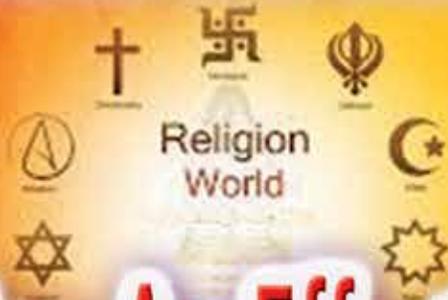


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The Ryan International Children's Festival



The Ryan International Children's Festival (RICF) got off to a flying start at the MLR Convention Center in Mahadevapura, Bangalore.

The festival opened to a glittering start and Lokayukta Shri Santhosh-Hegde who was the Chief Guest at the event said, "I am extremely happy and contented to see that this institution is imparting great values to the children. One performance of today's international theatre festival which really stayed with me was the once bonding in a family. It is much needed for today's generation."

The festival, which is being held in Bangalore by the Ryan International School, Bangalore from Nov 1 to Nov 3, 2018 has the theme of Brighter Tomorrow. This is aimed at establishing

and strengthening the bond between young cultural ambassadors from across the globe.

Various trainers from Czech Republic, Spain, UK, Swaziland, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe have been camping in Bangalore for weeks training over 2,000 children for various performances.



The opening event, which showcased the skills of the students, thrilled the parents and students alike. Various performances which included large props like lotuses and puppets were appreciated by one and all.

Ms Sushminta, parent of Kushali Rain, Grade 8, Ryan Global School, said, "I am attending this for first time. What a wonderful standard of the show! It was beyond all our expectations."

Priyanka Raju, a student of Grade 10 said, "Apart from all the dance steps, it increased the memory power and things had to be learnt and remembered quickly."

The festival will have many showcase

performances spread over 3 days to thrill the audiences.

Commenting on the event, Madam Grace Pinto, MD, Ryan International, said, "We strongly believe that performing art is a powerful medium that not only unites cultures but also provides a ready platform for young performers to explore and express their talents and skills in an unfettered manner. Ryan's International Children Festival just provided this opportunity to our vibrant youngsters. While we thank our Lord Jesus Christ for all his blessings, we are grateful to him for having blessed us with our wonderful stakeholders – parents, staff, students and well wishers who constantly support us to make education equitable, meaningful, and engaging for our students."

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Religion an Effective Tool

By Don Aguiar

SEVEN BLUNDERS of the world that led to violence: wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, sponce without humanity, worship without sacrifice, politics without principle – Mahatma Gandhi.

Atrocities are the more easily committed if the perpetrators either convince themselves they are doing their good Lord's or his son's work, in which case they are true believers (zealots, nonetheless), or are using the religious faith of their followers to attain their perfidious ends. Religion is a very effective tool, you will agree, to exhort people. While that exhortation could well be used for good, it's often used the more effectively for exactly the opposite results.

You may be acutely aware of the grave injustice committed in the name of religion. There's no doubt about the persecution conducted by the church in the name of religion. The crusades, the inquisition, the forced conversions, are just a few examples. But was there no good at the same time? Were there no great charitable works, great institutions built? Why not look at both? And this applies to all cultures and civilizations.

George Santayana is reputed to have said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." I'd like to add a corollary: those who don't accept the past may be apt to repeat it.

Most people across all religions have been brought up on the premise that religions have not changed over the centuries. Islam today is exactly as preached by Mohammad. Christianity as taught by Jesus, Buddhism by Buddha or Hinduism as written in the Vedas. Was anybody there to confirm that what was practised and enforced today was exactly what was preached a thousand or more years ago? All religions have change, evolved (for better or worse) as mankind has. But for religion to succeed in controlling the minds and behaviour, the *aam junta* must be brought to believe that it is unchanged and inviolate and there will be hell to pay if anyone goes against the teachings. And what is enforced and preached today is exactly what God or Allah or whoever it may be told his own "Special Envoy."

I find that there are many Christians who are questioning the existing practic-

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es of the Church and comparing them to what Christ taught. Attendance in Churches are dwindling, especially in Europe. The laity are questioning and many of the clergy are also showing dissatisfaction. The current Pope is trying to bring about changes but, as I understand, there is a strong conservative group which is opposed to him. But, I think, changes, back to the basics, is inevitable.

I happened to like Pope Francis a lot even though he screwed up on the church's response (initially) to the deviant behaviour of priests/paedophiles. He seems to embody what Christ taught in most ways and this threatens the older order. I had actually doubted the church conservative would allow him to live.

He is a far cry from his predecessor Ratzinger, and his papacy has brought in a much-needed breath of fresh air. He has indeed dropped the ball on the paedophile priests and cover-up, a very serious issue – outright crimes, in many peoples opinion

He is as intransigent as his predecessors in matters of female reproductive rights (abortion) and gay/LGBTQ rights (the latter a real irony, given the depths of pederastic depravity the

church has been steeped in for who knows how long.

The enhanced behaviour of the conservatives is very difficult to overcome. In fact many of the resolutions passed by Vatican II in the 1960's are yet to be implemented, it seems due to resistance from the conservatives. Changes in Church occur extremely slowly. But there are many progressive priests who act independently. I've been fortunate to have been associated with many such men and women of great integrity. I have heard about the politics that go on in the highest levels of the church but not sure about the details.

Sadly it is the frailty of human's at large, religion notwithstanding. Money and power tends to corrupt even the most pious people.

Frail as we humans are, more is the reason for us to be wary of and eschew, any pie-in –the-sky claims on which religion is built.

Brings to mind one of Benjamin Franklin's observations and wonderment on the honest and prescient quandary a set of people, 'Dunkers' were beset with in their time. The implications of their quandary, if followed through, ought to give us pause.

Benjamin Franklin on the Dunkers –

I was acquainted with one of its founders Michael Welfare, soon after it appeared. He complained to me that they were grievously calumniated by the zealots of other persuasions and charged with abominable principles and practices to which they were utter strangers.

I told him this had always been the case with new sects and that, to put a stop to such abuse, I imagines it might be well to publish the articles of their brief and the rules of their discipline.

He said that it had been proposed among them , but not agreed to, for this reason: "When we were first drawn together as a society," says he, "it had pleased God to enlighten our minds so far as to see that some doctrines, which we once esteemed truth, were errors: and that others, which had esteemed errors were real truths. From time to time He has been pleased to afford us farther light, and our principles have been improving and our errors diminishing. Now we are not sure that we are arrived at the end of this progression and at the perfection of spiritual or theological knowledge: and we fear that, if we should once print our confession of faith, we should feel ourselves as if bound and confined by it, and perhaps be unwilling to receive farther improvement and our successors still more so, as conceiving what we their elders and founders had done, to be something sacred, never to be departed from."

This modesty in a sect is perhaps a singular instance in the history of mankind, every other sect supposing itself in possession of all truth and that those who differ are so far in the wrong: like a man travelling in foggy weather, those at some distance before him on the road he sees wrapped up in fog, as well as those behind him and also the people in the fields on each side, but near him all appears clear, though in truth he is as much in the fog as any of them."

I leave it to the reader the full implications of the Dunkers predicament.



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—Ms Nathaline Silvera,
Vasai



Children's Day

November 14 is celebrated as Children's Day in India and on this day I would like to emphasise the importance of welfare, education, and a safe and happy childhood for children globally. Children have a right to education, to enjoy their childhood playing, studying and eating -- not working as child labourers. We should abstain from hiring children or minors as labourers of any kind. Parents also should try to be friendly with their children to understand their needs and respond to them in the best way possible. Having said that, I would also like to say that even children hold the responsibility to learn moral values from their parents, learn sincerely from their schools and to develop communicative, social and other personality skills by involving in various social, humanitarian and environmental events and campaigns. After all, children of today are the leaders of tomorrow. The future of our nations is in our hands. Teaching starts in the home and we, as parents must realise that the onus is on us to provide the right environment and instill the right teaching right from the very start.

—*Jubel D'Cruz*
Mumbai.

Bringing LGBTQ community closer to the church.

The initiative taken by Goa's fashion designer Wendell Rodricks to launch a social media campaign with the blessings of Cardinal Oswald Gracias to bring the much-maligned and discriminated LGBTQ community closer to the Catholic church, is a positive step forward that needs to

be lauded and encouraged. It comes a time when the church's earlier rigid stand on homosexuality has now taken a new turn after Pope Francis made it clear that he is no one to decide "if someone is gay and searches for the Lord". So, in the revised stand of the Church, every sign of discrimination against the LGBTQ community needs to be avoided and the community members treated with respect, dignity, love and compassion. This brings us to the million dollar question whether the community can now hope to be in full communion with the church. Whether in the newly-recognised dignity of the community members by the church, same-sex marriages will be sacramentally valid and blessed by God. OR, is it just lip service to the community? It is pertinent to note that Ultra-Conservative Catholics of Ireland have given the lead in recognising same-sex marriages through a national referendum, while a majority of Catholics in other countries are now in favour of same sex-marriages.

—*A. F. Nazareth,*
Alto Porvorim

We Too Are Church – It's Our Church

How many lay Catholics in India can sincerely say "We are the Church", or "Yes, this is our Church"? The laity feels largely marginalized. It is required only to raise funds, to organize a procession, or when some church personnel or institutions are under attack. At other times they are tacitly expected to "Mind your own business", and quietly pray, pay and obey.

Recent developments in both the

church and the political discourse in the country have left the silent majority shell-shocked. It is a huge majority and a deafening silence. Within the church in India we have had to hang our heads in shame at the blatant misuse or abuse of power that have necessitated the direct intervention of the Vatican; for the removal from administrative duties of a cardinal in Kerala and a bishop in Punjab.

Many of us have looked up in admiration to the apostolic church in Kerala that has given us so many vocations. It is the richest community. Yet it now has to sell a property valued at Rupees Seventy Crores to pay off a bank loan and its accruing interest. In Punjab we are aware of the circumstances that resulted in a bishop being arrested, and then being given a hero's welcome on his release on bail; even though he is an accused in a heinous crime. What is really disturbing is the deafening silence of the so-called custodians, spokespersons and leaders of the church, both hierarchical and lay. Not a single recognised national Catholic body spoke up on these critical issues.

On the other hand we see that more than fifty years after the conclusion of Vatican II in 1965, the watershed "Church in India" seminar of 1969, or the release of the New Code of Canon Law in 1983, their vision or provisions have been quietly buried. The much hyped family Synod of 2014 turned out to be a damp squib. We are yet to see what impact the recently concluded "Youth Synod" has on the ground realities in the church.

If we are Christians, and love Jesus, then we also love his church – his body or bride. Hence we cannot be true Christians if we remain immune to, or mute spectators of, what is happening (or not happening) in the church. Our "enough is enough" or "Me Too" moments have arrived.

The national scenario is even more frightening. Four years ago we were given tall promises of less govern-

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ment and more governance. The opposite is actually happening, with the Govt trying to stifle the autonomy of almost every sector – the media, judiciary, social activism, small business, the army, CBI, RBI etc. The list is endless. Are we heading for a megalomaniacal dictatorship in 2019? Many may argue, what can a miniscule minority do? We need to be reminded that till recently the Christian representation in both houses of parliament was more than 4%, double the strength of our population. This indicates that our fellow countrymen repose their trust in Christian leadership. Should we not then rise to the occasion?

Accordingly a group of concerned lay persons is organising a “We Too Are Church” gathering from 8th to 10th February 2019 in Kolkata. The issues that we intend addressing are:

1. What Happened to the Reforms of Vatican II?
2. Vatican II – a New Vision of Christianity in Multi-Religious India
3. Participatory Structures in the Church
4. The Status of Women in the Church
5. Youth Aspirations & Expectations
6. Crisis Management & Leadership Skills
7. Our Response to Contemporary Politics
8. The Role of the Catholic Media in Reforming the Church
9. The Relevance of Evangelisation & Conversions
10. Our Collective Response – The Path Ahead?

Those interested in joining us for this collective may contact any of the persons mentioned below. Laity, clergy, religious and our bishops who share these concerns are all welcome to attend. Details of Registration Charges, the venue and accommodation will be conveyed shortly to the interested persons.

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Let's Build Bridges of Peace! – Diwaliwith Christ!

“Diwali” means a “Row of Lights”! It represents the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil. So, I wish all our Hindu sisters and brothers, as well as all Indians, irrespective of caste, creed or class, a very happy Diwali and a prosperous New Year!

The 5-day festival begins with “Dhanteras” – an annual cleansing and renewal of both, external objects, in and outside the house; and internal bad inclinations or corrupt predispositions. It ends with “Bhai-Duj” – celebrating the brother-sister bond; and the start of an auspicious and creative period throughout the coming year. This year 2018, it starts on Tuesday 06 November, and concludes on Saturday 10 November.

It rejoices with the traditional Diwali Prayer from the Brhadaranyaka Upanishad, which is recited in the Pavamana Mantra – The English translation of which is:

“From untruth, lead us to Truth! / From darkness, lead us to Light! / From death lead us to Immortality! / Om Peace, Peace, Peace!”

In the Christian context, through the above celestial melody, let me introduce one and all, to the magnetic and captivating words of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! These are also to be warmly followed in one's personal life.

‘Truth’ – “I AM the Way, the ‘Truth’ and the Life! No one goes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6).

‘Light’ – “I AM the ‘Light’ of the world! Whoever follows Me will have the light of life, and will never walk in darkness” (John 14:6).

‘Immortality’ – “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son; that whoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have ‘eternal’ life” (John 3:16).

‘Peace’ – “You have ‘peace’ by being united to Me! The world gives you suffering. But be brave! I have conquered the world” (John 16:33).

The intimacy of Our Loving Friend Jesus is symbolized in an inviting meal: “Behold, I stand at your door and knock. If any person hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with that person” (Revelation 3:20).

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

Mandate against adultery goes beyond married couples, says pope

By Junno Arocho Esteves

The Sixth Commandment's mandate against adultery is a call to fidelity that applies not only to married couples, but to all Christians called to love others through their vocation, Pope Francis said.

Married men and women, priests and those in religious life are ultimately called to live out their vocation faithfully and follow the "path of love that goes from receiving care to the ability to offer care, from receiving life to the ability to give life," the pope said Oct. 31 during his weekly general audience.

"Every Christian vocation is spousal because it is the fruit of the bond of love in which we are all renewed, the bond of love with Christ," he said. "Starting from (Christ's) fidelity, his tenderness, his generosity, we look with faith at marriage and at every vocation, and we understand the full meaning of sexuality."

Among the pilgrims present at the audience were the members of the Together in Hope choir, an ecumenical choir comprised of Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, Methodist, Reformed, evangelical, and nonreligious people based in Minneapolis.

Accompanying the choir was Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and Lutheran Bishop Ann Svennungsen, head of the Minneapolis Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, who were greeted by Pope Francis after the audience.

During the audience, the pope continued his series of talks on the Ten Commandments, reflecting on the command, "Thou shall not commit adultery," which he said was a "call to love that is manifested in fidelity acceptance and mercy."

While the commandment refers to fi-

delity in marriage, the pope said it is not only addressed to spouses but is a "paternal word of God addressed to every man and woman."

Being mature is being able to "take upon oneself someone else's burden and to love without ambiguity," he said.

On the other hand, the pope said, adulterers and those who are unfaithful are "immature" people who interpret situations according to their own "well-being and satisfaction."

"In order to be married, it's not enough to celebrate the wedding! We need to make a journey from the 'I' to the 'we,' from thinking for yourself to thinking for two, from living by yourself to living with another person," the pope said. "It is a beautiful path; when we decentralize ourselves, then every act is spousal."

Priests and those who live chaste consecrated lives, he said, must also follow this path and live it "faithfully and joyfully as a spousal and fruitful relationship of motherhood and fatherhood."

"The church does not need aspirants to the role of priests, but rather men whose hearts have been touched by the Holy Spirit with an unreserved love for the bride of Christ," Pope Francis said. "In the priesthood, we love the people of God with all the paternity, tenderness and strength of a spouse and a father."

Pope Francis said that the call to not commit adultery is a reminder of the Christian duty to love as Christ loves and to respect one another.

"The human body is not an instrument of pleasure but the place of our call to love," the pope said. "And in authentic love, there is no room for lust and its superficiality. Men and women deserve more!"

SOURCE: UCAN

' Respect Holy Communion '

With reference to Melville X D'Souza's letter titled : Distribution of Holy Communion in The Secular Citizen dated 5 -11 November, 2018 Holy Communion is sacred and as far as possible must be taken on the communicant's tongue.

Since wine is considered to be the red gold it will be good if mass wine is sponsored by donors so that communion under both species becomes a reality at all masses .

Devotion to the eucharist can be highlighted through different recognised eucharistic miracles through homilies at masses ,religious retreats, pamphlets, CDs and talks and discouraging people from using it in occult practices, by taking the different eucharistic miracles preserved in churches to different churches around the world and by making a deep comparative study of eucharistic custom in different churches and noting the similarities and differences in their customs to help strengthen the aim of achieving peaceful, meaningful and lasting ecumenical unity between different churches and by encouraging people to wear eucharistic badges.

So by mating a small and genuine and committed beginning one can respect Holy Communion.

—Peter Castellino

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WHETHER THE SANG PARIVAR OPPOSITION TO THE SABARIMALA JUDGEMENT OF THE SUPREME COURT HAS TO DO WITH RELIGIOUS BELIEF OR THE WRONG NOTION OF PURITY OR IMPURITY?

by Eric D'Sa

While heated debates and discussions were expected after the above judgement, what is unusual is the kind of public intervention made by Union Minister Smriti Irani in her widely reported speech in Mumbai. Quite apart from the crudity of the statement, which is objectionable enough, Mrs. Irani advised women to accept that menstrual blood is impure and as such keep away from the temples during their menstruating years. The first part of her statement may be scientifically partly true, as the fertile woman's body gets rid of this unwanted blood from the womb each month, to get it ready for creation of a new life in the coming month. Whether it is pure or impure is in your mind. However, scientifically we are also aware that women between the ages of 12 and 50, during which they menstruate are nearest to our creator, as their fertile bodies especially the wombs, are creators and incubators of human life. Humans are conceived in their wombs and then nurtured till the time they can breathe on their own. How can such a woman whom we call a mother, be impure to enter a

temple of her creator.?

Our human bodies also reject regularly urine and stools, to clean the body of unwanted material. This is also considered by us rightly or wrongly as impure and to be disposed. Swatch Bharat is all about this problem. However, just because our bodies to survive and multiply, have to go through this process daily, does not make them creatures that are impure and the type who will desecrate a place of worship. We are living intelligent social animals, who we believe

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are made in the image of our God. We know how to eat, drink and procreate in privacy, as well as get rid of the unwanted waste from our bodies, including sweat, without offending other human beings, leave alone the all-knowing God. Hence only targeting a menstruating woman as being impure, is ridiculous and she being only excluded from entering a place of worship of a God, who has created her, is reprehensible. A believer like Mrs. Smriti Irani may indeed make an individual choice, not to go to a temple when she is in her menstrual cycle, but how does that justify a ban on women's entry into a Temple?

When she was criticised for her statement, Mrs. Irani put out a defence which made this even more bizarre: "Since many people are talking about my comments — let me comment on my comment. As a practising Hindu married to a practising Zoroastrian, I am not allowed to enter a fire temple to pray. I respect that stand by the Zoroastrian community / priests

and do not approach any court for a right to pray as a mother of 2 Zoroastrian children. Similarly Parsi or non Parsi menstruating women irrespective of age do not go to a Fire Temple". Mrs. Irani please note, every thing the Parsees do need not be right. There are problems with the Parsee community as well and this is the reason that over the decades and every year, their numbers are dwindling in India..

Ms. Irani's approach has less to do with Parsee religious belief and more to do with Manuvadi notions of purity and impurity, which hold Dalits and menstruating women to be equally impure. For example, to quote the Manusmriti, in Chapter V, Clause 66: "(A woman) is purified on a miscarriage in as many (days and) nights as months (elapsed after conception), and a menstruating female becomes pure by bathing after the menstrual secretion has ceased (to flow)." Again, Clause 85: "When he (the twice born) has touched a Kandala, a menstruating woman, an outcast, a woman in childbed, or one who has touched a (corpse), he becomes pure by bathing."

Once you accept the validity of a ban based on purity/ impurity, as Mrs. Irani does, then it could be equally valid for menstruating women to be disallowed in places other than a "house of God", as mentioned by her — for example, in the "temple of democracy", as Parliament was once described by the Prime Minister Nehru or our "temples of learning" where Indian women are increasingly entering without any reservations. The women movements for equality have fought against — and defeated — these misogynist upper-caste notions and practices which are now being defended and resurrected by those in power, in the name of respect for beliefs and traditions, al-

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though this has nothing to do with religious belief whatsoever, world wide.

For example, in the Sabarimala case, there was no blanket ban on women of fertile age going into the temple until 1991, when the Kerala High Court, acting on a complaint by an individual named S. Mahendran, gave an order that henceforth, no woman aged between 10 and 50 can go to the temple. However, the judgment itself gave examples of how women, including the then Maharani of Travancore in 1940, had not only worshipped at the temple, but participated in many temple ceremonies. The judgment said: "There was thus no prohibition for women to enter the Sabarimala temple in olden days, but women in large number were not visiting the temple. That was not because of any prohibition imposed by Hindu religion, but because of other non-religious factors. In recent years, many worshippers had gone to the temple with lady worshippers within the age group 10 to 50 for the first rice-feeding ceremony of their children (Chottoonu)." The Board used to issue receipts on such occasions on payment of the prescribed charges. Gods it seems can be appeased by a bribe.

Surely Ms. Irani could have apprised herself of these facts. The truth is that Ms. Irani was reflecting the double-speak of the BJP, its government, and its mentor, the RSS, on their approach to temple entry for women, just as they had in the case of the Dalits'

right to worship in temples. While the RSS talks of a pan-Hindu unity, across castes and regions, the Sangh Parivar has always stood on the side of upper-caste orthodoxy, hurling stones, bricks and sticks at Dalits who dared to enter temples. The policy of the present Left Democratic Front government in Kerala for reservation of posts for Dalits and Other Backward Classes in temples, the first and only such social reform policy in the country, enraged the RSS but it had to back down after a few unsuccessful attempts to mobilise other sections of priests.

In Kerala, the RSS first supported the Sabarimala judgment, but when a section of devotees protested, it took that as an opportunity to push its anti-Left retrograde agenda, did a U-turn, organised protests, and is now dangerously working to inflame religious feelings and communal tensions. They have forgotten that just few months ago they supported the Muslim women's right to enter the holy shrine in Haji Ali dharga in Mumbai. They have been proud of their support to the progressive Muslim women in their fight against the Triple Talaq and the new law they passed through the Parliament. So why are they now against some progressive Hindu women who are claiming a similar right to enter the Sabarimala temple? The Kerala state government should enforce the law of the Nation. You the Citizens meanwhile will have to decide whether our worship of women has Goddesses is genuine or a fake?!

The East Indians

The East Indians of Mumbai most certainly are not from the east of India. The East Indian Community was first recognized in 1896 AD, but that was not the year of its origin. East Indians are indigenous to the heartland of what might be said to comprise the former Salsette Island --- including Bandra, Kurla, Thane and Bhayandar. They are local Christians of long standing, who did not wish the British Colonial Government to confuse them with the Goans, the Mangloreans and other Christian settlers in the region. Hence, they decided to adopt a designation which would make them stand out as a separate Christian identity, and adopted the name to impress upon the British that, they were the earliest Christians, Marathi speaking and very much sons of the soil of Mumbai. The community is largely based on a variety of sub communities, of rather the amalgamation of five basic cultural groups, 'Samvedi Christians', 'Koli Christians', 'Vadval Christians', 'Sutars', 'Salsette Christians'.

To trace the ancestry of the East Indians, one must take a step back into history, over 400 years ago, to the advent of the Portuguese on these shores. Some like Dr. Elsie Baptista, who did a socio-cultural study on the community - "The East Indians" take their story even further back to the first century A.D. to apostolic times of St. Bartholomew, who first preached Christianity in North Konkan.

The East Indians do owe their origins in terms of a community to the Portuguese. The entire villages at a time were baptized in the new faith and given Christian names and surnames. It is not uncommon even today to find a village full of people bearing the same surnames though the families may not always be related.



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Anglo-Indians: Bharat Mata is our Motherland



BY MELVYN BROWN

For most Anglo - Indian youth of this generation in our country, those settled abroad, and to contemporary Anglo-Indian parents often with no clue of their community's history, I offer snippets of the origins and background of the community.

The subcontinent we know today had been chiseled in an awesome moment, historically portentous and violent, a time that still ripples with hidden vibrations 71 years later.

200 years of British colonialist, propelled the nation with their own brand of post-colonial 'ahimsa' in the compelling birth of a new race of people, the Anglo-Indian.

According to Herbert Stark, the British by deliberate political policy, and with assistance of the Directors of the East India Company, created the Anglo-Indian race. This made the British morally responsible for the community's welfare, preservation and protection.

When Frank Anthony, MP and leader of the community (1942 – 1993) came on the scene, he took the same line of argument in 1946, with no win, resolute on the moral issue. In 1969 Anthony wrote the book, "Britain's Betrayal in India", a history well presented with authority and documentation of the community.

Henry Gidney took the reins of the community from 1919 – 1942 when he passed away, was the first dynamic leader of the race to pave the way to protect their identity, jobs in government and for political representation. The entrance of Frank Anthony welded together the fate and trust of the Anglo-Indian vision.

When Sir Henry Gidney in 1930 attended the Round Table Conference in London, he stated, "My people and

I are Indians, but Indians whose roots are deep not only in the soil and traditions of India, but in the soil and history of this country where we are....a synthesis of India and Britain as no other people are or can be".

Anthony and Gidney made strong efforts to enhance a national identification with India as the motherland. They also worked to establish independent colonies in places like 'Whitefield', Mc Cluskiegunj and the Andaman Islands.

Anthony labeled his people as a 'microscopic community'. The population of Anglo-Indians at independence was above half a million. At one point in his term of office, Frank Anthony wrote, "It would be correct to say that the Anglo-Indians are the only minority of European descent to survive in Asia as a recognized entity".

At the Minorities Sub-Committee the same year, 1930, Gidney said, "whatever may be the future of India, the Anglo-Indian community is, for better or worse, an indissoluble part of that future. We are an Indian community; we are the sons of the soil..." He ended stating, "By law, by residence, by environment and circumstances, I am an Indian. But by blood I belong also to Britain. They are both my countries."

Along the early years of the community's creation, Anglo-Indian mothers made brave attempts to create and preserve a culture and identity of their own, with much success.

Frank Anthony as leader of the community met G. N. Vallabhai Patel, Nehru, Gandhi and other Congress leaders who all 'extended the hand of kinship' wrote Reginald Maher, and soon, Anthony achieved official recognition for the Anglo-Indian community in the Indian Constitution of 1950,

in Article 366(2).

There were many digressions in the history of the Luso-Indian, the Dutch mestizos, and the Portuguese who were living across Bengal. All this is necessary to comprehend the agony of the Anglo-Indian community and its biological origins.

Reginald Maher, a Calcutta based writer, founder of the Anglo-Indian Study Circle, journalist and a sub-editor of The Statesman daily newspaper, wrote in the Anglo-Indian Review: "that neither the historian nor the politician forget that India is the motherland – the land that has nursed and reared the Anglo-Indian...."

Henry Louis Vivian Derozio, born in 1809 was the first poet, to write of freedom and became the first national bard to become the voice and conscience of the national freedom. In an excerpt from the Foreword to A Memorial Volume: "Every human race has its Golden Age. For the Anglo-Indian community, especially in its major homeland of Bengal and in the city of Calcutta, that Golden Age was the age of Henry Louis Vivian Derozio." Wilson de-Roze, an Advocate wrote in his book, These Are The Anglo-Indians said: "Henry Derozio was the father of the Bengali Renaissance... the liberal spirit of the new age he ushered in to sweep India onward to her freedom in 1947...."

Derozio died of Cholera in 1831 on Boxing Day, 26 December. He was only 23. He became a national figure, the first patriot, stated George Albert Wilson-deRoze, an Advocate of Calcutta High Court, and M.L.A. till 1977, in his book Origins of The Anglo-Indian Community.

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Roots that Connect Communities

India, a living example of unity in diversity thrives on celebrations of every kind! We celebrate with equal gusto not only religious festivals but also social events and cultural traditions. One good example is the Thanksgiving Day, when our gratitude to God and nature manifests itself as a social event. Not many generations ago, as tillers of land, our ancestors introduced harvest festivals to thank the Lord of all creation for blessing the work of our hands with fruit of the earth. Though each community has a unique way of celebrating harvest festivals, the sentiments expressed are the same- gratitude and joy. Gratitude transcends languages, religions and status, bringing people together in song and dance, banquets and bouquets. All harvest festivals such as *Pongal, Pool Dei, Lohri, Bihu, Baisakhi, Huthri, Karam, Onum, Agera* etc. generate much joy and contentment that proclaim- God is in his heaven and all is well with the world!

The world could be a better place if the barriers of caste, creed and community could be broken down by infusing a feeling of fraternity into our lives. We Christians fit into a community of our origin by observing its norms and customs. But the fact that we proudly proclaim that we belong to Goa, Kerala, Mangalore, Mumbai etc. indicates the mindset of a fractured community, each unto its own! Our thanksgiving festivals are mostly restricted to each community with the old traditions intact and the assembly of partakers, akin. The celebrations of the feast of St. John the Baptist, 'Monthi Fest', Karam, Onam and Agera by the whole Christian community can bind us together in one accord, spirit and mind. Now the time has come to knit the Church into a family that



cares for and shares with one another without reserve.

In Mumbai this year, Agera, the 'Thanksgiving Day' by the 'East Indian' community, (the sons of the soil) celebrated in a large number of parishes seemed like a unifying factor. Agera has been celebrated on the first Sunday of October every year by generations of land-owners and tillers from the seven islands of Bombay. The celebrations begin with traditionally attired community members bearing the newly-harvested



by Vera Alvares

grain, fruits, flowers and gifts, walking in the Eucharistic procession accompanied music by a brass band! The celebrations this year were an indication of the new trend of reviving our legacy. It was a display of devotion and an invitation to all to participate and establish rooted connections between communities of God's people.

The tradition of offering the first harvest to God was practiced even during Biblical times. The Holy Bible specifies our obligation to thank the Creator for his abundant gifts including the life-giving food. "When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you take possession of it and settle in it, you must take some of the first fruits of all the produce of the ground that you bring in from the land the LORD

your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for His name....." Deuteronomy 26:1. Interpreted by a lay person it means that the offering to Lord our God the first fruit or grain that has been harvested is commanded by the Creator, to be offered at the place of the Lord's dwelling. Suggesting that our attempts to follow the Holy Scriptures must precede our efforts to blindly replicate in our worship the cultural traditions of the country we live in, may not be inapt under the present circumstances. The early Christian community has shown the way for us.

A learned man of God compares our community to the *sequoia redwood* forests in California which thrive in thick groves, sharing nutrients and the support needed to remain rooted to the ground. The interesting thing about the redwood tree is that despite its height its root system is very shallow and is intertwined with other redwood trees, literally holding each other up. This gives them tremendous strength against the forces of nature, such as high winds and raging floods. Naturally, these trees cannot grow far from each other because only redwoods have the strength and ability to support other redwoods.

The comparison of Christians to a redwood forest, in an essay on 'Agera' may not seem so complex if we live like redwood groves, sharing everything, including our language, attire and culture! There is no doubt that the Christian community in a Metropolis like Mumbai has nothing much in common, except the Faith. Hailing from all corners of the country, taking pride in our cultural heritage, we need to intertwine our roots to grow in Faith and also to unitedly face external destructive forces that threaten us.

Remembering 'All Souls'

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In Mumbai and most places in India, as also around the globe, Catholics set aside 'All Souls Day' November 2, for a memorial of the dead. The day is of primary importance in the Catholic Church, and also observed in the Eastern Orthodox Church and a few other denominations of Christianity. In fact November 1, 'All Saints Day' is a vital part of this holy day.

According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go. Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The quoted reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin." Additional references are found in Zechariah, Sirach, and the Gospel of Matthew. Jewish tradition also reinforces this belief as well as the tradition and teaching of the Church, which has been affirmed throughout history. Consistent with these teachings and traditions, Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faith-



ful on Earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven. It is to be reflected on that recently Pope Francis in one of his pronouncements stated that offering masses and devotions for any purpose by paying money is not the right manner...but, it is yet to be seen what alternative will be found by the church?

The belief in purgatory has not been without controversy. Certainly, some flagrant abuses of the doctrine were used to raise money for the Church during the renaissance. Famously, Martin Luther argued with the monk, Johan Tetzel, over the sale of indulgences. Indulgences were sold as

spiritual pardons to the poor and applied to the souls of the dead (or the living) to get people into heaven. The abuse of indulgences and the blatant, sometimes fraudulent practice of selling indulgences for money, led to Luther's protest.

However, it reemphasized the Biblical and traditional practice of praying for the departed and the importance of such prayers. The official name of the celebration in the Roman Rite liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church is "The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed". Another popular name in English is Feast of All Souls. In India the vast multi-lingual and cultural diversity has allowed this celebration in many reverent and colourful variations. In Mangalore, it has been a long tradition for the Bishop to celebrate mass at the Rosario Cathedral and bless the graves of the past Bishops whose tombs are around the main sanctuary (See pictures). Mumbai has its own unique ways and it will be worth knowing more about them.

Inter-faith endeavour gone overboard !

The Church in India today, is in turmoil once again. After the controversial rape issue of the nun in Jabalpur, we have another controversy, in this city of Mumbai. "Don Bosco priest delights with graceful garba moves", reported various newspapers in the city. The rector of Don Bosco High School, Matunga, was seen 'gracefully swaying to the tunes of a traditional garba, in his flowing cassock', at an all-faith 'Dandiya programme organised by Don Bosco, Matunga, on the occasion of the Navratri celebrations. A video of Fr Crispino D'Souza, rector of Don Bosco, dancing at the event had gone viral on social media. Christians were divided in their reaction, while many criticized the priest there were others who came forward to appreciate his gesture. Hardly had this issue died down, when another controversy was brewing - this time, it was the same priest performing aarti before the goddess Durga. Understandably, the Christians are now infuriated at this act of performing prayers in front of another deity, going as it does, against the very first commandment, "I am the Lord thy God, thou shall not have any strange gods before me."

There is a lot of talk of "inter-religious, inter-faith" dialogues in recent times; the need to bond with people of other faiths, thereby fostering and reinforcing the spirit of communal harmony. All this fine, but somewhere down the line, we seem to have lost our way, we seem to have gone 'overboard'. It's time now for the Church to step in. In order to prevent further acts which would go against the tenets of the catholic faith, the Church needs to issue guidelines to all parishes, restraining them from going overboard in their endeavour of fostering communal harmony, or taking such steps which would antagonize the Christian community. **The Church in India has been facing tough times from outside forces, we would do well to avoid opposition from the inside. While we strive to build bonds with people of other faiths, the need of the hour more importantly, is for bonding amongst our own community.**

—Melville X. D'Souza
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Reminders for married people

AT TIMES IT'S the stuff that we should remember that we don't. As a result, we can get off track without really understanding how it happened. That's especially true in the case of marriage. On our wedding day, we pledge all kinds of important things to each other but, as life gets rolling along. It's easy to forget what we promised - that made our relationship strong. So, here we bring you few reminders for all you married people out there

Love is a joy but it's oftentimes not treated this way. After a while, marriages can grow stale. What was once undying love and commitment can become routine and loneliness. And picking up on this possible turn with marriage, people can sometimes warn against marriage. We often forget that the act of getting married is easy but, staying married is hard. It's not diamonds and flowers that make a marriage but the little things and taking these small, simple steps over time will yield bigger, happier results:

Marriage is constant work :

Never stop dating and always pay attention to each other's life. Keep learning, sharing and laughing with your partner. Treat yourself well and treat your partner even better. Never neglect your looks or your thoughts. Seek truth, not to be right but to learn. Make sure to listen carefully - the first time, never moan and complain. Be helpful and be encouraging. More-over know when the storm is coming and remember eventually, it will pass. The morning is wiser than the night! Resolve your argument before

you sleep and never forget to apologize.

Be gratified :

You thank others for little courtesies but do you thank your partner? To avoid taking each other for granted, try to show your appreciation at least once a day. Say it like you mean it - even if it's in response to something that's his or her 'job' (like washing the dishes). If there's something you appreciate, large or small, speak up.

Turn back the clock :

Bake a batch of homemade brownies. Send flowers just because. Tuck little notes into his briefcase or leave private messages on her voice mail. Not only will you generate new emotional connections but thinking back on your honeymoon period will also help you reconnect to those warm memories.

Reintroduce meaningful conversation :

When you were courting, did you talk for hours about current events or the meaning of life? And now, all you seem to talk about now is the grocery list or how much to spend on a new sofa? Asking about each other's day isn't enough. Try this: One night while you are in front of the TV or in the car, make a remark about something your partner deeply cares about that's bigger than the both of you - sports, politics, anything to get the ball rolling.

Overlook small annoyances :

Wet towel on the floor? Resist the urge to complain. While it's irritating, it will undoubtedly happen again and again. Instead, recite a modified serenity prayer: "I accept the things I cannot change." You'll be amazed at how quickly your resentment melts away. Another tip: Try to air grievances at the same time each week in a



formal meeting (no TV or phones). If you discuss what's bothering you in a structured, formal way, issues won't come up so often at other times and if they do, you'll be able to discuss them

more calmly.

Work on yourself :

Demonstrate your love by working to improve something about yourself that bugs your partner. For instance, if she wants you to be healthier go to the gym or take up a nightly walk (preferably with her). If he or she is a neat freak, stop throwing your dirty socks on the floor and leaving your dishes in the sink. Saying, "I love you" is always nice but showing it is really fundamental.

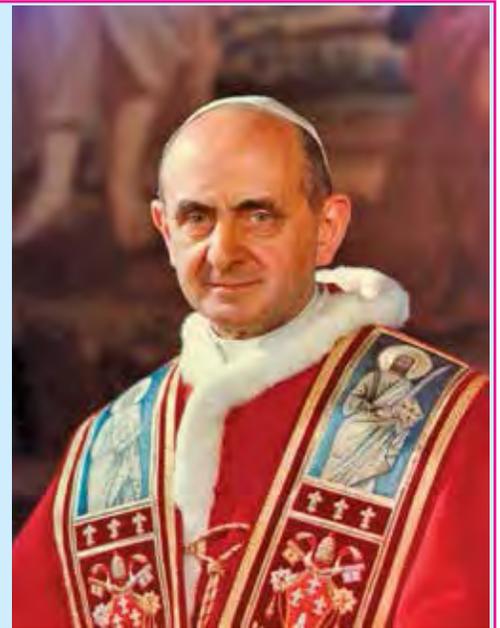
Always put your marriage first This is a golden rule :

Of all your relationships, your spouse always comes first. After all, the kids are going to leave someday; hopefully, your partner isn't. Plus, giving up your life as a couple to indulge your children simply sets an uninspiring example: Grow up, become an adult, then you, too, can conquer your existence to that of your children. Putting your marriage first means things like deliberately setting aside time for the two of you, whether it's a weekly date or dinner alone.

- Remember, a strong relationships needs happiness and sometimes with the hustle and bustle of life, you have to fight for that.
- Never stop dating each other, take some time out. This might be a challenge if you have young children but figure it out.
- After all, all relationships go through hell, only real relationships get through it.

POPE SAINT PAUL VI

The First Pilgrim Pope!



When His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, the 262nd successor to the See of Peter, was canonized by Pope Francis on Sunday 14 October 2018, Catholic India naturally erupted euphorically!

The India connection

While the relic of the heart of a modern time saint, Padre Pio de Pietrelcina, makes the rounds of countries and continents, the heart of Pope Saint Paul VI will forever remain in spirit in India, the country for which he always had a special fondness! "Here we leave our heart!" said Paul VI, replying to the sendoff accorded to him at Bombay International Airport on 5 December 1964 at the end of a packed schedule of participation in the 38th International Eucharistic Congress in the city he referred to as the *urbis prima in Indis*. Pope Paul VI, who charmed the masses with his Namaste on his arrival in India, was grace personified as he soaked in the wonder and delight evident in the love the great people of a great country showed him wherever he went. Indeed, never before had any important figure, of any standing whatsoever, ever witnessed the kind of adulation Pope Saint Paul VI received.

At a personal level, Paul VI was not merely the first Pope in history to visit India but the First and only Pope I saw in flesh and blood at quarters so close as to be unimaginable in today's times! As a student of Saint Paul's, Dadar, on Scout-boy duty at Saint Paul's Church and at Saint Xavier's Gymkhana Grounds, Parel, I had the joyful privilege of having His Holiness pass me by at slow pace in his gleaming white car, with him on my side of the road, no less than thrice! As a ten-and-a-half

year old lad, I was so thrilled by the sight of his smiling countenance that till today I get goose pimples each time I think that the pope who blessed me three times at such close quarters was a saintly man! While Paul VI bequeathed to the Church in Bombay the **Golden Lily** chalice that he used at the Eucharistic Congress on the Oval, he gifted to Saint Paul's the entire set of vestments and sacred vessels that he used when celebrating Mass for the aged at the church.



by Ladislaus L. D'Souza

Pope of Vatican II

Born **Giovanni Battista Enrico Antonio Maria Montini** on 26 September 1897 into a middle-class family in Concesio, Italy, and largely educated at home due to frail health, the shy, bookish youth joined the seminary in 1916 and was ordained in 1920. Appointed to the Secretariat of State in 1922 after further studies at the Gregorian University, La Sapienza University and the Accademia dei Nobili Ecclesiastici (training school for Vatican diplomats) he was considered a particularly close and influential advisor to Pope Pius XII, who appointed him Archbishop of Milan, the largest Italian diocese, in 1954. He was created cardinal by Pope Saint John XXIII in 1958. The rest is history!

Significantly, to Paul VI fell the lot to ensure that the winds of change blowing into the Church through the window opened by his predecessor with the convocation of Vatican II in 1962 cleansed the Church of the cobwebs of distrust and disillusionment that had clouded the vision of believer and non-believer alike. Succeeding John XXIII on his sudden death in 1963, bang in the midst of the Council in session, to Paul VI goes the credit of having opened up

for the Church a new way of being the Mystical Body of Christ by implementing the mandates of the Council and thus revolutionizing the way the Church related to the world at large. **This revolution included turning the Altar around so as to have the Celebrant at Mass face the people, drawing them into the Church's embrace so to say!**

Prophet for the modern world

Cardinal Montini's choice of the name, Paul VI, as Pope was to prove prophetic in that he not only gave a sense of continuity to Vatican II, which had automatically ceased with the death of John XXIII but also took upon himself the responsibility of interpreting and implementing the Council's mandates, often walking a thin line between the conflicting expectations of various groups within the Catholic fold. In retrospect, the magnitude and depth of the reforms affecting all fields of Church life during his pontificate far exceeded all reform programmes of his predecessors and successors! **Indeed, it wouldn't be farfetched to say that the decision of Cardinal Albino Luciani, Patriarch of Venice, who took the name 'John Paul', to drop the Papal Coronation had its roots in Paul's decision to abandon the papal tiara [a dome shaped head-dress made from solid gold and sil-**

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Your wedding card has a spelling mistake

By Rtn. Calwyn D'Abreo

A marriage invitation card had a spelling mistake.

Instead of the word wedding it read welding.

The printer had missed the 'd' for the 'l'.

And all hell broke loose with future inlaws to be .

The parish priest was consulted and his reply was that

It was absolutely the correct word. A wedding is a marriage ceremony including celebrations that cannot exist without the fire of affinity.

We understand that the word affinity is always meant to be explained as a very natural liking for somebody or someone special where there is meant to be a rapport and the indulgence of caring for that which you are seeing being in accord to the degree to which you begin to combine with one another. The wedding is the sum total of this exercise where in without the welding there can be no cohesive factor to commit connection or the umbilical cord of the future of man and woman as husband and wife. It is the welding that is meant to be in full, the prime and preliminary artifact of a special presence if the marriage has to be to bring man and woman together under the banner of husband and wife. Affinity thus showcases itself as the verb that amplifies the collaboration, the merger and the acquisition of the man possessing his woman and the woman initializes her emotions and feelings of owning a man as the Rembrandt of her life thereafter. Cohesive factors play a prominent part in this man and woman union to form a united whole when otherwise one saw a receptacle and it was empty and devoid of the divine power of togetherness.

No matter what ever your earthly religion is it is meant to be a divine contract that which is representative of the providence of God and God like features of feeling importance in the

pleasure of divine love where lust which is a corollary that is secondary to the union of man and woman must savor the sacrament of marriage as a secondary application and put love first. Agape and pure.

Agape is used in ancient texts to denote feelings for one's children and the feelings for a spouse. Agape is used to express the unconditional love of man for his spouse and that which she bears for him from her loins. Lust is that which comes as an automatic emotion because of the emulsified presence of testosterone in man and is not eroticism at its best but a by product of the final countdown of one's exposure to the inbuilt sexual bucket luck according to the health of both partners. Sex is physical and employed by both parties and institutes a formidable presence amongst husband and wife.

All said and done marriage is a contract and has emotional content. Man and woman is responsible for every configuration that emanates from the flanks that create populations. But the binding of man to woman in marriage is synonymous with that of torqued iron poles. To join these two ferrous strong metal rods you need fire to cataclysmically bond them together. And this fire is available when you invite the statuesque power of the presence of Divine intervention who willingly

approves the action you have agreed upon. In the most suitable and enlightened rationalization the description allows in agreement for the name given by the Master himself and He called it the Holy Spirit. Man and woman betrothed to each other, welded by the power of the fire of the Holy Spirit to be one from now onwards, praying for sustainability for all times and thereafter till the new Armageddon if ever.

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Most Anglo-Indians lived in railway colonies and in enclaves within large cities. Anglo-Indians were Christians (mostly Roman Catholic). They formed Christian communities across the country, were educated at schools modelled on British public schools.

John Masters, in 1954 wrote a novel, *Bhowani Junction*, which was later made into a Hollywood film. His next book, *Nightmares of Bengal*, was well received.

"*Cotton Mary*", a film created by Merchant Ivory in 2000, was the story of an Anglo-Indian nurse who works for a British couple in Kerala, 1950s.

I believe that Anglo-Indians have established a culture and identity of their own bringing together the East and West, yet not venerating one at the life of another. We must not suppress the 'Anglo' in our culture but also release the 'Indian' – proving it a 'pukka' Anglo-Indian reality.

I hope, for many Anglo-Indians this has been a small odyssey of discovery. My book, *An Introduction to Anglo-Indian History* has much more to say about this brave and loyal community. Jai Hind.

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ver and gifted to him by the people Venice] in November 1964, in effect renouncing all claim to temporal power.

Significant Firsts!

Addressing the Council fathers at the end of the first session of Vatican II, Cardinal Montini formulated a question that prophetically turned out to be the benchmark for his pastoral ministry as pope: **“Church of Christ, what say you of yourself?”** As though in answer to this fundamental question, Paul VI, like his patron, the Apostle Paul, undertook a series of unparalleled apostolic journeys that took him to some 20 countries, in the process earning innumerable ‘firsts’, setting the stage for international travel for his successors. The underlying themes of his trips were: *improved ecumenical relations with the Eastern Orthodox and Protestants, resulting in historic meetings and agreements, world peace, social justice, world hunger, illiteracy, fraternity under the paternity of God, and international cooperation!*

*Significantly, he started off in January 1964 with a pilgrimage to the Holy Land where he met with Greek Orthodox Patriarch Athenogoras of Constantinople. In December the same year, he set foot on Asian soil. When leaving India, **he donated to Mother Teresa the 1964 Lincoln Convertible that was gifted to him by American Catholics during his historic India visit.**

*The first Pope in history to travel to the USA, he met with President Lyndon Johnson in 1965 and even celebrated Mass at the famed Yankee Stadium of New York. And then, as the first pope to address the UNO, **he made a stirring plea for peace, “Never again war!”** at a special session of the General Assembly **before handing over his papal cross and ring to the then Secretary General of the UNO, Mr U Than.**

*Between 1967 and 1970 he visited Fátima, Istanbul, Ephesus, Bogotá, Colombia, Uganda, Tehran, Pakistan, the Philippines (where an unsuccessful

attempt was made on his life moments after he had deplaned), Samoa, Australia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Sri Lanka, apart from appearing before the International Labour Organization and the World Council of Churches in Geneva in 1969, each stop bringing him into personal contact with different peoples of the world.

Notably, **all four of his ‘giving up’ gestures happened while the Council was in session, all items given up to be auctioned for the benefit of the poor, clearly underlining His Holiness’ concern for their welfare.** Describing himself as a humble servant for a suffering humanity, he pleaded for significant changes from the rich in the West for their benefit. Pertinently, as early as in May 1964, he had also established a secretariat for non-believers, stressing the need to understand and endeavour to solve the problems posed by *atheism*.

Man of Aesthetics

The depiction of the Resurrection from an explosive eruption in Gethsemane, executed by Pericle Fazzini in 1970 in what has come to be known as the Paul VI Auditorium, appears to be the only work of art commissioned by Paul VI (1965). However, the things he said and the things he did in themselves constituted the rarest works of art worth dying for! Take his stay at Archbishop’s House in Bombay during his participation in the 38th International Eucharistic Congress. Each time he returned to Archbishop’s House he’d say to Cardinal Valerian Gracias, “And now we come to our little Vatican!” When the Cardinal, as Archbishop of Bombay, introduced Father Ivan Dias [who himself became Cardinal later on] and his mother, Mrs Maria Martins Dias to the Pope, His Holiness said to the mother, “He is your son? He is my son also – I make him ‘Monsignor!’” And so at the unusually young age of 28 years, Father Ivan, a parishioner of Saint Theresa’s, Bandra, Bombay, became ‘Monsignor’!

On entering the Shrine of Don Bosco’s Madonna at Matunga [in Bombay], built with Malad stone, lined with

Italian marble and adorned with some of the finest Italian stained glass, Paul VI is known to have exclaimed to Father Aurelius Maschio, the then Rector of the Shrine, “It’s like entering one of the Italian Basilicas!” Addressing the orphans at Our Lady’s Home in Parel with whom he breakfasted, he said, “Be sure to work hard, and not to waste time: study and obey your superiors, because this is what God wishes you to do.”

In 1972, he sent Mount Mary’s Basilica at Bandra, in Bombay (now Mumbai) an exquisitely crafted gold crown with which, at a special Coronation ceremony, the beautiful statue of Mary was formally crowned by Gracias.

Marian Pope

An ardent devotee of Mary, Paul VI spoke of her endearingly at Mariological events. The title, **Mary, Mother of the Church**, first used by Saint Ambrose of Milan (4th century) and officially inserted into the Litany of Loretto by John Paul II in 1980, was formally given her by Paul VI in November 1964 during Vatican II.

In *Mense Maio* (1965), dwelling on the beauty and efficacy of devotion to Mary during the month of May, Paul VI emphasizes that Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which people are led to Christ, wherefore, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ. In *Christi Matri* (1966) he encouraged the faithful to pray for peace through customary Marian devotions during the month of October, especially the Holy Rosary.

Importance of Human Life

“The transmission of human life is a most serious role in which married people collaborate freely and responsibly with God the Creator. It has always been a source of great joy to them, even though it sometimes entails many difficulties and hardships,” says *Humanae vitae* (On Human life [1968]), the encyclical that reiterated the Church’s teaching on the use of all forms of contraception. By declaring in the face of dissent that “each

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Inspiration!

Switch from a dreamer to a doer

SOME PEOPLE DO so well at achieving their goals, while others never seem to turn their career aspirations into reality. Why? Because 'doers' put their plans into action, while 'dreamers' set high goals that they can never actually fulfil. To get yourself on the 'doer' track, you'll need to give yourself a reality check on goal setting

A lot of people can categorise themselves as a dreamer; very few fall into the 'doer' category. All this because the dreamers are wasting their time thinking what the world will say, think and react over them. There are a few steps they can follow that will get them closer to fulfilling their ambitions. Below are ways you can change from a dreamer into a doer

Map out the big picture :

A dreamer can't get anywhere they really to go without a roadmap to guide them. Draft a detailed plan of what you want to accomplish over the next day, week, month, year, two years, five years and maybe even further. List only accomplishments that are in your power to achieve.

Set reasonable expectations :

Evaluate your goals and set reasonable expectation. The key with setting expectations for yourself is hitting that sweet spot where you're motivated to work quickly and not depressed because you can't keep up with your self-imposed schedule.

Seek out motivators :

Dreamers can motivate themselves by surrounding themselves with other motivated people. You'll be eager to compete with their lofty ambitions, which will help you deliver better work faster. If you surround yourself with losers you'll end up in last place like the rest of them. If your friends are winners then you might become one, too.

Learn new skills :

One of the major things holding a dreamer back, other than himself or herself, is their lack of knowledge about the subjects that pertain to their ambitions. Do everything you can do beef up on necessary information for your industry.

Develop your soft skills :

No matter what you're doing, whether it's a volunteer commitment or a paid job, develop your soft skills. Specifically, actively work on improving your work ethic, grit and people skills. You need these soft skills to succeed at whatever you want to do.

Get some experience :

Just like an aspiring writer benefits from some experience in the publishing industry, so can you benefit by getting your feet wet in your field. If you're chasing a dream career then you're probably not going to be paid for it right away and that should be okay with you. A dreamer can't be a chooser.

Believe in yourself :

If you can't see yourself actually achieving the goal you set, then you've already doomed yourself to fail. Visualise yourself reaching your

goal - and spend all your strength before giving up.

Know when to let go :

While you shouldn't rush to defeat, neither should you be too slow to wave the white flag. Not every job is for every person, even if it's in a field that you love. If that becomes clear, you need to accept that your favourite thing might not be the thing you're best at. You become a doer rather than a dreamer once; you can do it again with something new.

Surround yourself with doers :

Birds of a feather flock together. Who are your five best friends? Dreamers feed off of each other, but if you're around doers they will inspire you. The staunchest ones aren't quick to indulge your dreamer tendencies and will want to know what your plan is. Remember: you are in charge of your support network.

Change what doesn't work :

There is saying about the definition of insanity. Don't dream about achieving something by doing the same things that you have been doing if there are no positive results. Stop, reassess, figure out what's wrong and try a fresh approach. It's good to learn from mistakes but you'll never get anywhere making the same mistakes over and over again.

FIGURE OUT WHERE YOUR, SKILLS AND PASSIONS COLLIDE

- Analyse what you do well. Be realistic! Do assessment tests. All of us can improve our skills and get better at jobs but there are some jobs that are more suited to our personalities and talents. Figure out what your strengths are.
- What are you passionate about? How do you want to make a difference in the world and leave your mark?
- What can you get paid to do? Some of the things you love will always be a great hobby. Others may translate into a job. Figure out the difference.
- Take a moment for self-reflection and ask yourself: 'What do I think are my greatest strengths?' Be proud and brag a little bit.

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and every marital act must of necessity retain its intrinsic relationship to the procreation of human life," Paul VI challenged the fast spreading mid-20th-century sexual revolution that was sweeping the world.

Significantly, the miracle attributed to the intercession of this pope concerned the protection of human life in its foetal stage. A woman in Verona, Italy, had in the fifth month of her pregnancy developed an illness that posed grave risks both to her own life and to that of the unborn child. Unwilling to accept the medical advice of an abortion, she prayed at the Shrine of Holy Mary of Grace in Brescia for the intercession of Paul VI who had been beatified just a few days earlier (19 October 2014). Carrying her pregnancy to term, she gave birth to a healthy girl who remains healthy today. The healing, initially ruled as inexplicable by the medical council of the Congregation, was declared by the congregation's consulting theologians as having occurred through the Blessed pope's intercession, further highlighting his reverence for human life!

Pope for the world

Least enthusiastic on learning of John

XXIII's intention to convene an ecumenical council, Paul VI was known to have remarked privately: "This holy old boy doesn't realize what a hornet's nest he's stirring up!" Yet, a key figure at Vatican II's first session, he drew up a plan that helped rescue the council from confusion and provide it with a sense of direction.

From the very outset, as evident in his first Encyclical, *Ecclesiam suam* ("His Church" - 1964), Paul VI demonstrated the importance he attached to the study of social problems, the solutions thereof, and their impact on world peace. His much celebrated *Populorum progressio* ("Progress of the Peoples" - 1967), that raised the pitch for social justice, so strongly aligned the Church with Third World concerns that in conservative circles Paul VI was accused of Marxism. The encyclical pointed to a threefold duty of wealthy nations, summed up as *mutual solidarity* ("the aid that the richer countries must give to developing nations"), *social justice* ("the rectification of trade relations between strong and weak nations") and *universal charity* ("the effort to build a more humane world community, where all can give and receive and where the progress of some is not bought at the expense of others" (n 44).

Further emphasis on this came when, in 1971, he conferred the Pope John XXIII Peace Prize on the Albanian-born Mother Teresa, who by then had spent most of her life in India, where she had founded a special religious congregation of women dedicated to the alleviation of the countless ills of the poorest of the poor in the country. Paul's aim was to confront the world at large with the inescapable problems of justice and peace while at the same time proving conclusively that even these apparently insoluble problems can and must be settled with realistic courage and individual perseverance. He unabashedly declared that the award was intended to focus attention on how even a humble individual without means can further world peace devoid of fanfare, simply by proving in day-to-day actions that

"every human is my brother."

Marking the 80th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum novarum* [On the reform of the social order] the same year, Paul VI forcefully insisted in *Octogesima adveniens* on the necessity of involvement of all human beings in the solution of the problems of justice and peace.

Paul VI's *motu proprio*, **Matrimonia Mixta** (1970) was well received for its understanding of human problems and its desire to find a satisfactory solution to the problem of mixed marriages without demanding of either side the renunciation of any basic principle of conscience.

Many of this conscientious pope's decisions obviously called for courage, as did his firm stand on the retention of priestly celibacy in **Sacerdotalis caelibatus** (1967) that evoked the harshest criticism, no less harsh being the "crown of thorns" he experienced at the growing numbers of priests and religious seeking to be released from or blatantly abandoning vows.

His homily for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul 1972 suggests a startling explanation for what was happening—**"From some fissure, the smoke of Satan has entered the temple of God,"** something diabolical having come on the scene "to disturb, to suffocate the fruits of the ecumenical council." Yet, his sense of optimism was evident in his *Evangelii Nuntiandi* ("On the Proclamation of the Gospel" - 1975), reiterating the Church's role as being a light to the world in proclaiming the truth and grace of Christ.

Viva il Papa!

The liturgical feast of this great pope who reigned from 21 June 1963 until his death due to a massive heart attack on 6 August 1978 at Castel Gandolfo, Italy, the Papal Summer Residence, and whom Benedict XVI declared in 2012 as having lived "a life of heroic virtue", has been set for 26 September, the date of his earthly birth.

Thanksgiving

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



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Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Almighty arms of Jesus, before you I come with all my faith begging you for comfort in all my difficulties. Do not forsake me, Good Jesus.

Open your doors in my way that your Almighty Arms will open and close as you design to give me that tranquility that I so desire (make your petitions for three difficulties).



Oh my Jesus, receive that supplication from a wounded heart that is always fighting for me, with your divine power, never let me scramble for want of help. Almighty Jesus assist me to find a shelter in your celestial country ever AMEN.

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Who is the happiest man in the world?

Many years ago in North Africa there lived a chief. He was very rich and had many wives and children. But he was not happy. He thought, "I have everything. But that does not make me happy. What must I do to be happy? I don't know."



Once he shouted angrily to his servants, "Why can't I be happy? What must I do to be happy?"

One of his servants said, "Oh, my Chief! Look at the sky! How beautiful the moon and the stars are! Look at them and you will see how good life is. That will make you happier."

"Oh, no, no, no!" the chief answered angrily. "When I look at the moon and the stars I become angry. Because I know I cannot get them."

Then another servant said, "Oh, my Chief! What about Music?"

Music makes a man happy. We shall play to you from morning till night and music will make you happy."

The chief's face became red with anger. "Oh, no, no, no, no!" he cried. "What a silly idea. Music is fine. But to listen to music from morning till night, day after day? Never! No. Never!"

So the servants went away. And the chief sat angrily in his rich room.

Then one of the servants came back into the room and made a bow, "Oh, my Chief," he said, "but I think I can tell you something that will make you very happy."

"What is it?" asked the chief.

"It is very easy to do," said the servant. "You must find a happy man, take off his shirt and put it on. Then his happiness will go into your body and you will be as happy as he!"

"I like your idea," said the chief. He sent his soldiers all over the country to look for a happy man. They went on and on. But it was not easy to find a happy man in the chief's country. But one day the soldiers found a man in a small village who said, "I am the happiest man in the world."

He was poor. But he always smiled and sang. The soldiers brought him to the chief. "At last I shall be a happy man!" said the chief and took off his shirt at once. "Bring the man in!" The door of the chief's room opened. A small, dark man with a happy smile walked in.

"Come here, my friend!" said the chief. "Please take off your shirt!" The happy man with a little smile came up to the chief. The chief looked at him and saw what did he see? The happy man, the happiest man in the world, had no shirt!

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