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Easter Message



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“The event of Christ’s death and Resurrection [is] the heart of Christianity, principal fulcrum of our faith, powerful lever of our certainty, impetuous wind that sweeps away every fear and indecision, every doubt and human calculation.” (POPE BENEDICT XVI)

Earnest Hemingway in his famous novel *“The Old Man and the Sea”* tells the story about an old fisherman. The old man used to go to the sea everyday for fishing but caught nothing. It went on for quiet some days. A little boy who noticed it, offered to help the old man without any pay. Even then they returned empty-handed. Seeing his failure, the old man sent the boy away. Few days later, the old man went deeper into the sea and caught a big fish. While trying to kill the fish, he lost all his weapons except his penknife. With his lone weapon, he managed to kill the fish but as the blood spread, many sharks attacked his precious catch. He courageously fought them till the end. But when he reached the shore, he was totally disappointed to see only the skeleton of his precious catch. Though he was greatly disappointed, the next day he goes to the sea with new hope to catch fish again. Hemingway presents man’s indomitable spirit thus **“a man can be destroyed but never defeated”**.

The foundation of our faith is based on the Resurrection of Jesus. He died on Good Friday, rose from the dead on Easter day. “Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death has no longer dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives, he lives for God” (Rom. 6:9-10).

St. Paul tells us “God’s mercy is so much and his love for us is so abundant that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience he brought us to life with Christ” (Eph. 2: 4). So the main mission of Jesus was

to give us life, life in abundance (cf. Jn. 10:10) and Jesus accomplished his mission even spilling the last drop of his blood. The Scribes and Pharisees by crucifying Jesus on the Cross thought that they have ended the life-giving mission of Jesus. Though Jesus was destroyed on the Cross, he was never defeated. He rose again on the third day and he still continues his life-giving mission through the Holy Eucharist. As Jesus himself says, “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies, it bears much fruit” (Jn. 12: 24). By his sacrifice on the Cross, Jesus gives us an abundance of life.

The Resurrection of Jesus (which we now celebrate as the Feast of Easter) is the foundation of our Christian faith. If there was no Resurrection, Jesus would have been merely another historical person and we would not have been Christians today. “If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and so is your faith; we are found to be misunderstanding God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ” (1 Cor. 15: 14-15). The implications of the Resurrection are (a) Jesus is not a figure in a book of history but a living and eternal presence among us; (b) Jesus is not a memory of the past that can be forgotten but a presence we still experience in the Sacraments; (c) a Christian is not one who knows about Jesus but one who knows Jesus.

Wish you all a very happy Easter. May the Risen Christ bless you and your families with His peace.



Youth in Pursuit of Holiness

Pursuit of holiness seems to be an out-of-place subject to talk about in relation to the youth. Some one might say, “Talk to them about cricket, movies, internet, the latest arrivals in the malls, but not about holiness! Leave ‘holiness’ for the grey haired!” Yet, in all my interactions with the youth I recognise a genuine longing for the sublime, for what is noble, and true. Yes! That is what comes through when you hang around with them and they let you ‘see where they live.’

What is holiness? The Youth have their own definition of holiness. The first World Youth Day, called by Pope St. John Paul II, was celebrated in the year 1985. Since then every second or third year there was a World Youth Day held somewhere in the world. The 1995 World Youth Day closing Mass in the Philippines set a world record for the largest number of people gathered till date for a single religious event with 5 million (50 lakhs) attendees. The one held in the Philippines, in 2015 was attended by 6 million young people. The themes of the WYD ranged from faith, hope, and unity to mercy.

What are the youth telling the world when they respond so enthusiastically to a religious leader’s (the Holy Father’s) appeal to come together? Are they not saying, “We are there whenever you call us. We believe in what you believe in: that we are all one, no matter what race one belongs to; that we have a common ancestry. We want to listen to you when you are talking about mercy and universal brotherhood. We cannot, but be connected with a cause that is true. Above all we want to be connected with a person in whose name you are calling us - one who is as true

and alive: Jesus. Yes! In His name, we are all one. This is holiness.”

Holiness for the Youth is not necessarily confined to the institutionalised religious systems and practices, though they are not averse to institutions and systems. What they shun is the hollowness of the ‘systems.’ They are constantly on a search for authenticity, truth. Once they find it they are ready to come out of their comfort zones, go any extent to uphold the most ancient and time tested values of life. History has proven this.

For instance, it was not too long ago that several cities across India witnessed a protest in the form of “Not-In-My-Name” by citizens against incidents of lynching of Muslims and Dalits. The latest case to hit the headlines was the killing of 15-year-old Junaid Khan who was stabbed to death in Ballabgarh, Haryana by a mob. The protest was triggered by a facebook post by Gurgaon-based filmmaker Saba Dewan who gave out the rallying cry. The voice of the protest reached even to London, Toronto, and Boston.

Daily pursuit of holiness: However, it is not enough to come out together when a huge cause is in sight. Pursuit of truth and search for the divine is not a part time business, wherein, after the hype is over you are back into the comfort of your cocoon. The pursuit of truth should be a committed, on-going effort, bringing out what is best in you and in others. It should be a straight gaze into the heart of the Divine in you. The Divine is characterised by Justice, Truth, Love, Goodness and Beauty. Let this Easter season inspire us to look straight into the eye of the Truth, Jesus Christ, who died for Truth, who lives forever.

“Open wide the doors of your life! May your time and space be filled with meaningful relationships, real people with whom to share your authentic and concrete experiences of daily life” (Pope Francis)

Know Your Parishioner

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Thadeyose Christien Cicilier:

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation and be constant in prayer.



“When prayer becomes your habit, miracles become your lifestyle” – unknown

Not a day goes by when Thadeyose would miss a Mass in the Church. For his devotion God has protected Thadeyose in many ways - for instance, on one late wintery evening in 1994 around 7 pm or so, when it was quite dark, Thadeyose was cycling down the road when he lost balance and fell unconscious on the road. Some unknown person picked him up and put him on the side of the road and walked off. It was then that Thadeyose noticed a car was coming just behind. He had been saved by God's grace.

Born on 29th May, 1973 in Trivandrum, Kerala, Thadeyose is the youngest in a large family consisting of

six brothers and six sisters. He lost his father at the age of one and was brought up by his mother, a fisherwoman by profession. With great difficulty, she single-handedly brought up her family; cared, nurtured, educated her children and even got them married. And after such selfless service she passed away a few years back.

Thadeyose completed his class 10th from St. Anthony's, Trivandrum. He came to Delhi in April 1990 in search of a job and stayed with his brother who worked at JNU. His brother has always been a great support. Thadeyose managed to get a job initially at a factory, at Moti Nagar then moved on to take up an office job in Daryaganj. Thadeyose was presented an opportunity at JNU working in the Immunology Lab under Prof. Rajeev Saxena. In May 2003 his prayers were answered when Thadeyose was appointed as a food distributor for patients in AIIMS. He has picked up a good working knowledge of what kind of food is given to which patient, though the dietician works out the menu chart.

His wife Mabel, is a housewife and his son Mithun - a student at St. Mary's, Trivandrum and his daughter Anne, is a student of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Trivandrum.

The Church has always been an integral part of Thadeyose' life. In 1993 Thadeyose became a parishioner of St. Dominic's while residing at Munirka village. He joined the Malayalam Prayer Group in 1994 where members met every Saturday and Monday after evening Mass for an hour. He was also encouraged to join the SVP but due to time constraints it was not possible. A religious person, he reads his Bible everyday for 5-10 minutes and says his Rosary. He also likes reciting prayers and singing hymns in his free time.

Leisure time means watching Hindi and Malayalam comedy movies. He also enjoys English, Hindi and Malayalam music. He says cooking is very therapeutic for him and likes preparing various veg, non-veg dishes while his speciality dish is fish fry.

हँसता है चेहरा – रोता है दिल

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“यह तो मेरी हड्डियों की हड्डी और मांस का मांस है। इसका नाम “नारी” होगा, क्योंकि यह तो नर से निकाली गयी है” (उत्पत्ति ग्रन्थ 2:23)।

यह सुन्दर सा कथन आदम ने उस समय कहा था जब पिता परमेश्वर ने आदम की पसली से हेवा का सृजन कर उसके सामने प्रस्तुत किया था। ईश्वर ने नर-नारी को एक दूजे के लिए बनाया। उन्हें सब चीजों से अलग पूरी सृष्टि पर शासन करने और संसार भर में फैल जाने का आशीर्वाद दिया। दुःख और सुख में एक दूसरे का साथ निभाने तथा प्रेम और इज्जत करने की आज्ञा दी।

नारी – करुणा का नाम है, ममता का रूप है, प्यार और दयालुता की मूरत है, नम्र और कोमल है। वह जीवन चक्र को सन्तुलित करने वाली, समाज एवम् परिवार का तारण करने वाली ईश्वर की खूबसूरत रचना है। इसीलिए उसे “तारिणी” भी कहा गया है। अगर सही मायने में देखा जाए तो नारी से ही सारी सृष्टि और सारा जीवन है। संसार में अगर नारी ना हो तो पूरी सृष्टि तहस-नहस हो जाएगी। मानव जाति का अस्तित्व ही खत्म हो जाएगा।

लेकिन – यह कैसी विडम्बना है कि सबकुछ जानते हुए भी हम नारी का तिरस्कार करते हैं, अपमान करते हैं, उसकी इज्जत और अस्मिता को तार-तार करते हैं। उसे जन्म से पहले ही मार देते हैं। नारी को मात्र एक खिलौना समझते हैं, पांव की जूती, घरेलू नौकरानी, लाचार और दुर्बल समझते हैं। जब मर्जी खेला, उपयोग किया और ठोकर मारकर फेंक दिया! छोटी-से-छोटी बातों में उसे लात-घूंसे और लाठी-डंडे से पीटते हैं। वह बेचारी अबला, लाचार खूंटे में बंधी गाय की तरह मार खाती रहती है, सहन करती रहती है। जिसे पुरुष अपनी जीत और मर्दानगी समझता है। उस पर अपनी पौरुषत्व दिखाता है। इन सबके बावजूद नारी प्रतिकार नहीं करती सिवाय आँखों में आँसू बहाने और अन्दर ही अन्दर घुट-घुटकर जीने के। चेहरे में जो हँसी, मुस्कुराहट और खुशी जाहिर करती है वह उसकी मजबूरी है। दिल से तो वह हर पल रोती रहती है।

प्रत्येक वर्ष आठ मार्च को हम अन्तरराष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस मनाते हैं। लेकिन क्या वाकई में हम इसका मतलब जानते हैं? क्या वास्तव में हम महिलाओं का सम्मान करने, उनकी उपलब्धियों को याद करने के लिए यह दिवस मनाते हैं? नेता-राजनेता इस दिन लुभावने भाषण देते हैं। सरकार महिलाओं के हित के लिए कई योजनाएँ लागू करती है। महिलाओं की रक्षा एवम् सुरक्षा के लिए कानून बनाये जाते हैं। लेकिन इनका सही इस्तेमाल नहीं होता। ये सिर्फ फाइलों में सिमट कर रह जाते हैं।

नारी, पुरुष के लिए सिर्फ एक नारी नहीं है बल्कि – एक पत्नी है, जीवन संगीनी है, अर्धांगिनी है, सुख-दुःख की सहभागिनी है। शादी के बाद पति-पत्नी दो शरीर एक जान बन जाते हैं। पवित्र बाइबल के उत्पत्ति ग्रन्थ 2:24 में कहा गया है – “इस कारण मनुष्य अपने

माता-पिता को छोड़ेगा और अपनी पत्नी के साथ रहेगा, और वे दोनों एक शरीर हो जायेंगे”। लेकिन सोचने वाली बात है कि क्या पुरुष अपना दायित्व निभाता है? नारी जो उसे अपना भगवान मानती है, हर कदम में उसके साथ चलती है। हर दुःख-तकलीफ में सहारा देकर अपना वादा पूरा करती है जो वादा शादी के बन्धन में बंधते समय उसने किया था। क्या पुरुष अपना वादा पूरा करता है? क्या वह नारी को इज्जत और प्रेम देकर उसका सम्मान करता है? क्या वह नारी को उसका अधिकार देता है? शायद नहीं। क्योंकि अगर ऐसा होता तो स्लोगन – “मेरा ईमान महिलाओं का सम्मान” नहीं बनाना पड़ता और ऑटो-रिक्शा, टैक्सी और अन्य जगहों पर चिपकाना नहीं पड़ता। यूँ तो हम देवियों की पूजा करते, माता मरियम को मानते, उनकी आराधना करते, संकटों-मुश्किलों में उनके चरणों में जाते पर अपने परिवार, समाज और अपने जीवन में नारी को स्थान नहीं देते, उनको सम्मान नहीं देते। नारी के प्रति पुरुष अपना दकियानूसी और रूढ़ीवादी सोच कब बदलेगा? मेरा मानना है कि जिस दिन पुरुष अपनी यह सोच बदलेगा उसी दिन से समाज में, परिवार में नारी का सम्मान होगा, उसे इज्जत, मान और प्रेम मिलेगा। और आज जो घटनायें नारी के प्रति हो रहे हैं। उनकी इज्जत-आबरू लूटी जा रही है, उनकी हत्यायें हो रही हैं, जिन्दा जलाया जा रहा है और जो आत्महत्या करने को मजबूर हो रही हैं – रुक जाये। लेकिन सिर्फ मेरे मानने भर से नहीं होगा। सभी को बदलना पड़ेगा। पति-पत्नी के आदर्शों, दायित्वों और कर्तव्यों का बखूबी वर्णन पवित्र बाइबल में एफेसियों के नाम संत पौलुस का पत्र 5:21-33 में दिया गया है।

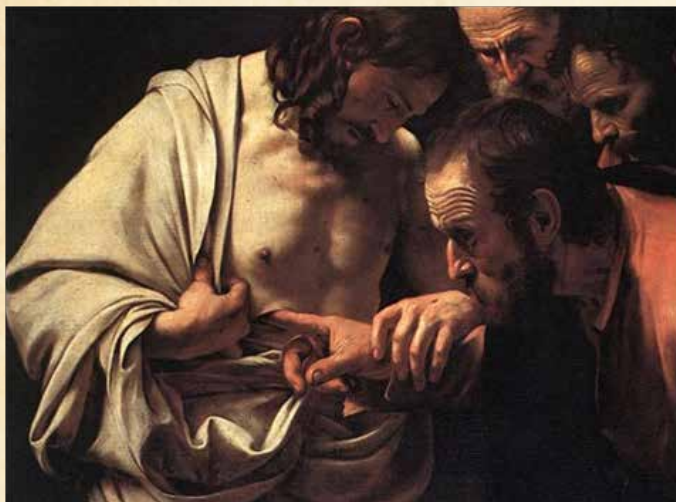
शादी के बाद नारी अपने घर से दूसरे घर आती है एक बहू, पत्नी, बेटी और बहन बनकर; अपने डेरों सपने और अरमान लेकर। इस घर में भी वह वही प्यार और सम्मान चाहती है जैसे उसे अपने घर में मिला करता था। लेकिन उसे मिलता है मार-पीट, लात-घूंसे, गाली-गलौच, तिरस्कार और बहिष्कार। क्या पुरुष ने कभी सोचने-समझने और करीब से देखने की चेष्टा की है कि नारी का जीवन कैसा होता है? घर से लेकर बाहर तक, बच्चों को जन्म देने से लेकर उनके पालन-पोषण तक नारी को कष्ट ही कष्ट झेलने पड़ते हैं। लेकिन उसकी मातृत्व, सहनशीलता, कर्मठता, सेवा-भाव, शालीनता, प्रेम और सहभागिता उसके हर कष्ट को भुला देती है। नारी तो हमेशा अपने पति के साथ कंधे-से-कंधा मिला कर चलती है। छोटी या बड़ी नौकरी कर पति को सहारा देती है। नौकरी के साथ-साथ घरेलू कामों को भी सम्भालती है। इन सबके बावजूद उसके माथे पर तनिक भी दंभ नहीं दिखाई पड़ता। इसके उलट पुरुष रोज शराब के नशे में उसे मारता-पीटता और तिरस्कार करता है। उस पर शक करते हुए गैर-जिम्मेदाराना लांछन लगाता है। अरे! नारी तो प्यार और ममता की मूरत है। उसे प्रेम और इज्जत से रखोगे तो घर-परिवार और समाज हमेशा चमकता रहेगा।

The Scars Present on the Glorified and Risen Body of Jesus!



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We have been journeying through the season of Lent, preparing ourselves to celebrate the great redemptive acts of Christ culminating in His resurrection. Imagine the dreadful experiences of Jesus, starting from the garden of Gethsemane. Witness the anguish, the pain, the physical weariness, the disfigurement of face and body, the blood stained body, the dry throat that is thirsting for a drop of water, and the heart that is longing for a compassionate word – all these disappear on Easter Sunday with the risen body of Jesus. There is a lively, serene, welcoming and loving smile on the face of Jesus on that day.



The disciples are closeted within four walls because they are doubly afraid (cf. John 20:19 and 26; Luke 24:37ff.): on the one hand, the fear of those who arrested and crucified Jesus their Guru and the possibility of these disciples being their next target; on the other hand, the fear of this Risen Jesus, who seems to be appearing to different people in different places, and the anxiety what he (this ghost?) was going to do to them, who abandoned and betrayed him when he needed them most, humanly speaking! Therefore after hearing the news about the resurrection of Jesus, they are terribly frightened! But the miracle happened when he appeared to them, with the greeting, “Peace be with you!”

In the confusion and panic situation that is created by his appearance to them, he establishes his own identity, by showing them the wounds that were on his body, by which they recognized Him as the one whom they had accompanied for three years; as the one nailed on the cross before the public eyes (cf. John 20:27; Luke 24:37-

43; Acts 1:3)! This is a marvellous thing for us to realize, when we often try our best to deny, forget and run away from our wounds/hurts which have become part of our history, and in some sense part of our identity!

This is the effect that the resurrection should make in each one of us. We too walk our own Way of the Cross in the journey of faith that we are making in our day-to-day life. We are called to walk that way with Christ and join our Way of the Cross with that of Christ’s, especially during the season of Lent, with the hope that we will be blessed to rise with Christ. And this rising will happen when we, like Christ, surrender ourselves in to the hands of God (“Father, I commend my spirit in to your hands”) and bow down before Him, hoping that as the Father strengthened the weak body of Christ and enlivened His spirit, He would strengthen us too, by pouring into our hearts the love of the Father! In that process, by the power of the Spirit and the love that has been poured into our hearts, our wounds and hurts are transformed into assets that we can own up, caress, and talk about with a different attitude (gratitude!). We do this now as Jesus could do it with a smile, not pointing his fingers at anyone, but as part of His body, as part of His identity. We are asked to rise with this Christ by the power of the Spirit and Love that have been poured into our hearts in our own journeying with Him, so that we can, with gratitude in our hearts, take pride in the fact that we have been enabled to suffer with Christ (cf. Colossians 1:24), and become the glorified person that we hope to become in our own resurrection with Him!

Let us remind ourselves that the sign that is given to us for our redemption is the Crucifix with the significant marks of the five wounds present on his body. And because we are wounded and acknowledge our wounds, we are taken up into the grace of the resurrection; as a result ‘immense peace’ begins to flow into our hearts, lives and relationships! This should give us great power and courage (cf. 2 Timothy 1:7; 2 Thessalonians 3:16) to live our Christian life!

May the power of the Name of Jesus be glorified through our lives! Alleluia!

Education (Part 1) : *Its Importance*

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We are today living in a society *where the only constant is "change"*.

In our developing society it is education that will play a crucial part in making a better way of life; while many economists and social scientists see that access to better education will surely lead to lower incidence of health problems, reduced mortality and thus increase life expectancy.

Health education, if included in the general education, which is being debated in India, with other means of communication, can be more effective and less costly. In a world of evolution, of technological know-how, education will play an essential role.

Education is now accepted as an important part in the overall development of society and innovative and development activities depend on the ability of the society to make sure that education and creativity are factors that stimulate and promote the activities carried out by individuals. Education is considered a basic human right and a significant factor in the development of children, communities and countries, especially developing ones like India.

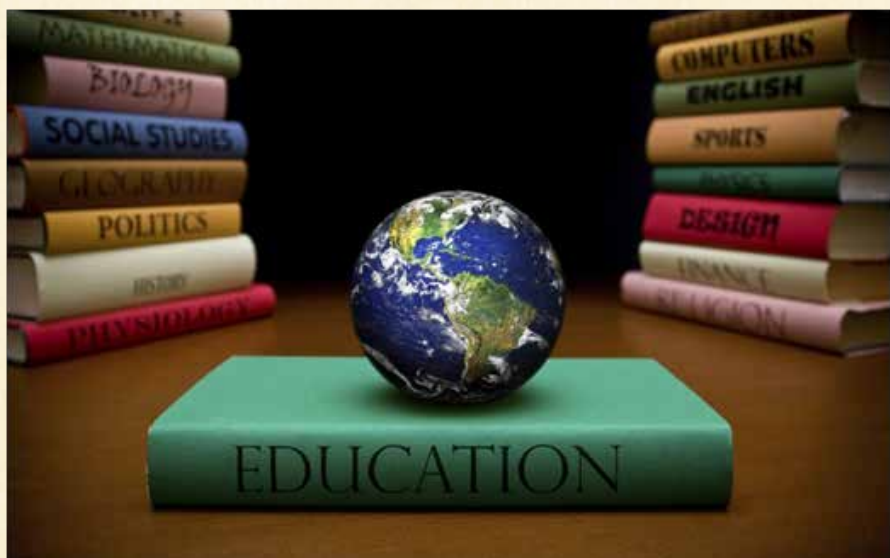
Education empowers Women and Girls- particularly women and the girl child - as economic empowerment that education allows them to make healthier choices for themselves and their families. It helps in the reduction of poverty, improvement of the health of women and their children; it also ensures delay of marriage.

Education contributes to improving Child Survival and Maternal Health, since a child born to an educated mother is more than twice as likely to survive to the age of five as a child born to an uneducated mother. It is also known that educated mothers are 50 percent more likely to immunize their children than mothers with noschooling.

Education helps fight poverty and helps economic growth - since this is a prerequisite for short and long-term economic growth. International research show,

that no country has achieved continuous and rapid economic growth without at least 40 percent of adults being able to read and write. Best examples are the Scandinavian countries.

Research has also shown that a person's earnings increase by 10 percent for each year of schooling they receive, translating to a one percent annual increase in GDP provided that good quality education is offered



to the entire population. One time Chief Economist (Lawrence Sanders) of the World Bank who later was the top economic advisor to President Obama of the US, asserted that "educating girls" yields a higher rate of return than any other investment available in the developing world.

Educational institutions can certainly inculcate among students respect for spiritual and ethical values and make them understand that the promotion of human welfare. No man, however brilliant, however gifted, can be considered truly cultured unless he identifies himself with the well-being of others, unless he has the passion to make the Kingdom of God prevail on this earth.

It is often said that the children of today are the citizens of tomorrow. If the children of today study hard and become good students, then they will surely become good citizens in future.

In Search of You



Very anxious was the father at home
For his foster son promised to return home
Gone to a far away town
In search of his friend.
Never was he allowed to go anywhere alone
For once was he allowed because of his heart stubborn
The son had no experience of the world
Because of this, the father was worried.

Next morning as soon as he woke up
He enquired if the son had returned
“No” came the reply from the kitchen
The father became restless unable to sit or stand.
He saw his younger son busy in his work
He requested him to look for the lost one
Though the son wasn't familiar with the city
He went in fulfillment of his father's wish
And thus decreased his father's anxiety.

The people were very busy at the town
They noticed not, the persons coming the other direction
The younger son went from one place to another
All his efforts resulted in an utter failure
Tired he was sat beside the road.
Two cops came, him they approached
And asked, “Whom are you searching for?”
“I came searching for the guy” came the reply.
The guy that came from his father's house
Fell into the trap laid by others
And he became one of the greatest criminals
He is a member of guy's gang, thought the cops
Imprisoned and pleaded for the sentence to be given.

Later on, I (guy) heard someone being tried publicly
Pushed through the crowd reached the place quickly
When I looked at the man I saw “it was my brother”.
Badly beaten stood helplessly near the pillar
“What crime has he done?” I asked the jailer
“A member of the guy's gang” came the answer.

I was shaken, yet there was a consolation
For no one knew that I was that guy
He saw me and raised his head looking at me.
Observing it asked the jailer “If I knew him”
I was puzzled and faced a dilemma
To save my skin I replied, “I know him not’
Thus ‘in my place he was punished.’

In a short while there reached my father
His heart broken stood there with tearful eyes
The son opened his eyes with great difficulty
Requested him not to show any displeasure
But to consider me as his great pleasure.

अभिव्यक्ति की स्वतंत्रता भयप्रद है

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‘आज़ादी कभी भीख में नहीं मिलती, उसे जीतना पड़ता है’ यह कथन पूर्णतः सत्य है। हमारे देश को आज़ादी दिलाने में कितने लोगों ने अपना रक्त बहाया और कितने ही लोग शहीद भी हुए। फलस्वरूप 15 अगस्त 1947 को हमारा देश अंग्रेजों की गुलामी से मुक्त हो गया। आज़ादी के पश्चात् हमारे देश को एक और तोहफा सन् 1950 में मिला – जब हमारे स्वतंत्र भारत में प्रजातंत्र स्थापित हुआ और संविधान लागू हुआ। संविधान लागू होने से हमें मौलिक अधिकार मिलें। इन्हीं मौलिक अधिकारों में से एक है – “अभिव्यक्ति की स्वतंत्रता” जिसके द्वारा हमें अपने विचारों को प्रकट करने की स्वतंत्रता मिली। अपने विचारों को या किसी भी बात को लिखकर, बोलकर या अन्य किसी माध्यम से बिना रोक-टोक दूसरों तक पहुँचना ‘अभिव्यक्ति की स्वतंत्रता’ कहलाती है।

लेकिन आजकल इस अधिकार की परिभाषा ही बदल चुकी है। लोग अपने मतलब पूरे करने के लिए अपने मौलिक अधिकारों का प्रयोग कर रहे हैं। लोगों के विचार की प्रवृत्ति बदल रही है। इसके कारण दबे और कमजोर लोगों का शोषण हो रहा है तो दूसरी ओर प्रबल लोग और सशक्त हो रहे हैं। इस बात को प्रमाणित करने के लिए प्रसिद्ध साहित्यकार ‘विन्सटन चर्चिल’ कहते हैं – “कोई भी स्वतंत्र भाषण के लिए सक्षम नहीं है जब तक कि वह यह ना जान जाए कि भाषा का प्रयोग कैसे करना है। और इस तरह का ज्ञान उपहार नहीं है, इसे सीखना पड़ता है।” इस बात के कई उदाहरण हैं जो हाल ही में हुए कुछ घटनाओं से प्रमाणित हैं :

1. गौरी लंकेश – एक वरिष्ठ महिला पत्रकार जिन्हें उनके घर के बाहर गोलियों से छन्नी कर दिया गया सिर्फ इसलिए कि वह सत्य पर आधारित लेख लिखती थी।
2. रोहित वेमुला – इनको भी मौत के घाट उतार दिया गया क्योंकि एक दलित होते हुए भी इन्होंने ऊँचे जात वालों के विपक्ष में अपने विचार रखे थे।
3. राम चंद्र छत्रपति – एक वरिष्ठ पत्रकार जिन्होंने ढोंगी बाबा का सच सामने लाकर शोषण का शिकार हुई साध्वियों का साथ दिया। सत्य उजागर करने की सजा उन्हें अपनी जान गवाँकर देनी पड़ी। हमारे संविधान के विपरीत है ‘ईश्वर का वचन’ क्योंकि ईश्वर की सोच

मनुष्य की सोच से अलग है। ईश्वर हमें बताते हैं कि हमारी जुबान में अद्भुत शक्ति विद्यमान है। हम अपनी जिह्वा का उपयोग कर किसी को आशीर्वाद तथा जीवन दे सकते हैं या फिर उसे अभिशाप और मृत्यु भी दे सकते हैं। जैसा कि लिखा गया है ‘आपके मुख से कोई अश्लील बात नहीं, बल्कि ऐसे शब्द निकलें, जो अवसर के अनुरूप दूसरों के निर्माण तथा कल्याण में सहायक हों (एफेसियों 4:2-6)।



अपनी जिह्वा पर नियंत्रण रखना बहुत ही कठिन है। परन्तु ऐसा न किया जाए तो हम अपनों को भी जाने – अंजाने चोट पहुँचा सकते हैं। ईश्वर का वचन कहता है ‘सांत्वना देने वाली वाणी जीवन वृक्ष है, किन्तु कपटपूर्ण जिह्वा मन को निराश करती है (सूक्ति ग्रन्थ 15:4)।’ जो अपनी जिह्वा पर नियंत्रण रखता है, वह ज्ञानी है। जो शान्त रहता, वह समझदार है। यदि मूर्ख मौन रहता, तो वह भी बुद्धिमान समझा जाता। यदि वह अपना मुँह नहीं खोलता, तो वह समझदार माना जाता है (सूक्ति 17:27-28)।

प्रभु हमें आश्वासन देते हैं कि अभी भी उम्मीद कायम है। ईश्वर हमें कहता है कि पवित्र आत्मा से प्रार्थना करो और वह हमारी सहायता करेगा। मसीह का सन्देश आप लोगों के बीच इस प्रकार दृढ़ हो गया है कि आप लोग मसीह से संयुक्त हो कर अभिव्यक्ति और ज्ञान के सब प्रकार के वरदानों से संपन्न हो गए हैं (1 कुरिन्थियों 1:5-6)। और हम यह जानते हैं कि – बुद्धि, ज्ञान और प्रज्ञा पवित्र आत्मा के वरदान हैं। जहाँ प्रभु येशु है वहाँ पवित्रात्मा भी है और पिता ईश्वर भी। पवित्र त्रित्व की उपस्थिति ही हमें प्रार्थना में आगे बढ़ाती है।

कबीरदास भी ईश्वर से प्रेरणा पाकर अपने दोहे में कहते हैं:

“ऐसी वाणी बोलिए मन का आपा खोए

औरन को शीतल करे आपहूँ शीतल होए।”

निष्कर्षतः मैं अपने विचार यह कहकर अंत करती हूँ कि – न तो इतने कड़वे बनो कि कोई थूक दे और ना इतने मीठे बनो कि कोई निगल जाए। प्रभु! मेरे मुख पर पहरा बैठा, मेरे होंठों के द्वार की रखवाली कर’ (स्तोत्र 141:3)।



SDYM Family



SDYM is not merely just the name,
It's a movement not a game.
It is a movement with full of responsibilities,
Where youth can showcase great abilities.

Our current SDYM group has 26 members,
And all are worth to be loved and remembered.
Yes we fight, we tease, we cry, we laugh
But join hands when time gets tough.

Let me introduce you to our President,
Anisa Fernandes - very caring and prudent.
She handles us with her dual nature,
From love and care to scolding and lecture.

We have Manish Soreng our Vice President,
An expert in sketches and does it with confidence.
In SDYM, not one but all are revolutionaries,
Philo and Roslyn are our think-tank Secretaries.

Our SDYM family also has a Finance Minister,
Jois Pratima, our hard-working Treasurer.
These are our SDYM executive members,
They execute things in open not in chambers.

Rest of our SDYM members are equally important,
Sangee is spiritual-guru and Angie may be future President.
Sandra embraces us with her artistic mind,
Christopher is naturally mild and very kind.

Sangeeta is everybody's moshi and Mary is a foodie,
Be careful with Shashi because she is moody.
Neeru is punctual and motivates us to be on time,
Divya sings so sweetly and attracts all with her chime.

Meena is innocent and always accepts tasks given to her,
Ayisha and Angel bear the surname Joseph but are not sisters.
Joshua and Queeny are unable to give time due to their work,
Busy with their respective studies are Ishu and Derik.

Little Mamta and Henry are the youngest of us all,
Among SDYM girls Angalin and Carolina are very tall.
The above are the representatives of our Parish Youth,
By our work and responsibilities we try to spread the Truth.

Some new members have recently joined this movement,
Among them some are working while a few are students.
They are here to provoke us with some creative thoughts,
And they want to fulfill them with our help and support.

These new members are very talented and helpful,
Some are sporty and great dancers while others prayerful.
Very glad to introduce our dancers Aditya and Andrews,
Both are like brothers and are ready to make dance crews.

A very prayerful and an altar server is our Johnson
Pankaj is the old wine in the new wineskin.
Arpan and Augustine are the new sporty young men.
Rajeshwari and Namita have also joined our mission.

Fr. Roshan and Subash uncle are God's blessings to us,
They support and guide us and are worth to get applause.
Our greatest glory is not in never stumble and fall,
But keep moving and in rising every time we fall.

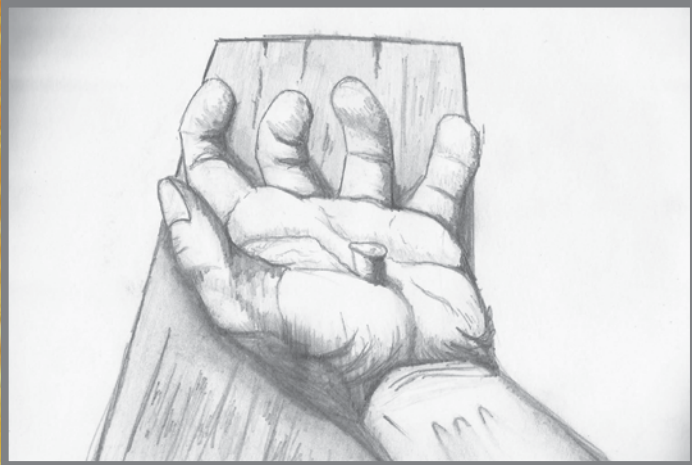


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WEEKLY PROGRAM	DAYS	TIMINGS	
		SUMMER	WINTER
MASS IN HINDI MASS IN ENGLISH CHILDREN'S MASS AND CATECHISM MASS IN ENGLISH MASS IN ENGLISH	SUNDAYS	07: 00 a.m. 08: 30 a.m. 08: 30 a.m. 10: 00 a.m. 06: 30 p.m.	07: 30 a.m. 09: 00 a.m. 09: 00 a.m. 10: 30 a.m. 06: 00 p.m.
MORNING WEEKDAY MASSES (IN ENGLISH)	MONDAY-SATURDAY	06: 30 a.m.	06: 30 a.m.
EVENING WEEKDAY MASSES (IN ENGLISH)	MONDAY-SATURDAY	06: 30 p.m.	06: 00 p.m.
NOVENA TO ST. MARTIN DE PORRES	MONDAY	AFTER THE EVENING MASS	
NOVENA TO ST. DOMINIC GUZMAN	TUESDAY	AFTER THE EVENING MASS	
NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP	WEDNESDAY	AFTER THE EVENING MASS	
NOVENA TO INFANT JESUS	THURSDAY	AFTER THE EVENING MASS	
ADORATION	FRIDAY	AFTER THE EVENING MASS	
ADORATION AND HEALING SERVICE	FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH	AFTER THE EVENING MASS	

REGULAR PROGRAM	DAYS	TIMINGS	
		SUMMER	WINTER
MAHILA SAMAJ MEETING	FIRST SUNDAY	08: 00 a.m.	08: 30 a.m.
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	SECOND SUNDAY	10: 30 a.m.	11: 00 a.m.
S.C.C. ANIMATORS' MEETING	THIRD SATURDAY	07: 30 p.m.	07: 00 p.m.
YOUTH MASS & MEETING	THIRD SUNDAY	08: 30 a.m.	09: 00 a.m.
DOMESTIC WORKERS' MASS	FOURTH SUNDAY	12: 00 a.m.	12: 30 a.m.
CLASSES/INTERVIEW FOR PARENTS & GOD-PARENTS OF CHILDREN TO BE BAPTIZED	SECOND SATURDAY	05: 30 p.m.	05: 00 p.m.
BAPTISM	FOURTH SUNDAY	11: 15 a.m.	11: 45 a.m.
S.V.P. MEETING	EVERY SATURDAY	06: 00 p.m.	05: 30 p.m.
ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING	EVERY SATURDAY	04: 30 p.m.	04: 30 p.m.
CONFIRMATION	IN THE MONTH OF APRIL		
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	IN THE MONTH OF APRIL		

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MAHILA DIWAS CELEBRATION



MAUNDY THURSDAY



GOOD FRIDAY



EASTER: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION



I HAVE RUN MY RACE AND KEPT MY FAITH

FR. PAUL MONDOTH. OP

BORN: 14/02/1945

DIED: 13/01/2018

PROFESSED: 12/06/1969

ORDAINED: 17/10/1972



**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord;
and let the perpetual light shine upon him.**

**A GOLDEN HEART STOPPED BEATING
HARD WORKING HANDS WERE NOW AT REST
IT BROKE OUR HEARTS TO SEE YOU GO
BUT GOD ONLY TAKES THE BEST.**

**YOUR LIFE WAS ONE OF LOVE AND LABOUR
ALL WHO KNOW YOU ... WILL EVER REMEMBER
WE WISH WE COULD SEE YOU ONE MORE TIME
BUT WE KNOW THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE.**

FOND MEMORIES OF THE BELOVED PRIEST OF GOD AT St. Dominic's, Vasant Vihar...

