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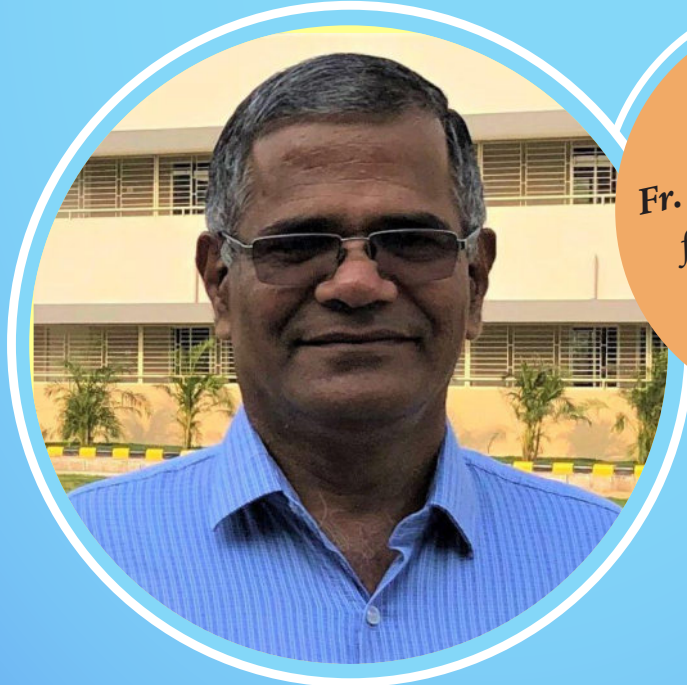
# Can You Hear The Cry



Jesuit's Call For Justice  
And Reconciliation

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for your energetic  
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## Provincial's message

When the entire world is talking of the New Normal, our scholastics have come out with their magazine aptly named “New Leaf”. I am confident that this will not only bring the best of their writing skills but also will help create new leaf in the world around. As the entire planet is looking forward to newness, I am sure our scholastics also are looking for new ways to live their lives as consecrated Jesuits. Our legacy reminds us that successful mission requires PASSION and COMMITMENT. What better way can we respond to

the present crisis of Covid 19 pandemic than to listen to the cry of the suffering masses? I am sure you are all preparing yourself to walk in the footsteps of our legends who heard the cries of the poor and responded accordingly.

“Cry of the poor” reminds us of the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) that the Society of Jesus has discerned for the decade. UAPs are Society’s response to the needs of the Church. They express in concrete terms our readiness, as a universal apostolic body to serve the Lord alone and his

Church. They are the points of reference for us as Jesuits, that inspire our discernment and our apostolic planning at all levels of our life and mission. We want to make these UAPs as our own as we are in the process of implementing them in the context of our Province. I am confident “New Leaf” will stimulate such thoughts and prepare our scholastics for creating new ways of what Ignatius called “helping souls.”

My blessings and greetings to the Editors and entire team of New Leaf. Let new thoughts and new sprouts keep emerging.

Fr. Jerry Cutinha, SJ  
Provincial



## Message from outgoing Provincial

For most of us it is the first or unique experience of facing the present realities of life amidst Corona pandemic. Probably we have heard many times during our formation that

we need to be ready for hardships together with joys and consoling experiences. In spite of our spiritual orientation and religious formation, it is not always easy to exhibit magnanimous spirit

of bringing solace to the ones in need. many of us would like to avoid challenges and risks and insulate ourselves in the security of comforts. While the world is searching for ways to cope up



with the present crisis, how do we respond? Possibly we have participated in small charitable works of distribution of food materials to a few of the needy or nutrition to the expecting mothers. But, I feel that it is too little compared to the magnitude of miseries, covering different aspects of life. Be it the vacuum created in the lives of labourers or deprivation of education of rural children or anxiety in the families of health workers. We

also remember many people who try to bring comfort to the directly affected by the COVID pandemic and many of those risking their lives through exposure, whether health workers or security personnel. I believe that they are inspiring examples for us all. together with these we too need to be sensitive to the call of God through events and the cries of many of those who may need our help. I wish and pray that we Jesuits cultivate

a sensitivity to listen to the cry of those who need us and be filled with a generosity and dynamic spirit of our founder Ignatius and the First Fathers. In a special way I pray for our young Jesuits that they may put themselves in the mold of those Jesuits, who risk their lives by exposure to zones of war and conflicts, with spiritual depth and prophetic boldness.

Fr. George Fernandes, SJ



## PCF's message

**D**uring this pandemic and lockdown, the edition of New Leaf comes as a refreshing and hope-filled magazine. As I congratulate the Scholastics of Jamshedpur, I wish the readers happy time, with the New Leaf. The overall message of these pages is one of hope and we can not be tired of hope, especially during this difficult time. We need hope to carry us forward and I am sure the efforts of our

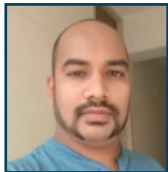
young men will do just that – fill us with hope.

The Scholastics of Jamshedpur Province are getting their training in different parts of the country and they imbibe the spirit of diversity of India. They get to feel the pulse of multicultural and multireligious dimension of our country. And, the thoughts expressed in these pages reflect such diversity. These pages are

fruit of the study and reflection and they are like sprouts that are to turn into new leaves.

I wish a very happy time for all the readers of New Leaf and hope-filled and safe days ahead. Let there be new leaves emerging in our lives. Happy reading.

Fr. Somy Mannoor, SJ  
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## Editor's message

The “New Leaf” expresses the feelings and thoughts of the scholastics of Jamshedpur Province. It is an expression of those determined and vibrant young brothers willing to dream the impossible dream and to face the challenges on the road less traveled by. It is our attempt to touch lives and to offer a spark of hope with our life witness in following whole heartedly the Call of the Eternal King. We have given shape to some of our experiences as we witness the everyday misery of people who are abandoned, oppressed, and unloved without the semblance of any dignity. It challenges us to see the face of Christ in them and to develop a sense of responsibility as consecrated persons reaching out to offer a helping hand to alleviate their

misery and state of hopelessness in our small ways.

Some of us have shared our thoughts on life people who struggle every day for their survival, especially in Chotanagpur. We welcome your frank reactions to this third edition of New Leaf so that we may see how we can address burning issues against the oppressed. I would like to express my gratitude to the many who have made it possible and will make this ‘New Leaf’ possible in the years to come. Though it is the work of many, I would like to name a few who have given their unstinting support. First and foremost, our sincere thanks goes out to Fr. George Fernandes, our Provincial and Somy Mathew, our Province Coordinator for Formation.

Without their support and encouragement, this magazine would not have seen the light of day. Secondly, I express my gratitude to all our proof readers who patiently went through the articles and guided the ‘not-so-accomplished writers’ to do their best. Thirdly, my heart-felt thanks goes out to all those who did not need a second invitation to write for this magazine. A warm pat on the back for the members of the Editorial Team for collating all the articles and giving it a final shape. We count on your unstinting support and your invaluable ideas that will make this magazine for the scholastics, of the scholastics, and by the scholastics. With immense faith in God and digging deep into our hidden potential, we march ahead.

Sch. Oliver D SJ



Jesuits mourn passing the demise of  
the former Superior General

**Fr. Adolfo Nicolás SJ**

(1936-2020)



# Tapping the Near Future



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but we can build our youth for the future,” says Franklin D Roosevelt.

In such a scenario young minds require empowerment and awareness, especially through education. Our education should not feed children with a heavy load of knowledge but it has to make them self-sufficient, creative, and critical thinkers. They need to be trained to think outside the box. They should not take a beaten path but a road less travelled (Robert Frost).

Our country and society need people who are critical thinkers and those who can stand for values. We need thinkers who raise their voice against the corrupt that rule our society. By doing so today, we enable our youth to be energetic, effective and vibrant leaders of tomorrow. Education should strive towards all-round development of the student. Education should be a means to build and shape one’s character. Believing in the words of Gandhi, ‘A small body of determined spirits, fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of

**W**e live in a world of competition. The advanced technological world is in a mad rush to showcase its discoveries. There is no time to sit, no time to talk and no time to walk. Everyone says that they are busy and they have no time. Parents are busy with their business activities or office works and children are lost in their imaginary world. Parents who go to office return home late at night. As a result, TV, mobile phones, computers and the Internet take the place of being the companions to their children. These gadgets give children instant enjoyment and remove boredom and loneliness. Hence there is no doubt that

whatever is projected on screen becomes true for them in real life as well. It is a fact that advanced technology has adverse effects on young minds. They are like a deer caught in the glare. For this, who has to be blamed and who should take responsibility? Is it technology or the influence of culture?

Look at the craving of young people, which is not just for the latest brand of shoes, wrist watches nor the latest dress material. Their craving extends for the latest range of cars and bikes, mobiles and iPods. Their craving has no limits, no boundaries. “We cannot always build the future for our young

history'. Education must give to society men and women charged with the fire of doing something beautiful.

Similarly, the role of parents is also very vital in the growth of young minds. Young minds long

for love, affection and human touch from their parents. The young need guidance and they long for someone who can really listen to them. If parents can build an intimate relationship with their children they can be guided and led in the right path.

We need parents who can take full responsibility towards the all-round personality development of their children. By this, we offer better leaders to society and the nation.

Sch. Bikant Kullu SJ



# Opportunities and Challenges in Accompanying Youth Today

*One of the universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP) is, "To accompany youth in the creation of a hope-filled future."*

During the pre-synod congregation of youth in Rome, Pope Francis hailed youth, saying, "Young people and the entire people of God, Christ is alive! He is our hope and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world." The message is loud and clear that Christ is indeed alive and that

Christ wants young people to be fully alive in him. We, the Jesuits, are called to show the way to the youth, who are going astray at this mundane culture. This would imply being aware of the presence of the Lord in our day-to-day activities and life. Being inspired by the chrism of St. Ignatius of Loyola



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we try to empty ourselves of our self-love, self-interest and self-will in our life and mission. These lead us to give fully to our fellow brethren in their difficult circumstances. This gift would introduce into making the best of the opportunities that come in

modern era, they are immersed in the super-fast culture of social media, for instances, Whats App, Facebook, social media as well. It cannot be too well emphasized how now a days social network exercise huge impact on all aspects of youth's life. But all is

becomes victims of addictions like alcohol, drugs and sex. Unfortunately, young people are not able to differentiate between right and wrong.

## 2. Accompanying youth by teaching them the process of discernment

St. Ignatius has given his fellow Jesuits the richness of spirituality, called, "Discernment". It is a process to listen to the voice of the Lord. We see the youth of today often busy with their mobiles. The immersion in the virtual world temporarily helps them to run away from their loneliness. They use their mobiles to listen to music, to play games (e.g. PUBG, Blue Whale) and to communicate. This generation has earphones plugged into their ears while travelling, walking along roads or even while driving. They are overwhelmed by so many voices. Then how will they listen to their inner voice? Jesus did not tolerate any injustice, but he tried to solve the problem. He wanted to see peace and harmony in each individual's heart. He passed on this mission to his apostles; and the apostles have handed it on to us. So we are responsible to gather the lost one and accompany them in each step of their lives, by practicing the virtues of St. Ignatius.



our way. St. Ignatius says, "To be generous in giving anything because whatever we have, it has come from God and it will go back to God." Even Jesus said to his disciples, "You have got freely so you also give them freely."

## 1. Accompanying youth to use media responsibly in their stage of human growth

Accompanying the youth is the most significant dimension in their physical, intellectual and spiritual growth. At this

not bad with media. If it is used right way, media can change once life style. It all depends on the users. The young people of today need somebody's guidance and help. But the question is, "Who are those that can show them the right path? Where can they have a bright future?"

It is embarrassing to know that youth, when they are alone or lack human contact, they are drawn to open certain sites, which seem to provide so many attractive offers. These youth are easily tempted to open such sites and they are gradually

### 3. Accompanying youth by sharing Good News

Jesus says, “Go to the entire world and proclaim the good news to the poor.” Today, it is sad for the Church that the attendance of youth has alarmingly declined in the house of God. Only a few young people participate in the Mass and others giving more importance to other daily activity. Unless they



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attend the Church, how will they be inspired by the teaching of Jesus Christ? Parents encourage their sons and daughters to go for tuition classes, but they will not encourage them to attend Sunday Mass. In our school days, we used to participate in CLC (Christian Life Community) programs and some of us listened to the irresistible voice of God and responded to it accordingly. But now parents who are doing jobs rarely have time to spend with their children. There is no gathering together for evening prayer and meals. As

a result, children lack parental love and affection which is important for their growth. In other words, day by day the vocation to the religious life is decreasing rapidly because they lack motivation, guidance and assistance. These days the religious institutions like schools don't organize CLC programme, Eucharistic celebration on some special occasions and so on

with an excuse that students of multi-religious background are studying in these schools.

### 4. Accompanying youth by being the source of motivation and inspiration

We religious consider that Jesus is our model for everything. But for youth, they have many models, for instances, actors, players, singers as well. Looking at their lifestyle the youth try to imitate them in different ways. If you see some of the houses, the pictures of actors and players decorate the house in and out,

keeping aside Jesus' pictures such as Sacred Heart. Knowing all these situations that the youth are facing constantly, how can we inspire them? Our way of living is very crucial for this young generation. Everybody will follow, when they find the true meaning of being human. Youth are drawn towards good works which give them satisfaction. If you have an enormous heart, youth will like you and remember you forever.

Finally, the youth of today like those religious who can mingle or adapt to any situation of the superfast culture of youth. An ideal example is Fr. Emil Coelo S.J. who is widely known for working with youth. Though he is assigned for a different ministry, he utilizes his free time to go to government and private colleges to teach them English and personality development. You never see him alone in any place. There will always be some young people roaming or walking with him. This kind of priest is really required at this modern venture. We all of us have felt attraction to the fancy objects of the world, but we have managed to overcome these temptations. So, with grateful hearts, let us commit ourselves to the mission which God has entrusted to us.



# A Servant Leader

Speaking a lot on walking with the poor, the down trodden and oppressed is a bird's eye view. For the greater knowledge of the poor, we must have a worm's eye view. We can't learn fishing by sitting in front of the television but in the pond or river. If we want to walk with the poor we need to jump into the reality of the poverty life.

Poverty is found in every nook and corner of the world. It is not a new thing that this modern generation is battling with but it was there in the very early centuries and it will exist in the future as well. It still exists because of the lack of sharing. We cannot uproot it fully and throw from the world, **but at least we can do is to uplift the poor;** like making them aware of the current situation, giving free education, training of stitching, farming, hair dressing, repairing bikes ,carpentry, mason work and

reaching their problems to the Government. We can walk with the poor in their challenging life journey and show them a way of life that they may proceed and be able to overcome their poverty.



## How can we show them a way of life?

It is easier said than done that walking with the poor is one of the better ways of showing them a way of life. We can show them a way of life by walking with them hand in hand. For that we really need the spirit of a servant leader. We must struggle with

them, understand their problems and experience the traumatic pain they undergo in their everyday lives. To accompany them we need strength. And the source of strength is prayer. We must be the men of prayer and

constantly remind ourselves for what purpose we are called in this world. Surely the mission of our lives will boost us up to continue walking in their difficulties.

## Whom are we for?

There is a purpose of our creation. We are God's instruments



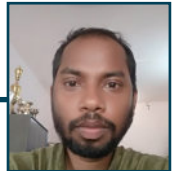
working as a mediator, reaching out harmony and peace. “We are men and women for others,” said Fr. Pedro Arrupe, the formal Superior General of the Society of Jesus. We must be ever ready to walk with the poor. Jesus says, “Just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mt 20:28). The poor need our help and guidance very much.

### Are we really walking with the poor?

Some of us are not ready to leave our comfort zone and some of us are really concerned about the poor. There are some mission schools that take less fees from the students so that poor people may easily afford for the quality education. Also some of us are fighting for the peace and justice. Walking with the poor by being a servant leader is bet-

ter way. We must experience the struggle they go through in their daily lives, and put an effort to lift them up by the educational support. If we really want to walk with them we have to fight for their dignity, right and justice that they may have standard and dignified life.

Sch. James Xalxo SJ



## Be Satisfied with What You Have

**B**efore setting off for school, my mom always advised us. “My children we have little manage it and do not compare with what others have.” As long as we compare ourselves to others, we shall remain frustrated for always there shall be more beautiful, handsome, kind, talented and successful persons than you. You come from a financially challenged family but want to live like your mate whose generation are chartered accountants, CEOs, and business tycoons. Jesus advised His apostles not



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to compare with others, beware of the bad company of the Pharisees and use their gifts well. This too is our mission. You never have put his/her hand

to get that wealth you see. Being satisfied with what you have will prevent you from the ocean pit of materialism, cultism, jealousy, pride, hatred, gossips and envy.





# The Real Darkness

All the negativities within us are the real darkness. The darkness which keeps us under its evil clutches like a magnet which is the greatest obstacle to our personal growth. The darkness can be our own irrational thoughts, evil deeds, bestial behaviour and fear of facing challenges and hardships.

When the darkness covers us we can't see anything. Everything seems black. It snatches away our powerful sight. It suppresses and oppresses us as much as it can. I think, if there is any great enemy in the cosmos, it is the

fear within us which keeps us astray from availing of the ample opportunities we are given. We become completely blind as if we were born blind. Darkness doesn't allow us to emerge from its kingdom because it enjoys dominating us.

To some extent darkness is found in all human beings. We ourselves have to take the initiative to kindle the lamp and vanish the power of darkness. But most of the time we let our negativities reign over us. We often forget our positive qualities and focus more on our

negativities. We forget that we are Loved Ones.

Dear friends, if we want to be in the light, we have to conquer our enemy darkness. Therefore Swami Vivekananda constantly reminds us, ***“All power is within you. You can do anything and everything .Believe in that.”***

Let us begin thinking positively instead of negatively and appreciate ourselves. We have to recognize our good qualities and potentialities. Then surely we will overcome our darkness and shine like sunshine in the world.



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# Love Others

*“If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ yet hates his brother, he is a liar.”*

The word ‘love’ has become a common word today. We tend to use this word in our daily affairs. This word is a very significant one. There are 538 times the word ‘love’ is mentioned in the NRSV Bible: 317 times in the OT and 221 times in the NT. How should love be manifested? In the Spiritual Exercises St. Ignatius tells us that love ought to manifest itself more by deeds than by words.

True love manifests itself by deeds done to others, and not to oneself. True love finds God in others.

It was a cold winter night. The street was covered with snow and mist. There was a particular poor man who was severely sick. He did not have proper clothing and shelter to protect himself from the freezing cold. A catholic priest happened to come that way. The poor man went to the priest and asked him if he could help him find shelter. Then the priest blurted out,

“Christ is without a home!” He further added, “This poor man is Christ”. He then began ‘Hogar de Cristo’ (Home of Christ) a shelter for the homeless people. This happened in Chile in the year 1944 and the Catholic Priest was none other than our beloved Jesuit Saint Alberto Hurtado. All cannot become another Hurtado, but in our little ways can express our love for God by helping the needy. When we serve and show our love towards others, we indeed show our love to God whom none can see. Even our small acts of mercy count.





# The Cry of Realities

Life is a race and full of realities - the realities of today! My mind is filled with thoughts and ideas of our religious life. One question that worries me the most is: Where exactly are we heading to? We are all proud of the achievements that we have made and the milestones that have been crossed. Our institutions and services have inspired many young minds to become men and women for others. However, as religious, we are full of rage and anger towards those who are corrupt, those who receive or give bribe, those who practise nepotism, those who divide the community along caste and social status and so on. As though these challenges are not enough, in recent times we are also faced with a new challenge - a cry that started with the corona virus and has led towards a deadly pandemic called Covid19.

As for me, I consider the year 2020 a black year. I question myself very seriously why I am a self-centered religious. Aloysius Gonzaga, a young Jesuit saint who is known chiefly for his devotion to serve



the victims of the plague of the 16th century Rome tells me that I—though young like him—am nowhere with his spirit of AMDG. The mid-May days of the lockdown even made me cry when two of my friends left the Catholic church saying, “You religious are self-oriented than service-minded people.” Their voices of anger, frustration, grief, helplessness towards us, religious, are warning us that hard days are ahead.

Have you ever thought, what has reduced us religious to such low levels? Is it, perhaps, that we are chiefly concerned about living an easy-going life rather than looking at the painful and helpless experiences of people in the communities where we

live? Is it because of that one word POWER? Perhaps again that “power” hardly allowed us to work in groups as religious! Strange but true, in some communities the Director of work proclaims himself and behaves as though he were the ultimate authority in the community and so the rest must follow him. Our community meetings have come to mean that we have a good meal at the end. Our vision and mission statements are mere words gathering dust in the files or got lost in our computers. It is anybody’s guess how many of us have studied, understood and have made serious attempts to put them into practice. We are living in fool’s paradise in the dictatorial manner with which



we relate with our staff, students and co-workers. More than that, we fight for power and hold on to it and never allow others, be they priests, religious or laity, to come ahead in life. We must admit to our shame that our spiritual life has lost its depth and is doing downhill from one day to the next. So much so, our Christian laity seems to have decided that they could relate to God directly without depending on the services of priests and religious.

Spiritual life aside, don't we see how an average householders of today must run from pillar to post to feed themselves and their families. Are we at all aware that a good number of families have got to limit themselves to just one meal a day? The sad part is that the government is preoccupied with policies and schemes that do not immediately matter but cares less about the consequences of the pandemic on the general public. More pitiable is the case of the poorest of the poor, the daily wage-earners and the migrants who fear for their lives unable to face the threat of the possibility of falling victims to Covid-19. As for us, we are busy with our institutions collecting fees and holding online classes. The government may advise us to hold online classes. But, has the

government or have we given a thought about how students from far-off interior villages in our mission stations could benefit from such classes? When their parents do not have work or get only a meager income, how can they afford to get a computer or android mobile to attend such courses? No wonder, then, such students are now in a state of confusion if they should get back to school/college when their parents are fighting for sheer survival.

Now, let us make a serious examination of conscience. What is it that drives us to stay home while this Covid-19 pandemic is spreading fast around us? We pride ourselves as missionaries who will not hesitate to go to the frontiers as missionaries. Given our present mindset, can we not say that our loud proclamation has just become a slogan for others to hear? Where are our spirits moving to? Will there be some hope that we will get down from our ivory towers and face the cry of today's realities? Believe me when I say that now is a time of challenge for all of us. It is no use in blaming anyone, much less God, saying that we have no control to do anything at this hour. Let us for a moment look back at the work done by the forerunners in the early days of our Society. We will notice

how the first companions of Ignatius emphasized the role of frontier mission. Unfortunately, the influence of POWER in the religious order is making us ignore our traditional way of living.

Realities are realities and we are not perfect beings. Our Society has given us the tool of putting into effect the four universal apostolic preferences. Our Provinces too have expressed their preferences in similar terms. Therefore, it is up to us whether or not to be fully involved in putting them into practice. By being a little more considerate towards those around us – both in our communities and outside - we can surely give healing touch to the world that is suffering immediately surrounding us. Sure, the people outside the boundary walls of our institutions are in need of material help, but more than that, they need our accompaniment. They want us to speak to them, listen to their cries and pray with them. Are we ready to come out and find ways to be messengers of healing to the victims of the corona pandemic? May St Aloysius Gonzaga and all the Saints and Blessed intercede for you and me to get down to serious work when the world outside is bleeding and is crying out for help!





# Do not Stand and Watch! But Raise Your Voice!

A remarkable quote of Napoleon Bonaparte reads like this “The world suffers a lot. Not because of the violence of bad people. But because of the silence of good people”. Now is the appropriate time to take a

the greater need to raise one’s voice more than ever before. Today evils such as rape, fundamentalism, communism, inequality and violence are touching their new height which is threatening the minorities.

India is the country rich in its “unity in diversity” in the terms of culture, religion, language and so on. But, gradually, it is losing its richness. Invariably, minorities are being attacked, their premises are vandalised and worship places are desecrated.



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stand and raise our voice before it is too late. The above quote applicable in carrying out our mission in the present time. The very fact of being indifferent to one’s situation rather than raising one’s voice against injustice makes our mission to ineffective. However, as a missionary in the present context of India now is

Peace and harmony are on the road to nowhere. In addition to this, citizens are deprived of their fundamental rights. Unemployment and migration are increasing in higher rate. Present scenario witnesses clear picture of the living condition of the minorities which is seemingly more alarming to the minorities.

In such circumstances, while the mind of a Jesuit is gripped with a big question, “what is my response to the prevailing situation?”, his heart strives for the answer. But the signs of the time have burdened the shoulders of a Jesuit with greater responsibility. That is none other than to raise one’s voice and respond to the prevailing situation rather than to keep watching it. If we go back to the history of the Church, we find inspiration in the very person of Jesus as an illustrious of raising the voice against stereotype ideas of hypocrites and established norms regarding God’s values. Thus, as companions of Jesus, it is our task to walk on the holy footprints of our Lord and Master. And hence, the



very zeal for our mission must proceed from Christ's values. Such a mission is possible only when we are vested with Christ's values and armed with its righteousness. A Jesuit is essentially a man on a mission. His call is to be a missionary, a man of God and a man for others. Being Christ-centred enables us to discern the will of God and prompts us to establish peace on this planet earth. Thus, the time has arrived to witness Christ's values to the nation and to give prophetic response to injustice around us even at the cost of our life. This is how we can make a difference.

A Jesuit is a shepherd. His primary and holy obligation is to lead the sheep to the green pasture and protect them from wolves that harm them and gather the flock of sheep with the bond of love and unity. Consequently, faces of the faithful will radiate the joy of being Christian. The fact that Christianity is a minority religion in the context of India, it indicates that the shadow darkness is vast. Such darkness can be dispelled only with the inextinguishable candles of love. The phase of challenges and adversity for a Jesuit should be an opportunity to give a prophetic response to the nation.

## Tears of Joy

Crying is one emotional way to communicate or to express interior love to the same one. Crying comes from the heart with a deep experience of oneself. Crying can communicate the happiness, sorrows and pain of a person. Crying is a deeper understanding of love that I experience from my parents in my life.

When I was an infant, tears serve me as an important communication tool, allowing my family member to show my need for my support.

When I was hungry my eyes talked to my mother fed me milk. When I was born I was crying and that gave the good news to the people and they took part in my happiness. Crying is the tool of communication that tool may also serve us well in our adulthood. Tears, like other forms of communication, are a way to express something very deep love of someone. You are one of those that can cry for anything, wedding, birthday,

movies concerts etc. While tears it may be both a release of strong emotions and a way for others in a group to see truly deep words of something. Crying is something innately human. It is a form of communication that takes place

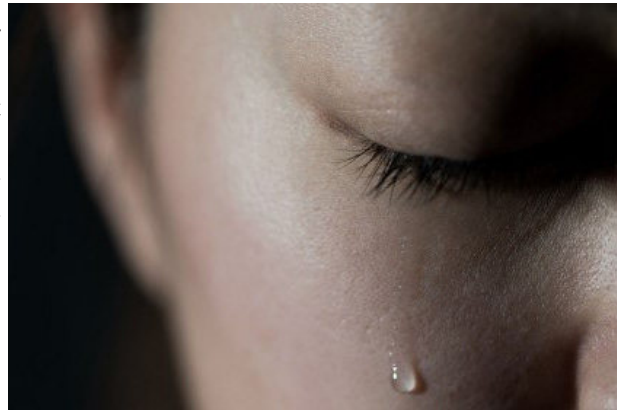


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when the human begins life in the world. Therefore, it is a specific gift of God. It is the language of the human heart which we talk during our birth and in our childhood.

There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are messengers of overwhelming grief and unspeakable love. Therefore, it is one emotional way of communication.

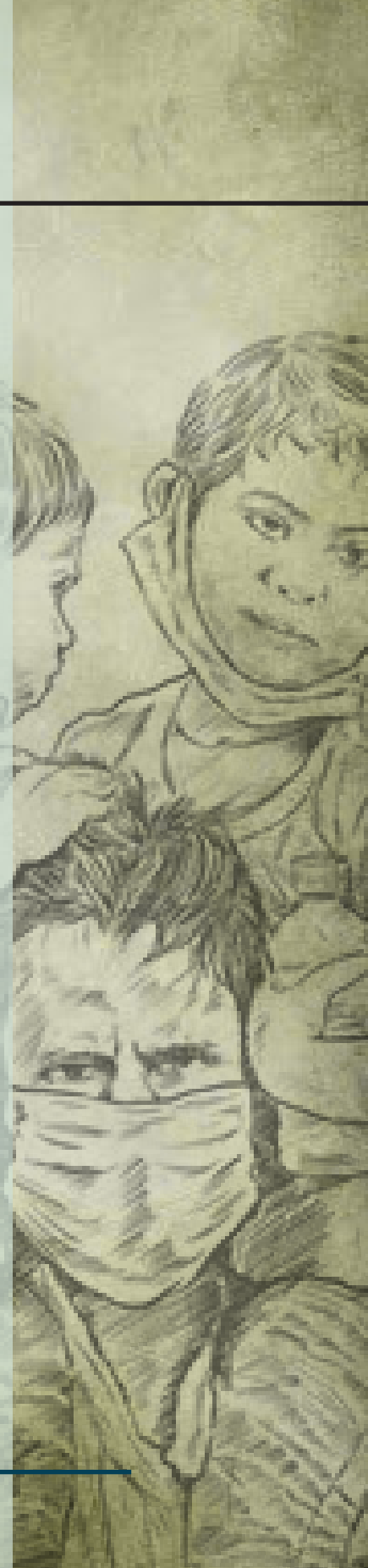
# Can you hear my cry?

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Oh God's people! Wake up,  
Before having your dress up.  
Look around your brothers and sisters are helpless,  
After sometimes they will be unquestionably worthless.  
They have made our lives cosy, comfortable and congenial  
By constructing our edifices, roads, bridges etc. ceaselessly,  
But we don't have brotherly disquietude  
And apprehension for them immensely.  
Employment and starvation are everywhere,  
Looks like everyone doesn't care.  
We should be the channel of their tranquillity and placidity,  
But the query is, do we have love, affection and concern  
So that we would be able to raise our helping hand  
To our fellow brethren with magnanimity?  
Oh God! Help us to be generous being,  
We want to give them something out of nothing.  
When they will get everlasting fulfillers,  
Entire humanity will sing a song of joy  
Such as the Migrant workers.



Sch. Bikant Kullu SJ







# A Dream

To dream is part of life  
But I dreamt a dream of my life,  
The dream was you, my love  
For your happiness

It means your dream too  
That I must share your life  
It was your grace that gave  
Meaning to my meaningless life

Finally, it was our dream  
That united us and made us  
To accept the oath of life  
Thereafter it became  
The happiest of my life

As the life moved on  
Our joy was doubled  
With the arrival of new life  
I thought the dream  
I dreamed was fulfilled  
And I can hold that  
To the end of my life

But I did not expect  
That moment. The moment  
Which I never dreamed  
That could happen.  
And it was the moment,  
I too found meaning in my life.



Sch. Naresh Digal SJ



# Reason...

Never be the reason for someone's fall  
Never be the reason for someone's pain  
Never be the reason for someone's anger  
Never be the reason for someone's dismay  
Never be the reason for someone's insult  
Never be the reason for someone's disappointment  
Never be the reason for someone's helplessness  
Never be the reason for someone's rejection

BUT

Be the reason for someone's victory  
Be the reason for someone's gladness  
Be the reason for someone's smile  
Be the reason for someone's love  
Be the reason for someone's compliment  
Be the reason for someone's satisfaction  
Be the reason for someone's confidence  
Be the reason for someone's acceptance.

Sch. Pravin Jose SJ



# The Road Created

Depressed by the way life treated  
I stood at the crossed roads of my life  
Two roads, only two roads I could see  
Diverged with a sweet welcoming smile

‘Choose me to be successful’ said one  
‘Richness is abundant in me’ said another  
Confused and dejected long I stood gazing  
Some chose the first and the rest chose the second

Perplexed mind received many comments  
As the passersby chose their respective paths  
Two roads diverged in front of me smiling  
I am happy that I followed none

Somewhere ages and ages from now  
I shall say proudly two roads diverged  
And I chose none but created one  
That made all the difference in my life



Sch. Pravin Jose SJ



# Pandemic Musings

Oh! My dear  
Corona is near  
Red zone is here  
Speed up our gear  
Help our peer  
Maintain our sphere.

Don't panic mere  
Our Superior is here  
Lend our ear  
Kashayam is our beer  
Corona Cure is sure  
Never miss to appear.

Corona is severe  
Let's be sincere  
Say everyday a prayer  
Trusting in the saviour.

Remove our fear  
Corona may disappear  
Beyond the academic year.  
Don't worry about the career  
God will eliminate all our barriers.

Hope everything is clear  
Be happy dear  
God is near.



Sch. Sanjiban SJ





# You are My Sight and My Perspective

“Mom ... Mom,” said a young blind girl sitting in the lawn of her house, “I would like to meet my younger brother who is in Mumbai.” Mom replied to her, “No darling” and kissed her cheek. “Dr. Sharma demanded of you to take good rest. Each night you are shivering with high fever. Then how will you travel by airplane?” The blind daughter replied, “My dear Mom, what is the profit living in the world uselessly and becoming a burden for you. Because of me, you are not able to move anywhere. You also left a great opportunity of becoming a famous physician in Hyderabad and came to look after me here. The price of your service I won’t be able to pay in this life. Thank you, thank you very much Mom” and started crying. While wiping the tears from her cheek the mother said to her, “Who told you that you are a burden to me? Absolutely, you are not a burden to me but an inspiration for me and everyone.” The daughter said, “For the last time I beg you to take me to my younger brother’s residence so that I may be able to meet him.” At last, the mother

was ready to accompany her to go to her brother’s residence and said to her, “Ok! We will be going to meet your beloved brother. Please now you take rest while I go and book the tickets.” Then the mother took her inside the room.

While the mother was going to book the tickets she made a phone call to her son, “Hello! My dear son. I know you are busy but tomorrow along with your elder sister we are coming to visit you. Whenever we asked you to come for the home visit you rejected saying that you are busy at your work. It is the fact that work never finishes but the work should give you satisfaction and joy. Please for this time you do not reject and your elder sister is blind and helpless yet she loves you more than she loves herself.” The boy replied, “Mom! Why you want to give trouble to the blind sister. Also she does not know that she is suffering from cancer. At least you try to understand and the doctor has also asked her to take rest. Do not allow her to go out of the house. And why you want to come here. This is not a village.

This is a metropolitan city and noise will trouble her more. I am saying you not to bring her here. And also, I do not want to meet my elder sister. Instead, I will send money to give her a good treat, Ok! Bye.”

Listening to her son’s words she felt upset. The mother knew that the daughter will not survive much. That is why the mother wanted to fulfil all the wishes of her daughter.

When the mother came back from booking the ticket she found her daughter reciting her brother’s name saying, “Rakesh...Rakesh! Tomorrow I will bring for you very good spectacles through which you can see the beauty of God’s creation. But always remember





that beauty lies in your heart, not on your spectacles.” Then the mother called her saying, “Hello my sweet heart. Are you busy talking to your beloved brother?” “Yes, Mom!” Said the

booked the tickets.” But the mother did not tell her the truth so that she won’t be upset and said, “Sorry my darling ,there is no flight tomorrow so we will be going day after tomorrow at

nothing. She lacked only one thing that is a companion to play with her. She always prayed to God that God may grant her a younger brother. Her prayer was soon heard. After a few years, her mother gave birth to a boy child but he was blind. Yet her elder sister did not feel upset. She praised God saying, “Thank you Lord for keeping my brother blind so that I may become my perspective. One day it so happened that accidentally a gas cylinder blasted and soon a giant fire covered their house. The mother saved the child. While the girl was running out of the house a roof fell on her and broke her both legs. Thereafter she decided to donate her both eyes to her brother.



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girl, “I am very much anxious to meet my brother. Whenever I tried him to make a phone call I found him busy. I am very happy that the world which I could not see he is seeing. By the way Mom, are we leaving tomorrow? Asked the daughter. The mother said to herself, “No, my dear daughter we will not be going to meet your brother. Yes! You indeed love your brother very much but your younger brother does not love you at all. He has asked us not to come to him. That is why I have not

11.30 am. Now it is 10. pm. Let us sleep. “Mother helped her to reach her bedroom and switched off the light.

“It is stupid to switch off the light in front of a blind for whom everything looks dark.” Said the blind lady to herself as she lay on the bed.

She flashed back her thoughts and recalled to memory that she was not a blind girl. She was the only daughter of her family. Her father and mother loved her very much. She lacked

Next day morning as the mother called her she received no response. She ran to her room and found her dead. Then she made a phone call to her son but she received no response. She sent a message to her son, “My dear son the eyes through which you are seeing the world is not yours, but donated by your sister. Now she is no more seeing the world. You are her sight and perspective. Look at the world in that perspective in which your elder sister saw the world.”



# A Lesson of Transformation

It was the best of life, it was the worst of life. It was the age of distractions, it was the age of restoration. Yet, this rather short time of college was the crucial moment, when John learnt the most valuable lesson of his life. Certainly, it would be an asset to his life as well as to all his companions.

John was fortunate enough to get admission in college. Many of his friends had discontinued school after their matriculation for various reasons. Some of them got married while others had financial problems. Some did not have the interest to study. Their parents never bothered about their children. His admission in college was a revolution in the history of their society.

As he was the first one to study in college from his village so college life was entirely a different world for him with full of challenges.

At first, all the students were strange to him. He was taken care of very well and safely cocooned in his primary and



secondary school. But now he was out of the cocoon, standing on his own feet. No one was there to take care of him even his family members. It was really a tough time for him.

But very soon he was able to acclimatize himself to the college life. It was quite surprising for him that within a month he became a friend to many students. He always thought well about them. This

is what he had learnt in school. He was ready to share all his belongings with them, for he was taught to be generous. He never lost an opportunity to lend a helping hand to others. He enjoyed their friendship. He enjoyed his college life despite many challenges.

But as the days were passing by John was being drawn into his friends' bad habits such as smoking and watching

pornography. He became so weak to resist their invitations. Most of the time when he wished to quit, he was threatened with consequences; and at the same time, he was tempted to be a part



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of their company. They harassed him and coaxed him saying that he was still a kid when he dared to discontinue his friendship with them.

One day he found a 2000 rupee note in his college corridor. Instead of telling this to the principal, he inadvertently shared the matter with his companions. They snatched the money from him and refused to return it. They decided to throw

a party with it.

“No, I will not allow you to do that,” John demanded the money.

“You fool,” argued one of his friends, “it is not your money!”. His eyes were red with rage. He would have attacked John if the latter had asked again. John did not dare to say anything. But, he was fully aware that he was not doing the right thing. He wanted to give that money to the principal, thinking somebody might have lost it and they might be in great need.

Johns’ friends spent all that money and organized the party. Reluctantly he joined the party. They spent the whole day smoking cigarettes and drinking beer. When everything was over, John began to feel guilty about the whole thing.

“Who is to be blamed?” He struggled within himself.

“My friends did no wrong.”

“I made a mistake by choosing the wrong friends. I should not have done it. But I did,” he said to himself.

The very next day there was an announcement in the college. The principal was asking whether anybody had found a 2000 rupee note. The money

belonged to a poor lady who cleans the toilet of the college. Her only son was a victim of Meningitis, a disease affecting the brain. She needed the money urgently for his treatment. So, she had borrowed it from the principal.

After hearing this he could not control himself. He was overcome with sorrow. He began to cry. He rushed to the principal. He admitted that he had found that money and he had already spent it with his friends. “Why?” the principal shouted.

“I am sorry” was all he could reply. He sobbed uncontrollably. The principal softened his voice because he was an understanding and a loving person. He consoled John saying, “I will give her another 2000 rupee note for I am happy about your openness.” John was touched by his compassionate attitude. He assured the principal that he would return the money the next day. The principal appreciated his honesty.

He looked inwards for a moment, asking himself if he could redeem himself, transform himself.

He prayed to the Lord, saying- “It is a pity that I led such a life.”

“I need to change myself,

Lord grant me the wisdom to transform myself.”

All these realizations brought tears in his eyes. And there was a hope of transformation. A sentence accrued in his mind- “It is not too late! Still there is time. I can be better than what I am today.”

The next day he brought the money. By saving his pocket money, he had gathered 2000 rupees, with which he wanted to buy a mobile phone. He gave it to the principal and he was happy. He swore that he would never forget his kindness and the good manners that he had learnt in his school. He told

himself that he would leave his bad company and habits. He changed himself and started doing well in his studies. This event taught him a lesson to live a better life.

At the end of the academic year, he was chosen as the best student of the year. He was shocked. He remembered the lesson, he had learnt from the event of having two thousand rupees belonging to the poor lady.

He was asked to speak about himself. He shared with them, how the kindness of principal and the good manners helped him to overcome his bad habits. The lesson he learnt from the

event shook his life. With tears he addressed his companions. In the end, he said, “This is the time to wash ourselves over and over again, till we are made clean. Else we will never be clean again, ever again.” A great cheer went up from the crowd.

Soon, many friends came to him and congratulated him. They said that his speech touched them and they were inspired by him. They swore that they will give up their bad habits. In exhilaration, he hugged them. This was one of the happiest moments in his life, not because he was chosen as the best student but he could save them from their evil ways.

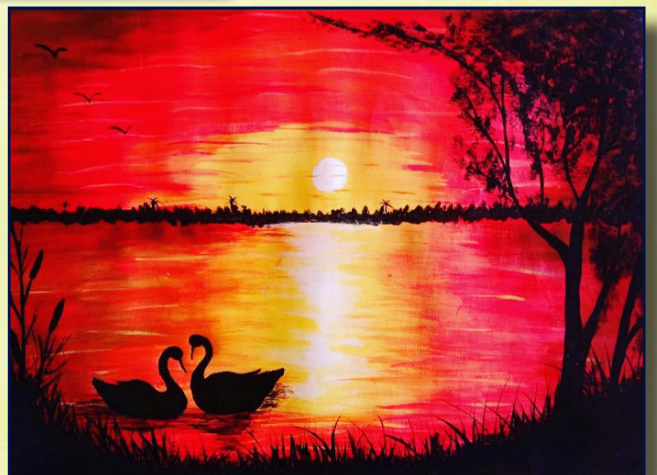




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# Artist's Corner





# Helping Hands...



Reaching out

to those in tears.