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Birthday Of Mother Mary Bandra Feast

Dear Friends and Well-Wishers,

As we are approaching the month of September, most of us are filled with joy to celebrate the birthday of Mother Mary. Our Balbhavan children are anxiously looking forward to this special day.

Our children at all the Balbhavan Centres of Agnel Region are God's gift to us. Our mission is to transform these into beautiful gifts for our Nation and for God.

We appreciate your contribution in assisting us to make this dream for our children a reality. Your financial assistance will be very special, on the occasion of Mother Mary's Birthday.

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The Interplay of Christianity and Being Indian

-Leon Bent

The Sacred Scripture teaches that man is created “in the image of God,” is capable of knowing and loving his Creator, and is appointed by Him as master of all earthly creatures (1) that he might subdue them and use them for God’s glory. (2) “What is man that you should care for him? You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honour. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet.” (Ps. 8:5-7).

But God did not create man as a “solitary figure,” for from the beginning “male and female he created them” (Gen. 1:27). Their companionship produces the primary form of interpersonal communion. For by his innermost nature, man is a social being and unless he relates himself to others he can neither live nor develop his potential. Therefore, as we read elsewhere in the Holy Scripture, God saw “all that he had made, and it was very good” (Gen. 1:31).

What is Culture?

Man comes to true and full humanity, only through culture that is through the cultivation of the goods and values of nature. Wherever human life is involved, therefore, nature and culture are quite intimately connected one with the other (Gaudium et Spes, n.53).

The word “culture” in its general sense indicates everything whereby man develops and perfects his many bodily and spiritual qualities; he strives by his knowledge and his labour to bring the world itself under his control. He renders social life more human, both, in the family and the civic community, through improvement of customs and institutions. Through the course of time he expresses, communicates and conserves in his work, great spiritual experiences and desires that, they might be of advantage to the progress of many, even of the whole human family (Gaudium et Spes, n.63).

Culture, because it flows immediately from the spiritual and social character of humanity, has a

constant need of just liberty to develop; it needs also the legitimate possibility of exercising its autonomy according to its own principles. It, therefore, rightly demands respect and enjoys a certain inviolability within the limits of the common good, as long, of course, as it preserves the rights of the individual and the community, whether particular or universal.

In our generation when humanity continues to be afflicted by acute hardships and anxieties, arising from the ravages of war or the threat of it, the whole human family faces an hour of supreme crisis in its advance toward maturity. Moving gradually together, and more conscious of its unity, this family cannot accomplish its task of constructing for all humankind, everywhere, a world more genuinely human, unless each person devotes himself or herself, to the cause of peace with renewed vigour. Thus, it happens that the Gospel message, which is in harmony with the loftier strivings and aspirations of the human race, takes on a new lustre in our day, as it declares that the artisans of peace are blessed “because they will be called sons of God” (Matt. 5:9; Gaudium et Spes n.77, promulgated by Pope Paul VI, on 7th December, 1965).

The Cosmos is our Common Home

Laudato Si’ is an encyclical of Pope Francis published in May 2015. It focuses on care for the natural environment and all people, as well as broader questions of the relationship between God, humans, and the Earth. The encyclical’s subtitle, “Care for Our Common Home,” reinforces these key themes. “An integrated approach is necessary in combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.”

Laudato Si’, was a landmark event in which the pontiff advocated that, caring for the earth was not just a matter of science and politics, but a moral and spiritual concern. The Guardian hailed it as ‘the most astonishing, and perhaps, the most ambitious papal document in the past

100 years'. The Times of India, labelled it the 11th Commandment!

Interreligious Dialogue

On 19th May 1964, the Secretariat for Non-Christians was instituted by Pope Paul VI, with his apostolic letter *Progremente Concilio*. It was renamed the Council for Interreligious Dialogue by Pope John Paul II, on 12th June 1988.

Tolerance of religions is important in the Hindu-majority India because of a recent rise in attacks by Hindu radicals against members of minority religions.

“The Church in India is serving the people of India irrespective of their religious affiliation, in the fields of education, social development, and healthcare. Its services are substantial and widely lauded, especially for the physically challenged and the aged,” Bishop D’Souza said. “Through education, the Church has contributed immensely to break the barriers of prejudices and stereotypes through formal and informal education and women empowerment programmes,” the bishop said. He added, however, that “more needs to be done in the area of caste discrimination and indignity of women.”

His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, speaking at the Interfaith Dialogue in Mumbai, India, on 13th August, 2017, said: “Anger and jealousy are related to our sense of self-centredness and our disregard for others. Egomaniacal and self-absorbed behaviour easily gives rise to fear, which fosters irritation, which, when it blazes into rage, can provoke violence. The time has come to accept that if we’re talking about peace in the world, we have to consider peace within ourselves – first!”

His Holiness mentioned that he is committed to raising awareness of how to bring about a happier, more peaceful world through education and common sense. Having spent 58 years in this country, he has observed with admiration how religious traditions that originated here live side-by-side with those that came from outside. In this respect, India is an example to the world.

Building Bridges across Boundaries

World Interfaith Harmony Week is an annual event observed during the first week of February,

after the General Assembly of the United Nations, one of the six principal organs of the United Nations, serving as the main deliberative, policymaking, and representative organ of the U.N., designation in 2010. The General Assembly pointed out that mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace and established World Interfaith Harmony Week, as a way to promote harmony between all people regardless of their faith.

Recognising the imperative need for dialogue among different faiths and religions to enhance mutual understanding, harmony and cooperation among people, the General Assembly encourages all States to spread the message of interfaith harmony and goodwill in the world’s churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship during that week, on a voluntary basis and according to their own religious traditions or convictions.

India is a Place of Harmony in Diversity

The Archdiocese of Patna, in the Indian state of Bihar, has inaugurated the new Institute of interreligious dialogue of Rajgir (IRDIR) to promote peace, harmony and solidarity among the different religious communities of Northern India. “It is our duty to promote goodwill and religious unity. This Institute is committed to peace and the unity of people,” said Fides Jesuit Archbishop William D’Souza, at the head of the diocese of Patna, at the inauguration ceremony held on September 1. The event was attended by over 450 Christians, about 250 Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhist monks, Jainist nuns and numerous government officials on 1st September, 2019.

Gandhiji once shared his views on harmony - “The way we reach to unity shows our beauty in Diversity”. Each state of India has its own unique historical, mythological and cultural background with its specific culture, language and ethics. For years, there has been a prominent fusion of cultures between all the Buddhist, Hindus, Muslims, Jains, Sikh, etc., and various tribal and indigenous populations in India.

If we haven’t yet started, Independence Day, 2022, would be a great time, the apt moment, to launch out into the deep!

Mary's Assumption and its Significance for Us

-Fr. Fio Mascarenhas SJ

“Henceforth all generations will call me blessed, for He who is mighty has done great things for me, holy is his Name!” (Luke 1:48, 49). These prophetic words of Mary have been amply fulfilled over the last 2000 years. For over two millennia, and in the numerous centres of faith where her name is celebrated, billions of human beings belonging to all creeds, nations, and walks of life have sought an audience with Mary, the beloved mother of Jesus. Her shrines, be they in remote villages or in metropolitan cities, have equal attraction for all – men, women and children, the poor and the rich, the gentle and the severe.

In the history of humankind, Mary of Nazareth has radiated the light of God like none other, because of the sheer transparency of her godly character: purity of love, robustness of faith, and earnestness of hope. No one can match her unparalleled excellence, nor pull her down to something that is mediocre or only good. She is indeed the Star that shines and never fades, the well-deserved Celebrity who can never be celebrated enough! Mary is the loftiest fulfilment of the Gospel, and authentic Marian spirituality reflects very attractively the beauty of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

One important consequence of Mary's “favoured status” as God's specially chosen handmaid is that God's grace in her overcame the sting of death (that is, bodily corruption), and she was assumed body and soul into heaven. The Dogma of the Assumption, decreed by Pope Pius XII in 1950, declared: “The Immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven.” We must notice that in declaring that Mary was assumed into heavenly glory, the dogma avoids every definite localisation (unlike the Scriptural text about Jesus' Ascension into heaven), and affirms rather, a change of state, an elevation to the glorious state which succeeds the earthly state of life.



Mary's assumption is a pledge of the fulfilment of the promises of God for all of humanity, and not just a personal reward – for she is the Model of the People of God, and where she is now, all the elect must hope to be one day! The Preface of the Feast of the Assumption, found in the Roman Missal, declares: “Today the virgin Mother of God was taken up into heaven, to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way. Father, you would not allow decay to touch her body, for she had given birth to your Son, the Lord of all life, in the glory of the incarnation...”

So all God's creatures, who are called to walk in faith and be united to Jesus in love, can look at Mary and find hope welling up in them, bringing confidence and joy that “he who is mighty” and has done great things for her will likewise do “great things” for them too.

Furthermore, Mary's Assumption is in keeping with the role of “spiritual mother” given to her by Jesus on the Cross (John 19:26). To equip her to actually be the mother of Jesus' disciples for all time, the Holy Spirit has been working with her and through her, just as he did at the Annunciation. That is why

Mary has been active, over the centuries, in the life of the Church and of other people of goodwill. She is continually experienced as the one who assists people in obtaining God's graces, and in bringing meaning to the lives of those who suffer. Also, both men and women are able to identify with Mary because she personally suffered much in her own lifetime, so they understand that Mary is identifying with them in the present. Many people who have gone on pilgrimage to Marian shrines (Lourdes, Fatima, Vailankanni, etc) have witnessed that not only do they feel renewed, but several also have related the happy way their circumstances changed after the pilgrimages.

Of course, for this to happen, one's devotion must be warm and rightly ordered, as in the lives of the Saints. Sadly, sometimes popular Marian devotion is not “rightly ordered,” as

St. Pope Paul VI recognised when he wrote his Apostolic Exhortation, *Marialis Cultus* and gave it the subtitle: “For the right ordering of Marian devotion!” The thing to do, therefore, is to foster an authentic and holistic Marian devotion (as the Second Vatican Council and recent papal teachings have explained) and not be satisfied merely with pious practices (like mechanically rushing through the rosary or a litany or attending innumerable novenas, etc).

To be authentic and fruitful, Marian devotion must (as also St. Pope John Paul II taught in his inspiring Letter, *Redemptoris Mater*) commemorate what Scripture teaches about Mary, and not fall into superstition or encourage the fabrications of popular fantasy. It must foster invocation but avoid adoration, for Mary’s maternal intercession is powerful due to the merits of her Son, Jesus Christ, and not because she herself is divine. And it must engender an imitation of Mary’s virtues,

especially her faith and obedience, and not simply encourage the seeking of material favours.

Laity as well as Religious (and clergy!) must purify and re-orient their understanding of Mary so that her role in their life is as a mother, and also a friend, a companion, a fellow-struggler, a model Christian who takes an option for the poor and prophetically proclaims a social reversal (as the Magnificat witnesses), and as a woman of God who is an example to people to stand firm in the face of oppression and suffering (as happened in the apparitions at Guadalupe and Czestochowa). So let us all accept Mary’s Assumption as an inspiration for our daily life, remembering what the Dogma teaches, “Today the virgin Mother of God was taken up into heaven, to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way!” May it be so, for you and for me today, in this Year of the Lord 2022, and always!



There is no Joy Greater than the Joy of GIVING

Nilesh Parmar, Ahmedabad

I have transferred Rs. 50,000 towards the various community welfare activities and care of the orphan boys at Balbhavan. I often visit the Ashram, coming all the way from Gujarat, since I often receive the blessings of Fr. Agnel for success in my business.

Sosamma Saji, UAE

Please accept my humble contribution of Rs. 30,000 towards Fr. Agnel Ashram. It is for your charitable activities, especially education and care of orphans and destitute children. The Ashram is doing great service of moulding them into respectable citizens and helping them to eventually earn their own living.

Odette Nazareth, Mangalore

As a regular contributor, I am happy to transfer Rs 10,500 towards full annual sponsorship of a child in your care at Balbhavan. This is in thanksgiving for all the favours received from Fr. Agnel.

Melini Joseph D’Souza, Dubai

Please accept my humble contribution of Rs. 10,000 towards the various activities of Fr. Agnel Ashram which is doing yeoman service for the welfare of the community.

Savio & Sopia Koyande, Mira Road

I am happy to transfer Rs. 10,000 towards the various activities of Fr. Agnel Ashram, Bandra.

Subramaniam Ramaswamy, Mumbai

As a regular contributor, please accept my humble contribution of Rs. 5000 towards Fr. Agnel Ashram, Bandra.

Ayesha Pereira, Bandra

Please accept my humble contribution of Rs. 10,000 towards Fr. Agnel Ashram, Bandra. I also had the privilege of sponsoring lunch and celebrating my birthday with the happy bunch of Balbhavan boys.

International Youth Day

-Ibonio D'Souza

August 12 marks the annual celebration of International Youth Day. It is an international day of awareness, recognising youth across the globe and empowering the world's youth to make positive contributions to their communities and nations.

The world currently holds the largest generation of youth in history. Young people represent hope for the future. Rather, they are more than just that. "Young people are not only our future

- they are our present ... they are the most connected, the most outspoken and the most open-minded generation the world has ever seen," writes Director-General of UNESCO, Irina Bokova.

Today's youth have the potential to shape the world, both in the present and in the future. Sadly, however, this potential for impact is often inhibited. The tragedy is that many young people around the world battle the suffocating grip of poverty, disease, lack of resources, education, and more. The progress, dreams, and world-changing abilities are restricted for many young people.

Youth in Nation-building: For the development of the country, the young people have to be hard-working in any field they get involved in, be it teaching, farming, mechanical or any other field. Today the youth is facing challenges in employment, opportunities, drug abuse, HIV/AIDS but there are chances to overcome some of these challenges. They need to take up any job opportunity that is available till they get what they want to. The young generation has to be very responsible and say NO to drugs. Youth empowerment can eradicate

poverty from the country. The youth play an important role in the constructive process of building social cohesion, economic prosperity and political stability of a nation, in an inclusive and democratic way.

The youth of a country counts as the most



important asset that they can possess. Youth is the chance for the entire nation to leave a mark on the entire globe. By making sure that youth of a nation continues to grow with each passing day

and ends up achieving some of the most brilliant things that can put their country on the top, the nation can rebuild and grow with them.

Our young people need to ask themselves what they can do for society and the country. They should start thinking positively and creatively. They must develop the spirit to refute what is wrong in society. They must realise that now is the time to take action. Moreover, youth should not seek an easy, comfortable path. No one develops in a pampered environment. There are some key responsibilities that the young generation must inculcate in them.

Youth and Dreams: No power on this earth can separate dreams from youth. Every young person is full of dreams and a vision for life. They have some aspirations, they live those aspirations and take steps to fulfil them. It is necessary as well. But always remember, a vision shall not remain a vision only. Youngsters must protect their dream like an exotic plant. They should water it and add fertilisers to it regularly so that it can take shape of a big tree under which they can live with peace and comfort.

Primarily, as a youngster, you need to understand the value of life and your own worth. You should learn how to love yourself and understand the true purpose of your life. Have a vision and aspire to be victorious in life but you must know how to realize that vision.

You can tap on your 'mind power' to achieve your dreams. Your mind is not less than a factory. If you want to reach an acclaimed position in life,



then understand that your factory and workshop are your minds. This 'machine of ideas' will provide you with everything you want, including a dream, vision, goal, wealth, fame, and a respected position in life. In order to use your mind, be knowledgeable first. Your knowledge is your greatest wealth. It cannot be usurped by anyone. You can gain recognition in any part of the world due to your knowledge. Use it to shape your destiny.

So, when you are pursuing your studies, or sports or higher education, actually you are creating your destiny while accumulating the wealth of knowledge. Your success and happiness would depend upon your seriousness and integrity. Fickle attractions will always be around you. Never get distracted by them else you'll lose the true and worthwhile wealth that will transform your life.

Set Goals: As a young person, you are responsible for family-building as well as nation-building. In order to fulfil these responsibilities, first establish goals. Setting goals would nurture new skills in you. Goal setting helps you in following a focused path in life. You can start by picking a single aim for yourself. Thrust all your energy here, learn how to love it, dream about it, and start living it, you will move on the right path eventually.

Be Inspired: Adopt an ideal or a role model in life. It is necessary to be inspired by others; learn how they persevered and earned name and fame in the world. Consider one superachiever

as your inspiration and keep that person in your mind. It will help you when in the course of your struggle, you'll feel your energy is getting low. In such situations, your inspiration will keep the hunger for success alive in you. Your inspiration keeps your dream alive. So, be inspired.

Be Consistent: No matter how talented you are or how resourceful you are, if you are not consistent, you can never realize your vision. A consistent tortoise is better than a fast hare who, after

a short sprint gets tired and falls behind. If someone is very talented but lazy, whose mind gets distracted easily, that person can't reach the goal, however, a less talented person hits the target just due to consistent performance and hard work.

Have Fortitude: Most importantly, whatever your vision is, never let inferiority complex sneak in. You won't be able to rise if you feel bad and get demotivated due to other people's viewpoints. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win". This will happen if you move consistently towards your aim. People will be jealous of you, they will hate you, they will reject you, they will never support you, but despite all, if you become successful, the same people will clap for you and emulate you. Never feel demotivated and inferior, keep moving forward consistently. The world is waiting to praise your efforts.

Splendour of the Youth: Nothing can equal the splendour of the youth. To be young - that in itself is to possess a treasure of infinite worth far greater than any person of power. It is the responsibility of the older generation to provide them with the right resources, guidance and a good environment so that they become strong change agents in the community. They say that the strongest force is the power of the young. And it is true because the power and the strength that the youth of a nation possesses is unmatched and does bring a chance to grow and develop not only for them but for the people around them.

PUNE

Fr. Agnel's Vidyankur School, Pune, celebrates Society Day

Fr. Agnel's Vidyankur School, Pune, held the first school activity on 2nd July 2022. On the occasion of Society Day, the teachers and the students together prayed for the well-being of the Pillar Fathers, who through their selfless services have touched the lives of many.

Rev. Fr. Alexio Louis, the Director declared the theme of the year 'Let Us Be Human', which is in line with the mission of the Society. On this day, the **Junior and the Senior School Parliament** were also installed, aiming to raise awareness among the students, to follow and enjoy organised learning

at school. The school Parliament Presidents Janhavi Gaikwad, Alfiya Baig and the Speakers Rishab Thakur and Aditya Agarwal, along with their Ministers and the Prefects were sworn in amidst appreciation and applause.

The teachers and the students thanked the Fathers of the Society for their untiring services to the nation. Through their messages, both Rev. Fr. Alexio Louis and Rev.

Fr. Vicky Hilario thanked the staff and the students. They expressed, hoped and prayed for the school students to imbibe good values and learn to be human.



Members of the newly installed Junior Parliament.



Members of the newly installed Senior Parliament.

Fr. Agnel's Vidyankur School, Wadgaonsheri, Pune wins 'Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar'

Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar was awarded to Fr. Agnel's Vidyankur School, Wadgaonsheri, Pune. The Department of Education and Literacy declared and presented this award to the school on 20th July 2022 at the Zilla Parishad, Pune. The school has proved one

of the best not only in the area but also among 2922 schools across the district. The school scored an overall score of 97% and received a 5-star rating. The School Management, Staff and Students work tirelessly as a team to keep their campus clean and green.



ASSAGAON, GOA

AITD students get qualified as finalists for the TECHgium® 5th Edition, organised by L&T Technology Services (LTTS)

Agnel Institute of Technology and Design (AITD) students **Rahil Keni, Mohit Kamat, Shaivik Dhavjekar and Pranav Patil** were selected in the top 10 as finalists of TECHgium® 5th Edition, organised by L&T Technology Services (LTTS), in which 3,400+ abstracts were submitted from 30,000+

engineering students who participated from over 450+ reputed Engineering Colleges and Universities from all over the world. The finale featured several breakthrough innovations involving cutting edge technology trends such as Artificial Intelligence, Deep Learning, Renewable Energy, Drone Technology, Computer Vision

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and EV Batteries, among others. The students presented their concept titled **“Suryakamal: Solar Tracking System for Efficient Power Generation using Image Processing.”**

It was an enlightening experience for the students, as they got an opportunity to meet and interact with **Distinguished Scientist, Padma Shri Dr. Y. S. Rajan; National CTO**



Finalists of TECHgrium® 5th Edition.

of Microsoft Dr. Rohini Srivathsa; Executive Director of Siemens Healthineers Mr. Dileep Mangsuli; CEO of EIIRTrend Mr. Pareekh Jain; Country Manager of ARC Mr. Ganapathiraman Guruswamy; Director of IIITB Mr. Debabrata Das; CEO of LTTS Mr. Amit Chadha and Dean of R&D at KLE TU Dr. Uma Mudenagudi.

AITD, Assagao, signs MoU with Tech Giant – Visteon

Agnel Institute of Technology Design (AITD), Assagao, Goa, signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Visteon** on 9th July 2022, during their 10th annual day celebrations. The MoU was executed by **Mr. Pramod Nanjundaswamy, Director, Visteon** and **Fr. Agnelo Gomes, Director, Agnel Technical Education Complex** in the presence of other dignitaries, staff and management of AITD.

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and include digital instrument clusters, displays, Android-based infotainment systems, domain controllers, advanced driver assistance systems and battery management systems.



VERNA, GOA

AARUSH 2022 Industry-Institution Interaction

Padre Conceicao College of Engineering, Verna, Goa, held its annual flagship industry-institution interaction, **“AARUSH 2022,”** on 24th and 25th June 2022. Conceived to enable interaction of the students with the industry, alumni, and start-up/entrepreneurship personnel, AARUSH 2022 had an array of prominent speakers in the technical, management and entrepreneurship domain. AARUSH 2022, held in collaboration with the Centre for Incubation and Business Acceleration (CIBA) and Visteon Corporation, had four

keynote speakers, twelve alumni technical sessions, eight workshops, five entrepreneurship sessions,



Dignitaries at AARUSH 2022.

a project competition and a panel discussion.

The event was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Agnelo Gomes, Director, Agnel Technical Education Complex; Dr. Mahesh Parappagoudar, Principal, PCCE; Dr. Pramod Maurya, Principal Scientist, National Institute of Oceanography and the Chief Guest, Karthik Shanmugam, Senior Manager, Visteon Corporation.

AARUSH 2022 invited over 30 experts from various technical industries. Prominent alumni of PCCE from the industry also conducted an "Alumni Technical Session." A number of

hands-on workshops by industry personnel were also held.

A project competition was held for the final year engineering students to enable them to showcase their innovative work. Winners of the project competition were awarded with cash prizes by Sun 360.

The event concluded with a panel discussion on **"Future Skills for Employability"**. The panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Stephen Barreto, Registrar, PCCE. The panellists included eminent industrialists.

Cultural Fest; Mithya 2022

Padre Conceicao College of Engineering, Verna organised its cultural fest; Mithya 2022!

The cultural event **Mithya 2022** was held from 19th to 21st May 2022. The event was inaugurated at the hands of **Rev. Fr. Peter D'Souza alongside the Director of PCCE, Rev. Fr. Agnelo Gomes, the Principal Dr. Mahesh Parappagoudar and other dignitaries.**



The Computer Department of Engineering emerged victorious, thereby winning the title of Mithya 2022.

An array of events were organised under the banner of Mithya 2022. Over 800+ students from all departments participated in more than 35 events. **The Mithya 2022 theme was Comic-Con.** The underlying theme allowed students to explore their creative side. A theme-based

Cosplay was organised on the third day so that the students could showcase their fandom.

Fr. Agnel Multipurpose High School, Verna, champions of U-14 Meccabeus Rodrigues Memorial Football Tournament

Fr. Agnel Multipurpose High School, Verna, emerged as the champions of the U-14 Meccabeus Rodrigues Memorial Tournament, organised by the Youth Centre, Pilar, at the Pilar ground on 24th July, 2022. In the finals, Fr. Agnel's won 1-0 against an organised Don Bosco, Panjim side. The only goal came from a penalty which was awarded for a rash tackle inside the box. Jayden Pinto's powerful strike from 12 yards gave no chance to the Don Bosco goalkeeper which proved to be the difference between the two teams.

The tournament saw the participation of 12 teams, from all across the state. Fr. Agnel



The winning football team and officials of Fr. Agnel Multipurpose High School, Verna, Goa.

Multipurpose High School, Verna, had to battle it out from the round of 16 to make it to the

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finals. In the round of 16, Fr. Agnel's defeated Our Lady of Piety, Collem 2-0. In the quarter finals, Fr. Agnel's overcame a strong challenge from Perpetual Succour, Navelim, to defeat them 3-1.

Motivated with their positive results, the team went all out in the semis against Fr. Agnel, Pilar, to win convincingly by a 5-0 margin. Overall, it was an amazing outing for Fr. Agnel's, Verna, and the P.T. Sir Filbert Pereira, with the school having scored 11 goals and conceded just one in four matches. **Salmon Gama was named the best midfielder, Jayden Pinto grabbed**

the best defender award, Rhyce Baretto won the best goalkeeper award and Elrich D'Silva was adjudged as the player of the tournament. The individual awards and the winner's trophy were received at the hands of **Bibiano Fernandes**, national team coach of India U-16.

Fr. Agnelo Gomes, Director of Agnel Technical Education Complex (ATEC) and Fr. Isaac Fernandes, Manager of Fr. Agnel Multipurpose High School, Verna, made their presence felt at the ground to support the team and appreciated them for their efforts.

Ashwell Fernandes grabs bronze in U-18 cycling event

Ashwell Fernandes, a student of Fr. Agnel Multipurpose High School, Verna, studying in the 9th standard, won the bronze medal, representing the state at the **U-18 Bangalore Bicycle Championship (BBCh) road race in Bangalore on 17th July 2022.**

BBCh has been India's premier cycling platform since 2009 where cyclists from all across the country compete fiercely for top spots. The 87.4 km road race was conducted on the Bangalore-Hyderabad Highway.

14-year-old Ashwell has participated in many cycling events in Goa and across India and has

won a total of 15 medals. With a bright future ahead, he dreams of representing the state at the national level and the country at the international level.



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Catholic Church Congratulates President Draupadi Murmu

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) congratulated President Draupadi Murmu on taking oath as the 15th President of India.

Cardinal Oswald Gracias, on behalf of CBCI, said, "The Catholic Church is confident that President Murmu coming from a tribal background will understand very well the joys and hopes, the dreams and aspirations of the tribal communities across India."

"As head of the state of the world's largest democracy, President Murmu has a very significant role to play. The Catholic Church prays that with her vision, commitment and leadership she will do our country proud," the prelate added.

The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice of India NV Ramana at a swearing-in ceremony in the Central Hall of Parliament, in New Delhi. Former president Ram Nath Kovind, outgoing Vice President M Venkaiah

Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Congress president Sonia Gandhi were present at the ceremony.



The Chief Justice of India, Shri Justice N.V. Ramana administering the oath of the office of the President of India to Smt. Droupadi Murmu, at a swearing-in ceremony in the Central Hall of Parliament, in New Delhi on July 25, 2022 (PIB photo).

Addressing the joint sitting of Parliament after taking the oath, President Murmu said, "My election is proof that the poor in the country can have dreams and also fulfil them." She said getting a primary education was a dream for her and added that she would focus on welfare of the marginalised.

Addressing the country's youth, she appealed that they work towards laying the foundation of the country's future, besides building their own. "As president, you have my full support," she added.

President Murmu, 64, scripted history after defeating opposition presidential candidate Yashwant Sinha to become the first tribal and the second woman to hold the top constitutional post.

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Fr. Agnel Ashram, Bandra, unveils 'An Indian Face of the Christian Faith' by Acharyasri

At an impressive function organised by Fr. Agnel Ashram, Bandra, on 8th July 2022, the most sought after book '*An Indian Face of the Christian Faith*' by Acharyasri was unveiled.

Speaking on the occasion, keynote speaker **Acharyasri Dr. Sachidananda Bharathi**, looking back on his spiritual journey said, "As Squadron Leader N.V. John in the Indian Air Force, I was involved in a serious air accident in 1982 which made me think about the meaning and purpose of life. In the military hospital in Bangalore, I had a personal experience with Jesus. The book has the concept of life on the cover since 'God is light' is common to all religions."

After having left the Indian Air Force in 1989 to devote himself fully to the new found spiritual mission, N.V. John took the name 'Swami Sachidananda Bharathi' in 2003 and entered the 'Ativarna Ashram' stage in 2020 with white dress and with the short name 'Acharyasri'.

He was inspired by the vision of **Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues, founder of Fr. Agnel Ashram, Bandra**, who believed in '**My Land, My People! It is all that matters.**'

Acharyasri has travelled widely and has authored over 20 books. He was one of the delegates invited by the **United Nations for the 'Millennium**

World Peace Summit of Religious & Spiritual Leaders' in August 2020.

Fr. Peter D'Souza, a Vipasana Trainer and former Superior of Fr. Agnel Ashram, Bandra, who welcomed the distinguished gathering, also spoke on the occasion.

A host of eminent personalities from different walks of life elucidated their views on the book.

They included **Shri Paramjeet Singh**, National President, Dharma Bharathi Mission and Managing Trustee, Navasrushti International Trust and **Shri Ralph Menon**, Businessman and Convenor, ICD Movement.

Also on the panel were **Shri Nooruddin Sevwallah**, Deputy World Chairman, Giants International and **Smt. Neelam Prem Mani**, Region Chairperson II, Lions Club International, District 3231 A1. They provided delightful insights on the book and enthralled the audience.

All the panellists from different religions agreed that the need of the hour is to move away from "ritualism" and take the path towards "spiritualism."

Dr. Srija Unnikrishna, Former Principal of Fr. Conceicao Rodrigues College of Engineering was the Chief Guest of the function which was held at the Samvaad Hall of CRCE, Bandra.



**The whole world
is a family**

Women – The Right to Equality

-Christine D'Sylva

“It is time we all see gender as a spectrum instead of two sets of opposing ideals.”

- Emma Watson.

India is a democratic nation and we are all proud of our democracy which gives equal rights to all citizens.

But did you know that even in the early 19th century, women were not permitted to vote in many countries including the US? Today, things have greatly changed and on the surface fits the adage - We have come a long way. No longer can voting rights be denied to anyone because of gender.

26th August is celebrated as Women's Equality Day.

Did you know that in the past in many countries including America, women could not inherit property and were always paid half of a man's wage in any available job? They had to accept a low wage and this was not because they were inept at the job but because they were discriminated against.

Have we really come a long way? We all like to think so. Yet women still today fight for equal rights. The feminist movement has made great strides over the years. Let us examine the discrepancies that still exist.

Products for women like toiletries (shampoos, deodorant) still cost more for women than ever before.

Women are generally paid lower than the amount paid to men in the workforce. For women of colour the wage gap is even higher. Even in the film industry, both Bollywood and Hollywood, female actresses often earn less than their male counterparts. They are viewed more

as decorative objects, though that is happily slowly changing and we do have women-centric movies today.

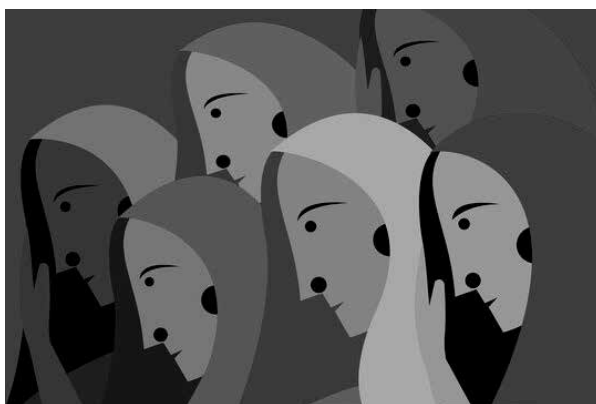
Sexual harassment in the workplace is so common that many women resign from their job. They feel reporting sexual abuse might result in retaliation and the abusers often get away scot free. They are ready to face unemployment, job insecurity and pay cuts rather than report sexual misbehaviour in the workplace. When women refuse to complain and continue in their jobs bearing things silently, they were found to have greater levels of anxiety, depression and had decreased productivity.

In executive positions, many women were passed over for less qualified males before. The trend is changing now and it is heartening to see women rising to become CEOs of reputed organisations. We have come across all-women pilots on international flights.

Even in politics, women are quite lowly represented and seem to shy away from a political career. On a positive note, hope is ignited with Smt. Droupadi Murmu becoming the second woman President of India, after Smt. Pratibha Patil.

In the news media, women face gender pay disparities although there is a sizeable amount working for the news media.

Women engineers and computer science majors are in the minority for women seem to shy away from such professions which are male dominated. When women enter male dominated professions, their salary is often lower than the male although this differs from company to company, yet averagely this disparity exists worldwide. Unfortunately despite women being



educated and working away from home, they still shoulder majority of the household duties. Men often refuse to shoulder tasks such as house cleaning, cooking or looking after kids. This is seen strictly as a women's domain. They consider it not manly to do feminine jobs, though in many homes today men share in the household chores.

Thus many women unable to bear the responsibility and hard work of managing home and career, often either give up their jobs, or if they are compelled to work because they require the money urgently, they grow depressed, bitter and try to over compensate by belittling housewives and being too proud that they are working women, a cut they claim above homemakers. So this leads to a division between women themselves. The working women try to look down on homemakers and the homemakers feel that such women are aggressive and are over compensating their financial need to work by their arrogant behaviour and derogatory remarks. Instead of supporting each other, they create senseless divisions. The working women refuse to admit they work because they really need to financially and the homemakers feel that such women tend to put women at home in a derogatory manner.

Women are more likely to be victims of human trafficking and prostitution is on the increase. The pornographic industry is thriving with sexual exploitation. Many of these women are forced into pornography for varied reasons but money being the chief reason. Women are at a greater risk of rape and domestic violence compared to men. Women in sports face gender inequality. Did you know that 60 per cent of chronically hungry people around the world comprise the female sex?

Despite progressive thinking, even in educated families, a girl child is not as welcome as a male child. There is more rejoicing at a son than a daughter. Girls are considered to be liabilities, while boys are assets to the family.

Women of all ages are more likely than men to live below the poverty line. So tell me - Are women really equal to men despite us being in the 21st century? Are the inequalities fair? Do

we not have a long way to go?

We have to acknowledge men cannot do what a woman can do. Men and women are biologically different.

A man cannot perform as well as a woman

in many things. Can a man give birth to a child naturally? Can he take care of the home and kids as maternally well as a woman?

Men at times are superior in strength, they are more aggressive and bolder, less sheltered than women

from childhood, they are more encouraged to seek male dominated professions. Women are encouraged to be soft spoken, feminine and never bossy. This is not wrong because women are the softer, fairer sex.

We have to learn to celebrate these differences because God created differences so that the two instead of opposing each other, complement each other, like two parts of a whole that seem different, yet fit together beautifully the way nature intended them to fit. It is like yin and yan, two opposite sides yet complementary to each other.

Let us this Women's Equality Day, pray for greater equality for women. Let us also understand that the basic differences between the sexes is not to be something to be derided, but a beautiful thing that makes a man a man and a woman a woman, just the way God intended them to be.

Life is not a competition between men and women. It is a collaboration. When we realise this, our world will be a happier, less discriminating place.





FR. AGNEL'S BLESSINGS

SECURED A GOOD JOB

PALGHAR: I am grateful for the intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel, who in my deep anxiety of joblessness before the Covid-19 pandemic and then during the lockdown, secured for me a good job. As a token of gratitude, I have made an offering to Fr. Agnel Ashram, Bandra.

- B. R. D'Gama

PASSED SSC EXAMINATION

BANDRA : Through the kind intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel, I have passed the SSC examination. In gratitude, an offering has been given to Fr. Agnel Ashram.

-D. D'Souza

GIFT OF TWINS

MANIKPUR: Being a mother for the first time, my joy knows no bounds. Through constant prayers and the divine intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel, I have been blessed with twins. In thanksgiving, I have made an offering to the Ashram.

-L. Pereira

SECURED GOOD JOB ABROAD

BANDRA: Through the powerful intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel, my son has secured a good job abroad. In loving gratitude, I am making an offering to Fr. Agnel Ashram.

-B. Gurson

THANKSGIVING FOR MOTHER'S 93RD BIRTHDAY

KERALA: I have faith in Ven. Fr. Agnel. Through his blessings, my mother has celebrated her 93rd birthday. A thanksgiving offering has been sent to the Ashram.

-T. Jose

THANKSGIVING FOR FINDING CHILD WHO WAS LOST

BANDRA: My child who was lost has been found, through the kind intercession of Ven. Fr.

Agnel. I have received many favours including good health of my family. A thanksgiving offering has been made to the Ashram.

-D. Lopes

OBTAINED A VISA

VASAI: I am thankful to Ven. Fr. Agnel for his intercession in helping me obtain a visa and my sister having a safe delivery. In gratitude, I have come to the Ashram and made a love offering.

-G. Fargose

SUCCESS IN BUSINESS

UTTAN: Through the kind intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel, I have received blessings in my fishing business and have my own boat. An offering has been placed in the Ashram.

-D. Bagaji

PRAYERS ANSWERED

DADAR: I am a firm devotee of Ven. Fr. Agnel. Through his intercession, I have received many favours. A thanksgiving offering has been sent to the Ashram.

-J. Kelly

GAINFULLY EMPLOYED

VASAI: My husband has been blessed with a job, through the prayers and intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel. With a grateful heart, I am making a love offering to the Ashram.

-P. Correia

SUCCESS IN STUDIES

PAREL: Through the intercession of Ven. Fr. Agnel, my son has passed his SSC exam. A thanksgiving offering has been placed in the Ashram.

-C. & L. Barros

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Archbishop Raul Gonsalves of Goa and Daman, fondly remembered

Most Rev. Raul Nicolau Gonsalves (95) Archbishop Emeritus of Goa and Daman passed away on 1st July 2022 at JMJ hospital in Alto-Porvorim, Goa. The funeral was held on 4th July 2022 at Se Cathedral, Old Goa.

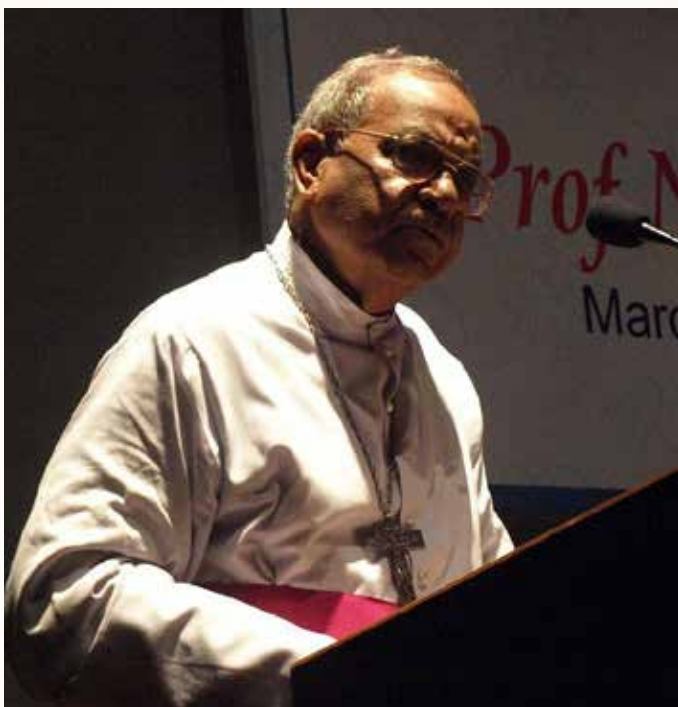
Archbishop Gonsalves had led the archdiocese of Goa and Daman for 37 years. He was born June 15, 1927, as the fifth of eight children of Marcos Vicente Gonsalves and Ermelinda Leonor Propécia de Souza in Bambolim. He joined the Patriarchal Seminary of Rachol for his philosophical studies. In 1947, he was sent to Rome for his theological studies and was ordained a priest in Rome on December 21, 1950.

He continued with his studies there and obtained a doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Athenaeum of the Propaganda Fide and a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Gregorian University. Returning to Goa in 1954, he was appointed professor of theology at the Patriarchal Seminary. In June 1956, he was appointed rector of the diocesan minor seminary of Our Lady, Saligao-Pilerne. He also served as the secretary at the apostolic nunciature in New Delhi for two years from 1962.

On January 5, 1967, he was appointed the auxiliary to the then Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese Francisco da Piedade Rebello. He was ordained bishop two months later in the Cathedral Church, Old Goa, by Archbishop

James Robert Knox, the apostolic internuncio in India. On June 30, 1972, he took charge of the office of Apostolic Administrator sede plena of the Archdiocese of Goa, being appointed Apostolic Administrator sede vacante on February 19, 1975.

On January 30, 1978, Pope Paul VI appointed him Archbishop of Goa and Daman and Patriarch of the East. He became the first son of the soil to hold the post. He retired from episcopal ministry on December 12, 2003. He was a priest for 71 years and a bishop for 55 years.



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Archbishop Raul laid down a strong diocesan infrastructure with the help of the right kind of collaborators. He took inspiration from the Second Vatican Council to set up episcopal vicariates and various consultative bodies, besides more than twenty

diocesan centres, commissions and other bodies. He also encouraged various apostolates in the archdiocese, such as family, laity, youth, ecumenism, and interreligious dialogue.

He constituted the first diocesan pastoral council and launched historic pastoral plan for the archdiocese, with focus on the establishment of parish pastoral councils and Small Christian Communities. He convened the diocesan synod in 2002 and promulgated the revised Constitutions of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman.

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Archaryasri Dr. Sachinanda Bharathi, speaking at the launch of his book 'An Indian Face of the Christian Faith'.



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