



I n a gentle way, you can shake the World -M.K.Gandhi





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PROGRAMME

SPECIAL NOVENA SERVICES From 11th to 19th November 2021

Everyday

Morning: 7.00 a.m.: Holy Mass and Novena Prayer in English. Evening : 6.00 p.m. : Holy Mass and Novena Prayer in English.

<u>N.B.</u>

On Sunday 14th November Masses and Novena Services will be held at 07.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m.& 06.00 p.m.

20th November (Saturday) : 94th Death Anniversary of Venerable Fr. Agnelo

Morning : Mass followed by Novena Prayers at 7.00 a.m, Evening : Solemn Concelebrated Mass will be held at 6.00 p.m. in the Ashram(Number will be restricted as per the norms).

Main Celebrant

Most. Rev. Barthol Baretto, Auxiliary Bishop of Bombay



will be the Main Celebrant on 20th November 2021.

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 :

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Guest Editorial Shaking the world with a gentle touch

In a gentle way, you can shake the world -Mahatma Gandhi

In the world there have always existed movers and shakers. They are strong, courageous individuals who are set apart from their fellowmen, primarily because they seek to raise awareness of the need for change. They may do it either gently or more aggressively.

Mahatma Gandhi was our freedom fighter who has been labelled as the "Father of our Nation"

He was a pioneer in history because of his nonviolent approach to ousting the British rule from our country. He was a firm believer in peaceful means. He was not a believer in might is right or using war and aggressive methods to further his cause. Most people perhaps at that time might have felt his methods too calm and placid to really get results. Yet, when we obtained our Independence in 1947, truly it can be seen how successful his non-violence termed as Ahimsa was in securing freedom from the British rule. We soon became a democracy and he also inspired other freedom fighters in history to adopt a nonaggressive attitude.

Mother Teresa was an Albanian nun who has gone down in world history because of her tireless efforts in helping the poor and downtrodden members of India. She used the hands on method of personally looking after the poor, the downtrodden and the lepers of our country. She was a foreign nun who was based in our country and did something so radical that no other Indian had attempted to do before. With her ministering nuns, she set out to transform lives of people who were rejects of society. She set up homes for the unwanted and dying in Calcutta, India, New York and Albania. She worked tirelessly for more than fifty years.

Now, what about you and me? Can we make a difference in this world? But you might say-How can I become Mahatma Gandhi or Mother Teresa? - Christine D'Sylva

The point is yes, it would be difficult. But each one of us can in a gentle way can make some difference in this world.

It is said charity begins at home. Are you kind and loving to your own family members? There are some individuals who are nice to people outside their homes but treat family members with little regard. Examine yourself and ask whether this might be true of you? Are you so keen on social popularity that you fake niceness to others but in your home you are not a genial and loving person?

Animals are often victims of cruelty. When God gave man the power to dominate the earth, he did not advocate cruelty to animals. Do you know that many people around the world are turning vegan to avoid animal products? They are making a change in a gentle quiet way. There are people who foster animals, look after them and people who adopt animals and give them loving home. Here again we see shaking the world in a gentle way. There are both societies and individuals that look after stray animals and shelters that take care of unwanted animals. People often visit the shelters and adopt a pet that has been rejected by their masters or been cruelly treated. They in their gentle way are touching an innocent unwanted animal's life and providing a home.

Also adoption of kids is another means of gently shaking the world. It makes people aware of the need to provide orphans with a loving home. It also makes people realise the need to reject artificial means of fertility like fertility drugs that cause many problems for the woman who takes them. Test tube babies which are artificial means of getting a child should be reconsidered by the couple. So many orphans are in orphanages desperately hoping for a loving home. It is up to infertile couples to contribute to society by adopting orphans and giving a child a new happy life. Also we can shake the world in a gentle way by our everyday attitude- an attitude of positivity and kindness. If you are talented share your talents with others by using them positively. For example in the Bible, Tabitha used her talent of sewing to make clothes for others even for the poor who could not pay her. When she died due to sickness, Jesus raised her up from the dead. He knew in her gentle way, Tabitha was shaking the world with her magic fingers and displayed his great regard for her efforts.

Let everyone whom you meet go away feeling better about themselves or at least never feeling hurt and depressed by your behaviour and unkind words. Here too this is a simple but much needed example of shaking the world gently and positively.

The saints throughout history have impacted the world with their goodness and gentleness. They have shaken the world not aggressively but gently. Their efforts go down in history much appreciated and revered. So today let's make a promise to Our Heavenly Father that we will henceforth shake the world gently through our kindness, honesty, sincerity and regard for all creatures in this world.

Mother Mary with her great humility said yes to the angel Gabriel who told her God's plan of having her conceive a child without marriage. The child would be born of the Holy Spirit. Mother Mary bore God's divine son, Jesus. Jesus Christ was the Saviour of the world. Mother Mary shook mankind in her gentle way with her deep abiding faith in God and her ready agreement to his plan for her life.

So wake up today, shake the world gently. God has ways of shaking the world when He is at work. He literally caused the ground to quake when Jesus died on the cross. Remember your life is yours alone, others may walk with you but no one can walk it for you. But let's draw courage that Jesus walks with us along the way and we can gently shake the world positively.



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Severine Saldanha, Karnataka

I am sending my donation of ₹.20,000 towards the destitute children. Kindly request the children to pray for us.

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We are sending you a cheque of ₹.5,000 as our thanks giving offering for favours received through the intercession of Ven.Fr.Agnel. Kindly pray for us.

Jose Varkey Panattuparambil, Mumbai

Enclosed is a cheque. for ₹.3,000 for the benefit of the destitute children in your Balbhuvan. Please pray for us.

Agnel J. Pinto, Dombivli

Please accept my gift of ₹.2,000 for the use of the destitute children under your care. Please remember us in your daily prayers.

K. D. Joseph, Kerala

Enclosed is a cheque of ₹.1,500 for your charitable works. Kindly pray for our family good health.

The Extraordinary Power of Listening

The Synod of Bishops on synodality which will take place in October 2023, to allow for broader consultation at the diocesan, national and regional level. The Pope will formally open the synod process at the Vatican Oct. 9-10 this year, the synod office said. The theme chosen by the pope for the next synod is: "For a synodal church: communion, participation and mission." The underlying Theme is "Listening."

The diocesan phase will last from October 2021 to April 2022, and it will largely be a consultative process with laypeople throughout the world "so that the Synodal process is carried out through listening to all of the baptized."

According to "America," The Jesuit Review, this is what Pontiff said: "From the Second Vatican Council up to the current Synod on the Family, we have gradually learned of the necessity and beauty of "walking together – listening to one another!"

A Synodal church is a listening church, knowing that listening "is more than feeling." It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. Faithful people, the College of Bishops, the Bishop of Rome: we are one in listening to others; and all are listening to the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of truth" (Jn. 14:17), to know what the Spirit "is saying to the Churches" (Rev. 2:7).

On the eve of the Synod of last year I stated: "First of all, let us ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of listening for the Synod Fathers, so that with the Spirit, we might be able to hear the cry of the people and listen to the people until we breathe the will to which God calls us."

Why is listening the All-Important aspect of life? Pope Francis in his Encycical Laudato Si, insists we have to listen to Creation. Why? Because turning a deaf ear to it has caused numerous, storms, cyclones, tsunamis, earthquakes and flooding. People are at war, terrorists are running wild, because no one is listening. Marriages are on the rocks because no one is paying attention to the marital other. Families are breaking up because members are turning a deaf ear to one another. Parishes are in turmoil, Churches are in a mess, -Leon Bent

the world is in misery because no one is taking to heart the needs of the other.

How will the Synod with Listening as the buzzword influence Catholic Believers? It will promote "listening" through Communication and Dialogue. This is the Magna Carta of Marriage Encounter!

Marriage Encounter is a true miracle. What motivates and inspires aspirant couples is the close and warmth, the transformation, the radiance in the faces of those who have had a taste of Marriage Encounter. The joy and exuberance are contagious. This is the best form of publicity, the most convincing advertisement for going on a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The ecstasy of Marriage Encounter is one of Listening; this is the milieu, the environment of a ME Weekend, and of Married Couples later, "listening" with attentive silence, with heart, mind, and spirit! This creates an atmosphere of stillness and tranquillity, as if we are in adoration of the Lord Jesus. It brings about enrichment between husband and wife and between parents and children, between families, between communities of families which make up the Church.

Thousands and thousands of couples have expressed in no uncertain terms, the "Eureka" moment of the Weekend. Countless couples echo these words: "Peter and I couldn't sit still after our Weekend. We had received so much. We couldn't sleep. We didn't know that to do with ourselves. The Weekend showed us what we wanted our marriage to be like when we were courting; what our marriage was like in the beginning, but, somehow, over the years, we had lost our way. The dream lay dormant; now it has come alive! All because we listened to one another's feelings!"Listening transforms relationships, especially between sacramental lovers and in families.

An old Greek axiom says it all: "There is a spot to stand, so that, we can move the world. It is found wherever couples love one another".

Marriage Encounter does not say, "We have something you don't. Let us improve you." No, it assures, "You are already beautiful. Come and realize that latent beauty, and continue to delight in, and be excited about, one another life long."

Marriage Encounter starts with the basic premise that, marriage is a love affair between two people who are totally and irrevocably committed to one another, brought about by listening with the heart. Two people, who have chosen to share a lifetime of mutual self-discovery and self-revelation. Their whole purpose is to celebrate as a couple, with warmth, tenderness and affection the awesome goodness of their spouse, and their rich beauty as a couple. It is Weekend for two individual lovers whose vision is to become a "we" or "one."

So often lovers say, "You are the only person in the world for me!" In fact, the inspirational theme song of Marriage Encounter goes like this: "I'll Never Find Another You."

Bishop Edward McCarthy captured the rejuvenating spirit of Marriage Encounter, when he exclaimed, "Before the Weekend they kissed my ring. Now they kiss me."Fr. Chuck Gallagher sometimes finds, "the excitement of our vision is overpowering – skyrockets and firecrackers and stars twinkling everywhere – and joy – joy – joy bursting in our hearts."

Marriage Encounter offers couples the chance to be lovers, the opportunity to dare to be different. Its gifts are hope and joy, and it points to God way to love and intimacy. Dialogue is the main charism of Marriage Encounter; its key is listening!

Chuck says, "Every moment, at every Weekend for me, is a time to persuade, cajole, plead with, and encourage each couple to be open to one another. I really don't care if they listen to me, if they only listen to one another. It's all there – the closeness, the joy, the richness, the hopes that keep searching for fulfilment. If only they are present, truly present to one another, they will never be alone any more, and then, they will enjoy".

Dialogue offers a golden opportunity for couples to be listened to, to accept the other and be accepted in return. Marriage is a kind of training camp for love. Dialogue is the calisthenics to get our 'listening muscles' toned up till they reach peak level. It is not just writing the Love Letter which is important. While reading, it is important to be totally and fully absorbed in drawing our spouse off the page. It is in the pages of a Love Letter that I discover best, the person I love so tenderly, and who love me so very much. This is brought about by listening!

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Our Love Letters mirror to one another, our goodness and our specialness. In the process, our intimacy brightens and glows. An essential part of listening is to listen with our entire selves! Our bodies!

Physical touch is a very essential aspect of marital communication. Communication can be verbal as well as non-verbal. As a matter of fact, when someone experiences his spouse so tenderly, there is an instinct to reach out and touch the other, both, physically and holistically. For that matter, the former if it is to emerge from True Love, has to be physical and wholesome as well. Touching in any form nurtures the love between husband and wife: holding hands, a gentle touch, a warm caress, a soft hug, expresses love and care. It also creates the right kind of atmosphere to share aspects of life that are difficult. Touch releases our tongue, opens our ears and calms our hearts.

Touching is an essential part of listening, extraordinaire! It alerts us to the fullness of the other person. Through facial expression, tone of voice, body movement, the look in the eye, the trembling in the hand, the stiffness of the muscles, we pick up signals from the other: fear, anger, desperation, frustration, love, joy, ecstasy, excitement, hope, contentment and the like.

Fr. Chuck Gallagher describes the value of touching very picturesquely: "We cannot, by any stretch of the imagination, dialogue across a room. If one sits in a chair, and the other lies in bed, it is chatting, certainly not dialogue. The right posture is absolutely essential to dialogue, if it to be intimate, and between spouses. The

Mary - Motivation For the Youth of Today

We are in a world of rapid change. Young people are in need of right kind of inspiration and motivation. Access to information is increasing and mesmerizing the youth today. Social media pours down information through virtual networking and youth today are struck in the web of input. Naturally, young ones are shaped or organized by the information they receive and carry out their daily life without putting it into personal criticism or scrutiny. They probably are tempted to be virtual but not caring for virtues. Being young is a synonym of change, dynamic progress and future. It is about facing challenges and creating space for the future. Global challenges like coronavirus pandemic and lock down will have an effect on the future of youth. Hence, it is an opportune time to inspire and motivate our young ones. Having this in mind, I take this solemnity of nativity of Our Lady forinspiring youth on the theme, "Nativity of Mary: Significance and Motivation for Youth."

Nativity of our Blessed Mother

Christology opens the door for Mariology. In discussing about the incarnation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God we look into Mary keenly. She is God's chosen one and the privilege she enjoys in the Church is from God (Lk 1:28-30). Mother Church is happy indeed to reserve a right place for her in the Church. Hence, we are invited to celebrate joyfully the birth of mother Mary. Nativity of Mary reminds us about her special vocation and God's gift of preservation. It is explained well by St. Augustine in his view on predestination. The idea of predestination appeared long before the Papal Bull 'Munificentissimus Deus' by Pope Pius XII in the writings of St. Augustine in which he said, "He knew His mother in predestination, even before He was born of her; even before, as God, He created her of whom, as man, He was to be created, He knew her as His mother." In "Summa Theologiae," St. Thomas Aquinas explained that nothing is handed down in the

-Fr. Antony Jerald

canonical scriptures concerning the birth and early life of the blessed mother Mary but it is reasonable to believe that she, who brought forth "the Only-Begotten of the Father full of grace and truth," received greater privileges of grace than all others hence we read (Lk 1:28) that the angel addressed her in the words: "hail full of grace!"

The story of salvation commences with Mary's birth, and Mary is upheld as the special fruit born from a barren womb of Anna. We rejoice today as we remember her birth: "for Eve by her transgression closed the gate of Paradise to those of old, we have now been given a glorious fruit, Mary the Child of God, who opens its entrance to all." Mary is the restoration of Adam and the recalling of Eve, the fountain of life and the release from corruption; through her we have been made godlike and delivered from death (Gen 3:20). Joachim and Anna represent humanity's barrenness, while Mary's miraculous birth indicates God's providential transformation of humanity from barren to fruitful and Mary's link with her Son, her place within the saving and redemptive mission of Christ, is never for one moment forgotten. So, it is right and fitting to celebrate the birth of mother Mary.

Significance of Birth of Our Blessed Mother

Fulton J. Sheen in his book "The World's First Love," illustrated that Mary existed in the Divine Mind as an Eternal Thought before there were any mothers. She is the mother of mothers – she is the world's first love. Having these words of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen as inspiration, I would like to draw few messages for our life today. First, nativity of our Blessed Mother reminds us again that God loves us. I look at the birth of Mary as the manifestation of God's love for the whole humanity because in her God began a new chapter in the history of salvation (Gen 3:15; Gal 4:4-5; Jn 3:16). Second, we are not accident in the world and we existed in the mind of God long before our birth as bishop Fulton J. Sheen expressed about Mary (Jer 1:5). We are God's favoured ones (Lk 1:30). Third, like Mary every birth has a goal or a purpose for which God has formed us in the womb of our own mothers. In the witnessing words of Elizabeth, we are clear that Mary believed in the divine plan or purpose in her life (Lk 1:45). Fourth, our life on earth is not fully evil or huge waste but it is to submit into the mighty hands of God in purity and obedience that God can perform great things as He did in the life of mother Mary (Lk 1:48-49).

Motivation for the Youth

Motivation is the force to keep going even when things are tough. Staying motivated can be more difficult for youth today who learns and thinks differently but it is our duty to help them. Bad experiences frustrate them often. Self-belief, selfmotivation and self-determination are the words time and again repeated in the secular world but in fact they are more spiritual. Trusting the self and motivating it towards the determined goal is more spiritual and requires right motivation and guidance. So, Mother Mary is our motivation and guide. Nativity of Mary reminds us that we are loved by God. We are not accident on this earth but intentional. We are God's lovely expression on earth. We are created to fulfil the divine intention in our life by our self-motivated spiritual living. We are called to transcend the barriers of flesh, culture and social setup that we work for the interest of the humanity and for the good of the other like Mary. So, feel that you are special and made unique.

John c. Maxwell says, "dreams don't work except you do." Yes! We should work for it. As we remember and celebrate the Nativity of Mary, first and foremost receive the blessings of your parents and learn from their daily struggle which shapes your future. Come out of your virtual world and be in touch with the reality of life. I present this out of my experience because I witnessed two incidents last year: First, a girl stabbed her mother who told her not to use WhatsApp and study. Second, a girl committed suicide in Chennai because her pet dog died. Life is so precious and we are to live it effectively. Obey your parents because there is none to think good for you as your parents. Work for the intention for which you are created and let your life be a blessing for many. Finally, lead your life in such a way that it can express God's love to the humanity.

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partners must necessarily sit close to one another, close enough to sense the coldness in the hand, the goose bumps on the arm, the trembling fingers, sweaty palms, knotted muscles in the back. It is one thing to see tears running down your cheeks, but it is another to feel your tears running down my cheeks, and still a third, to feel our tears running down our cheeks. Touching goes back to the days of romantic courtship; physical contact, holding hands, walking arm in arm is all too natural. We are persons of flesh and blood and have to use every means at our disposal to communicate."

He adds, "Touching one another with our eyes

is a most important part of dialogue. This truly makes us present to one another. Communication with the eyes helps us put our full attention on our spouse. The eyes are the windows of the soul. We have to speak with our eyes. When we look deep into the eyes of our partner we are on the path to true intimacy."

This insight is the wind under our wings! Listening with the heart animates, deepens, intensifies and forms a person after God's own heart! It energizes individuals and heals the world!

And, this final flourish! "One listening to the others; and all listening to the Holy Spirit."

"Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk." -Doug Larson

Agnel Happenings Zenith a Cultural Event at Fr. CRCE, Bandra Constellations : Stories in the sky

Zenith was the amalgamation of the ancestral fables forever imprinted in the sky and the curiosity that ignites in every thinker, every innovator. The Students' Council of Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering successfully conducted their first Cultural Event - Zenith, on the 5th, 8th and 9th of September, 2021.

The first event 'Protostellar' was released on 31st August. Protostellar is the phase where a young star is still in the making and this event was the opportunity for every budding designer, marketer

and innovator to bring to life a product that the earth needs right now. Sustainable brands that actively contribute to fighting against climate change. The participants submitted a catalogue of their products which were judged by the Advertising Pro Cleve Preyra and Marketing Guru Anita Rajagopalan. **TE** Production acquired the first place in Protosetallar, followed by TE Computers-A and

then SE Artificial Intelligence and Data Science. The event was declared closed on 8th September, 2021 at 5.00 pm.

The next event - " Influenstar " celebrated the charisma and talents of our students. Unlike products, Entertainment is more than just basic functionality. Creating content for a myriad of viewers is not as easy as it seems. Yet the students succeeded in creating content that was not only enjoyable but also relatable. It not only engaged the viewers, but also inspired, 'influenced' students to step into the new world of content creation using reels.

Each class submitted 5 reels (maximum) to create their 'trend' using amazing scripts and catchy tunes. The event, released on 31st August and open till 9th September, 5.00 pm had us on the edge of our seats, anticipating the trends put together by the students. The reels were judged by the Spectacular Influenstars RJ Urmin and Nicole Braganza.

TE Computers-B won first place. TE Computers-A secured the second place and SE Artificial Intelligence and Data Science secured third place in 'Influenstar'.

"Lost in the stars" Our Live Event for Zenith, was exactly how anybody would feel if they were literally lost in the stars- Ecstatic? Bewildered?



Every second feels like an eternity? Held on 5th September, the event consisted of 3 rounds, where the participants were expected to collect the maximum number of stars.

Round 1 was the speedy and mind-racking game of Phrase Maze. The participants had to decode the given phrase (consisting of symbols) using the index provided. Each symbol coincided

with an alphabet. After decoding the phrase, they also had to write the name of the constellation.

Following Phrase Maze was the intense game of Solve & Seek, a modern twist on spotting the hidden object. Participants were given a set of 5 objects, with three clues each to figure out what the object was. They then had to find the object in the image provided and circle it.

'Enigma' was Round 3 of 'Lost in the stars'. This interactive point and click virtual escape room had the participants buckling their thinking helmets tighter than ever as they solved puzzles and codes with lightning speed.

Rounds 1 to 3 were a fast-paced rollercoaster ride and the 'Game Changer' was the breath-taking dive-drop. In the crowning event of 'Lost in the stars', the participants had to work smart and place their stars on any one of the six disclosed

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topics and increase their winning probability. True to its name, the 'GameChanger' rocketed certain risk-takers to infinity and beyond.

SE Computers-A won this event with 315 stars, followed by SE Electronics and Computer Science with 248 stars and TE Computers-B secured third place with 175 stars.

All these events truly witnessed the creativity, the co-ordination and the passion of the students at their zenith. Even though the event was online because of the on-going pandemic, the enthusiasm of the students and that of the Student's Council in preparing and participating in Zenith was not diminished. We experienced the zealous teamspirit unaffected by the virtuality of student interactions and sportsmanship showcased by the participants in dealing with the minor virtual hurdles.

Cultural Secretary Nicole Dias express special mention to the entire Students' Council who left no stone unturned to make Zenith such a successful online event.

Teacher's Day Celebration by NSS Council at Fr. CRCE, Bandra

On 4 September 2021 NSS organised the maiden online Teacher Day celebration to thank all the teachers for being the guiding force in making creators of tomorrow. The event was further graced by the presence of our respected Principal Dr. Srija Unnikrishnan, Head of Departments Dr. Brijmohan Daga, Dr. Sapna Prabhu, Dr. Jagruti Save, Dr. V.S Jorapur, Dr. Hemant Khanolkar and respected teachers from various departments and active participation of our volunteers and council members.

The entire event was hosted by event coordinator Anshula Raina. The event began with a beautiful poem for teachers recited by council member, Further event was progressed by healthy interactive Q/A session with Principal Mam , HOD's, Teachers, where questions were asked frequently by council members volunteers regarding sharing their experiences about pandemic, online teaching, student teacher relationship etc. all teachers actively participated and answered all the questions. All volunteers must have definitely gained knowledge from their experiences. This event surely helped to strengthen the relationship between students and teachers and helped to understand teachers' perspectives on different topics. The event concluded with vote of thanks to all the teachers for their presence by President Gayatri Varma and Event Coordinator Anshula Raina attendance of all the volunteers were Marked.



Agnel Ashram News

October 2021

Agnel Happenings AICTE Distinguished Chair Professor (DCPs) Lecture at FCRIT, Vashi

We are happy to inform all that Prof. N. Vedachalam(recipient of the Padma Shri award and Ex-Director ISRO Inertial Systems Unit (IISU)) delivered a lecture on 28-08-2021 (Saturday) under the AICTE DCP Scheme to FCRIT third-year engineering students and teachers (total participants: around 400)). The topic for the lecture was "Looming Creativity Talent Among Engineering Graduates".

The objectives for this lecture were to convey to aspiring engineers the significance of creative thinking and the necessity of multi-disciplinary knowledge and lifelong learning for a Successful Engineering career.

During his session, Prof. N. Vedachalam cherishes his experience with former President of India Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam and Dr.Vikram Sarabhai, which was very pleasing to learn from Sir. Prof. N Vedachalam enlightens the importance of time and planning in space projects by giving the example of "Mars Orbit Mission" in this, he explained how the distance between two planets could be covered with the help of gravity of planets to minimise the use of fuel.

Prof. N. Vedachalam also shared his memories of the Mars Orbit Mission and gave a brief description of the project which certainly encouraged participants. Prof. N. Vedachalam quoted, "Poor education wastes human potentials; if technical institutionsare sound, students will graduate with knowledge, skills and motivation to help further build our nation and they will enjoy full and productive life". Further, Prof. N. Vedachalam highlighted ten essential attributes for an Engineering Graduate; he introduced the importance of a grasp of Science, Advanced



Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry along with Information Technology. He also emphasised and comprehended engineering subjects, both design and manufacturing process, which eventually affected the productivity of engineering graduates in a positive way. Further, Prof. N Vedachalam stressed having multi-disciplinary knowledge to be ready to deliver in all possible ways towards the assigned task.

In the subsequent session, Prof. N. Vedachalam made sure that participants understand the need of knowing the context in which engineering is practice i.e. R&D environment or industrial manufacturing, economics and government regulations, heritage and history or customer/ societal needs based on which there will be a significant change in problem-solving. As per Prof. N. Vedachalam, both verbal and written communication play an important role in Engineering Graduates careers. He also recognised the importance of thinking critically and creatively, both independently and collectively; this leads to the next point of Prof. Vedachalam regarding the importance of teamwork. Sir also described the significance of lifelong learning and followed high ethical standards throughout their career.

WTT U-19

Fr. Agnel Table Tennis Academy paddler Deepit Patil put in a stellar performance to bag the Bronze medal at WTT Youth Contender Tunisia, Tunis in the U-19 event. A product of the Navi Mumbai's premier Table Tennis

Academy & having been trained under seasoned coaches Chaitanya Udare & Suhas Chawan , Deepit is also the current India #2 in Junior category. Deepit started the qualifying rounds by beating Ramoul islem from Tunisia by 3-0 (112,11-7,11-2) & the next match against Abdulwahhab Abdullah from Qatar by 3-2 (7-11,11-3,11-7,5-11,11-5)

In the maindraw round of 16 , he beat Oueslati Mohamed Amine 3-0(11-3,11-2,11-2) & in the Quarter finals beat Chambel-weil Remi from Netherlands 3-1 (11-4,11-3,10-12,11-9). Deepit eventually bowed out in the semifinal to world no. 1 Adrien Rassenfosse from Belgium 0-3 (3-11,4-11,7-11)



Agnel swimmers make way into India Book of Records

A gnel Swimmers Neel Shekatkar and Mantra Kurhe are elated to have their names included in the India Book of Records for being the fastest swimmers from Elephanta Island to Gateway of India at the age of 12 yrs. Neel swam the 16km approx distance in 2hrs and 45 min while Mantra swam the same distance in 2hours 52 min. The swim was ratified by the Swimming Association of Maharashtra.

Both swimmers train at the Fr Agnels Sports



Mantra Kurhe

Center Swimming Pool under the guidance of coaches Amit Awale and Head Coach Gokul Kamath.

Both swimmers were felicitated by the Thane District Swimming Association. Neel was felicitated by Thane Guardian minister Shri Eknath Shinde for his achievement. Mantra Kurhe was also felicitated by Maharashtra State Education minister Mrs. Varsha Gaikwad.



Neel Shekatkar



Machine Learning for Multidisciplinary Research & Development, Assagao

The R&D cell of Agnel Institute Of L Technology and Design organised a webinar on Machine Learning for Multidisciplinary Research & Development on 31st August 2021 from 11.00pm to 12pm. The webinar was delivered by Dr.Arun Pandian J ,Advisor-TBI, from Veltech University, Chennai. The webinar delivered the content on Machine Learning and it various applications. There was a brief discussion on NVidia . He also explained how Deep learning is a subset of AI and machine learning that uses multi-layered artificial neural networks to deliver state-of-the-art accuracy in tasks such as object detection, speech recognition, language translation, and others. He also explained every major deep learning framework such as TensorFlow, PyTorch, and others, are already GPU-accelerated, so data scientists and researchers can get productive in minutes without any GPU programming. Total participants for the webinar were 42.

Institute's Innovation Council of Agnel Institute of Technology & Design, Assagao organized a webinar on the topic "Opportunities for Startups in Goa" on 28th August 2021 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. The resource person for the session was Mr. Milind Prabhu, CEO & M.D, Genora Infotech.

Mr. Milind is also the Chairman of the IT and



startup's committee of the Goa chamber of commerce and industries. The Webinar was aimed at providing an overview about the innovative technologies with business potential in Goa. Focus of this webinar was to make participants realize the power of entrepreneurship and the magic that can be created by this. In our daily life we always do the work as entrepreneur but we are not aware of it. So the session was helpful to know the way to go ahead with the idea in our mind to create the things that will help the whole community and boost our economy in Goa as well.

At the end of the session he gave a piece of advice to the participants who wished to have their startups in Goa. The session was attended by 46 participants both students and faculties from around Goa.

Innovative Student Project Expo 2021

Innovative StudentProject Exhibition at Agnel Institute of Technology & Design, Assagao-Goa Campus was successfully held on 17th August 2021. Major objective of organizing this exhibition was to provide the platform and unleash the potential of the students by showcasing their innovative projects developed in the Final Year either as Industry Defined Problem or User Defined Problem and provide an opportunity for the students to demonstrate their learning experience. The expo showcased to the media the manifestation of the talent that is prevalent among the students of the college. The projects were grouped in three clusters namely – Computer Cluster (comprising CSE Projects), Electronics & Communication Cluster (comprising ECE, EE, and ML Projects) and Mechanical Cluster (comprising ME, CE and AE projects). In all there were 3 projects in Computer Cluster, 2 projects in Electronics & Communication cluster and 12 projects in Mechanical Cluster. Innovation in the field of effective use of renewable energy sources was one of the main highlights of this exhibition. The expo was visited by the Director of Agnel Charities Fr. Agnelo Gomes along with Assistant Director Fr. Issac and the event was covered by Goa's news channel Prudent Media Goa and can be watched at https://youtu.be/u00LRmulaoQ

The students of Mechanical Engineering department presented stunning prototypes, which included an Agrodrone which plays an important role in precision farming while also protecting the crop, a glass cleaning robot which is designed to clean high rise glass building using pneumatics, a solar dryer with single axis tracking system which aims to dry essential food items with low cost and using solar energy incorporating a sun tracking system to enhance its performance, a waste plastic recycler which manufactures bricks/ pavers from plastic waste, an electromagnetic oil skimmer robot which is used for oil recovery in case of any oil spill accidents controlled completely by mobile application, a multi directional dumper that overcomes the problem of unloading the vehicle using hydraulic cylinder, a multistage sand sieving machine that can separate the sand used for construction into 3 different sizes, a power generating gym equipment designed to transform human energy spent at gymnasium into electricity, palm based bio diesel which produces bio diesel using palm seeds by a process known as transesterification.

There were also a couple of very interesting

projects displayed by the ECE department one of which was a voicebotwhich enables students to take mock interviews as many times as they want before the actual interview and an RF based energy harvesting system that used radio frequency and transforms it into a powder to recharge the battery of small power devices.

The students of Computer Engineering department presented stunning prototypes, which included home automation models using gestures which is designed for providing ease of control of home appliances to the people, especially elderly or those who are physically unable to efficiently perform day-to-day activities,aSmart Hand Glove for Hearing and Speech Impairedwhich isdesign to help the people having hearing and speech disabilities.

They created a wearable wireless gesture decoder module that can transform the basic set of ASL motionsinto alphabets and sentences. The glove is attached with an accelerometer as well, that helps to detect the hand movements and a Visually Impaired Aid Using Deep Learningwhich is aimed at helping the visually impaired people who are dependent for the tasks that are done in the indoor environment by using Smart Glass.

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National Webinar on Research, Innovation and Ranking

GUnder the flagship Ministry o f Of Education Government Of India and MoE's Innovation Cell (Government Of India), Under the IIC program, MIC announced the next MIC Driven Activity for Quarter 4-National Webinar



on Research, Innovation, and Ranking as the part of one-year celebration of National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020). ANational Webinar was organized by MHRD Innovation Cell in

association with AICTE on 11th August 2021.The Chief guestDr. RajkumarRanjan Singh a n d the Guest of Honour, Prof. K. Vijay Raghavan spoke about the impact of the NEP 2020 on all stakeholders and felt that it was the beginning

of a new era in educating and skilling the next generation. The webinar was enriching with a lot of perspective on NEP 2020. The Program encouraged the faculty members of HEIs towards Research, Innovation, use their knowledge and skills to transform their Institution as center of excellence, to prepare a Strategy and plan for their Career Engagement, Revitalization and Transition. Around 36 participants attended the webinar. The sessions are associated with the MoE's InnovationCell.

Fr. Agnel Multipurpose school and Jr. College, Ambernath (West)

A function was held in the school auditorium On the 4th of September 2021 to celebrate one of the most special days in a teacher's life, 'The Teacher's day'.

With the presence of the pandemic, teacher's day was celebrated keeping in mind the guidelines set by the government. School Administrator, Ms. Antoinette Viegas began the function, by thanking all the teachers for the unending efforts put forth by each one of them, for the development of the students.

Tr. Mayura Dafal's was felicitated for having bagged the 1st Position in Maharashtra in the Art Master Govt. Exam. Similarly Tr. Smita Valunj was honored for her National Guru Gaurav Shikshak Sanman Puraskar conferred upon her by Manushyabal Vikas Lokseva Academy. Tr. Neeta, Tr. Carol and Tr. Archana C. were also felicitated for completion of 25 years in the field of education.

A Prayer Service was held by the students and the teachers, followed by speeches and songs by students of the secondary section. Not holding back their gratitude towards the teachers, the ex-students of the school presented a mashup of songs. The entire programme was creatively put together in a memorable video and displayed before the Teachers.

A vote of thanks was extended towards the students, teachers, and the management for planning such an amazing program for all the teachers.

Finally, after enjoying a fellowship brunch, everyone left the programme with a realization of bei

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Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

-Mother Teresa

In a Gentle Way You can Shake the World

This quote embodies both Gandhian principles as well as Christian virtues. Mahatma Gandhi, who was single headedly responsible for unifying the Indian Freedom struggle, had more similarities with Jesus than you might think. On this occasion of Gandhi Jayanti let us look at what we, as Indian Christians, can learn how to be more like Jesus from the Father of our Nation

Even though he was a Hindu by religion, Gandhiji was greatly influenced by Christ and this was evident by the life he led. He had often stated that the Sermon on the Mount impacted him deeply and made him read the New Testament. From there he learned about Christ's teaching of non-retaliation and how one should return good

when evil is done to them. And the rest, as they say, is history. This is a great example of how one epiphany can turn change your life for the better. We all need such a moment in

our lives, where we see our lives clearly and strive to be better versions of ourselves.

Then when Gandhiji came to India, he showed us the perfect example of how a true follower of Jesus Christ should be. Gandhiji had always said Christ's teachings resonated with him deeply and through his example he even taught others how to embody Christ's virtues fully. "An eye for eye would make the whole world blind." He gave the unruly world, the principles of non-violence and solidarity that was heavily preached by Jesus in his time. In his weekly journal, the 'Harijan', Gandhiji described Ahimsa as, "the greatest force at the disposal of mankind." These principles today are known as Gandhian Principles/ Methodology worldwide because Gandhiji was the first person to apply this age old practice of non-violence on such a large scale. Which in turn led unified a diverse country like India and led her to victory.

Even though he was a Hindu by religion, Gandhiji was greatly influenced by Christ and this was evident by the life he led. and peace but never once did they try to gain anything for themselves. When the people, influenced by his teachings, tried to take Jesus to make him King, he withdrew to

the mountains by himself {John 6:15}. Gandhiji, on the other hand, was in Calcutta on 15th August 1947, trying to bring to a place where Muslims and Hindus were thirsty for each other's blood for over a year. Both Gandhiji and Jesus lived humble, down to earth lives and accumulated no vast wealth or power for themselves. They lived their lives trying to bring peace and justice where they went.

"Hate the sin not the sinner."

Both Gandhiji and Jesus showed us great examples of love and sacrifice. So much so, that they gave up their lives for others. They both turned the 'other cheek' and accepted their faith willingly even till their last breath. Gandhiji's last words, "Hey Ram" & Jesus' last words, "Father into your hands I commit my spirit" {Luke 23:46} signified their willingness to die for a good cause.

--Diana Eustace

"Love thy neighbour as thyself."

Both, Gandhiji and Jesus didn't just preach but they also walked the walked. They took the burden and problems of others on themselves and strived for a better world for their neighbour. Both of them, reached out to the outcasts of society when no one else accepted them. Gandhiji reached out to the Untouchables who were heavily prosecuted in India while Jesus treated the prostitutes, tax collectors and sinners equally as everyone else.

"The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will known peace."

Both Gandhiji and Jesus fought for justice



Dahisar: I was having severe stomach pain and soreness in my palms for many years. I consulted the doctor and was put under treatment and had to take 20 tablets a day. But there was still no improvement despite taking heavy medications. Then my only hope was to pray to Ven Fr. Angelo. I visited the shrine and prayed, to my surprise within a week, I was able to see improvements, now after a month I visited again to thank him for his powerful intercession. I am completely healed and now I don't have to take a single tablet. As a token of my profound gratitude a thanks offering has been placed at the Samadhi.

-Raksha Jain

GOT VISA FOR FURTHER STUDIES ABROAD

Vasai: I had applied for my further studies at U.I.C University in the month of Feb 2021. Inspite of paying all the fees, I didn't receive any proper information about my admission. The process got delayed. These 6 months i.e. from Feb to Aug were really taking a toll on my mental health as I was very tensed and worried about it. During these stressful moments, I prayed to Ven. Fr Angelo and entrusted all my worries to him and as a result, my prayers were answered. The University started showing special attention about my case and my documents were forwarded for further process and as a result I got my visa and tickets to travel. With profound love and gratitude I have placed my offering at the Samadhi.

-Ashvi George

HELP IN CRITICAL TIME

Chembur-Mumbai : I was in urgent need of a big amount of money to meet a financial crisis. I approached several friends for monetary help but in vain. In despair and with great faith and hope I besought the powerful intercession of Ven.Fr.Agnel and fervently prayed for his help. I am now very happy to inform you that through the blessing and intercession of Ven.Fr.Agnel a distant relative of mine having heard of my plight, came to my help and solved the financial problem. With a grateful heart an offering of ₹1000 to Ven.Fr.Agnel at the tomb box.

-Wilma Mathias

SECURED GOOD JOB ABROAD

Kochi-Kerala: I was praying to Ven.Fr.Agnel to bless my grandson with a good job suitable to his qualification. Ven.Fr.Agnel answered my prayer as my grandson has been blessed with a lucrative job abroad. My sincere thanks to Ven.Fr.Agnel with an offering of ₹.1000/-.

-Mary Paul

PRAYERS & DEVOTION REWARDED

Bandra-Mumbai: On a festive day a group of rude boys were teasing girls in our locality. Naturally I intervened to back off those guys. But they became violent and I was beaten up. Moreover I was made the culprit. I was charge sheeted and the case was sub judice for over two years. I was fed up with the proceeding and frequent hearing and adjournment of the case. In this predicament, I had recourse to Ven.Fr.Agnel and fervently prayed for an amicable settlement of the case. I am now happy to inform you that the court squashed the case and relieved me of all allegations. My heartfelt thanks to Ven. Fr.Agnel with an offering of ₹ 1000/-.

- Dewang Shawn

SUCCESSFUL CEREBRAL OPERATION

MALAD: My brother, 65 years old had to undergo a operation for cerebral Haemorrhage. In this predicament, we entrusted him to Ven Agnel and fervently prayed for his healing touch over him. We are now very happy to inform you that by the blessing of Ven. Agnel the operation was successful. He is now quite hale and hearty. Our thanks offering of Rs.201/- has been put in the box at the Samadhi.

- Nainina Prajapati

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CNC Software Training: Feature Cam For CNC Turning at ALTD, Assagao

CNC software was purchased on 23rd March 2021 for generating CNC program automatically for the CNC machines placed in Hi-Tech Room. The name of the software purchased was FEATURE CAM by Autodesk

and was installed by Infinity Solution (Partner of Autodesk). Training was scheduled on 26th and 27th of August 2021 at Agnel Institute of technology and Design, Assagao The Goa. resource person for training was Mr. Atul Mane



from Infinity Solutions, Pune. The training was successfully completed by generating CNC code using software. The same CNC code was run on the CNC machine and successfully tested.

Prof. Satish Rivankar, Prof. Gaurish Walke, Prof. Shubham Chodankar, Mr.Vinit Sawant, Mr. Deniz Fernandes, Mr. Diogo attended the training from Department of Mechanical Engineering, Agnel Institute of technology and Design, Assagao Goa.

> The training was also attended by 6 Teaching/ Non-teaching staff from Padre Conceição College Of Engineering, Verna.

With this training we will be able to offer professional certified courses in CAD and CNC programming

with Hands-

On experience to our students as well as any participants outside college.

We thank our management, beloved Principal, Dr.V. Mariappan and HOD of Mechanical, Prof. Amol Patil for giving us opportunity to attend the training.

"The best way to predict the future is to create it."

-Alan Kay

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