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“Don’t ever doubt yourselves or waste a second of your life. It’s too short and you’re too special.

—Ariana Grande, American singer

THE FONDNESS OF feeling special is something that most people share. It means being appreciated, loved and acknowledged. Good vibes from one person spreads happiness all around - it’s a win-win situation. It is all about your attitude and opinion of things in life. We bring you a list of things that makes you special. When you consider all the given points, you’ll get a sense of how your life is at the moment and how you could change it to bring out your special uniqueness

The majority of us don’t have a very high self-esteem but among us there are many special individuals who don’t even realise they are unique. The reason why this happens is that sometimes there may be people in our lives who underestimate us and make us feel worthless and insecure. Just because you don’t save lives every day, you don’t have a huge self-confidence and you are not a doctor with five Masters and a PhD, it doesn’t mean that you’re not special. Being special could mean many things, like volunteering, helping your friends, listening to someone who feels alone, being a single mother or working all day long to pay the house mortgage. Here are signs that will reveal you how special you are.

You know there is always more to learn :

You are not arrogant like many people and you’re interested in what happens around the world. Also, you are curious and you always feel you should learn new things or improve some of your skills. This makes you extra-ordinary and special.

You like to make others happy :

You feel good every time you manage to make someone happy and

you spend time thinking about many ways of making others smile or live a good moment. This might be, for instance, a nice gift, a smile, a surprise or any kind of good deed.

Being kind to others is your priority :

When you meet new people or when you are dealing with someone you already know, like your friends or your colleagues, you tend to smile and be kind, just because there is no reason to be negative and treat others as if they were less important. It’s the way you deal with others, being kind and positive that makes you special and unique. So don’t try to change this.

You are a positive person :

Not only do you have a positive attitude towards life and challenges but you also try to transmit your good mind-set to others. You usually don’t have prejudices and always think people are basically good. As a result, this could hurt you sometimes and you have to be careful but it’s the way you are.

Understanding others’ feelings :

You don’t know how but when someone talks about his personal life and experiences with you, sharing secrets or feelings with you, you perfectly understand the way feel. Also, you know you always need to go beyond the way others appear, to understand them. When someone tells you “I’m fine” you know there might be something more going on according to their voice or their facial expression and you try to listen them, letting them talk about how they feel.

You are a good listener :

This is one of the rarest qualities in a person. Everyone tends to talk about himself or herself, for hours, regardless of what others have to say. Instead, you tend to listen a lot to others and you feel genuinely interested in their lives and in what they talk about.

You like to travel and learn from

other cultures :

You believe in the power of multiculturalism, you are curious about other countries, other architectures and other ways of life. You give yourself the gift of learning from other cultures because you know how much this can make you richer. You like to interact with people with different experiences of life, from people with societies, religions and civilizations and you are happy to share your culture with them as well.

You value relationships :

Yes, your relationships speak a lot about you. Your conduct in any relationship makes you different. You will be known for how you behave with others, specially the opposite sex. There are people who do not even care for parents and on the other hand, there are also people who are generous towards acquaintances. So your ways in dealing with people around you are absolutely different and unique.

You have goals :

You know exactly what you want from yourself and you have intelligently planned your goals. You take action in your life and you know where you want to go. Also, you don’t let others discourage you.

You dream :

This means that you are ambitious, something that gives you the power to boost your productivity and motivation to go through your challenges. You don’t let obstacles stop you, you don’t let anything intimidate you and you think big even when some people try to confuse or scare you.

HERE’S HOW YOU CAN BECOME A SPECIAL PERSON?

- If you are just yourself, if you are not imitating anyone then you are a special person.
- Just be careful about wrong advises and people opinion. If you listen to your mind then you will get cor-

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Christianity and Abortion!

By Don Aguiar

For hundreds of years Christians were not concerned about abortion. What changed?

Abortion is one of the most heated political, social and religious topics of our times. Hundreds of millions of dollars are spent each year by "right-to-life" groups to raise awareness, fight for more abortion restrictions around the world, and to support "pro-life" candidates. However, the phenomena of the vehement anti-abortion vigilance in right-wing Christianity is a relatively new one based on the lack of interest in the topic in early Christian teaching, Biblical texts and Christian culture throughout history. From a Christian cultural perspective that existed for millennia, in comparison to the views today, there has been a historic shift.

Summarizing the views echoed in print, media, flyers, commercials, and teaching by pro-life Christians across the world, "Abortion is the worst domestic crime ever sanctioned by a country." Many right-to-life advocates use the term "murder," expressing their deep feelings on the topic. They also call liberals, or anyone supporting, an accessory.

It may be fair to say that it is understandable the abortion issue takes paramount importance in the religious sphere with those who hold these beliefs. If you truly see abortion as a domestic crime; an onslaught of murder like a type of Holocaust, then you have no room for alternate views and are not open to compromise or moderation on the issue. So, one could say this issue, in the minds of the church and religious Christian, are truly more important than healthcare for the poor, than misogyny, xenophobia, vulgarity, our standing in the world, peace, safety of our country, protection of immigrants, or any other issue one would think might be of grave importance to Christians. Minorities, women, the least of these and most vulnerable, even the entire community for goodness sake, can go to hell ... it doesn't matter... This is what makes it so surprising that literally for millennia, abortion was not a prioritized issue for Christians.

The well-formulated moral, spiritual and political argument on abortion from

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the conservative Christian and Catholic view is relatively new in the scheme of things. There are no specific references to abortion in the Bible, either within Old Testament law or in Jesus' teachings or the writings of Paul and other writers in the New Testament. Most pro-life Christians will use the argument that the simple command of "you shall not murder" (Exodus 20:13) and descriptions such as, "you knit me together in my mother's womb (Psalm 139:13)" are enough to extrapolate a command regarding abortion, though this is merely opinion, as a reference to ending pregnancy is never mentioned in the texts.

Likewise, throughout the history of the early church into the middle-ages, there is little to no mention of abortion as a topic of great alarm – from the days of the Old Testament until modern history. Hence, there is no case to be made for a definitive Christian stance throughout history on the spiritual or moral aspects of abortion. Arguably, three of the most prominent authorities on Christian doctrine and teachings historically would be the Apostle Paul, St. Augustine in the 5th century and St. Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century, and compared to Christian leaders today, these figures are mostly silent on the topic. Traditionally the Church was "tolerant" on abortion before the third trimester, from the time of the early church until the late 19th century.

St. Augustine is considered a Christian doctrinal authority in all respects, helping to shape the Christian religion and finer points of doctrine and practices. His statements and teaching on abortion can be summarized in this quote: "The law does not provide that the act (abortion) pertains to homicide, for there cannot yet be said to be a live soul in a body that lacks sensation." He was simply reiterating the traditional Jewish view...that the destruction of a foetus could be considered homicide only at a relatively late stage of foetal development.

The reference to homicide after

around week 24 did not include the need to end a late-term pregnancy before or during labour to save the life of the mother – it was generally accepted that this was the decision of the parents, due to mortality rates for infants and mothers being so much higher throughout history; anything was done to save the mother's life and this was not usually questioned. Moreover, the brevity of his comment indicates the relatively low level of importance he assigned to this issue compared to others. St. Thomas Aquinas held a similar view in not calling abortion homicide until around the third trimester. Aquinas did not believe in life at conception, but rather "ensoulment." He offered no defence for abortion, but also did not give the matter much importance in comparison to his other writings.

Not only did the most well-known church theologians not take a strong stance on abortion, but neither do the strictest laws of the Old Testament. Anyone who has studied Old Testament law knows there is not much that isn't addressed, from hair style to fabric choice! The only passage that deals directly with the death of a foetus is Exodus 21: 23, describes the penalty to be incurred for hurting a pregnant woman accidentally during a fight between two men. According to the Septuagint, if the foetus has not yet assumed complete human shape, the penalty is a monetary fine; but if the foetus is fully formed, the penalty is death. Thus, in ancient Israel, killing a foetus that was not viable was never considered murder. Even today, most Jewish teachings hold that life begins not at conception but at birth and many believe abortion should be legal in most cases.

Likewise, in the New Testament, there is no direct teaching on abortion. Jesus does not address the topic specifically and not one of His parables talks about ending a pregnancy. Neither do any of Paul's letters mention abortion. Abortion was very prevalent in many of the places Paul visited – we know this from other historical texts, and as he mentions in his letters, these cities

were brimming with prostitution and illicit sexual activity. In fact, Paul never had a problem speaking out on any topic he believed followers of Christ should pay attention to! This makes it very interesting that abortion was obviously not a topic of enough priority for Paul to mention. And Paul was not ambiguous or shy about addressing anything he deemed important for a Christian life.

So, when and why did the shift in mainstream Christianity and the Catholic Church against abortion take place if it had been unprecedented in its controversy throughout history? The various factors are too numerous to explore in-depth in this article, but an underlying theme of these changes in Catholic Church doctrine, and conservative Protestant socio-economics, politics and culture were a new shift towards women's rights and liberalism. There was a gradual shift of resistance towards change and views and laws on contraception, and abortion started changing within that resistance. While the Church had always held that stopping a pregnancy around week 23-24 was morally wrong and it sometimes held the position that this was akin to murder, strong teaching and laws against late-term abortion due to concern for the mother's health and first and second trimester abortion restriction was a new thing starting around in the late 1800's. Another new thing: the idea of women's independence, leadership and the suffrage movements at the turn of the century. You decide if this is coincidence or not.

However, it is difficult to justify the prioritization of the abortion issue over a host of other issues from a Biblical and historical viewpoint, especially when Biblical passages concerning other social and moral issues are so prominent. There are 3,000 verses in the Bible that are concerned with social justice, taking care of the poor, the stranger, attitudes of kindness and compassion. It is dominant in the Old Testament and the New Testament and there is no ambiguity. So why is

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One Nation One Language is not a favourable idea

The idea of one nation one language (Hindi) will not find favour with many of the 29 states. English has given us an edge over China and other competing countries. Our doctors, scientists, engineers, economists and other professionals who go abroad for further study have no problems in imbibing what is taught because they know English, which is not the case with most other foreign nationals. Likewise we get preference in overseas jobs because of fluency in the English language. At home too several hundred thousands of millennials are employed in call centres and other services because of proficiency in English.

Like it or not, even poor parents want their wards to be educated in English medium schools. Soon everyone in India will know English, and can be the link language.

—Prof Robert Castellino
Mumbai

Significance of Gandhi Jayanti

Gandhi Jayanti, which is celebrated on October 2 every year, is a national holiday in India. This day is celebrated to honour the Father of the nation, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, popularly known as Mahatma Gandhi. Internationally, this day is celebrated as the International Day of non-violence as Gandhiji was a preacher of non-violence. He was a symbol of peace and truth.

—Jubel D'Cruz,
Mumbai

Growing dissent in the Catholic church

Some of the main issues plaguing the Catholic church today are homosexuality, same-sex marriage, sexual abuse cases by priests and bishops, divorced and remarried couples, and priestly celibacy. Synods of bishops in recent years have proved to be no more than damp squibs, a time pass, and a great disappointment, as they have failed miserably to address the pressing needs of the faithful. Beating about the bush and going round in circles seems to be their favourite game. On the subject of homosexuality, despite the clamour in civil societies and within the church for recognizing same-sex unions, the church finds it difficult to accept such marriages as sacramentally valid, even though homosexuals are accepted, welcomed, and treated with dignity. Secondly, the indissolubility of marriage and its sacramental character is proving to be a big impediment for divorced and remarried Catholic couples to receive Holy communion. Hopes of bringing such couples deemed to be living in sin have now been shattered, even after being legally divorced. Thirdly, the increase in the number of sexual abuse cases by priests and bishops on young boys and nuns has brought about widespread condemnation and revulsion of the clergy. There are many who now feel cheated and unsafe even in the house of God. Can anything be more abominable and shameful? Finally, Pope Francis' public utterances, discourses and free-wheeling interviews with atheists and people of other faiths, have not gone

down well with the traditionalists in the church who see them as an undermining of Catholic teachings which they claim to have safeguarded over the centuries. In the light of the above, it is not difficult to see the writing on the wall and ominous signs which do not bode well for the future of the church. In short, the Catholic church may for all reasons sitting on a time-bomb, ready to explode any minute.

—A. F. Nazareth
Alto Porvorim

World Animal Day

World Animal Day (celebrated on October 4) is a special opportunity for anyone who love animals. It is a day to celebrate animal life in all its forms. It is a day to acknowledge the diverse roles that animals play in our lives. It is a day to acknowledge and be thankful for the way in which animals enrich our lives. World Animal day is a wonderful reminder of different ways in which animals enhance our lives.

—Jubel D'Cruz,
Mumbai

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rupt. So, learn to stay in tune with your soul.

- Be polite and calm in any conversation. Never snap at people if they disagree with you. Never yell, look excited or angry while talking with somebody.
- Be stoic. Stoic means never showing to much of any (sad or happy) emotion and having a calming and cool disposition even in difficult or stressing situations.

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CHRISTIANS, WAKE UP NOW!!!

On Sunday 23 March 1980, in powerful homily Archbishop Oscar Romero made a passionate plea for disarmament and peace; he minced no words as he castigated the Government and the military of his country, *"I would like to make an appeal in a special way to the men of the army, to the police, to those in the barracks. Brothers, you are part of our own people. You kill your own campesino brothers and sisters. And before an order to kill that a man may give, the law of God must prevail that says: Thou shalt not kill! No soldier is obliged to obey an order against the law of God. No one has to fulfil an immoral law. It is time to recover your consciences and to obey your consciences rather than the orders of sin. The church, defender of the rights of God, of the law of God, of human dignity, the dignity of the person, cannot remain silent before such abomination. We want the government to take seriously that reforms are worth nothing when they come about stained with so much blood. In the name of God, and in the name of this suffering people whose laments rise to heaven each day more tumultuously, I beg you, I ask you, I order you in the name of God: Stop the repression!"* He was assassinated the very next day!

Just about a year ago, on 14 October 2018, Pope Francis at the canonisation ceremony of Archbishop Oscar Romero lauded Romero for leaving *"the security of the world, even his own safety, in order to live his life according to the Gospel, close to the poor and to his people, with a heart drawn to Jesus and his brothers and sisters"*. He went on to add, *"Let us ask for the grace always to leave things behind for love of the Lord: to leave behind wealth, the yearning for status and power, structures that are no longer adequate for proclaiming the Gospel, those weights that slow down our mission, the strings that tie us to the world"*.

The situation in India today, on all fronts, would be much worse than that of El Salvador during the time of Romero. For almost six weeks now, Kashmir after the unconstitutional abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A is on a complete lock-down. Kashmiris are denied are basic rights and freedoms. The new 'Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act - UAPA 2019 (Amendment Act)' clearly infringes on



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the fundamental rights of citizens. Harassments, intimidation and threats to human rights defenders, media personnel, intellectuals and other activists, who have the courage to take a stand for truth and justice, continue with frightening regularity. Freedom of speech and expression, the right to dissent is almost a thing of the past in an extremely autocratic atmosphere. The ignominy heaped on women and children of our country continues unabated! Millions of our children are still deprived of their childhood! From farmers to sewage workers; from those who receive unjust wages to the unemployed – the vicious circle of poverty and injustice is hardly addressed! In fact, there is apparently a concerted effort to keep millions of people in a dehumanised condition.

The country has never been so corrupt. Law makers are bought to cross from one party to another – we have seen this happen in Karnataka, Goa and Sikkim. The CBI and the Enforcement Directorate will not investigate into corrupt acts and major scams like the Rafael deal, those who have made windfall profits from demonetisation and those who toe the line of

the current ruling dispensation. The Judiciary which is meant to be totally independent, impartial, objective and just, is hardly doing itself proud! The National Register of Citizens (NRC) has excluded 19 lakhs people from Assam.

Constitutional bodies which are meant to be totally impartial and objective are made impotent; by the way they conduct themselves, they send a strong message to the country: that they have become 'caged parrots' – which they are just tools of a vindictive Government! The economy is in shambles. It has never been so bad in the country. The poor have become poorer; recession is at an all-time high

Minorities are on the back-foot as never before! Lynchings continue as the 'new normal'. Nothing seems to happen to the criminals responsible for the lynchings since they belong to the Hindutva brigade; Tabrez Ansari was lynched in Jharkhand by a mob on 17 June and he died a few days later. On 10 September the Jharkhand police dropped murder charges on all the eleven accused of killing him citing the 'autopsy report' which says that Ansari died of a 'cardiac arrest'. Fortunately most thinking citizens do not believe or accept this absolutely ridiculous conclusion! Several citizens and the faculty and the students of the prestigious IIM- Bangalore have written to the Prime Minister demanding a fresh probe into his murder!

Muslims, Christians and other minorities continue to be at the receiving end of hate and violence. Every effort is being made to ensure majoritarianism and ultimately to impose the 'hindutva' agenda on the nation. So, the Prime Minister speaks about family planning, bringing in a national anti-conversion law, makes Parliament to abolish the 'triple talaq', and wants to curb foreign funds to certain NGOs. The building of the 'Ram Temple' has

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new impetus! There is growing talk of a 'Uniform Civil Code'. On 16 September, the Government announced a tightening of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) norms: henceforward, each functionary and member of a nongovernmental organization (NGO) seeking registration under FCRA will have to file an affidavit declaring that *"the individual has not been involved in any act of religious conversion or prosecuted for communal disharmony"*. A most ridiculous condition but patently against the minorities! All the utterances and actions are part of a well-calculated strategy! In India today, there are thousands who are being persecuted because of their religious beliefs. The Himachal Pradesh Government recently passed an 'anti-conversion' law; if the grapevine is to be believed, the Central Government will also do so soon!

Christians in India, seem to have become the target in of late: a Madras High Court judge who in a highly erroneous judgement spews venom on the Christians. Earlier, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Gopal Shetty from Mumbai declared that Christians are 'angrez' (British) and did not contribute to the Indian freedom struggle (apart from not getting his facts right, he conveniently forgot that the greatest supporter of the British colonial rule was the RSS). In Dhanbad Dt, the vice-principal and a nurse of a Jesuit run-school are arrested on the false charge of sexually abusing a girl child. Earlier in June 2018, another Jesuit, in Jharkhand, was falsely implicated in a gang-rape case and was jailed for life. He is still languishing in a cell as his appeal against conviction is pending in the state court.

There have been other cases in Jharkhand too: in July 2018 a sister of the Missionaries of Charity was arrested and jailed on charges of child trafficking; the courts have repeatedly denied her bail, compelling her to languish behind bars. In the first week of September a Catholic Priest and a catechist were arrested and jailed from Godda district, following allega-

tions that they violated the state's anti-conversion law and for allegedly having grabbed the land which belongs to an Adivasi! On 3 September some 500 people, raided the Jesuit St John Berchmans Inter-college campus in Sahibganj armed with wooden sticks, iron rods, pipes, knives, pistols, bricks and stones- assaulted the hostel students and vandalised the property.

In Tamil Nadu, a procession of Christians on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady in Velankanni was brutally attacked. In Gujarat, police have been visiting some of the Catholic Churches demanding to inspect Church records. In other parts of the country, there is a systematic attempt to create fear and panic among the Christians – through threats and intimidation and even in the disruption of religious services.

The recent happenings against the Christians and other vulnerable communities are not mere aberrations or one-off incidents by "passing mobs". They are systematic and calculated attempts by the Hindutva forces in connivance with the ruling regime, to denigrate the Christians and other minorities and to put them on the back-foot; these forces, who are against a secular, pluralistic India and the values enshrined in the Constitutions, unleash on the country their insidious agenda, towards the establishment of a Hindu nation- State.

Significantly, on 12 September a report submitted by a UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, xenophobia and related intolerance linked the BJP with incidents of violence against members of Dalit, Muslim, tribal and Christian communities. The report prepared by Tendayi Achiume, an independent human rights expert appointed by the UN Human Rights Council in response to a 2017 UN General Assembly resolution that asked a special rapporteur to profile countries on counts of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Among other details Achiume says that *"the victory of the "Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party has been linked to incidents of*

violence against members of Dalit, Muslim, tribal and Christian communities". The report has documented the *"use of inflammatory remarks by BJP leaders against minority groups"* and the *"rise of vigilantism targeting Muslims, Christians and Dalits"*.

Given, what is happening in the country today there seems to a pathetic lack of response from the Christian community in general and from Church leadership in particular. There has been no outrage from the community to what is happening in Kashmir or Assam; no protests when freedom of speech and expression is being throttled or when human rights defenders are being harassed and even killed. There are no statements of concern on the plight of the poor and marginalised, on the grim realities which millions of our country men and women (farmers, casual labourers) face today. Corruption has been mainstreamed, the economy in a terrible mess, millions have their jobs overnight and much more – but sadly most Christians just don't seem to be bothered!

An analysis of this lack of response could throw up several reasons, among them: ignorance of the issues, fear, being ensconced in one's comfort zone, not courageous enough to take a stand. For Church leadership, there are also those voices which say "let's soft-pedal things" "let's not aggravate matters"; "diplomacy might be more effective" etc. The plain truth behind all this, for those in leadership – when one confronts a fascist Government like we have in India – then one may stand to lose one's privileges and possessions, our institutions and the power that accompany them (many conveniently forget what Jesus told Satan during the temptation in the desert).

Christians in India, however, like ostriches, can no longer bury their heads in sand. They must wake up to the grim reality now! They need to become visible and vocal! The Church in India is called and must demonstrate

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Pope Francis

Asthmatic, Charismatic Or Schismatic?

(Concluding part of the trilogy
“Is Pope Francis a heretic?”

And “Will Pope Francis be Assassinated?”)

Pope Francis reportedly has only one functional lung. So is he asthmatic? With his energy levels at 82, that puts younger people to shame, I daresay that he is not. His loss of a lung has not diminished his lung power for speaking up boldly. That's because he has a big heart, and more importantly, he has deep spiritual stamina.

Charismatic doesn't necessarily mean loud clapping or shouting. I would define a charismatic personality as one whose charisma reaches out to others and impacts their lives. Such a person creates waves. By that definition Francis is surely charismatic.

What of schismatic? In an interview to journalists on board his aircraft while returning from a recent trip to Africa, Francis was asked if he was causing a schism in the Church; with specific reference to cash cow conservatives in the USA. He responded that he didn't want a schism, but was not afraid of it either. In a way he was accepting the conservatives' challenge. As stated in my previous pieces, Francis has been labelled a heretic, modernist, ultra-liberal and even a communist. So are the capitalists joining forces with the conservatives? One never knows, for truth is stranger than fiction, even Dan Brown's fiction or friction.



by chhotebhai *

What is schism all about?

The Collins English Dictionary defines it as a division in a Church, not necessarily involving differences in doctrine. “The Christian Faith”, is a text book for seminarians in India, compiled by two renowned Jesuits – J. Neuner and J. Dupuis. I quote them:

“The first great and lasting division between Christians was between the Churches of the East and the Church of the West ... It took a decisive turning point in 1054 ... Two attempts were made to heal the wounds, at the Council of Lyons (1274) and Council of Florence (1439-45). But finally ended in 1453” (Pgs 245/6).

Rev P.C. Chacko in his book “General Councils of the Church” has an insight into what caused the Great Schism of the East, as Catholics refer to it.

Chacko (Pgs 62-63) says that this was not a crisis of doctrine, but of personalities. It was a power struggle between Abp Ignatius of Constantinople (now Istanbul) and Photius, a layman who was made an archbishop almost overnight. To resolve the issue Pope Nicholas I sent two legates to Constantinople to investigate and report back to him. The legates accepted heavy bribes and ruled in favour of Photius. On coming to know of this, the pope ex-communicated the legates. To resolve the issue the Fourth Council of Constantinople was held in 869. It too failed to resolve it. To avoid a schism Pope John VIII reinstated Photius in 878; but he in turn reneged and ex-communicated the pope in 879! He ruled as the Pope of the East till 886, when the new Emperor Leo VI banished him to a monastery, where he died on 6th November 897. The Eastern Churches consider him a saint and commemorate that day as his feast.



What does this sordid episode teach us? That money, vested interests and political interference have a major impact on the life of the church. Also, just as one man's bread is another man's poison, so too, one church's villain is another one's saint! This example applies equally to Francis. For some he is a loving, caring pastor with the smell of the sheep. For others he is a threat to the so-called orthodoxy and traditions of the Catholic Church. Let history be the judge.

Nevertheless, why are the conservatives and capitalists against Francis? The reason is not far to find. Other than clericalism referred to in my previous two articles, he has been exercising a preferential option for the poor. The Guardian, a respected British journal, reported this 9th September that he “remains determined to reorient the church... on the side of the poor”. Further, “In Mauritius he denounced the use of the islands as a tax haven, calling it an idolatrous economic model, and appealed to the Govt to promote an economic policy focussed on people, equitable distribution of income, and argued against unrestrained capitalism and environmental destruction”.

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He was also not fighting shy of his criticisms, including American Cardinal Raymond Burke. Reporting for Religious News Service the following day Claire Giangrave quoted him as saying that “criticism is always helpful, but arsenic criticism sometimes makes you angry”. He lamented, “I don’t like it when criticism comes from under the table ... They smile at you and show their teeth, and then they stab you in the back. This is not fair. It is not humane”.

Referring to the threats of schism he said, “Schismatics often detach themselves from the faith of the people of God. A schism is always an elitist detachment caused by an ideology that is separate from doctrine”. He further “disapproved of the rigidity that exists within the church, which he called pseudo-schismatic, and includes many Christians, bishops and priests”.

Some of his earlier statements, soon after he was elected pope in 2013, will throw more light on why the rigid conservatives find him a threat. On 19/9/2013, the American Wall Street Journal reported as follows:

“Pope Francis has warned that the Catholic Church’s focus on abortion, contraception and gay marriage risked overshadowing its pastoral mission and threatened to bring down the church like a pack of cards ... It is not necessary to talk about these issues all the time ... Women are asking deep questions that must be addressed ... The church has sometimes locked itself up in small things, in small minded rules ... Carrying his own luggage he said ‘I am a sinner. It is not a figure of speech, a literary genre. I am a sinner’ ... He criticised the church for putting dogma before love, and for prioritizing moral doctrines over serving the poor and marginalized ... He said ‘I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of blood sugar. You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk

about everything else”.

On 1/10/2013 the New York Times, quoting Reuters, reported: Pope Francis said that the church as an institution “was too focussed on its own interests ... Too many previous popes had been narcissists, who let themselves be flattered by courtier aides in the Curia ... The papal court is the leprosy of the papacy ... The Curia is too inward looking”.

It also reported that at a gathering in Assisi he said to the nuns: “I am so disappointed when I meet nuns who are joyless, who may smile with the smile of a flight attendant, but not with the smile of joy that comes from within ... Nuns must not be too spiritual, and must endeavour to be experts in humanity in order that convent life is not purgatory”.

Aren’t such provocative statements enough to get up the hackles of those status-quoists who feel threatened by the winds of change blowing during his papacy? Let me egg you on a bit. Who said the following:

“Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; father opposed to son, son to father, mother to daughter, daughter to mother, mother-in-law to daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law to mother-in-law” (Lk 12:51-53). Then again when speaking of the bread of life, many of his followers reacted: “This is intolerable language. How can anyone accept it? ... After this many of his disciples went away and accompanied him no more” (Jn 6:60,66).

“Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the face of the earth and the sky. How is it you do not know how to interpret these times?” (Lk 12:54-56). “You cannot read the signs of the times” (Mat 16:14). “A person’s enemies come from within the household itself. But I shall look to Yahweh, my hope is in the God who will save me; my God will hear me” (Mic 7:6-7).

Can we still not see how the wind is blowing, what the Spirit is saying to the churches (cf Rev 3:22)? Let us then revert to the time of the prophet Daniel in the Old Testament. The Chaldean king Belshazzar, son of Nebuchadnezzar, trembled when he saw human fingers writing something on a wall (cf Dan 5:5). Of Nebuchadnezzar it had been said that his “heart grew swollen with pride, and his spirit stiff with arrogance, he was deposed from his sovereign throne and stripped of his glory” (Dan 5:20).

After all the king’s courtiers had failed it was Daniel who read the words “Mene, Mene, Tequel and Parsin, meaning measured, weighed and divided” (Dan 5:25-28). That very night the king was murdered, and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom. So isn’t it time that the critics of Francis read the writing on the wall, lest they too meet the same fate as Belshazzar?

From scripture let me now switch to science and the process called electrolysis. There is an electrolyte solution and two electrodes known as the cathode and anode. When an electric current is passed through the electrolyte the metal solvents in it get deposited at the anode. This process is called anodisation. It is commonly used for chrome, silver and gold plating.

Now juxtapose this process on the people of God. They, like the electro-

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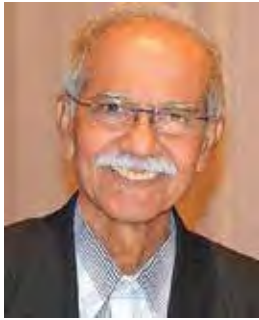
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Dr. Austin D'Souza Prabhu

Dr. Austin D'Souza Prabhu, hailing from Mangalore city he migrated to the US in the 1970s. A very well known personality in Mangalurean circles the world over

and much decorated with a street being named after him in Chicago. Dr. Austin, known to be a very busy person traveling around the world on the move most of the time. Yet, with 88 issues week after week he never missed a single publication of 'Veez Konkani'.

Now, in it's 89th week/issue VEEZ, has taken an unprecedented 'Avtaar', form - for the first time it is simultaneously being published in four scripts, which are most popular for this dialect - i.e: Kannada, Romi, Devnagari and Malayalam and now will expand reading potential. VEEZ Konkani is already an extraordinary attraction, popular among young and old throughout the world and voices Konkani sentiments to the admiration and appreciation of a wide reader base. Dr. Austin Prabhu on September 13, Friday, from USA states that presently the VEEZ, E-magazine is emailed to near 4000 people, 60 plus Face groups and hundreds of Facebook pages, and shared through many social platforms too. It

is also carried by web portals in Mangaluru and is widely appreciated world wide by Konkani people of all hues. In view of the response he has expanded it in the 4 major scripts used for Konkani dialects, it is seen as a pioneer effort for Konkani.

— I J Saldanha-Shet. M'luru.



A deep religious divide

There was a very depressing incident reported in the newspapers recently, at a cooperative housing society at Malad. A little girl who had gone to play with her friends in the society returned home soon after in tears because she was not allowed to play as she belonged to a different religion.

This was a very unfortunate incident which should never have taken place. A couple of points come to mind :

What do children understand about religion? From where did those children get the idea that since that girl was a different religion she should not be allowed to mingle with them? Did they read that in books in school? Surely not. Rather, it's apparent that these children have picked up this talk from elders in society.

We need to understand that children at that age can be moulded to think in a particular manner, a time when they are vulnerable and anything they pick up at that age can make leave a lasting impression on them. It would be wise therefore to avoid such talk about religion, caste, community, etc., when children are around. **What is heartening to note however, is the quick damage control exercise undertaken by the residents of the society, holding a quick meeting, sensitizing the children to avoid such incidents in**

future and meeting the family of that unfortunate girl to assure her that everything would be fine. This is a fine example of how one should live in a "multi-cultural, multi-religious society.

Another thought comes to mind. Does it help to live in housing societies in which 100% of the residents belong to a particular religion? Is everything fine in such societies? Is there no caste or class divide in such societies? Do they treat each other as equals just because they all follow the same religion? Is there no jealousy, harassment in such societies? **Far from it! It seems sometimes a disgusting scenario. The reality hurts!**

At a time when society is being polarized on religious lines, we need to stand up to it, we need to speak up. We cannot afford a "religious" divide in our country. Needless to say, we need to respect each other's religion. It's time we stop this hate culture and begin to understand what it means to be a human being, irrespective of caste, colour, creed, community, religion, etc. "Live & Let Live", should be our motto!

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

Foods you're eating completely wrong

Who doesn't like high-quality, minimally processed, nourishing food? But in order to achieve all of these we tend to eat certain healthy foods in a wrong way!

When it comes to healthy eating what most of us overlook is that healthy eating goes beyond what foods we choose. It turns out that how we prepare our food can also have a major impact on our nutrition. Here is a list from nutrition experts on how we can better slice, dice and cook our food to optimise our healthy choices. Here are some foods you're probably eating completely wrong.

Fruits

Chugging a glass of fresh juice may seem like a healthy way to start your morning, but if juicing is the only way you're consuming fruit, you're majorly missing out. Juicing is all the craze, but fresh juices are loaded with fruit sugar. This can actually lead to weight gain. Where you're going wrong is throwing away the pulp. That's where

there are so many nutrients, nearly all the fiber, and lots of antioxidants. So next time, skip the juice and just eat the whole fruit or vegetable. Why? Because your gut is a juicer,

Potatoes

Potatoes are best eaten with the skin on. "Whether you are roasting potatoes, making fries, or making a mash recipe, keep the skin. The skin has the fiber (helps to prevent blood sugar spikes) and vitamin C, plus, it is su-



per tasty once it crisps up!

Tomatoes

If you're into healthy eating, you've probably heard that the best way to consume fruits and vegetables is in their natural state — raw and untouched. Tomatoes, however, might

increase, ensuring that your body is able to absorb more antioxidants than it would if the tomato was eaten raw.

Eggs

In the world of healthy breakfast items, egg whites reign supreme. Whether you scramble them or toss them with some veggies to make an omelet, egg whites provide all the nutrients of eggs without the bad cholesterol found in the yolk... right? Well, not so much. skipping the yolk means skipping out on some major nutrients. Most of the vitamins such as vitamin D are in the yolk and the yolk is also home to the healthy fats!

Flaxseed

Rich in omega-3's, fiber and other nutrients, flaxseed has quickly become a healthy food staple. And while adding a bit of flaxseed to your daily diet can be a great way to add in some healthy fats. When you eat a flaxseed whole it is harder to digest and most of it will pass through your body un-



be a different story.

The antioxidants found in tomatoes come from its high levels of lycopene, which is the compound that gives tomatoes their red color. Despite being a vital antioxidant, lycopenes are not naturally produced by the body; however, they are easily absorbed. In contrast to other fruit and vegetables, which when cooked tend to lose nutrients, when tomatoes are cooked, the lycopene content within the tomato

is harder to digest and most of it will pass through your body untouched. Purchase ground flaxseed, or grind up the whole seeds yourself. Once ground, flaxseed is great in baking, as a topping to oatmeal, or an addition to your smoothie.

Broccoli

To make sure you get the most out of this mighty green little powerhouse, eat the stems! Peel first, of course, but the stems are not useless and they have lots of flavor as well as nutrition.

Seven Achievers Honoured at CCCI Annual Meet



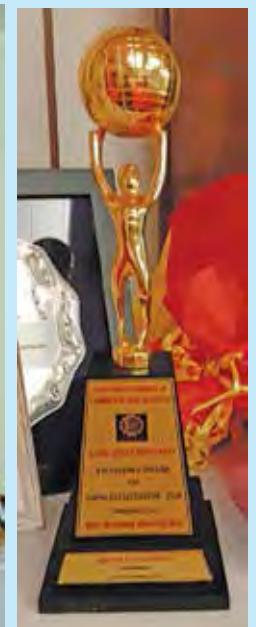
Mumbai, Sep 21: The 14th annual awards ceremony of the Christian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) was held at Hotel Kohinoor Continental, Andheri (east) on Saturday September 21. CCCI Chairman, Antony Sequeira, steered the function while Msgr Varghese Mattamana presided. Joint commissioner of professional taxes, Dr David Thomas Alvares, was the chief guest, and presented the annual awards to the winners.

The seven awards presented to were:
 1. Industry Award: to Capt. Thomas W. Pinto (sponsored by Electropneumatics (India) Pvt Ltd);
 2. Public Service Award: to Cmdr. Valentine Sequeira, VSM I.N. (Retd), (Sponsored by Daniel & Sons);
 3. Excellence in Education Award: to Emeritus Bishop Percival Joseph E. Fernandez (sponsored by Reliable Exports);
 4. Woman Entrepreneur Award: to Ms. Sherley Singh (Sponsored by Patathu Brothers);
 5. Social Service Award: to Ms Corrine A. Rasquinha (sponsored by Velvin Industries Pvt Ltd);
 6. Young

Entrepreneur Award: to Rohan Monteiro (Sponsored by Aldel Education Trust);
 7. Sports/Arts and Culture Award: to Dr. Fr. Charles Vas (Sponsored by Arcadia Share & Stock Brokers Pvt Ltd).

The awardees, reciprocating to the honour bestowed upon them, praised the functioning style of CCCI, which happens to be a premier Christian body.

Mr. Vincent Mathias and family of





Velvin Paper Products were also felicitated for bagging Global Recognition at world Corrugated award 2019 in Shanghai China. The said company was nominated for the category new factory planning category and bagged 2nd award. It was the only Indian company in this category which was nominated.

D'Souza, Lawrence Coelho, Walter Buthello, Agnello Rajesh Athaide, Lawrence D'Souza, Johnson Therattil and CCCI members, dignitaries were present.

At the beginning, the 21st Annual General Body meeting of CCCI was held. It was presided over by the Chairman, Antony Sequeira. Executive secretary, Rohan Tellis was present.

The Chief Guest and Guest of Honour also addressed the gathering and appreciated the efforts of CCCI in bringing the community businessmen together.

During the intermission, artistes of Sangeet Abhinay Academy presented cultural dance directed by Fr Charles Vas.

Earlier Floral tributes were given to the Chief Guest by Mrs. Jean Sequeira and to Msgr. Varghese Mattamana by Mrs. Philomena Lobo. Mrs. Priya Clyde Andrades Compered the programme. Agnello Rajesh Athaide proposed the Vote of Thanks. —Ronida



Mrs. Priya Clyde Andrades

CCCI founder Chairman, Vincent Mathias, immediate past Chairman, Henry Lobo, awards committee convener, John D'Silva, Voice Chairmen, Albert W D'Souza and John Mathew, directors, Adv. Pius Vas, Gregory

Chairman of CCCI, Mr. Antony Sequeira, in his welcome speech expressed his gratefulness to everyone who strove for CCCI during the year. During the past year, CCCI has organised many informative monthly business seminars on various topics of current relevance. It is an effort by the Chamber to keep its members updated on varied subjects which will help them in their business. I have a humble request all the members to attend and take full advantage of such seminars.



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Amen. (Promise Publication)

—A Devotee

Thanksgiving

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Ask St. Clare for three favours two impossible and say nine Hail Mary's and the above prayer for 9 days with a lighted candle and publish on the 9th day your request will be granted no matter how impossible it is

—Sunil Lobo, Goa



Thanksgiving



Thanks to Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Vailankani, Our Lady of perpetual Succor and St. Anthony

—A Devotee

Sun-dried tomatoes and parmesan bread



Ingredients:

- White flour - 500 gms
- Dry yeast - 10 gms
- Salt - as per taste
- Olive oil : 3 tbsp
- Water - 250 ml
- Sundried tomatoes : 60g
- Grated parmesan : 50 g
- Sprigs of rosemary, leaves only - 3

Method :

- In a large bowl, mix the flour, salt and parmesan cheese.
- Add the rosemary and yeast while mixing. Pour half the amount of water in and add the olive oil. Add the sun-dried tomatoes and the rest of the water to the mixture and mix the dough well.
- Place on a floured surface and knead well into a ball.
- Place your dough ball in an oiled bowl, cover in saran wrap and let rest for hour. After an hour, take the dough out and knead it a second time. Let the dough rest in oiled sheet pan loosely covered in saran wrap for one more hour.
- When an hour has passed, remove the saran wrap, brush with an egg and bake at 200 degrees C for 30 minutes.
- After 25-30 minutes check if the bread is ready by knocking on the bottom of the loaf. If the bread is ready it should make a hollow sound. If it doesn't sound hollow, the bread is not yet read and you need to let it bake for another 2-4 minutes. Let the bread cool a bit and serve.

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lyte, are often inert. Along comes the current in the person of Jesus. His electrifying words and actions cause a polarisation of society, the division he referred to. One cannot be neutral to the Gospel. One either accepts or rejects it. Francis, and all revolutionaries like him, have a similar impact. The same happens in politics. Right wingers like Donald Trump, Boris Johnson and Narendra Modi use different currents to polarise voters. The electorate is just like the inert electrolyte. The current they use may vary – Mexicans, Europeans, Pakistanis, Muslims, terrorists etc.

The effect is the same, as with the pride of lions hunting (cf 1 Pet 5:8). The male roars at one end and stampedes the hapless quarry into the waiting trap of the lionesses at the other end. Peter had warned of this subterfuge.

If we are still not convinced of the forces inimical to Francis let me tell you the story of “Penthouse, Limousines and Private Jets”. This headline was carried in the Washington Post as recently as 13th September. It is not about some playboy, but about the erstwhile bishop of West Virginia, Michael Bransfield! I won't go into all the details. Suffice it to say that in between 2005-2018 this worthy's known expenditure in US dollars was: Private Charter Jets – 997,000; airfare and hotels – 662,000; dining out – 139,281; car rentals – 75,000; limousine services – 68,000, and jewellery – 62303. In those 13 years he spent an additional 4.6 million dollars on renovation of his residence!

Francis has initiated an investigation. Bransfield's powerful friends include deposed papal nuncio Carlo Mario Viganò, the one who wrote an 11-page accusatory letter against Francis; and Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, defrocked for sexual offences. Is this not proof enough of those ganging up against Francis?

Pope Francis may not be asthmatic, but if we don't stand with him his re-

maining lung could collapse, and the conspirators will move swiftly to reinstate the emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, who has been waiting in the wings. This is not a figment of my imagination. The history of the papacy bears me out. With Pope Francis, we also don't want a schism and we hope and pray that our charismatic pope will ride out this gathering storm. Next

Sunday, when you pray for the pope during the Prayers of the Faithful, make sure that yours is as earnest as can be.

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Best is....

In Mumbai, people don't know which road to take to reach office on time, today.

"What is inflation?" asked the CA's wife

"Initially you were 36-24-36 and now you're 48-40-48. So technically, you have more than you had earlier but your value is less than earlier.

THIS IS INFLATION"

Venkat : When do you congratulate someone for their mistake.

John : On their marriage.

Son : *Papa, Maths ka exam hai, thoda padha do.*

Piyush Goyal : Don't get into maths. Maths never helped Einstein discover Gravity.

Son : But papa Einstein didn't discover Gravity.

Piyush Goyal : Don't get into Science either.

Worth a fight

Santa Banta were fighting after exam

Sir : Why are you fighting?

Santa : This fool left the answer sheet blank.



Sir : So what?

Santa : Even I did the same thing, now teacher will think that we both copied.

Mini heart attack versus heart fail

A man's feeling. It feels like a mini heart attack, when I don't find my mobile in my pocket. It's almost like heart fail, When I see it in my girlfriend's hand.

Black Ties Only

Dress code for a party is 'Black ties only.'

Santa goes for the party and is surprised to see that other guests are wearing suits also.

College lectures they teach us to make 'plain rice' in class and expect us to cook 'Biryani' in exams!

We do it anyways!

Global opinions about marriage

• "After marriage, husband and wife become two sides of coin, they just can't face each other but still they stay together."

- Al Gore

• "By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be hap-

py. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher."

-Socrates

• "I had some words with my wife and she had some paragraphs with me."

-Bill Clinton

• "There's a way transferring funds that is even faster than electronic banking. It's called marriage."

-Michael Jordan

• "A good wife always forgives her husband when she's wrong."

-Barack Obama

• When you are in love, wonders happen. But once you get married, You wonder, what happened.

-Ronald Regan

And the best one....

• "Marriage is a beautiful forest where brave lion is killed by a beautiful deer."

-A newly married husband

Pappu's attitude in exams.

They give me questions which I don't know.

So..... I give them answers which they don't know. Why?

"Tit For Tat"

Preeto at railway station to other people: Did anyone lose money wrapped in a rubber band?"

One said: Yes I did.

Preeto : Well, it's your lucky day, I found the rubber band.

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidise it.

Inspiration!

Don't let ego block your progress

TAKING RISKS, HAVING an idea, having a strong opinion. All this brings excitement into your life, makes you feel good about yourself and feel worthy. It's fuel for your ego. But if you're wrong and blindly follow your ego, disappointments may come sooner or later

The first big challenge for your ego is changing how you act in life. You should switch from acting out of your ego, meaning your assumptions, beliefs and convictions, to acting out of feedback that you regularly gather

from your environment by performing experiments. It's the best way to stay flexible.

The second challenge is facing the results when data disprove your ego assumptions. The feedback you get from your environment is different from what you expected. It hurts. It seems impossible. It lowers your feeling of self-worth.

It's hard to face the fact that you're wrong. It's so hard to admit that the objective reality is different from your subjective reality, just because your subjective really feels so real. That's why you build illusions in

your head. You also have a tendency to finish things that you begin. For instance, you usually watch a movie until the end, even if it's bad. Those are all reasons why you want to persist at things that don't work. It's hard to stop doing something that you're so sure of and on top of that you want to finish what you have started.

Here are some additional tips on how to deal with your ego.

- Make sure you see validated learning as progress. Make sure learning feeds your ego, simply because you're following a superior life strategy, you are gathering insights how to live a better life, more suitable for you, independent of your interpretation of the world.
- Don't get stuck in analysis. Just write down experiments you'll make and start gathering feedback from your environment.
- Always question everything. Follow your curiosity more than your ego. Don't let your ego prevent you from learning something new.

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it not our dominant concern, as Christians, today?

It simply cannot be argued that abortion did not exist in Biblical times or during the time of Augustine and every other century until the 19th – the only thing that did begin to change was a liberation for women due to progress and a change in cultural and social values in the late 1800s.

Late-term abortion has always been unacceptable in the Church and agree there must be moderation and laws in place to respect and protect the life of the unborn in late stages of pregnancy. Most, except maybe some on the very far left, believe that once a child is able to live on its own outside the womb, abortion should be out of the question with the exception of cases of the viability of the foetus and health of the mother. Furthermore, only 1.3 percent of abortions are “late term” (after 21 weeks), and these are almost always the result of a danger to the mother’s life or incurable illness within the child. It is a heart-breaking decision for parents and one that has had to be made for hundreds of years, amidst great devastation.

Let it be clear, it is not telling anyone how to believe or feel on abortion. It is simply bringing the truth of scripture and history to light. The church has moved to the extreme Right on this issue... views as a progressive are in fact to the Right of the Bible and the founders of our faith. The majority do not fit into either a “pro-life” or “pro-choice” box, but believe in a moderate view that protects both women’s rights and the unborn, and this is where most sit. The major point here is: if more Christians would only start prioritizing the things Jesus told us to, our focus would look drastically different than it does now.

If abortion continues to be a priority at the expense of the issues the Bible does instruct on, are those who make it their priority not giving the issue an almost idolatrous seat? It is not said that abortion cannot be an important issue to a Christian, but there is no scriptural or historical backing for it to be an important issue, at the expense of the “least of these” who are suffering now. There are over 3,000 scriptures directly pertaining to helping the poor, showing love, character, giving, social justice, and asking the governing authorities to show justice and fairness. The Christian church cannot continue to prioritize one issue that is not directly addressed in the history of Christian teachings and in scripture, yet make secondary or of non-importance the social justice topics addressed in the entire Word, from Genesis to Revelation.

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the courage to exercise her prophetic ministry in order to preserve the rights and freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution!

We cannot do it alone! We need to align ourselves with all women and men of goodwill. Whilst we must take a stand when our own are affected, we also need to transcend the narrow confines of my own religion – of any kind of sectarianism. Jesus showed it in very concrete ways- he always took a stand for truth and justice! The suffering people of India are certainly looking to us to be true witnesses, committed disciples of the one we profess to be our Way, Truth, Light and Life! We should shun our hypocritical attitudes, our double-talk and our vested interests- and ensure that we play our prophetic role in the country today!

In ‘**Evangelii Gaudium**’, Pope Francis does not mince words about the prophetic role we need to play today, “*Peace in society cannot be understood as pacification or the mere absence of violence resulting from the domination of one part of society over others. Nor does true peace act as a pretext for justifying a social structure which silences or appeases the poor, so that the more affluent can placidly support their lifestyle which others have to make do as they can. Demands involving the distribution of wealth, concern for the poor and human rights cannot be suppressed under the guise of creating a consensus on paper or a transient peace for a contented minority. The dignity of the human person and the common good rank higher than the comfort of those who refuse to renounce their privileges. When these values are threatened, a prophetic voice must be raised.*” (# 218)

In his Apostolic letter ‘**Witnesses of Joy**’ (2014) Pope Francis reminds us “*I am counting on you “to wake up the world”, since the distinctive sign of consecrated life is prophecy. As I told the Superiors General: “Radical evangelical living is not only for religious: it is demanded of everyone. But religious follow the Lord in a special way, in a prophetic way”. This is the priority that is needed right now: “to be prophets who witness to how Jesus lived on this earth...a religious must never abandon prophecy”*

When his dear friend Jesuit Fr. Rutilo Grande was killed by the regime of El Salvador on 12 March 1977, Romero said whilst presiding at the funeral mass, “*The government should not consider a priest who takes a stand for social justice as a politician or a subversive element when he is fulfilling his mission in the politics of the common good.*” He also said openly and emphatically, “*Anyone who attacks one of my priests, attacks me. If they killed Rutilio for doing what he did, then I too have to walk the same path*”.

Christians, Wake Up NOW! Tomorrow will be too late! We are called to play a prophetic role in India today! We need to become Romeros for our country!

**(Fr. Cedric Prakash SJ is a human rights and peace activist/writer.*

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

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7090. QATAR : Mangalorean RC Spinster, (Born in July 1988), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 54 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., worked for Bank in Mumbai, currently working as a H.R. in International School in Qatar. Contact email : loretta6479@gmail.com

7089. MUMBAI : Goan RC Spinster, (Born in January 1978), Ht. 5', Wt. 70 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.A., Government employee. Contact email : celinefernandes2014@gmail.com

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6907. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in May 1987), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 70 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working for American Bank as a Bank Teller. Contact email : carolp_1987@yahoo.co.in

6959. MUMBAI : Alliance invited from well settled RC Goan bachelors upto 30 years. for RC Goan Spinster (Born in November 1990), a B.A. graduate, done IATA, presently working in DUBAI in a travel company as a corporate travel officer, Ht. 5' 3", (preferable working overseas) Contact email : sabjf1963@gmail.com OR Cell No.: 8828998414

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6825. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1986), Ht. 5' 5", Fair Complexion, Edn. Graduate + Masters working as a HR. Contact email :

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Contact email :

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To be successful, you need more than just motivation. You need to be passionate in what you do and do what you are passionate about. You need good habits to cement your path to success. Few habits that you can imitate to achieve your goals.

Read :

One of the secrets of highly successful people is that they read A LOT - despite their tight schedules. Reading can help you learn about other people's mistakes and other's successes. Use everything you learn to your advantage.

Write :

Successful people not just read; they also write - most especially their to-do lists. As a tip, write your to-do's each

night before you go to bed. This helps you prepare for the next day, making it easy to prioritise those in the list.

Organise :

Your to-do list is ready but you shouldn't limit yourself to your plans alone. It helps if you organise your activities into two journals: one for planning and everything related to work and the other for your goals and ideas.

Measure :

With your goals set, it's time to measure everything. For instance, if you have a sales page, use tools that will help you gauge its success. Note though that it's not just about the money you gain but also your happiness.

Network :

Successful people believe that their network specifies how much they are really worth. Take time to get to know more people, socialize with them and as much as possible be present at social events. Do not burn bridges; instead,

build new ones that will help you connect with at least one person every day.

Prioritise :

Being successful is not about the money; it is actually about the people around you. Look at the top achievers today and you will notice they put their family first. They are the people who inspire you and motivate you to have a greater purpose, which is the real meaning of success.

Finally, you have to 'work'. Use the 'force' if you are not feeling like working - meaning force yourself to get out of bed and work harder than your competition.

EXERCISE

Just because you want to make money does not mean you have to neglect yourself, your health and your physical appearance. You should still be able to incorporate a healthy diet and exercise to your daily habits. Exercising and living a healthy lifestyle will keep you fit but the benefits extend more than this. If you are healthy, allowing you to make sound decisions and minimise your mistakes.

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