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Obedience is better than sacrifice

Our world is full of trespasses, disobedience, agitation, grumbling, impatience, intolerance.

Every one breaks the rules & laws of the society. Organizations disobey laws, rules and norms that are made for their own welfare.

Children disobey their parents, teachers, priests, elders without any second thought.

"If you love me keep my commandments" says our Lord. Jn14:15.

Jesus told his disciples to follow (obey) his commandments and his basic commandment is to love one another. Jn.15:17

'Keep my commandments' means simply obey his commandments.

Obedience is a positive element and it is strength.

Disobedience is a negative element and it makes us weak.

The Original sin of our first parents 'The sin of disobedience' was the result of a desire for something higher desire in their life. This 'higher desire' you can understand as, to have 'the fruit of knowledge' that God forbade them to eat. So a motive for this worldly value was well fed to them by the tempter. Such temptation led them to sin and the sin finally forfeited their 'Highest Good' 'Supreme Good' namely, 'the Eternal Grace of God' Gen.3:1-13 and as a result they were chased out of the Garden of Eden. Gen.3:23

How do we express our love for the Lord...? primarily by obedience.

Parents know that their children love them only by their obedience.

Our Lord says, 'If you want to enter eternal life, keep the commandments' Mt.19:17

'If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you may ask whatever you want, it will be given to you' Jn.15:7

'Those who love me will keep my commandments and I will bless them for 1000 generations' Ex.20:6

'King Hezekiah of Judah kept the commandments that the Lord had given through Moses. For this reason the Lord was with him, he succeeded in all his undertakings' 2 Kgs 18:6,7

WHY PEOPLE INCLUDING CHRISTIANS LIVE IN MISERY? Because of disobedience, but obedience to the Lord's voice leads to life.

An interesting example of obedience: The story of Naaman:

'Naaman was an army commander of the king of Aram. But he was sick with leprosy. His wife had a maidservant who suggested that Naaman could visit a holy man in Israel namely Elisha and that he would be healed. Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stopped before the house of Elisha, a prophet of God of Israel. He did not come out of his house, but instead he sent a messenger to tell him, "Go to the

river Jordan and wash seven times, and your flesh shall be healed and you shall be cleansed". So Naaman was angry and went away saying, " I thought that on my arrival, he would personally come out and stand out and call out the name of the Lord, his God. And he would touch with his hand the infected part, and thus cure the leprosy. Could I not wash there in the rivers of Damascus...?" However his servants insisted Naaman to do as ordered by Elisha. So Naaman went to the river Jordan where he washed himself 7 times as ordered by Elisha and he was cleansed.' 2 Kgs 5:1-4, 9-14

Noah listened to the word of God and was saved. Gen.6:13 to chap.17, 18

Abraham obeyed God and was blessed abundantly Gen.22:16,17

The story of Lot and his wife is another best example of disobedience and God's punishment.... God told Lot and his wife to escape and run away from Sodom and Gomorrah without looking back... but Lot's wife looked back the cities burning and immediately she became a pillar of salt.Gen.19:26

King Saul did not find favour with God because of his disobedience 1 Sam 15:10,11. Since Saul did not listen to the word of God, the spirit of the Lord had left Saul and an evil spirit sent by the Lord tormented him.

Yes, when we don't obey parents, elders, priests, laws of the society and so on, we would be tormented by the evil.

Another example for blessing from God for obedience is prophet Jona. He did not go to the city of Nineveh to preach to the people and he took different route. But the Lord sent a storm in the sea and he was thrown out of the ship and was swallowed by a whale. Later he was vomited on the city of Nineveh to where he refused to go. However, he repented later and preached the word of God.

Thus disobeying the Lord will bring disaster in our life where ever we may go.

The disciples obeyed the Lord's word and caught a big haul of fish Lk.5:4-6

Jesus Christ became obedient to His Father even unto death. (Phil.2:9). If he had resisted the mission entrusted by His Father, Jesus would not have brought life eternal to the whole humanity.

'Jesus learnt obedience through suffering' Heb.5:8

O man, follow the footprints of our Lord Jesus Christ and you leave in turn a healthy footprint for your younger generation's happiness.

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IF YOU ABIDE IN JESUS YOU WILL ABIDE BY LAW
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THE KEY WISHES FR. J. AROKIA. NATHAN OUR EDITOR AD MULTOS ANNOS FOR HIS 24TH PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY (10.5.2012)

MAY THE LORD BLESS HIM WITH FRUITFUL AND HEALTHY MINISTRY FOR MANY LONG YEARS

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on [Easter](#), is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on [Good Friday](#). On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11).

The reality of the Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the [Apostles' Creed](#), that "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is denial of Christ's Resurrection.

Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall.



FEAST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT-THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It is the

50th day after [Easter](#) (if we count both Easter and Pentecost), and it supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and which celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai.

The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost as well (Acts 2). Jews from all over were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after the [Ascension of Our Lord](#), the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection:

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak. [Acts 2:2-4]

Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the [gifts of the Spirit](#). The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and [baptized](#) that day.



That is why Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated. It's interesting to note that St. Peter, the first [pope](#), was already the leader and spokesman for the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday (see Acts 2:14ff).



The Holy Spirit at work

The coming of the Holy Spirit dramatically changed the lives of these early Christians. The book of Acts is filled with accounts of the early Church's remarkable spiritual impact on the surrounding society. A transformation was so evident that nonbelievers accused the Christians of "turning the world upside down" (Acts 17:6). And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; Such was the dynamic, miraculous power of the Holy Spirit.

To fully grasp how God's Spirit can work with us, we must comprehend what the Holy Spirit is. It is *not* a person who, along with God the Father and Christ the Son, forms a "Holy Trinity." In Scripture the Holy Spirit is described as the *power* of God at work in our lives (Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea,

and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you

with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

The same power that was at work in the ministry of Jesus Christ (Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

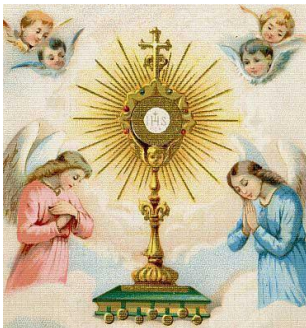
Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

This divine power allows us to be "led by the Spirit of God" (Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

It was this same power that transformed the lives of the early Christians and is the power working in the Church today. Paul told Timothy that God's Spirit is a "*spirit of . . . power and of love and of a sound mind*" (2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound

mind.

Pentecost serves as an annual reminder that our Creator still works miracles, granting His Spirit to those called to be the firstfruits of His spiritual harvest, empowering them to carry out His work in this world.



Corpus Christi (feast)

Corpus Christi ([Latin](#) for *Body of Christ*) is a [Latin Rite solemnity](#), now designated the solemnity of **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** It is also celebrated in some [Anglican](#), [Lutheran](#) and [Old Catholic Churches](#). Like [Trinity Sunday](#) and the [Solemnity of Christ the King](#), it does not commemorate a particular event in [Jesus](#)' life. Instead it celebrates the Body and Blood of Christ [really present](#) in the [Eucharist](#). Its date is the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but "where the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is not a [Holy Day of Obligation](#), it is assigned to the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity as its proper day".

At the end of the Mass, it is customary in many places to have a [procession](#) of the [Blessed Sacrament](#), followed by [Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament](#).

The **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** commemorates the Eucharist; traditionally it falls on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday, although in some regions it is translated to the following Sunday. In 2011, the traditional date of **Corpus Christi** falls on June 23, while the Sunday following is June 26. Prayers: [Communion Prayers](#)

Liturgical colour: White

Time of year: The Thursday After Trinity Sunday; Translated to the Sunday After Trinity Sunday (in some Catholic dioceses)

Celebrates Eucharist

Alternate Latin name: Festum Corpus et Sanguinis Christi

Scripture reference:: Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:19-20; John 6:51-58; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Since the Apostolic Church, Christians have been celebrating the [Eucharist](#), the meal in which Christians partake of the body and blood of Christ. Jesus instituted this holy meal on [Maundy Thursday](#). Even though Christians have highly esteemed all of the sacraments, the Eucharist has traditionally held a special place among the sacraments. Ignatius of Antioch (105 AD) referred to the Eucharist as the "medicine of immortality" (Ephesians 20:2). St. Ephrem the Syrian (373 AD) taught that even crumbs from the Eucharistic host could sanctify thousands and thousands. Thomas Aquinas considered the Eucharist to be the greatest of all sacraments (Summa Theologica III: 65,3). Thus, the Church has viewed the Eucharist as unique, even among the sacraments, since the earliest times. Thus it is fitting that a feast exist to specifically commemorate the Eucharist. The Catholic Catechism summarizes this teaching of the importance of the Eucharist:

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch" (1324).

The Feast of Corpus Christi is the name of this feast celebrating the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is also called Communion, the Lord's Supper, or the Mass (from the Latin word meaning "to dismiss"). Maundy Thursday would seem to be the best day to celebrate the Eucharist, because that is the day Jesus actually instituted the sacrament. In fact, the Institution of the Eucharist is celebrated on Maundy Thursday. However, the emphasis on the passion themes present in the Maundy Thursday celebration created the need for another day to focus entirely on the Eucharist itself. The Thursday after Trinity Sunday was chosen for the date of the Corpus Christi feast because it is a Thursday (the same day Christ instituted the Eucharist) and it is the first free Thursday after the Easter season (since the Thursday after Pentecost was a part of the ancient octave of Pentecost). Thus Corpus Christi falls within [Ordinary Time](#). Typically Corpus Christi services consist of singing traditional hymns, *Lauda Sion* and *Pange Lingua*, both attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas. Some Anglicans celebrate Corpus Christi, and these hymns are in the 1980 Hymnal of the Episcopal Church (pp. 320, 165). Outdoor processions of the Blessed Sacrament are common in some churches as a way to celebrate Corpus Christi. Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction are also common Corpus Christi devotional practices in many churches.

Corpus Christi is primarily thought of as a Western holiday, although the Syrians, Armenians, Copts, and other Eastern Churches have similar festivals. Some dioceses and conferences (including many dioceses in the American Catholic Church) celebrate Corpus Christi on the Sunday after the traditional feast date, i.e. on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday.

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Buddhist attributes cancer healing to Jesus

No trace of cancer was found in Allan Huang after her visit to Marian shrine at Vellankanni

Tamil Nadu.



A Chinese Buddhist woman has attributed miraculous healing from cancer to her devotion to Divine Mercy. Giving witness, Allan Huang said this at the feast of the Divine Mercy at Auxilium Church in Kolkata yesterday.

“In December 2007, I was diagnosed for Lymphoma and after prolonged treatment I was well again. But in October last year when I had a relapse my daughter Juliana gave me a picture of the Divine Mercy to pray,” said Huang standing before a large picture of Jesus the Divine Mercy venerated in the church. Narrating the incident of her miraculous cure during the prayer, parish priest Fr. K.K. Sebastian said, “when doctors refused Allan permission to travel with her son Dominic to Seoul (South Korea) to meet his in-laws, she went with her another son Stephen to the historic Marian shrine at Vellankanni in Tamilnadu last month.”

During a routine test after her pilgrimage to Vellankanni, the doctors who treated her at Apollo(Kolkatta) were amazed to see the test results which showed no trace of cancer, he said. The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on the devotion initiated by Polish saint Sister Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.

The image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy." According to the diary of St Faustina, the image is based on her 1931 vision of Jesus

A story For all



Married or not you should read this.. WHAT MAKES YOUR MARRIAGE?

“When I got home that night as my wife served dinner, I held her hand and said, I’ve got something to tell you. She sat down and ate quietly. Again I observed the hurt in her eyes.

Suddenly I didn’t know how to open my mouth. But I had to let her know what I was thinking. I want a divorce. I raised the topic calmly. She didn’t seem to be annoyed by my words, instead she asked me softly, why?

I avoided her question. This made her angry. She threw away the chopsticks and shouted at me, you are not a man! That night, we didn’t talk to each other. She was weeping. I knew she wanted to find out what had happened to our marriage. But I could hardly give her a satisfactory answer; she had lost my heart to Jane. I didn’t love her anymore. I just pitied her!

With a deep sense of guilt, I drafted a divorce agreement which stated that she could own our house, our car, and 30% stake of my company. She glanced at it and then tore it into pieces. The woman who had spent ten years of her life with me had become a stranger. I felt sorry for her wasted time, resources and energy but I could not take back what I had said for I loved Jane so dearly. Finally she cried loudly in front of me, which was what I had expected to see. To me her cry was actually a kind of release. The idea of divorce which had obsessed me for several weeks seemed to be firmer and clearer now.

The next day, I came back home very late and found her writing something at the table. I didn’t have supper but went straight to sleep and fell asleep very fast because I was tired after an eventful day with Jane. When I woke up, she was still there at the table writing. I just did not care so I turned over and was asleep again.

In the morning she presented her divorce conditions: she didn’t want anything from me, but needed a

month's notice before the divorce. She requested that in that one month we both struggle to live as normal a life as possible. Her reasons were simple: our son had his exams in a month's time and she didn't want to disrupt him with our broken marriage.

This was agreeable to me. But she had something more, she asked me to recall how I had carried her into our bridal room on our wedding day. She requested that every day for the month's duration I carry her out of our bedroom to the front door every morning. I thought she was going crazy. Just to make our last days together bearable I accepted her odd request.

I told Jane about my wife's divorce conditions. . She laughed loudly and thought it was absurd. No matter what tricks she applies, she has to face the divorce, she said scornfully.

My wife and I hadn't had any body contact since my divorce intention was explicitly expressed. So when I carried her out on the first day, we both appeared clumsy. Our son clapped behind us, daddy is holding mommy in his arms. His words brought me a sense of pain. From the bedroom to the sitting room, then to the door, I walked over ten meters with her in my arms. She closed her eyes and said softly; don't tell our son about the divorce. I nodded, feeling somewhat upset. I put her down outside the door. She went to wait for the bus to work. I drove alone to the office.

On the second day, both of us acted much more easily. She leaned on my chest. I could smell the fragrance of her blouse. I realized that I hadn't looked at this woman carefully for a long time. I realized she was not young any more. There were fine wrinkles on her face, her hair was greying! Our marriage had taken its toll on her. For a minute I wondered what I had done to her.



On the fourth day, when I lifted her up, I felt a sense of intimacy returning. This was the woman who had given ten years of her life to me. On the fifth and sixth day, I realized that our sense of intimacy was growing again. I didn't tell Jane about this. It became easier to carry her as the month slipped by. Perhaps the everyday workout made me stronger.

She was choosing what to wear one morning. She tried on quite a few dresses but could not find a suitable one. Then she sighed, all my dresses have grown bigger. I suddenly realized that she had grown so thin, that was the reason why I could carry her more easily.

Suddenly it hit me... she had buried so much pain and bitterness in her heart. Subconsciously I reached out and touched her head.

Our son came in at the moment and said, Dad, it's time to carry mom out. To him, seeing his father carrying his mother out had become an essential part of his life. My wife gestured to our son to come closer and hugged him tightly. I turned my face away because I was afraid I might change my mind at this last minute. I then held her in my arms, walking from the bedroom, through the sitting room, to the hallway. Her hand surrounded my neck softly and naturally. I held her body tightly; it was just like our wedding day.

But her much lighter weight made me sad. On the last day, when I held her in my arms I could hardly move a step. Our son had gone to school. I held her tightly and said, I hadn't noticed that our life lacked

intimacy. I drove to office.... jumped out of the car swiftly without locking the door. I was afraid any delay would make me change my mind...I walked upstairs. Jane opened the door and I said to her, Sorry, Jane, I do not want the divorce anymore.

She looked at me, astonished, and then touched my forehead. Do you have a fever? She said. I moved her hand off my head. Sorry, Jane, I said, I won't divorce. My marriage life was boring probably because she and I didn't value the details of our lives, not because we didn't love each other anymore. Now I realize that since I carried her into my home on our wedding day I am supposed to hold her until death does us apart. Jane seemed to suddenly wake up. She gave me a loud slap and then slammed the door and burst into tears. I walked downstairs and drove away. At the floral shop on the way, I ordered a bouquet of flowers for my wife. The salesgirl asked me what to write on the card. I smiled and wrote, I'll carry you out every morning until death do us apart.

That evening I arrived home, flowers in my hands, a smile on my face, I run up stairs, only to find my wife in the bed -dying. My wife had been fighting CANCER for months and I was so busy with Jane to even notice. She knew that she would die soon and she wanted to save me from the whatever negative reaction from our son, in case we push through with the divorce.— At least, in the eyes of our son— I'm a loving husband....

The small details of your lives are what really matter in a relationship. It is not the mansion, the car, property, the money in the bank. These create an environment conducive for happiness but cannot give happiness in themselves.

COURTESY: SERENA WALTER

NEWS FROM VATICAN

Benedict XVI: Mary Invites Us to Pray for More Than Ourselves

VATICAN CITY, MARCH 14, 2012 (Zenit.org).- Benedict XVI shifted the focus of his catechesis series on prayer today, turning to teachings on prayer as found in Acts of the Apostles and the writings of St. Paul. He began his reflections with a look at Mary's prayer.

"If the Church does not exist without Pentecost, neither does Pentecost exist without the Mother of Jesus, since she lived in a wholly unique way what the Church experiences each day under the action of the Holy Spirit," the Pope said in the general audience.

"Because of her inner attitude of listening, Mary is able to interpret her own history, and to humbly acknowledge that it is the Lord who is acting," the Holy Father said in reference to the Annunciation.

The Pontiff reflected that the mention of Mary's presence with the Eleven following Christ's ascension into heaven is not a "simple historical annotation regarding a thing of the past; rather, it assumes a meaning of great value, for she shares with them what is most precious: the living memory of Jesus, in prayer; and she shares this mission of Jesus: to preserve the memory of Jesus and thereby to preserve His presence."

Benedict XVI said that veneration of the Mother of Jesus means "learning from her to become a community that prays: this is one of the essential marks in the first description of the Christian community as delineated in the Acts of the Apostles."

INDIA : 'Why not ban plastic bags?'(PTI via CNUA) The Supreme Court issued notice to the Centre and all the state governments on a plea seeking complete ban on use of plastic bags in the country. A bench headed by Justice G.S. Singhvi also impleaded all the plastic manufacturing companies in the case and also sought the government's response to put in place a proper mechanism for disposal of used plastic bags. The apex court passed the order on a PIL filed by NGOs, seeking its direction to government to ban the use of plastic bags alleging that these are not disposed properly and are eaten by animals which get stuck in their stomach. Observing that most of the lakes and urban drain systems are choking because of plastic bags, the bench said that the issue raised is important to all human beings and agreed to hear the PIL.

"Due to government neglect across the country and her maritime boundaries or coastline, animals particularly cows and bulls, are ingesting plastic from garbage dumps and plastic bags littered across the landscape and oceans. The ingestion of plastic from plastic bags chokes the stomach of cows," the petitioners said. - <http://www.thehindu.com>

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BANGALORE

Nearly 100 priests serving in the archdiocese of Bangalore took part in the 'Pastoral Consultation' a meeting of all the priests of the archdiocese, first of its kind, on 29.3.2012 in the archdiocesan Workers' Centre. Out of 130 diocesan priests, nearly 80 were present for the Consultation. While many priests were wondering what was going to be 'Pastoral Consultation' as it was never held before, in the history of the archdiocese, thanks to the archbishop Bernard Moras, it was a surprise for many as there was a heated discussion and deliberation among priests over certain current issues of the archdiocese namely, 'Language problem' and a 'commotion that arose over a building site belonging to a particular parish in the archdiocese. Talks pertaining to some aspects of priestly ministry were given by some religious priests. Later in the evening Chrism Mass (priests of the diocese celebrating the Mass of the Last Supper under the leadership of the local Ordinary – UNUM PRESBYTERIUM as a sign of their loyalty) was celebrated by the Bangalore archbishop at St.Francis Xavier Cathedral in Kannada although it used to be in English, Kannada and Tamil in the past 4 decades. Many priests and people of the archdiocese allege that the language problem, unfortunately, is uprising with more force now with its ugly face in the recent years after the present archbishop began to show one sided interest towards one language. This has caused pastoral concern and fear among Tamil speaking priests and laity. It is claimed that out of 410,000 Catholics in the Bangalore archdiocese, A VAST MAJORITY of them are Tamils who are here since the British time and that Bangalore was a part of the Madras Presidency then (KNS).

Threat of assault on priests in Major Seminary

In an another incident in the Bangalore Metropolitan city, a group of some 20 Catholic linguistic activists, barged into the auditorium of St.Peter's Seminary Friday April 27, 2012 and disturbed the peace of nearly 40 priests who were ending their annual retreat. Before the Holy Mass could start, these men went to the altar table side and began to take control of the situation profaning the holy atmosphere. At this, the retreat fathers pleaded them to allow the Mass to be celebrated. They agreed to see the priests after the Mass. The Mass was celebrated by the archdiocesan vicar general Very Fr.S.Jayanathan. After the mass, the VG explained to them that the pastoral need is that everyone must be catered to with spiritual food in the archdiocese no matter what language they belong to and even if there are 300 Germans visiting Bangalore, they would be assisted with liturgy in their language. He said the Tamil priests in the archdiocese know the state language very well and they do not have any bias over the language; they serve with deep zeal any community in the local language wherever it is required. At the same time, the vast Tamil speaking community cannot be neglected in any way he said. Then the leader of the gang Mr.X, being a Catholic himself, made many derogatory statements against Tamil priests and people in the archdiocese. The Retreat Fathers were quite as they were asked to be quite. However, the preacher Fr.Anil Dev interfered and asked everyone to leave the place. There was also a sort of threat of assault on few Tamil priests as these men picked up quarrels with them in the campus of St. Peter's Seminary . (KNS)

WHY DO WE TRESPASS TRAFFIC RULES?

In India every 5 minutes, there takes place an accident on the road. It ends in death or fatal injury. Imagin how many they would be in a day!

When you drive your car, or ride your bike, and you see red signal light ahead of you, what is your first tendency? Is it to jump the signal? Or do you patiently wait for the green signal to fall?

In India, the traffic police is not always alert to book the trespassers. You see a board with a message like this: 'THIS PROPERTY BELONGS TO... TRESPASSERS WILL BE PROSECUTED'. Yet our Indian ethos is not so law abiding, but to encroach and misappropriate other's property.



Here in Bangalore city, a rule has been passed by the City traffic police. "Motorcyclists who plough onto footpaths caring little for the safety of the pedestrians will now lose their driving licence. The city police have launched a special drive to enforce stringent measures-from penalising to suspension of licenses-to check driving on footpaths. According to statistics, as many as 557 cases were booked in January, 1105 in February and 1588 cases in March this year.... There have been several instances of pedestrians suffering injuries and in a few cases even being killed by the motorcyclists riding on footpaths..." DH 18.4.2012

This morning (20.4.2012), a parishioner from our parish took me for house blessing by an auto. The driver callously took U turn where he was not supposed to. I objected to his act. He dodged me with his stupid explanation.

Laws, although made by man, are for man. But man has an inclination to break them for his own selfish wants. While he does trespass them, he demeans his own self. As a result accidents occur in large number and killing innocent lives.

'Breaking rules of any kind for one's own gain is almost a mental illness' opine psychologists. It is a mental disorder as they conclude. It is a man's deviant behaviour, a sign of undergrowth. In other words, trespassing rules or disobeying God's commandment or evading civic body rules, is a sickness, an act of pride, a satanic impulse or pull, because, by breaking them in any way, the common good is not going to be attained.

Psychologist Mamta Bhatia says people **break the law** because they put their head in the sand about the repercussions of illegal behaviour.

Christian Moral Theology says 'Laws of an established society bear a divine recognition as they are accepted by an established civic body and hence they are to be strictly adhered'.

Why do we break rules? Here are few rationally presumed reasons:

1. We feel the material gain is more important than the law itself and hence we are ready to trespass them
2. We consider others as fools who wait patiently and hence we jump the traffic signals

3. We think by breaking laws we can climb the ladder of life faster than others and feel some pride and pleasure (thrill) in it
4. We evade laws or rules because we lack basic discipline in life
5. We take for granted that rules are manmade and hence can be broken
6. Basically there is something wrong in our mindset and hence we disrespect the rules by questioning 'so what if I break rules?'
7. We are less afraid of punishment / fine / imprisonment, so we trespass the laws or morals that are yardsticks of our conduct
8. When we don't see at our sight, a law enforcing authority (police, superior, guru, bishop, priest, head master/mistress, teacher, father, mother, director, manager, elders, etc..) we feel emboldened to break the laws (out of sight out of mind)
9. We care less or no care for others, so we don't want to abide by disciplinary norms
10. The punishment / fine / imprisonment for trespassing or breaking rules is not very scary, and our judicial system is very lethargic in passing judgement to the criminals and today anyone can, by somehow, escape from crime; hence we are least bothered about rules and laws
11. Strictly speaking our Indian mentality is such that neither civilians nor authorities in position fear for God and therefore they easily break the laws
12. We lack good manners and etiquette and we refuse to follow even ordinary laws or rules.

I have quoted traffic rules as one example for our general behaviour in life. Now we can apply the same logic to every sector of our society.

Now I would like to bring to your kind attention in what way our surrounding society is affected by our disobedient behaviour:

1. We put others into great inconvenience by trespassing the traffic rules or life morals
2. We cause accident or damage to others' health and property and we too are affected severely by that
3. We cause untold tension or distress in other's journey
4. We demean the morals or disciplines of life
5. We infringe other's self respect and human dignity
6. We rob of other's rights and later on we may land up in jail or in the criminal/civil court
7. Our selfish behaviour motivates others to do the same offence (when one vehicle trespasses the traffic rules, others follow in line too)
8. Our deviant behaviour sets a bad example to the future generation
9. Our spirit of disobedience generates juvenile delinquency
10. We cause untold misery to our family and inflict damage to the reputation of our organization / your locality / village/ town/city/state/country
11. We prove that we are worse than the atheists or pagans as we are believers in true God and yet we don't live as believers
12. We waste so much money, time and energy of all the related organizations and individuals.

Well, we may be an illiterate OR an educationist, a professional, a religious, an intellectual, a civil authority, a parent...or whatever we are, know this: we are called to obey starting from our immediate authority in life's journey. While doing so, we bring joy to others. The formation of a healthy society depends on healthy and law abiding civilians.

Your studies, your vehicle, your qualification, your educational certificates, your lump sum salary, your deluxe car, your profession, your status, though matter a lot, will not bring happiness if you do wrong against others or your society. You should be a convincing individual in following laws of your society. An extremist, a terrorist, a fanatic(linguistic, religious, caste or racial), a criminal, a delinquent, a destitute known or hidden, deserve our pity for their mental illness and therefore, the social control agents should pay extraordinary attention in mending the ways of these human entities for the sake of building a healthy society.

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YOUTH COLUMN- An inspiring story of a gay

It is the story of conversion of the heart of a homosexual young man, later a drug user, a drug dealer – not drugs weighing in grams, but a whole sale distributor.

Then he is incarcerated. From the time he let his parents know that he was gay, the mother continued to love him, but at the same time went on a fasting and prayer crusade. Every Monday for seven years she fasted, and once fasted for thirty nine days. And the result? When he was in prison, he decided to join the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, on release from the prison. The young man tells you all his past and what he is doing now. I was touched when he was seen wiping his tears while talking about his mother's painful journey in spirit with his son with her fasting and sacrifices to see his conversion. His name is Christopher. I could draw a parallel to this mother in the life of St. Monica who followed her son Augustine (St. Augustine of Hippo) to get him freed from a life of sin when he was young, and to embrace Christ. Dear Mothers: If there is anyone among you who is concerned about the sinful lifestyle of your son (or daughter), do not despair. Do not go nagging him or her, but surrender him or her to the merciful Lord and Saviour. Do some fasting and prayer NOT ONLY FOR YOUR OWN CHILD, BUT ALSO for other young people. Our God will not abandon you. Wait for the result IN HIS TIME, NOT according to your time-table. I have another request to all my friends who are on my mailing list. If you think that a certain message is bringing glory to God, please try to share it with your friends. God will reward you for that. I have nothing to give you. Hope this video will boost your faith even more. God does have a plan for all of us.

Lona Lobo

FEATURE



Strategies/Skills needed for a Pastor to be a Servant-Leader
(Talk given to the clergy of Bangalore archdiocese and the Religious involved
in pastoral work in the archdiocese during a pastoral consultation on 29-3-2012)

The Vicar General requested me to give a little reflection on this topic for the pastoral consultations. I give what I can from my years of pastoral experience which in God's Providence was accorded to me almost every decade or so; besides this, the years of teaching theology, would I expect,

help me to offer you some little suggestion which perhaps could go a long way in the progress of this archdiocese.

The Church is the people of God

First of all it is necessary to speak of the vision of the Church that each one of us possesses. If you take Vatican II as guide to formulate such a vision, then two images from LG (Lumen Gentium) is what I would recommend for a very brief reflection. The first image is: the Church is the people of God. When we use the word "people" immediately the image is of Exodus and God forming his covenanted people at Sinai. The Church as a people of God has inherited this same status. We are a covenanted people. God is our God and we are his people. There is no greater and lesser; noble or ignoble; high or low or as St. Paul would put it in his letter to the Galatians 3.28: "There is neither Jew nor Greek there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ". Therefore all members of the people of God are equal at least as far as baptism goes. The Pope has not received more baptism than the newly baptized babe today. It is true that there are various functions within this people; functionally different but in dignity same. This can never be forgotten by anyone of us. If we do, then I dare say, we do so at our eternal peril.

Church is a Communion Community

Secondly the Church is a Communion-Community. This model, though present in LG was highlighted at the extraordinary Synod of Bishops in 1988 to commemorate the two decades of the Council closure. The model evokes sharing in life, interests, efforts, joys and even sorrows. It is one of unselfish caring for one another. If the members of the Church close themselves up, each in his cocoon, then the Church will cease to be a communion and become only an organization facilitating individual selfishness, to create privatized joys in the post-modern world as contemporary Philosophers think and declare.

But a good Catholic vigorously declares that it is a Communion-community. It is a community gathered in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. It is in and through our incarnated Jesus Christ through whom we have become brothers/sisters of Jesus, sons/daughters of the heavenly Father, sharing in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. The early Church too experienced the joy of this sharing and communion. We see it in Acts 2.44-45; 4.34-35. The moment such sharing and concern dry up, the life in the Spirit will also dry up and the community becomes open to divisions, quarrels, jealousies and many other unmentionable evils which come as insidious consequences.

Priest-Pastor, Servant-Leader

Now along with these two images we need to look at another which belongs to the theology of Ministries to round up our reflection. This is the image of the Priest-Pastor who is to be a Servant-Leader to such a People of God who form a Communion-Community. The Scriptural text that is central to this consideration is Phil. 2.6-11. It is the image of Jesus' *diakonia*, humble service, slave like service, a self-emptying service. Paul holds up Jesus as an example to Philippians' leadership. The one Church of which Paul was very fond of was beginning to break up and Paul was alarmed. He holds up the example of Jesus before them. He had told them in verse 3 that they should learn to "count others better than themselves" Why? Because, Jesus who was in the form of God did not stand by that dignity but stripped himself bare, became emptied, took the form of a servant-slave, a created human nature and went on to complete the consequences of such self-emptying. He was obedient, obedient even unto death on a cross.

So is every Pastor-Priest called to empty himself and not insist on dignity, respect, honour etc., all of which he indeed possesses as a validly ordained priest in the Catholic Church. He is called to be servant of the community 24 hours of the day and night. Strictly speaking he has no office hours. His life belongs to the Communion-Community which can make its demands on him and after doing all that service, he is only called to say: "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty" (Lk 17.10).

Now our reflections should turn to practical issues. How does the Servant-Leader lead the people committed to his charge? I shall offer a few suggestions and many more could come from you in the course of the discussions that follow.

1. That we must learn to recognize the worth of our laity. They have to be taught how to think calmly and quietly and that too in the presence of the Holy Spirit who is supposed to be the Soul of the Church enabling the Church to come into the fullness of Truth. It is an understanding of the same old truths but in the present day context and all the more in the given context of a parish, deanery and a diocese. This quiet thinking involves dialoguing and the laity should be trained in such a socio-religious dialogue wherein we take into consideration everything. This involves paying attention to Scripture and what the Word of God

tells us in a particular situation, listening to the cry of the poor and marginalized, the oppressed, women's problem, children, youth, the old, the divorced, those estranged. The laity is in need of being trained to pay attention to all details before asking the all important question: what does God want us to do now?

2. All of us need to be schooled in genuine humility in the school of Christ of Kenosis (Phil 2.6-11) and learn to think rationally and spiritually, not emotionally or follow the path of secular politics of today's world. We should not try to impose our views on others but learn to listen to others humbly and do what is best as the Acts of the Apostles in chapter 15 v. 28 says: "For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us..." when we proceed like this our decisions will have the approval of God and be indeed successful.

3. We need to take care of the weak and the marginalized in our parishes. There is enough and more enthusiasm but the Parish Priest should know how to channelize the efforts, multiply it manifold and enable all to be happy and satisfied.

4. While it is true that we need celebrations at the community level, celebrating feasts, wastefulness and mere ostentations need to be avoided. We are not to project the image of a rich and powerful Church but a humble, caring, concerned Church.

5. The Youth need constantly to be revitalized. Their energies must be well directed. Give them visions. Get them enthusiastic about their Christian Community and find ways and means of lifting them up.

6. We should pay special attention to Catholic Education. Sadly, we are often educating Non-Christians better than we educate our Catholic children. The Non-Christians are sometimes not even grateful and say what have you done specially? You charged us fees; we paid them; you taught us and now we are quits. At times it happens that they would not hesitate to persecute us forgetting whatever good we did for them because they have taken them for granted. They have bought our services and that is the end to that story. If instead we had paid very special care for our Catholic students, not only admitting them in our schools but also provided them with needed free tuition, coaching, a place to study in peace after school hours. If we had taken the trouble to visit the homes of the Catholic students and seen their home situation and accordingly helped them, they would be today good leaders in the Church. This has to be urgently looked into since there are many who do not study in Catholic schools. Where boarding houses are needed we should provide them for Catholic students and get sponsors to help. There are, today, many lay Catholics who would help if but we know how to get them organized without any scams.

7. Often we allege that we are so tired and we have no time or we have other works to do etc. It may very well be true but gone are the days when we tried to do everything by ourselves. Today's trend is to have a team. The parish priest should form a good enough team of laity, Religious, Youth and other committed persons who could engage in such works. Why should the priest do all the works himself? Similarly the care of the sick and the aged in our parishes need to be looked into. Here too we should have a committed team to visit the Sick and the aged at home bringing them joy, peace, spiritual help like Holy Communion and other material help when needed.

8. We need also to organize better our pastoral visits, they should be more systematic and greater details need to be garnered in census for which another team could help the parish priest and computerize the whole in such a fashion that when one leaves the parish at the end of his term the work goes on uninterrupted without the next man having to start all over again. Unfortunately we are only interested in collecting monthly subscriptions and arrears of subscriptions, sadly enough we demand such things at the time of funerals which is to say the least very unpleasant and hurting to the people. We have to avoid at all costs any mercantile attitude in dispensing our services which are loving services and given even when a person is unable to give the proper stipend for it.

9. Since the year of Faith is to begin in October 2012, it would be appropriate to have systematically Sunday Homily in all the parishes of the archdiocese on the same day topics from the Apostles Creed, divided into convenient units so that our people may have an adequate Catechesis of the faith and be able to resist the attack from fundamental Christian groups that are proliferating day by day.

10. Finally, we notice that what is of utmost importance today in our parishes and archdiocese is to form pastoral teams. Certainly the priest should not attempt doing everything himself! What I have given are only a few suggestions. I stop here and invite your own suggestions.

HEALTH COLUMN

The Health Benefits of Pomegranates

Have you ever eaten delicious organic pomegranate seeds or drink refreshing pomegranate juice? What a great tasting and refreshing snack! What's more, this slightly peculiar fruit has held legendary powers for



countless centuries.

Persians believe Eve actually ate a pomegranate she plucked from a small tree in the Garden of Eden, not an apple. And ancient Egyptians buried their dead with pomegranates because they believed it offered eternal life.

This unusual fruit is also featured in mythology and tradition as a symbol of good tidings. That's why Greeks break open a pomegranate at wedding celebrations, and the Chinese eat candied pomegranate seeds for good luck.

Current Research into Pomegranates



These days, researchers are discovering the truth beyond the myths surrounding the pomegranate's powers, proving why this exotic fruit has claimed such a fabled place in cultures throughout the ages. And scientists conducting research on the many health benefits of pomegranates have made some startling finds.

First, organic pomegranates are full of antioxidants. These are vitamins and enzymes known for keeping low-density lipoprotein (LDL) or "bad" cholesterol from oxidizing and causing atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries. Organic pomegranate seeds act a lot like aspirin, keeping blood platelets from sticking together and forming dangerous blood clots. Antioxidants also buffer the effects of free radical damage to your cells caused by oxidation. Free radicals are produced by functions within the body and elements outside the body, such as radiation from the sun. Since you can't stop free radical occurrence and oxidation, it's important to consume foods that help neutralize their potential damage.

Research also shows that eating organic pomegranate seeds and drinking pomegranate juice can increase oxygen levels to the heart.

Other studies reveal that, over time, organic pomegranates might help combat erectile dysfunction. This super fruit might also reduce the inflammation of arthritis by slowing down the enzymes that break down cartilage.

How to Eat Your Organic Pomegranate:

So, how do you eat a pomegranate, anyway? About the size of an orange, it's an intricate fruit containing a maze of seeds inside of inedible flesh that's covered in a bark-like skin. Still, there is an easy way to get to all those nutritious, sweet and juicy seeds.

Cut off the crown (you'll see it) and throw it away or better yet use it for compost.

Score and slice the rind all around, but don't cut the rind all the way through.

Soak the pomegranate face down in cold water for about ten minutes.

While the pomegranate is still in the bowl of water, break apart the scored rinds, and remove the seeds from the flesh (the seeds will sink to the bottom of your bowl).

Remove the rind and membrane from the bowl with a sieve or spoon.

Drain the seeds with a colander and pat dry with a paper towel.

To get the most out of an organic pomegranate, eat the seeds while they're at their freshest and juiciest, and at the peak of their medicinal powers.



Some people suck the juice out and spit out the seed. It is a personal choice but it is beneficial to eat the entire seed. Most of the beneficial fiber actually comes from the seed.

Organic pomegranate seeds are simply bursting with a delicious, pleasant, slightly acidic flavor that has all the sweetness of cranberries without the tartness.

I suggest sprinkling the seeds on a green salad or a fruit salad for a surprising taste sensation. You can add them to any recipe that calls for fruit or seeds, too. Pomegranates are often used in Middle Eastern dishes and make a great cranberry-style sauce.

Organic pomegranate seeds are also perfectly delicious eaten all by themselves.

Health Benefits of Organic Pomegranates

Packed with antioxidants equal to those in green tea and red wine, and especially loaded with Vitamin C and Potassium, pomegranates are said to help:

Lower Risk of Heart Disease

Lower Risk of Cancer, Especially Prostate & Breast

Lessen Symptoms of Diarrhea

Reduce Cholesterol

Control Your Weight

Fight Cell Damage

Did you know? Pomegranates are one of the few fruits whose juice is just as beneficial as its fruit or seeds. That's because the peel, which you can't eat, contains the most antioxidants, and they are released in abundance when the fruit is squeezed for juicing.

Note: Eating pomegranates might interfere with certain medications in the same way that grapefruit juice does. Be sure to ask your doctor or pharmacist about any drug interactions, if that's a concern.

Also, be careful that your organic pomegranate's wine-red juice doesn't stain your fingers, clothes, and countertops! If you follow my instructions for getting the seeds out of your organic pomegranate above, you should avoid this altogether.

ECUMENISM

Canadian Anglican Bishops Received Into Church

OTTAWA, APRIL 19, 2012 (Zenit.org).- In Canada on Divine Mercy Sunday two former Anglican bishops, Peter Wilkinson and Carl Reid were received, together with members of their congregations, into full communion with the Catholic Church.

This was done in accordance with Pope Benedict XVI's 2009 Apostolic Constitution Anglicanorum coetibus, which provides a structure for welcoming Anglicans into the Catholic Church. The ceremonies of reception will be held at special Masses, one in Ottawa, the nation's capital; the other in Victoria on Canada's west coast, Vatican Radio reported.

"We've tried to respond to a request from a certain group of Anglicans, who wish for full communion now," said Catholic Archbishop Terrence Prendergast of Ottawa. He said that they had begun talking about this several years.

"And we also realize that we have to continue to work for the full unity of the Church in whatever way Christ would like that to be, however He wants to bring it about with the remaining Anglicans."

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DO YOU WANT TO BE HAPPY IN LIFE?
ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD?
ARE YOU DISTRESSED IN LIFE?
ARE YOU SUICIDAL IN TENDENCY?
DO YOU WANT TO DO BIG THING IN LIFE?
ARE YOU DEFEATED IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP?
HAVE YOU MET ONLY LOSS IN YOUR BUSINESS?

ANSWER: TURN TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.... MT.11:28

TAMIL NEWS jkpo;r; nra;jpfs;

1. திருத்தந்தை : கத்தோலிக்கக் கல்வி நிறுவனங்களில் கத்தோலிக்கத்தின் தனித்தன்மை வெளிப்படுத்தப்பட வேண்டும்

மே 05,2012. “உண்மையான கத்தோலிக்கமாக இருக்கும் அறிவுசார்ந்த கலாச்சாரத்தை” வளர்த்துக் கொள்வது அமெரிக்கத் தலத்திருஅவைக்கு இன்றியமையாதது என்று திருத்தந்தை 16ம் பெனடிக்ட் கூறினார்.ஆயர்கள் திருத்தந்தையைச் சந்திக்கும் அட்லிமினாவையொட்டி அமெரிக்க ஐக்கிய நாட்டு ஆயர் பேரவையின் 13 வது குழுவை இச்சனிக்கிழமை திருப்பீடத்தில் சந்தித்து உரையாற்றிய திருத்தந்தை, கத்தோலிக்கத்தின் தனித்தன்மை வலியுறுத்தப்படும் பொழுது அது கிறிஸ்துவின் விடுதலையளிக்கும் உண்மையையும், நற்செய்தியால் உந்தப்பட்ட, முழுவதும் மனிதம் நிறைந்த சமுதாயத்தைக் கட்டி எழுப்புவதற்கு உரையாடலையும் ஒத்துழைப்பையும் ஊக்குவிப்பதையும் நோக்கமாகக் கொண்டுள்ளது என்றும் கத்தோலிக்கக் கல்வி, புதிய நற்செய்திப்பணியின் ஒரு பகுதியாக இருக்கின்றது என்றும் திருத்தந்தை கூறினார். உலகில் பிரேசிலுக்கு அடுத்தபடியாக, அமெரிக்க ஐக்கிய நாட்டு ஆயர் பேரவை, இரண்டாவது பெரிய ஆயர் பேரவையாகும். இந்தியா நான்காவது இடத்தில் உள்ளது.

2. அல்பேனிய அரசுத் தலைவர், திருத்தந்தை சந்திப்பு

மே 05,2012. அல்பேனிய அரசுத் தலைவர்Bamir Topiஐ இச்சனிக்கிழமை திருப்பீடத்தில்20 நிமிடங்கள் தனியே சந்தித்துப் பேசினார் திருத்தந்தை.

இச்சந்திப்புக்குப் பின்னர் திருப்பீடச் செயலர் கர்தினால் தர்ச்சிசியோ பெர்த்தோனே, நாடுகளுக்கு இடையேயான உறவுகளின் செயலர் பேராயர் தொமினிக் மம்பர்த்தி ஆகியோரையும் சந்தித்தார் அல்பேனிய அரசுத் தலைவர்Topi.

அல்பேனியாவுக்கும் திருஅவைக்கும் இடையே நிலவும் உறவு, குறிப்பாக, பல்சமய உரையாடல், அந்நாட்டின் கல்வி மற்றும் சமூக வாழ்வுக்குக் கத்தோலிக்கத் திருஅவை செய்து வரும் பணிகள், ஐரோப்பிய சமுதாய அவையில் அல்பேனியா இணைவது ஆகியவை இச்சந்திப்புக்களின்போது பேசப்பட்டன என்று திருப்பீட பத்திரிகை அலுவலகம் அறிவித்தது.

3. திருப்பீடப் பேச்சாளர் : அறிவியல் அன்பின்றி தனது மேன்மையை இழக்கிறது

மே 05,2012. அறிவியல், அன்பின்றி தனது மேன்மையை இழக்கிறது, அன்பு மட்டுமே மனித சமுதாயத்தின் அறிவியல் ஆய்வுக்கு உறுதி வழங்குகிறது என்று திருப்பீடப் பேச்சாளர் இயேசு சபை அருள்தந்தை பெதரிக்கோ லொம்பார்தி கூறினார்.

உரோம் இயேசுவின் திருஇதய கத்தோலிக்கப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் மருத்துவத்துறையிடம் இவ்வியாழனன்று திருத்தந்தை பேசியதை, வத்திக்கான் தொலைக்காட்சியின் வார நிகழ்ச்சியில் சுட்டிக் காட்டிய அருள்தந்தை லொம்பார்தி, மனித மனம் எடுக்கும் ஒவ்வொரு முயற்சியும் மனித சமுதாயத்தின் நலனுக்காகவென்று அமைந்துள்ளதா? என்ற கேள்வியையும் திருத்தந்தை எழுப்பியதாகக் கூறினார்.

அறிவியலும் மருத்துவ ஆராய்ச்சியும் மனித நலத்தில் நேரடியாகத் தொடர்பு கொண்டுள்ளது, அன்பினால் வழிநடத்தப்பட வேண்டியது எவ்வளவு முக்கியம் என்பது இதில் தெரிகின்றது என்றும் அவர் தெரிவித்தார்.

4. 26 புதிய சுவிஸ் காவல்வீரர்கள் பணியேற்பு

மே 05,2012. 1527ம் ஆண்டில் உரோம் நகர் துறையாடப்பட்டபோது அப்போதைய திருத்தந்தையைக் காப்பாற்றுவதற்காக நூற்றுக்கும் மேற்பட்ட சவிட்சர்லாந்து படைவீரர்கள் உயிரிழந்த வீரத்துவச் செயலை நினைவுகூரும் விதமாக, இஞ்சூயிறன்று வத்திக்கானில் 26 புதிய சுவிஸ் காவல் வீரர்களின் பணியேற்பு நிகழ்ச்சி நடைபெறவுள்ளது.

இந்தப் படைவீரர்கள் உயிரிழந்த மே 6ம் நாளன்று ஒவ்வொரு ஆண்டும் புதிய சுவிஸ் காவல் வீரர்கள் உறுதிமொழி எடுத்து பணியில் சேருகின்றனர்.

திருத்தந்தை 7ம் கிளமெண்ட் திருப்பீட மாளிகையை விட்டுத் தப்பித்துச் செல்வதற்காகப் போராடிய 189சவிட்சர்லாந்து படைவீரர்களில் 147 பேர் உயிரிழந்தது இந்நாளில் நினைவுகூரப்படுகின்றது.

சுவிஸ் கார்டஸ் எனப்படும் திருத்தந்தையின் மெய்க்காப்பாளர்கள், திருத்தந்தையின் திருப்பயணங்கள், அவர் நிகழ்த்தும் திருவழிபாடுகள், பொதுச் சந்திப்புக்கள் போன்ற நிகழ்ச்சிகளில் அவருக்குப் பாதுகாப்பு அளிக்கின்றனர். இன்னும் வத்திக்கான் மாளிகையையும் பாதுகாக்கின்றனர். இந்த சுவிஸ் மெய்க்காப்பாளர்கள், 19 க்கும் 32 வயதுக்கும் உட்பட்ட கத்தோலிக்க இளைஞராக இருக்க வேண்டும். குறைந்தது 5 அடி 9 அங்குலம் உயரத்தையும் கொண்டிருக்க வேண்டும்.

5. தினமும் ஏறக்குறைய ஆயிரம் பெண்கள் குழந்தை பிறப்பின் போது இறக்கின்றனர் - ஐ.நா.

மே 05,2012. மருத்துவச்சியர் எனப்படும் பேறுகாலத்தில் மருத்துவ உதவி செய்யும் பெண்கள் எக்காலத்தையும்விட இக்காலத்திற்கு அதிகம் தேவைப்படுகின்றனர் என்று ICM என்ற அனைத்துலக மருத்துவச்சியர் கூட்டமைப்பு கூறியது.

மே5, இச்சனிக்கிழமை அனைத்துலக மருத்துவச்சியர் தினம் கடைப்பிடிக்கப்பட்டதையொட்டி இவ்வாறு அந்த அமைப்பு கூறியுள்ளது.

இந்நாளை முன்னிட்டுப் பேசியுள்ளUNFPA என்ற ஐ.நா.மக்கள்தொகை நிதியமைப்பு, மருத்துவர்கள் மற்றும் மருத்துவமனை வசதியில்லாத இலட்சக்கணக்கானப் பெண்கள் நல்ல முறையில் குழந்தைகளைப் பெற்றெடுப்பதற்கு இவர்கள் செய்து வரும் உதவிகளைப் பாராட்டியுள்ளது.

ஒவ்வொரு நாளும் ஏறக்குறைய ஆயிரம் பெண்கள் குழந்தை பிறப்பின் போது இறக்கின்றனர். 20 இலட்சம் குழந்தைகள் பிறந்த 24 மணி நேரத்தில் இறந்து விடுகின்றன என்று UNFPA அறிவித்தது.

Photoes



Altar Servers at St.Peter's Church (Rustambagh)



Tiles are being laid in St.Peter's Church, R,Bagh
