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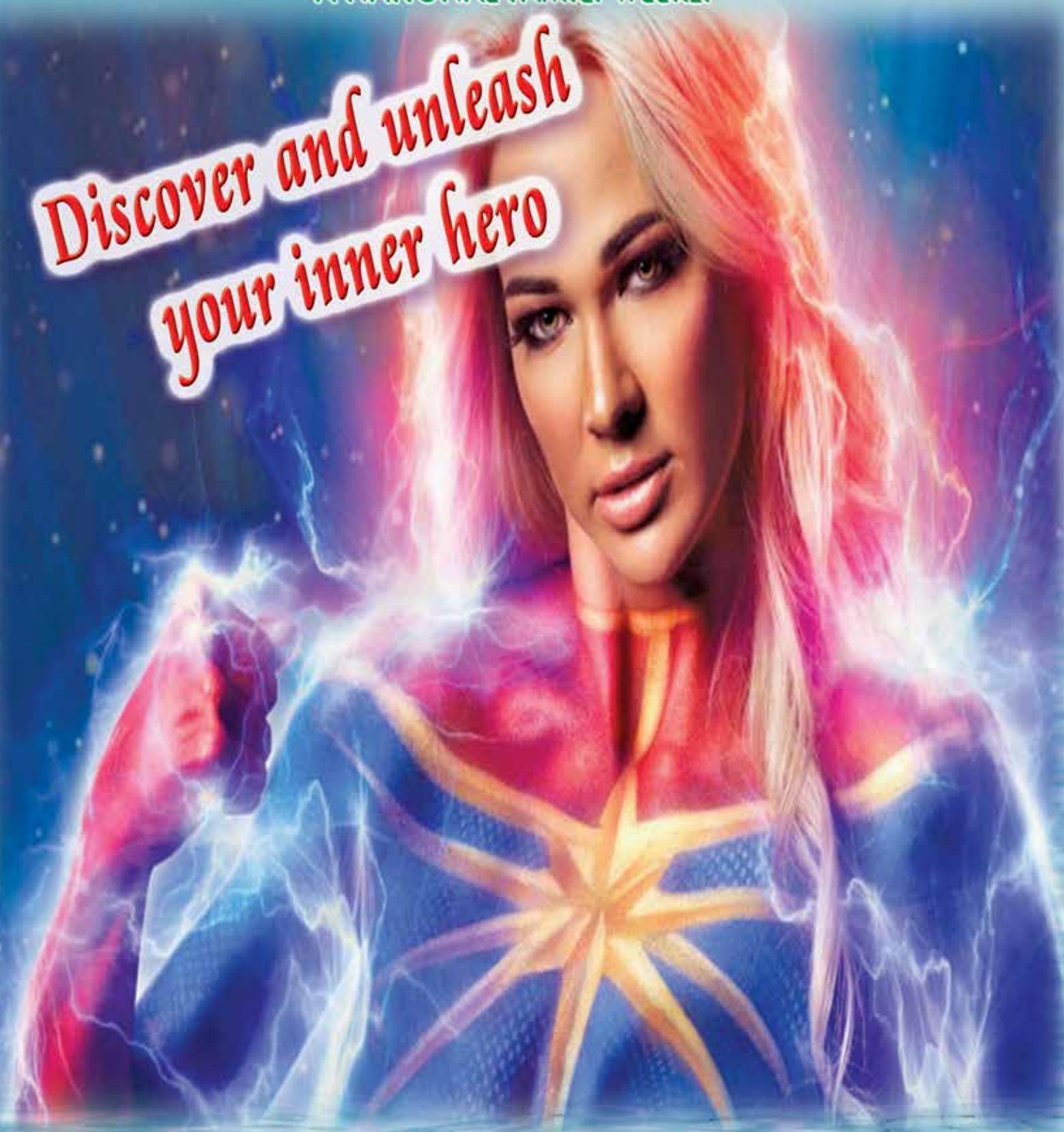
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VELVIN PAPER PRODUCTS bags Global Recognition at World Corrugated Awards 2019 at Shanghai China



Vincent Mathias

Vartan Mathias

Mumbai, April.17: World Corrugated Awards is an international event co-organized by Reed Exhibitions and corrugated industrial associations from all of over the world. This event is designed to select the most pioneering design, marketing, management and social responsibility case of the year to award the teams and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the global corrugated industry. The Award was presented to Velvin Paper Product Managing Director Mr. Vincent Mathias along with Vartan Mathias.

In 2019, Velvin Paper Products was nominated for the category New Factory Planning Award and was the only Indian company in this category. The winner of the award was to be assessed by both – Online voting and review from 14 Professional Industry Judges from all over the world. In online voting round, Velvin was voted No1. The 3 toppers were invited to the grand award ceremony scheduled on 7th April 2019 in Shanghai, China.

Competing with large scale Chinese and Middle East companies, Velvin Paper Products bagged in 2nd Award under the New Factory Planning category. This is a very strong achievement considering the huge competition across various countries and a pride to Indian Corrugating industry. This has put Indian Corrugating industry at par with world.

ATL Community Day was celebrated

ATL Community Day was celebrated with the ATL committee members and Mentor for change Mr. Priyank Busa on 16-04-19 at St. Xavier's High School, Borivali (East). The event was planned with the support of our Honorable

Chairman Sir Dr. A. F. Pinto's vision that true growth of a nation can be measured by scientific temperament and technological approach of the students and the able guidance from Respected Managing Director Madam Grace Pinto



The programme started with Bible Reading and Lord's Prayer. The celebration was witnessed by Guests, Parents and Students of the school. The ATL Community Day initiative is an effort to spread awareness as well as engage the local communities in the neighbourhood of an Atal Tinkering Lab, to come and experience the exciting new world of science and upcoming technologies.

Various activities and competitions were conducted like; Drone Display, Balloon Train making, Balloon Car making, Portable Cooler, News Paper Bridge making, Innovative Project Display by students, Street Play and Introduction to ATL Lab Equipment. The winners of competition were awarded with certificates.

There are more such innovations, ideas, patents waiting to be realized in young minds. ATLs will create many

more such young student innovators across every Indian district and initiatives like ATL Community Day will not only amplify the impact but will also



have the potential to effect transformational change at the societal level.

Parents appreciated the effort of the students and thanked the Management for making them a part of the celebration.

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EASTER –

The Living Hope Today and Every day

By Don Aguiar

It was just a couple of weeks ago the Christian community learnt that Good Friday which was listed as a public or gazetted holiday had been shifted to an optional holiday in the union territories of Daman and Diu and Nagar Haveli without the knowledge of the concerned public. The community then had to go to the High Court to get this holiday restored to its original listing.

What sort of a nation have we become that a High Court has to order that Good Friday be a public or gazetted holiday. Thanks to judges of the Bombay high court for teaching India's political class a lesson in India's secular ethos.

This reflects the failure of Church leadership at large to have educated people of importance of Holy Week.

The story of the Easter bunny tends to displace a much more compelling Story. A true Story. An Amazing Story that I'd like to tell you right now in a few words.

The Amazing Story concerns a man, a carpenter who lived 2,000 years ago in an obscure Roman province in a town called Nazareth. At age 30, the Man hung up his leather carpenter's apron and began to speak publically up and down the countryside.

Religious leaders were ambivalent at best. Most felt deeply threatened, because this ex-carpenter taught in huge outdoor meetings with compelling authority -- and he healed people. Not just colds and fevers, but crippled limbs and blind eyes. On two occasions, he even brought people back from the dead.

The religious leaders saw their orderly world spinning out of their control. And so they determined to eliminate the Man. They infiltrated his inner circle so they could grab him away from public view. And once in custody, they en-

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gineered a trial behind closed doors, and then put huge political pressure on the Roman governor to execute him immediately. Within 12 hours of his arrest, the Man hung on a cross. Six hours later he was dead -- seemingly a martyr to a glorious but hopeless cause.

But there's more. The Man did not resist his arrest and crucifixion -- in fact, he had predicted it to his followers again and again. And he taught that his death would have incredible meaning -- that he would give his life as a ransom for many. That is, his death would pay the ransom price for a multitude of people who were enslaved by their own sins -- and set them free. That's what he said. And on that cross he prayed for his crucifiers -- certainly enslaved in their sins -- "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." And he died. A Roman centurion who saw him die said, "Surely, this man was the Son of God."

He died on a Friday at just about three in the afternoon. By dusk he had been buried by a rich follower in a tomb hollowed out of solid rock, a tomb protected by a huge stone that rolled into place along a channel in the rock, then clunk! The tomb was secure. Friday night and all day Saturday his cold body lay there.

But Sunday morning, the Sunday we call Easter, some women had come to complete the hasty burial and they found the stone rolled back and the tomb empty. An angel appeared to them saying, "He is not here, he has risen." This, too, the Man, Jesus, had foretold to his followers.

The meaning of the resurrection is obvious! Jesus conquers death and the grave. The Father raises him and displays him to the world in all his glory. Nothing hidden. No more secrets. Now, Jesus the Prophet, the Teacher, the Healer, the Son of David, is seen in the clear light of day to be Israel's Messiah, Daniel's Son of Man, and the Father's Only Son -- fully divine, with a

name above every name. The resurrection carries with it God's stamp of validation.

Over the next 40 days, he appeared to his disciples and others, to even 500 at one time. And then he left planet earth promising to return. His Spirit was poured out on his followers a few days later. Within a single generation his followers travelled with the Amazing Story to all of the known world. Our world has never been the same. Because where people believe the Story, they find forgiveness and freedom and meaning. They receive the Spirit of God themselves and they began to love.

Justice is getting what we deserve; mercy is not getting what we deserve but grace; His gift grace, kindness and life expressed His literal exceeding loving kindness to us, giving us through His unwarranted, unmerited favour the ultimate gift that mankind has the opportunity to receive, eternal life with Him!!!

We are saved by His grace through faith and this is not of yourselves and not by works so that no man can boast and this grace and faith is the ultimate gift of God through the Holy Spirit.

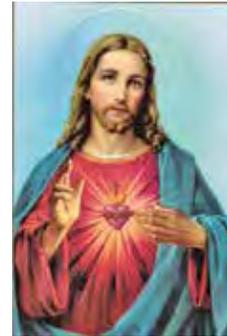
Do not refuse this gift but receive it and go forward with the awesome knowledge that you are God's workmanship (work of art, master piece, person of notable character), created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do!

My closing pray is that you being rooted and established in His love may have power with all the saints to know the height, width, breadth and depth of the sacrificial, unconditional love the Lord proved towards you on the humbling, excruciating cross of Calvary. Jesus exclaimed "no greater love has a man than he lay his life down for His friends.

Abundant blessings as you celebrate the victory and that the sting of death

has been dealt with as you put this day aside in reverent love, appreciation and adoration of Him!!! Choose to be obedient, loving empowered by the Holy Spirit to bless the "living" Christ, the Living Hope today and every day!!!

Thanksgiving



Thanks to Sacred Heart of Jesus
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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, loved, glorified & praised throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy kingdom come. St. Jude worker of miracles pray for us. St. Jude helper of the hopeless pray for us. Amen.

Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. By the eighth day your prayer will be answered. It has never known to fail. Promise to publish this or distribute this as soon as your favour has been granted.

— Jessy & Peter Corda,
Mumbai



It is our right to vote

The Constitution of India gives every adult (18 years or above of age) the right to choose representatives through the exercise of his/her right to vote. The voters exercise their right to vote to elect representatives to the Lok Sabha, the State Legislative Assemblies and the local bodies down to the Gram Panchayat.

As a democratic country, India is built on the foundations of election. Our Parliament and Legislatures are of the people, by the people and for the people. Voting is a constitutional right that we are privileged to have. We take it for granted, but the Constitution has given us the right to elect who we want, and the right to make the change.

—*Jubel D'Cruz, Mumbai*

Cruel and Ugly Face of Terrorism

Terrorism is getting crueller each day with serial blasts taking place all over the world. The recent one was in Sri Lanka that took place on Easter Sunday when people were in Church praying. Unless and until the terrorists are beheaded in full public view and shown live on television on all major

channels, terrorism will continue to take place in the world.

—*Jubel D'Cruz, Mumbai.*

From Cicero to CHRIST!

Marcus Cicero, born 106 BC, was a renowned Roman statesman, lawyer and philosopher. He was considered one of Rome's greatest orators and prose stylist. He introduced Romans to Greek culture and thought, and created a Latin vocabulary, distinguishing himself as a reliable translator.

Cicero was greatly admired by influential Church Fathers such as Augustine of Hippo, who credited Cicero's *De Officiis* for his eventual conversion to Christianity! He wrote in 43 BC, 9 famous aphorisms which are valid even today!

The poor work and work. / The rich exploit the poor. / The soldier protects both. / The taxpayer pays for all three. / The banker robs all four. / The lawyer misleads all five. / The doctor bills all six. / The goons scare all seven. / The politician lives happily on account of all eight.

Allow me to add to Cicero's nine hilarious observations, a serious and trustworthy promise of salvation – No 10 / The Christ Jesus Who offers 'eternal life' to all nine: "I AM the Resurrection and the Life! Those who believe in Me, even though they die, will live; and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26).

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

Sri Lanka Killings

The Indian Catholic Forum expresses deep shock and dismay at the wanton killings of almost 300 persons in various locations in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday morning, including in three churches and various hotels frequented by foreigners. It is common knowledge that Easter is the most sacred and holy day for Christians across the world. It is therefore shameful that anybody or organization should think of targeting innocent worshippers at such a time and place.

As far as is publicly known, the Christian community in Sri Lanka is not a radicalized group harbouring animosity towards any other community. The same may be said of international tourists who would have had no anti-national agenda in Sri Lanka. The circumstantial evidence therefore points to the perpetrators being from outside Sri Lanka, who chose this as a soft target to pursue their blood thirsty plan of hatred and revenge.

All sane persons and leaders should unequivocally condemn these satanic acts against innocent persons. While praying for the souls of all those who have lost their lives, and for comfort for the bereaved and injured; we also appeal to all sections of society to maintain peace and brotherhood, and not allow such incidents to sow the seeds of revenge or hatred against the perpetrators, whomsoever they may be. We also appeal to the Govt of Sri Lanka to use all possible means to identify the perpetrators of this crime against humanity and to bring them to swift justice.

—*chhotebhai*
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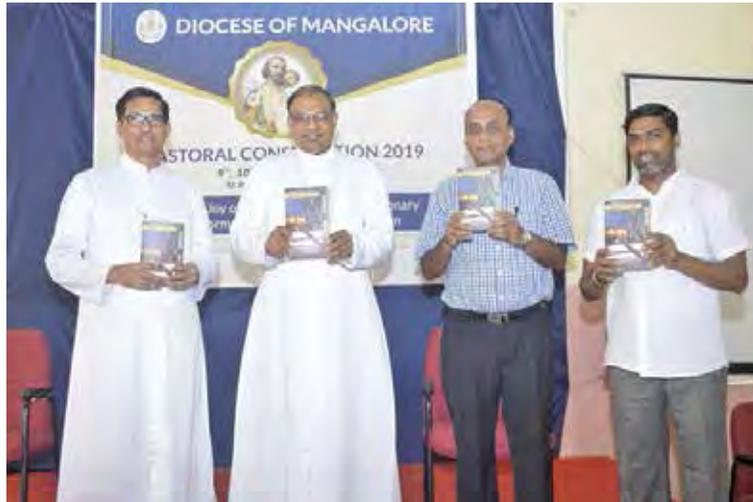
'Kanoon-Jivan' Konkani Book - 'Law & Life' released

by Ivan Saldanha-Shet.

Priest-Lawyer of the Mangalore diocese Rev Francis Assisi Almeida, who has won laurels as an advocate, lawyer and scholar has authored this book, in Konkani, with a wide perspec-

tion and Youth, 3. Minority Rights-Articles 29-30, 4. Laws relating to Women and Children, 5. Law of Torts 6. Marriage and related Laws, 7. Property and related laws, 8. Law of Contract and its elements, 9. Investigation Agencies, 10. Criminal Laws, 11. Miscellaneous provisions.

laymen in Konkani to understand legal provisions for the common man is rare. Fr Francis' excellent book will really help the Konkani speaking community to enhance their legal knowledge and will make them actively aware."



Advocate Praveen Pinto, a well known lawyer based in Mangalore, admired the efforts of the book, a gist of what he told this correspondent: "Fr Francis

About the Author : Hailing from Padukone near Kundapur, son of George & Sophia had his early education in Padukone, PUC at Aloysius M'lore and degree at St.Philomena;s Puttur. Ordained in his home town on April 23, 2004, served in Bijay, then Kallianpur Milagres - while there he did his LLB at Vaikunta Baliga College of Law and obtained first rank, gold medal in Mangalore Uni. He was instrumental in working towards the resolution of the 2008 church attacks in Mangalore. He has served in different places of Karnataka, with the Somashekar Commission , regarding the church attacks that took place in the year 2008. He has the credit of solving many cases without going to the court, while he was the Director of Kanun Salaha Kendra. While serving as Vicar of Maril Parish, he continued his studies of LL.M and obtained 3rd rank in Karnataka State University. Later he obtained second rank in

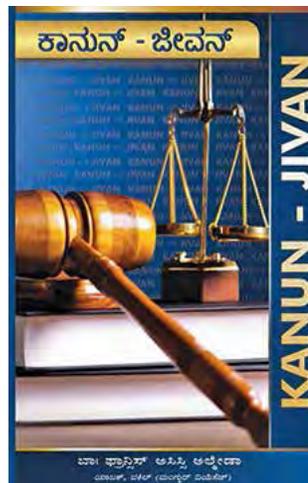
tive for the ordinary citizen. "Kanoon Jivan' gives essential knowledge on law matters which are often murky to ordinary people. It has been appreciated as an important work of law for ordinary people in their own tongue.

Assisi Almeida has been a consistent rank holder in law studies. He headed the 'Legal Cell' of the Diocese of Mangalore which gave legal assistance to the needy in hundreds of legal disputes, which were long-standing pending in the court's from several year's, Fr Francis practical legal skills handled legal matters well to clear these. He also was one of the lawyer's representing the diocese of Mangalore in the judicial commission which probed the attacks on churches in the year 2008. 'Kanoon Jivan', this book on law contains chapters on the Constitution of India, civil laws, laws of women, matrimonial law's, land disputes, current topics such as Rafale etc. It also contains land mark judgments of the honorable Supreme Court and High courts. The book gives needed knowledge to the reader on cases and law points, making the book valuable. This is a law book with case laws which makes the book first of its kind. Legal knowledge to

M.A. (in Public Administration) Presently he is doing his Ph D. (law) from Alliance University Bangalore. While he was vicar at Maril parish, he has helped about 47 youth from the parish and the varado to appear for I.A.S. and I.P.S. and other competitive exams. He has wide experience of serving in various courts. Presently he writes articles to the Raknno, Uzward and other periodicals of the parishes.

Most Rev. Dr. Peter Paul Saldanha, the Bishop of Mangalore, released the book- Kanun-Jivan during the concluding ceremony of Diocesan Pastoral Consultation, held at St Joseph Seminary, Jeppu, Mangaluru. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Bishop applauded the efforts put in by Rev Assisi to author the book that would help the community to a great extent. Rev. Msgr. Maxim Noronha, the Vicar General of the Diocese; Rev. Fr. J. B. Saldanha, the secretary of the Senate and many priests of the Diocese of Mangalore were present. The author of the book, Rev Francis Assisi Almeida thanked all the clergy and laity for their support and good wishes.

The book consists of 11 chapters and more than 70 different topics of the laws and enactments. The sections are : 1. Constitution of India, 2. Edu-



The Book is presently on special introductory offer with the author - contact - MoB: 94487 80714.

After the independence, the only Christian I A S officer who became the Election Commissioner of India, was Mr. J M Lingdoh - 2001 to 2004. He was strict and was known for his straightforwardness. His book "Chronicles of Impossible Election" should be read by all who want to know the inside-out of our elections.....

by Ignatius Dabhi

Mahagathbandhan has raised many doubts and questions over the recent functioning of the Election Commission of India. The Election Commission is supposed to be an autonomous body which under no circumstances has to work under any pressure. Unhappily today the Election Commission is often depicted as a toothless and nail-less lion! We senior journalists had seen how the Election Commission functioned when T. N. Sheshan headed it as a Commissioner. I was fortunate enough to interview Mr. Sheshan in his office and his impact, his attitude and forcefulness left an everlasting effect on me.

In a country like ours, with nearly 80 crores of voters and many unruly *netajis*, the work and effectiveness of the Election Commission is never easy. 86 year old Mr. Sheshan, now in an ashram in Chennai, must be surely feeling very very miserable to see the state of affairs of trustworthiness and unbiased functioning of the E.C. T.N. Sheshan will always be remembered who stood by the law upheld the dignity of the E.C. and worked under no pressure. So far we had 23 Election Commissioners and the present commissioner is Mr. Sunil Arora. Normally the boss has a soft corner for the party in power! In order to protect his party and his party leader, all types of pressure is brought on the E.C. The C.B.I., E.D., and E.C. are supposed to be lions having sharp teeth and nails but today, under the present circumstanc-

Election Commission Of India Under Scrutiny?



T.N. Sheshan

Ignatius Dabhi

Former Election Commissioner Mr. T.N. Sheshan was a real terror for those who did not care for the law. The author Ignatius Dabhi with the their Election Commissioner of India.... at his Delhi residence.....

es, these lions can not even roar!!

More than 63 complaints are made ever since the model code of conduct has come under force. In most of the cases, nothing spectacular happened! The biopic of Narendra Modi raised many questions. Ultimately the law has to bring a stay on such a film A B J P MLA two days ago, publicly threatened the adivasi voters : "You will see what I do, if you do not vote us,..." he said this and the TV channels went on showing this.. nothing has happened....

Modi violated the Code of conduct four times... nothing happened, Yogi Aditya's tongue slipped.. Kalyan Singh slipped.... nearly 63 written complaints are given to the E.C., the soft corner attitude of the E.C. has drawn everyone's attention

A senior Congress leader, when asked about the trustworthiness of the E.C. said : "Under the Modi rule, no autonomous body function independently.... the PMO office interferes these days...." Recently Mamata Banerjee very strongly protested against the E.C. order of transferring four senior officers without consulting her....

Today the E.C. at the most gives a warning and tries to close the matter. It was never so before. Personal remarks, derogatory accusations, sarcastic words and abusive language have become very common. It is surprising to watch that the society in which we all live is accustomed to accept such statements. It seems we are becoming accustomed and comfortable in such an intolerable atmosphere! Decency, respect, regards for the elders and abusive words in presence of women are unknown to today's generation.

A recent survey made by some organization says : "Intolerance has become very normal and common. T.V. serials and modern films add more fuel to the existing fire! Magnanimity and forgiveness are totally unknown in our youths. Humility and simplicity are signs of cowardice-ness, think today's youngsters....."

People of my generation feel tired and disturbed in today's world. Never in the last fifty years India has undergone such a critical period. It is then, the Election Commission of India has to play a very vital role.... The Commission seems to fail us all.....!

WHY A SUPPOSEDLY 7% GDP GROWTH DELIVERED JUST 3 - 4% JOB GROWTH?

by Eric D'Sa

The general belief of around 125 independent highly renowned Indian Economists is that there is something wrong about statistics behind the calculations of the projected 7% GDP growth. Why is the employment generation not occurring in tandem with the growth rate. At best it is supposed to be growing at just 3-4%. What went wrong with Modi's maths.

Growth without jobs is possibly the biggest question mark on the chequered innings of the Modi government. With former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan questioning the 7 per cent growth rate that failed to produce proportionate jobs, the NDA government's track record on the economic front is suddenly under the scanner.

India's Central Statistics Office (CSO) earlier this year estimated the growth rate for the economy in FY19 at 7.2 per cent, a tad higher than last financial year's 6.7 per cent, mainly due to improved performance of the agriculture and manufacturing sectors.

A survey done by the US-based Pew Research Center showed lack of employment opportunities is currently the biggest concerns for the economy.

The study showed 67 per cent of the respondents felt things had become worse in terms of job opportunities (including 47 per cent who said much worse) and only 21 per cent said things had become better under Modi.

Economists agree employment generation is not happening in tandem with the growth rate. Many of them blame it on lack of private capex, demonetisation and implementation of major disruptive reforms like RERA, GST besides trade tensions, agrarian stress and slowdown in the real estate sector all at the same time.

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The economists point out that the link between job creation and growth is much weaker now than earlier. "We have not seen good employment levels in central and state governments in last five years. The employment generation level is not consistent with the 7 per cent growth rate. In the past with the old methodology, when we were growing at 8-9 per cent, we had a much faster rate of employment generation."

Most economists say the rate of employment generation should ideally be equivalent to growth rate or slightly lower. The latest economic study done shows that last year pegged the employment growth rate in the economy at 3-4 per cent, which was nowhere in line with the GDP growth rate. "Earlier, when GDP was growing at 8 per cent, the rate of employment generation was at 6-7 per cent."

The services sector comprising IT, retail, construction and financial services is one of the biggest employers in India. All of them have witnessed anaemic

growth in the past years owing to global challenges, domestic demand slowdown and debt overhang across sectors.

Private sector capex, which peaked in 2010-11 at Rs 3.7 lakh crore, has been conspicuously on a declining trend in last seven years. During FY18, it hit the lowest level since FY07, declining 13 per cent YoY to Rs 1.5 lakh crore. The decline in private capex was attributed to weak end-market demand resulting in under-utilisation of capacity and high leverage among companies in steel, power and infrastructure sectors, which constrained new borrowings for capex. Delay in land acquisition and clearances were two other factors.

So, at the time when the government aspires to become a \$5 trillion economy in next five years and \$10 trillion in eight years, major sectors of the economy are not being able to create new employment opportunities.

Economists say in India, a sizable portion of jobs is disguised unemployment, and this occurs when there is over-employment in a particular work. With 55 crore people, close of 50 per cent of total workforce, engaged in agriculture, the primary sector is not being able to absorb such employment.

They say the nature of unemployment has changed over the past 5-10 years. With improved level of education, job aspirations have increased and people are moving from primary to secondary and tertiary sectors. But these sectors are not being able to absorb such big numbers.

Finally the Economists conclude that creating jobs for such a large number of people in any large country is extremely challenging for any government. You cannot create wage employment for all. The unemployment problem can be

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addressed only if people go towards skilled employment, self-employment or the startup way.

There is an immediate requirement to fuel private capex. An increasing number of food processing industries and cold storages are required in the hinterland to store perishable food for longer period. This may work as a galvanising factor for rural farmers. The real estate sector has to be encouraged, as it is a wider scope for informal employment.

Other Economists say government should reorient the education system to be more employment-friendly and adopt vocational training programmes similar to Germany's, which comprise two-four years of on-the-job work experience along with theoretical knowledge. Better university-industry interaction or collaboration can make education more relevant, which is sorely missing in India.

Also innovative startups and self-employment opportunities are the way to go. They say a supportive business environment and policy certainty for sustained revival of private investment, improvement in digital infrastructure to enhance distance learning opportunities for the youth, enhancing digital literacy and strongly supporting the IT sector - pivotal to Digital India and Make in India initiatives – can help faster job creation.

More importantly the new Government will have to some how put more money into the bottom rung of the pyramid to first of all increase purchasing power in their hands which will go quickly to purchase food and basic needs. This will increase farm income and increase the price of food products. The economy has to grow bottom up. Besides the above More money will have to be pumped into MNERAGA and rural house building economy. It cities also high rise buildings with flats of 500 sq. feet or less should be taken up in a massive way. This will increase jobs for the poor and help to revive the economy.

We Are 'Easter People'!

Easter is Faith- the simple, pure faith of ordinary people, who know that Jesus, our Risen Lord is truly the Messiah; the one who has come to set them free from earthly bondages and from the slavery of sin. A faith which is deep and eternal – not a temporary, passing, magical fad!

Easter is Hope- for a new dawn: the one which removes the clouds of fear and darkness. The hope which is radiant and nurturing; which counters hopelessness, when all is lost. The chrysalis moment when the butterfly is about to be born- and becomes hope for the flowers.

Easter is Mercy- his words resonate so powerfully through the portals of time: *"this day you will be with me in Paradise"*; *"Father forgive them for they know not what they do!"* One truly celebrates God's mercy and His grace that we rise and run willingly into his loving embrace.

Easter is Justice- so meaningfully epitomised when Jesus on his knees, washes the feet of His disciples. He excludes none. We are called to do the same: wash the feet of women, children and men; particularly the excluded; to break bread with them; to ensure a more just, equitable society
Easter is Love- before his death on the cross, Jesus gave his disciples a new, non-negotiable commandment *"Love one another; as I have loved you, so you also should love one another."* Love is the core, the essence of discipleship. *"By this all will know, that you are my disciples!"*

Easter is Peace- which our broken world yearns for! A peace which reconciles, bridges, builds and heals. It is not the peace of the graveyard or the empty tomb. It is peace which sustains, gives life and meaning,



based on justice and liberty. Jesus says, *"My peace I give you!"*

Easter is Joy- which Mary experiences when she finds that the 'gardener', is in fact her *"rabboni"*- her Master and Mentor, her Saviour and God. The joy that makes her run in haste to give the *"good news"* to the brothers. The joy that a woman is in fact the first real evangeliser.



BY FR. CEDRIC PRAKASH SJ

Easter is Journey- the way of the cross of those who dare: Peter who denies Jesus, Simon who is forced to help, women who weep; at the foot of the cross Mary his mother, with his disciples James and John. The journey Jesus makes to Emmaus with men of little faith, with the lost.

Easter is People- those who are touched by him in many different ways. People who are not afraid to follow him. Those who spontaneously recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Those who have the courage to be his witnesses for a more just, reconciling and peaceful world! *We are called to embody the Easter message of Faith, Hope, Mercy, Justice, Love, Peace, Joy, to journey with Jesus and his people! If we are his disciples we have no choice but to be the "Easter People" – and to live the gifts of His Resurrection in every dimension of our lives!*

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Take more security measures on minority places of worship

We Christians of Mumbai are totally aghast as to where the Indian society is leading to. The minorities in this city, particularly the Christians, are being subjugated to more and more harassment since their places of worship are being regularly and systematically targeted and vandalised. We regret to state that the Mumbai Police despite being put to repeated requests in the past to install CCTV cameras on all places of worship, have failed to do so till date.

The latest incident is the desecration of the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus situated at Gundavali Gaothan, Andheri (East) on the morning of April 22, 2019, when some miscreants have intentionally scribbled "666 and Satan lives here" on the marble statue.

We see a definitive pattern in a series of such incidents happening in Mumbai particularly in the areas of Santacruz (West), Juhu and Bandra (West). This has been done with deliberate intentions to hurt the religious sentiments of the Catholic-Christian community.

Other incidents that occurred in Mumbai are as follows:

On December 15, 2013, the resi-

dents of Vile Parle (West), noticed that a cross of our Lord Jesus Christ situated at LIC Building Compound was vandalised by some unknown miscreants.

On July 14, 2014, the same cross of Jesus on S.V. Road in the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) compound, had been once again vandalized by some unknown miscreants.

On September 4, 2016, the cross on which Jesus Christ was hung situated at Juhu was found desecrated.

On January ,27, 2017, a cross situated at Carter Road in Bandra (West) was found damaged.

On April 12, 2017 the cross situated at Gaothan Lane, Opp. Super Bazar, below the Skywalk, Station Road, Santacruz (West) was desecrated.

These are just a few incidents. There are many more.

Since we Christians are a peace-loving community, we forgive the people who have done these things to us.

All these have taken place ever since Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister of the country.

— Jubel D'Cruz,
Mumbai

Pope to Amateur Athletes: "Have Clear Goals in Life"!

On Monday 15 April 2019, Pope Francis addressed representatives from Italy's National Amateur League (Lega Nazionale Dilettanti), on their 60th anniversary. The League counts over 12,000 amateur football clubs, with more than a million young members, "united by a great passion for the game"!

"Today's world with its rapid changes and challenges affects all of us, especially the youth! Although we are always running, it often seems we have no clear goal. On the contrary, we should strive to clarify the goals that push us every day in order to lift ourselves and to work hard."

"To be successful in sport requires not only natural talent, but also training and determination, great patience, ability to accept defeat, team spirit, capacity to collaborate, and the capability to be happy!"

"Note, the Italian word for amateur is "dilettante", one who takes delight; which is also the etymology of the English term amateur, derived from Latin "amator", or lover! You amateurs must always remember, even if you one day become professionals, that joy is the soul of the game! Spread it to those who watch you or cheer you. How you play the game will be an example for others."

"Embrace a 'spirit of solidarity'! Reach out to those who have fallen or taken a foul. This spirit of solidarity means, we can only win when we work together; and if we allow those who are weak to stay on the sidelines, we all lose. This 'mentality of solidarity' will contribute to the 'revolution of cultural change'!"

—Dr. Trevor Colaso,
Memphis, TN. USA.

World Book Day Celebrations in Margao

The Dogears Bookshop in Margao is organizing a programme to mark World Book Day on the 28th of April 2019, at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao, to celebrate the literary heritage of the Goan state.

Harsh Mander, activist and author of several books including, *Fractured Freedom: Chronicles from India's Margins* and *Looking Away: Inequality, Prejudice and Indifference in New India*, will deliver the keynote address. Mr Mander works with survivors of mass violence and hunger, as well as homeless persons and street children. He is the Director of the Centre for Equity Studies.

There will also be a panel discussion on the topic of "Development of a Reading Culture in Goa: Opportunities and Challenges", followed by the release of a couple of books.

The programme is open to all. For more details, call The Dogears Bookshop at 98503 98530.

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SC nudges EC hard

The Election Commission [EC] had drawn certain guidelines for all the political parties to follow in the run up to the elections and the parties / independent contestants were duty bound to abide by those restrictions finalized in consultation with all political parties. Everybody seems to speak eloquently about this constitutional body and parties berate each other if they show any dissent or speak ill of the EC. But in practice, they have scant respect for it judging by the way the guidelines are being flouted day in and day out. The ruling party, by virtue of being in office, must set an example to others to follow. But sadly, the politicians from the ruling party are vying with each other to break the rules and the trend was set by none other than the Prime Minister. No party can claim that it has not flouted any rule or guideline. It is ironical that each one complains about the other to the EC.

Enormous cash, drugs, alcohol, gold etc are confiscated by flying squads of the EC. The value of such seizures is higher than that of the previous years and that too after the government had claimed black money is eliminated post demonetization. The tedious procedures post seizures are too long and by the time the court gives its verdict, the term of the legislator or MP expires. Where an elected representative is convicted in such cases, he should be made to refund the monetary value of all the benefits received by him during his tenure. The punishment so meted out must pinch the candidate.

Once the election dates are announced, the EC assumes additional powers. It can transfer bureaucrats or IPS Officers if it is satisfied that it is not in public interest for them to remain in office in that capacity. The EC has put its foot down and rejected requests from State governments. Here they are transferred on perceived transgressions. On the other hand, guidelines are disregarded with impunity by candidates – a sort of defiance. It is here that the EC had to show its powers. Asking for reports, sending show cause notices and then may be make them do some sit-ups are steps not deterrent enough. There has to be some punitive action. Mild for the first offence, severe for the second and the third one must be disqualification. Elections these days are not fought on principles of

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by Marshall Sequeira

ideology but on hatred and animosity towards opponents and even communities. Each day we hear such atrocious comments that it makes right thinking people squirm with repulsion. This is not good for our democracy. Leaders [whatever the chest size] will come and go. The people and democracy are here to stay.

While no offence is meant for the eminent members of the Election Commission, the need of the hour is a man like T. N. Seshan who as CEC put the fear of God and EC in the minds and hearts of all candidates. If the same pressure was kept up, frankly speaking, politicians would not have dared to cross the Laxman rekha. Had it not been for the SC, the EC would have dragged its feet and let go all the offenders. 48 or 72 hours ban is no ban at all but it is the beginning. But what about the big wigs? Can we think of deducting a certain number of valid votes from habitual offenders falling in say category 3 of such transgressions? Like in cricket every no ball affects the bowler's figures and gives some advantage to the batsman. The punishment has to be severe enough which sends a message to the offender that he cannot go scot free and that he has to pay a heavy price for his repeated violation of the guidelines. If democracy has to be saved from these hardened politicians, stringent remedy is called for. If they have their way, we will be heading towards being a banana republic.

Bonding with ruling party

Ever since the electoral bonds scheme devised and announced by the Union Finance Minister in Parliament the skeptics were never convinced that the scheme was an answer to the illegal funding of the elections in India. They knew that this was cleverly devised to favour the party in power. The FM known for his oratorical skills, managed to convince the general public about the efficacy of the scheme and the people thought it deserved to be tried. The sale of these bonds was restricted to only State Bank of India – government owned bank and only KYC compliant buyers were allowed to purchase them and then give to any political party of

their choice. Everybody thought that it would be a fairly transparent thing and not much opposition was voiced though there were murmurs of doubts.

It was left to political activists to file a PIL demanding court's intervention to stop / regularize sale of such bonds so as to ensure a level playing field in the elections. Their demand was based on the fact that the ruling party which is the BJP got 95% of the bonds valued at Rs 2000 crores. The court allowed the sale to continue subject to conditions which the government did not find to its liking. The names of donors from 12th April to 15th May will have to be given to the EC in sealed covers by recipient political parties. The court will then hear the merits and demerits of the case as and when it comes up. For the time being, the names of the donors till 11th April will remain anonymous and that must be a great relief to the government. It gives a feeling that the amount netted by the BJP has an element of quid pro pro for favours received by the donors through contracts and other services.

The BJP says it has no black money. "Mere pass Electoral bonds hai" the party seems to say. They can use that money. During one of the interceptions by police huge cash of about 10 lacs was caught and the BJP claimed that it was 'withdrawn' from party's bank account for disbursement to various vendors. But pray, why in cash in the cashless regime? This amount is nothing but the electoral bonds from anonymous donors. Rs 1900 crores [as against Rs 100 crores by other political parties], is mind-boggling and it comes handy for the ruling party to spend without any fear. All other parties will have to face the IT authorities for the cash they spend. It is a very clear ploy of the government to trap the opponents. With donors being anonymous, the party has nothing to fear at least for the time being. It is very likely that the court will come down heavily on this opaque scheme.



Marriage Is A Sacrament Of Love

Weeks before a wedding, the couple begin the inexorable plan: to make the gold rings to exchange at the altar, to book the day at the parish church, to complete the marriage course, prepare all those who will participate in the ceremony, to arrange the hall for the reception, to contact the caterers, the photographers, the wedding cake and not forgetting the car with the 'Just Married' tag at the back and to order fresh flowers for the church. What matters is not the band, the dances, but living the marriage and its promise 'for better or worse'.

It is hardly surprising, but marriage is divinely instituted. In the First Book of Moses called Genesis, we are told that God "caused a deep sleep to fall upon man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; and the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man". (Gen.2:21-22).

"Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh." (Gen. 2:24).

The designed union of a man and a woman in matrimony had its purpose welded in Jewish tradition: for the happiness of both, male and female, for procreation and the prevention of sin, for the union to be lawful, honorable and should be only in the Lord.

"A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. If the husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes only in the Lord." (1. Cor.7:39).



BY MELVYN BROWN

In the letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews, the apostle wrote: "Let marriage be held in honor among all." (Heb.13:4).

In the New Testament it is also said, that is what the Lord wanted; the Christian faith was intensely focused on Jesus. And Jesus gave Christianity a new love for the bond of marriage as was told to us in the letters of his apostle.

"To the married I give charge, not I but the Lord, that the wife should not separate from her husband (but if she does, let her remain single or be reconciled to her husband)- and that the husband should not divorce his wife. (1 Cor. 7:10-11)

The Holy Sacrament of Matrimony is one of the Seven Sacraments of the Church. It's about joining together.

"So, they are no longer two but one. What therefore God has joined together let no man put asunder" (Matt.19:6). Marriage is also about making affinity. "Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh King of Egypt; he took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David, until he had finished building his own house and the house of the Lord

and the Wall around Jerusalem." (1 Kings:3:1).

Marriage is a covenant relationship, an agreement between God and His chosen people. The Lord's covenant on marriage was made clear when Malachi wrote: " The Lord was witness to the covenant between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant." (Mal. 2:14).

The marriage covenant permits a man and a woman to form an intimate communion in life. Love is the natural bond and endows them with its own laws created by God.

Marriage is made for the good of the couple, and for the good of their children, so that children will grow up in the faith, be educated and respect their parents. It was Jesus Christ who raised marriage to the dignity of a Sacrament. To be wedded in the Sacrament of Matrimony is to rejoice in the will of God.

The marriage at Cana in Galilee was attended by the mother of Jesus. And Jesus was invited with his disciples. It was at the reception, when the wine had finished, that Jesus obeyed his mother's request and performed the

first miracle. He turned water in the six stone jars into wine.

The first step towards marriage, are the rules of Engagement in the Christian and Roman Catholic faith. It is not to be taken lightly. Engagement leads to the preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony and then the wedding. It takes a lot of sincere work towards the day of the marriage.

In the Gospel of Matthew we are told that Mary, the Mother of Jesus was engaged to Joseph. (Mat. 1:18). This same engagement was spoken about in the Gospel of Luke. (Lk. 1:27).

In our present generation the Engagement is about choosing flowers, booking a hall for the reception, blessing the engagement ring and other social contact works. Engaged couples talk about their views and expectations of what marriage is all about.

The Catholic Church has initiated a Marriage Course, a session of talks to assist the couple to a better understanding to seeing each-others prospects on life. The marriage couple touches upon attitudes to domestic work, money, children and relationships with in-laws. All this leads to a better union in their everyday married life.

This grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ's Cross, the source of all Christian life. (CCC 1615: 109). This was made clear when St. Paul said, "Husbands love your wives, as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her." This covenant between baptized persons has been raised to the dignity of a Sacrament. (CCC. 1601:84).

The celebration of marriage in the Church takes place between two "Catholic faithful" during Holy Mass, because there is a connection to the Seven Sacraments with the "Paschal mystery of Christ". The spouses seal their consent through the offering of their lives. They form "one body" in Christ when receiving the Eucharist.

The couple express themselves "to



be free". The meaning of this is, "not impeded by any natural or spiritual rules". The Church holds this to be an indispensable act which makes the marriage. "The consent given mutually by the couple is "sealed by God himself". Authentic married love is caught up into divine love. (CCC 1639).

The Christian home is where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. The home, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church is called the domestic church. It radiates a community of prayer, of human virtues and Christian charity.

Every baptized person is expected to be a "blessing". A married couple, wedded in the Sacrament of Matrimony, is a blessing and may bless and praise God at meals, or bless others, objects and places – for blessings are among the sacramental. The celebration of marriage should be public, before witnesses, an assembly of the faithful and before a priest. This announces the couple to a public state

of life in the Church. It also helps them to live a faithful and fruitful life of love – caring and sharing with each other.

Conventional wisdom is that marriage is sacred, a solemn union of man and woman. Women, especially, feel unsettled after thirty years of age if they are still spinsters. To settle down soon is a girl's dream and to have a family. Men believe in building a career, having stability and a sense of social security .

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI had once told priests to advice prospective spouses so they can make certain the marriages will survive. The Bishop of Rome insisted that premarriage counseling, done well, could avoid the vicious circle of invalid marriages.

Marriage is an adventure, to face the realities of life, and to meet it together, as one body. "A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives." (1 Cor. 7:39). "So they are no longer two but one."

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Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in you.
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in your love for me.
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Your kingdom come.

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

—Mary D'Silva, Mahim

Thanksgiving

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—Mrs. L. M. C. , Bandra



Thanksgiving

Thanks to Divine Mercy and Our Lady of perpetual Succor for the favours granted

—A Devotee



Why Indian Mothers Are Better Than American Mothers

Dr Glenn DeSouza (Shanghai)

Apologies in advance to the intellectuals – please skip this nostalgic piece of a trip down memory lane. A time when women were “real women” not the drab women of today drained by years of swotting for studies, worn down by careers, and commuting. When our Mangalore women wore exquisite saris, danced at posh clubs with men in tuxedos, went swimming with handsome instructors, made Novenas, gossiped non-stop, and entertained endlessly. When a woman was judged by her beauty and her charm and bloodlines and not by her MCAT score

Yes – Its True What They Say About Chinese Mothers



There was a book by Yale Professor Amy Chua, “Tiger Mothers” to explain why Chinese kids seem more successful than others “The fact is that Chinese parents can do things that would seem unimaginable—even legally actionable—to Westerners. Chinese mothers can say to their daughters, 'Hey fatty—lose some weight.' By contrast, Western parents have to tiptoe around

the issue." Her 2 kids attended Yale and Harvard, played piano 3 hours a day and played at Carnegie Hall and one of them hated her

Here are some things my daughters, Sophia and Louisa, were never allowed to do: • watch TV or play computer games • get any grade less than an A • not be the No. 1 student in every subject except gym and drama • play any instrument other than the piano or violin • not play the piano or violin.

Having a Chinese Tiger wife I can say that they are beyond tough. My daughter at 9 has a schedule that is abusive and unlike Indian kids who only have to study, Chinese kids must do ballet, painting, and either violin or piano

Love Deeper Than Ocean

But what about Indian mothers? When it comes to love, no one comes close. An Indian son will never find a woman who gives him that love of his mother which is “deeper than the ocean, higher than the Himalayas, stronger than steel and sweeter than honey”

But is all that love good for us? Does it make us a bit soft?

The Priest Christmediates God To Humanity

Confession is his 'Ministry of Mercy'

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The 30th anniversary of the Apostolic Penitentiary at the Vatican recently was blessed by Pope Francis who made it clear that the 'Ministry of Mercy' was most important in the formation of faith, and the encounter with the faithful who ask for forgiveness in Confession.

One of the hallmarks of the Christian faith is the Priest who is the mediator between God and His chosen people.

Times may change the priest as mediator is a social reality; a person who performs in and by interpersonal relations. In our present age of the e-mail, mobile, 3-D, radio astronomy, can one truly say that the priest and his apostolate has the same meaning as in the first century of Christianity?

Will the priest serve the same functions as he was called upon to play in the times of barbarians and demi gods? We ought to know what the life of a priest should be in a given period (spatio-temporal) – especially, as mediator in Confession.

Let us explore the essentials of a priest as priest in the life of Holy Mother the Church; he is the mediator extraordinary. A mediator is a person who stands between two people who find it difficult to communicate; the mediator must be easily accepted by each individual to be a success. He has to be known to the two in concern. It also means that he should be equal to those he mediates for. The work of the priest as mediator will be to stand, both as sender and receiver. He is the mediator, for he radiates trust, and trust will bring about the act to identify with those who come to him in his

Ministry of Mercy.

"Jesus is the only divine mediator between God and man and between man and God. God "needs" him as much as man does."

Therefore the priest stands as the "Other Christ".

The Christ mediation is actuated by the priest in the function when offering the sacrifice of the Mass. He does this as a member of society in celebration with its people. The sacrifice of the Mass cannot be complete without the participation of the laity. I believe that the Church is the great sacrament which brings the other sacraments together. The priest becomes the mediator in his unique way for the complete religious action, in union with God.

Jesus Christ is the perfect mediator for He is divine and human, infinite and finite. The priest must know his community and he must believe God is true as the

prophets knew the God of Israel. Men in different cultures carry the knowledge of God within themselves- they need the priest as mediator, as the link to elicit God's response to their fears or problems wherever they may be.

Time and priests require functioning according to the levels of change in their cultural context. The priest communicates God in the word always. He prays and acts in order to "Christ-mediate" God to the world. The priest must succeed in uniting man and God through the Mass, his knowledge and his love to be a Minister of Mercy in Confession.



The priest reaches the peak of his ministry when he performs the act of union with God. He achieves his "union" in one of many forms either in scholarly works, in contemplation or in preaching. The priest as mediator can be in various embodiments.

The laity often finds a friend and spiritual refuge in a compassionate priest. A marriage on the brink of a break-up can be helped by an understanding priest to bring the couple together. Children find comfort when a priest reaches out to strengthen their spiritual needs. In many cases the homilies of a priest may create hope for those at the crossroads of their life.

The priest deserves our prayers, respect, love and encouragement. He has sacrificed his life and worldly pleasures in the service of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, my God and your God.



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Faith Based On Resurrection

There is a small prayer in the Eucharistic prayer which says, "Christ has died, Christ is risen and Christ will come again". This is a prayer of faith. This prayer expresses complete trust in Jesus Christ. The foundation of Christian faith is based on this trust. This unwavering faith and complete trust is a true mark of a Christian.

The death of Jesus is a historical event. In the history of Roman Empire it is written that Jesus has been given a capital punishment, namely the death on a cross, which is usually reserved for to those who revolt or plot against the empire and for hardcore criminals. But in Roman history Jesus' Resurrection or coming back to new life after being buried is not recorded. "Jesus is risen", "Jesus has come back to new life" is a matter of faith. But this faith is not based on any imagination. It is based on concrete facts and evidences.

During the three years of his public life Jesus has predicted no less than three times about his death and resurrection. His disciples bear witness to the risen Jesus. So the disciples see the fulfillment of his prediction in his resurrection. One of the disciples, Peter addressing a crowd of worshippers Jerusalem temple fearlessly proclaims, "You killed the one who leads to life, but God raised him from death – and we are witnesses to this" (Acts 3: 15).

The detractors of Jesus and those who murdered him knew about this prediction made by Jesus coming back to life after his death. So on the second day of Jesus' death and burial, they went to Pilate and told him, "Sir, we remember that while liar was still alive he said, 'I will be raised to life three days later.'... Pilate gave them a guard and said to them, 'Go and make the tomb as secure as you can'. So they left and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone

and leaving the guard on watch" (Mt 27: 62-66).

The fulfillment of Jesus' prediction is a proof of the resurrection. Still another proof is the empty tomb. On the third day of Jesus' death, in spite of the guard, the tomb was found empty! The detractors of Jesus could not deny the fact of the empty tomb. The soldiers guarding to tomb brought the news of the empty tomb to the chief priests. "The chief priests... gave large sum of money to the soldiers and said, "You are to say that his disciples came during the night and stole his body while you were asleep. ... The guards took the money and did what they were told to do" (Mt 28, 11-15).

There are many proofs of Jesus' resurrection. A third proof is the tremendous changes or transformation of the disciples. When Jesus was arrested, taken to Pilate and was condemned to death on a cross, all his disciples ran away and hid themselves for fear of being caught. But after the resurrection of Jesus the disciples came out and began to bear witness to Jesus even from Jerusalem temple! The disciples experienced tremendous inner strength that they are now able to face any situation! They began to proclaim Jesus' life and message fearlessly. They also began to go to faraway places to spread Jesus' life and message.

We may think that if we had lived in the time of Jesus we would not have behaved like Judas, Peter or Pilate. Pilate contemned Jesus to death to protect his selfish interest of his position as Governor. Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 silver coins and Peter denied even knowing Jesus three times for fear of losing his life. Both Peter and Judas have lived with Jesus at least for 3 years as his disciples, that is, his close friends and witnessed his

life and miracles! In our human reckoning both Peter and Judas committed unforgivable sins. But while Judas in his utter disappointment went and hanged himself, Peter recognized not only his weakness but above all the love, forgiveness and mercy of his Master and he became again a faithful disciple.

But the naked truth is that even today allured by power and attracted by money and also for fear of losing positions and perks we have people behaving selfishly like Pilate and Judas. So innocent people are persecuted and put behind bars for the crimes of others! Simple people are dispensed injustice to save the skins of the powerful people! In the name of protecting cows and of one's religion, rationalists and intellectuals are murdered without the criminals ever caught! With selfish purposes we committed crimes taking protection behind unruly mobs. We are indeed behaving like Pilate, Judas and Peter; and crucifying Jesus time and again.

Pilate, Judas and Peter realized the horror of their sins. Under the weight of their sins Pilate and Judas ended their lives in suicide while Peter repented his crime crying and putting his trust in the one who said to forgive not seven times but seventy times seven. Trusting fully in Jesus' pardon Peter turned to life and again became a trustworthy disciple of Lord Jesus. Instead of getting drowned the sea of great sin, Peter humbly turned to Jesus' unconditional love, forgiveness and mercy; and with a positive attitude he remained all his life praising and glorifying God.

There is a force, a power behind the dramatic changes in Peter. It is the power of Peter's faith in the Resurrection of Jesus. It is a Trust in Jesus who unconditionally forgives and loves a repentant sinner. With such faith and trust Peter surrenders completely at the feet of the Risen Christ. Now Peter could say with St Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2: 20).



by Fr. Varghese Paul, SJ

Inspiration!

Discover and unleash your inner hero



FOR FAR TOO long and for far too many of us, there are things we know, without a doubt, we are more than capable of doing: Our heroic part. But we keep it locked down inside and carry on life as usual. Isn't it time to be brave and bold? Why would you keep that gift to yourself? We all have a little or big hero, inside of us. How many times have you wanted to do or say something that would have probably been considered heroic but you kept it tucked deep inside our of fear? When you keep in mind that everything is temporary, even life, you will soon realise that opportunities to unleash your inner hero will come and if you don't jump on them they may never come back. Don't waste time in the back seat. Get out there and flash your cape

It's time to remember there is a hero inside us all. We watch the news and wish there was something we could do to right wrongs. We see people struggle with issues in their lives and want to help or we face a monster of a challenge in our own lives but fear and insecurity hold us back from taking action. Well, there's a hero inside of you and me, just waiting to rise up. Yes, there is! And here few of the many ways to find that hero and let him or her go to work:

Ignite your fire :

That passion that burns inside of you could very well be just a small little flicker of a flame of right now. Light it up and set the world on fire. Quite often, our passion or our soul's purpose is the something that could quite possibly change the world or shift our perception of things. Why not be that catalyst for change? If not you, who then?

Adopt a cause closer to your heart :

More than money, more than donations of things, good causes need the time and skills of people with a profound desire to help. Yes, there are many problems in the world, even in our own communities. Which one really resonates with you? Moves you? Makes you want to jump up and join in? Concentrate your efforts so that your inner hero will be focused and effective.

Serve other people with your strengths :

A friend needs help, a lot of help. Where can you make the most difference? Examine your talents, all that you are and offer you best, that which is strongest. Your most capable and heartfelt efforts will be the ones most likely to move the most stubborn of mountains.

Keep no reward in mind :

In the movies, the hero often does a good deed but leaves before he or she can be thanked or identified. Keep this in mind when you reach out to do something good for someone else. Let the act itself speak of the wonder and grace that fills God's world - and treasure this in your heroic heart.

Cultivate and promote courage :

Like a muscle, courage must be exercised regularly in order to be strong enough to with stand the really big challenges in our lives (think driving on a crowded freeway, for instance!). Don't wait for the big moment to make a difference but rather seek out ways large and small to act and build up your fearlessness act by act.

Ask a friend for genuine feedback :

Oh, so often, we don't know ourselves as well as others who see us from the outside. Treasured friends, those who

have been with us through thick and thin, can help us see what we cannot, and brush up the shine of our inner courage, our inner hero.

Keep God by your side :

By ourselves, we are merely human. But with God, all things are possible - even facing something that terrifies you. Visualise God by your side at all times and ask Him to give you His wisdom and courage to know how to act and when.

Be aware :

Many opportunities to act will pass us by if we're not mindful of our surroundings, the needs of others and ways to make changes in our own lives. The more we explore our world and keep our eyes and hearts open, the greater our impact and the more we can show others how, even though we tremble, through God we are wonderfully, powerfully and heroically made!

Your future is calling :

Why put it off any longer. Get your hero out there and let the masses know you are here, brave and have a purpose. It may take some time to get the brave part right but once you do, the future is yours and there really is no stopping you. There will be no limits to what you can accomplish with your hero cape on.

If you need inspiration, look no further

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My Easter Celebrations

The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven. I sat enthroned on the pinnacle of my pride hesitating to shed away my unwanted, unconcerned and unpredictable ego. I felt I was like an intransigent iceberg, deceiving the Titanic that is on its first voyage. My ego was unbending and was not ready for any compromise.



Sr. Bindu Abraham

Its looks like 40 days have completed very soon as that of a fraction of a second. I began the Lenten days very well with reflections and certain uncompromising resolutions to make it something copious and pious this year. But I think I was like the Eve who was flattered by the snake telling her that it had eaten the fruit of the tree of knowledge and have become very wise and practical. I became so narrow minded and not accommodating anyone in my heart. I became so intolerable and obnoxious towards my associates. Sometimes I felt I was not

of myself. I was led by the arrogance of the wicked one. I found unpredictable criticism on whatever I touched or observed. I considered others as if they were against me.

But today I realize and begin to open my heart, which was closed for 40 days. Of course I was not the same there was a remarkable change within me. Jesus suffered Passion and death on the Cross to gain victory over death and sin. He bought me with a priceless price and loved me even when I was in deep

misery. That is his inexplicable love for me. But instead of being grateful or acknowledging that great love of Jesus towards me I became so indifferent and unconcerned. Most of the times the lines of Holy Scripture triggers me to do good. But as St. Paul says I'm tempted to accomplish what I don't want to do. It's not because of the grace of God within me but the result of the savageness of the mind that is not saddled and the emotions that are not fastened.

Today I realize what's the real meaning of Easter after many years of my existence in this world. It's not only the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead but also it's also my new birth in Spirit from good to better. I need to become a new handiwork of God in my day today life enflaming and fuelling the goodness of the Lord who dwells within me to those around. A candle does not loose its light or charm if it allows other candles to be lighted. It remains the same. It's a transformation from wound to healing, a transformation from gossiping to counting others better than me; it's a transformation from negative thoughts to positive one. It's an experience of loading myself with constructive outlook and exultant synergy. It's an exchange of good for evil.

It's an occasion to get involved in the unfathomable love of God and to become aware of the fact that Jesus died for me and for my sins. Above all Easter is the incomprehensible experience of entering into the glory of the Risen Christ along with him cracking the unsolicited and unwelcomed ego or pride to make myself after the example of Christ my Lord. It's like peeling away my old self and imprinting with the attitudes of Risen

Christ who was bruised, crucified, died, buried and Risen for me. Only then I will be rose with Christ and enter into his glory along with him. Only then I will have the experience of the disciples of Emmaus, walking along with Jesus.

This experience demands me to say 'its not I who live its Christ who lives in me'

and I rise with Him on the last day. I need to cling on to Him, as I'm like an earthen vessel fragile and brittle. But today I'm convinced after this grueling 40 days that "Jesus has marked us with his own seal in a first outpouring of the Spirit in our hearts" by his Passion and death.

These forty days I found myself to be more vulnerable -



nerable to evil and I witnessed something, which I never encountered within me all these years. I was misjudging, misinterpreting and all that I didn't want I became.

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than the examples of heroes before you, both fictional and real. Are you the next Batman, inspired by technology and driven to serve others? Or are you the next Einstein, locked in a world of math and formulas, always on the verge of your next discovery? It's always wise to find healthy role models that can help you to understand that anything is possible.

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Besides your passion, what is your superpower? We all have one or two. Are you a great talker, healer or listener? Do you have a genuine loving and caring heart? What's the one or two (or even more?) fantastic gifts that you possess inside of you that can help people or even yourself? Dig that thing up and start using it. Imagine the lives you could touch?

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