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A large, stylized illustration of the Earth, showing continents in green and yellow and oceans in blue. The Earth is surrounded by numerous blue, virus-like structures with multiple protruding spikes, resembling coronaviruses. The background is a deep blue with some white, cloud-like patterns.

**COVID -19 HAS THE
WORLD ON ITS KNEES**

July 2, 1939

– the convergence of the Divine plan and the triumph of the human spirit

The Call to Discipleship

Exactly 81 years ago to the day (2nd July), a group of daring men decided to cast their lot in pursuing their dream, a strange one though, of “bringing Christ to India and India to Christ”. They were not religious bigots, ones who think that everyone who has not experienced the love of Jesus in their lives, and therefore does not know Him well enough, are damned, but they were men who truly wanted to share the joy of knowing Jesus and let the world, more precisely, our fellow Indians know about it.

It is true that barring the message preached by Thomas, the Apostle, most of our Indian brothers and sisters connect our faith with European preachers.. Much of that belief, is, because our schools and colleges, had in the past mastered the art of teaching of English that benefited the upper class which allowed them to corner all the cushy white collar jobs in the British Government, and which later on remained with them, to pass on to their offspring, as diplomats, senior bureaucrats, senior police officers, until democracy played its levelling role and the masses claimed their due share.

It would be futile to deny the fact that the colour and manner of the practices of Indian Christianity had visible signs of what the majority of Indians, believed it had. Thank God, that it, in no way, affected the soul of the Indian Christians, who fought shoulder to shoulder in the struggle of independence and threw up leaders of repute in all spheres of the national life, and continue to do, even today in the service they are rendering specially in the field of education of the poor and the neglected and the care of the sick. Even in Goa, the role of Christian leaders to promote and secure the liberation of Goa from foreign

domination and unite it with Mother India was remarkable, effective and widely recognized.

The two young men, Menino Conceicao Rodrigues, from Betalbatim, Goa and Francisco Jasso Sequeira from Saligao, Goa, barely in their 19 and 20, were moved by a strong inspiration that called them to take up a challenge that was far greater than their tender shoulders. They were called by the Lord to launch a movement, as an Indian organization (society) to make Jesus known to the sons and daughters of Mother India. We are in 1931-38, Goa has a repressive Portuguese regime, ready to tear to pieces anyone

who would even utter the name of India respectfully, and we have the entire ecclesiastical machinery toeing the official line, for patronage and protection. *So their idea was subversive, to say the least.*

“Your own sons, will bring the Lord’s message of love to the sons and daughters of India” Leo xiii

Most people who are not aware of the Christianity in India, are ignorant of the fact, that way back in 1894, Pope Leo the XIII, had prophetically let out the clarion call that “ your own sons, will bring the Lord’s message of love to the sons and daughters of India “. Those words of the Leo XIII uttered 40 years earlier, had almost fallen into oblivion(the importance of those words for the history of Christianity in western India can be gauged by the fact that some important interests have even falsely claimed that those words are dated in 1886-87.).

These two young men swore that their calling, was a response to the prophetic words of Leo XIII. Many knowledgeable people in Goa have denied that claim, ignorant as they were of the fact that those words, were also contemporary to the events that we are dealing with. They even want



to falsely claim to place Pope Leo's statement in 1886, eight years prior to the foundation of the Kandy seminary in Sri Lanka on which occasion it happened. Let them say it as it may, the historical and documentary evidence is overwhelmingly contrary. The medallion cast on the occasion by Pope Leo XIII tells a lie on that!

Our heroes were indeed inspired by those potent words because, Leo XIII's successor, Benedict XV in 1921, precisely on 15th of October, recalling the words of Leo XIII, "your own sons, will bring the Lord's message of love to the sons and daughters of India", wrote to the ecclesiastical authorities and to people in India, stating that "*do not preach the message of Jesus, as the Europeans did, but as Indians who understand the culture and people of India (which is your culture) so that your message does not become alien, and for that, your best witness is your love for one another*". The Pope further urges that the followers of Jesus must be identified by their love for one another and if that happens, India will truly be a shining star for the whole of Asia.

For God and My Country, it is all that matters:

Many have tried in the past, to question the nationalist inclinations of these two young men and 6 companions who joined them later, but the historical evidence of how they were inspired is too clear to be denied. That inspiration was not a thing of many generations earlier, but that of 1921, contemporary to their youth, and their concomitant desire to do something heroic for Jesus. Their task was difficult – to be able to blend the love of their Motherland with the urge to share Jesus and his message of love that he brought to the world, in a manner that they felt called to do, was not easy. Doing that in an individual capacity was simpler but to start a movement in the Church, early on, when the land was still under foreign domination, and there was close comradeship between the rulers and the Church, taking that path, was walking on shifting sands, with a pit at every step of the way.

They harboured their idea among a close group from 1931 to 1934, testing their personal strengths and determination to pursue their call. In 1934, they revealed it to the authorities. The first and the biggest temptation came from the authorities, (which if accepted, would thwart them from their resolve) to join, revive or revamp a moribund movement that from 1886 to 1934, had been able to have only 21 followers and at the most had only

11 at any one time. Presently they had only 3, two, too sick to matter and only one active. The offer came as a benign gesture, with all the goodies with it, but to take that offer, could never allow these young heroes to unfold their agenda that was the key reason that had driven them that far: to make a genuine effort to share the message of Love that Jesus had brought, in simpler, Indian, culturally integrated manner, just as Benedict XV has proposed.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom." Lk. 12, 32.

Persuasion, arm twisting, delays followed, and our young men too responded with repeated requests, explaining the incompatibility of what was being asked of them with their defined objectives including telling the authorities that the existence of that group was illegal. They pointed to the authorities, the irreconcilable differences between their plan and what they were being offered, (a) that the society in question was in violation of the Code of Canon Law promulgated by the Pope, in several matters, cfr. Canon 5 of the Code of Canon Law 1917, (b) that they lacked in internal authority, (c) that the members did not follow the norms and could join and leave at will, which was contrary to law, that required that every member who makes a commitment (vow) can only leave, after due permission of the ecclesiastical authority, and (d) that the term of their supreme moderator (superior general) was in violation of the established law of the Church for a maximum of 12 continuous years, while he was 44 years in the same post.

As much as the authorities urged and coerced them to join the dying group, our men remained steadfast in their resolve, and refused to settle for nothing less. The impasse continued from 1934 to 1938, when finally the authorities relented and let them have their way, by adopting a Constitution in the precise terms that they had proposed 5 years earlier, entirely according to the Canon Law of the Church. They even walked away with the name of the dying society, the Society of the Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier.

As a result both the ecclesiastical authorities and this group of determined men who were fired with the love of India and love of Jesus were happy and grateful to God. The key of the success of the young group to acquiring the name of the Society which they found as most suitable to them, lay in

the fact that after the Canon Law was promulgated in 1917, all societies that did not comply with the new norms were completely abrogated, although some may have existed as loose associations without any canonical legitimacy. We can call it the *triumph of the Divine plan and that of the human spirit*.

So when we remember these visionary men, we do so with gratitude, we admire their resolve to respond to the call of Jesus, we pledge to follow their clear convictions that to share the message of Jesus, we have to do it, in words, symbols, practices and traditions of India embedded in the culture of India!

Re-organization day in our Society is a call of the conscience to know in depth what our founding fathers experienced, how that experience what was hard struggle, where the Lord who had called them for greater things tried and tested them and found them worthy. This is truly a religious renewal, and that cannot happen if we do not individually and collectively find our roots, not only from what we are told, but from a personal quest.

-Fr. Jose Alarico Carvalho

July 2, 2020

Post Scriptum: In 1954, 15 years after the Society of Pilar was founded in 1939, (the name by which the Society is also known), Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues, who drove the entire project of an Indian Society that was truly embedded in the Indian tradition, ethos and aspirations of India, had to go in exile and live in Mumbai (in free

India), until the liberation of Goa, 1961. Even as he was penniless, and without a roof on his head (literally), since he was not allowed to enter a house where the other members were, because he was considered a traitor to Goa (the house had a Goa govt. connection). Worst things followed, to kill his indomitable spirit, but like St. Paul he could justly say “I have had a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept my faith; in the rest, is left for me the crown of glory, that will grant me the Just Judge, not only to me but to all those who are yearning for His coming” (2 Tim 4, 7s). And yet and in spite of that, the Agnel Ashram institutions flourished all over the country, to Pune, Ambernath, Navi Mumbai, Delhi, Noida, Vaishali and Greater Noida (UP), and in so many urban, semi urban and rural poverty centres, changing lives, empowering the poor and educating the disadvantaged, thus keeping aloft the torch that Jesus loves everyone, which is done through the service that these institutes give to 30,000 direct beneficiaries and thousands more. The Hand that has allowed the seed to be planted and grow in spite of their weakness, also guided them in His ways.

July 2, is celebrated as Re-organization Day, but it is truly a foundation like no other, resting on the solid foundation of the faith of men dedicated to God, who staked all they had, to respond to God's call with courage, undaunted by fear or uncertainty even from ecclesiastical authority, having no means worth the name, but only equipped with the power of their faith in Jesus who had called them, and their undying resolve to follow His call, and serve the poor in India, and thus spread his message of love to India.

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Jesus Lords It Over Covid-19 Fury

- Leon Bent

COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered 'corona virus', from December 2019 onwards. Most people infected by the pandemic experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. Older people and those with underlying medical problems like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and cancer are more likely to develop serious illness.

The best way to prevent and slow down transmission is to be well informed about the COVID-19 virus, the disease it causes and how it spreads. Protect yourself and others from infection by washing your hands or using an alcohol-based rub frequently and not touching your face.

The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes, so it's important that you also practice respiratory etiquette (for example, by coughing into a flexed elbow).

At this time, there are no specific vaccines or treatments for COVID-19. However, there are many ongoing clinical trials evaluating potential treatments. WHO (World Health Organisation) will continue to provide updated information as soon as clinical findings become available.

Several of the early patients had visited Wuhan (Chinese Town) Seafood Wholesale Market, and so, the virus is thought to have a zoonotic origin. Animals can sometimes carry harmful germs that spread to people and cause illness – these are known as zoonotic diseases or zoonoses. These diseases are caused by harmful germs like viruses, bacterial parasites, and fungi. These germs cause many different types of illnesses in people and animals, ranging from mild to serious illness and even death.

The Corona Virus pandemic will alter world order forever. The Government of every single nation, across the seven seas, must protect its

citizens from disease, while starting the urgent work of planning for a new epoch.

Christ gave us an explanation of what is happening and how to deal with it. Jesus was asked by his Apostles, "Tell us, when shall these things come about, and what shall be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the world?" His response is lengthy – 94 verses in Matthew 24-25. The question and answer interface is also recorded in Mark 13 and Luke 21, but is more concise.

The start of His answer is this, "...And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that you are not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in diverse places. All these are the beginning of sorrows" (Matthew 24:4-8).

His Apostles asked for a sign of His second coming. There are many events that the Bible tells us will happen before Christ sets foot on this earth again. These happenings are specific and overlap. That is what Jesus talks about first before getting into particular circumstances.

If you are wondering, "What do they mean - A sign? Think of it this way – you see dark clouds and lightning far off in the distance, you hear thunder; those are signs a storm is coming. The Apostles were asking Jesus for indicators of His Second Coming.

Jesus specifically mentions the word "pestilence." It is a contagious or infectious epidemic disease that is virulent and devastating. Whether you think society should shut down even more, or if you believe this is all blown out of proportion; it is a known truth. The pestilence is here, and everyone has heard the crack of thunder and seen lightning. God has made this sign extremely visible.

Let us look at some things Jesus said in His

response (Matthew 24:4-8).

“See that you are not troubled” – He is talking directly to His Apostles (Mark 13:3-4). Throughout the Gospels, Jesus makes similar statements, telling them not to fear, that He would send them a comforter, and so on. When it comes to the virus, if you are one of his disciples, do not worry. Even in death, he will never leave us, and we will be with him in eternal bliss.

“All these things must come to pass” – please notice the word “must.” If we believe in the fulfilment of Bible prophecy, peace should engulf us as we see wonders, and realize that God’s plan for the ages is falling in place. When you see lightning and hear thunder, are you surprised when the raindrops fall. “The end is not yet!” (Mt.24:6)

According to Genesis 26-27, God created human beings in his own image and likeness. It means that human beings share in the freedom and creativity of God. The scientific and technological progress made so far, is nothing but the flowering of inventiveness that, God has instilled in human beings.

“Necessity is the mother of invention.” Human innovation finds solutions especially during crises. COVID 19 is, indeed, a colossal global crisis that has no parallel in human history. This is the time when all nations have to pool together their imaginative energies and find solutions and support each other.

At this crucial juncture religious leaders have to inspire and encourage people to realize, actualize and maximize the Divine in them to withstand and overcome the Corona Virus. Most Catholics in the world have faith in Mary, Mother of Jesus, as a role model of Christian living, a woman of altruism and sensitivity.

Is it necessary to dogmatically proclaim Mary as “spiritual Mother of all Peoples,” by the Pope at this point in time, as recommended by two cardinals and six bishops? Will Mother Mary not bless her people without this additional designation given by Pope? I don’t think that Mother Mary will be pleased with one more

title and would become extra generous. Mother Mary has been a great source of inspiration, encouragement, comfort, and is a Mediatrix of grace!

These bishops and cardinals should have contributed from their resources to support people infected and affected by COVID 19, and should have presented themselves as role models of genuine love and altruism. This is the time for the Church to reflect the human face of Jesus through her compassionate actions.

Ever since Pope Francis assumed the role of the head of the Catholic Church, his concern has been ‘presenting the human face of Jesus’ through the Church. His speeches, statements and actions have been focused on issues facing humanity. His encyclical *Laudate Si*, is, in fact, addressed to all peoples of the world for protecting humanity from an impending catastrophe.

This is a booster capsule: Mark 6:45-52 and Matthew 14:22-33 narrate how Jesus walked on water to calm the storm when the disciples were at sea. Jesus came from nowhere, and, while walking on the roaring waves said: “Take heart, it is I; have no fear.” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased (Mk.6:51; Mt.14:52). Further, on another occasion, Matthew 8:23-24 exclaims: Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that, the waves swept over the boat. Meanwhile, Jesus was sleeping. The disciples woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!” He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and there was complete calm. The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!” Romans 8: 31 assures us, “If God is on our side, can anyone be against us?”

My dearly beloved wife of 41 years, and I, are relishing the rich spiritual fare offered to us from several quarters in the Archdiocese of Bombay: His Eminence, Oswald Cardinal Gracias, Fr. Warner, Fr. Reuben, our own parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Orlem, Mumbai – and, other priests and parishes in Mumbai and around the country. Potta and Tabor, too! Why? Worldwide!

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Pandemic Corona Virus

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble.

-Christine D'Sylva.

The year 2020 certainly will go down in history for the outbreak of the deadly virus that has plagued the world. Every part of the world somehow directly or indirectly has been hit by the repercussions of this virus.

Firstly, let us discuss what is Corona Virus?

Corona virus or COVID- 19 is a respiratory illness that is very contagious. The first outbreak of this virus began in Wuhan, Hubei Province in China.

It rapidly spread internationally affecting many countries like USA and unfortunately also our own nation, India. Corona viruses are a large family of viruses that cause respiratory illness in people and animals.

The common cold is also caused by the corona virus. But certain strains of the virus cause severe illness. COVID- 19 is a new strain of coronas virus that had not previously been identified in humans.

The key symptoms are fever and cough. There is difficulty breathing too besides body aches and a general feeling of being unwell. Just like the common cold, it spreads through person to person contact. Coughing, sneezing or touching surfaces with the virus leads to a spread of infection. This illness can range from being mild to being so severe that death occurs.

There are various guidelines given as to how to take pre cautions against the illness. Let us discuss them briefly. One is to avoid people who are infected. Wash hands with soap and water frequently or to use a sanitizer.

Clean and disinfect touched objects and surfaces.

Today many countries are urging their citizens to wear masks. The experts are of mixed opinions as to whether these masks really are effective.

However, the bottom line is that the masks might avoid the spread of the virus by sneezing and coughing but not hundred percent reliable. However, any precaution however mild can help, thus it is better to follow sensible guidelines and wear a mask. There are many people hit by

the virus. In the US more than a lakh of people have died while many are infected.

In India, the numbers as yet are not considerable especially because of the enforced wise move made by the Government of a lockdown, yet at least nine thousand or more have died from this deadly virus. Each day the number of cases increases slowly.

However, not all people are severely affected. Certain people are at a higher risk than others.

The experts have discovered that those who are at a major risk to die from being infected are people with Diabetes both 1 and 2. Those suffering from heart disease and hypertension, obesity, genetic factors are at a risk. Those who smoke are also at a risk.

It is found by scientists that those individuals with blood type A are more susceptible to the virus. In Wuhan, China it was found that the blood type distribution was as follows- 31percent Type A, 24 percent type B, 9 percent type AB and 34 percent type O. It was found that those infected by the virus in Wuhan were mostly those with A blood groups 38 percent, 26 percent B blood group, 10 percent AB and 25 percent O.)

However, more studies have to be done to prove this theory.

On 24th March 2020, the Government of India under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi ordered a nation- wide lockdown for 21 days. The lockdown however continued till June and to a certain extent it still seems to be continuing but at a less restricted phase. From 8th June it has been called the Unlock period 1

This move was a very wise one and has curbed the rapid spread of the pandemic to a certain extent.

The only preventive cure that will work long term is the finding of an effective vaccine.

In July, this year, experimental corona virus vaccines will be subject to large scale studies to discover whether they can really fend off the

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Online Student Development Program Organized by Department of Mechanical and Production Engineering at CRCE

A student development programme was organised with an objective of creating awareness among the students of Mechanical Engineering and also reaching out to aspiring 12th standard students of science stream, about the advanced technologies in Mechanical and Production Engineering for employability.

The program witnessed participation of over 190 enthusiastic students in mechanical and production engineering at degree and diploma level as well as H.S.C. pass-outs aspiring for



engineering career. Collaboration with 'Christiani Sharpline' enhanced value of the program and eminent resource persons from industry and academia truly provided a huge take-away for all the participants. E-Certificate of participation was issued to all the participants who attended the

program and appeared for the quiz conducted post the event. The organizing team is thankful to the Principal and Management for their constant motivation and support that led to a successful online student development program during Covid-19 pandemic situation

Faculty Development Programme On Disruptive Technologies Of Industry 4.0 at CRCE

The Department of Computer Engineering of Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering, Mumbai organized a free for all National level five days Faculty Development Program (Online) on "Disruptive Technologies of INDUSTRY 4.0" from 30th May to 3rd June 2020. This programme was a combination of Expert Sessions & Practical Demonstrations by eminent personalities from Industry and Academia. This FDP was aimed for teachers who are teaching various disciplines of science and engineering subjects in colleges or Universities and was also open for research scholars and Industry Personnel. The FDP received an overwhelming response with 630 number of participants registered for this programme from different Universities and Colleges across India

and also witnessed International participation. Owing to the COVID19 situation the entire FDP was managed and hosted on an online platform via video conferencing. It was the first time we held an online FDP. The recording of the sessions were uploaded on Google drive and shared with the participants. Unlike face to face sessions, the advantage of conducting online FDP was the unbounded reachability and the ability to accommodate maximum participants via the online platform.

FDP Theme: Around the world traditional manufacturing industry is in the throes of a digital transformation that is accelerated by exponentially growing technologies. In essence, Industry 4.0 concerns the transformation of industrial processes through the integration

Invited Speakers:



of modern technologies such as sensors, communication, and computational processing. Technologies such as Cyber Physical Systems (CPS), Internet of Things (IoT), Cloud Computing, Machine Learning, Blockchain and Data Analytics are considered to be the different drivers necessary for the transformation. This FDP was aimed to offer learners an introduction to technological advances in Industry 4.0, its applications in the business world straight from the horse's mouth. Learners gained deep insights into how smartness is being harnessed from data and appreciated what needs to be done in order to overcome some of the challenges. Participants understood the opportunities, challenges brought about by Industry 4.0 and how organizations and

individuals can prepare to reap the benefits.

Planning: Planning for the Faculty Development Programme began at the start of May 2020. A MoU was signed with Star Certification under which they offered their online platform GoToWebinar to conduct the sessions. Meticulous planning was done to design Brochure and trailer videos along with registration form which were circulated over different social media and messaging platforms. Invitations were sent out to different Industry personnel using personal contacts and Alma connect to join as resource person for the FDP. Telegram and WhatsApp groups were created to communicate with the registered participants. Online quiz was



Prof. Mahendra Mehra giving inaugural speech and introducing Keynote Speaker, Dr. Kalpesh Parikh, MD & CEO Intellisense ITsys Pvt. Ltd, Gujarat.

conducted to validate the learning from the five days FDP. Attendance was analyzed from the online platform and a list was prepared of eligible candidates. E-certificates were distributed to them via Email.

Feedback: Feedback was collected from the participants using Google form. Participants' average rating for the FDP was 8.92 out of 10. Most of them praised the structure and contents of the programme and the way things were coordinated and communicated. Many of them

gave their positive comments on the knowledge of the speakers.

Event Coordinators:

- Prof. Mahendra Mehra (Assistant Prof, Computer Engg Dept).
- Prof. Dipali Koshti (Assistant Prof, Computer Engg Dept).
- Prof. Supriya Kamoji (Assistant Prof, Computer Engg Dept).



Farewell Vignesh!



The Vashi Technical Education Complex, mourns the sad demise of **Vignesh Kale**, a Balbhavanite and a student of Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School. Vignesh, a Std. VIII student, aged 14, died in a tragic accident in his home-village of Narayangaon in Pune District, during the summer break. He was electrocuted in a swimming pond. Vignesh joined Balbhavan 4 years ago after the passing away of his father. He leaves behind his mother and a younger sister.

Vignesh was a talented athlete, who was endowed with an athletic physique. He represented Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School in Hockey, in Athletic Sprint races and in Football. He also excelled in Skating and Swimming. Though he secured average marks in academic studies, his polite demeanour in classroom, endeared him to his teachers.

Vignesh was a hard-working boy, who would not hesitate to do any physical activity he was asked to, in the Campus. Quiet and unassuming in the Balbhavan, but committed and involved in a hockey pitch or a swimming pool, he had an innocent smile for all.

“Farewell Vignesh!!! The School will miss your athletic talents and the Balbhavan will miss your presence. May you abide in God’s Eternal Light.”

Online Faculty Development Program on “Data Science”

Department of Information Technology organized one week online Faculty Development Program (FDP) on “Data Science” from 26th May 2020 to 30th May 2020. The convener for the FDP was Dr. Jagruti Save, Head of the department. The FDP was coordinated by Prof. Garima Tripathi and Dr. Nilesh Patil. The publicity and promotion of the FDP was done by sharing Google Form and Flyer via social media like emails, facebook, whatsapp and telegram. Program was properly planned and schedule was made in such a way that participants get the knowledge from introduction to deep learning in the data science domain. Big data analytics & algorithms, Hadoop ecosystem, Python Programming, Data visualization using R, Machine learning, Deep learning, Regression analysis and data science security were some of the topics covered in the FDP. The video links for all the sessions were uploaded on Google Classroom.

We got an overwhelming response of 794 participants from across the country for the faculty development program.

FDP started with inaugural and welcome speech by head of the department. Then Mr. Nimit Kothari (data scientist from Accenture) explained the concept of Data Science. He gave various sources that can be explored to get in depth insights of data science. Then he threw light on the job roles in the field of data science and different types of certifications in data science. Mr. Santosh Dalal (IT Director, Great American Insurance Company), guest speaker, from USA connected with participants online and explained the role of Data Science in different industry prospects by giving examples of Insurance Company, Self-Driving Cars, Medical Scans & Covid-19 Detection using ML. The participants also appreciated the other sessions conducted by eminent speakers from academia. Online Quiz was conducted on the last day of FDP. Program ended with valedictory speech given by Prof. Garima Tripathi. The feedback link was shared among the participants. More than 97% participants found the learning resources helpful and this FDP helped them to understand the concept of data science.

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virus. Despite risks involved several brave people across the world are volunteering for the trial of COVID- 19 and are permitting the researchers to inject potentially deadly microbes inside their nose.

In our country, there is a distribution of a homeopathy preventive medicine. Thousands of bottles of Arsenicum Album 30 to prevent people from getting the virus. The dosage is a few pills taken on an empty stomach for three days and repeated every month.

While there is no concrete proof that this works, firm believers in homeopathy readily take these pills and trust it can save them from the virus. While this may be true it must be remembered that precautions against the virus should be taken and not ignored because taking of this medicine should not create a false sense of security. Homeopathy is very potent and taking these pills might be a good preventive cure while remembering to follow all preventive precautions

as suggested by the experts.

The Bible has always warned the world of the many plagues that will befall man.

Yet at this crucial period of fear and unrest let us recall the words of God as written in the Bible, Psalm 91:7 -Thousands may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand but it will not come near you.

We realise that God promises us his protection if we pray to him in faith and continue to be good, god-fearing people. We can derive hope from this Biblical message that promises us God will protect us and keep us in his shelter. It must be remembered though, that God helps those who help themselves. Thus we must continue to take preventive measures against the virus.

Last but not least let us pray to Our Lady to intercede to us to Jesus for protection from this pestilence that has invaded our lives .

May God protect you and your loved ones.



There is no Joy Greater than the Joy of **GIVING**

Veera J.Ghadially, Mumbai

I am forwarding a cheque for Rs..10,000 and would request you to use this amount for the Orphans under your care. Our sincere gratitude to Fr.Agnel for all the blessings received in my life.

Joseph & Melini D'Souza, Dubai

We enclose a cheque for Rs..10,000 for the maintenance and education of the orphans in your Balbhuvan. We thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

Michael T.V.Mascarenhas, Mangalore.

Enclosed is a cheque for Rs.5000 to be used for your Balbhuvan children. This is my thanks offering to Fr.Agnel for all the favours received. Please pray for us.

Khadija N.Minwalla, Mumbai

Enclosed is a cheque for Rs.5000 to be used for your Balbhuvan children. This is my thanks offering to Fr.Agnel. Please pray for us.

Kayomarz Homi Mistry, Mumbai

I am sending a D.D for Rs.2,000 and would request you to use this amount for the Orphans under your care. Our sincere gratitude to Fr.Agnel for all the blessings received in my life.

Kurian Thomas Chittuthara, Kerala

I am enclosing a cheque for Rs.1,750 being my humble offering towards the charitable work that you do specially taking care of orphans. Please pray for my good health. Thanking you.

*"A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination,
and instill a love of learning."*

— Brad Henry

Jesus Lords It Over Covid-19 Fury - Contd. from pg 7

We have been participating in Daily Mass, more than once, on some days. Benedictions and Adorations, Healing Sessions, Inspiring and informative Talks on our Faith followed by Prayer Sessions (different ways to be in communion with God), every single day. I am sure millions of Christians/Catholics, in particular, are enjoying heavenly food for the heart, mind, body and soul.

Quite ironically, we have to thank the Corona Virus Pandemic profoundly, for helping us

pray with 'shameless persistence', intercede ceaselessly, turn a new leaf steadily, and we have also been blessed with Jesus' continues Presence, and the power of the Spirit, active and alive, in our "Couple Love," and individually, as partners-in-matrimonial-intimacy! An amazing mess-(pandemic)-to-miracle (fierce faith/transformation) paradox!

Cry unto the Lord of Mercy in a thousand-strong chorus: Jesus I Trust in You!

Human Conflict with Nature and God

- Ibonio D'Souza

Our world today is a very conflicted place. The Coronavirus pandemic has pushed us all into one of the scariest health and economic crises that most of us will see in our lifetimes. The war-like situation is adversely affecting the world economy and is expected to impact our social, psychological and physical condition in the months and years to come. This is leading to fear and anxiety at multiple levels.

What we are experiencing as human beings right now, is a complex web of conflict that has tied us up in knots everywhere. Family and commercial disputes and workplace conflicts are clogging up our legal systems. Polarisation between races and religious denominations have led to violent communal riots everywhere. Our constant violation of nature has led to climate change, ravaging vast areas of earth with floods and forest fires, killing millions of species. This conflict spiral doesn't seem to be in the mood to spare anyone on this planet. We need to identify the root of all conflicts, and tackle it at that level, acting collectively.

Different spiritual texts have shaped the philosophy of many of our leaders including Gandhiji, guiding us on the various dimensions of conflict. Wisdom or Intellect enables us to see things clearly for what they are, and to differentiate between right and wrong, for self, others, and beyond. When intellect is lost or corrupted, conflict arises in various forms.

Inner conflict arises from lack of understanding of our own real needs, personal interests, and deepest fears. When these remain unresolved,

the result is anger and resentment that clog our hearts and minds. Built on inner conflict, and the need to be appreciated and acknowledged for who we are, conflict with society includes disagreements with family, friends, colleagues, bosses, neighbours and the community. And this further leads to 'trust deficit' between people, businesses, media, NGOs and government.

Caught up with inner conflict and trust deficit, people have become desensitised to nature, and have rampantly destroyed natural bodies on the planet, making our lives unsustainable. As we alienate ourselves from each other and from whom we are and distance ourselves from life-giving nature, we disconnect

from the Almighty and create conflict between universal and individual souls, which is reflected in individuals and organisations, who become 'soulless'. Deep understanding of these conflicts alone can enable us to become empathetic, work together and cultivate holistic relationships for common good.

Individual self-control, social collaboration, universal interrelatedness, and realising our Oneness are the keys to resolve the conflicts we are faced with daily. The Coronavirus is forcing us to relook at the way we have lived our lives and the risks we put ourselves and others through every day. We are reminded of the important significance of the anonymous people who keep our lives and economy running smoothly, of our responsibility to nature, and how it will bloom or go bust depending on how we treat it; of the fact that we have to collaborate and act as One, irrespective of who we are, in order to survive and thrive as human beings.



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July 26th Is The Feast of Sts. Anne & Joachim and is Celebrated as Parents' Day

-Lorraine and Leon Bent

Lorraine and Leon have been passionately involved in Worldwide Marriage Encounter (India), Mumbai, for 39 years, in various capacities, and are 41 years married.

The belief that marriage is a sacred symbol of Christ's presence, power and grace is central to the Christian view. It is an irreversible, indissoluble commitment, irrevocably "entered into," by the Vows of marriage. The agreement is finally "sealed" through sexual intercourse. St. Augustine enumerated three "goods" of marriage as: Offspring, fidelity and permanence.

"A Sacramental Marriage requires "more" than an intention to indissolubility, fidelity and openness to children. The "more" is an explicit reference to Christ, the Church and God. It is necessarily a Christ-Event. It is a right that gives Salvation."

The most basic level of a Christian family's worship is their shared fundamental faith orientation. God, for them, is "Abba," the intimate loving Father of Jesus. God is also the Spirit who dwells within us as the living fountainhead of our holiness and sanctification. The worship that resides in the minds and hearts of family members needs to express itself in shared prayer.

The prayer life of the family centres in a special way around the celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. The reciting of vocal prayers, reading, reflecting over Scripture and living out its message, spontaneous prayers, shared prayers, prayerful celebrations of family events and milestones, are among the various ways in which a domestic church can enrich its prayer life.

Marriage can be a mellifluous dance. For this to happen, both partners must be present to one another. They must necessarily enter into a smooth rhythm with one another. There is a joyful moving together. Neither tries to outdo the other, "to get the upper hand," to compete. The better the couple coordinates its energies, its artistry and creativity, the more enjoyable the experience and the more scintillating is the spectacle. Dance is in a real and true sense a dialogue. In decision-making respect for the other is the key. Gifts, talents and insights must be allowed to mix and merge, and what is best for the twosome, must be given precedence. One must go from self-sacrifice to self-surrender. If

a marriage is a partnership, where both contribute a hundred percent and are co-responsible in the larger interest of the marriage, the children, the community, the parish and the world.

The family that can work out its differences through mutual dialogue, understanding, honest discourse, humility, patience, respect and sensitivity, and above all, charity, not only achieves the peace that Christ offers (Jn.14:27), but also contributes like a leaven in the dough, to the building of peace in the global village.

In *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, St. Pope Paul VI states: "The family, like the Church, ought to be a place where the Gospel is transmitted, and from where the Gospel radiates. In a family which is conscious of this mission, the members evangelize and are evangelized. The parents not only communicate the Gospel to their children, but, they receive the same Gospel from their children as deeply lived by them. This is how a family becomes an evangelizer of many other families and the neighbourhood of which it is a part."

"Follow the Way of Love: A Pastoral Message of the U.S. Catholic Bishop's to Families, 1994, offered this important message: "The family gathers us, forms us and acts in the world. As true Christian families, you not only belong to the Church, but your daily lives are a true expression of the church. The family carries out the mission of the church in the world, when we "love and never give up believing in the value of another person;" when we "evangelize by professing faith in God; when we "educate," "pray together," "serve one another," and "forgive and seek reconciliation." We are "the church of the home," the Bishops continue, when we "celebrate life," "welcome the stranger," "act justly," and "affirm life."

This section of the Article is a subtly-told lived-experience of the Author-Couple. A child is the "Fruit with a Name" (e.g. John or Jane) of the 'coitus-intimacy' of its parents. For children have the love that, Jesus pours into the hearts of married couples, who are faithful to his mandate to

love. The Heart of Jesus beats in a true Christian marriage and, consequently, a child will never be folded, stapled and mutilated.

“S/he is formed in the palm of my hand” says the Lord (Isaiah 49: 16). There is no better way to bring up one’s offspring than the formative, loving and attractive witness of parents (two-hearts-beating-as-one). There will be fewer or no childhood hurts to struggle with in later life. Our progeny will have no problem with deprivation of parental Love, lack of Self-Esteem, no gripes over a sense of Belonging, and hardly any craving for Autonomy (the four basic needs of an individual), because they are trusted, confident and mature. Children of “self-actualized” parents (Abraham Maslow) or the “individuation” of Carl Jung, will quite naturally be wholesome, and have inner-beauty. God will be their prized possession and he will be enthroned in their hearts, with fierce faith. They will almost effortlessly choose the road of Matthew’s Beatitudes in their walk through life. Rev. Bernard Haring, a Roman Catholic scholar who influenced the sweeping modernization of Vatican II, by emphasizing a moral theology of Christian love, rather than the cataloguing of a maze of Satan’s temptations and a nuptial couple’s sins – always opting for the road to Emmaus (Lk.24:13-35), with the Spirit-Jesus for engaging and vibrant company. Their hearts will “burn within them” like the two unsuspecting and forlorn disciples, recalled as an afterthought. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist will become a ‘way of life’.

They will generally have Shalom: “Nothing broken, nothing missing” - Prosperity, in the true biblical sense! Finally, they will have a ‘gold spot’ in their hearts, and see the world with the vision of Jesus. Can one ask for anything more? Parents who have “Couple Love” have “Couple Power” which can Change the World! Their children, in turn, will be like Diesel Locomotives, which will not only empower world citizens, but become saints, by transforming themselves in line with the blueprint of the Gospel. The Word of God is not only a Power-House of grace, but is also empowered with the “Fruit” (Gal. 5:22) and the “Gifts” of the Holy Spirit (9 gifts: 1 Corinthians 12:8-10; Also: 7 gifts: Isaiah 11:2-3)!

Spirit-filled children burst with exuberance, scintillating charm, are slow to anger (James 1:19–20) and “rich in mercy” (Ephesians 2:4-10). They are

also “meek and humble of heart” (Mt.11:29). They ooze compassion, mercy, hope and spontaneity, joy, exuberance, genteel excitement bordering on ecstasy, are guileless, they are silhouettes of grace and charm, have confidence and flair, no ego-massages are necessary, hearts laced with gold, are happily living their dream, are generous and out-going, are able to make lightning-swift choices - discernment in the Spirit; they take the roadless travelled, their faces have the sunrise in them and their person explodes with colour and design. This divine milieu leaves no room for decadence and debauchery, frustration and depression! Not even one heavy stone weighs on their hearts! No rebellious fire in their eyes! This brand of children can sleep easy in the knowledge that the sins of their parents will not be visited on them. They are dream children who are perfect gifts to the community... everyone...everywhere! And, imagine, their stirring love stories have just begun! What a miracle...yet, it rings so true! Lives clothed in prolific, precious, profound art!

Their stance perennially is: “Jesus, walk with me. I need to learn more about your love and become a saint for which I was created!” Why can one wax eloquent about them? Yes, simply because their parents were piping-hot “Lovers!” They are/ were life-giving in this world, and leave behind for their children a rich legacy of raw, dripping glory of oranges and yellows, when the sun sets on their charming lives: A treasure chest of good, beautiful and cherished memories that nurture children forever and never fade away: Ambrosial food, really!

Now, these gold nuggets! Perfection belongs to the gods; the most one can hope for in our children is “par excellence!” This is a wonderful Buddhist saying for bringing up our wards: “The arrow that hits the bull’s eye is the result of a thousand misses! Your children need you, not your material gifts. Children of plenty, have plenty of problems! Remember, failure is a teacher. A harsh one, perhaps, but the best! Success lies on the far side of non-performance! No kindness is ever wasted, or even completely lost! The two saddest words in any language – “If only”! We, parents, should write our worries on sand, when the tide is coming in – so we do not pass them on to our progeny! Please avoid, at all costs, the use of a hammer, to kill a fly! Effective discipline is as much a part of love, as hugs and kisses! Our children will go from

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FR. AGNEL'S BLESSINGS

BLESSED WITH TWINS

Hamilton Rebecca Pany, Vashi-Navi Mumbai:

We were issueless even after 3 years of our marriage. Treatments by the specialist doctors did not bring any hope in our life. We were worried whether we would continue to be childless in our lifetime. Advised by a friend, we visited the Ashram and placed our petition at the Samadhi. We continued our prayers to Fr. Agnel for the gift a child. We are now very happy to inform you that through the blessing of Ven. Fr. Agnel within a year, we are blessed with twin girls. Both kids are keeping fine. Today, we have come with our little kids to give our thanks offering of Rs.10,000 to the Ashram.

VEN. FR. AGNELO GUARDIAN OF OUR FACTORY

D'Souza & Associates, Bandra West: By the grace of Ven. Fr. Agnel our factory is running well, despite global recession and stiff competition in the market. Over the years, we had the protection and blessing of Fr. Agnel on our Company. It is through his blessing we have been able to overcome all the difficulties and meet new challenges in the industrial field. As a token of our love and gratitude an offering of Rs.10,000 to the Ashram for one time meal for the poor children.

SAFE JOURNEY

Mulji & Pushpa Bheda, London: By the grace of Fr. Agnel we had a safe and pleasant journey from London to Mumbai. Fr. Agnel has been a

great source of solace and inspiration in our life. With a grateful heart an offering of Rs.2000 to the Ashram.

FAVOURABLE COURT VERDICT

M. Mascarenhas Chikmagalore-Karnataka: I was booked for a defamation case. Actually, it was framed up by some people who were jealous on my flourishing business. I legally challenged it in the civil court. But, the case dragged on for years with petition and counter petitions. I was fed up with legal hassles. In this plight, I entreated the powerful intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel and fervently prayed for a favourable court verdict. Shortly, the case came up for final hearing. I am now extremely happy to inform you that the Honourable Court has acquitted me of the defamation charge. Moreover, the litigants were fired and amply punished for baseless allegation made against me. With a grateful heart an offering of Rs.5000 to the Ashram.

AMICABLE PROPERTY SETTLEMENT

Arokia Antony, Ghatkopar: There was some dispute with my relatives over the ownership of our ancestral property. The dispute dragged on for many years with quarrels and arguments. Mediation by prominent persons did not bring any result. In this predicament, I tearfully prayed to Fr. Agnel for an out-of-court settlement. Through his the powerful intercession the dispute was amicably solved within a short time. With profound gratitude an offering of Rs.5000 to the Ashram.

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“zero to billionaire,” metaphorically, if they spend ten minutes with Jesus every morning! Remember, the Lord is always with our families in the shadows; almost in silhouette! Keep in mind Matthew’s Beatitudes lead one on a journey to wholeness! Also, the Eucharist has Jesus as the “Super Star!” At Mass, we are all transformed into stars and

burn our brightest, because of it! And, finally: When “Parents are Lovers,” children flower – shapely, brilliantly-hued and subtly-fragrant! And, like a deep-rooted tree, our heirs will be securely-anchored and free! Child-rearing is an artist’s work! All this is our priceless bestowal or heritage! Quite ironically, the price tag is Eternal Bliss!

Out of Their Bounty

Jennifer Peterson	Tamil Nadu	50000	Joseph D'Souza	Vasai	1000	Rajesh Alphonso	Vasai	500
R.Machado	Tamil Nadu	25000	R. S. Barretto	Vasai	1000	R.L. Alphonso	Vasai	500
Kenod Dsouza	Mangalore	29500	P. Fredy Pereira	Vasai	1000	R.S. Pires	Vasai	500
Praveen Srivastava	Mumbai	46000	Santan Fernandes	Mumbai	1000	S.E. Luiji	Thane	500
Arun Augustin	Kerala	50000	P.K. Raghuvansi	U.S.A.	1000	Sam Cooper	Mumbai	500
Subramanian.R.	Mumbai	5000	Divya Pereira	Thane	1000	S. Furtado	Mumbai	500
Jacob Puthur	Kerala	5000	A Lourdusamy	T.N.	1000	Chetan Asher	Mumbai	500
Dr.Geeta Naik	Mumbai	15000	Veena Machado	Mumbai	1000	Aaron Konikara	Mumbai	500
R.T. Chacko	T.N.	5000	P. Vora	Nallasopara	1000	G.P. Fernandes	Vasai	500
Ayesha Pereira	Mumbai	3000	Lily Moraes	Naigaon	1000	M. Mehta	Mumbai	500
M. Noronha	Mumbai	3000	Rashmi Pereira	Vasai	1000	H.U. Gala	Dombivli	500
Joseph Dabre	Vasai	3000	N.Glen D'Cunha	Vasai	1000	Sandip Patel	Jalgaon	500
Subramaniam R.	Mumbai	2600	F. A. Lopes	Vasai	1000	Machado & Sons	T.N.	500
Ram T. Hingoran	Mumbai	2100	Vivaan Bhavsar	Mumbai	1000	I. Adaikalam	Odisha	500
Mrs. Bahl	Mumbai	2000	Behroze Engineer	Mumbai	1000	N.A. Elavia	Mumbai	301
Ravi Bahl	Mumbai	2000	H.M. Mahek	Mumbai	1000	P.J. Maru	Mumbai	301
Eesha Bahl	Mumbai	2000	B.C. Pawar	Mumbai	1000	B. Vadiyar	Palghar	300
John D'Souza	Mumbai	2000	K.J. Jose	Kerala	1000	Pascal Fernandes	Mumbai	300
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Marie I. Rebello	Mumbai	2000	Narendra Patel	Mumbai	510	N. A. Dastoor	Mumbai	250
Anthony Miranda	Mumbai	2000	A.R. Elavia	Mumbai	501	D.M. Gandhi	Gujarat	201
C.A. Miranda	Mumbai	2000	M.f. D'Souza	Mumbai	500	N.M. Sahiar	Daman	201
B.H. Solanki	Gujarat	2000	Parth K. Macwan	Gujarat	500	L. John	Dombivli	200
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Carl Sequeira	Mumbai	1500	C. P. D'Cunha	Vashi	500	J. Hariawala	Mumbai	101
Irene Bhagat	U.S.A.	1200	C.K. Achrekar	Mumbai	500	P. Sachinbhai	Mumbai	101
Sanya Paulson	Mumbai	1200	V. G. Naik	Virar	500	P.P. Ranjibhai	Bhavnagar	101
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Delia Gonsalves	Vasai	1000	C. A. D'Silva	Mumbai	500	Hiren U Gala	Thane	100
S.M. Rumao	Virar	1000	C. Pereira	Vasai	500	Jobby Elias Kajar	Vasai	2000
Marie Pereira	Goa	1000	J. L. Alphonso	Vasai	500	M.D. Mathia	Kerala	1000
						Dhiraj Bhatia	Mumbai	500

Student Development Program on “Grooming for Placements by Industry Experts”

Computer Engineering department of Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering in collaboration with Placement Cell had organized an online five day Student Development program on “Grooming for placements by Industry Experts” from 24th to 28th May, 2020. The objective of the program was to groom upcoming batches of students from all branches of our college to be job ready for placements in IT/Software and other core industries by making their computer science and other core fundamentals strong with emphasis on enriching their coding and problem-solving skill sets. The main highlight of the program was the valuable tips and inputs from eminent speakers of reputed industries. The experts enlightened students about the industry perspective of selecting potential candidates, guided them

about the skills needed and gave them the road map by providing resources and motivation to get better placement opportunities in dream and super dream companies. Our brilliant alumni shared their interview experiences and provided tips on do's and don't of the interview process. Students were made aware of the cutting edge technologies and trending programming languages through sessions on Jenkins, golang and angular js.

The program received an overwhelming response with 428 participants from all branches. E- certificate was issued to all participants after completing a quiz conducted at the end of the program. Participants gave positive feedback about the program and expressed their eagerness to participate in similar programs organized in future by college.



Mr. Swapnil Khetan Michael Page, Manager – Procurement & Supply Chain, addressing the au

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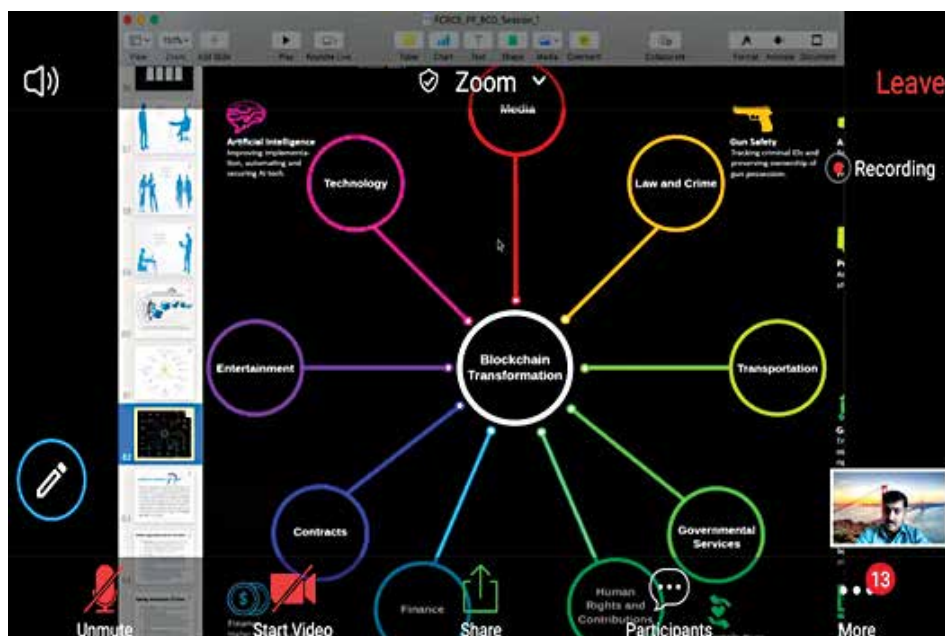
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Workshop on Ethereum Powered DAPP Deployment in Blockchain Technology

Department of Computer Engineering of Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering organized national level faculty and student development online Program on “Ethereum Powered DAPP Deployment in Blockchain Technology”, in association with “Programming fiesta” from 27-31 May 2020.

This 5 days online workshop of 20 hrs was conducted on the Zoom platform. Participants got exposure to application development &

deployment in Solidity Ethereum Blockchain through hands-on experience creating an Ethereum Decentralized Application. Mr. Pernave Shastri, the trainer, gave in-depth knowledge of blockchain technology and answered all the questions and queries of participants. Participants in this interactive workshop were delighted and excited after deploying a decentralized application on the Ethereum environment with a smart contract. Dr. Sujatha Deshmukh moderated the sessions.



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