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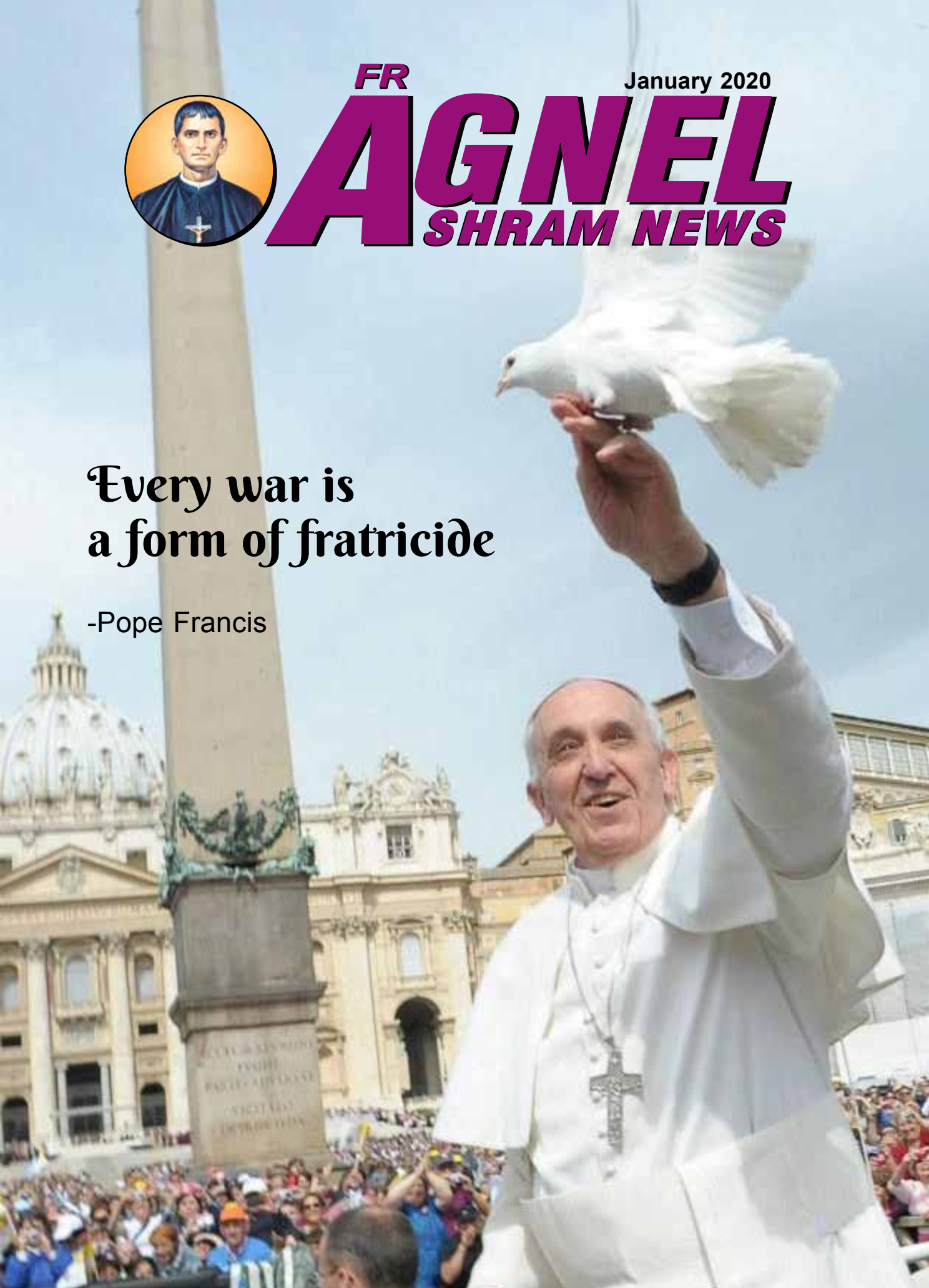
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Every war is  
a form of fratricide

-Pope Francis



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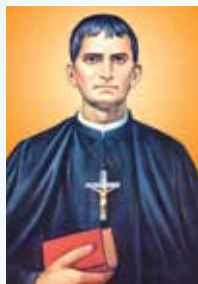
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## VEN. FR. AGNELO'S 151<sup>st</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2020

### PROGRAMME SPECIAL NOVENA SERVICES 12<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

#### Everyday

**Morning** : 7.00a.m. & 9.30 a.m.: Holy Mass and Novena Prayer in English followed by blessing with the Relic.

**Evening** : 5.30 p.m. : Novena Service in Marathi & Gujarati followed by blessing with the Relic.

**Evening** : 6.00 p.m. : Holy Mass and Novena Prayer in English followed by blessing with the Relic.

#### N.B.

On Sunday 12th & 19th January 2020, all Masses and Novena Services will be held as on normal Sundays.

### 21st January (Tuesday) : 151<sup>st</sup> Birth Anniversary of Venerable Fr. Agnelo D'Souza.

**Morning:** Masses followed by Prayers for favours in English and blessing with the Relic at 7.00 a.m. & 9.30 a.m.

**Evening:** A Solemn Concelebrated Mass will be held at 6.00 p.m. in the Ashram Compound followed by Prayers for favours.

### Most Rev. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore, will be the main Celebrant.



Thousands of devotees will participate in this Annual Novena and celebration. Over one lakh of favours, some of them truly miraculous such as cure of cancer, T.B., Paralysis etc. have been received through the powerful intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnelo.

Favours obtained and petitions to be placed at the Shrine of Ven. Fr. Agnelo may be sent to the following address :

#### Rev. Fr. Superior.

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**Bus No. : 211 :Special Bus Service to Ply from Bandra  
Railway station (W) to Fr. Agnel Ashram Gate.**

# A Born Again Christian

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**W**hat is New Year for a Christian? It is to be twice-born in spirit and truth!

Jesus said to Nicodemus : “I tell you the truth, no one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again.” The Lord and Master added, “I tell you the truth, no one is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh (lower [human] desires, evil), but the Spirit gives birth to Spirit. You must not be surprised by my saying, “You must be born again” (Jn. 3:3-8).

Jesus revealed to the devout Pharisee, Nicodemus, that the Kingdom would be offered to the whole world (Jn. 3:16-The greatest passage in the whole of the Bible!), not just to the Jews and that Nicodemus wouldn't be part of it unless he was personally born again. This was a revolutionary concept: the Kingdom is personal, not national, and its entrance requirements are repentance and spiritual rebirth.

The Greek expression can mean either “again,” “anew,” or “from above”. “Nicodemus takes it to mean “again,” as if Jesus required a physical rebirth to enter His Kingdom. Jesus calls for a spiritual rebirth “from above”(CCC 526). The Greek expression always means “from above,” elsewhere in John (3:31; 19:11,23).

What does it mean to be born of water and the Spirit? Jesus is speaking of a single birth through the working of water and Spirit together. This suggests the Sacrament of Baptism (1), A close link between water and Spirit together is referred to elsewhere in John's writings (7:38-39; 1Jn.5:8). This is most evident in 1:33, where the Spirit descends upon Jesus at the very moment He is baptized in the waters of the Jordan. (2) Immediately following this episode, Jesus and the disciples begin a baptismal ministry in Judea(3:22). (3) Other NT PASSAGES DESCRIBE Baptism as a sacrament of salvation through the Spirit (Acts 2:38;1Cor.6:11; Tit

3:5; 1Pet 3:2). The Old Testament envisions Yahweh pouring out His Spirit from above in the messianic age to come (Is. 32:15; Ezek.39:29; Joel 2:28-29). This was depicted as water being poured upon the Israelites to wash away their sins and renew their hearts (Is.44:3; Ezek. 36:25-26). These prophetic hopes should have prepared Nicodemus to understand the thrust of Jesus' teaching (Jn.3:10). The Council of Trent declared in 1547 that John.3:5 refers to Baptism “Water” is no mere metaphor, but a visible sign of the Spirit's invisible work in the Sacrament [(Sess.7, Can.2); CCC 694,1215,1257)].

In John 3:6, flesh represents all that is natural, earthly, and human, while spirit signifies all that is supernatural, heavenly and divine. The distance once separating these realms has been bridged by Jesus Christ whose flesh (Jn.1:14) is an instrument that conveys the life and Spirit of God to the world. (Jn.5:21; 6-53; 20:22)

In Peter 1:22-23 sums this up beautifully: “Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren love one another earnestly from the heart. You have been “born anew,” not of perishable seed but of imperishable seed, through the living and the abiding word of God.” 1 Pet. 1:22 echoes the New Commandment of Jesus in John 13:34; and 1Pet 1:23 comments on the imperishable seed of grace; and new life comes through the Gospel. It begets children of God destined forever (CCC 1228, 2769).

“Born anew,” *anagennao* (Greek) means “regenerate” or “cause to be born again.” It occurs in the New Testament only in 1 Peter 1:3 and 1:23, but parallel notions are expressed in similar words in John 3: 3-5; Tit.3:5; 1 Jn.3:9. The idea is that the Father gives us a share in his own divine life in a supernatural way- in the Spirit!

# The Dance of Peace and Horrifying Divisiveness

-Leon Bent

It is perhaps a first in independent India's political history. The protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), 2019, has spread to almost every corner of the country. Some are protesting because the CAA allegedly violates the secular identity of the country, while others fear that it will endanger their linguistic and cultural identity. Yet others believe that while the CAA itself is innocuous, combined with the proposed nationwide National Register of Citizens (NRC), an exercise that has run into controversy in Assam, it will become a tool to exclude the Muslim population of the country.

According to the CAA, Hindu, Christian, Buddhist, Jain, Sikh and Parsi migrants who have entered India illegally-that is, without a visa-on or before December 31, 2014 from the Muslim-majority countries of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh and have stayed in the country for five years, are eligible to apply for Indian citizenship.

Why is the provision extended only to people of six religions, and not Muslims, and why does it apply only to people coming from these three countries? These two 'satanic' Bills, plus other forms of divisiveness and vindictiveness by the 'Saffron Brigade' Government has sparked rioting, arson, violence, vandalism and lawlessness. Love, joy, peace and harmony have been thrown out of the window in one big sweep. In the vortex of this darkness and fear we welcome the Universal Church's celebration of Peace or better still, Shalom.

The message for the 53rd World Day of Peace on January 1st as Pope Francis declares it, is: "Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation and Ecological Conversion".

"Peace is a great and precious value, the object of our hope and the aspiration of the entire human family. Hope is, thus, the virtue that inspires us and keeps us moving forward, even when obstacles seem insurmountable. Peace is a journey of listening based on memory, solidarity and fraternity. Peace is also a journey of reconciliation in fraternal communion. May the God of Peace bless us and come to our aid."

**"Peace is a great and precious value, the object of our hope and the aspiration of the entire human family."**

"May Mary, Mother of the Prince of Peace and Mother of all the peoples of the earth, accompany and sustain us at every step of our journey of reconciliation."

"May all men and women experience a life of peace, and develop, fully, the promise of life and love dwelling in their heart."

The Bible talks of a deeper and more intense form of peace; Shalom, which means universal flourishing, wholeness and delight – a rich state of affairs in which natural needs are satisfied and natural gifts fruitfully employed - a state of affairs that inspires joyful wonder, as its Creator and Saviour opens doors, and welcomes the creatures in whom he delights. Shalom is a Hebrew word meaning peace, harmony, completeness, prosperity, welfare and tranquillity – "nothing missing, nothing broken".

The first example of peace in the Bible is the condition that existed in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve were at peace with God and all He created. Their needs were supplied. They did not suffer hunger, disease or pain of any kind. Beauty surrounded them, so that, they could experience and enjoy it. They weren't lonely, for they had each other, and more importantly, they

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# Obedience to The Past is Disorder

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- J Krishnamurti, *Speaking Tree*

Except perhaps in nature, when you look around, you see that there is much misery, confusion and violence. If man had set out deliberately to bring about chaos in the world, he could not possibly have succeeded as much as the present actual state of destruction, hatred and anarchy. This is the result of the lives, attitudes, values and superstitions of past generations.

You often hear that the future is in the hands of the younger generation. Is this so? Or is it that younger generations are also so heavily conditioned by the past – of which they may not be conscious at all – that they revolt only superficially against the established order? This superficial revolt gives them a certain vitality and freshness which is mistaken for a new beginning. Every generation has been more or less in revolt against the past, but they are soon trapped by the past, by the society, culture in which they have lived.

Every one of us has to think, act and live in a totally different way that is not based on aggression, acquisitiveness and the predatory instinct that man has inherited. This revolution is not in the social or economic field but at a much greater depth; it is in the very structure of human consciousness. So the crisis is not one of youth against former generations, or one religious formula against another, or one country against another, but at the very root of our being. The decision is whether we continue with the past or find a way of living in which conflict in any form does not exist.

To find a new way of life, order is necessary. Order is not imitation or acceptance of a pattern

as a way of life. It is not obedience to a higher authority, whether that authority is outer or inner. Order is not conformity either to a way of life established through tradition or to a way of life cultivated for oneself. All such order is essentially a form of acceptance of conformity.

Order cannot possibly exist when there is fear; fear and disorder go together. The social structure in which we live, by its very nature, produces this disorder. It is this disorder that we are frightened of ... our so-called morality is no more than adjustment to disorder.

When we talk of order we mean a state of mind that is the natural outcome of understanding the actual nature of disorder. It is not the cultivation of a new pattern or system to be followed; rather, it is seeing the nature of disorder and its danger. Freedom does not come from discipline as it is generally understood, which is to conform, to suppress, to obey, and so on. Discipline means learning.

So you have to become a disciple of freedom; and there is no guru to tell you what freedom is. So order is possible only when there is learning about freedom. This learning is the continuation of freedom in action.

So authority comes to an end. Of course there must be the authority of the policeman and the law, but there is no other authority. For freedom, which is order, cannot exist in the shadow of authority, whether it is the authority of tradition or the authority that one has gathered through experience and knowledge. Authority is always the past, and obedience to the past is disorder.

*Courtesy: Times of India*

# Feast of the Epiphany

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*For we have seen His star in the East and are come to worship Him- Mathew  
- Christine D'Sylva.*

**W**e all know the popular Feasts like Christmas, Easter but the Feast of the Epiphany is a Feast that maybe not be well-known but still it is one that is very important.

## **What is this Feast all about?**

The Epiphany is a Christian Feast that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ.

This Feast according to Western Christianity, commemorates principally but not solely, the visit of the Magi to Christ. The Magi are often called as the Three Kings or Three Wise Men.

This Feast is, therefore, also known as the Feast of the Three Kings day.

It is celebrated as Little Christmas. This Feast of the Three Kings is celebrated in the Catholic Church.

According to Eastern Christians, however, it is a Feast that commemorates the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. This validates His manifestation to the world as the Son of God.

When is this Feast celebrated? Traditionally, this Feast is celebrated on the 6th of January.

The Monday after Epiphany is known as Plough Monday. Every Feast day has popular traditions like in Christmas we decorate the tree, make a crib, sweets are distributed to friends and relatives. Easter is celebrated by the popular tradition of Easter eggs and Easter bunnies made out of chocolate or marzipan.

Similarly, the Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated by chalking the door, having one's house blessed, consuming the Three Kings cake, winter swimming and attending Church services.

In order to comprehend both the Western Christian and Eastern Christian point of view regarding this Feast, let us examine the two concepts, namely the Three Kings, and the Baptism of Jesus Christ. The Three Kings or

Three Wise Men as they are known visited the infant Jesus in His manger on that cold snowy Christmas night.

They were the only visitors with the shepherds and angels.

The Three Kings had come to meet Herod telling him that they had heard of the child who was to be the future King of the Jews. They had observed the star in the sky and knew it foretold that Christ was born.

However, King Herod was very terrified and summoning his trusted chief priests found out that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem, Judea.

Herod called the Three Kings and he told them to find the child and when he had found them, he would himself pay homage to the child.

The Three Kings believed him and they followed the star. It led them to the manger where baby Jesus lay in a straw bed. This humble abode did not shock them at all, they humbly bowed before the infant Jesus and offered their three gifts. The gifts were gold, frankincense and myrrh.

However, they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod. Thus cleverly, they heeded the dream and set out for their own country by another path.

## **Were the Magi really three Kings?**

There is nothing in the Bible that definitely states that the Magi were rulers of countries. The Three Wise Men are known as Melchor, Caspar and Balthazar.

When the Magi saw the infant Jesus they fell to their knees, worshipping Him. This gesture has important significance for till today, kneeling is considered to be an act of adoration and reverence to God.

If we wish to examine the three gifts brought by

the Three Wise Men we can comprehend that these gifts were actually common gifts offered to Kings in the past.

Gold is a symbol of kingship, frankincense is a symbol of deity, and myrrh, which is an embalming oil, is a symbol of death.

We can also say that gold symbolises virtue, frankincense symbolises prayer, and myrrh symbolizes suffering which Christ would eventually face by His death on the Cross.

Little, however, is known about what subsequently happened to the three gifts. Various theories are propounded but there is no validation as to really what happened to the gifts.

The Three Kings at Cologne Cathedral, according to tradition, contains the bones of them and was discovered by Saint Helene on her famous pilgrimage to Palestine.

What do we learn from the Magi? The most important lesson we learn is that Christianity is like a guiding star that leads us to God. Wise men still seek God and try to find Him. God is not hiding from us, He always wishes us to develop an intimate relationship with Him. Christianity teaches us that we do not have to seek God in the Heavens because when Jesus came down on earth, it was God who sought us and wanted to reach our hearts. This only serves to remind us of his immense love for mankind. He is, therefore, not an indifferent cold God but one who is warm, loving and like a Father to us.

The Eastern Christians celebrate this Feast as the Baptism of Lord Jesus in the river Jordan.

According to Mathew in the Bible, Jesus came from Galilee to be baptised by John. But John deterred him saying, "I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?"

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now, it is proper for us to do this so as to fulfil all righteousness."

### **John consented.**

As soon as Jesus was baptised, He went out of the water. At that moment, Heaven opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove

and alighting on Him.

A voice from Heaven said, "This is my Son whom I love, with Him I am well pleased."

It is unclear as to why Jesus, who was sinless, needed to be baptised. However, one theory could be that Jesus was wholly obedient to God the Father, and His baptism signifies a kind of reverence and humility to bow down before God. It depicts Jesus and His loving reverent relationship with God the Father. It promotes us to seek a beautiful and meaningful relationship with God. It was also because Jesus accepted Baptism, we still follow this practice in the Church today and Baptism is a must to become a Christian in the true sense of the word.

Thus, Baptism signifies obedience and reverence to God. The Baptism of today signifies being baptised by the Holy Spirit.

Also, after the Baptism of Christ, it was more accepted by people that Jesus truly was the Son of God. There was little room for doubt after this because of the Voice from Heaven proclaiming him to be God's Son.

Therefore, it is unsurprising then that Jesus consented to be baptised because this was God's Divine plan.

Let us celebrate this Feast of the Epiphany with joy and may celebrating it, deepen our faith in God. This Feast teaches us valuable lessons of faith, hope, obedience and reverence to God. It teaches us that if the Three Kings found the Lord, so can we. Christianity is a guiding bright star that enables us to reach God not just in Heaven but seeking God by loving our fellowmen just like Christ taught us to do.

### **Let us conclude with a prayer.**

O God, our Father, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the Earth, lead us who know you now by faith, to your presence where we may see your glory face to face.

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# Believe in your own capacity for goodness and all will be well

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*All writers are vain, selfish and lazy, and at the bottom of their motives there lies a mystery.*

*- George Orwell*

For the most part, we receive too much information. We are bombarded with print, sound, images. Many of us cultivate a healthy scepticism: We considered the source. What does this person, this agency, this network, this advertiser, or the elected official stand to gain from telling me this information?

But we cannot doubt everything. Humans need to believe in something wildly implausible on the face of it. Thus, cults and causes abound. In this age of widespread corruption and cynicism, faith also is widespread.

Faith is healthy; it is an affirmation of human worth and continuity. Fortunate are those of us who have both strong faith and good judgement. Belief in the essential goodness of our fellows and in the basic rightness of our world can renew our vitality and remind us to treat others with the respect due to their humanity. In turn, others will respect our belief in them.

Sometimes, faith is betrayed; sometimes we stumble and fall. But the delusions or mistakes of others need not make us sour; they are part of the mystery.

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## *The Dance of Peace and Horrifying Divisiveness - Contd. from pg 4*

had an intimate relationship with their Creator. If anyone ever experienced peace, it was Adam and Eve.

**The Church's Social Vision:** The primary way in which the Church contributes to the reconciliation of the human family is the Church's own universality. Understanding itself as "a Sacrament of intimate union with God and of the unity of mankind," the Catholic Church takes the promotion of unity, and accordingly peace, "as belonging to the innermost nature of the Church." For this reason it fosters solidarity among peoples, and calls peoples and nations to sacrifices of advantages of power and wealth, for the sake of solidarity of the human family. The Eucharist, which strengthens the bonds of charity, nourishes such solidarity. The Eucharist, in turn, is an expression of the charity which binds members of the community in Christ (1 Cor. 11:17-34).

Now, this gold nugget! Pope Francis hailed Thomas Merton as an American whose life exemplifies the aspirations and qualities that are needed in a great nation. He cited Merton's autobiographical description of himself in "The

Seven Storey Mountain", as a man born in freedom, but a prisoner of his own selfishness and violence. Overcoming those contradictions—which every human being faces—he became a man of prayer and thought that, led to him becoming a voice for dialogue between religions and between enemy nations. The Pope, citing Merton's example, said that it is his duty to build bridges. Thomas Merton's writings and his witness to the work of meeting cultural and political crisis with a firm intellectual grasp, joined to an intuitive way of speaking to the contemplative quest at the heart of every human journey.

And, this final flourish! Real peace needs to be worked at, like a life-long relationship. It is built by those who direct their efforts to its establishment, day after day. Its pursuit means listening to the voice of the oppressed and being challenged to action. It means seeing all humanity as our brothers and sisters and honouring other people's development, as well as our own. And it means building a future for the next generation, so that, they can know life in all its fullness and peace in its entirety.



## Annual Day 2019

Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School and Jr. College, Vashi, Navi Mumbai, held its 37th Annual Day Celebrations on 19th, 20th and 21st December 2019 at the Agnel Playground. 1700 participants (KG – Jr. College) staged “Tarangini” – a dance drama about the rivers of India. Conceptualised and scripted by Vice Principal – Mrs. Vijaya Vaithilingam, this production saw the enthusiastic involvement of children, teachers, the Management, parents, Staff members, ex-students and well-wishers. Dance direction and Choreography for this show was done by Anushree Bonnerjee (Founder and Artistic Director, Drutam Dance Ideas Lab) and her team members, Nilesh Singha and Namahan Mazoomdar. Agnelite Shruti Patil and Lakhan Salgar of Machaao Eventers managed the stage, light, sound and production.

Most Rev. Bishop John Rodrigues (Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese Bombay), Mr. Antonio Bosco Menezes (Former Ambassador of EU in Bangladesh) and Global Executive Leader, Mr. Rahul Colaco (President, Royal Friesland Campina, China) graced the function as Chief Guests on 19th, 20th and 21st respectively. Rev. Fr. Magi Murzello (Rector, St. Andrews

College, Bandra), Rev. Fr. Crispino (Rector, Don Bosco, Matunga) and Rev. Fr. Valerian D’Souza (Director, Fr. Agnel Technical Complex, Bandra) were the Guests of Honour. Meritorious students of HSC and SSC (2018-19), winners of Scholarships and Special Excellence awards were felicitated by the distinguished guests at this function.

Hailed as a ‘spectacular’ show by one and all, “Tarangini” left an indelible mark in the hearts of the viewers, not only as a creative, cultural programme but also as a production that powerfully brought out the important message of Saving Water and Saving the Rivers. In keeping with the mission of the school, to provide Education with values, “Tarangini” also succeeded in kindling the feeling of pride and love for the country and its rivers in the participants and viewers. The values and life lessons that rivers teach mankind was another take-away from the memorable event.

The Management, Staff, students and parents of Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School and Jr. College, have resolved to continue being involved in this mission of spreading awareness about the need for Saving Water and Saving for the Rivers.

### **Fr. Agnel Ashram - Bandra** **MASSES and NOVENAS ON SUNDAYS**

MORNING			
TIME	MASS	TIME	NOVENA
07:00 a.m.	English	07:45 a.m.	English
08:00 a.m.	Konkani	08:45 a.m.	Konkani
09:30 a.m.	English	10:15 a.m.	English
TIME	NOVENA	TIME	MASS
10.30 a.m.	Tamil	11.00 a.m.	Tamil
EVENING			
TIME	NOVENA	TIME	MASS
03.00 p.m.	Gujarati & Marathi	03.30 p.m.	Marathi
06:15 p.m.	English	06:30 p.m.	English
07:15 p.m.	English	07:30 p.m.	English

#### **Weekdays Mass in English at 6.00 p.m.**

Novena Prayers and Kissing of Relic are held on every Saturday after 6.00 p.m.

Mass Favours obtained, petitions and offerings may kindly be sent to :

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# Annual Day



Chief Guest releasing Agnel Clarion



Principal and Vice Principal



Tara



Song of Aid



People of Goa



People of M



People of Maharashtra



People of Gujarat



People of O



Kashmiri Rauf Dance



Dolphin in River Beas



River Brah



# Celebration



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School Choir



Ganga Behti ho Kyon



Maharashtra



River Dihang



Going to the river



of Punjab



Kerala Boat race



Kuchupudi Dance



Ammaputra



River Cauveri



Kuravanji Dance

## Twin Glory For Agnels

The 'Carmel Khiladi Basketball' event was organized by Apostolic Carmel High School and Junior College, Bandra. The Fr. Agnel U-16 boys and girls were crowned winners in the tournament. The Fr. Agnel boys team clinched the title by defeating the OLPS team in the finals. The girls team beat the host school team to win the tournament. Jemima Rodrigues, a member of the Indian Women's Basketball Team, graced the occasion as Chief Guest.



## Basketball Championship

The Fr. Agnel boys Vashi team won the U-17 State Level Basketball Championship conducted by the District Sports office. The Championship was held at Solapur from 1st to 3rd November 2019. In the same Championship, the Fr. Agnel U-19 boys team bagged the Third place. This Tournament was conducted at Satara from 4th to 6th November 2019.

Six students from different age groups have been selected for school nationals. The selected players are as follows:

- Parth Kale, Aquib Zariwala & Stephan Dias from U-17 boys team.



- Aniket Raut & Aarga Ghanta have been selected from the U-19 boys team.
- Tanisha Chavan was selected from the U-17 girls category.

## International Chef's Day Verna Goa

International Chef's Day was celebrated at Agnel Institute of Food Crafts and Culinary Sciences, Verna, Goa on 14th October 2019 by the Culinary Forum of Goa, which comprises of Executive Chefs of Star Hotels.

Executive Chef Bharucha of Leela Beach Resort, Mobor, Chef Sunit Sharma VP of CFG, Chef Manjit of Holiday Inn, Chef Ranjit Pandey, President CFG and Corporate Chef of Holiday Inn, Chef Abhay Kumar of Kenilworth Beach Resort, Chef Farookh of Zuri White Sands Resort, Chef Sarita, Chef Sujata of VM Salgaocar Institute, Chef Ghanshyam of Surya Kiran Heritage and all other chefs participated

in this event.

A sumptuous lunch was provided for the underprivileged 260 children from Clunny Convent, Verna, Agnel Ashram, Verna, and St Joseph's Convent, Nagoa, Verna, followed by Interaction with the Chefs. Some takeaway gifts were given to the Children along with Muffins & Milkshakes sponsored by Storia.

The children enjoyed Star hotel dishes such as Asian sweet garlic chicken, oriental fish in light soya, mushroom spinach ravioli, hakka noodles, pizza margarita etc. Assorted potato fries were provided by McLain.



After lunch the children sang songs and gave hand-made thank you cards for all the Chefs. Individually, they also sang a thank you song to all the Chefs who had provided the lunch.

The programme was coordinated by Agnel Institute of Food Crafts and Culinary Sciences, Verna, in association with Culinary Forum of Goa for the 7th Consecutive Year.

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## International Conference at CRCE, Bandra

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The 6th edition of the biennial International Conference on Advances in Computing Communication and Control, spread over 20 and 21/12/2019, was inaugurated on 20th December 2019 at 10.00 am. The inaugural function was blessed by Rev. Fr. Valerian D'Souza, Director, Fr. Agnel Technical Complex, Bandra. Mr. Menezes, COO, Godrej & Boyce Mfg. Co. Ltd, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. S.V. Kulkarni, IEEE Bombay section, was the Guest of Honor. Dr. Srijia Unnikrishnan, Principal, welcomed the gathering and gave a brief overview of the history and the vision of the Institute. Dr. S K Surve, General Chair, explained the scope of the conference and the review process of the papers. Mr. Menezes appreciated the coverage of conference and enlightened the audience about the conflicting merits and demerits of cyber space and physical space. He also emphasized on the contribution of social scientists in defining problems and the

technologist's responsibility to obtain solutions for the same. The e-Conference Souvenir was released by the Dr. Srijia Unnikrishnan, Principal. Dr. Sapna Prabhu, Conference Chair, gave Vote of Thanks.

The inaugural session was followed by Keynote Address by Dr. Shravan Hanasoge, Scientist TIFR, on the theme 'Machine Learning'. Later, technical paper presentations and deliberations were held at three parallel venues, assigned for various topics. Video conferencing facility was extended to the authors, who could not attend the conference. Three Papers were shortlisted for first three prizes based on grading by session chairs. The conference was sponsored AICTE, New Delhi. All the presented papers will be uploaded on the IEEE Explore Digital Library. The Guests, Session chairs, Authors and delegates appreciated the organization of the Conference and the associated arrangements.

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## Industrial Visit by CRCE Students, Bandra

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The much-awaited annual industrial visit of Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering, Mumbai took place with a centralized conglomerate of staff & students to Chandigarh, Shimla & Manali from the 27th December 2019 to 4th January 2020 with proposed industrial visit sites scheduled at Rajiv Gandhi Information Technology (IT) Park at Chandigarh, Micro Turners Group at Baddi, (Himachal Pradesh) & Jay Bee Transformers at Panchkula (Haryana). The industrial visit was organized by the technical councils of the college viz. IEEE-WIE, SAE, ACM & CSI who handled every detail – right from the planning to execution. Leading the group were student Ricky Stanley of B.E. (Electronics Engineering), Akshay Dixit of T.E.



(Production Engineering) & Sahil Gupta of T.E. (Computer Engineering).

A total of 145 students, mainly comprising from second year, third year & final year engineering from all four branches viz.





electronics, production, computer & information technology were accompanied by the following staff members :-

- Dr. Brijmohan S. Daga, Professor & Head, Computer Engineering Department
- Dr. Nilesh M. Patil, Assistant Professor, Information Technology Department
- Prof. Unik B. Lokhande, Assistant Professor, Information Technology Department
- Prof. (Mrs.) Supriya S. Kamoji, Assistant Professor, Computer Engineering Department
- Prof. (Mrs.) Dipali Y. Koshti, Assistant Professor, Computer Engineering Department
- Prof. Jayen Modi, Assistant Professor, Electronics Engineering Department
- Mr. Yogesh Chavan, Non-teaching staff (Peon)

The complete arrangement of the tour was outsourced by the students' council to Mr. Nitish Parab of 'Around the Globe (ATG)' holidays who accompanied the group along with four of his associates. The journey began on morning of 27th December 2019 with the entire group assembling at Bandra Terminus Railway Station to catch the 12:45 pm Garib Rath Express (12216) which disembarked at Sarai Rohilla Railway Station, Delhi next day at 12:30 pm. The return journey was from Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station, New Delhi by Garib Rath Express (12910) on the afternoon of 3rd January 2020 at 03:35 pm. The whole group reached Mumbai safely in the late morning of 4th January 2020.

Usually the underlying objective of any industrial

visit is for students to gather a first-hand experience of how the professional working methodology, various industrial processes, machinery & other related equipment are in place so that once they enter into the professional field, after the completion of their respective courses, so these industrial tours are an effort to bridge this gap of practical exposure. Typically benefits of any industrial visits are generally (but not confined to the following) :-

- It help students gain first hand information regarding functioning of the Industry
- Provides an insight into the real working environment of the Industry
- Helps them to see their future place in the working world
- This also serves as a relation building process between institutes and industry
- Many of the companies also use it as tool for building brand awareness
- Helps to enhance their interpersonal skills and communications
- Helps to understand the do's and don'ts of the industrial practice

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Mr. Rajiv Kumar, the resource person at A2IT Pvt. Ltd. briefed about ethical hacking to the students. He informed students about the Kali Linux OS and Parrot OS, the tools available in these OS etc. Students were also guided with shell-phishing using Kali Linux. Mr. Rajiv Kumar demonstrated the spoofing attack in security by spoofing the email ids of HR in IBMIndia.com and Google.com. Using these email ids, emails were sent to the students in the form of offer letters granting jobs in these companies. Demonstration was also given by hacking the social accounts in mobile phone by simply using the email ids of user. Using the email IDs alone, information like name of the user, their social account password, IP address of the phone, developer of the device, which ISP service is used were revealed. The session was highly informative. We fall short of time.



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**Winnie D'Souza, Karnataka :** I am sending a cheque of ₹.2510 as my contribution for an orphan under your care. Kindly pray for us. Many favours have been granted to me through the powerful intercession of Ven. Fr.Agnel.

**C.R. Fernandes Pune :** Enclosed is a

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# FR. AGNEL'S BLESSINGS

## TEARFUL PRAYER ANSWERED

**Trichur-Kerala :** I was completely bed-ridden following a major operation on my cervical disc. I had to fully depend on others for my every need including primary things. I could not move or tilt on my own. In this pitiable condition, I tearfully prayed to Venerable Fr. Agnelo for a healing, at least for a condition wherein I could do my primary needs without any help from others. I am now extremely happy to testify that Ven. Fr. Agnelo heard my fervent plea as I am now able to walk with the help of a stick and do necessary basic things without much strain and pain. With a heartfull of gratitude, an offering of ₹.5000 to the Ashram.

-K.C JOY

## SAFE AND NORMAL DELIVERY

**Mira Road :** Being a late conception, the doctor said that my maiden delivery, by several reasons, would be very complicated and a Caesarean might be required. I was under tension and got panicky. I entrusted myself to the protection of Ven. Fr. Agnelo and fervently prayed to him for my safe confinement and normal delivery. I have now great pleasure to inform you that through the blessing of Ven. Fr. Agnelo I had a safe and normal delivery with a healthy baby girl on the due date. We both are keeping hale and hearty. As a token of my profound gratitude an offering of ₹.5000 to the Ashram.

-Nancy D'Souza

## PASSED B M M EXAM WITH 'A' GRADE

**Wadala :** I was praying to Ven. Fr. Agnelo to do better in my studies and through his blessing, I passed B M M (Bachelor in Mass Media) with 'A' grade and top in the College. My thanks offering of ₹.500 to the Ashram.

-Freyra

## BLESSED WITH PROMOTION

**Nalasopara :** I am working with a reputed shipping company for a long time but I was not given any promotion despite due qualification and experience. I invoked the powerful intercession of Venerable Fr. Agnelo and fervently prayed to him. I am now very happy to inform you that my fervent plea was answered as I am promoted as Chief Officer of the ship. With immense joy and gratitude an offering of ₹.5000 to the Ashram.

- Vianney Lemos

## BLESSED WITH JOB IN BANK

**Aurangabad :** I am an ardent devotee of Venerable Fr. Agnelo from my childhood and would pray to him daily for my better future. Through his blessing, I had a bright academic career and moreover I am now blessed with a job in a Nationalized Bank. As a token of my sincere thanks an offering of ₹.1200 to the Ashram.

-Riya Deshpande

*Without faith a man can do nothing;  
with it all things are possible.*

— Sir William Osler



## Out of Their Bounty

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Chief Guest, Mr. Menezes addressing the gathering



Guest of Honor, Dr. S.V.Kulkarni addressing the gathering



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