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# An Emergency Goans Cannot Ignore

While the worsening mortality rate in the state due to the dreaded coronavirus pandemic should have been a cause of concern for the government, the manner in which the Chief Minister has sought to get away with allegations of mismanagement in the whole process of containing the spread of the disease by attributing the spate of deaths to the co-morbidity conditions of the deceased is quite shocking.

It is as if the state officials want to hold on to the contention that most people with pre-existing and underlying conditions could be at a higher risk if they contract the coronavirus while seeking to explain reports of the alarming sequence of COVID fatalities in the region.

CM Sawant, without an iota of doubt, has been an epitome of indecisiveness spearheading the state's combat against the virulent villain. Nor have his assurances on things being well under control in the state with regard to the pandemic encouraged confidence among the locals.

Exuding self-confidence, the CM had earlier stated that the state government was well-equipped to handle the pandemic crisis and there was no reason for Goans to panic.

But much water has flowed under the bridge since then, and today great anomalies in the government's treatment of the pandemic situation have pushed the state to the brink of an inevitable disaster.

While there was always a need to in-



by Pachu Menon

volve the private players in the health sector in the state to curb the viral monstrosity, it was believed all along that the Directorate of Health Services was by itself a competent authority to tackle the meance of the virus in the state.

However, the manner in which the government has bulldozed its decision to have the private hospitals in the state to mandatorily reserve 20 per cent ICU beds for COVID patients or face cancellation of their licenses if directives are not complied with is definitely in bad taste.

The infrastructure and logistic nightmares they will have to face in this case makes it an arduous task for private sector hospitals! While the CM has been so clear that co-morbidity conditions are causing COVID deaths, how prudent is it to treat patients with life-threatening diseases alongside coronavirus infected persons!

**The CM is apparently weighed down by the enormity of his own**



**contradictions.**

With news about an evident rift in relationship between the two Constitutional authorities of the state coming to the fore, the three-day lockdown announced by the government only appears to be a knee-jerk reaction to the stern rebuff by the Governor of the CM's false claims to the media that he (the governor) had faulted the media for inaccurately and negatively projecting the government's tackling of the COVID pandemic during a closed-door meeting between the two at Raj Bhavan on Thursday.

The apprehensions expressed over the alarming surge in the number of COVID cases in the state hardly seem to have bothered the administration.

Otherwise, the COVID 'jatra' celebrated across the state on the eve of latest three-day lockdown announced which amply proves the futility of complete closures arresting the spike of infections would have prompted the authorities to come down harshly on those violating the

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basic norms of social distancing prescribed during the pandemic.

With the sort of faith the locals have reposed in its government these days - and the erratic decisions taken once too often - it could well be said that the panic-buying of essentials indulged in by the residents is an exhibition of their fears over the lockdown extending by a few weeks more.

### And it is indeed a 'peculiar' lockdown that Goa is witnessing!

With industries remaining operational, the movement of the employees and related workforce, as also the transportation of raw and finished goods, would continue unhampered.

As an essential service, banks would continue to be functional. But in the absence of public transport, it would be extremely difficult for the staff from far-flung areas of the state to report for duty.

While on one hand efforts are being made by the state government to ease restrictions in order to hasten Goa out of an economic-rut that it has found itself in due to the pandemic; if the CM of the state on the other hand has to 'play politics' with the media on as important a matter as the effective handling of the pandemic situation in the state by

his government, it clearly shows how transparent the entire process of governance has been.

The recurring controversy about governor's role in state politics notwithstanding, it is time the 'nominal' stature of these 'gubernatorial' posts is looked into afresh.

But having said that, can the Opposition be mute spectators in this raging battle that has not only consumed the state but the whole nation! With the world pitted against its mightiest opponent yet, criticism without any positive action following would sound hollow.

It is amazing that even in such adverse conditions, the political fraternity in the country can think of effecting coups!

If Sachin Pilot's rebellion in Rajasthan was a story of denied opportunities inciting another 'Young Turk' in the Congress to revolt against the patriarchs of the grand-old party; there are indications of a change at the helm closer to home, in Goa.

While the political system in the country should have been busy marshalling resources to neutralize the virus, many of the players have been indulging in

power-plays to further their causes.

Goa has always been a special case! Many ministers in the present cabinet are known to speak out of turn and take umbrage against any castigation by the party bosses. With the head having no control over the limbs, so to speak, it is already a sorry state of affair in the state.

### And now the unchecked run of coronavirus!

What Goa needs a concerted effort not only by the government, but by members across the political spectrum in the state, and the public, to act more responsibly, understand the risks posed by the virus and try to eliminate them with mutual cooperation.

There are many who still believe that the onus is on the government to resort to whatever ways it can to contain the spread of the virus, and yet is quick to disparage the government for any stern measures taken.

Ironically, it is the restless people and those who have never liked any restriction whatsoever as a means to check the spread of the disease who have contributed the most towards the abject scenario vis-à-vis COVID-19 prevalent in the state.

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## Congress needs a Chanakya like Sharad Pawar

Rajasthan chief minister Mr. Gahlot should have played a trick like Sharad Pawar in Maharashtra did. He asked Ajit Pawar to go for one night with BJP, get absolved of his corruption issues, be invested as deputy chief minister and next morning come back to Rashtravadi Party!

The Congress could have done the same thing in Rajasthan. Mr. Gehlot should have told Sachin Pilot to go for one night to BJP, become at least deputy chief minister with Vasundhara Raje, get absolved of all his corruption issues and come back to the Congress! In this way the BJP would have been exposed of its horse trading, Sachin's 19 aids would have earned their chai Pani and Congress would have become a stronger party to survive for next 3 years! Gahlot and Congress in Rajasthan missed the chance!

The suspended Congress member Shankar Jha is right. The Congress leadership is in need of a Chanakya! What did you say? I could lend that service to the Congress? Not at all! I am a fulltime Roman Catholic priest!

—Michael G.,  
Vasai

## Looking for God in the pandemic

The end of the world is near it seems, if the present pandemic is a precursor of things to come. As of

now ,there appears to be no way to stop the Covid-19 juggernaut on its destructive trail, claiming thousands of lives and infesting millions in the world. In India the number of new cases testing positive has crossed the 9 lakh mark, putting India in third position worldwide. While people have lost faith in the govt's measures of containing the viral spread , questions are also being raised as to "where is God" in these days of crisis and tribulations?. Prayers are being offered daily all over the world and other places of worship. Yet, God appears to be nowhere. Neither in space , nor in outer space---- but presumably, where we left him , viz outside our lives. We have learnt our lesson the hard way, and expressed our helplessness. What we need to do now is to put God back into our lives, and acknowledge his greatness. And the best way to do it is to repent and change our sinful lives. In the book of Jonah we read how God relented and saved the sinful city of Nineveh, after their king and his subjects fasted and sat in sackcloth and ashes to atone for their sins. Probably, this is what God is asking us to do---The last straw to save the helpless world.

— A. F. Nazareth,  
Alto Porvorim

## Precautions to be taken at the time of Coronavirus

Wear a mask when you are outside your home --- like going to the grocery store, the doctor, the dentist, etc. (If you are just in your yard or talking a walk by yourself in an area where there isn't any people, you don't need to wear a mask).

Wash your hands thoroughly everytime you touch something outside your home in public places. Use sanitizer if you can't wash your hands.

—Jubel D'Cruz,  
Mumbai

## Express gratitude towards your parents

Parent's Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday in July. The day is celebrated to honour both the parents — i.e. the father and the mother. This year, Parent's Day will be celebrated on July 26.

Parent's Day is dedicated to parents all over the world and is an occasion to show appreciation for the commitment to strengthen the family bond and to create an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding. It is the parents' who frame their child's/ children's personality according to their inherit strengths, talents and bequeath to them moral values and the spirit of living life wholly. Parent's Day acknowledges the overpowering presence of parents in the lives of children. Parents are the most important people in our lives. They bring us into this beautiful world, care for us with love and care and provide us with education so that we may grow up into responsible and level headed human beings. If you feel grateful for having the best parents on earth and want to let them know your heartfelt feelings, then Parent's Day is the perfect time for you to convey your emotions. Writing a poem is a fantastic way to express your feelings to them.

—Jubel D'Cruz,  
Mumbai

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# Are We Different From the First Disciples?

by Don Aguiar.

**At a time when people are experiencing social isolation, financial hardships, grief and loss, church is where they want to turn for solace and support. The anxiousness of so many parishioners to restart and re gather has to do in the bread and wine shared in the Eucharist, or the Holy Communion rite.**

Prominent leaders from across the parties want the citizens to look to God and now have demanded that the state government reopen places of worship allowing people of all faiths to pray to the almighty for the much needed strength amid the pandemic as the citizen can share their pain to their creator and seek help from the almighty to come out of this depression and calamity. As religions all over are waiting for the corona virus thing to end so that they can start performing miracles and healing the sick again.

At the same time these prominent leaders say - since the rate of Covid-19 infections, hospitalizations and deaths have not yet shown enough of a decline, taking a more measured approach is in the best interests of faith in the communities.

BUT the bishops and priests want the churches to be reopened, earlier

practices be resumed. These rituals give our priests and bishops a sense of doing something; they are a source of power and prestige; above all, they ensure the income they want.

**Online liturgy is not helpful. It may give people some emotional satisfaction: The liturgy is not to be seen and heard. The Eucharist is meant to be an actual meal.**

The virus has undermined every aspect of priest-driven religiosity. Temples, mosques and churches are closed. Most people do not miss them! **The tinkling of coins is no longer heard in sanctuaries, and that does not seem to upset gods.** The communal nexus between religion and politics stands paralysed. Post-COVID, religion must be God-centred and priest-free, unburdened with places of worship. Worship, free from rituals, dogmas, deception and hypocrisy, must nourish life. Worship must be to spiritual life what breathing is to physical life. Just as there are no middlemen in our breathing — except the deadly middleman of pollution — in the spiritual breathing of worship too, there must be no middlemen.

The emphasis must shift from salvation to social justice, from piety to peace, from rituals to human development, from divisive faith to universal love. Humanity must be free at last to recognise the God of justice who has no favourites or special agents.

For the laity, the sacraments and other rituals are placebos. Priests and bishops do not make the liturgy an experience of prayer for our people. Their homilies do not help in faith-formation. Pope Francis has complained about this in his *Evangelii Gaudium*.

It looks as though the COVID pan-

demic has come to emancipate us from this subhuman religiosity. The virus has freed us from our addiction to priestly potions in temples, churches, and mosques. The fact that the rupture in people's addiction to places of worship is enabling many to recognise the superfluity of priest-manipulated, church/temple-centred religiosity, is troubling the priestly class as a whole. It is now fairly clear that religiosity of this kind was not for the sake of the people, but people were being used for the profit of religious establishments.

The older blueprint supposition, by which Jesus had the church clearly in mind and had already planned its structure, sacraments, etc., has little or no textual support...In what are commonly accepted as historical memories from Jesus' ministry, he is singularly silent on foundational or structural issues. This is understandable, if we see Jesus interested not in founding a separate religion but in renewing Israel, which already had worship, priests, sacrifices—Jesus did not need to plan such structures (R. E. BROWN, C. OSIEK & P. PERKINS, "Early Church", in R. E BROWN, J. A. FITZMYER & R. E. MURPHY (eds.), *The New Jerome Biblical Commentary*, Bangalore: Theological Publications in India, 2005, pp. 1338-1353, here p. 1339b-1340a. The scholars mentioned here are all Roman Catholics; the commentary has *nihil obstat* and *imprimi postest*).

Here it will help us to go back to the historical Jesus. New Testament research is moving towards a consensus; we just cannot ignore it.

It will also provide us some inspiration if we critically read the New Testament and honestly study the history of the early Church. **The Lord's**



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**Supper has gone through three stages.** First, it was a fellowship meal (Acts): no special menu, no special president or formalities. It was celebrated in the house of a believer and the nearby Christians were invited. Following the Jewish tradition, the elder would say a blessing, break the bread, himself eat a piece, and then pass it on to the others. Then they would continue the meal. There were no words of consecration, much less transubstantiation. Second, a Sabbath meal (Didache). It was then that wine is introduced. The poor Jews had wine only on special occasions. The early disciples of Jesus were largely poor. The Didache, which according to some scholars was one of the sources of Matthew's Gospel, contains a Eucharistic prayer which does not have the words of consecration; it does not make any references to the Last Supper, much less to the death of Jesus. There was no transubstantiation. Third, a Passover meal (1 Corinthians). Paul sees Jesus as the Passover Lamb, who died for us. There are no indications that Paul or anybody in the New Testament believed in transubstantiation. We find no references to ministerial priests in the New Testament.

The pandemic has shown that people can be wonderful human beings without organized religions with all their demands. The goal of the preaching of Jesus was to make humans more humane. The goal of the pastoral practice of the Church is not to make people Catholics, not even Christians, but decent human beings: honest, hardworking, humble and humane.

In January 2019, one African theologian said that in Africa they were many baptized people, but very few Christians. Here in India we have

many baptized people, including religious, priests and bishops, but not many Christians. People do not find in the majority of priests and bishops the Christian values they most expect. This is based on a massive empirical study involving approximately 14000 people from all over the country: "It would not therefore be an exaggeration to say that the qualities the Catholic community values most in a priest are generally not observed in most priests [and bishops] today" (P. Parathaziam, "Catholic Priests in India: Reflections on a Survey", *Vidya-jyoti Journal of Theological Reflection*, 52 (1988), pp.379-389, here p. 381). And has only deteriorated further.

**Many theologians and even some bishops in the West are saying the Church just cannot continue as it was. Even in India there are theologians who are thinking along those lines. Recently, a friend of mine told to me: "There has been a colossal failure in the Indian Church in deepening the faith of the people and help them to worship in spirit and truth. Had this happened, our people would not feel as pathetic as they do now. They would know that their**

**faith and their worship will continue even without the crutches of churches and sacraments"**

There are some very significant elements that ought to be part of our life today, and should guide us in celebrating the Lord's Supper. 1. The disciples are held together by their faith in Jesus. 2. Their coming together was a symbol of a deep fellowship; they shared what they had; there was no needy person among them. 3. This generosity was sustained by prayer. 4. They believed that they were Jews; they continued to worship in the temple. 5. They were deeply joyful people. 6. Their life was a powerful witness. 7. They silently proclaimed Jesus; they were drawing others to him. 8. Their fellowship found a concrete expression in their 'breaking of bread'. This sharing of food was an expression of their mutual commitment, and a deepening of it. **With all our catechesis, homilies, liturgies, umpteen rituals and innumerable devotions, by and large we have failed: we are so different from the first disciples. Indeed, we are a colossal failure.**

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# WHETHER INDIA CAN MANAGE TO HAVE PEACEFUL AND SECURE BOARDERS WITH ITS NEIGHBOURS AND CONCENTRATE ON DEVELOPMENT AND ELIMINATION OF POVERTY?

by Eric D'Sa

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China meanwhile has consolidated its position in Tibet with rapid build up of roads, airports and other infrastructure. They have since then decided to build a trunk road from Tibet to a deep water port of Pakistan Gwadar in the Arabian Sea. The China - Pakistan Economic Corridor which is part of the China's now famous Belt - Road initiative passes through Aksai Chin and POK. This would enable them to move their products in containers to the Middle East and Africa much faster and cheaper than sending them by sea through the Malaca Strait. Besides this they have plans to build a crude oil/ gas pipelines from Iran to Tibet through Pakistan, POK and Aksai Chin.

When India suddenly abrogated the Article 370 which gave the State of Jammu and Kashmir the special status and divided the state into 3 independent units, Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, not only Pakistan but also China became very concerned. The situation worsened when India published a fresh map of India showing POK as part of Kashmir and Aksai Chin as part of Ladakh. At the same time India started speeding up the road they were building from the city Leh to Kyber pass very close to the LAC at Aksai Chin. What let the cat among the pigeons was the statement of the Home Minister of India that India will recover both POK and Aksai Chin.

The above statement more than anything else caused China to rapidly build up the road infrastructure in Aksai Chin not only upto LAC but also beyond it into INDIAN territory, so that if required they could cut off the new road being built in Ladakh by India. They made a new claim over the whole Galway valley. Permanent military establishments have been built up by China not too far from the LAC and large number of troops and heavy machinery have been moved into these establishments. This deliberate encroachment into INDIAN territory in almost 3 locations in Ladakh has caused a battle between the two forces causing substantial number of casualties

on both sides. Fortunately good sense has prevailed and both armies have decided to retract from the new LAC by two kilometres each, to provide a buffer zone.

While India has rightly decided to simultaneously take the required steps to cut down the trade imbalance with China, it is a two edged sword and has to be done carefully over a period of time to avoid damaging our own economy. But it needs to be done to keep pressure on China. The decision also to get closer militarily with other democratic nations like USA, Australia and Japan who have problems of their own with China, will put more pressure on

ment in Pakistan is to ensure there will be no hindrance to their strategic plan set out above. This is the reason that during the present military flare up in the Aksai Chin border with Ladakh, they ensured Pakistan also moved their two battalions into POK to increase the military pressure on India.

## YOU THE CITIZENS DECIDE:

China. All these will however not solve the long term problem to have a well defined and peaceful boarder with China. So what should GOI do to achieve this?

I believe that what is worrying China most is the threat to Aksai Chin and their long term plans and large investment to connect Tibet to the Arabian Sea. This is strategically very important for their global ambitions. As such this is an ideal time for India to give up their dream if any of recovering Aksai Chin from the Chinese. Diplomatic discussions should take place at the highest level to convert the present LAC into a permanent boarder with a few minor alterations to straighten the boundary. There is a good possibility of China agreeing to the above arrangement as it will remove the threat they face now, for the successful fulfilment to have a route to the Persian gulf and Africa besides through the restricted Malacca Strait. The growing Indian Navy build up in Andaman & Nicobar area at the mouth of Malacca strait is a threat to Chinese merchant vessels moving through it freely.

Besides this China will also be concerned about POK and Indians claim over it. The ruling Chinese Communist party is an Atheist party with no love for Islam or any other religion. However their large invest-

### The boundary between India and Pakistan:

From the time of formation of the state of Jammu and Kashmir during the British reign, till today the region has been in turmoil. The partition in 1947 landed the state into two parts, one part being with India and the other with Pakistan, with the line of actual control separating the two regions. Three wars in the past have been fought between India and Pakistan over this state. Now that both nations have become Nuclear states, this region has remained a hot spot with cross boarder terrorism. Pakistan has not reconciled to the fact that a majority Islamic State has partly remained as a part of India since independence.

With the abrogation of article 370 of the Indian constitution and break up the Indian part of J&K into three regions the original state of J&K has now four distinct regions. The large Ladakh region to the east next to the China is mostly Buddhist and the people speak the Tibetan language. Jammu region in the south has majority Hindu population and the people speak Dogri, Urdu and Kashmiri languages. The smaller Kashmir valley region consisting of only five districts in the east, is mostly Islamic with its people speaking Kashmiri and Urdu languages. The POK in Pakistan adjoining Kashmir valley is again mostly Islamic and speak Kashmiri and Urdu languages.

It is not too difficult in time to upgrade the regions of Jammu and Ladakh into two separate states under INDIAN constitution with their own assemblies and Chief Ministers. Substantial resources will have to be pumped into them to get over economic distress caused by decades of neglect. The problem lies with the people of Kash-



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mir Valley who have over decades become mostly anti Indian and want Azadi. Most of them given the choice will like to live independent both of India and Pakistan. This part of Kashmir region is less than quarter of the part of J&K state held by India. However the Kashmir valley is one of the most scenic parts of the world and has been for centuries a tourist destination for Indians.

To solve this problem in a peaceful way requires statesmanship of the highest order by the Indian PM. India could offer to Pakistan that if they agree, the Kashmir valley would be allowed to be amalgamated with POK to form a sovereign independent nation state with clear boundaries and recognised specially by India, Pakistan and China. It would be part of the UN. It will have a population of around 12 million people. It will become a buffer state like Nepal and Bhutan. If this accepted in principal by the people of India, Pakistan and Kashmir, it will solve a festering and never healing dispute in this region. Each will have to give up something very dear to them for the common good.

South Asia will have India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Mauritius as sovereign nations with secure defined borders. They could like Europe these days live in real peace and harmony. A large number of poorest people live in this part of the world. With mutual economic corporation and trade, they will be able to raise their GDP growth rate as China did in the past few decades. Even China can vastly benefit from this boarder settlement. They can work towards from being a medium per capita income nation, to a high per capita income nation.

Narendra Modi started his innings as Prime Minister by inviting all the Heads of States of neighbouring South Asian countries for his inauguration. It was a grand gesture of hope for lasting peace applauded by all people living in South Asia. Soon after this he settled the boundary issue with Bangla Desh by being a statesman and giving up more territory than what was received. The people of India accepted the same. Time for our PM to show the same flexibility and statesmanship when he deals with both China and Pakistan. If he succeeds, he will definitely receive the Noble Peace price and will go down as one of the best Political leaders in the history of this nation.

# World Youth Skills Day

World youth skills Day, declared by UNESCO on 15-07-2015!

Let us all up skill ourselves in every possible field to stay above competition. Skill, re-skill and up skill all add to our repertoire of working methods and we need to pull all the strings to achieve the best of the best during the Corona time. The mantra to stay relevant is: Skill, re-skill and up skill.". Many fields require people who have

building a chair from a piece of wood. You increased the value of the wood by doing some value addition, and to stay relevant, you need to keep adding stuff to it. But it is important to expand our skill further. This is known as up skill. This day marks the fifth anniversary of the launch of Skill India Mission. The conclave has been or-

**THE WORLD WILL NEVER RUN OUT OF THINGS THAT YOU CAN TAKE AN INTEREST IN AND DEVELOP SOME SKILLS RELATED TO THAT.**

skills, especially in the health services sector deserves all praise as the team of doctors and health workers joined the select band of the society in making things move in the proper direction and reduce the intensity of the virus in the best way possible.



C.K. Subramaniam

Covid-19 has changed the nature of jobs, and then there is new technology which has impacted our lives too. Our youth have to adopt new skills that need to be exhibited and our Prime Minister pressed this point in greater measure and provided much needed impetus in a make or break situation. It is very important to stay relevant in the current time so that people can not only earn their livelihoods, but also help others too. The digital conclave gave a big boost for the youth to perform at the highest level and bring laurels to the country.

Skill is something that you learn - like

ganised by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. This year's event is focused on the importance of developing skilled youth.

The potential of the country to capitalize on the skilling opportunities available in the country. Modi gave the example of the healthcare sector where Indian skilled manpower can supplement the global demand. He stressed the need to map this demand and align Indian standards with those of other countries. We expect high skills to capture all the relevant features and make the day good for achieving the best quality products and compete in the world market.

The world will never run out of things that you can take an interest in and develop some skills related to that and make our dreams come true. There lies the real success.

# Virtual learning - Realizing and Recognizing the Real values

Online classes have become a must for every child in this Covid-19 pandemic period. Online classes have become a go-to solution and have helped educational institutions to an extent to mitigate the consequences of Covid-19. Clearly online time cannot provide many of the informal social interactions students have at school, but how will online courses do in terms of moving student learning forward? Research to date gives us some clues and also points us to what we could be doing to support students who are most likely to struggle in the online setting.

But just because students who struggle in in-person classes are even more likely to struggle online doesn't mean that's inevitable. Online teachers will need to consider the needs of less-engaged students and work to engage them. Online courses might be made to work for these students on average, even if they have not in the past. Despite the characters and skills the students can have, online learning emphasizes the hidden sides of students' level of concentration, participation and responsibility. Perhaps the most useful skill that we can acquire in this day and age is learning how to learn. There are some other skills to gain, it's worth to be in online courses.

The fun filled atmosphere of a classroom is gone and our life time wish is to revisit our school and feel about the caring and sharing of class rooms with our favorite teachers and loving children. The chemistry between the teacher-student relation-



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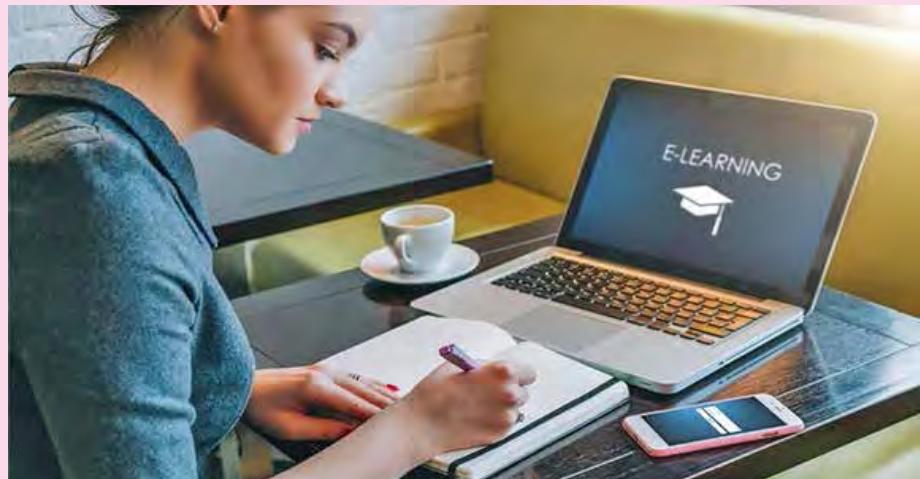
ship is unique and we miss the smell of newly printed school books when we join the school after a long summer vacation. Unfortunately the pandemic separated and the teacher-student relationship is missing and we have a new entrant in virtual learning as parents in the virtual meet. The pandemic has brought sea change in educational methods and it is a tough job for both teachers and students to adjust to the intricacies of learning. The assistance of parents is needed in these circumstances.

Teachers face many challenges to the new task as we are not much conversant and taught for virtual learning in the past. The teachers not only concentrated on studies, cut jokes and taught morals during the squeeze time and thereby made the class more lively and entertaining. The boredom of virtual learning is a new phenomenon and it will take some more time to adjust in the days to come. The teacher was able to judge the struggling student, the noisy last bench and the silent smart boys within the four walls of the classroom.

Now we are taken to a new system with a new set of educational methods and the students appear from different backgrounds mostly miss the school

atmosphere and the home backdrops are all part and parcel of the present day methods. Online teaching appears far away at the present moment. The ticklish and embarrassing situation takes place when the teachers not only face the student but also the parent. Every movement of the teacher, the comment made and the modulation all observed in close quarters. By converting just a small room as the student room poses many problems. At the end of the day parents judge a teacher's capacity with many yardsticks and try to find out various minus points.

One ignorant gesture by a parent will spoil the great work done by the teacher day in and day out. Both the students and the teachers are now facing an uncharted way of learning and only time will tell the right way and the right methods of learning. When you sit next time with your children, kindly make note of the points observed by you and send a message instead of making them open in front of everyone. Home is the place where we learn the priceless values of life. So, inculcate the right approach, the right methods and the right way of learning. The times have dictated school closings and the rapid expansion of online education. Can online lessons replace in-school time?



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## To Be The Beacon Of The Light!



One hundred and seventy years, and counting! That's quite a long stretch of time in the life of a Catholic periodical! Launched as a monthly in the year 1850, THE EXAMINER has straddled two world wars no less, which, significantly makes the Examiner older than two of the finest English language magazines in the world viz., READER'S DIGEST and TIME! Kudos to those behind the founding of the Examiner [a certain Mr Borges] and its publication today [the Archdiocese of Bombay], most specifically to those who astutely edited its weekly output, raising and keeping it at a standard unmatched by many! **Congratulations** are therefore in order!

### Time they say is of the essence!

To say that the Examiner has risen to the challenge of the changing times would be a misnomer!! Rather, the Examiner has carved for itself a niche like no other with its adaptability in terms of both layout and content! Notably, the salient feature of the content of every issue, right from the Editorial to the Letters to the Editor, has ever been the uplift of the whole human person of the reader as is evident from the topics touched on



by Ladislaus L  
D'Souza

week after week. It may be emphasized here that the 170th Anniversary of the official communication organ of the Archdiocese of Bombay augurs well for the Catholic press not merely in Bombay but across the country. The reason is not difficult to fathom: **People do read and eagerly look forward to edifying fare!** To be more explicit, the Examiner's longevity offers Catholic publications and publishers—as well as writers of every hue—in India not so much a challenge but a boost.

### The woods are lovely, dark and deep...

Given the rapid pace of change evident in the print media in our fast evolving digital age, COVID-19 and the resultant lockdown posing their own challenge, the Examiner can be said to both test the reader's faith as well as augment it from various points of view. Having grown in my own understanding in terms of

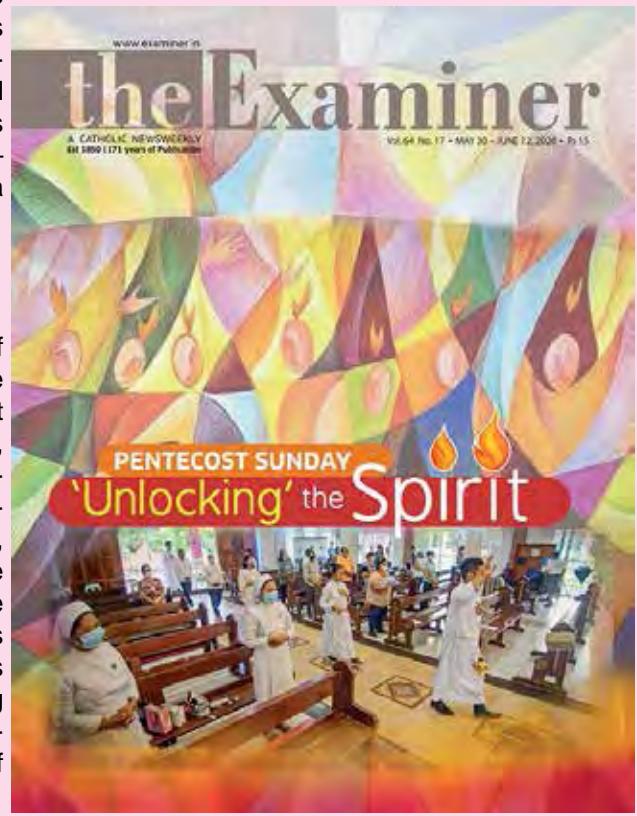
faith and morals as enunciated in its columns and so expertly handled by some of the most competent in the field of journalism, I see the Examiner not as a boat waiting to come ashore but as a beacon whose light zooms long into the future, come what may! Indeed, as Robert Frost so aptly puts it in the beautiful poem "**Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening**" he wrote in 1922 [the year READER'S DIGEST was founded] and which he first published in 1923 [the year TIME was founded] –

*Whose woods these are I think I know.*

*His house is in the village though;*

*He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.*

It is a matter of delight that **The Examiner**, which has not stopped to rest on its laurels, will not stop to watch its woods fill up with snow but will, rather, forever **be the beacon of the light!**



# Bethany inaugurates fruitful centenary 1921-2021

-Ivan Saldanha-Shet.

Sisters of the Little Flower of Bethany, Mangalore, on July 11, 2020 inaugurated the centenary year (2020-2021) magnifying and rendering thanks to God glorifying Him for blessings in the founding, growth and blessed journey. This now well known indigenous Congregation of Mangalore; known as Bethany Sisters (BS), was founded on July 16, 1921, feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel, by Msgr Raymond Francis Camillus (R F C) Mascarenhas (1875-1960), the first Parish Priest (1914-31) of St Sebastian Church, Bendur, Mangalore in response to the needs of the time. This holy Mangalore diocesan priest who founded the indigenous Congregation was a far-sighted visionary and missionary, now the first konkani mangalorean on the path to sainthood in the church. The four pioneers with him, Mother Martha, Sr Clare, Sr Lourdes and Sr Gertrude were a great support in the dream. This Bethany Congregation has grown into a mighty tree, sheltering needy people, spread over many regions of India and steadily moved to countries outside India to serve humanity. The Congregation is blessed with 1388 members and 187 convents, in 9 countries. Bethany congregation has extended its branches in 61 dioceses serving the deserving people with deep love without disparity. The achievements in the past 99 years are phenomenal, made possible only by the providence of God.

The formal inauguration : To mark the opening of the Centenary Year 2020-21; On July 11, 2020, Rev Sr Rose Celine BS, the Superior General led the procession carrying lighted candles symbolizing 100



years of life and mission of Bethany, followed with a hundred lamps borne by five Sisters with the celebrants to the Altar of God. Sr Lillis, the Asst Superior General gave a meaningful introduction to the occasion, with the often said words of the Founder as the theme " Let Bethany grow, flower and bear fruit" on the threshold of the centenary it has produced "abundant fruit" as the Bishop said. Thanksgiving Inaugural Eucharist was offered in the Main Chapel of Bethany Mother House by Rev Dr Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore Diocese concelebrated by Rev Fr Vincent Monteiro, the present Parish Priest, Ben-



dur a successor of the founder and Rev Fr Dionysius Vaz SJ, Rector of St Aloysius Institutions, Jesuits were largely responsible for educating the Founder at the College and Seminary and guiding the congregation in early times. The many who supported and

contributed to Bethany efforts were remembered and thanked. After the solemn Holy Eucharist, Sr Rose Celine BS the Superior General declared the Centenary year open and launched the Centenary Logo; The very meaningful centenary logo was well explained.

**The significance of the LOGO :** The glowing flame at the centre, symbolizes the passionate zeal of Bethany sisters in living their commitment. The Oil Lamp indicates that the consecrated life of sisters is sustained by the oil of faith, hope and love. The Number 100 - numerical 1 in the form of a burning candle represents the person of Jesus and 3 little lamps within signify the 3 vows made by the sisters. The two zeroes, in the shape of human figures depict Bethany sisters in perpetual gratitude to the Triune God. The Bible and the cross, within the second zero indicate that Word of God is central to every Bethany Sister. The Centenary Theme, "Let Bethany grow, flower and bear fruit", is from the Founder himself, expressing his desire and aspiration for Bethany. The Holy Spirit hovering over the vine, highlights the power of the Holy Spirit for Bethany to bear fruit in plenty. World Map in backdrop, the mission arena of the nuns' global services. The Circle encompassing the logo, points to the Trinity encircling Bethany in the Universal church, in its journey of 100 years and onward.

**Centenary Memorial Projects :** Bethany Superior General, lovingly

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referred to as "Centenary General" Sr Rose Celine BS., recalled the six on-going projects undertaken in preparation for the Centenary, briefly they are : 1. Decadal preparation made prior to Centenary by way of spiritual rejuvenation of the Congregation. 2. Introduction of Perpetual Adoration in 2018 in response to the Last Will and Testament of the Founder. 3. Housing project on-going for 100 poor families across Bethany in India. This was highlighted by handing over keys to one family here. 4. Preparing 1000 youth for Christian leadership as 'Bethany Champions'. 5. Launching into pioneering ministry of combating human trafficking and unsafe migration, and reaching out to COVID-19 pandemic victims. 6. Promoting alternative systems of medicine. The year past, the run up to this occasion has seen a lot of preparation and prayer and it is sure to continue with the aims and projects being a great success.

In his address, Bishop Rev Dr Peter Paul Saldanha hailed the Bethany sisters, and recognized the contribution of Bethany to the society and the Church as its effective apostolic arm. He stressed the good works, that from Mangalore have spread to all corners India and now the world over. Sr Mariette BS, General Councillor proposed the vote of thanks in keeping with the articulation of the great founder Rev. Fr. R F C Mascarenhas, whose memory is sacred here - May the "Servant of God's" cause towards the first Konkani Mangalorean to be raised to the altar as a saint, be realised soon; after completing the local stage, it is now progressing in Rome. The fervent prayer and wish as always is that God bless the world and reverse the Covid 19 effects soon. The refrain in Bethany, "Thank God, Praise God, Hail LORD" will never end and will be the real crown and joy for eternity.

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# Print Media Plays A Pivotal Role

The fundamental right of a resident is to receive a hard copy of the newspaper, the pleasure of flipping through it with a cup of coffee is really a tremendous feeling in the early morning hours. Further, there is no restriction on distribution of newspapers, it is included in essential services. So, no one should hinder the distribution of newspapers. In this world of social media, where gossip and propaganda are elevated to the status of gospel, the printed word on a responsible newspaper is clearly an essential service, particularly in these war like situations. News media plays a pivotal role.

Media is the "fourth estate" of democracy and it plays a pivotal role in ensuring justice and benefits of the government policies reach the interior sections of the society. They act as a chain between the government and the citizens of the country, people have faith in the media as it has an impact on the audience. Media has played a significant role in establishing democracy throughout the world. Since the 18th century, the media has been instrumental in reaching the masses and equipping them with knowledge, especially during the American Independence movement and French Revolution. Media is considered a "Fourth Pillar" in democratic countries along with Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary, as without a free media democratic system cannot cease to exist.

For more than two centuries in this country, newspapers have been used in classroom instruction. Although innovative teachers probably enhanced instruction with newspapers since they were first printed, the earliest known reference to newspapers as tools for learning appeared in the Portland Eastern Herald of



C.K. Subramaniam

Maine on June 8, 1795. Since then newspapers are part and parcel of the curriculum and serve as an educational tool.

Much has been said and written on the utility of newspapers; but one principal advantage which might be derived from these publications has been neglected; we mean that of reading them in schools, and by the children in families. Try it for one session. Do you wish your child to improve in reading solely, give him a newspaper; it furnishes a variety, some parts of which must indelibly touch his fancy. Do you wish to instruct him in geography, nothing will so indelibly fix the relative situation of different places, as the stories and events published in the papers. In time, do you wish to have him acquainted with the manners of the country or city, the mode of doing business, public or private; or do you wish him

to have a smattering of every kind of science useful and amusing, give him a newspaper. Newspapers are plenty and cheap, the cheapest book that can be bought, and the more you buy the better for your children, because every part furnishes valuable information.

During election time and newspapers play a pivotal role in bringing the political parties to the fore and peak at the right time. Photographs bursts in the first page with catchy captions and rebuttal from the political leaders. Newspapers play a pivotal role in politics and more so in our regular life. It is indeed a time for news in early morning hours. Some people even skip their morning coffee but never forget to read the newspaper. Even though e-paper is available on the net for most of the newspapers, people prefer to buy newspapers and browse through at home and even take it to the office for a thorough study. Newspapers are the backbone of the country and the

fulcrum round which the universe is functioning.

We still remember that during our college days we found that the typewriting institute instructors instructed us to follow The Hindu newspaper script for dictation in shorthand and typing so that we can improve our English. Again, the sports lovers were engrossed to go through the pages of The Hindu for gaining sports language for their early study of the subject. Thus the basic education and language building was done through newspaper reading. Even though the reading habit is dying down there are still a good number of local and national newspapers to browse through from the stalls in every nook and corner of the city.

Media became a source of information for the citizens of colonial India, as they became aware of the arbitrariness of the British colonial rule. Thus, it gave a new found force to India's Independence movement, as millions of Indians joined the leaders in their fight against the British imperialism. The role of media in Indian democracy has undergone massive changes, from the days of press censorship during Emergency in 1975 to being influential in the coming 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

The older generation of the country is still fixated on tradition and culture, while the present-day youth is more interested in the fast-moving world of technology and social media. Thus, it becomes important for the media to ensure that the information that they are broadcasting should not be biased or tampered with in a way to boost the channel's TRP. There lies the real success of the news media and the newspapers are the backbone of this country.

# Under The Sign Of The Fisherman's Ring



One of the key factors to Saint Peter's trust and faith as an apostle, the first leader appointed by Christ to build His Church was not because of any ring Peter wore, but that he had been given a spark of divine grace which inhabited him to be fearless.

It is a misinformed idea that St. Peter wore a ring as the first Pope. Rome does not claim to possess apart from the saint's bones, two chairs which he often used and a few physical things connected to his life.

The Chair, is preserved in Bernini's "Altar of the Chair" in St.Peter's Basilica, along with the chains when he was in prison is kept in the church of "St. Peter in Chains". The actual dungeon where the saint was held has become a church. In all my research I did not find any mention of a gold ring or any ring worn by St. Peter.

In Latin, the Ring of the Fisherman is



BY MELVYN BROWN

Anulus Piscatoris, also called the Piscatory Ring, as it is used as part of the regalia of the Pope who is the leader of the Catholic Church. Saint Peter by profession had earlier been a fisherman.

The earliest mention of the Fisherman's Ring appeared in a letter written by Pope Clement IV to his nephew Pietro Grossi, 1265. At about this time the ring was used to seal the Pope's personal letters. It is also recorded that public documents were sealed with the Papal ring. In the historic sense these documents were known as papal bulls, it got the name after the stamp 'bulla' meaning seal.

Each Pope made a new ring with his name in Latin engraved on it. During the Pope's coronation the Cardinal camerlingo put the ring on the Pope's right hand.

The Ring of the Fisherman was used as a symbol of a bishop's mystical betrothal to his diocese. The Pope's Fisherman's Ring began with the episcopal ring. So it was that the ring for centuries became part of the ceremony for a new bishop consecrated for the episcopal ordination.

It is documented in the annals of Cath-

olic history that the gold ring is large with an amethyst. New cardinals also wear a ring given to them by the Pope who decides on the design.

The Pope's ring is an episcopal ring with symbols that showed his special office of the papacy. It has a figure of St. Peter throwing out the net and so, it is called the Ring of the Fisherman engraved with the name of the Pope.

This trend began in 1250, beginning with the idea of using it as a papal seal. This came to an end in 1849 but remained for the cause of destroying the Fisherman's ring on the death of a pope. It has since become a custom, the reason being to stop false documents and letters from bearing the seal. It is disfigured with a hammer in the presence of cardinals and other witnesses by the Camerlengo.

In our time the ring is defaced with a chisel and hammer.

Pope Francis uses his personal ring daily and another ring for other liturgical celebrations. His ring is always silver, in keeping with his idea that the Church should be a poor church for the poor.

Pope Paul VI had designed his Fisherman's Ring. When Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI resigned he applied two deep cuts in his signet ring of the Fisherman, to form a cross. Pope Benedict wears the Fisherman's Ring every day.

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## Dr explaining the pandemic to a coma patient who just woke up...

Dr: "They shut down the world because of a worldwide pandemic."

Patient: "OMG! How many people are infected?"

Dr : "About 11 Million."

Patient: "OMG! 11 million people died?"

Dr: "No, only 500 thousand... Kind of."

Patient: "What do you mean 'kind of'?"

Dr: "Well... they keep halving the number of deaths due to double counting, inaccurate tests and mislabeled death certificates. Also, most of the people that die are elderly and dying of other things. There are also people who died because of incorrect ventilator use and other treatments because no-one really understands the virus."

Patient: "I don't get it. So how many died from ONLY the virus... like literally dropped dead in the street?"

Dr: "No-one. Only in hospitals and nursing homes"

Patient: "I don't get it."

Dr: "Neither do I, it's a very confusing

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time."

Patient: "So they cured the other 11 million people then?"

Dr: "No, most didn't have any symptoms and in fact they didn't even know they had it."

Patient: "I don't get it."

Dr: "Neither do I."

Patient: "It doesn't sound very deadly. If the other 11 million people didn't have symptoms then how do they even know they had the virus?"

Dr: "They were tested."

Patient: "But you just said that the tests are inaccurate."

Dr: "They are. No-one has isolated the virus so the tests don't really test for that."

Patient: "I don't get it."

Dr: "Neither do I."

Patient: "Ok. So when will this pandemic be over?"

Dr: "When they develop a vaccine to stop the virus."

Patient: "The virus that nobody gets or dies from."

Dr: "Exactly."

Patient: "I don't get it."

Dr: "Neither do I."

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### **Riddles**

1. Which day of the week do ghosts like best?

**A. Moandays.**

2. Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel Prize?

**A. Because he was out standing in his field.**

---- Jubel D'Cruz,  
Mumbai



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## Cancel Poor Countries' Debts!

Catholic Bishops of the U.K. along with Anglicans, Rabbis, and Imams, a total of 77, have urged U.K.'s finance minister, Rishi Sunak, to press for the cancellation of debts owed by the world's poorest countries at the G20 meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors, taking place on 18-19 July 2020 in the Saudi port city of Jeddah – "We urge you to show the ambition and the leadership needed to meet this challenge"!

They cited Pope Francis' Easter message of 12 April 2020, *Urbi et Orbi*, in which he called for countries to be, "put in a position to meet the greatest needs of the moment, through the reduction, if not the forgiveness, of the debt burdening the balance sheets of the poorest nations ... This is not the time to manufacture and deal in arms, spending vast amounts of money that ought to be used to care, feed, shelter, clothe, and save lives!"

The World Bank estimates that up to 100 million people will fall into extreme poverty as a result of the pandemic COVID-19! It further forecasts that 130 million more people will suffer from chronic hunger by the end of 2020 itself. To insist on debt repayment would be an affront to faith traditions!

Allow me, the author of this letter to add St. Paul's wisdom to all concerned: "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another; for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law" (Romans 13:8).

—Dr. Hazel Colaso,  
Bandra (W), Mumbai.

## Bombil Chilli Fry

### Ingredients:

200 grams dried bombils  
3 large onions (chopped fine)  
3 tomatoes (sliced)  
4 small potatoes (diced)  
2 tsp coriander seeds  
1 tsp cumin seeds  
1 tsp turmeric powder  
2 tsp ginger-garlic paste  
4 green chilies (chopped fine)  
5 pieces kokum  
2 tsp vinegar  
4 tbsp fresh coriander leaves (for garnishing)



### Method:

1. Prepare your ingredients and spices to save time while cooking.
2. Cut the heads and tails of the bombils. Remove the fins and then cut them into pieces about an inch or so in length. Rinse the pieces under running water and then soak them for around 15 minutes in a mix of water and a little vinegar. This will help to reduce the overwhelming smell and saltiness of the dried fish. Once the bombils have been soaked, rinse them one more time. You can then choose to carefully cut them open and remove the central bone to save yourself the hassle of removing them while eating, or leave them as they are. You might also want to check for any leftover fins that you may have missed in the initial cleaning.
3. Grind the coriander and cumin seeds along with the turmeric powder into a fine powder.
4. Heat a couple tablespoons of oil (coconut oil, if you have it) in a pan and add the chopped onions to it.
5. Add in the chopped green chilies and stir fry on high heat for a minute or two.
6. Add in the ginger-garlic paste next and continue to stir fry for a few more minutes.
7. Add the ground spices once the onions start to change colour.
8. Add the sliced tomatoes to the mix and stir fry until the tomatoes release their juices.
9. Now add the diced potatoes.
10. The drained bombil pieces go in next.
11. Add the kokum along with one cup of water. Mix them all together and cook for around 20 minutes until the potatoes are completely cooked. Add a teaspoon or two of vinegar to the chilli fry just before turning off the heat. (Note: There should be no need for any added salt in this dish as the bombils should provide enough salt by themselves. You can add some if you feel the need to do so).
12. Serve hot, garnished with fresh coriander leaves. This meal can be had as a side dish with rice and curry or by itself with some fresh bread or chappatis.



—Sweta D'Cruz

(*Sweta D'Cruz is a young chef from Dombivili and loves cooking.*)

# 'Mother's Meal' - Claretian Jubilee Project

On the 171st foundation day of the Claretian Congregation and the 50th Jubilee of Claretian Presence in India, a new project was launched by Bangalore Province to extent support to the families in distress due to COVID 19 under the banner of 'Mother's Meal'.

Launching the Mother's Meal program digitally from Delhi, Justice Kurian Joseph said "Mother is full of love and that love is expressed through sharing and giving. The minimum expression of love one can show to another human being during this economic crisis due to Covid is to share a meal."

Mother's Meal was the name coined by Fr George Kannanathanam who conceived the idea of the project for a Family to Family Food Support Program, in memory of his late mother Brigit Kannanathanam. "A Mother would not allow her children to go hungry. She will do everything possible to provide food. As the World goes hungry, let us assume the role of a Mother and feed our hungry children," said Fr George recalling how his Mother helped everyone who came to her.

The concept is to ensure that families have enough food to survive by inspiring resourceful families to share. An affordable family is invited to support another family in distress through a contribution of 500 rupees, which will be used to provide a Survival Kit of pro-



Fr George Kannanthanam and Fr Mario with the first five recipients of Mother's Meal program in Bangalore

Mother's Meal program aims to help about 1000 families in the first phase, 5000 people. Interested persons from anywhere can provide support for a family using the website [www.mothersmeal.life](http://www.mothersmeal.life) where anyone can place the details of the families in need as well. Mother's Meal program will find the match and ensure that the family gets the support. The project has planned to work with local groups like parishes and Vincent De Paul society to identify the families in need and also to physically provide them the needed help. The program can be operationalised anywhere in the world.

Claretian Congregation founded by Saint Antony Mary Claret in 1849 in



Fr George Kannanthanam and Fr Mario along with the recipients of the Mother's Meal program lighting the lamp

Spain is committed to work for the people in the peripheries. "COVID is pushing more and more people into the peripheries of the society. We all need to contribute something", said Alphonse Kannanthanam, Member of Parliament at the inauguration of the program. According to Oxfam and World Food Program, "By the end of 2020, about 12,000 people per day could die from hunger linked to COVID-19, potentially more than will die from the disease itself."

Claretians who started in India in 1970 are engaged in various works for the upliftment of the marginalised sections of the society spread across 18 states of India through its five provinces having nearly 600 members. Rev. Fr Mathew Vattamattam, the first India Superior General of the Claretians from India invited "all the members to assume responsibility for our mission and contribute generously to enrich the people of God" on the occasion of the Jubilee. Claretians have been involved with working for disasters and people affected with leprosy, HIV and disabilities in various parts of India.

Fr George handed over the first Survival Kits under the Mother's Meal program to five families with special needs in a simple function at Project Vision Rural Campus near Gauribidanur in the outskirts of Bangalore, watched by people from various places online. Eight year old Jeevan is orthopedically disabled. Rajani Kanth



Fr George Kannanthanam handing over first Mother's Meal Survival Kit to Jeevan, a differently abled boy

lost one of his legs and is twenty years old. Jayalakshmi who is 11 still has not been able to hear and speak. Yamuna too is physically challenged. Gangamma is unable to see. Mother's Meal plans to support such special groups in the society like people with disabilities, widows and migrants, who may be also out of the Public Distribution System. No one should go without food in the world.

Fr Mario Zalki and Mr Sibu George coordinated the program.

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# Ryan International School applauds their young achievers-CBSE 12th results

## Ryan International Group of Institutions applauds their young achievers as the CBSE Board 12th Standard Results get announced today

Mumbai, July 13, 2020: Ryan International Group of Schools once again proved why they are India's best schools by their outstanding performance in the recent CBSE Board 12th Standard Examinations. While Ryanites across several locations around the country came through with flying colors, bearing testimony to the high quality of education imparted at Ryan Schools, some achievements rise above others, deserving special mention.

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3. Manushree Dubey – 96.4%
4. Sarthak Jain – 96.40%
5. Archisa Pandey – 95%
6. Pranav nair – 95%
7. Ananya Chuli – 94.6%
8. Bhavya Bansal – 94.6%
9. Satyajit Sahu – 94.6%

### B. The Commerce Toppers at Ryan International School, Kandivali are:

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2. Snigdha Ranjan – 96%
3. Kande Vineela – 91.4%
4. Priyanshu Mukesh Shrivastava – 91.4%
5. Joshua Dsouza – 88.6%
6. Kushagra Bhatia – 84.6%
7. Anushka Singh – 80.2%



Shrushti Manvendra Haryan – 96.6%



Karissa Berti Khonglam – 96.8%



Snigdha Ranjan – 96%



Anushka Singh – 80.2%



Adhya Vinod Pai – 96.4%



Aryan Sharma

Celebrity Child Actress Anushka Sen from Ryan International School CBSE, Kandivali (Commerce Stream) also secured 89.4%. Another exceptional achiever from Ryan International School CBSE, Kandivali is Aryan Sharma. Aryan, a child with Learning disability has secured 73.2% with his hardwork and zest.

Speaking about the success Ryanite, Karissa Berti Khonglam said, "I owe my success to all my teachers and our Principal Mam Anjali Bowen. I also take this opportunity to thank my parents and family for supporting me throughout the year. My teachers inspired me and kept me motivated and solved all my questions and doubts each time. I dedicate this achievement to all of them who have relentlessly been there and went the extra mile for me in my exam preparations."

Speaking about this year's CBSE Grade XII results, Madam Grace Pinto, Managing Director, Ryan International Group of Institutions said, "At the outset, we thank our Lord Jesus Christ for his bountiful blessings and hand of protection. On behalf of the entire Ryan Family, we congratulate all our students for their excellent performance and wish them a bright future ahead. We commend their sincere efforts and hard work. We are also grateful to our parents for their support and continual trust in us. At Ryan Group, we will continue to hold on to academic excellence and focus on holistic development through education that is effective and engaging for our young learners."

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The FEM is an independent non-profit organization. Since its inception, it has worked in col-

laboration with local Bishops' Conferences and the Holy See. FEM's general assembly to date seeks to incorporate nearly 30 large Church Institutions and major Christian Media Organizations. In addition to Aleteia, the FEM runs two other key projects: AdEthics, a Catholic publicity agency that serves companies who want to feature advertising consistent with ethical values; and Mary of Nazareth Center, that presents multimedia shows on Salvation History!

Regarding Aleteia, here are its latest figures: \*20 million users read

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