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Age Matters

By Don Aguiar

A group of guys, all aged about 40, discuss where they should meet for lunch for their classmate's reunion. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant, because the waitresses there were pretty.

A guy from this group and a woman were good friends. They decided it was finally time to get married.

Before the wedding they discussed finances, living arrangements and so on.

Finally, this guy decided it was time to broach the subject of their physical relationship.

'How do you feel about sex?' he asked, rather tentatively.

'I would like it INFREQUENTLY' she replied.

The guy sat quietly for a moment, adjusted his glasses, leaned over towards her and whispered –

"Is that one word or two?"

English is a wonderful language

Ten years later, at age 50, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the food was good and the wine selection was excellent.

Around this time one of the friends was nearly arrested for laughing!? this is how the actual trial progressed!

A young woman who was several months pregnant was sitting in a bus. When she noticed him smiling at her, she began feeling uncomfortable due to her condition. She changed her seat and he became more amused. She moved again and he laughed even more!

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She filed a court case against him. But, in court, his defense was:

When the lady boarded the bus he couldn't help noticing that she was pregnant. She then sat under a movie ad which read "Coming Soon - The creature from Hell!" He was even more amused when she moved and sat under a female deodorant advertisement, which read: "The love stick did the trick" Then he completely lost it when she moved a third time under an advert for tyres which read: "Dunlop Rubber would have prevented this accident".

The case was dismissed because the Judge fell off his chair laughing!

Ten years later, at age 60, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they could dine in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean.

The rain was pouring down heavily in Colaba And standing in front of a big puddle outside a pub, was one of the friends, drenched, holding a stick, with a piece of string dangling in the water.

A passer-by stopped and asked, "What are you doing, uncle?"

"Fishing" replied the old man.

Feeling sorry for the old man, the gentleman said, "Come out of the rain and have a drink with me, uncle."

In the warmth of the pub, as they sip their whiskies, the gentleman cannot resist asking, "So how many have you caught today?"

"You're the eighth" says the uncle.

Ten years later, at age 70, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the restaurant was

wheelchair accessible and had an elevator.

The friends have learnt not to correct people even when they know they are wrong. After all, the onus of making everyone perfect is not on them. Peace is more precious than perfection. They now give compliments freely & generously. After all it's a mod enhancer not only for the recipient but also for them. They have learnt not to bother about a crease on their shirt or a spot on their pant. After all, personality speaks louder than appearances. They walk away from people who don't value them. After all, they might not know their worth, but they do.

Ten years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they had never been there before.

The friends remain cool when someone plays dirty politics to outrun them in the rat race. After all, they are not a rat and neither are they in any race. They are learning not to be embarrassed by their emotions. After all, it's their emotions that make them human. They have learnt that it's better to drop the ego than break a relationship. After all, their ego will keep them aloof whereas with relationships they will never be alone. They demand for whatever is due to them. After all, accepting injustice is almost as bad as doing injustice. They've learnt to live each day as it were the last. After all, it might be the last.

Aging with grace!!!!

Elvis made us dislocate our bones. Dylan helped us discover poetry. Abba made us fall in love with blondes and brunettes. Beatles inspired us to imagine and live in an octopus's garden. Cohen gave us a baritone complex. Marley taught us to stand up and fight. Boney M lit us a rocket to Venus. Osibisa brought us the sounds of Africa. Eagles flew us to a hotel in California. Dire Straits put us with some sultans high up on swings. Jimi Hendrix

spoke to us with his guitar. Bee gees did us in with very deep love. Carpenters led us to the top of the world.

Queen brought us the legend of Mercury. Rainbow invited us to the Temple of the Fox. Kenny Rogers told us about cowards. Doors opened us to a certain Mr Morrison. Deep Purple set us on fire with smoke on the water. Smokie got us Alice. Don McLean fed us Pie. Cliff Richards congratulated us. Dolly Parton distracted us. Santana hypnotized us. Tull broadsword us. Floyd pinked us.

Michael thrilled us. Kiss kissed us. And Jim Reeves, Harry Belafonte, Tom Jones and others left us with memories that will never leave.

For the lot of us who grew our ears in the late 70s, the ride to adulthood was one mind blowing trip on the back of the humble cassette tape....

Long live you beauty, Amen!

As long as we have MEMORIES yesterday remains, and as long as we have HOPE tomorrow awaits. Today is what you make for a brighter tomorrow. Today is life's unwrestable limbo, forever led between unretrievable yesterdays and unreachable tomorrows. Today is the only reality we have. IMHO, a gift never to be taken for granted!

When I was small, I'd put my arms in my shirt and told people I lost my arms. Had that one pen with four colors, and tried to push all the buttons at once. Waited behind a door to scare someone, then leaving because they're taking too long to come out. Faked being asleep, so I could be carried to bed. Used to think that the moon followed our car. Tried to balance the switch between on/off. Watching two drops of rain roll down window and pretending it was a race. The only thing i had to take care of was a school bag. Swallowed a fruit seed I was scared to death that a tree was going to grow in my tummy. Closed the fridge extremely slowly to

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A bus trip from Baga to Mapusa

We Goans are very laid-back by nature and can best be described by the word 'susegad' (millennials excluded). A bus journey from Baga to Mapusa via Calangute, will best illustrate the meaning of 'susegad'. One Sunday morning I boarded a bus for Mapusa at the Baga beach. Nearly half the bus was reserved for various categories, but nobody really cares about signs, as more than 75% of bus passengers in Goa are migrants and they can't read English! The bus took off from Baga after considerable honking, an invitation to all would-be passengers within half a km radius to board the bus. All on board, the bus then began cruising along the narrow road from Baga to Calangute, a distance of 2 kms, stopping every 10-15 metres to pick up a passenger or for the drivers of two passing buses to exchange pleasantries. Nobody complains. After all, this is the Goan way of life. Half a km later the conductor shouts "rao re" and the driver promptly stops the bus for Claudina, with a basket of fish, who is some way down a narrow lane. She is apparently a regular and takes her own time walking to the bus. Villagers have certain VIP privileges. Nobody complains. The 2 km journey to Calangute consumes all of 20 precious minutes. Nobody complains. At Calangute the bus stops for 15 minutes or more. It moves off only when the next bus from Baga arrives, virtually giving our bus a push. Nobody complains. Another 2 kms away the bus stops once again at Arpora for a long time even though the only occupant at the bus shelter is a half-asleep cow! The cow opens one lazy eye as if to enquire why it is being disturbed. And so the bus proceeds to Mapusa. But at Parra junction, which is just 2

kms before Mapusa, the bus stops once again--- because another bus from Baga but via Saligao village has pipped it to the Parra junction and has taken all the waiting passengers. So our bus makes another unscheduled 10 minutes stop to collect more passengers. Nobody complains. Finally the bus reaches Mapusa but not before the driver pull over his uniform, which he promptly removes as soon as he leaves Mapusa. After all his middle name is susegad and he enjoys his driving.

—Prof Robert Castellino
Calangute/Mumbai

Aarey in distress

Much has been said about the destruction in Aarey during recent times, especially with regard to the proposed felling of around 2700 trees to make way for the Metro car shed. This place has today become a battleground, with the Metro authorities & the state government on the one side and social activists & concerned citizens of this city. There have been widespread protests across the city, including students, cutting across all barriers of class, language, community, etc. The battle has now escalated with celebrities joining the fray.

Aarey as we all know, are the last lungs of this city, a city which is gasping for breath. But somehow the authorities seem hell bent on choking the city. Film celebrities who have joined the battle are out of touch with ground realities, rather they have even used their clout to realign the metro route to avoid inconvenience to them.

The question being asked today is, is Aarey a forest? Social organizations like the Watchdog Foun-

ation who are in the forefront of the agitation against the metro car shed, have rightly answered that, if Aarey is not a forest, then from where do leopards come out onto the road outside Aarey and into the surrounding housing complexes? The state chief minister says, Aarey is "government land". Oh really? The government may have the "Title", sir, but the "ownership" of the land lies with Nature. We are all "Trustees" not just of Aarey & other forests but of this entire planet called "Earth" So, the government cannot do what it wishes at Aarey? **However, whether Aarey belongs to the government or whether it is not a forest, should not be a matter for debate. Aarey are the 'Lungs' of this city of Mumbai and any move to cut down any more trees will spell complete disaster for the city; it would be an 'ecological suicide'. And when Nature strikes, it will strike with all its might and we shall not be in a position to withstand that fury. Aarey is in distress and is crying out for mercy. Are the authorities listening? One only hopes good counsel will prevail and Aarey is left alone. The authorities owe it to the citizens of this city of Mumbai.**

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

Onions bring tears to the common man

The price of onions have seen a steep rise in the last few months. Very soon it will reach to Rs 100 a kilo. This will result in kitchen grievances for the households, as the prices are too high for most of the middle-class families to afford. Onions are needed daily for cooking. Without it, we are unable to cook our daily meals.

The government must control inflation and must do something to bring down the price of onions as a relief to the common man.

—Jubel D'Cruz,
Mumbai
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Gandhiji's Quest For Truth

Truth seems to be at a premium today. One of the big two at the recent Houston Rally is known for what he calls “alternative facts”, a euphemism for blatant lies or disinformation. The other Howdy at Houston is often called Feku by his detractors. This again is a derogatory word for one who makes up things that may not necessarily be correct.

In such a scenario where does Mahatma Gandhi stand, as we prepare to celebrate his 150th birth anniversary this 2nd October? As a Gandhian myself I have attended many programmes at his statue here in Phoolbagh (the central park) where I live in Kanpur. Whenever I stand there I feel dwarfed by his looming image. I feel that I have no right to say anything in such an august presence.

Yet Gandhiji has many detractors today. Noted historian Prof Ramachandra Guha recently wrote an interesting article on the present anti-Gandhi brigade. One way of belittling Gandhiji is by giving more importance to other freedom fighters like Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose or Shahid Bhagat Singh, he says.

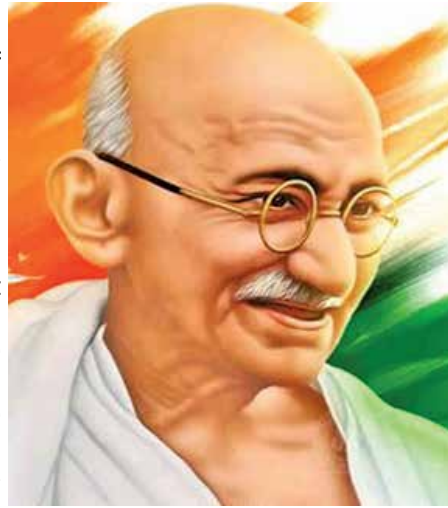
The other way of attacking Gandhiji is by blaming him for the partition of India, for being soft on Muslims, for not trying to save Bhagat Singh from the hangman's noose, or for his alleged diffidence to dalit rights. I am not a historian, and was born after Gandhiji died. But I am convinced that the character assassination is being propelled by those that are inimical to his core values of truth, non-violence and communal harmony.

Another method of belittling Gandhiji is by reducing him to an icon for sanitation or cleanliness! So his spectacles become the symbol of the Swatch Bharat Abhiyan. My blood boils when I see that pathetic looking symbol. I tell people that we don't need Gandhiji's spectacles; we need his vision, his world view.

This brings me to the man's own autobiography “My Experiments with Truth”, written in 1925, when he was just 56 years of age and a major part of his life still lay ahead of him. Notice the two keywords – experiments, and truth. An experiment, by its very nature, is indicative of a process, a searching, a journey. It does not have a sense of finality. This is typical of Gandhiji's humble mature, as also of the subject that he addresses – truth.

It takes me back 2000 years to the Lord Jesus Christ. While on trial before the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate, the latter asked him “What is truth?” (Jn 19:38). Jesus was wise enough not to answer; because any definition of truth, as with love, would be grossly inadequate.

For Gandhiji truth was primordial and pre-eminent. In the Introduction to his biography he has this to say: “I simply want to tell the story of my numerous experiments with truth ... For me truth is the sovereign principle ... the Absolute Truth, the Eternal Principle, that is God ... I worship God as truth only. I have not yet found him ... Truth must be my beacon, my shield, my buck-



ler ... This path is straight and narrow, and sharp as the razor's edge”. His choice of words is similar to the New Testament (cf Eph 6:14, Mat 7:13-14).

Gandhiji is often referred to as the Mahatma, a freedom fighter or a political activist. This, however, is

contrary to how he sees himself. Let us listen to him in his own words: “My experiments in the political field are now known not only to India, but to a certain extent to the ‘civilized’ world. For me, they have not much value; and the title of ‘Mahatma’ that they have won for me has, therefore, even less”.

He sees his political actions as emanating from his spiritual prowess, saying that it is his experiments in the spiritual field “from which I have derived such power as I possess for working in the political field”. He calls his experiments “spiritual, or rather moral, for the essence of religion is morality”. It is this spiritual strength that makes him say “The seeker after truth should be humbler than the dust”.

This is a far cry from the spiritual or political leaders of today. Humility, morality and truth are not virtues for them; which is why they prefer to throw dust in our eyes, so that we may not see the truth. As an ordinary Gandhian, and one who cares for my country, I will choose his vision of truth over the symbolic spectacles, or spectacle, of “cleanliness”.

As a Christian I am also deeply concerned about propagating Truth,

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by chhotebhai *

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more so today when the truth of the scriptures, Vatican II teachings and Canon Law has been conveniently ignored. I see this as a major obstacle in the reform and renewal of the Catholic Church; leading to increasing instances of financial impropriety and sexual predations across the globe.

Reverting to Pilate's questioning of Jesus about truth, it was actually a response to this statement of Jesus, "I was born for this, I came into the world

for this, to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice" (Jn 19:37). This is in keeping with his earlier better known proclamation, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (Jn 14:6). I will now also quote the full text of what St Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "So stand your guard, with truth a belt around your waist, and uprightness as a breast plate" (Eph 6:14).

I will add a small rider of my own. "Truth without love is an imposition, and love without truth is an indulgence". May this principle be our guiding light as we celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of the one who is often called the "best Christian" in India – Mahatma Gandhi; the Father of the Nation.

P.S. Did you just hear the POTUS refer to somebody else as the one who has united the country, and should therefore be called its father? Truth be damned!

* The writer is the Co-Convenor of the Gandhi Vichar Kendra, Kanpur

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Hard-hitting embargo for PMC bank

The overnight clampdown by RBI on Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative bank (PMC) restricting its transactions and freezing payouts to a max of Rs 1000/--- (now increased to Rs 10,000/) for the next 6 months, has come like a bolt from the blue and a terrible shock for the bank's 7 lakh customers spread over 6 states, including Goa. It is unbelievable that an upright bank like PMC which has won the confidence and trust of its customers through its excellent customer service and integrity over the years, has met with a similar fate of smaller Co-operative society banks, most of which are deep in the red and facing closure due to mounting losses and bad loans. On the contrary, PMC bank is reported to have deposits of more than 11,000/ crore and is a profit-making company with Rs 100/ crore profit for the financial year 2019. In such a bleak scenario of stringent and punitive measures by the RBI, even for profit-making banks, the burning question is where are people expected to park their hard-earned money and savings for a livelihood? Secondly, if there are irregularities by the bank in giving loans and favouring certain companies, then those responsible for flouting RBI rules should be held responsible and penalized. Why make the poor customers suffer for no fault of theirs?. It is hoped that the RBI reconsiders its decision and lifts the restrictions imposed early, to alleviate the hardships of lakhs of customers who are facing a harrowing time.

—A. F. NazarethAlto
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Cooperative banks are popular with poor and middle class

Millions of middle class and poorer people have accounts in cooperative banks. Most of these account holders do not have to pay Income Tax (IT). These account holders also make fixed deposits of up to one lakh rupees in different cooperative banks to avoid paying TDS and then having to file returns to get the money back. This doesn't in any way amount to cheating the govt, as the people don't have to pay income tax. They only want to save themselves the hassles of filing returns.

It is reported that the govt is planning to put a limit on the number of bank accounts one may hold. Apparently this is to curb black money. However as all bank accounts are linked to the Aadhaar number, this move doesn't make sense. Moreover, if people begin to close their accounts in several small banks, it will weaken the already weak financial position of many cooperative banks. This could have a more disastrous effect than demonetisation and GST put together

—Prof Robert Castellino
Mumbai

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The Mahatma and Jesus Christ

By Dr Jeanette Pinto

India will be grandly celebrating the 150 years birth anniversary of a global personality namely the Father of the Nation - Gandhi on 2 October (1969- January 1948). He was an Indian lawyer by profession, anti-colonial nationalist, a political ethicist who successfully led the campaign for India's independence from the British rule using a new powerful weapon, that of 'nonviolence resistance.' The title of 'Mahatma' in Sanskrit means 'spirited soul,' 'venerable' and was first applied to him in 1914 in South Africa.

Mahatma Gandhi was born and raised in a Hindu family in Gujarat, western India and trained in law at the Inner Temple, London. He first applied non-violent civil disobedience as an expatriate lawyer in South Africa, in the resident Indian community's struggle for civil rights. He returned to India in 1915. He soon set about organising peasants, farmers and urban labourers to protest against excessive land-tax and discrimination. Assuming leadership of the Indian National Congress in 1921, Gandhi led nationwide campaigns for social causes achieving Swaraj or self-rule.

Mahatma Gandhi had much contact with Christians, missionaries and others, and he sometimes even spoke of himself as a Christian in certain respects. In Gandhi on Christianity, one reads of his interest in Christianity-being a fundamental one. It demonstrates that his real interest in Christianity was political; he hoped to find support for pacifism in it.

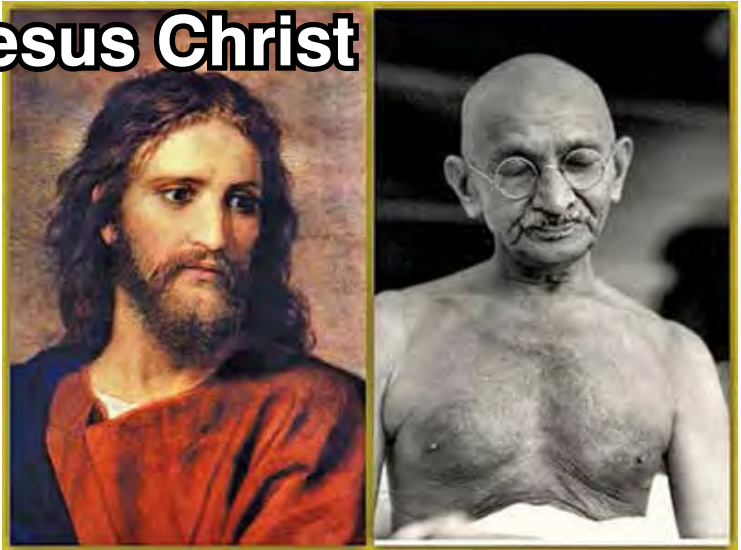
What were his beliefs in Christianity? Gandhi was never really interested in

the historical Jesus, neither in the virgin birth, nor was that Jesus the only begotten son of God. He also did not believe that Jesus was raised from the dead.

Gandhi said that Jesus was near perfect but not as perfect as God, that he had psychic powers and that his miracles were magic. Gandhi sees Jesus as an example, a rule of life. Accordingly this book focuses on a less well known area of his interest, his engagement with Jesus and Christianity. He says on page 46, "Jesus represents not a person, but the principle of nonviolence".

What Gandhi got from Christianity is the key teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, and the Symbol of the cross. He described the Sermon on the Mount as the whole of Christianity for anyone who wanted to lead a Christian life. "It was this sermon that endeared Jesus to me" he says. As a faithful Hindu, he was unwilling to accept Christian dogma, which made him further add, "I like your Christ, and I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." Gandhi is widely revered as one of the great moral prophets of the twentieth century. For me "Truth is God" (p71) he added, "it is non-negotiable."

Why didn't Gandhi become a Christian? Apparently Gandhi's rejection of Christianity grew out of an incident that happened when he was a young man practising law in South Africa. He had become attracted to the Christian faith, had studied the Bible and the teachings of Jesus, and was seriously exploring becoming a Christian. And so he decided to attend a church service. As he came up the steps of



the large church where he intended to go, a white South African elder of the church barred his way at the door. "Where do you think you're going, kaffir?" the man asked Gandhi in a belligerent tone of voice.

Gandhi replied, "I'd like to attend worship here."

The church elder snarled at him, "There's no room for Kaffirs in this church. Get out of here or I'll have my assistants throw you down the steps."

From that moment, Gandhi said, he decided to adopt what good he found in Christianity, but would never again consider becoming a Christian if it meant being part of the church. (Source: information reported at pursuingchrist.com)

Gandhi is often considered a founder of the nonviolence movement. It comes from a belief that hurting people, animals or the environment is unnecessary to achieve any good in life. In fact in his personal life he practiced of being harmless to self and others under every condition. He spread the concept of ahimsa through his movements and writings, which then inspired other nonviolent activists. His legacy of non-violence played a very important role in the Indian national movement from 1920's to the final achievement of freedom.

Recently there was a buzz in Washington over a letter written by Mahat-

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ma Gandhi in which he discusses the nature of existence of Jesus Christ. The letter dated April 6, 1926 written by him from his Sabarmati Ashram in India was up for sale grabs and could be purchased for USD 50,000/- It is typed in faint ink and with a bold, unaffected signature, the letter was part of a private collection for the past several decades and was being sold by the Pennsylvania-based RAAB Collection. *

"Jesus was one of the great teachers of mankind," Mahatma Gandhi wrote in the letter to Christian religious leader in the United States, Milton Newberry Frantz.

Nathan RAAB, principal at the RAAB Collection, described the letter as the embodiment of Mahatma Gandhi's vision for a world of religions at peace. "His belief in Jesus as a teacher of mankind shows his efforts to find commonality with his fellow man." The letter reads as follows:

"Dear Friend, I have your letter. I am afraid it is not possible for me to subscribe to the creed you have sent me. The subscriber is made to believe that the highest manifestation of the unseen reality was Jesus Christ. In spite of all my efforts, I have not been able to feel the truth of that statement." He further added, "I have not been able to move beyond the belief that Jesus was one of the great teachers of mankind. Do you not think that religious unity is to be had not by a mechanical subscription to a common creed but by all respecting the creed of each?" he asked. "In my opinion, difference in creed there must be so long as there are different brains. But who does it matter if all these are hung upon the common thread of love and mutual esteem?" See Website:

(<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/mahatma-gandhis-original-letter-on-jesus-christ-up-for-sale-1818473>)

"This is one of the finest letters on religion that Gandhi ever wrote," the RAAB Collection said in a press

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see when the lights went off. Walked into a room, forgot what you needed, Walked out, and then remember. Remember when we were kids and couldn't wait to grow up? And now we think why did we even grow up?

Childhood Was The Best Part Of our Life. I know u have a smile on your face sharing the joyful memories.

Finally, I found the answer to the most asked question in my childhood... What do you want to become when you grow up/old?

A child again.

This made me laugh because only seniors understand this! Nice one for us s we age with grace..... If my body was a car, I would be trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps,

statement."Our research discloses no other letter of Gandhi mentioning Jesus, to have ever reached the public market." He went further to espouse a Universalist doctrine of respect for all faiths and beliefs.

To all the followers of Jesus Christ the Mahatma's take home message on this special occasion is clear. Firstly we humans live in a global village and are to be welcoming and inclusive to all people of other faiths. Secondly, each and every person should help build the 'culture of life' and transform community; be a pro-life ambassador and living witness to all of humanity by spreading the message of love and peace.

*The RAAB Collection is a Pennsylvania-based historical document and autograph dealer whose specialties include documents signed by Abraham Lincoln, Albert Einstein, Napoleon Bonaparte, Winston Churchill and other historical figures from the 16th through the 21st century.

dents, scratches & my headlights are out of focus. My gearbox is seizing up & it takes me hours to reach maximum speed. I overheat for no reason and every time I sneeze, cough or laugh either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

As we age with grace we are changing. After loving our parents, our siblings, our spouse, our children, our friends, now we have started loving ourselves. Just realized that we are not "Atlas" & the world does not rest on our shoulders and have stopped telling the elderly that they have already narrated that story many times. After all, the story makes them walk down memory lane and relive the past.

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“Heart speaks to Heart”!

Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801-1890) who will be canonized by Pope Francis on 13 October 2019, was a 19th century theologian, poet and prolific writer. Originally an Anglican priest, he converted to Catholicism in 1845.

His works are considered one of the most significant to current Catholic

thought! The motto on his ‘coat of arms’ speaks volumes of love – *cor ad cor loquitur* or heart speaks to Heart! It is a phrase borrowed from St. Francis de Sales – The heart of man speaks to the Heart of God! It refers to the bond between friends when they open their hearts to one another (cf. Matthew 22:37-40).

He founded the Catholic University of Ireland, later reformed as, Trinity College Dublin. His series of lectures were later published under the title, *The Idea of a University!* Here are some noteworthy quotes on the topic of “Friendship”!

“Relationships are an essential part of the education process. A good education is more important than books, lectures and tests; for it gets us outside of ourselves. It counteracts the tendency to stick to settled ways of thinking.”

“Like education ‘friendship’ broadens our perspective. Friends help us to see things through other’s eyes. In this way they enhance our self-awareness and expand our understanding of the world around us.”

“Friendship is a kind of training for the practice of universal charity! Friendship challenges us to put others before ourselves in the real circumstances of everyday life. It begins by exercising itself on our friends around us.”

“By loving our relations, friends and even our enemies (cf. Matthew 5:43-44), by submitting to their wishes, though contrary to our own; and even bearing with their infirmities, we form in our hearts that root of charity, which though small like a mustard seed, can even overshadow the earth with its large branches, so that birds can nest” (cf. Mark 4: 30-32).

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Donald Trump[ets] 'K' mediation again

Some leaders will not give up. Donald Trump the American President is one such specimen. A few months back he made a statement which gave a fallacious impression to the world that the Indian PM Narendra Modi had sought his expertise to solve the vexed Kashmir problem. This was promptly and stoutly denied by the Indian government leaving the American establishment red-faced. The Indian government went on to set the records straight to reiterate that no third party intervention will be entertained. Despite this, he offered his services, to mediate. This was rightly ignored by India. For the third time after attending "Howdy Modi" show and meeting Imran Khan later, Trump projected himself as a professional mediator and offered his services. Mind you, this was after India abrogated article 370. His blow hot blow cold diplomacy is a bit perplexing. He repeated the offer again for the fifth time.

Modi spoke at length at the 'Howdy' [highly hyped show] on the changed scenario in Kashmir post the abrogation of article 370 but finished 'much before' the American President arrived. He did not want to say things [and present a rosy picture to the Indian Diaspora] in his presence. Otherwise the American guest would have been forced to offer some subtle comments. This was scrupulously avoided by both sides. It is hard to understand why Trump puts his foot in the mouth every time. Is there an agenda? Imran Khan is a desperate man who possibly goes on his knees and pleads for international intervention.

Trump, on the other hand, has a larger objective. He needs to get his soldiers out of Afghanistan and with the breakdown of talks with Taliban there is desperation. This outfit cannot be taken lightly as it can go any length to have its way. They are hell bent on establishing Islamic law and take that country back to the medieval era. Pakistan can help Trump in an honourable exit. The Pak army and the ISI jointly can save the Americans from the ignominy of having to accept that despite all the military and other resources, successive American Presidents have not been able to dent the Taliban.

In his meeting with Imran Khan

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Trump made a statement that needs to be highlighted. India has been telling the world that the Pak PM has been exaggerating about the situation in Kashmir which is 'peaceful' as per our perception. Everything is Hunkey Dory they say and we are forced to believe in the absence of any credible independent assessment. Trump said he 'trusts' Imran Khan and that all the Kashmiri people have to be treated well. He never said Indian people but Kashmiris. Later he said India should take 'rapid' steps to bring normalcy including release of leaders etc. Did he send a clear message to Modi? Did he imply that enough is not being done? Modi may think he has solved the Kashmir problem once and for all but the ground situation is different. If you need to keep mass leaders under house arrest for almost two months, you have to impose restrictions every Friday, lift curfew and re-impose it, you are telling the world that you are not exactly in control of things in the Valley.

India is a powerful country in its own right with a huge market for international goods and investments. Not many countries can afford to antagonize India. This is precisely why the Islamic nations are very guarded in their approach. Saudis are Pak's benefactors and they too are cautious but offer their aircraft to the Pak PM to go to New York. Countries like Turkey and Malaysia have openly sided with Pak. Silence by most countries cannot be mistaken for support. To make things a bit complicated, the Labour Party in UK has come out openly in support of the right of the Kashmiri people for self determination through Plebiscite as per UN resolutions while calling for UN observers to monitor the situation. This is a huge embarrassment. Yet we have a big 'Howdy' at Delhi airport.

Maharashtra in disarray

With elections slated for October 21st, barring the Congress and NCP no other electoral deal has been finalized. They left the MNS and VBA out forcing them to contest individually. In the process you can foresee multi-cornered contests in every constituency. Unfortunately, with leader after leader from both these once formidable parties abandoning the sinking ships, their leaderships



by Marshall Sequeira

are clueless on how to arrest this trend. With the Maratha strongman, losing his clout, he had almost accepted the fact that his days of glory are waning. Ajit Pawar [his nephew and a strong contender for NCP heir-ship] has landed in trouble in the MSC bank scam. In a tactical move he has resigned as MLA [with just one month remaining] and is said to have quit politics only to say he will abide by the advice of his uncle.

As for Congress, the party can never regain its past glory with the stalwarts running the State for years. There is too much of factionalism in the State Congress and every Tom, Dick and Harry wants to be a CM. This malaise is not restricted to Congress alone but across party lines. This election will show if the Congress will go the UP way in its tally. The Lok Sabha elections have already given both Congress and NCP an indication of the shape of things to come. For the NCP it could be the end as this is the only State where it had any clout. Add to this Sharad Pawar, Ajit Pawar and Praful Patel are all facing the ED.

As usual the BJP and Sena are bickering with the latter aiming at the sky [CM's chair] and hoping to fall on the roof [Dy CM's post]. With all the noise the Sena makes, it cannot live without power and will stoop to any level for fear of internal revolt. The tiger which roared menacingly once upon a time is losing its voice and sounds more like it is tamed. It is said they will accept 126 seats. The BJP is on cloud nine and will continue to remain there, Sena's shenanigans notwithstanding. These elections will either see Sharad Pawar go into oblivion and be part of history or like the Phoenix rise again by capitalizing on the ED activism. Mind you, the celebrated Anna Hazare the crusader against corruption has openly come in favour of the Maratha strongman. This support from unexpected quarters will give a boost the sagging image of the NCP and Pawar will exploit it to the hilt in his last ditch battle.

What does your taste in music reveal about you?

PEOPLE LISTEN TO music as a way to set the mood, to motivate a workout or even to gain inspiration. How much are those choices influenced by underlying personality traits? The next time you are putting together a playlist to listen to during your commute or workout, consider how your personality might be reflected in your song choices. You might also consider listening to styles of music that you don't normally prefer; many researches suggests that doing this may actually have a lasting impact on the brain

The notion that music can influence your thoughts, feelings and behaviours probably does not come as much of a surprise. If you've ever felt pumped up while listening to your favourite fast-paced rock anthem or been moved to tears by a tender live performance, then you easily understand the power of music to impact moods and even inspire action. As clearly, music plays an important role in the lives of people around the world, which is why many wonder what individual factors might influence musical preferences. Could the contents of your playlist, for example, reveal something about your personality? Well, yes! Music does describe your personality and according to a number of researches, here is an array of music types and personalities associated with the same as per the liking.

Classical music :

Classical music lovers are typically more introverted but are also at ease with themselves and the world around them. They are creative and have a good sense of self-esteem.

Rock music :

Despite the sometimes aggressive image that rock and heavy metal music project, researchers found that fans of this style of music are usually quite gentle. They tend to be creative but are often introverted and may suffer from low-esteem.

Country music :

Country music fans are typically hardworking, conventional and outgoing. While country songs are often centred on heartbreak, people who gravitate towards this genre tend to be very emotionally stable. They also tend to be more conservative and rank lower on the trait of openness to experience.

Dance music :

According to researchers, people who prefer dance music are usually outgoing and assertive. They also tend to rank high on the trait of openness to experience, one of the five major personality traits. People who prefer fast-paced electronic music also tend to rank low on gentleness.

Rap and hip-hop music :

In spite of the stereotype that rap lovers are more aggressive or violent, researchers have actually found no such link. Rap fans do tend to have high self-esteem and are usually outgoing.

Pop Music :

Fans of pop hits tend to be extroverted, honest and conventional. While pop music lovers are hardworking and have high self-esteem, researchers suggest that they tend to be less creative and more uneasy.

Indie Music :

Fans of the indie genre are typically introverted, intellectual and creative. According to researchers, they also tend to be less hardworking and less gentle. Passivity, anxiousness and low self-esteem are other common personality characteristics.

Jazz, Blues and Soul Music :

People who enjoy jazz, blues or soul music were found to be more extroverted with high-esteem. They also tend to be very creative intelligent and at ease.

Experts note that personality traits alone do not account for musical preferences. While music is often an

important way to express self-identity, research has shown that people listen to music for a variety of purposes.

One study suggested that some of the key psychological functions that music serves include improving performance, stimulating curiosity and imagination and amplifying certain moods or emotions.

Other factors including gender, age, social class and cultural background also play important roles in musical taste.

- Music has the power to inspire and entertain but it also has powerful psychological effects that can improve your health and well-being. Instead of thinking of music as pure entertainment, consider some of the major mental benefits of incorporating music into your everyday life. You might find that you feel more motivated, happy and relaxed as a result.

1. Music can improve your cognitive performance
2. Music can reduce stress
3. Music might help you eat less
4. Music can improve your memory
5. Music can help manage pain
6. Music might help you sleep better
7. Music can improve motivation
8. Music can improve your mood
9. Music might reduce the symptoms of depression
10. Music can improve endurance and performance



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Bishops of Karnataka on 'Ad Limina' visit to Vatican

—Ivan Saldanha-Shet.

His Holiness Pope Francis met with bishops of Karnataka, last week. Archbishop Peter Machado of Bangalore, lead the Karnataka Bishops. For Bishop of Mangalore Rev Dr Peter Paul Saldanha who assumed office one year ago, September 15, 2018, it was the first 'Ad Limina', Sts. Peter & Paul whose tombs the Bishops paid homage to, happen to be the Bishop's Patron name sakes too. He was accompanied by the Bishop emeritus Rev Dr Aloysius Paul D'Souza.



The other Karnataka Bishops who took part were, Udupi Bishop Rev Dr Issac Gerald Lobo, Belgaum Bishop Rev Dr Derek fernandes, Bellary Bishop Rev Dr Henry Dsouza, Chickmagalur Bishop Rev Dr Antony Swami, Gulbarga Bishop Rev Dr Robert M Miranda, Mysore Bishop Rev Dr K.A William, Shimoga Bishop Rev Dr Francis Serrao SJ and Emeritus Archbishop of Bangalore Rev Dr Bernard Moras.

Pope Francis told the group, he was aware of the challenges confronting the Church in India but they should continue their work with courage and enthusiasm.

The Holy Father was attentive to all the bishop's views, encouraged them to be committed, he stressed that the bishops need to be close to Christ Jesus, to their priests and to the people. The pontiff expressly said that he was aware of the challenges facing the Church in India.

The bishops prayed for Karnataka at

the tombs of Saints Peter and Paul and at the other basilicas in Rome. Some 200 bishops from India, in three

dioceses. The object of the visit is not merely to make a pilgrimage to the tombs of the apostles, but to show the

separate groups, conducted their Ad Limina visits in September.

What is 'Ad Limina' : In the Universal Roman Catholic Church, a quinquennial visit is 'Ad limina', more fully ad limina apostolorum or simply an ad limina visit, means the obligation of residential diocesan bishops and certain prelates with territorial jurisdiction, of visiting the thresholds of the [tombs of the] Apostles, Saints Peter and Paul, and of meeting the pope to report on the state of their dioceses. It is a formal trip usually made together by all bishops from a single region or Catholic bishops' conference to discuss with the Pope issues specific to their regions. It is separate from other trips a bishop might make to the Vatican, such as to attend a synod. The ad limina visit happens every five years, or quinquennially. They also present themselves before the Pope to give an account of the state of their

proper reverence for the successor of Saint Peter, to acknowledge practically his universal jurisdiction.

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Salt as required
Water as required
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Method:

Step 1:

First in a bowl mix the whole wheat and all purpose flour together. Add salt as required. Then add water and begin to knead to make a sticky dough.

Step 2:

After the dough is prepared, cover it with a cotton cloth and keep it aside for 25 minutes. Make a small ball out of the dough, sprinkle some wheat flour on it and start rolling it into a thin circle.

Step 3:

Now put an inverted tawa on a medium flame. When it becomes hot, put the roti on it. Roast it on both sides until it becomes light brown. Cook the edges as well.

Step 4:

Once the roti is done, put it on a plate. Spread some ghee on it and fold it. Serve hot with your favourite dish.

Prayer & Thanksgiving Prayer to the Sacred Heart



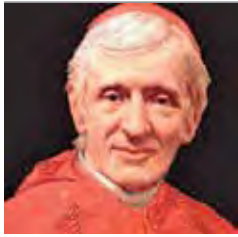
Oh Lord Jesus Christ, to Your most Sacred Heart I confide this intention (your request). Only look upon me, then do what your love inspires. Let your Sacred Heart decide ... I count on You ... I trust in You ... I throw myself on your mercy. Lord Jesus, You will not fail me.

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.

—Janet Ahmedabad

— Jubel D'Cruz



Mahatma and Saint



Come October 2019 and the world will be celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi (2 October) and the canonization (13 October) by Pope Francis of Cardinal Newman as a Saint of the Catholic Church.

What is little known however, is the connect between the two and the similarities which marked their lives! John Henry Newman (1801-1890) had a tremendous influence on Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869-1948). As a professor in Oxford University, Newman proved to be one of the foremost scholars and thinkers of his time, who could hold vast congregations of students and intellectuals, spellbound with his depth, erudite and brilliant communication skills.

Newman was a relentless seeker of the truth; in a major shock to the Victorian establishment and intelligentsia of his times, he left the Church of England to embrace Catholicism. During his Oxford days and thereafter, he was also a prolific and incisive writer. His most well-known poem-prayer 'Lead, kindly Light', was apparently penned during his search to do what is right. In a matter of time, this poem (first published in 1834) became very popular in literary circles and even in Churches in England and in the United States.

Gandhi, who studied in Alfred High School, Rajkot would most probably have come to know about this poem as a school-boy. He would become more acquainted with it as a student



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of law in London from 1888-1891, just at the time when Newman's death, would have left a deep void in the literary and religious circles of England. Later, in South Africa, the tremendous impact this poem had on Gandhi, was obvious from the fact that 'Lead, kindly Light' held a unique position as the motto of the 'Satyagraha' movement, which he launched on 11 September 1906.

There is an unnerving similarity in the spirituality of both Newman and Gandhi which is reflected in the very first verse of the poem:

*"Lead, kindly Light', amid the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home—
Lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see
the distant scene—one step enough for me!"*

Both Newman and Gandhi went through a painful process of discernment asking for light before they took a crucial next step in their journey ahead. These 'enlightened steps' were indeed turning points: in their lives and in the profound impact it had on the lives of several others. In 1916, after Mahatma Gandhi had established his ashram on the banks of the River Sabarmati, Ahmedabad, 'Lead, kindly Light' had a very special place

in the daily prayers of the Ashram.

Gandhi had the prayer translated into Gujarati by Narasimharao Divetia; the initial words read 'Premal Jyoti' (Light of Love). For more than thirty years, several of Gandhi's writings and speeches had a reference either to 'Lead, kindly Light' or to 'one step enough for me'.

Once, when asked the reason for his constant references to Newman and the latter's works, Gandhi was quick on the retort, "*he is perhaps the only honest Englishman, I have come across!*" On March 10, 1947 Gandhi wrote to Vinobha Bhave, his closest disciple, "*in my prayers, I pray to God to lead me from untruth to truth, isn't the same idea conveyed in 'Lead kindly Light'?*"

As we celebrate the Mahatma and the Saint, let us resolve to learn from them: the openness to search for what is right, the humility to discern and above all, the courage to stand up for the Truth!

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Why unnecessarily bring wife into every joke.

Wishful thinking

Sometimes, I do wish for my best friend to just enter my room, open wardrobe and start dropping my clothes into a bag, saying "We are going on a trip, I have made all the bookings. I have even told your parents. And don't worry about the money. It's my gift."

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you yesterday and to won't turn on.

Executive : Press the big button.

Man : I have

Executive : Then try the cord at the back. It might be disconnected?

Man : I'll get a torch. Don't go away. I'll be fast.

Executive : Why do you need a torch?

Man : It's dark, we have no electricity.

Public pool

Little Jonny is approached by the lifeguard at the public swimming pool. "You're not allowed to pee in the pool," said the lifeguard. "I'm going to report you." "But everyone pees in the pool," said Little Johnny. "Maybe," said the lifeguard "but not from the diving board!"

Dear Reserve Bank of India, Please declare list of Safe banks in India....

Reserve Bank of India: We ourselves are not safe.

Wife to husband on the phone.

Wife : How are you doing.

Husband : Listen, I am really busy, don't have time to talk at all.

Wife : Baby, I have a good news and bad news for you. You want to hear them?

Husband : Just tell me the good news?

Wife : Okay, good news is the air bags of our new BMW work absolutely fine.

New Currency

RBI should declare, Eclairs as the new one rupee and Chloromint as the new 50 paisa. *Koi bhi dukandaar chhutte ke jage yahi deta hai!*

Ram : Can people predict the future with cards?

Lakhan : My mother can.

Ram : Really?

Lakhan : Yes, she takes one look at my report card and tells me what will happen when my father gets home.

The tombstone

A new widow requested the epitaph 'Rest in Peace' for her husband's tombstone. When she later found he had left his fortune to his mistress, she attempted to get the engraver to change the carving.

This was impossible; the words were chiseled and could not be changed. "In that case," she said, "Please add, 'Till We Meet Again.'"

Inspiration!

Think differently to attain success

Successful entrepreneurs are the ones with an entrepreneurial growth mindset, a unique set of perspectives and values that allow them to look for and see problems that others ignore.

Know that the world's most successful entrepreneurs aren't the ones who impulsively quit their jobs to chase a get-rich-quick idea. They are the ones with an entrepreneurial growth mindset, a unique set of perspectives and values that allow them to look for and see problems that others ignore. They do lots of research and gather as much information as possible about a potential startup solution. They aggressively try and mitigate risk at every step. Here are 10 perspectives that are differentiators you'll need to have or develop if you're going to be a successful entrepreneur.

Challenges are opportunities:

Setbacks, obstacles, and challenges are painfully common elements of entrepreneurship and are not to be avoided. Instead, successful entrepreneurs view challenges as opportunities. Each challenge or setback reveals a key opportunity to grow — either to improve upon an existing weakness or take measures to avoid experiencing a similar setback in the future.

Look out for competitors :

Rather than viewing competitors as a threat, entrepreneurs see competitors as enriching opportunities to learn more about their industry and target market. By looking at your competitors' customers, products and business models, you can learn what might make yours business unique and leverage that uniqueness. Show that uniqueness in your branding and marketing efforts. Studying your competitors can provide you with insights you would never have if you were the first to launch.

strategy on customer experience can teach

Entrepreneurship requires effort:

Entrepreneurship is multifaceted and constantly demanding, and there's no shortage of pitfalls that could disrupt or destroy your business. Successful entrepreneurs are aware of this, and they're aware that everything, from product development, sales and marketing, requires significant effort to achieve success. Instead of looking for shortcuts, they're pouring a strong work effort into their business.

Perfection never arrives:

Young or inexperienced entrepreneurs might get caught up in chasing their original vision, because original visions are almost invariably "perfect." But perfection isn't necessary to run a successful, profitable business. In fact, perfection is often what stalls progress. The time you spend trying to hammer down those last few details is likely going to end up as time wasted. Reid Hoffman, co-founder of LinkedIn once said, "If you are not embarrassed by your first version of the product, you are probably launching

too late".

Learn from mistakes:

The popular perception of mas-

sively successful entrepreneurs such as Steve Jobs or Jeff Bezos illustrates them as infallible leaders. This couldn't be further from the truth. Successful entrepreneurs, even the rock stars among them, make mistakes often. Furthermore, they aren't afraid to make mistakes, and they know how to learn from them. Making mistakes is healthy and normal, and the sooner entrepreneurs realize that, the better. Entrepreneurs must learn from their mistakes because behind every achievement, there is failure.

Always note that little things lead to big things:

Successful entrepreneurs break down massive projects, problems and campaigns into smaller, more manageable pieces. Small successes will lead to larger successes. This works for problems as well as solutions.

For instance, instead of seeing a large content marketing campaign as a quick way to get traffic and new business, entrepreneurs see content marketing in terms of its individual components (for instance, blogging, social-media marketing, SEO, link building and other platforms), each of which has its own advantages and disadvantages..

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He dared to renew the Church (Pope John XXIII)

by Fr. F. M. Britto

The Catholic Church will ever remember him as the one who brought great renewal through the Vatican Council II. Pope John XXIII is one of the most popular popes of all time and the world affectionately calls him the “Good Pope John”.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born on Nov 25, 1881 in a small country village Sotto il Monte in Italy. He was the eldest son and the fourth child in a family of 13 children born to Giovanni Battista Roncalli and his wife Marianna Giulia Mazzolla. His parents were tenant farmers. Since he was bright in studies, Roncalli was sent to Rome for his priestly studies and he obtained a doctorate in Canon Law.

After his priestly ordination on Aug 10, 1904, his new Bishop Giacomo Radini-Tedeschi of Bergamo appointed him as his secretary and had kept him till the bishop's death in 1914, besides being a lecturer in the diocesan seminary. During World War I, Roncalli was drafted into the Army, serving as a stretcher-bearer and as a chaplain. After being discharged from the Army in 1919, he was appointed the spiritual director in the seminary.

Pope Benedict XV, who was a personal friend of his late Bishop Tedeschi, appointed him as the Italian president of the Society for the Propagation of Faith. This brought Roncalli in to a personal contact with a number of important church figures. Pope Pius XI appointed him as the Apostolic Visitor of Bulgaria from 1925 to 1935, ordaining him as the titular archbishop of Areopolis.

He was then appointed the Apostolic Delegate to Greece and Turkey. To his great surprise, he was named the new Apostolic Nuncio of France in Dec 1944. Since he carried his mission there successfully, Pope Pius XII appointed him in Jan 1953 Patriarch



Modern Religious Heroes :
Pope John XXIII
Feast day: Oct 11

of Venice, raising him to the rank of Cardinal.

After the death of the brilliant Pope Pius XII, the 76 years old simple Roncalli was elected the pope on Oct 28, 1958, to the surprise of all, as a short-term pope. He gave the first of his many surprises by taking the name John XXIII, since no pope had dared to take this name for the last 500 years since the last John XXIII was considered as antipope during the Western Schism.

Playing down his position as the ruler of the Vatican, he emphasized his role as the “servant of the servants of God”. He became the first pope, since 1870, to make freely pastoral visits in his diocese of Rome. On Christmas day of his first year of papacy he visited the children infected with polio at the Bambino Gesù Hospital and then visited the Santo Spirito Hospital. Such humanitarian acts created a sensation in the local and international media.

He became the first pope to travel outside Rome. Making a confession for the Church's sin of anti-Semitism through the centuries, he worked to reconcile with the Russian Orthodox Church, improve relations with the Communist Soviet Union, and he sought to prevent nuclear war by his

well-appreciated encyclical *Pacem in Terris*.

To the surprise of all he called for an Ecumenical Council on Jan 25, 1959, less than 90 years after the First Vatican Council. We all know that the Second Vatican Council changed the face of Catholicism. As he said, it was indeed a new Pentecost to the Catholic Church.

Pope John XXIII was an advocate for human rights which included the unborn and the elderly. He condemned divorce. He wrote several socially important encyclicals. He beatified four and canonized ten individuals. In five consistories he created 52 cardinals. In his first consistory in the same year of becoming the pope, he created Giovanni Battista Montini a cardinal, who succeeded him as Pope Paul VI.

Pope John XXIII was diagnosed with stomach cancer on Sept 23, 1962 and he died at the age of 81. When he died on June 3, 1963, he had become one of the best-loved popes in the world. After 37 years of his death, when his mortal remains were shifted for beatification, it was found his body had not corrupted. Instead of calling it a miracle, Vatican merely downplayed it saying that it was due to the well preservation of his body.

The cause for his canonization was opened under his successor Pope Paul VI during the final session of the Vatican Council II itself on Nov 18, 1965. On Sept 3, 2000 he was declared “Blessed” by Pope John Paul II. Pope Francis declared him, along with Pope John Paul II, a saint on April 27, 2014. Though it is customary to celebrate the saint's feast day on their heavenly birthday, the Catholic Church celebrates his feast day, not on June 3, but on Oct 11, the anniversary of his opening the Second Vatican Council.

This son of a peasant family, with no powerful patrons to promote him in the church politics, would have lived and died as an obscure parish priest. But he rose up mainly due to his readiness to subdue his will and follow orders as God's will and had a cheerful and warm heart.

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7028. ABUDHABI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1985), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Diploma in Mechancial Engineer, working as a Stores Officer in Shipping Company. Contact email : pjmpraveen@gmail.com

6966. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in September 1965), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 45 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. SSC., working as a Field Executive. Contact email : sameer_bhagwatt777@rediffmail.com

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

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6854. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in October 1985), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 78 kgs, Tan Complexion, Edn. F.Y. B.Com.,

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7019. MUMBAI : Tamilian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in June 1981), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 60 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Customer Services. Contact email : dasvinod1@gmail.com

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7032. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1977), Ht. 5' 6", Wt. 72 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. Degree in Electronics and Telecommunications, working as Telecom Engineer. Contact email : franky54@rediffmail.com

7061. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in July 1989), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 90 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. 12th, working for Central Railway Mec. Ftr II, Contact email : pkevindsouza@gmail.com

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

7083. MUMBAI : East Indian Roman Catholic Bachelor, (Born in November 1985), Ht. 6', Wt. 68 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Com., PGDLM, PGDSM, working as PPM & Data Engineer in Shipping Company. Contact email : ryan.intermilan@yahoo.co.in

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6829. AUSTRALIA : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Divorcee, (Born in March 1978), Ht. 5' 11", Wt. 80 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Customer Support. Contact email : arthur.fernandes@live.com

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6905. ABUDHABI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic spinster, (Born in July 1989), Ht. 5' 1", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Master in Commerce (Finance), working as a Secretary cum Accountant. Contact email : steffernandez798@gmail.com

7055. U.K. : Tamilian Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in April 1988), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 62 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., working as a Staff Nurse in UK. Contact email : o365acc@gmail.com

7085. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in January 1989), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 47 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. MCA. working as a Banking service professional in private sector. Contact email : dorinbaretto27@gmail.com

6842. USA : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1989), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 57 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.Pharma, Masters in Pharmaceutical Sciences - USA, working as a Formulation Scientist in Laboratories in USA. Contact email : jgonsalves@wockhardt.com

7056. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in December 1988), Ht. 4' 11", Wt. 51 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. MBA in HR, working HR Field. Contact email : nancyfernandes9@gmail.com

6955. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in November 1993), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 53 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. BMM, working as a HR. Contact email: librettaserrao11@gmail.com

7003. MUMBAI : Tamilian Roman

Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1991), Ht. 5' 1", Wt.47 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.Sc., IT, working as a Software Engineer. Contact email : annette.anthony10@yahoo.in OR 9967681810

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6988. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1992), Ht. 5', Wt.55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., Dip. in Finance, working, Contact email : pbttaaa@gmail.com

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6978. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in June 1989), Ht. 5' 4", Wt.50 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. Undergraduate, Self employed. Contact email : sd450199@gmail.com

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6969. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1983), Ht. 5' 3", Wt. 54 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M.A., Working as an Educational Consultant. Contact email : elviraaranha@rediffmail.com

6850. MUMBAI : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1989), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 56 kgs, Fair Complexion, Smart looking, Edn. BBA, working as an Asst. Marketing Manager. Contact email : alisha.v.fernandes@gmail.com

6942. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1987), Ht. 5' 4", Wheatish Complexion, Edn. M. Com., working as a Sr. Associate in Foreign Bank. Contact email : olgapin123@gmail.com

6947. NEWZILAND : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in July 1984), Ht. 5' 4", Wt. 55 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., MBA Finance, working as a Finance Analyst. Contact email : ronifernandes2001@yahoo.com

6855. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in September 1990), Ht. 5', Wt. 58 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. CA by profession working for privated company. Contact email : mithalimenezes@gmail.com

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6814. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in February 1992), Ht. 5' 3 1/2", Wt. 47 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Com., NET, SET doing Phd., Lecturer by profession. Contact email : albanpereira1991@yahoo.com

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6658. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in October 1987), Ht. 5' 5", Wt. 45 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.E. in E&T. with Master, working for Corporate firm. Contact email : jovi_tangerine@yahoo.co.in

6657. VADODARA : Goan Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1989), Ht. 5' 9", Wt. 75 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. B.A., working for MNC. Contact email : cheryl24052001@yahoo.com

6656. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1988), Ht. 5' 1", Wt. 49 kgs, Fair Complexion, Edn. M.Tech (Biotechnology), working as a Scientific Assistant, Contact email : rachealm28@gmail.com

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6651. MUMBAI : Mangalorean Roman Catholic Spinster, (Born in May 1984), Ht. 5' 2", Wt. 65 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, Edn. B.Com., working as a Customer Support in DUBAI. Contact email : dsilva.seema@gmail.com

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man Catholic Spinster from Mumbai (Born October 1992), Ht. 5' 5" (166 cms), 62 kgs, Wheatish Complexion, B. Com, MBA (Finance) U.K. working for a Bank in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Family U.A.E. based for past 25 years. Seeks a Professionally qualified bachelor, below 30 years working or settled overseas / On Board with sober habits, good family values, from a respectful family. Contact email : leteciaprisca@gmail.com

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The Josephite Festival

The Josephite Festival at St. Joseph's High School, Vadala, was held from 13th to 15th of September. The Grand Finale coincided with the Parish Feast of Our Lady of Dolours on 15th September. There were approximately 5800 students, right from kindergarten to Std X who participated in the inter school competition, displaying their God given talents, artistic skills and creativity. The best performer of each event was called on stage and was asked to perform at the entertainment cum Prize Distribution Program, which was held each day. The Chief Guests for 13th, 14th and 15th September were Fr. Charlin Chandran, who is in charge of the youth at Dolours, Fr. Godfrey D'sa – the Director of Praful-ta and Fr. Magi Murzello – the Rector of St. Andrew's College and Principal of St. Andrew's High School respectively. Fr. Charlin was taken aback on seeing the tremendous energy and zest that the students had. He said, "Children, you should start building your pipeline early, by being consistent in things you are passionate about. Let your experiences make you and not break you."

Addressing the August gathering, Fr. Diego Nunes said, "Dear children, the program is for you. Thanks for your presence and participation. Congratulations and thanks to you, dear parents, for giving your precious time for your kids. That itself speaks volumes of your love for them."

Fr. Godfrey D'sa needs no introduction. He is well known for his counseling in and out of Mumbai. He is the director of Praful-ta. Being a Psychologist and Counselor, he has conducted seminars even abroad. He has served as a Parish priest of

Dolours and Principal of St. Joseph's High School. The Josephite festival is his brainchild. Every year, it is gaining momentum. Thanks to this initiative, this year we have 5800 students, displaying their talents and skills. Fr. Godfrey D'sa was well with a thunderous applause. In reply, he said, "It is nice to be on the stage and see happy faces celebrate the Josephite festival. This is the fourth Josephite festival and the number of participants has increased from 2136 to 5800 – indeed a mammoth growth. We have a variety of 70 events." Organizing an event of such magnitude is no easy task. This Josephite festival has become the talk of the town because it is one of the greatest school events. The best way to find happiness is to discover



yourself and the best way to discover yourself is to find what you are good at.

At the grand finale, when Fr. Magi was called on stage to address the audience, he said, "I thank Fr. Diego for having invited me. I am fascinated by the splendid performances of the budding artists and would like to comment that, Josephite festival indeed provides an all round development of the child. If you, dear children, are focused, you will certainly do well in life. The students were very happy with this unique Chief Guest who whistled for them and they reciprocated."

The various competitions held were storytelling, clay modeling, craft, drawing, music, vegetable carving etc. Students expressed their views through Debate and Elocution and displayed their General Knowledge through the Quiz Competition. Even students from the not so elite schools did exceedingly well in the Mono acting, Mimicry and several other competitions, thus sending across the message that we educators need to tap their talents so that they can bloom into flowers which spread their perfume to all the passers-by. They say, "A good compere steals the show" and Mr. Lloyd Nunes and Ms. Thelma did just that. Hats off to Fr. Diego Nunes, Ms. Sangita Bhattacharya, Ms. Matilda and the entire staff of St. Joseph's, not forgetting the parents namely, Mr. Kumar, Mr. Maxie, Mr. Rahim, Ms. Edith and Ms. Ruby for the pains taken to put up such a mega event.




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