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## Karnataka Christians under Attack...

*by Don Aguiar.*

In March 2021, Kannada news channel Suvarna News, run by the Asianet News Network, ran a series of stories on Goolihatti Shekar, the Hosadurga MLA. **The headlines screamed: "How Christian Missionaries Converted MLA Goolihatti Shekar's Mother Puttamma"; "MLA Goolihatti Shekar Helpless over His Mother Puttama's Conversion to Christianity."** These stories explored how the MLA was shocked that his mother would not step into his house as it had Hindu idols.

The mother meanwhile tells the channel that she is happy she converted and that she chose to convert when she was feeling helpless after one of her sons died. Other channels, too, covered the story of how the MLA was "helpless" as the evangelists influenced his (adult) mother.

**On October 13, Goolihatti Shekar chaired a meeting of the Legislative committee on Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare in the absence of the committee chairperson and BJP MLA Dinakar Keshav Shetty. The Committee took a few important decisions. It decided to recommend to the government to enact a tough anti-conversion law.**

It also decided to order a survey on Christian missionary work in the state and to identify "unauthorised" people. Shekar told the media that churches, prayer halls and Bible societies were mushrooming in the state and they were being used as centres for conversion.

The third important decision by the committee was to look into persons from Scheduled Caste communities being converted to Christianity. The MLA cited the example of a woman from the Bovi community who has converted to Christianity and contested in a reserved ticket in the panchayat polls. "You cannot avail the benefit of SC and also a minority. You can have only one," Shekar said.

Though members of the opposition did point out that the Indian Constitution does give the right to every citizen to profess any religion of their choice, the committee went ahead and told administrators of Yadgir, Chitradurga and Vijayapura districts to be "cautious" as they had "information that more conversions were happening in these regions.

Currently the state patronage to such political "gossip" did embolden local Hindu nationalist groups to embark on a season of vigilante activity, beating up itinerant pastors, breaking into homes where Christians were praying, or damaging small village prayer halls. Congregations have been broken up by mobs and believers hospitalised with injuries. We already have examples from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh where the RSS has all but taken over from the state in moral and religious policing.

Evangelical and Pentecostal pastors are the main victims, Catholic nuns and clergy have faced their share of violence, incarceration and threatened bodily harm. The police, too, stand accused – of making threats to Christians, hauling them into police stations and carrying out raids on Sunday prayer services. In the process, the promise of Article 25 of India's constitution to protect the rights an individual to freely profess, practice and propagate the religion of their choice has gone for a toss.

**India does not have a law for registering places of religious worship, with extant regulations covering only properties, management trusts and educational and health institutions.** Various governments in the past have sought to conduct surveys of churches and mission groups and pastors, but all attempts were given up after a few days of publicity and political posturing.

In the past few weeks, right wing groups have attacked at least seven Christian prayer halls. **To a lay**

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## Lakhimpur massacre

First the Haryana CM Khattal openly asks his followers to retaliate against the farmer agitation only to draw flak from his critics. Days later, Ajay Mishra MOS Home at the centre and also a sitting MP from Lakhimpur [UP] threatens farmers openly with dire consequences if they dare to agitate in his constituency and actually received applause from the gathering. When two senior BJP leaders holding positions of power issue threats to the farmers is indicative of the fact that the BJP as a whole is anti farmer and every leader is licensed to openly threaten the farmers who have been agitating for almost a year now which is not easy facing inclement weather and hostile BJP governments. While the Modi government may be trying to tire out the agitators, they are equally determined to carry their fight forward till their demands are met. The tussle has to end somewhere and Modi has to take a lead.

Actually what happened in Kheri in Lakhimpur [UP] was not an accident. It was a pre-planned act to teach the recalcitrant farmers a lesson – something that the MOS Home had threatened to do. If the visual reports are to be believed the farmers were moving in an orderly manner without any sign or intention of creating a law and order problem. Very fact the police did not stop them is proof enough that they were not violating any law. It was only when the cavalcade of vehicles purportedly belonging to the family of the local strongman and a minister of Home at the centre moved at high speed killing four of them. Undoubtedly the car occupants were followers or well wishers of the minister. This obviously infuriated the other farmers that they indulged in lynching the occupants of the vehicle. A narrative is making rounds that the farmers killed BJP workers but in reality the occupants in the vehicle were assaulted who happened to be BJP workers. These are two different things. Whether the farmers were right in doing what they did is for the inquiry commission will look into and punish them.

The vehicle belonged to the minister and it is believed that his son Ashish was in the vehicle which mowed the farmers and it is alleged that he fled from the scene immediately thereafter. An FIR was filed with the Police in which he was named and was charged

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u/s 302 of IPC. Of course there was a counter FIR from the BJP side against the farmers in general without possibly naming anyone for the lynching of its workers. The Opposition parties, keeping the coming UP elections in mind, decided to make a beeline to condole with the farmers and the families of the farmers who lost their lives in an incident which by no means was accidental. Apprehending trouble from all sides, a cornered BJP government decided to block all roads. There was clamour for the arrest of the minister's son but the police adopted a lackadaisical approach which infuriated the opposition and the farmers alike while the son was giving interviews to all the TV channels explaining to them at length that he was not present at the site of the incident but elsewhere. He ought to have been arrested for questioning.

There was national outcry and the court had to berate the UP Police for inaction asking if they extend the same liberties to all accused. Stung by the apex court's strictures, quick action followed which included the arrest of the accused. Our most vocal PM and HM chose to remain silent when the whole nation was shocked at the brazenness of the administration. There is a call for the resignation of the MOS so that the investigation can proceed without any undue influence and possible interference. That is a fair demand but it is a prestige issue for the BJP. Simply ignore the demand and show they do not care for public opinion. The fallout of this episode will be felt at the next elections in UP along with the failure on the Covid front. Yogiji will be on test. But with a divided opposition, victory for the Yogi government is assured.

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## Drugs and celebrities

Every time a celebrity is involved in some drug case, which is not something unusual, the entire media, be it electronic or the print media goes into a dizzy of sorts. All other issues, howsoever important, take the back seat. There are reporters in every nook and corner to cover every little aspect of the case giving nonstop commentary as if they are covering election results. Take the case of Aryan Khan s/o famous SRK, who



by Marshall Sequeira

until he decided to have 'blast' on the cruise ship, was a nonentity. But overnight he has acquired more fame than the father himself. It is not that this evil habit is restricted to the film world alone. There are more addicts outside but being ordinary people their cases never get highlighted in the media. The hype is created more by the media rather than the agency itself.

Drug abuse in the film world universally is an in-thing. Many big stars have even lost their lives due to this habit. It is generally believed by any ordinary mortal that the film stars because of their life style and glamour are the happiest persons on earth. One thing that needs to be remembered is that they are good 'actors' and therefore with their plastic smiles they are able to fool their fans into believing that 'all is well'. No wonder budding youngsters crave to emulate their idols in the film industry and leave their homes and come to places like Mumbai to make it big in films. A few of them are duped by unscrupulous agents – some are exploited monetarily while young girls are sexually abused.

Drug abuse by celebrities actually starts with the parties that they attend and they have many. What starts as just for fun ends up with a habit that is hard to give up. With the money power at their disposal, getting the substance is not difficult. When it comes to drugs, it is a highly secretive society. They procure their quota only from trusted sources and once the distributors get caught, it invariably leads to the end users of this highly priced substance. While it is not uncommon for agencies to conduct raids, it is highly unusual for the raiding party to 'bring along' a witness if he is acquainted with the officials. That would raise the question of conflict of interest and courts should look into this. Will the agency accept a witness suggested by the person who is being raided? Think about it.

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observer, these attacks may seem random or even sporadic, but that is not the truth. Investigation has revealed that these attacks and the high pitch narrative against churches — supported by the BJP — are part of a well thought out plan for achieving two goals: introduce a stringent anti-conversion law in Karnataka, and prevent Scheduled Caste persons who convert to Christianity from availing reservation benefits.

The fact-finding report highlights that a vast majority of such attacks have taken place against Christians belonging to the Dalit and the tribal communities. The spate of such incidents of hate crimes, mob violence against Christians only seems to be increasingly compounded by rallies and slogans against the community based on triggering fears and anxieties over 'religious conversions'.

Several right wing organisations admitted openly that the reason behind the increasing 'raids' on Christian prayer halls is to highlight the issue of conversion in the state. **The intent is to create an atmosphere against conversions and capitalise on it to**

**push for an anti-conversion law on the same lines as those in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.** In fact, a memorandum with key demands has been drafted by the right wing organisations, for an anti-conversion bill and on what it should entail, and demand that the Bill should be immediately passed through an Ordinance, the government should not wait till the next Assembly session where it could then be passed. The Chief Minister has reportedly granted an appointment.

They intend to step up pressure on the government with several Hindu mutts already on their side, this group of Hindutva organisations, plan to petition District Collectors to push for an anti-conversion law at the earliest. On October 21, through religious heads across the state, cutting across caste lines, they plan to give their demand in writing to DCs in all districts. They have already spoken to the head of the Puttur mutt, Pejaware Sri and Bala-gangadhara Swamy to join them.

**Right-wing activists say that the sudden rush to bring in ordinance against conversion is that an atmosphere has been created over the last few weeks and the sentiments of the general public has been care-**

**fully crafted against conversions. They want to strike when the iron is hot.** Despite so many cases of 'love jihad' and conversions, people have been silent for so long. Now because of their campaigns, people are coming out and speaking more openly, they say. "There is an atmosphere created against conversions. So we do not want to waste any time which is why we are pushing for an Ordinance at the earliest. We are worried that the government will not bring in a law if we wait. We have already seen Christian groups objecting to the survey," they say.

**The fears which are being fuelled of Christians converting Hindus is baseless. The brutal attacks have taken place across 21 states. This is a scary situation, raising critical questions over the role and the position of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and the home ministry and their failures in stopping this violence.**

Is this the beginning of the end? Right-wing activists says that churches need to be "authorised", and prayer meetings cannot be held in homes. Does it not sound like China? Bible study groups and prayer

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## Mangalore Ursuline Franciscans elect Provincial and Council.

The oldest indigenous Mangalore UFS nuns - 'Ursuline Franciscan Sisters' congregation of Mangalore Province had their IX Province Chapter at 'Shanthi Dham' Provincialate, Derlakatte from October 17th – 21st, 2021. With the theme "Repair My House", V. Rev. Sr Sush-eela Sequeira, the Superior General was the President of the Chapter. On the first day Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha celebrated the Holy Eucharist and gave a solemn message to the Chapter Delegates.

Thanking the Bishop Sr Rita Vas, the outgoing Provincial, said that UFS Congregation took its birth in the vicinity of Rosario Cathedral and their Founder Rev. Fr Urban Stein SJ was the first Parish Priest of the Cathedral. And Mangalore Province has 32 communities, out of which 25 are in Mangalore Diocese itself. She appreciated Bishop fittingly for his undaunted service in the diocese and his able and dynamic leadership. Bishop Saldanha, wished God's blessings on all the Sisters present and commended them for their dedicated service in the diocese and outside.

On October 19, 2021, Fr Paul Melwyn D'Souza OFM Cap., Episcopal Vicar for Religious in Mangalore diocese celebrated Holy Eucharist and prayed

for the chapter delegates. Same day the new Provincial team headed by Rev Sr Clara Menezes was elected; Councillors Sr Juliana Pais, Sr Leena D'Souza, Sr Severine Crasta and Sr Susheela Monteiro. After the prayer service they were greeted by the chapter delegates, Generalate team, community sisters and the Novices. The recent days have been filled with greetings and celebrations in honour of the new Provincial and team.

Rev Sr Clara Menezes : The new Provincial Superior, elected October 19, 2021, hails from Agrar Parish. She was the Novice Director for four years for the Novices of Mangaluru Province. She was then appointed principal of St Michael's Composite College Hubli. Later, she was the Principal of St John's International School, Phalgar, Mumbai, managed by Aldel Education Trust. After being elected to the provincial council in 2015 she has been the full time assistant to Sr.Rita the outgoing Provincial. She is well known to be Committed, reliable, social and approachable.

Brief background of the UFS order: In January 1887, the Vicariate of Mangalore was raised to the status of a Diocese by the order of Pope Leo XIII. Fr Urban Stein SJ, an able German Priest was the first resident Vicar

(1879-1888) of the Rosario Cathedral of our Lady of the Rosary at Bolar, in the heart of Mangalore (This church was named a Cathedral in 1850). In those times of economic crunch, he envisioned the immediate need for the pastoral care and education of children and women and the care of suffering in the Bundar (Old Port) area - the prime part of the town. Soon after assuming charge, Fr Urban Stein motivated a few young refined ladies of the vicinity to come forward and help in the vital task. In the fore-front was Nympha Fernandez, daughter of the Deputy Collector, who became a natural leader of this informal band and later the formal first Superior of the order. This small dedicated band of Mangalore Catholic maidens did exemplary work among the down trodden / underprivileged for their uplift - were often called the 'Angels of Bundar'.

A few decades after the Ursuline congregation was given first life by Fr Urban Stein, Fr A. Macree, who was the great Jesuit Canonist supported in writing the first Constitutions and brought the cause of the Ursulines of Mangalore before the Holy See in Rome. It obtained the seal of an integral religious congregation with its 'Canonical Erection' on May 13, 1934. It was named as the Catechist Sisters of St Ursula. There is sufficient reason to claim that the Ursuline Congregation-UFS has purely Mangalorean religious origins. The pioneer nuns and successors and majority of the members through 125 years have mostly been from local surroundings. During 1955-1958 Fr Pacificus Menezes ofm Cap brought about a major confluence in Ursuline and Franciscan spirituality and came to be called - "Ursuline Franciscans". There are several people down the line who have played a role in the development of this order. The Centenary of the 'Foundation House' at the original mother house at Bolar, (constructed in 1901) was marked in a special way. This monument can still be seen today, now the informative foundation history museum of the UFS congregation is housed here .

**-Compiled : Ivan Saldanha-Shet.**



## Covid-19 and vaccination centres

The second wave of Coronavirus has wreaked havoc across the country but still there are many people who are neither wearing masks nor following SOPs.

Those who are found without the face mask must be fined heavily – even if they are VIPs.

To tackle the Covid-19 situation in the country, there is a need for many more vaccination centres and the vaccination capacity must also be enhanced. The facilities at government hospitals to treat Covid-19 patients also needs to be scaled up.

—Jubel D'Cruz,  
Dombivili, Mumbai

## Church on a synodal journey

According to Pope Francis, one of the most precious legacies of Vatican II, is a synodal church that journeys along with the pope, bishops, clergy, religious and lay persons, listening to one another and to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and addressing the many failures and shortcomings in the church and its structures. It is the teaching of Vatican II that the entire church community of the baptized, from the bishop to the last of the faithful together, can never go wrong in matters of faith and morals, because of the active presence of the Holy spirit. The present synodal process set in motion by the Vatican on October 7, 2021, will be 2-year long journey, culminating in October 2023. In this connection, it is pertinent to recall that the 2 consecutive synods of 2014 and

2015 connected to marriage and family, proved to be a big disappointment to those in difficult marital situations and those in same sex union. Much was expected from the deliberations, but in vain. This has cast serious doubts as to how much of lay participation in Synods really matters and contributes to the changes in church doctrine and teachings, even after listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Even propositions voted upon by the bishops do not find a place in the final documents, because It is the Pope as head of the college of bishops who has the final say in the final papal Apostolic Exhortations. It is hoped that Synod 2023 will not end up the same way as the earlier one—going round in circles, and back to square one.

— A. F. Nazareth,  
Alto Porvorim, Goa

## Radio collar for whom - Man or Beast?

Sunil Limaye, the newly appointed Principal chief conservator of forests, in an interview, made a very interesting comment while referring to encroachments on forest land, when he said, "One cannot teach leopards, but one can teach people how to behave". He couldn't have put it better. One cannot encroach onto wildlife territory and teach the animals how to behave. Man needs to respect the rights of animals and their space. If you are venturing into the forest, you cannot escape the consequences. And that is exactly what is happening at Aarey & the Sanjay Gandhi National Park in the city.

Recently, the newspapers reported that there have been seven attacks in

45 days at Aarey. Can we take that as animals teaching humans how to behave? In short, to keep off their territory! It's time we give the wild animals their due. But what is the response of the authorities? The forest department has planned to radio collar a trapped leopard to monitor his movements. This move of the forest department to radio collar the trapped leopard is deplorable. In fact, according to the newsreport, two other leopards have already been fitted with the Radio collar in order to study their movements in Aarey & SGNP. Are these animals criminals, that we need to track or study their movements? What do they want to study, who is going to be their next victim?

Come to think of it, if anyone needs to be radio collared, it is we humans, because we have forayed into animal territory. Human beings need to be radio collared to study their movements, to know when the next incident of murder or rape is going to happen. The authorities need to be practical.

Needless to say, as far as encroachments on forest land is concerned, they need to be dealt with a firm hand. We cannot continue to provide alternative free accommodation to them. The authorities ought to be more vigilant and stop further encroachments and remove all present encroachments immediately. We should stop people rushing in where Angels fear to tread. Enough is enough!.

—Melville X. D'Souza  
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# A Matter Of Trust

**T**wo friends from different parts of India sent me the now viral letter about priests and trusts. The letter No 0899/21/IN dt 8/10/21 is written by Abp Leopoldo Girelli, the Apostolic Nuncio to India. It is addressed to the bishops of Tamilnadu and makes interesting reading, meriting circumspection.

The Nuncio's attention was drawn to several priests in Tamilnadu establishing private trusts "registered under the guise of Non Governmental Organizations ostensibly to help those in need". The Nuncio writes that "all too often they become financial and political power bases for the priests involved". He continues that priests and religious should not be associated with autonomous trusts/societies/companies, unless they are specifically approved by the bishops concerned.

He then quotes Canon Law. Priests are not permitted to take up the management of goods belonging to lay persons or secular offices which entail an obligation of rendering accounts. They cannot even stand as personal surety for such acts without the bishop's permission (cf Can 285.4). He goes on to say that Canon 286 states that "clerics are prohibited from conducting business or trade personally or through others, again without the bishop's permission. Non-compliance would attract penal provisions, according to their gravity, as per Canon 1392.

He then "recommends" that the Tamilnadu bishops formulate guidelines

for such activities. The bishops are to ascertain details of personal trusts run by priests. They should be closed down and no new ones permitted. Genuine trusts may be brought under diocesan control and there should be no sole trusteeship whatsoever.

On the face of it this is a bold and pragmatic step by the Nuncio and needs to be fully appreciated. However, I see it as a conundrum, raising more questions than it answers. Here's why.



by chhotebhai \*

1.If by the very nature of their vocation priests are not supposed to indulge in trade and commerce, then why should the bishop permit it at all? Take the Rupees Thirty Crores (Three Hundred Million) cash scandal in Jalandhar diocese on 29/3/2019. The Punjab police raided a church premises and recovered several Crores in cash. Note that this was just two days before the close of the financial year, when most businessmen start padding up their books. The Model Code of Conduct for the Lok Sabha elections was also in force that specifically bans the possession of large amounts of cash. It is also contrary to Income Tax rules. The real shocker though is the "Important Clarification" issued by Bp Agnelo Gracias, the Apostolic Administrator. It was published on page 9 of the diocesan magazine "Christward" in April and states, inter alia, that a group of companies was being run under the name of Sahodhaya for supply of text books, smart boards, training of security personnel and construction work. These "companies" were not run by the diocese, but by some diocesan priests with due permission and within the ambit of law. Fourteen Crores had already been deposited in the bank and the remaining amount of Rs 16,65,00,000/- was being counted by a single bank em-

ployee late at night when the police raid took place! Docile and gullible Catholics swallowed this story hook, line and sinker. I didn't.

2.The next example is of Bp Gallela Prasad of Cuddapah diocese. In the wake of ample evidence of diversion of funds to his alleged mistress and son, he was removed from office and now resides in St. Patrick's School, Gandhinagar, Chennai. The moot question is, "What happened to the misappropriated funds?" Is this not a betrayal of trust? Where is the recompense and restoration that should form part of repentance?

3.What about Bp Franco Mulackal, again of Jalandhar, who is being tried on multiple rape charges? Who is funding his expensive lawyers in Kerala and even in the Supreme Court? How can he continue to reside in the Bishop's House in Jalandhar, when he is facing such serious criminal charges? In contrast, the poor victim faces shame and trepidation. Did not the bishop betray the trust of a woman religious over whom he exercised authority?

4. Bp K.A. William of Mysore is also in the news for multiple counts of betrayal of the trust reposed in him. 37 priests of his diocese have submitted a written complaint against him that includes allegations of murder, sexual molestation and financial misappropriation. On 15/8/2020 Cardinal Tagle ordered him to undergo a paternity test. No action taken. The Nuncio appointed an Enquiry Committee (EC) that made two visits to the diocese in March and July this year. Several witnesses deposed, even on oath. Dossiers of evidence were submitted. All we know is that the EC ordered him to desist from selling a 269 acre coffee estate in Yercaud, TN. On the complaint of the parishioners of Nagavalli the Senior Civil Judge, Chamarajnagar, passed a restraining order on 22/8/21, against the bishop selling off the parish property. The dossier alleges financial misappropriation running into several Crores, and

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lists Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs put into personal Life Insurance in 2016, just before he was appointed bishop. If the EC report does not reflect these allegations, or the Nuncio refuses to act on it, then again it will be a huge betrayal of trust.

5. There are several other provisions in Canon Law that would merit the Nuncio's attention. Canon 284 states that clerics should wear suitable ecclesiastical dress. Do they? Canon 282 says that they should have a simple way of life and avoid anything that smacks of worldliness. I presume that includes fancy cars, electronic gadgets, photographic equipment, watches, perfumes and liquor. Canon 277 says that clerics are obliged to observe perfect and perpetual continence, not just celibacy. So all and every sexual act or stimulus is out. Canon 276:2 imposes the obligation of the liturgy of hours. How many priests do we see today with their breviaries? They seem to have been replaced by briefcases. Canon 279 warns against profane novelties and pseudo-science. This is a tough task.

6. Trusteeship cannot be limited to an organization. More importantly, it is a huge responsibility that a priest or a bishop voluntarily accepts to carry. But seen in its strictly legalistic sense we find that in the Bombay Archdiocese, the parish priest is the sole trustee of the parish. Attempts by the Charity Commissioner to curtail this hegemony or monopoly have failed. Most dioceses are registered as societies, trusts or even as companies. Legally therefore their trusteeship (stewardship) is limited only to the members of such bodies. The common people have no locus standi, and cannot hold such juridical bodies accountable. Courts function on legalities, not moralities; so in the absence of any other checks and balances, such trusts, by their very opacity, breed mistrust.

**In India we have various civil laws**

### to govern religious places.

The Sikhs are governed by the rules of the **Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee**. Muslims have **Waqf boards** and in many States there are **Devasom Boards** to manage big temple trusts. There have been attempts in Kerala to bring in legislation to manage/control church properties, but the all powerful hierarchy has stymied such attempts.

So what does the laity do about trusts, trusteeship, the trust deficit or even the betrayal of trust? Part of Pope Francis' agenda on Synodality is to break this hegemony. He calls it the curse of clericalisation that is not according to the mind of Christ. Vatican II was about the devolution of power in collegial and fraternal relationships. It didn't happen. The present Synod could meet the same fate. Yet I believe that "hope springs eternal in the human breast".

How does one restore power parity, as in a weighing scale? Either one removes some weight from one pan, or adds weight to the other. The first option is what happened during the French Revolution when the people grabbed power from both the monarchy and hierarchy. The other alternative is much slower, the Ambedkar approach, that knowledge is a power. The ignorant laity should stop blaming others and become knowledgeable and aware. Secondly, it must build its own financial resources and institutions. Just like the Tatas and Azim Premji, Catholic industrialists and leaders should focus on becoming economically independent. In this context I welcome the clamp down on easy access to foreign funds that made the hierarchy/clergy even more self-sufficient and the laity redundant. Then, and only then, will the powerful hierarchy/clergy take note of you. Till that happens all we will get is cautionary notes from the Nuncio on trusteeship. May this Synod be an opportunity for the laity, the somnambulant giant, to come of age.

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meetings in homes have suddenly become "unauthorised, illegal and anti-national". Does this mean that in SCC (Small Christian Community) meetings - not only can goons barge into your home and terrorise you and get away with it, but the police themselves are now "authorised" to come into your home and arrest you.

Rev Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bengaluru, in a statement issued on Friday, expressed concern over the survey ordered by the committee. "In the background of the conversion bogey and anti-religious feelings that are being whipped up, it is dangerous to make such surveys. With this, our community places of worship as also pastors and sisters will be identified and may be unfairly targeted. We are already hearing of such sporadic incidents in Karnataka....Further laws will only be tools in the hands of a few to hound and persecute the innocent," he said.

And while Christians are the target, not many seem to realize that the 20 percent or so population of Dalits in the country is effectively denied the freedom to choose the faith they wish to follow in such a scenario. While the Constitution had guaranteed rights to profess, propagate and practice any religion, is there a need of an anti-conversion law given enough safeguards have been enshrined in the Constitution.

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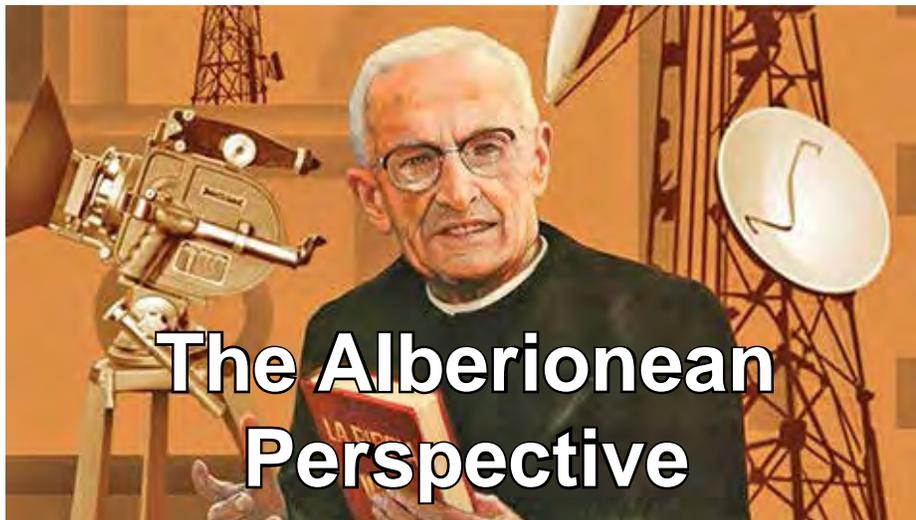
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## The Alberionean Perspective

One of the most significant annual practices of the Church is the observance of COMMUNICATIONS DAY/WEEK/MONTH in different parts of the Catholic world at varying times of the year. Since its formal introduction by Pope Saint Paul VI in 1967, its observance is closely linked to the Solemnity of the Ascension. And appropriately so, given that May is also considered the month of the Holy Spirit, through whose power the Apostles became fire-brand communicators of the Lord's Passion-Death-Resurrection mystery to the ends of the Earth! In India, however, November continued to be observed as COMMUNICATIONS MONTH by the CBCI until recent times.

More significantly, in November, the 10-branched Pauline Family [PF], two of whose congregations are actively involved in the communications apostolate, also celebrates the Feast of its Founder, Blessed James Alberione [1884-1971]. Alberione, the initiator of the Pauline Apostolate of the Media of Social Communications, always reminded his adherents that they were born of the Word and of the Eucharist. As such, the Pauline Family's mission essentially stands as 'Living and giving to the world Jesus Master, the Way, the Truth & the Life', through all and any available means of social

communications at any given point of time. The one scriptural passage the Pauline Charism clearly gives flesh to, is:

"In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was made nothing that was made. Whatever came to be, found life in him, life which was also light for all people. The light that shines in the dark; the light that darkness could not overcome" (John 1:1-5).



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The above passage, on the one hand, strikes a chord in every believer involved in the media, challenging our perception of its impact on faith and morals in communication. On the other, it could help prevent its purely commercial use, sans the intervention of heart and Spirit.

The Ethical way - It's plain to see that the 'Word' John refers to is none other than Jesus. The Church says: "... , all human communication is grounded in the communication among Father, Son, and Spirit. But more than that, Trinitarian communion reaches out to humankind: The Son is the Word, eternally "spoken" by the Father; and in and through Jesus Christ, Son and Word made flesh, God communicates Himself and His salvation to women and men" (ETHICS IN COMMUNICA-

TIONS, 02 June 2000). In the light of the Church's ethics related concern, isn't it imperative that we introspect on how we look at the use of both, the written and the spoken word, be the medium a pen or a microphone, a book or a film, as an expression of the eternal Word-made-flesh?

The Eternal Word expresses Himself in a myriad ways, not least being nature in all its hues. However, His profoundest expression is through human words and actions. And so, rising to Saint Paul's maxim of putting our heart into all that we do (cf Colossians 3:23) – naturally, communications included! – we could earnestly ask ourselves: Do we make judicious use of words in our conversations? Do our words and actions express the unmistakable bond of unity existent in the Blessed Trinity? The use, misuse and abuse of the word have been of concern from time immemorial. In fact, when Alberione founded the Society of Saint Paul [1914] and the Daughters of Saint Paul [1915], it was precisely for the purpose of countering the evil effects of the improper use of the word in the media with the salubrious effects of the proper use of the same. The media has since come a long way, with new means of communication, both print and electronic, dominating the scene, the 'internet' and the 'smartphone' leading the way. The Church acknowledges that these media, if properly utilized, can be of great human service, since they greatly contribute to our entertainment and instruction apart from promoting the Kingdom of God (cf Inter Mirifica, 4 December 1963, n 2).

Ground reality - A deeper reflection on the issue would indicate that the expression of the Word takes place each time we utter what is right, the truth to be precise, while its distortion occurs with the utterance of falsehood portraying the unseemly side of human nature.

The ethical handling of 'communications' is of vital importance at every level. And that is what goes to make writing-editing and publishing-printing

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more than just a commercial career for a Christian. Treating it as an apostolate, a Godly mission as it were, ensures that due care is taken to edit the text of what is due to be printed: books and magazines, news periodicals or parish bulletins, correspondence and notices and a lot else. Paying attention to every detail, from spellings to grammar, correctness of data to punctuation, is vital to the effect one wants the text to have on the reader—something that a supposed ‘workable knowledge’ of a language can never help achieve.

Whither responsible journalism? - Against this backdrop, we need to urgently examine the role of Christian journalists and journalism. Andy Crouch, former executive editor of Christianity Today, provides the most intriguing yet most helpful explanation of the calling of the Christian journalist when she says that the role of the journalist is to “make complicated things clear, quickly, for people who could be doing something else, in the service of truth.” This entails promptly communicating issues clearly, using relatively fewer words and/or images.

For Crouch, advertising is purely commerce whereas Christian journalism serves truth and justice. Presenting the truth being our main priority, our role as journalists combines basic research with writing skills that are seen as unique and important enough for people to find journalism interesting and appealing.

American politician, William Allen White [1868-1944], says, “Dip your pen into your arteries and write.” If that is what the life of a journalist is supposed to be, how much more that of a Christian journalist! Sarah McDonald, English middle-distance runner, states that “not only is the writing process immensely more difficult than it appears, but writing is the act of taking something from within the author and recording it on paper. The innermost workings of a human being are revealed through the written word. Therefore, it is important for Christians in the field of journalism to understand

what they believe and how it relates to the world on which they are reporting.”

The bottom-line is ‘truth’ - nothing but the truthfulness of all that is communicated, the correctness of what one utters or writes, the validity all that a publishing house publishes. “What is truth?” (Jn 18:38) asked Pilate of Jesus whose claim “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life” (Jn 14:6) he probably had never heard. If Jesus is Word-Truth, it follows that those in the media are involved in communicating Jesus himself. Now isn’t that an awesome responsibility!

An important aspect of communication that thus comes into focus here is ‘editing’. The Editor ought to bear in mind that there is nothing like “too much editing”. Put simply, copy-editing is like doing the laundry. Whether by means of hand-wash, machine-wash or dry-cleaning, the dirt must come off every garment, no stain, however stubborn must be allowed to remain; once dried, you’d check for tares and missing buttons and set the garment right before subjecting it to a thorough ironing job. That is what editing is like! “...the copy-editor is the reader’s advocate and the author’s ambassador.” Implicitly, the copy-editor “works through the typescript and illustrations in detail, reading for sense and checking for style and consistency” [Judith Butcher’s Copy-editing, Cambridge University Press]. That’s doing the laundry at its thorough best!

The task of the editor, though thankless for obvious reasons, yet nevertheless power-packed, is crucial and can either make or break the effect of a given article or book, not to speak of the sale (or lack of it!) of a given publication! Indeed, says Butcher, “The good copy-editor is a rare creature: an intelligent reader and a tactful and sensitive critic; someone who cares enough about perfection of detail to spend time checking small points of consistency in someone else’s work,...” Such attention to detail entails both knowing the similarity of words as well as discerning the difference – e.g. aloneness is as different from loneliness as Sunday is from Sabbath, and

chalk from cheese.

While editing manuscripts of books calls for expertise of one kind, editing a magazine or newspaper or even a parish bulletin calls for expertise of another kind. Choosing an article, positioning a news story, strategizing the location of an advertisement or announcement in a given periodical calls for sharp intellect and foresight. Of course, as Butcher avers, “Copy-editors need not be experts on the subject of the work but must be able to interest themselves in it in order to try to put themselves in the position of the intended readers.” Saint Paul and Blessed James Alberione would approve! In fact, the latter once said, “For us, editorial work is not a ministry, but the ministry. Our main time is dedicated to editorial work, while other ministries receive only fragments of our hours.” It is thus vital that the editor ensures that what he endorses for publication is in accord with natural law and Catholic teaching.

Communications and the Laity - The Christian press—if one may call it so—is a collaborative effort between Clergy, religious and laity. Indeed, as Pope Saint Paul VI insists, “A good press should be fostered. To instil a fully Christian spirit into readers, a truly Catholic press should be set up and encouraged. Such a press—whether immediately fostered and directed by ecclesiastical authorities or by Catholic lay folk—should be edited with the specific purpose of forming, supporting and advancing public opinion in accord with natural law and Catholic teaching and precepts” [Inter Mirifica, 04 December 1963]. One of the first to recognize the significance of this fact, nearly five decades before the promulgation of this decree, was Blessed James Alberione. After establishing the first two branches of the Pauline Family, he instituted eight other institutes, the first of these being the Union of Lay Pauline Cooperators [1917]. Its avowed purpose was to go where religious cannot go and to do what religious cannot do, in effect giving lay-people their due. Was it for nothing

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then that Pope Saint Paul John Paul II called him the “First Apostle of the New Evangelization”?

A common element of social communications that has become the key feature of the way we communicate is WhatsApp [WA]. Undeniably, however, this facet has also proved to be the bane of several relationships. Indeed, how often haven't we received on WhatsApp such messages as “The cure for Cancer has been found! Please forward this to as many people as possible and as fast as possible in the interest of all those who are suffering from this disease”? In fact, such positive sounding news would have been considered ‘good news’ were it not for the fact that it literally constitutes fake news, what with contact particulars indicated non-existent! Strangely, most of those who circulate such stuff consider it an act of ‘service’ and are quick to take offence at the news shared being termed ‘fake’; as for the recipient, it's a question of probity and fairness.

Gossip-dominated WhatsApp - a ‘Forwarding’ enterprise? - Determining what is good for WA users and what

isn't has never been easy, what with diehards declaring “Forwarding is my birthright! And I shall exercise it to my last breath!” Irrationally imagining that ‘forwarding’ per se constitutes entrepreneurship they wonder: What is wrong with circulating old news snippets? Is it too much to expect the recipient to delete something found unacceptable?

The sad part is that those who so matter-of-factly ‘forward’ stuff are unwilling to verify such news before circulating it ad nauseam. Worse, when confronted, they bluntly put the onus on the recipient to either verify for themselves the credibility of the contents of the message received or delete it outright. Take for example the news going around at one point of time that a ‘good morning’ message could earn the sender a penalty grossing 18% GST while international media was awash with discussions on whether sharing fake news or untrue information could be declared a punishable offence. Of course, there are many who consider such steps too retrograde and unwarranted, arguing that it won't be long before the government (or whoever) starts dictating what we should send out at all and what we shouldn't. Be that as it may, why can't we as believers, infused with the power of the Spirit at Confirmation, exercise restraint in terms of circulating unverified newsbits that can at best be termed as Sophisticated Electronic Gossip [SEG]? What is worrisome is that this is a malaise cutting across all strata of society, from priests and IT professionals to ordinary lay-folk in the unorganized sector, with no SEG perpetrator finding anything untoward about it.

We do need to understand that emotions are often heightened when the matter concerns either death or an incurable disease. Do we really need to add to the agony of the person/s concerned by circulating the ‘cure’ forward without clarifying the bonafides of a news item and its source?

Let's get real, please! - It'd be good to ask ourselves the question as to why we, Christians in general and Catho-

lic journalists in particular, are ever so fond of sharing news that is either outdated or patently false. The most frivolous messages I've received till date include the death of Sister Nirmala MC, successor to Mother Teresa, with ‘funeral details still awaited’ despite her mortal remains having already mingled with Earth since two years by then! Another pertained to Archbishop Justin Welby of the Anglican Church and the heads of two or three other mainline Churches together approaching Pope Francis for an amalgamation of their respective churches with the Roman Catholic Church and seeking his shepherding over all. Terming such fakeology nonsense almost cost me a relationship! Must we really allow ourselves to go oh so finger-crazy? To what purpose!

As for the sordidity of the newsbits regarding the then raging ‘Coronavirus’ and the unending resultant lockdown, the less said the better. So overwhelming as to frighten viewers out of their wits apart from creating an avoidable fear psychosis, they constituted ‘WhatsApp Terrorism’ [WT] which, as a matter of fact, no Christian worth his/her salt has the right to promote! That is where the relevance of Christian journalism comes in.

Christian perspective - All said and done, the Feast of Blessed James Alberione [26 November], whom Pope Saint Paul VI unabashedly hailed as a ‘marvel of our time’, is an apt occasion to ask ourselves a very pertinent question: Are we willing to say yes to responsible journalism and no to SEG and WT? American columnist Judith Martin avers that “freedom without rules doesn't work. And communities do not work unless they are regulated by etiquette.” And so, rather than wait for anyone in authority to teach us how to communicate, why not take a clue from the Evangelist, John, and give the Word His due, in the process experiencing the benefit of observing ‘Communications Day’ every day!

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move. It is the best time for shop wal-lahs to move their old stock by offering slash in prices. Somehow, the consumers are falling into this trap. It is time to stop, drop and shop during Festival season. There are terrific offers on watches, jewelry and fragrances just like in cloth and other consumer items. It is best to go to shops and make purchases and go online and get cheated with a hope of getting a high discount. In the end it is money that matters very much. It is time for Diwali shopping.

Despite all the drawbacks online shopping is doing soaring business during festive season with lots to offer for the buyers. Online shopping is a great resource for finding products that are from past seasons or that are being liquidated. Housing this type of product in a central warehouse allows the retailer to sell products longer by letting them sit unsold, without destroying the profit margin. This practice can then result in significant savings for customers who do not need to purchase the most current products. The margin of profit is passed on to the consumers also and the buyers feel happy to go online to get competitive rates on commodities of their choice and liking by picking the product by going through the tariff online.

Shopping is really a grace and passion and ladies enjoy shopping more than men. Children accompany their parents to enjoy the mall atmosphere. With the introduction of credit/debit cards and as kiosks available at every shopping Mall it is not difficult to draw money and do shopping. Shopping malls offer great discounts from 50 to 60% to woo the customers. The saying goes like this "Save something for the Festive season". But the shops offer the best discounts during the seasonal sale to make old stock

## Jose the Tourist

A young Mexican man named Jose was curious about America so he saved his money and went on a trip.

He wanted to go see a baseball game so when he went home, he could tell his family all about it. When he got there, the game was sold out, so he decided to climb to the top of a flag pole to get a better look. When he returned home, his family was anxious to hear about his experience:

"What happened?" asked his family.

"Well, America is the nicest place in the world!!" he said. "Before the game started, all the people in the stands and all the players stood up, looked at me and shouted to me: "Jose, can you see?"

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## How to Give Your Heritage Respect

A couple just had their first son.

The husband is half Irish and half Indian, the wife is half Chinese and half Italian. That's a lot of heritage to inherit.

They talk about it and they discover they both wish to have their son named after THEIR heritage.

A terrible argument ensues, causing both of them a lot of anguish. After a few days, they finally came to a decision that made both of them happy. They decided on the name: Ravi O'Lee.

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"You seem to have more than the average share of intelligence for a man of your background," sneered the lawyer at a witness on the stand. "If I weren't under oath, I'd return the compliment," replied the witness.

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A lawyer died and arrived at the pearly gates. To his dismay, there were thousands of people ahead of him in line to see St. Peter. To his surprise, St. Peter left his desk at the gate and came down the long line to where the lawyer was, and greeted him warmly. Then St. Peter and one of his assistants took the lawyer by the hands and guided him up to the front of the line, and into a comfortable chair by his desk. The lawyer



said, "I don't mind all this attention, but what makes me so special?" St. Peter replied, "Well, I've added up all the hours for which you billed your clients, and by my calculation you must be about 193 years old!"

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A lawyer had just undergone surgery, and as he came out of the anesthesia, he said, "Why are all the blinds drawn, doctor?"

There's a big fire across the street and we didn't want you to wake up and think the operation was a failure.

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Coroner to Witness: "The collision occurred at the junction of High Street and Church Road; how far away were you?"

Witness: "54 yards, 2 feet, 6 inches."

Coroner: "You are very precise. Did you measure it?"

Witness: "Yes."

Coroner: "Why?"

Witness: "I knew some idiot would ask me."

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Q: What is your date of birth?

A: July fifteenth.

Q: What year?

A: Every year.

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Q: And where was the location of the accident?

A: Approximately milepost 499.

Q: And where is milepost 499?

A: Probably between milepost 498 and 500.

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Q: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

A: The autopsy started around 8:30p.m.

Q: And Mr. Dennington was dead at the time?

A: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an

autopsy.

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## Some silly questions Attorneys ask

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

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ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I ., but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?



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# The First Beatified Journalist

(Bl. Manuel Lozano Garrido)

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***“Despite the illness that forced him to live 28 years in a wheelchair, he never stopped loving his profession,” Pope Francis remarked of him on Sept 23, 2019 in his Address to the Catholic Union of the Italian Press. The pope added, “Really a good example to follow.”***

Manuel Lozano Garrido was born in Linares, Spain, on August 9, 1920 to sound Catholic parents, as the youngest of five sons. They fondly called him Lolo. When he was six years old, his father died. His mother had then the burden of raising singly her six sons and a daughter. But his mother too died when Lolo was 15. So, they all stayed together, his eldest brother trying hard to care the big family.

Lolo attended all the religious programs of his Piarist School, where he did his primary studies, and then went to the Institute of Secondary Education of Linares. Joining the Catholic Action at the age of 11, he remained its member all his life. Developing a strong devotion to the Eucharist, during the 1936-38 Spanish Civil War, like Tarcisius, he took up the task of distributing secretly the Eucharist among the villagers and prisoners. He was caught and jailed on Maundy Thursday of 1937; but was released on Easter morning.

He became a soldier at the age of 22. Even then he attended the daily Mass. Since Lolo suffered spondylitis, he left the army. The following year he became completely paralyzed. He made a pilgrimage in his wheelchair to Lourdes in 1958 with his sister Lucia. And he lost his sight in 1962. Though he was completely blind for the last ten years of his life, he continued writing.

In spite of living in a wheelchair and being blind, he was a man of joy and



humour, and never complained. His room became a center of delight and orientation for youngsters. He said, “My life is confined to a room. My room is bedroom, living room, and workplace at the same time.”

Confined to the wheelchair, he pursued a career of journalism, writing hundreds of evangelizing articles for several publications. Upon his return from the Lourdes, he launched a pious magazine Sinai for the sick. He wrote nine spiritual books. Some of the titles are: The Wheelchair; The Round Table with God; Letters with the Sign of the Cross; God Speaks Everyday (Diary of an invalid); We Are All Chosen.

He wrote with a pen first. When he could not use his right hand, he learned to write with his left hand. When he was unable to hold it, he started using a typewriter. When he became completely paralyzed, he dictated his work to his sister through a tape-recorder.

Deeply dedicated to the Eucharist, Lolo got special permission from his bishop to have an altar erected at his house so that he could have the Mass and the Blessed Eucharist. He placed his typewriter in front of the Eucharist when he worked, so that Jesus may inspire him. He prayed then, “Your light and clearness may be the mind and heart of all that I type on it, so that

everything written may be noble, fair and promising.” He remarked, “The trunk of the cross is keyed on the keyboard and casts its roots right here.”

That’s how he wrote the Journalist’s Decalogue, remarked Pope Francis during a meeting with the media. In it Lolo recommends “paying with the coin of frankness”, “kneading the bread of clean information with the salt of style and the yeast of eternity,” and to serve “neither pastries nor spicy dishes, but a rather tasty bite of the clean and hope-filled life.” Lolo exhorts, “These are the surnames you should write: Free, Lover, Immortal; Son: of God; Profession: Generosity; Photography: you stamp the heart, and you sign everything with letter of faith and signature of hope.”

His life was not easy. It was when his illness disabled him, he became the most productive in his life. Though blind, he never lost the sight of his Lord and despite of paralysis, he communicated the good news. He was honored with the Bravo Award for Journalism in 1969.

Lolo died at the age of 51 on November 3, 1971. The cause of his beatification began 23 years after his death in 1994. Approved of his beatification by Pope Benedict XVI on Dec 19, 2009, Lolo was beatified on behalf of the pope by Cardinal Angelo Amato on June 12, 2010 in his hometown Linares of Jaen diocese. He has become the first journalist to be beatified and was declared the Patron of Journalists.

On the day of his beatification, Pope Benedict XVI remarked of Manuel Lozano Garrido in Rome, “Journalists will be able to find in him a testimony of the good that can be done when the pen reflects the greatness of the soul and is put at the service of truth and noble causes.”

Jesus said, "Love your enemy" and Samyukt Kisan Morcha does not allow Yogendra to visit the family of one of the BJP workers who died in Lakhimpur Kheri.

## The SKM Suspends Yogendra Yadav

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) on 21st Oct. suspended its core committee member Yogendra Yadav from all its activities for a month, because he visited the family of one of the BJP workers who died in Lakhimpur Kheri. This event needs to be considered seriously because Shri. Yogendra is known for his high moral standard.

### Principled Character.

Yogendra Yadav born in 1963 is an Indian activist, psychologist and politician today, very much wanted in the murky politics of today. He studied in political and social sciences. Yadav is a founding member of the movements, *Swaraj Abhiyan and Jai Kisan Andolan*. He was the founding National President of *Swaraj India*, a registered political party. Eventually he joined the *Aam Aadmi Party* (AAP), founded by anti-corruption activists like Arvind Kejriwal. He worked as the National Executive of the party. In 2014, he was suspended from the party for some disagreements with the party executives.

Mr. Yadav has a military background. As a Grenadier, Yogendra Singh Yadav was part of the leading team of Ghatak Platoon tasked to capture Tiger Hill on the night of 3/4 July 1999. To combat the enemy, the approach

to the top of the Hill was steep, snow bound and rocky. Grenadier Yogendra, unmindful of the risk involved, volunteered to be in the lead and fixed rope of his team to climb up. He was awarded for his bravery *Param Vir Chakra*. He is known for his generosity. He joined the show *Kaun Banega Crorepati* in 2020 on a special invitation from Amitabh Bachchan along with his fellow *Param Vir Chakra* winner Subedar Sanjay Kumar and donated the entire amount (₹ 2.5 millions) won to the Army Welfare Fund. In the year 2015, he was awarded the state's highest award *Yash Bharti* by Uttar Pradesh Government for service to the country.



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### In Lakhimpur Kheri

At Lakhimpur too he showed his principled character. Mr. Ashish Mishra, son of Mr. Ajay Mishra, the Union Minister of state for Home had allegedly mowed down farmers agitating peacefully! Out of sympathy Mr. Yogendra visited the families of the 4 farmers killed by the BJP miscreants, and then in the same spirit visited the family of one of the BJP workers who died in the same cruel act! Was it the right move? Abhimanyu Kohar, who attended the SKS general body meeting at the Singhu border said, "This is a mass movement and we are in public life. Many farmers had expressed concern and hurt about what he did, so we took

note of it and acted," he added.

Mr. Yadav at the SKS meeting denied his mistake and defended his actions saying, "It is a matter of principle and policy... As a principle, you cannot be partisan about grief. I do not for one minute absolve the BJP of what they did, but that does not mean that you do not share grief. We must be able to share the grief of people we oppose. I would not call them enemies, these are opponents in a situation." He added that as a policy, setting high ethical and moral standards strengthens, rather than weakens, the movement.

Mr. Yogendra admitted his only mistake in not consulting or informing other farmer leaders. Of course, he did not act in the name of SKM. Yet he has humbly accepted the punishment and resolved to continue to support the movement!

All India Kisan Sabha general secretary Hannan Mollah did not attend Thursday's meeting, but expressed his opinion that Mr. Yadav should not have visited the home of the BJP worker. "Any death is painful, but I have no sympathy for the killers," he said.

### Moral Question.

Are you justified in showing sympathy to the opposing party when you are in a movement with a mob? Will it not cast aspersion on your fidelity to the cause? How far can one be 'saintly' in politics? The event is worth reflecting upon by the readers of The Secular Citizen, who are looking for principled politics today.

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# God Forgives Evil Men When They Repent

*"Do Not Let Evil Defeat You..."*

Rom. 12:21

All the evil forces in the world since creation bear witness, each in its own manner, to the presence and fear of Almighty God. Once evil is understood, a person will avoid the formation of all sin, corruption, deceit and hate lying dormant in the human conscience; and every evil force working to destroy humanity's trust in God, His love and compassion will be crushed when not repentant.

People are not born evil with the mentality of a slave. Aside from the stain of venial sin, a child after baptism is given freedom to make choices, resolve problems and to give allegiance to God.

"He that is good is free, though he is a slave; he that is evil is a slave, though he be a king." St. Augustine: The City of God.



BY MELVYN BROWN

An evil person is wicked and immoral. The evil individual embodies with the forces of the devil. The evil man or woman has a nature to harm or destroy. They lead a path to being extremely unpleasant. An evil human being is also a depraved creature, an evildoer who performs evil deeds. He exposes himself in violent behavior, personal encounters or in public display.

When we speak about evil we stand at the threshold of theological under-

standing on the theme. "The fullness of grace" is when a follower may reach the point of becoming a recipient to participate in the ministry of the Word; and expecting wisdom to differentiate and distinguish good and evil.

The Spirit descended visibly on Christ at the time when Jesus began to teach and preach, for this function full age is required, that is thirty years. The Lord had his complete triumph over Satan in the desert, the ultimate temptation to overcome and benefit humanity. It was the Messiah's exaltation of His Father's plan and power to heal the spiritual ills of His children.

The evil men do boomerang on them as a visible action in conformity with the supernatural vessel of justice. The humanity of Christ is a reality by which the Holy Spirit is in the world, to forgive those who repent for their sins.

The Passion of Christ was a blaze of conquest over evil. His suffering, pain and agony was an outrage of evil by the Roman soldiers, who inflicted inhuman torture upon the sacred body of the Lord. We learn the simple truth of Jesus' teachings, that regardless of the cruelty put upon him Christ kept his love, even for the most sadistic among his tormentors.

A group of soldiers came to the site of the crucifixion with orders to make certain those on their cross' were



killed. Here is what the apostle John witnessed:

"So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with Him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water." (Jn.19:32-35). Truly, these men were evil. "Rescue us from the Evil One." (Mat.6:13).

## What can be considered evil?

The abuse of women and children, the destruction of human rights, acts of genocide, lust for power to dominate the weak, Indulgence in stealing, the barbaric murder of innocent people, abortion: putting a deliberate end to human life, forgery, duplicity, hypocrisy, treachery, the violence of rape, and more.

*"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."*

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Mumbai 17 October 2021 (CCBI): His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias, the Archbishop of Bombay, President of the CBCI, and one of the topmost consultors of Pope Francis, appealed to every Catholic faithful to transform the Church in India to a Synodal Church. He was inaugurating the diocesan phase of the Synod at the Holy Name Cathedral, Mumbai on Sunday 17 October, 2021 and also released a Handbook for the Synod: "For a Synodal Church".

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