

From Editor's Desk

Do you know our Church is both democratic as well as authoritarian? Have you heard someone telling you, 'That bishop is very authoritative' 'That priest is too commanding' Also you know that new pope is elected by the college of Cardinals. Senate members in a diocese are elected by priests of the diocese. Appointment of priests or principals is done either democratically by consulters or authoritatively by bishop.

This is the nature of our Catholic Church. The method of electing the representatives by members, giving attention and value to members' views and suggestions is a democratic phenomenon. Pinpointing the errors in a constructive way in view of development, accepting differences and diversities, functioning in the spirit of unity towards the goal of a given establishment are some of the core elements of democratic system. 'Govt of the people, for the people and by the people' is the dictum of democracy.

This dictum is followed in most cases in our Church machinery.

According to **Howard Zinn**, ' Representative government is closer to democracy than monarchy, and for this reason it has been hailed as one of the great political advances of modern times; yet, it is only a step in the direction of democracy, at its best'.

The democratic nature is opposite to authoritarian system of function. The former believes in the mutual respect for human rights and dignity while the latter forfeits views of members and believes in authoritative decision making. The authoritative system of governance rejects distribution of power and it demands power. Mussolini, Hitler, Milosevic, Saddam Hussain are some of the world dictators included under this category.

If the citizens are not given chance to speak (freedom of speech) then that govt becomes authoritarian and autocratic and such govt shuns public opinion.

In order to respect vox populi and give opportunities to individuals the Catholic Church wraps certain amount of democratic elements within its function. 'The only way to make sure people you agree with can speak is to support the rights of people you don't agree with' says **Eleanor Holmes Norton**.

Almost in every Catholic diocese and parish, internal as well as external quarrels and fights have become norm of the day. There is an allegation that the faithful and priests are not given just and merciful hearing by diocesan bishops or Congregation superiors. This sort of friction results in group mentality among religious and laity. In the recent times, priests and people grouping under various categories such as language, caste in dioceses have become pain in the neck for bishops. They do not let bishops function peacefully. The grouping priests and people accuse bishops for not encouraging them for active ministry. Thus Church in large suffers a lot. Cordiality among the priests and people in the missionary activities becomes less and less a reality in diocese or organization.

As an answer to such dysfunctional reality, bishop (Episcopus – shepherd) in a diocese must respect and love equally people of all communities in his diocese. He must call the priest and lay representatives of all major or principal communities in his diocese for dialogue and must make common and progressive policies for the diocese in consultation with them. His function and power must be distributed. ***In this regard, seniority and experience must be taken into consideration.*** Even in the civil society seniority and experience is the first criterion for any promotion or upward mobility. Unfortunately His functions must not always

authoritative but consultative without any favouritism. His functions should be in line with Vatican II. He must first of all, be a model priest after all he is first a priest. He is equal among equals. His bishopric title is more of an office with responsibility than a call. He must avoid concentration of power with himself. He must be a shepherd for all people and love all sheep in his diocese. He must neither politicise Church issues nor permit secular politics in the diocese. He must not mix religion and state as both are poles apart. As water and oil do not marry, so too religion and politics must be kept different and independent. Although our Catholic dioceses are divided according to geographical territory in the Indian Federal States, State cannot interfere in the internal administration and policies of the diocese unless something is detrimental to the people of the state. At the same time, Church doesn't have to bother too much about regional elements of the state such as language, caste, parochialism that would disturb the faith formation of the flock. For example, to promote the language of the particular state is a duty of the state rather than the Church. Neither he should thrust upon himself to do what is not faith oriented. For example, a bishop taking lead in hoisting flag, in parish Churches in his diocese, of a particular political party that has direct sentimental attachment to a state will certainly lead to unnecessary frictions and commotions. This will further divide his flock in his diocese. Thus a priest or a bishop is not called to be representative of the state to promote the state language or a flag that has no Constitutional value. What is secular cannot be made spiritual and what is holy should not be made profane. Bishop and priests should be very careful not to mix political issues with that of church in a diocese. Events in the past have witnessed to the power struggle in the light of language or caste or rite friction in dioceses in India.

When it comes to our faith, Christ and Church must be upheld. We cannot sacrifice both for the sake of state. State is secondary when the question of Church function comes to our discussion. I urge that every bishop must make a thorough study of various languages and caste communities in his diocese while outlaying any project in the diocese. He must not discriminate any language or caste group after all he is a father figure to every faithful in his diocese. Otherwise corruption and politicization will rule the diocese.

‘Corruption and hypocrisy ought not to be inevitable products of democracy, as they undoubtedly are today’. says Mohandas K. Gandhi

‘If you don't speak out now when it matters, when would it matter for you to speak out?
Says’ - Jim Hightower

Of Course Sir Jim, if I speak the truth now, I am discarded as nothing by my own, what should I do?....

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Defending the Divinity of Christ

How is Jesus Christ unique? or How will you state or prove the divinity of Christ?

Answer: 1. **He is the only, unique Son of God** ([Psalm 2:7, 11-12](#); [John 1:14](#); [Luke 1:35](#)).

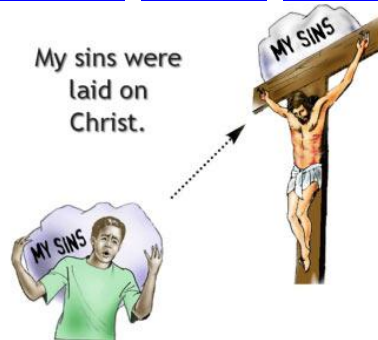


2. **He is eternal.** He existed from eternity past, He exists in the present, and He will exist for

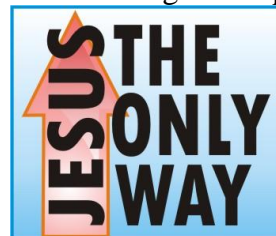


all eternity in the future ([John 1:1-3, 14](#); [John 8:58](#)).

3. **Jesus alone is the One who bore our sins** so that we could have forgiveness and be saved from them (Isaiah 53; [Matthew 1:21](#); [John 1:29](#); [1 Peter 2:24](#); [1 Corinthians 15:1-3](#)).



4. **Jesus is the only Way to the Father** ([John 14:6](#); [Acts 4:12](#); [1 Timothy 2:5](#)); there is no other way to salvation. He is the only righteous One who exchanged that perfect



righteousness for our sin ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)).

5. **Jesus alone had power over His own death and the ability take back His life again** ([John 2:19](#); [10:17-18](#)). Note: **His resurrection was not a “spiritual” one, but was physical** ([Luke 24:39](#)). **His resurrection from the dead, never to die again, distinguished Him as**



the unique Son of God ([Romans 1:4](#)).

6. Jesus alone accepted worship as an equal with the Father ([John 20:28-29](#); [Philippians 2:6](#)), and indeed **God the Father** states that the Son is to be honored as He is honored ([John 5:23](#)). All others, whether **Jesus' disciples** or angelic beings, rightly reject that worship ([Acts 10:25-26](#); [Acts 14:14-15](#); [Matthew 4:10](#); [Revelation 19:10](#); [22:9](#)).

7. **Jesus has the power to give life to whom He will** ([John 5:21](#)).

8. **The Father has committed all judgment to Jesus** ([John 5:22](#)).

9. **Jesus was with the Father and directly involved in the creation**, and it is by His hand that all things are held together ([John 1:1-3](#); [Ephesians 3:9](#); [Hebrews 1:8-10](#); [Colossians 1:17](#)).

10. It is Jesus who will rule the world at the end of this present age ([Hebrews 1:8](#); [Isaiah 9:6-7](#); [Daniel 2:35, 44](#); [Revelation 19:11-16](#)).

11. Jesus alone was born of a virgin, conceived by the **Holy Spirit** ([Isaiah 7:14](#); [Matthew 1:20-23](#); [Luke 1:30-35](#)).

12. It is Jesus who demonstrated that He had the **attributes of God** [e.g., the power to forgive sins and heal the sick ([Matthew 9:1-7](#)); to calm the wind and waves ([Mark 4:37-41](#); [Psalm 89:8-9](#)); to know us, being perfectly acquainted with us ([Psalm 139](#); [John 1:46-50](#); [2:23-25](#)), to raise the dead ([John 11](#); [Luke 7:12-15](#); [8:41-55](#)), etc.]

13. **There are a great number of prophecies concerning the Messiah's birth, life, resurrection, person, and purpose.** All were fulfilled by Him and no other ([Isaiah 7:14](#); [Micah 5:2](#); [Psalm 22](#); [Zechariah 11:12-13](#); [13:7](#); [Isaiah 9:6-7](#); [Isaiah 53](#); [Psalm 16:10](#)).

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Vatican news

Illegal Arms Trade Leads to Suffering, Says Holy See

NEW YORK, JULY 24, 2011 ([Zenit.org](#)).- The illegal weapon trade has contributed to numerous situations of human suffering, and a set of global regulations are needed, says the Holy See.

In a statement prepared for the Third Preparatory Committee for the U.N. Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, which took place July 11-15 in New York, the Holy See Mission to the United Nations expressed support for "a set of internationally-agreed standards," which will be discussed at next year's U.N. Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty. "In many parts of the world," the statement began, "the illicit trade of weapons and ammunition has led to



Message of OUR HOLY MOTHER OF Medjugorje

Mary, the mother of Jesus, has been appearing to people over the centuries, sometimes with messages of hope and comfort, and other times warning of events to come. She gives advice on how to mitigate them and how to survive them.

“Dear Children,

Today I am inviting you to your unity with my Son, the difficult and painful step. I invite you to the full recognition and confession of sin, the cleansing. An impure heart cannot be in my Son or with my Son. An unclean heart cannot bear fruit of love and unity. An Unclean heart cannot do proper and be just. It is not an example of the beauty of God's love to those around you and those you did not meet. You, my children, gather around me, full of enthusiasm, desire and anticipation, and I pray the good Father will enter your heart that is cleansed by the Holy Spirit and put my Son, in faith. My children, listen to me, climb, go with me”

While leaving, Our Lady showed on the left side darkness, and on the right, the cross as the golden light. Mirjana thought that Our Lady wanted to point out the difference between the clean and unclean heart.

Yours sincerely,

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Priests hijack priests' Recollection

1. It was not a strange thing in the archdiocese of Bangalore to witness Priests' Meetings (recollections) at times disrupted by some pro-state language elements in the past (during the time of former archdiocesan Prelates such as late Pakiam Arokiasamy, Alphonse Mathias and so on). But it is a strange phenomenon now. When the archdiocese of Bangalore is witnessing a enormous activities connected with various Commissions (thanks to the present archbishop's effort and also to the respective

Commission Secretaries), 3 diocesan priests (names remain unanimous) along with few Catholic as well as non-Christian language outfits, who wore red and yellow scarves, entered into the recollection hall (Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre) on 22.6.2011 around 11.15 am along with a small gang of lay men shouting and screaming and hijacked the whole session.

The senior priest from the gang went to the microphone on the stage and read out numerous grievances and accusations written in the state language as well as in the international link language. After his reading the other two priests too for their turn delivered provoking lectures against the Bangalore archbishop. The gathering of the priests who assembled in the hall for their routine half a day spiritual recollection, were startled and dumbfounded by these wrongly motivated shepherds of faithful. The gang had entered the hall and took control of the assembly, raised slogans against the archbishop and put forward some agenda to the latter. It was not in a normal way the gangsters did but in a violent and unchristian manner. But whatever might have been their demands brought to the attention of the local Ordinary, still their modus operandi was not at all justified. Sure Our Divine Master Blessed Lord would not tolerate such behaviour of His disciples.

Catholic and non-Christian laity had no right to intrude the assembly of priests and to take hold of the spiritual session meant only for the diocesan as well as religious priests serving in the archdiocese. Not even single minute was left free by the protesters for recollection. The archbishop was quite, sitting and observing the drama enacted by these language promoters. The prayerful atmosphere was absolutely destroyed. It was like a priestly coup against a respectful Spiritual Leader who is still a human person with human limitations.

Interviewing one of the boys who came with others to shout, it was found that he was a non-Christian fellow hired for the purpose by the group leaders. Although few senior as well as junior priests took a lead in containing and pacifying the protesters, they did not budge to leave the place until it was time for Holy Mass by midday.

When politics enters religion, then the essence of religion walks out.

Well, the priests who terrorise authorities or people to seek favours (justice according to them) for their own language community must also be moral enough to think of justice for other language communities as well. If not they are Pharisees or white washed sepulchre. And they lose their credibility even to remain men of God anymore.

Jesus commanded his disciples, “Go and preach all over the world baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and make them my disciples” Mt.28:19

“Anyone who does not leave his father, mother, brother, sister, land, money (including language, caste, race, rite) for my sake is not worthy of my disciple”

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Dr. Abdul Kalam's Letter to Every Indian



Why is the media here so negative?

Why are we in India so embarrassed to recognize our own strengths, our achievements? We are such a great nation. We have so many amazing success stories but we refuse to acknowledge them. Why?

We are the first in milk production.

We are number one in Remote sensing satellites.

We are the second largest producer of wheat.

We are the second largest producer of rice.

Look at Dr. Sudarshan , he has transferred the tribal village into a self-sustaining, self-driving unit.. There are millions of such achievements but our media is only obsessed in the bad news and failures and disasters.

I was in Tel Aviv once and I was reading the Israeli newspaper. It was the day after a lot of attacks and bombardments and deaths had taken place. The Hamas had struck. But the front page of the newspaper had the picture of a Jewish gentleman who in five years had transformed his desert into an orchid and a granary. It was this inspiring picture that everyone woke up to. The gory details of killings, bombardments, deaths, were inside in the newspaper, buried among other news.

In India we only read about death, sickness, terrorism, crime.. Why are we so NEGATIVE? Another question: Why are we, as a nation so obsessed with foreign things? We want foreign T.Vs, we want foreign shirts. We want foreign technology.

Why this obsession with everything imported. Do we not realize that self-respect comes with self-reliance? I was in Hyderabad giving this lecture, when a 14 year old girl asked me for my autograph. I asked her what her goal in life is.. She replied: I want to live in a developed India . For her, you and I will have to build this developed India . You must proclaim. India is not an under-developed nation; it is a highly developed nation.

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YOU say that our government is inefficient.

YOU say that our laws are too old.

YOU say that the municipality does not pick up the garbage.

YOU say that the phones don't work, the railways are a joke. The airline is the worst in the world, mails never reach their destination.

YOU say that our country has been fed to the dogs and is the absolute pits.

YOU say, say and say.. What do YOU do about it?

Take a person on his way to Singapore . Give him a name - 'YOURS'. Give him a face - 'YOURS'. YOU walk out of the airport and you are at your International best. In Singapore you don't throw cigarette butts on the roads or eat in the stores. YOU are as proud of their Underground links as they are.. You pay \$5 (approx. Rs.. 60) to drive through Orchard Road (equivalent of Mahim Causeway or Pedder Road) between 5 PM and 8 PM. YOU come back to the parking lot to punch your parking ticket if you have over stayed in a restaurant or a shopping mall irrespective of your status identity... In Singapore you don't say anything, DO

YOU? YOU wouldn't dare to eat in public during Ramadan, in Dubai .. YOU would not dare to go out without your head covered in Jeddah.

YOU would not dare to buy an employee of the telephone exchange in London at 10 pounds (Rs..650) a month to, 'see to it that my STD and ISD calls are billed to someone else.' YOU would not dare to speed beyond 55 mph (88 km/h) in Washington and then tell the traffic cop, 'Jaanta hai main kaun hoon (Do you know who I am?). I am so and so's son. Take your two bucks and get lost.' YOU wouldn't chuck an empty coconut shell anywhere other than the garbage pail on the beaches in Australia and New Zealand ..

Why don't YOU spit Paan on the streets of Tokyo ? Why don't YOU use examination jockeys or buy fake certificates in Boston ??? We are still talking of the same YOU. YOU who can respect and conform to a foreign system in other countries but cannot in your own. You who will throw papers and cigarettes on the road the moment you touch Indian ground. If you can be an involved and appreciative citizen in an alien country, why cannot you be the same here in India ?

In America every dog owner has to clean up after his pet has done the job. Same in Japan .. Will the Indian citizen do that here?' He's right. We go to the polls to choose a government and after that forfeit all responsibility.

We sit back wanting to be pampered and expect the government to do everything for us whilst our contribution is totally negative. We expect the government to clean up but we are not going to stop chucking garbage all over the place nor are we going to stop to pick a up a stray piece of paper and throw it in the bin. We expect the railways to provide clean bathrooms but we are not going to learn the proper use of bathrooms.

We want Indian Airlines and Air India to provide the best of food and toiletries but we are not going to stop pilfering at the least opportunity.

This applies even to the staff who is known not to pass on the service to the public.

When it comes to burning social issues like those related to women, dowry, girl child! and others, we make loud drawing room protestations and continue to do the reverse at home. Our excuse? 'It's the whole system which has to change, how will it matter if I alone forego my sons' rights to a dowry.' So who's going to change the system?

What does a system consist of? Very conveniently for us it consists of our neighbours, other households, other cities, other communities and the government. But definitely not me and YOU. When it comes to us actually making a positive contribution to the system we lock ourselves along with our families into a safe cocoon and look into the distance at countries far away and wait for a Mr.Clean to come along & work miracles for us with a majestic sweep of his hand or we leave the country and run away.

Like lazy cowards hounded by our fears we run to America to bask in their glory and praise their system. When New York becomes insecure we run to England . When England experiences unemployment, we take the next flight out to the Gulf. When the Gulf is war struck, we demand to be rescued and brought home by the Indian government. Everybody is out to abuse and rape the country. Nobody thinks of feeding the system. Our conscience is mortgaged to money.

Dear Indians, The article is highly thought inductive, calls for a great deal of introspection and pricks one's conscience too..... I am echoing J. F. Kennedy's words to his fellow Americans to relate to Indians.....

'ASK WHAT WE CAN DO FOR INDIA AND DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE TO MAKE INDIA WHAT AMERICA AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE TODAY'

Lets do what India needs from us.

Forward this mail to each Indian for a change instead of sending Jokes or junk mails.
Thank you,

Dr. Abdul Kalam

I humbly request you to forward this to every Indian.....

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INDIA NEEDS INDEPENDENCE FROM
CORRUPT INDIANS

NAMELY CORRUPT MINISTERS,
POLITICIANS, BUREAUCRATS, AND
CITIZENS

WE NEED 21ST CEN GANDHIS TO FIGHT
AGAINST CORRUPTION IN INDIA AND
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INDIANS

HAIL INDIA



E-MAIL BOX

i. Fr.S.Pitchaimuthu, St. Xavier Pastoral Centre, Pondicherry: Dear Fr. J.A.Nathan, Greetings from Pondicherry ! I have just read the June issue of the monthly bulletin of your Parish "The Key". First of all I would like to congratulate you for a bold editorial wherein you have not tried to sweep anything under the carpet rather brought the fact into the light. In fact, it was painful to read, how the Catholic Church in Bangalore is still suffering from the linguistic fanaticism even to the extent of denying services in Tamil language. Is it Pastoral? Is it Christian? Secondly the article on Dowry is simply excellent and thought provoking which can be included as a subject material to be reflected upon in the marriage preparation course for the future couples. Dear Father my sincere appreciation and prayers for all your team members. You are doing an excellent work....Go ahead and All the best !

KEY: Fr.Pitchai, Thank you for your broad minded appreciation and views. Bernard shaw says, '*what is truth pains him who reads or hears the truth because he commits crimes against truth*'. I know what I write is objective and we need to stand for what we say even at the cost of our lives. This is the basic teaching of our Divine Master. Yes, it is very painful to know a truth that the bishop of a particular diocese in a South Indian state has ordered parish priests of certain newly erected parishes in his diocese not to celebrate Tamil Mass in those parishes where are there good number of Tamil speaking Catholics who have been living there for a long time. This sort of building walls of animosity is a big scandal in our Catholic Church. I don't know in what way Tamil and Tamil people irk this bishop.

ii. Andre' Gomes, Goa: Dear Fr Nathan, I have received your Parish News Magazine and the issue is splendid as usual. Many thanks for including the article I sent you.

KEY: Dear Brother Andre, in this commercial world, reading of material, leave alone spiritual, has become scarce. Your involvement in the production and release of our journal is very encouraging. It shall be recorded with gratitude if you try to fetch subscribers for our journal.

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Forgiveness – a must for every Christian!

André Gomes

***"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive.
He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love."***

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Introduction: *The one medicine that no doctor prescribes, the one drug that no pharmacy stocks, the one pill that really isn't that bitter and yet the one and only pill that heals all wounds is "forgiveness". Forgiveness stakes claim to a healing of a myriad of illnesses and is the wonder drug that has proven to be efficacious in most psycho-somatic illnesses. And the best part is that it doesn't cost too much, just a re-juggling of emotions, pride and the ego-state. Many a broken home is healed by forgiveness, many a marriage saved by forgiveness and many a job retained by forgiveness.*

Scriptural Perspective: *For us Christians, forgiveness is at the very core of our faith. (Mathew 26:28; 1 John 2:12). Forgiveness cannot be separated from Christianity just as a man cannot be separated from air. It is an important factor in our communication with God. Jesus said, "So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses." (Mark 11:24-26 NRSV).*

"Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing"" (Luke 23:34, NRSV) was His cry from the cross. What an amazing example He set for us, His followers. If Jesus could forgive His betrayers and abusers, then we must certainly forgive those who hurt or offend us.

Forgiveness – both divine and human: *Forgiveness has both divine and human dimensions. In the divine relationship, it is, first of all, the gracious act of God by which believers are put into a right relationship with God through the sacrifice of Jesus and transferred from spiritual death to spiritual life. Forgiveness is also a divine dimension, in being an ongoing gift of God without which our lives as Christians would be full of guilt. In terms of a human dimension, forgiveness is that act and attitude toward those who have wronged us which restores relationships and fellowship.*

A firm condition for the receiving of God's forgiveness *is the constant ability and willingness to forgive others. In the Lord's Prayer (Mathew 6:12) and the parable of the unforgiving servant (Mathew 18:12-35) Jesus clearly highlighted this aspect. "But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Mathew 6:15 NRSV). The forgiving life is the forgiven life. Human forgiveness reflects our experience and understanding of divine forgiveness. Love rules and governs forgiveness (Mathew 18:21-22).*

Forgiveness, a choice: *Forgiveness cannot then be a feeling, but must be a choice. A choice is something that is completely under our control. God never commands us to feel like forgiving; He simply tells us to do it. We can choose to forgive and thus obey God (Colossians 3:13). Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one*

another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. I forgive the moment that I choose to release a person, whether I “feel” like it or not. Sadly, people far too frequently fail to forgive others because they are waiting until they “feel” like it. We must be both humble and obedient.

If we want to live a radiant Christian life, then we have to learn the discipline of forgiveness. Forgiveness allows us to participate in the divine nature of God; in the sense that just as God has forgiven us for our sins against Him, we too must forgive those who trespass against us.

Fellowship of forgivers: *Forgiveness is a learned skill that Christians can practice, and the more often we do so, the better we would get at it. Forgiveness is the spiritual response to the grace and love of God in our lives. It is not ‘battering up’ behaviour, or based on a “Fly now, pay later” philosophy. Forgiveness is an important act in human existence and a great sociological bond, one that binds people in harmony. The church is the fellowship of the forgiven, not just a program or place of the pious.*

Conclusion:*So whenever we have to forgive, all we have to do is ask for this grace to forgive and it would be given to us in full measure. But like every other grace from the Lord, we have to prepare our hearts to receive the same. Our hearts should be in readiness to receive it. How do we do that? A few steps to help us out: First make a conscious informed decision to forgive, Be honest about your transgression, Purify your hearts with the holy blood of Jesus Ask Jesus to cleanse your offender or the person you have offended with his precious holy blood too. Decide firmly that you would henceforth not hold onto any grudge*

FORGIVE AND FORGET

It has been experienced by majority of people that whenever there is a problem with children, friends and neighbours, or for that matter with anyone, everyone says just ‘forgiven and forget’. It is very easily said and done, isn’t it? But in practice, do we really and honestly forgive and forget the damage done to us? The percentage of people who practically follow is very less. Some may forgive but won’t forget the incident that had happened.

How can we forgive and forget the injustice done to us by abusive language, by using hurting words, disobedience of our children at times, by not caring for our old parents, by cheating each other, by misusing public money, etc. Generally, some people may forgive but may not forget what had happened. As when they see the concerned person or people they suddenly remember the incident that happened to them isn’t it?

If one honestly and sincerely wants to forgive and forget what had happened, in that case we all should recollect and remember what our Lord Jesus said just before his last breath on the cross, ***“Pater dimitte illis non enim sciunt quid faciunt”*** which means, ***“Father forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”*** Dear Loving Jesus sacrificed his life on the cross for the love of humanity and for the salvation of mankind. If we all are true Christians, we have to follow the truth that was given to us by our Loving Saviour Christ. Also we should pray to him with strong faith for his kind blessing and graces so that we will be able to follow the teaching and final words expressed on the cross before dying.

Without his kind blessings and grace doesn't possible for us to follow his golden words practically in our day to day life.

After obtaining his loving blessing and grace only we could control our anger, impatience, greed, jealousy, ill will, hatred and be able to control our tongue whenever we sue it with others. If we all do this sincerely, and honestly, in our dealing with others or dealing with anyone at any time, then there will be peace and joy among all the people irrespective of caste and creed. Instead of hatred, all people will love us and may follow our personal example set in dealing with others.

Col.J.M.Lobo

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Mother Teresa nuns attacked in Scotland

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A group of drunken youth attacked the house of Mother Teresa nuns in Pollok, Scotland, the third such incident in as many years.

The youth smashed a window of the house of Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity by throwing an empty Buckfast bottle at it.

The terrified Indian nuns, who work with the charity founded by Mother Teresa, said the noise was so loud it sounded like there had been an explosion in the house.



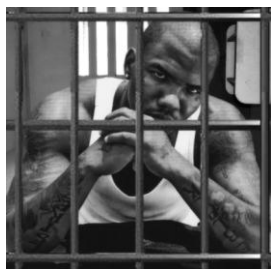
The house where sisters live

"We were sleeping when somebody threw something at the window. It was so loud that the whole house shook. We thought a bomb had gone off. We are praying for the people who did this to change," said Sister Vianita, the local superior who leads the convent. The nuns have suffered previous attacks by local youths and this one was the third in three years. Four nuns live in the semi-detached property, although only two were there at the time of the attack.

The nuns did not call the police as they were too scared to leave the house and did not see any of the suspects. Although the local community has been supportive of the nuns, some youngsters have abused them previously. "Some teenagers make fun of us because we dress like Mother Teresa and they think we are Muslims," the sister said. The nuns work in the local community, helping vulnerable people such as the elderly or homeless. They also visit people in hospital.

Source: [evening times](#)

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Prison Ministry Sunday

14th August, 2011

Prison Ministry India is a national voluntary organization working for the release, renewal and rehabilitation of prisoners both men and women in distress. It was initially started like a prayer group with the inspirational leadership of two seminarians some 25 years before and now it has become a big organization in our Church, having more than 6000 volunteers working for this cause in 30 rehabilitation centres apart from the progressive involvement in the prisons. Very often people raise questions such as, why should we help the prisoners who are entitled as the criminals. They are in the prison because of their crimes and they must be punished for the same.

It sounds right but we are called to look into the life of Jesus Christ our Master and Saviour. He himself was in prison at the last moments of his life with the hard core criminals. He is convicted not for his own guilt, an "innocent prisoner" but for the atrocities of others. There are many innocent prisoners in our prisons, who are unjustly punished, still others who are convicted for their guilt but the family is left alone, lots of humiliation from the society etc. and therefore they have to be seriously helped and supported. In prison, the volunteers engage in lot many programs, such as counselling the prisoner, education, medical camps, providing free legal aid, conducting skilled training programs etc.

There are many ways through which you all can get involved in this ministry. First of all, this mission calls you to raise your hearts in prayer specially on the Prison Ministry Sunday, observed all over India on August 14, for this less privileged one in the society. Secondly, encourage each other to make visits to the prison or the inmates in the rehabilitation centres to make them feel that we love them and care for them. You are also invited to contribute your mite for the education of the children, to support at least with a meal for the day and possibly also for the maintenance of the rehabilitation centres. There are many who wait for their release, if possible you can help to facilitate their speedy release to bring them back to the main stream of the society. It invites us to a special situation where the people are desperately looking for some contribution from you. The more we help, the better we become human.

Fr. Mathew Joseph
Assistant National Co-ordinator

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Knowledge is amusing

1. FORTNIGHT comes from 'Fourteen Nights' (Two Weeks).
2. POP MUSIC is 'Popular Music' shortened.
3. MOPED is the short term for 'Motorized Pedaling'.
4. BUS is the short term for 'Omnibus' that means everybody.
5. DRAWING ROOM was actually a 'withdrawing room' where people withdrew after Dinner. Later the prefix 'with' was dropped.
6. NEWS refers to information from Four directions N, E, W, and S.
7. AG-MARK, which some products bear, stems from 'Agricultural Marketing'.
8. QUEUE comes from 'Queen's Quest'. Long back a long row of people as waiting to see the Queen. Someone made the comment Queen's Quest..
9. JOURNAL is a diary that tells about 'Journey for a day' during each Day's business.
10. TIPS come from 'To Insure Prompt Service'. In olden days to get Prompt service from servants in an inn, travelers used to drop coins in a Box on which was written 'To Insure Prompt Service'. This gave rise to the custom of Tips.
11. JEEP is a vehicle with unique Gear system. It was invented during World War II (1939-1945). It was named 'General Purpose Vehicle (GP)'. GP was changed into JEEP later.
12. The names of all the continents end with the same letter that they start with Asia, America, Australia, Europe
13. It is physically impossible for PIGS to look up into the sky.
14. Each KING in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history.
Spades - King David
Clubs - Alexander the Great,
Hearts - Charlemagne
Diamonds - Julius Caesar.
15. ELEPHANTS are the only animals that can't jump. (Popularly India is called Elephant in other countries -as against the Chinese Dragon - Indian and elephants don't jump - they work the hard way and slowly but steadily achieve their goals
16. The human HEART creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.
17. People say "BLESS YOU" when you sneeze because when you sneeze, your heart stops

for a millisecond.

18. If you SNEEZE too hard, you can fracture a rib. If you try to suppress a sneeze, you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die.

So good to bless the sneezing person

Fr. Ranjith Kumar

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The Shipwreck (an inspiring story)



A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert like island. The two survivors, not knowing what else to do agreed that they had no other recourse but to pray to God.



However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island.

The first thing they prayed for was **food**. The next morning, **the first man** saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land, and he was able to eat its fruit



. The **other man's** parcel of land remained barren.

After a week, the **first man** was lonely and he decided to pray for a **wife**.



The next day, another ship was wrecked, and the only survivor was a woman who swam to his side of the land. On the other side of the island, there was nothing.

Soon the **first man** prayed for a **house, clothes, more food**. The next day, like a miracle, all of these were given to him.



However, the **second man** still had nothing.

Finally, the first man prayed for a **ship**, so that he and his wife could leave the island. In the



morning, he found a ship docked at his side of the island.

The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island.

He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings, since none of his prayers had been answered.

As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a **Voice** from heaven booming, "**Why are you leaving your companion on the island?**"



"My blessings are mine alone, since I was the one who prayed for them", the first man answered. "His prayers were all unanswered and so he does not deserve anything."

"You are mistaken!" the Voice rebuked him.

"He had only one prayer, which I answered. If not for that, you would not have received any of My blessings."

"**Tell me**", the first man asked the voice, "What did he pray for that I should owe him anything?"

"He prayed that all your prayers be answered."

Philippians 2:2-4: Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

**Each of you should look not only to your own interests,
but also to the interests of others.
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MATRIMONIALS

I. Name : **B.Mary Flora**, Age : 44 Yrs, Occupation : GOVT School Teacher

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Languages Known: English, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, and Telugu

Hobbies : Cooking, Singing, Drawing.

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Languages Known: English, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, and Telugu

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III. Name : **Vinnarasi B**, Age : 35 Yrs, Occupation: Asst.Professor in Christ College

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Languages Known: English, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu and Malayalam

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தமிழ்ப் பக்கம் TAMIL

ஜூன் 27, 2011. நீரழிவு நோயால் பாதிக்கப்பட்டவர்களின் எண்ணிக்கை கடந்த 30 ஆண்டுகளில் இரு மடங்காகியுள்ளதாக அண்மையில் எடுக்கப்பட்ட ஆய்வு ஒன்று தெரிவிக்கிறது. இலண்டனின் இம்பீரியல் கல்லூரியும் அமெரிக்க ஐக்கிய நாட்டின்

ஹார்வார்டு பலகலைக்கழகமும் இணைந்து நடத்திய ஆய்வின் மூலம் , உலகம் முழுவதும் நீரழிவு நோய் பெருமளவில் காணப்படுவதாகத் தெரிய வந்துள்ளது. உலகில் சர்க்கரை நோயாளிகளின் எண்ணிக்கை 1980ம் ஆண்டு 15 கோடியே 30 இலட்சமாக இருந்தது தற்போது 34 கோடியே 70 இலட்சமாக உயர்ந்துள்ளது எனவும் இந்த ஆய்வில் தெரிய வந்துள்ளது.

இரத்தத்தில் உள்ள சர்க்கரை அளவையும் , உடல் எடையையும் குறைக்கப் போதிய நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுக்கப்படவில்லையெனில் , உலகில் மருத்துவச் செலவுகள் மிகப்பெரிய அளவில் அதிகரிக்கும் ஆபத்து இருப்பதாக இவ்வாய்வு மேலும் கூறுகிறது.

சர்க்கரை நோயாளிகளுக்கான மருந்துகளுக்கென தற்போது ஒவ்வோர் ஆண்டும் உலகில் செலவழிக்கப்படும் 2,200 கோடி பவுண்டுகள் என்பது 2015ம் ஆண்டில் 3000 கோடியாக உயரக்கூடும் என மருத்துவ ஆய்வு நிறுவனம் ஒன்று அறிவித்துள்ளது.

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மிதமிஞ்சிய குருட்டு கடவுள் பக்தியும் வழிபாடும் ஆபத்தானது.



ஒரு பெண்மணி தினமும் ஆலயம் செல்வார். சம்பிரதாயங்கள் சடங்குகள் வழிபாடுகள் என எல்லாவற்றிலும் கலந்துகொள்வார். பகலவன் உதயம் முதல் உறங்கச் செல்லும்வரை கடவுள் கடவுள் என்றே பிதற்றிக்கொண்டிருப்பார். எல்லா செபங்களையும் மனப்பாடம் செய்து தினமும் சொல்லிவருவார். கடவுள் விசுவாச நடவடிக்கைகளில் அவரை மிஞ்சியவர் அந்த ஊரில் எவருமே இலர் எனலாம். அவருக்கு ஒரே மகள் இருந்தாள். அவள் கடுமையாக நோய்வாய்ப்பட்டாள். பார்க்காத மருத்துவரே இல்லை சாப்பிடாத மருந்தே இல்லை, ஏறி இறங்காத ஆலயமே இல்லை. அனைத்துவிதமான சமயச்சடங்குகளும் வழிபாடுகளும் செய்தாள். தன் மகள் பிழைத்துக்கொள்வாள், ஏனெனில் தன் கடவுள் தன் மகளை குணப்படுத்துவார், குணப்படுத்தாத கடவுள் தன்னுடைய கடவுள் அல்ல என்றே நம்பியிருந்தார். அப்படி ஒருவேளை தன் மகள் குணமாகவில்லையென்றால் தான் வணங்கும் தெய்வம் பொயக்கடவுள் என்று கூறிவந்தாள். அந்தோ! ஒருநாள் தன் மகள் இறந்துவிட்டாள் என்ற சேதி அறிந்த அந்த நேரத்திலேயே கோபம் கொண்டவளாக தன் வீட்டிலிருந்த அனைத்து கடவுள் படங்களையும் உருவங்களையும் சிலைகளையும் வெளியில் வீசியெறிந்தாள். இனிமேல் எந்த கடவுளையும் வணங்கமாட்டேன் என்ற முடிவுக்கு வந்தாள்.

இந்த முடிவு சரிதானா? இதனால் கடவுளே இல்லாமல் போய்விடுவாரா என்ன? ஆக, விசுவாசம் என்பது சவாலுக்குரிய விஷயம்.

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பசியாயிருந்தேன்.....

ஒரு நாள் இரவு 9 மணி. ஆலயத்தை மூடுவதற்காக வெளியே வந்தேன். ஆலயத்திற்குள் நுழைந்து எல்லா விளக்குகளையும் அணைத்தபடி நடந்தபோது ஒருவர் செபித்துக்கொண்டிருந்ததைக் கண்டேன். ஆலயம் மூடப்படுவதைக் கண்ட அவர் வெளியே வந்து தயங்கியபடி நின்றார். பார்ப்பதற்குச் சற்று கவலைக்குரியவராகக் காணப்பட்டார். கையில் ஒரு பை வைத்திருந்தார். தாடி வைத்து கொஞ்சம் அழுக்குபடிந்த ஆடையணிந்திருந்தார். “யார்பா நீ” என்றேன். “நான் அவருக்கு குருவானவர் என்று தெரியவில்லை. இருப்பினும் மனக் குழப்பத்தோடு,” என் பெயர் அருண். திருநெல்வேலியிருந்து வருகிறேன். வேலை தேடி வந்தேன்” என்றார். தமிழ்நாட்டிலிருந்து இன்னுமா மக்கள் வேலைக்காக இப்படி அலைந்துகொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள்?..... என்று எண்ணியவாறு.” ஏம்பா திருநெல்வேலியிருந்து வேலை தேடிவந்திருக்கிறாய்? ஏன் உனக்கு அப்பா அம்மா யாருமில்லையா? என்று வினவினேன். “இருக்கிறாங்க, வீட்டிலே கொஞ்சம் சண்டை, அதான் பெங்களூருக்கு பஸ் ஏறி வந்துட்டேன்” என்றார். **தமிழா உனக்கு ரோஷம் அதிகம்டா.... வரட்டு கௌரவம் வீண் கோபம் கொள்கிறவர்கள் வீதியில் அலைவார்கள்** என்று அறிந்திருக்கிறேன்... சரி நமக்கு எதற்கு இந்த வம்பு... என்றவாறு, ஆண்டவர் எந்த நேரத்திலும் எந்த வடிவத்திலும் வருவார் என்பதையும் உணர்ந்தேன். அவர் கேட்ட பணஉதவி செய்து அனுப்பிவைத்தேன். ‘பசியாயிருந்தேன் நீ எனக்கு உணவு கொடுத்தாய்....’மத்.25 என்ற இயேசுபெருமானின் வார்த்தைக்கேற்ப ஒரு சிறிய அளவிலாவது நடந்துகொண்டேன் என்ற மனமகிழ்ச்சியோடு என்னறைக்குள் திரும்பினேன்.

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A new block (St>joseph's Block) was blessed open by the Archbishop (B'lore) Bernard Moras on 22.7.2010 as a part of the archdiocesan Pastoral Centre



The Archbishop is blessing the block

Construction of the New St.Peter's Church (Rustumbagh, Old Airport Road, Bangalore in full swing

