9). So silence is both an act of acquiescence and culpability.

The call of Jeremiah is even more strident, "I have put my words in your mouth. Look, today I have set you over the nations and kingdoms, to uproot and to knock down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant" (Jer 1:10).

Jesus' advice to Nicodemus is also most apt. "The wind blows where it pleases, you can hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (Jn 3:8). When Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council he called for a new Pentecost, a new spring in the church.

In north India, where I live, spring is the time when several trees shed their leaves. Both Jesus and Pope John XXIII would have been familiar with nature. Without a strong wind the old leaves cannot fall, and unless that happens new leaves cannot spring forth. So we do need a gale force wind in the musty corridors of the church, to remove the spent forces like dead leaves, and to breathe new life into the church. Else it will end up as deadwood, as evidenced all across Europe.

I may here add that seeking the cleansing and renewal of the church can in no way be perceived as being anti-church. As I had said in a previous article, we should be pro veritas, pro caritas, pro ecclesia.

Among the topics that We Too

' Scrap priestly celibacy '

With reference to CHHOTEBHAI's article titled : The Catholic Debate in THE SECULAR CITIZEN dated 15-21 October 2018 priestly celibacy is based on the principal that man cannot have two masters but it is not a divine law and must be made optional because its continuance is preventing the ecumenical unity of different churches from taking place.

Partial celibacy where the priests do not have to observe celibacy but bishops of some rites of the Catholic

Church are required to observe celibacy must also be abolished permanently.

Pope Francis's proposal to ordain married men to the priesthood in areas where very few Roman Catholic priests exists is a good and an extremely welcome proposal but it must be passed by a church synod to be adopted.

But before permanently abolishing celibacy which is bound to be a slow and difficult process pedophilia and other sexual evils like illegitimate children of priests and nuns etc must be thoroughly identified and curbed effectively and definitely no gays and occult members must be allowed to become priests and no lesbians and occult members must be allowed to become nuns and the church must not tolerate gay and lesbian marriages and allow them to adopt children when celibacy is permanently abolished church property must not be allowed to be misused and usurped by married priests who preferably must have houses of their own away from the church.

It is thus very important for celibate priests and noncelibate priests in the future to provide a good spiritual leadership for the church to help it grow properly and thus inspire good people to join it and thereby increase the popularity of the church.

—Peter Castelino

hopes to address are:

1. What happened to Vatican II? – the non-implementation of its far reaching reforms.
2. Participatory structures in the Church – another glaring act of omission regarding pastoral councils, finance committees, Catholic Associations etc, as already provided for in Canon Law.
3. The status of women in the church – not just post Franco
4. Crisis management – totally lacking today
5. Towards an Indian Church – the need to be rooted in the local culture and ethos.
6. Evangelisation & Conversions – their relevance and controversies that surround it
7. Contemporary Politics – what is our considered response?
8. The role of the Catholic media – expression and suppression in the print, electronic and social media.
9. Our Collective Response – do we need a WE TOO MOVEMENT?

Those who broadly share these concerns and are interested in participating in this initiative (laity, priests, religious and bishops) may kindly contact Swami Sachidananda Bharati at swamisachidananda@gmail.com phone nos 8281874941/ 7709796805; or this writer at noronha.kp@gmail.com phone no 9415130822.

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Oops! UP's predator Cops

Undoubtedly, the murder of Techie Vivek Tiwari in UP pushed the Yogi government into a corner and it could take some efforts to convince the people that it was simply a case of overzealous cops acting beyond their brief. Did the cops on patrol duty not realize that the victim was not a goon? Did he look like a member of the minority community? It gives a feeling that the two cops on bike, on a lonely road in the early hours, saw this as an opportunity to extract money. Being with a female at odd hours, the cops perhaps thought that they could possibly blackmail him and make a tidy sum for 'letting' them go. The man did not stop. Were the cops furious having lost an opportunity and they did what they did. Shot the victim dead – what a tragedy! They tried to tamper with the evidence to make it look like an accident and also did not allow the survivor to seek assistance, diluted the FIR and the entire police establishment helped the culprits and even sported black bands, which is also a tragedy.

What followed was worse. Realizing that the victim was a Brahmin, Yogi sends his deputy and then a top BJP leader to meet the victim's wife, hurriedly declares a financial package and a job for her – a desperate attempt to curb public outcry. This episode has shaken the conscience of the entire country and perhaps beyond the international borders. Ever since the BJP came to power with a thumping majority the government led by a God-man saw this as an opportunity to go all out to curtail lawlessness and started demolishing illegal slaughter houses on day one itself. This showed his intent and the larger agenda in the name of law and order. This pleased the majority community and the government saw it as an endorsement of its mission which had communal overtones. The aim was to stifle the voice of the minorities and weaken their voices against the possible imposition of a solution to the Ayodhya dispute.

In the name of eliminating the anti-social elements the government gave enormous powers to the Police force to target selected elements which unfortunately covered those from the minority community and those belonging to the lower castes. With some 50 odd encounters in a short span many eyebrows were raised by activists accusing

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the Police of manslaughter in the name of law and order. Public reactions were understandably muted but the larger segment of Indian society saw this as a well planned strategy on the lines of the Punjab pattern at the height of the insurgency and demand for Khalistan. No such situation exists in UP and therefore this exercise is viewed as ethnic cleansing of sorts. This blanket permit to the entire Police force encouraged them to take the law in their own hands and kill anybody at will. If you dare to hop [out of your house late at night] you could face a cop and be ready to drop [dead] – that is the message the Police Force is giving selected UPites. When you give too much of space to the Police just as Pak has given to its army, it will backfire at some point of time.

As many as 13 BJP MLAs write to the CM, Balraj Mishra joins in to protest on the killing of a Brahmin. The extraordinary speed with which the CM announced the financial package also has something to do with this. One is reminded of the fact that in Kashmir the moment a civilian is killed [in cross fire] by the security forces, there is complete shutdown in protest by the separatists. There is hue and cry and it goes on for days. But when militants slaughter women and children, the same Hurriyyat leaders are quiet signifying their support. The situation in UP is akin to that of Kashmir. When scores of so called anti-social elements [non Brahmins non Rajput] are shot dead in fake encounters, there is complete silence but when the likes of Vivek are killed there is disproportionate reaction from the ruling class there. Surprisingly, Rajnath Singh the Home Minister has not 'asked' for a report. Then the BJP tells the opposition parties not to politicize the issue but BJP can communalize it. Acche din these!

God's chosen few?

The rich and famous have numerous ways in which they like to flaunt their wealth. They enjoy their lives to the fullest for their own satisfaction or to show the outside world. This they do during their life time much to the awe of those around and that perhaps gives them that satisfaction and fulfillment. But when you want to extend this ostentation to life after death, it raises eyebrows. The ultra rich now plan their funerals well in



by Marshall Sequeira

advance and decide whether his or her coffin [gold plated costing as much as a whopping \$60,000] should be horse driven or Rolls Royce driven to exotic locales with family members and chosen few friends by invitation. Choicest flowers from distant lands are flown for the big occasion in private jets serenaded by Gospel music. The cortege may comprise of array of limousines and even private jets to fly the chosen few who are special invitees for the big occasion. What a send off!

That is not all. Some of them opt for the short cut to meet his or her Maker. They want to be buried in Church Crypts which surprisingly are being sold by the Churches. It may shock a few people to know that if you have the money you can choose to be laid in the Crypt in St Patrick's old Cathedral at a whopping cost of seven million dollars which works out to about Rs 50 crores and this Crypt can hold nine such coffins. Should the Church be a party to such open show of wealth even if those who wish to be laid there can afford it? This is a sad commentary on the simplicity that the Church teaches the faithful.

I wonder if you are buried in a Crypt you get special indulgence - a fast track visa to Heaven. Such places are reserved for high Church Officials who die during their tenure in office. A couple of cases in Mumbai are those of late Valerian Cardinal Gracias who was buried in Holy Name Cathedral in Colaba in 1978 and late Fr Aurelius Maschio who was laid to rest in Don Bosco Shrine in Mumbai in 1996. Both were deserving cases for their immense contribution to the Church and humanity. But it is disgusting that the Church should indulge in commercial deals for the sake of money whatever the end use. Such ostentation goes against the very tenets of Catholicity and therefore should be shunned by the Church just as it did away with the concept of a High Mass and a Low Mass for obvious reasons.

ROMERO: Saint For Our Times

On Sunday 14 October, Pope Francis will canonize seven women and men as saints of the Catholic Church. Each of these have proved outstanding in holiness and contributed in significant ways to help make our world a better place.

One new Saint, who will truly be celebrated by several, particularly by the poor and oppressed, is Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador. Even in his lifetime, several of his own revered Romero. On 24 March 1980, he was brutally assassinated whilst celebrating the Eucharist in San Salvador. He was an outspoken critic of his Government, the military and of the other right wing elements of his country, for their continued oppression and exploitation of the poor. There has never been any doubt about who was responsible for his death. In his martyrdom, he became an immediate 'Saint' for millions. As he receives the official 'halo' from the Catholic Church, Romero is today remembered in many ways!

Romero was primarily a pastor. A true shepherd, who in the words of Pope Francis "smelled of the sheep", He was there in the midst of his people, accompanying them, sharing their struggles. He writes in his diary, *"Between the powerful and the wealthy, and the poor and vulnerable, who should a pastor side with? I have no doubts. A pastor should stay with his people."* He practised what he preached. Priesthood today is challenged as never before; the role of the Bishops is questioned; some have abdicated their role and responsibility as pastors.

As a young priest and in his early years as Bishop, Romero was known for being a 'conservative'; he was afraid to rock the boat and preferred to maintain the 'status quo'. He never wanted to be on the wrong side of the powerful of El Salvador. Jesuit

Fr. Rutilio Grande, was however a good friend of Romero. Grande left no stone unturned to highlight the plight of the poor and the oppressed and to make their struggles his own. Unlike Romero, Grande did not hesitate to take up cudgels against the powerful of his land.

On 12 March 1977, Grande was killed by the regime. Just three weeks earlier, Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador. Grande's death came as a terrible shock to Romero. Presiding over the funeral Mass, Romero said, *"The government should not consider a priest who takes a stand for social justice as a politician or a subversive element when he is fulfilling his mission in the politics of the common good."* He also said openly and emphatically, *"Anyone who attacks one of my priests, attacks me. If they killed Rutilio for doing what he did, then I too have to walk the same path"*. The death of his dear friend was a turning point in the life of Romero. From that day onwards, he wholeheartedly worked for the rights of the poor, until his own murder, three years later.



BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH SJ

Romero was essentially a prophet. He was not afraid to denounce the unjust and dehumanizing systems of his country. His sermons, demanding social justice for poor people and excoriating politicians and military leaders, reached hundreds of thousands of people via radio broadcasts. On 23 March 1980, the day before he was killed Archbishop Romero delivered a now-famous homily ordering soldiers to stop killing their own fellow citizens. *"It is time to regain your conscience. In the name of God and the name of the suffering people, I implore you, I beg you, I order you, stop the repression!"*

Archbishop Romero was beatified in San Salvador, on 23 May 2015 in the midst of hundreds of thousands from

his native land. In a message on the day of his beatification, Pope Francis said, *"The beatification ... is a cause of great joy for Salvadorans and for those of us who rejoice at the example of the*



greatest children of the church. Monsignor Romero, who built peace from the strength of love, gave testimony of the faith with his life, committed to the very end." So much of Romero -- his courage, his language, his praxis and passion for the poor -- are very visible in the words and deeds of Pope Francis, and deeply reflected in 'Gaudete et Exsultate,' with its central focus on the beatitudes.

The canonization of Romero comes as a fresh impetus, for priests and bishops, to recommit themselves to the pastoral and prophetic dimensions of their priesthood. Sadly, a large number of the clergy are identified today with the powerful and the privileged; ensconced in their comfort zones; afraid to take sides with the poor and the oppressed. Romero reminds us, *"A church that suffers no persecution but enjoys the privileges and support of the things of the earth - beware! - is not the true church of Jesus Christ. A preaching that does not point out sin is not the preaching of the gospel. A preaching that makes sinners feel good, so that they are secured in their sinful state, betrays the gospel's call"*.

We desperately need to emulate Romero today. Untruth and injustice,

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You need to speak up for yourself

HOW MANY TIMES have you said 'yes' when you really wanted to say 'no'? What about the times you've compliantly accepted a 'no' from somebody when everything inside you screamed, 'Speak up and get a yes?' How about the times you've wanted to shout, 'This is what I want' but stifled it and kept quiet? Learning how to speak up for yourself is an important part of growing up. Your voice and opinions matter!

We all want to belong and the best way to belong is to make sure everyone else likes us. But even in the most strict societies, there are always groups that aren't afraid to speak up. They think differently, believe differently and want different things. It's the actions of these groups that often prompt change in the bigger society. Sure, there is some risk when we decide to speak up for ourselves but if we want to be truly happy and live our best life, that risk is worth taking. Here are some times speaking up for yourself is worth the risk.

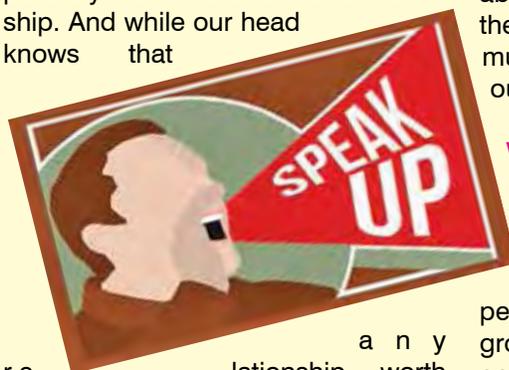
When your success is at stake:

Successful people challenge the norm, question the status quo and create their own rules. They do it respectfully but they refuse to be categorised because they are too busy creating their own category. Success means different things to different people but one thing successful people have in common is they broke away from the crowd, took a risk and persevered. They believed so strongly in their mission that they were able to put aside the naysayers and step into their truth. Successful people at some point in their journey had to

trust enough to go against the grain.

When your beliefs are questioned:

When we begin to speak up for ourselves and live from our truth, it becomes clear who around us has similar values and who doesn't. Initially, maintaining these relationships can be challenging because we want to share our beliefs with the people close to us. It is not uncommon for others to show a disinterest in being exposed to new points of view. Stepping away from the crowd and their combined beliefs is hard to do because it can possibly mean the end of a relationship. And while our head knows that



any relationship worth having supports our values, our heart has a hard time letting go.

It's those first steps away from the crowd that will allow you to attract people who are like-minded and share in your values and beliefs.

When it prevents you from learning:

Being comfortable and content in your life and with your friends can end up dampening your curiosity. Without curiosity, our natural quest for learning subsides. The problem lies in the fact that we like to learn with others around you aren't interested, it is necessary to forge a learning path on your own. Learning is important for our continued personal growth and evolution. Once we make the commitment to honor our natural curiosity, we will often find others that are walking the same path. It is rare that an individual learning quest stays solitary for long but taking those first steps against the fray will open new doors.

When you are at risk of stifling your

creativity:

Thinking like everyone else restricts the creative energy from flowing freely. In fact, there are studies that show existing knowledge can block creativity. When we so closely linked with it, we will find ourselves searching for inspiration. And that inspiration often comes at the hand of something new. That is why stepping out of our comfort zone is great for generating new ideas and new thought. Stepping out of our comfort zone, however, is scary because it is going against what we know and what is comfortable. Our source of creativity lies in the unknown and to get there we must not be afraid to speak up for ourselves.

When your gut tells you to:

If we are truly following our intuition and listening to our gut then we'll know when it's time to speak up for yourself. This usually happens when we have seen personal growth that has led us down a different path than the crowd. The crowd as a collective may not be serving your needs any longer and your intuition is often the first to enlighten you.

HOW AND WHEN TO SPEAK

It can be tricky to know when the best time is to speak up for yourself. For instance, should you speak to a teacher privately or raise your hand in front of the classroom? Learning how to speak up can change your life in a very positive way.

Clear your energy bank:

Free your mind of negativity, so that it's a clean channel from which to send forth desires. Clear negative thoughts using meditation, yoga, Tai Chi or other forms of energy cleansing practices.

Gain clarity:

When you send a vague communication, you can expect to receive an equally indistinct response. Perfect the wording of your request so that it reflects exactly what you want.

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divisiveness and discrimination are rampant everywhere. Several political, business and even so-called 'religious' leaders use hate, exclusivism and xenophobia to nurture their lust for power and greed for wealth. Truth and Justice in several countries of the world are disregarded. Hardly any attention is paid to the victims of crime and violence – particularly the institutionalized ones. The poor continue to be the victims of unjust structures everywhere. Romero lived his vocation to the fullest, "You have heard in Christ's Gospel that one must not love oneself so much as to avoid getting involved in the risks of life that history demands of us... whoever out of love for Christ gives themselves to the service of others will live".

Oscar Romero is truly a saint for our times! Let us celebrate him! Let us follow his example!

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Konkani Sahity Manch

Four Konkani poets recited their poems at the Sahity Academy Sabhagriha at Dadar East on 12th October 2018. They include Ms Philomena Sanfrancisco, Hilary D'Silva, Vally Quadros-Ajekar and Neri Nazreth.

Konkani literature expert Chandrashekar Shenoi presided over the event and spoke on Konkani Poetry in the modern world.

The meet was attended by Konkani lovers of Mumbai and enjoyed recitation of poetry on current topic.



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The Seal Of Confession Is Inviolable



BY MELVYN BROWN

To make a good Confession the penitent has to be truly sorry for the sin committed with full knowledge and concern. There are no half measures about going to Confession, to confess with intent to hide the truth in the mistaken belief, that only God will know and the priest in the confessional will not be aware of the hidden and real fact. Within the confines of this article I will make a small effort to explain the Sacrament of Penance.

Regarding the Sacrament of penance, which is hard to generalize, especially with talks on Confession and its sacramental seal; I will begin with the statement made by Mgr. Krzysztof Nykiel, who is regent of the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court, says, for the Church the seal of Confession is far more than just keeping a secret between parishioner and priest. I quote his words: "The seal of Confession is so sacred that a priest would be automatically excommunicated under Canon Law for directly revealing the contents of a Confession".

Relating to the matter of 'openness' the Sacramental Seal is absolutely inviolable and does not have room for exceptions, even if the intention is to prevent an imminent evil or serious crime. It is said, only God can open and reveal the secret that the seal encloses.

Not even the death of the penitent can release the confessor from the obligation to maintain the seal. The secret of the confession remains closed.

When a priest hears confession he does it exclusively in the name and place of God, not of himself.

The Sacrament of Penance:

After confession the priest decides

with God's grace the penance to be given. "Those who approach the sacrament of penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offence committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example and by prayer labors for their conversion". (CCC 1422. Article 4).

In 1953, I saw the Hollywood film 'I Confess' directed by Alfred Hitchcock. The part of the priest was played by Montgomery Cliff. The movie begins when a man rushes into the church and goes to the

confessional box where a priest in white cassock hears the man's confession. The man, with blood-soaked hands, slyly wipes the blood on the priest's cassock and dashes out of the church. The police come inside the church and finding the blood stains on his cassock, arrests him. The confessor could not break the seal of Confession.....

Confessors are ministers of mercy. In the confessional the priest acts as a channel of God's mercy. Therefore, the confessor studies the penitent's attitude and expressions to understand how to distinguish the sin; mortal, venial and to know the proper Sacramental Penance to give.

Holy Mother the Church imposes the toughest Canonical punishment if a confessor breaks the seal and secret of the penitent.

Catholic theology created the name



'Seal of Confession' as an obligation for all priests to keep what had been revealed a secret.

There is no reason to overemphasize the confessors' part to always maintain the seal of Confession faithfully, or else be excommunicated. (Canon 1388).

In the confessional the priest informs the penitent to make an act of contrition, examine his conscience and to ask God for forgiveness.

Finally, the priest should make an effort to help the penitent feel glad on leaving the confessional, and to pray as the psalmist did : "What shall I render to the Lord for all He has given me?"

It is a Mad Mad World

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It is also a glad glad world

There is a word Tact, it is nice to reflect through Christian Perspectives: CHRISTIAN T. A. C. T.

Tact - acute sensitivity to what is proper and appropriate in dealing with others, including the ability to speak or act without offending.

FOUR MARKS OF CHRISTIAN TACT: Tolerance, Acceptance, Compassion and Tenacity.

Tolerance: Tolerance of those with whom we may disagree. Tolerance is the capacity for or the practice of recognizing and respecting the beliefs or practices of others. "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." (Mk 9:39). S. Radhakrishnan defines Tolerance as the homage paid by the finite Mind to the Infinite.

Acceptance: Acceptance of those who do good. "For whoever is not against us is for us." Acceptance here deals with positive welcome of persons due the simple reason that they are persons and thus are God's "children".

Compassion: Compassion on those in need - deep awareness of the suffering of another coupled with the wish to relieve it. "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." The blessings we receive in this life are not meant for our selfish enjoyment, but to enable us to do good to those in need.

Tenacity: Tenacity to Christian Principles. Christian tenacity is the quality of tending to hold persistently to Christian teaching and moral principles. Jesus says: "If your hand causes you

to sin, cut it off. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off." What comes to mind here is St. Paul's metaphor of the Church as a body. It would be good to examine our relationships in general, and even our church relationships in particular.

Racial Bias Narrative

It is the Irony of an expression confessed by a coloured protestant pastor on racial Bias : If you do not like me because I am ignorant, I can be sent to school and educated. If you do not like me because I am dirty, I can be taught to wash and be clean. If you do not like me because of my unsocial habits, I can be taught how to live in a society. But if you do not like me because of the colour of my skin, I can only refer you to God who made me.



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Prayer Song on Christian Fellowship

No Strangers but Brothers and Sisters in the House of Abba Father.
Come, brother, sit with me, sharing this simple bread.
Come, sister, to my home, drink till you've had your fill.
Who gives these gifts of friendship and table? None but the living God.
Come, stranger, walk with me, sharing the narrow road.
Come, wise one, talk with me, show me the better way.
Who gives these gifts of wisdom and wonder? None but the living God.
Go, children, sing with joy, praising the risen Lord.
Go, servants, to the world, borne on the Spirit's strength.
Who gives these gifts of worship and service? None but the living God.

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' Interesting facts about Mahatma Gandhi '

With reference to CHHOTEBHAL's article-cum-report in THE SECULAR CITIZEN dated 15 - 21 October 2018 titled : Catholics Join Gandhian Commemoration Mahatma Gandhi's achievements include the promotion of Hindusthani , vegetarianism , natutheraphy , communal harmony non violence, humour ,simple living and the ability to unite diverse elements.

Gandhi promoted animal welfare but advocated the killing of stray dogs.

When in South Africa he did not give any support to the Black South Africans for their struggle against apartheid and hence was rightly not awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Despite his criticism of the secret nature of The Theosophical Society as undemocratic he still joined it because he was forced to do so by Dr Annie Beasant and remained a Theosophist till the very end .

Gandhi was a humanist i.e. a person who believes in human effort rather than religion.

Gandhi wanted to become a Christian but was dissuaded by Dr Annie Beasant from becoming a Christian but several years after his death the Mormons or Church of the Latter Day Saints /LDS many of whose founders and members are Freemasons baptised him in absentia- a custom unique to them as a Christian thus full filling his to become a Christian.

Gandhi 's greatest achievement was to win India's independence from Great Britain without a drop of blood and his simplicity and he was against the death penalty.

Gandhi conserved his own sperm.

He thought and acted like a lawyer since he was a barrister.

Gandhi is thus both a complex and controversial person to judge and many more interesting facts continue to emerge about him but we must utilise all his good points and convert his bad points into good points to improve our society and also convert his bad points into good points for the same purpose and our politicians who have totally forgotten him must re-discover him and follow him in thought ,word and deed instead of just paying lip service to him and only remembering him when they please and using his name to promote their useless and concoted policies.

—Peter Castellino

Inspiration!

Impress Anyone You Meet

ment. And regardless of the profession you choose, you will impress.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Love your kids: And by love your



Enjoy being with them, spending time with them and invest in their lives. This love towards children will be evident in your life even when they aren't around.

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

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

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

HOSPITALITY, A KEY TO ETERNITY

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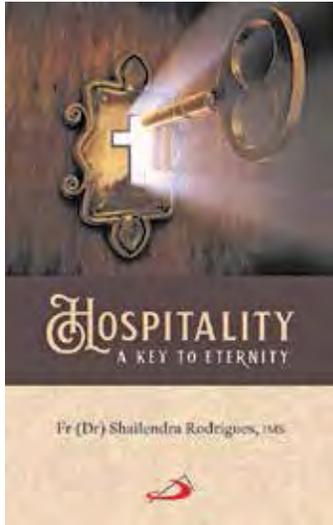
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"Hospitality is different from charity. Often the nature of charity is to give and go; whereas the nature of hospitality is to sit and share. Jesus not only gave meals to people, but also ate with them," says Archbishop Felix Machado, Bishop of Vasai, in his 'Foreword' to **HOSPITALITY, A KEY TO ETERNITY [ST PAULS, 2018]**, a book that brings you both the godly face of hospitality and the humaneness of this holy virtue practised by saints and sages from of old. And that in effect sets the tone for reading a book authored by the writer of *God's Philosophers Speak and Adam and Zacchaeus: Emotions in the Bible*.

Tracing the development of the virtue of hospitality, from the Old Testament to the New Testament, **Father (Dr) Shailendra Rodrigues** of Vasai (Maharashtra), takes you on a journey of delightful encounters right across the Bible so to say! As one reads through one starts becoming so familiar with the different aspects and varied facets of the virtue of hospitality that one begins to see it as a key to the House of Divinity, obviously the place of ultimate hospitality!

Hospitality is evidenced as a key responsibility at a time when inhospitable traits dominate the human psyche. Interestingly, the New Testament brings us face to face with Jesus' own teaching on and practise of hospitality. And as one begins to revel in the brand of hospitality associated with him, the stranger in the person one encounters gives way to Jesus the guest who, in turn, brings us a foretaste of his redeeming hospitality in his Father's house. Given the kind of

hospitality Jesus himself was shown and showed (*Remember the breakfast of fish by the shore in John 21?*), the reader begins to feel the warmth of the protective, caring and joyous nature of hospitality.



Hospitality has been an important aspect of human living for centuries. The annals of history, perhaps, have lopsidedly taken note of wars among people, virtually ignoring the ample examples of hospitality among people as they moved from place to place. As goes an ancient Indian maxim, *Athiti Devo Bhava* which roughly translates as 'a guest is akin to God', the guest being some-

one familiar, a visitor or even a stranger! Essentially, welcoming 'strangers' is not just about leaving the door of our dwelling place open to other but consciously keeping one's eyes, ears and heart open to his ideas, culture, beliefs, and so on.

In the Old Testament we see hospitality looked upon as an important responsibility. God, appearing as a guest in the guise of an angel, is treated to sumptuous meals by Abraham and zealously protected by Lot from

a rampaging mob, even as the widow of Zarephath welcomes Prophet Elijah, gravely risking her own life. The New Testament has Mother Mary welcoming Jesus in her womb, while characters like the Good Samaritan, Zacchaeus, Martha and Mary stand out as other beautiful examples of genuine hospitality.

Jesus, too, playing the twin role of host and guest with aplomb, appends a sense of responsibility to the very idea of hospitality, exhorting his listeners as he did to invite to their celebrations those who were least likely to be invited by anyone ever. Such a concept assumes special significance today against the backdrop of scores of people fleeing their homelands and seeking refuge in another country due to repression and rejection of every kind and encountering the same scenario at the doors of the country they knock at in desperation. The issue has sadly become 'the question of conscience' for all in the world, goading some countries to extend a helping hand in fraternal love to such strangers, some other countries sharply divided over according them hospitality. Could it be that individuals and nations alike have somehow failed to grasp the real meaning of 'hospitality'?

Let your reading of **HOSPITALITY, A KEY TO ETERNITY [ISBN 978-93-5015-308-6 / pp 112 / Rs 110]** illumine you as to how hospitality can be a key to the house of the divine presence and thus open for you the door to eternal hospitality!

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Change anxiety to excitement

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN if you could respond to the uncertainty and absence of control that you sometimes have in your life with excitement rather than anxiety?

Anxiety comes with some great treasures hidden inside and they can be yours if you know how to get to them. First, you have to stop fighting and listen to the anxiety for clues.

Anxiety as an indicator of a creative opportunity:

Whenever we have uncertainty in our life or when things move from predictable and 'under control' to unpredictable it means that there is a creative window opening up in our life; a window that if we are open to we can find opportunities to grow, learn and enjoy.

Getting the message:

The greatest truth about anxiety is that it is a message. Anxiety is not the real issue. It's the voice of something else lying beneath that's calling out to you. Most people who experience anxiety try to go after the symptoms more than its cause and try to fight it off as if it were the only thing to deal with. That's not how to go about it if you ever want to know how it happened, why it's there and how you can gain long-term freedom from it.

Acknowledging anxiety to begin transforming it:

Before you can start to transform your negative anxiety into excitement you first need to begin by acknowledging and get to know your anxiety. When you become anxious, what does your anxiety feel like in your body? What sort of thought patterns does it stimulate in your mind? If it had a musical tone or colour, what would it be? Explore your anxiety so that you can relax with it enough to begin transforming it.

Meditate:

Anxiety races thoughts and can be very distracting. With a rushing mind, it's hard to hear the anxiety message and follow it back to its source. Meditation helps tremendously. If you can learn to notice your thoughts without attaching to them - seeing them as cars passing by as you stand on the edge of a busy highway - you'll become better at picking out what really matters in this moment.

Realise that you are enough:

Be accountable, no matter what. It doesn't matter. Now is what we have to work with. Tomorrow is what we have to create. Realise that you are your own solution. You have what you need to look clearly; to hear and to heal. Anxiety is a message born within you, speaking to you through you and therefore it's within you to heal.

INTROSPECT:

By learning about anxiety, spending time with it and finally holding in your hand, you can enjoy the next step: You can relax your grip and let it fall away. It will have served its purpose. You will have loved that part of yourself and it won't need to get your attention with such a difficult message again.

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