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Highlights!

Initiatives thru ideation process among MGAs:

MGA Core Matters

MGA Website Launch on May 8, 2021. All MGAs and Brothers are invited to attend. Invite and Link to join given in Page 2

MGA Registration Completed. Core Group working on the Byelaws and Website.

MGA Global Meet 2022 To hold the next MGA Global Meet in 2022. Matter being actively pursued.

MGA Monthly Zoom Meet Monthly Zoom Meet held on 17, April 21

Pope-Meditating is a way of encountering Jesus

During the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis explains the importance of meditation, highlighting that *it is a means of prayer that helps us encounter Jesus and find ourselves. Meditation is a need for everyone. Prayer is an encounter. There are Methods of Christian meditation. The method is a road, not a goal. Christ is not far away. For us Christians, the Pope concluded, meditating is a way of encountering Jesus. And in this way, only in this way, can we find ourselves.*



Pope Francis . . .

Speaking on the fourth Sunday of Easter, Pope Francis told also the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square for the recitation of the Regina Coeli that *Jesus, the good shepherd, defends, knows and loves each person individually.*

Global Economic Outlook

Global economic growth slowed during the second half of 2018. For 2019, growth was expected to be down by three basis points, from 3.6 percent in 2018 to 3.3 percent in 2019. ... Despite the pandemic's toll, as of March 31, 2021, the WEO predicts that the global economy will grow at a rate of 6.6 percent in 2021 and moderating to 4.4 percent in 2022.

The harsh reality however is the furious unleashing of the new mutants and variants of Covid 19 across the globe including India where the situation looks grim and gloomy.

MGA Matters

Zoom Meet -The monthly Zoom Meeting on 17th April 2021. Main agenda of this meeting will be to discuss and finalise structure and content of the ongoing MGA Website development process. Changes suggested were read and approved for inclusion in the content.

Inauguration of the MGA Website is scheduled to be held on May 8, 2021 and Superior General Br John Kallarackal accepted our invitation to inaugurate our Website.

Invite to each and every MGA across the continents to join and celebrate the launch of the MGA Website is given in the Box below.

MGA Global Meet 2022- This matter was not discussed and deferred to the next Zoom Meet.

MGA News Snippet - It was suggested that more and more MGAs may be encouraged to contribute contents and other inputs for the MGA News Snippet for wider reach and benefit all.

MGA News Snippet of March 2021 touches on the UN perspectives on Human Rights

With new OCI notification, India has ended its experiment with dual citi-

zenship. The notification introduces a series of restrictions that dramatically curtails the rights and liberties of OCIs in India. A write up on this topic by T Prashant Reddy, well known lawyer is featured in this news snippet.

Celebration of International Women's Day in various countries are covered as well.

The March 21 edition also features a couple of poems.

The poem "I'm fine, how are you?... compiled by Denny Davis, might stir your funny bone and make you smile and grin wider at the realisation of one's aging reality.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge's Poem 'Youth and Age' tells you to remain young. You're only as old as you feel' might be a rough paraphrase of the main sentiment driving this poem, by one of English literature's leading Romantic poets. Because of this, it's an altogether more upbeat poem about growing old than some of the others included on this list. If we can but remain young in mind, then we are young, no matter that our bodies may be growing older. No: as Coleridge asserts, 'Youth and I are house-mates still.'

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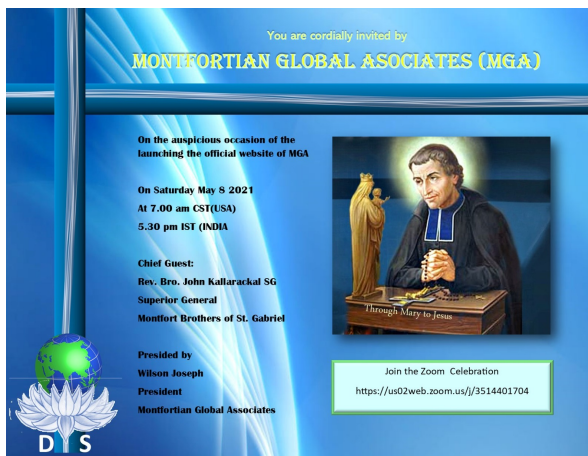
Idea.. Action

Say Yes to Action:

1. Telling Experiential Stories from Brothers and MGAs to share, care and nurture.
2. Inspiring Brothers and MGAs to bring out their talents for greater use.
3. Continuing to remain connected digitally through regular News Snippets
4. Reaching out to all MGAs scattered across countries and provinces: *Each One Bring One* for the Next MGA Zoom Meetings. *Share Joys and Sorrows* Birthdays, Anniversaries etc to greet and be greeted.
5. This issue features *Encountering Jesus Who Defends Knows and Loves* even as Holy Father Pope Francis touches one's heart thru his Weekly Audience and on the fourth Sunday of Easter
6. Jo Pathyil continues his journey thru times and unveils the profile of a Saintry Servant of God Paul Chinappa Reddiar AKA Peter Reddy or the Pardeshi Peter
7. Experience two poems of soul-stirring impact by Alumni Shaji K Nair on Covid 19 - Within Himself and on St Joseph on May Day : The Carpenters Gift.
8. This edition features various facets of the Global Economic Outlook which could help us and our organisations, communities and institutions to get insights to respond to the changes and challenges to pursue our vision and mission.
9. Go thru IMF Report on World Economic Outlook. This would serve to firm up strategies and actions plan to tide thru these Covid times and march ahead

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Quotes Inspire

Recite your Rosary with faith, with humility, with confidence, and with perseverance. - St.Louis De Montfort

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Random Remembrances: A Saint For Our Family-Peter Reddy By Jo Pathyil. . .

0.1 A Saintly Teacher

(Jo Continues his Journey with his memories a Mendicant Saint - The Servant of God: Paul Chinnappa Reddiar, aka Peter Reddy / Paradeshi Peter.)



Joe Pathyil Narrates . . .

0.2 The Stunning Encounter

I was in St. Xavier's Teachers Training College in 1956. It was a November Saturday morning. I had gone to the reading room of the Jesuit Residence to read some magazines that were not available in the College Library. As I was immersed in my reading, I heard someone shuffle his way on the verandah. I did not pay any attention, until I heard a voice in English asking *Are you one of those whom I should recognize?*

I turned to look. There stood a man bare-footed, wearing what must once have been white shirt and white dhoti, with long unkempt hair, gray beard, and spectacles on his nose.. I pointed out the door to my left and said: *If you need anything, go to Fr. Minister.*

No, he said, *I came to visit some of my friends here.* He pulled up a wicker chair next to me and sat down. I stared at him. How dare a beggar sit in one of these chairs, I thought. There was a distinct odour about him that indicated that he had been walking in the sun and was sweating profusely.

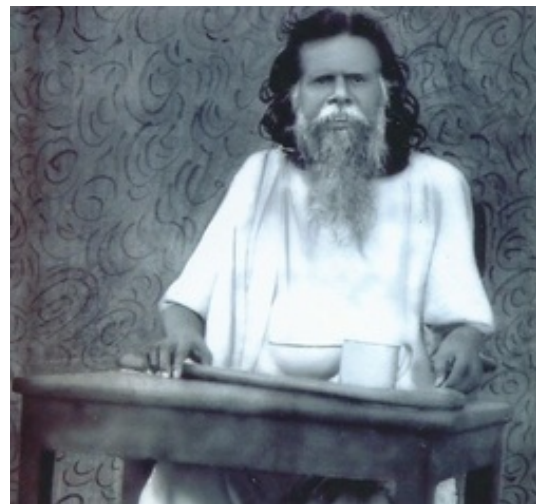
As I was looking at him not sure how to tell him to get up and go away, Fr. Utaidil, my principal, came down the stairs. He saw the man seated in the reading room and hurried towards him, exclaiming, *Peter! Peter!, Where were you all these days?* Hearing the words of Fr. Utaidil half a dozen priests came rushing to the reading room and greeted the beggar. There were the rector, the priests and others embracing the man, asking him how he was doing and all talking at the same time. After a few minutes, all sat down to chat enthusiastically. I was stunned. I quietly got up and slipped out of the reading room and sauntered to my room. I knew who the intruder was. I had heard stories about him, but had never met him.

0.3 The Manifestation

Professor Peter Reddy M.A.; L.T, was a renowned teacher of History, an author, a powerful orator, and the man who left the ivory tower of college teaching to preach true Christian principles to anyone who would listen to him.

My first introduction to the extraordinary man was in 1952 when Professor Rajendran, who taught us Modern History in Loyola, spoke of his own professor of History who had written a scholarly book on European History. That was Peter Reddy.

Prof. Rajendran spoke at length, and lovingly and nostalgically about how Peter Reddy used to keep his in class in thrall, how he was an ardent Catholic, who called Reformation a *Counter Reformation*. Mr. Rajendran said that his hundreds of students were surprised when Peter Reddy quit teaching and became a mendicant preacher.



Peter Reddy . . .

Once he was going to Ceylon (the present Sri Lanka), where he had been invited to speak to a Christian gathering. By this time Peter Reddy had abandoned his suit and shoes, had grown his beard and hair, and wore the garb of the beggar. The customs officer apprehended him as the ferry touched the shores of Ceylon, shouted at him for trying to enter an alien country without valid papers. Peter Reddy patiently listened to the harangue of the officers. At the end of their insults, they asked him if he had any documents with him. He took his passport and gave it to the officers. They looked at it and saw the name : *Peter Reddy M.A.*, and the photograph of the professor. *You are an M.A.?*, the officer asked. Peter Reddy nodded. Immediately, they changed their attitude and profusely apologized for insulting him.

When the formalities of entry were over, Peter walked out of the room. As he was leaving, he turned to the officers and said, *You saw my name and changed your tone. But*

what I would like you to do is to see another letter in the passport that is missing. They were puzzled. Peter Reddy said, *You saw M.A. and immediately froze in your tracks. But you should add the letter N and then you will become better officers. MAN has to be treated better, even if he is a vagrant.* He left them with wide eyes and wide mouths.

0.4 The Mendicant Preacher

Mr. Peter Reddy could speak in English, Tamil, Telugu, and Malayalam, Hindi, Italian, French, German, and was conversant in Sanskrit, Hebrew, and Aramaic .

He went from town to town, from village to village, from church to temples to market places and spoke to crowds about the true Christian principles of loving one's neighbor. He would accept no money from anyone.

He carried with him a begging bowl, and a walking stick. He would sleep under the porch of a church or an open verandah. He would wash in the nearest well, go to the nearest church and after the service would ask to speak to the congregation. Those who stayed to listen to him would come again and again to hear him. He would only accept a bus ticket to the next destination, if it was too far him to walk. After a few years of such preaching, Peter Reddy's fame preceded him and crowds came to listen to him.

0.5 Peter Reddy in My Home in Kaipuzha

During one such tour, he came to my village of Kaipuzha. A few hundred people were present to listen to the powerful speaker.

At the end of his talk, my father invited him home. They walked home, immersed in religious discussions. When they came home, Peter Reddy sat on the verandah, admiring the western view of paddy fields and coconut grove. My father invited him to sit in the drawing room. Peter Reddy tarried saying that he preferred to sit on the verandah. But at the insistence of his host, he sat in one of the comfortable armchairs in the drawing room. My mother invited them to the dining room for lunch. Peter Reddy stretched out his begging bowl and asked her to put some food in it. She chided him and insisted that he go to the dining table. Peter Reddy complied with the wishes of the gentle hostess.

At the end of a long, leisurely visit, it was time for Peter Reddy to leave. My father told him of his admiration and respect for Peter Reddy. Peter Reddy turned to my father and said, *Mr. Abraham, why don't you join me?* My father stood frozen. He looked at his wife, the house that he was proud of, the fields that were ready for harvest, and thought of all the enterprises that he had assiduously tended, and told Peter Reddy, *Let me think over it.* Peter Reddy smiled. He refused an offer of an envelope of money. He took out enough money from that envelope to buy himself a ticket to Kottayam, and returned the envelope with thanks to my father. That must have been in 1953. My father had recounted the story to me when we met some time later.

0.6 After the Stunning Encounter

I thought of all these stories as I sat in my room. After about an hour, I decided to go back to the Jesuit Residence in the hope of meeting Peter Reddy.

When I went there, he was bidding goodbye to his friends. I waited and as he was walking to the gate, I accompanied him. I began by apologizing for mistaking him to be a beggar. *That is not unusual. If people do not mistake me at least once a day, the day is not complete.* said Peter Reddy smiling. I asked him if he remembered Abraham Pathyil. *In Kaipuzha?*, he asked. I told him that I was his son. Then he spoke fondly of my parents and how he was a welcome guest in the house. *Do you remember M P George?*, I asked him. That brilliant mischief maker? he asked. I told him that M P George married my sister and he asked all about his old student. After a few minutes of conversation, I said goodbye to him at the college gate. I watched him walk away in the horizon.

The next day I went to meet some friends in the headquarters of the Brothers of Sacred Heart, situated near St. Xavier's and told them of my chance meeting with Peter Reddy. They were full of news about him.

In the final years of his teaching, Peter Reddy was their guest. Apparently, for years he was donating all his salary to the poor, the needy and the students who could not afford to pay their fees.

But he was not satisfied, as he had to pay rent for a room where he was staying. So he asked the Sacred Heart Brothers if they would let him sleep on their verandah. They accommodated him, gave him a room, and invited him to dine with them. With the money he thus saved, he gave scholarships to more students. It seems he stopped wearing shirts and instead would wear a scarf and a jacket on top of that to hide his nakedness. He ate boiled peas and drank water. He was never demanding and always grateful for the shelter and sustenance.

It was at the end of his sojourn there that he decided to quit teaching completely and spend all his time preaching true Christian values.

0.7 The Saint in St Antony's Coonoor 1930s

I was appointed headmaster of St. Antony's High School, Coonoor in 1957. One day I was searching the archives that included the logbook by my predecessors. As I was leafing through the pages, I discovered to my total surprise that Mr. Peter Reddy M.A., L.T was the headmaster of the school for a brief one year in the early thirties.

I poured through the entries to see if there was any clue in his writings about his future activities. There was no indication other than his recurring theme of Christian values to be taught in the school and his constant concern of helping the poor students.

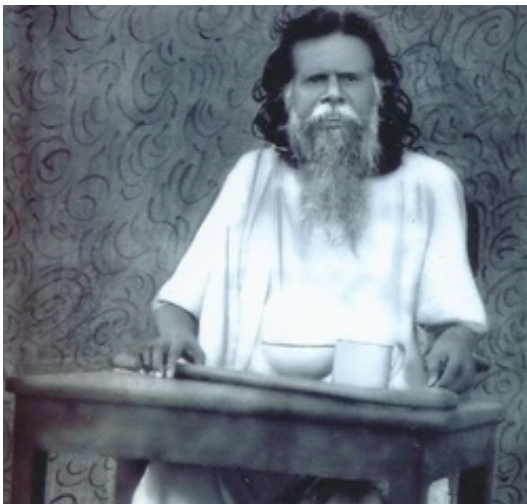
After a year in Coonoor, he was invited to teach in a Jesuit College. For the next sixteen years or so, he taught

History in St. Joseph's Trichy and St. Xavier's, Palayamkottai. Then he decided to quit academia completely and, imitating Francis of Assisi, become a preacher.

In 1957 there was a huge Conference of Catholic lay people in Trichy. Three thousand people attended the three-day symposium.

(Bro. Rosius, a member of the Coonoor community, and a confidant of mine, represented the Brothers at the conference. The following incident was narrated by Bro. Rosius).

During the inaugural plenary session, after the welcome speech and the keynote address by an Archbishop, the Master of Ceremonies announced : "The next speaker will be Mr. Peter Reddy". All eyes were turned to the front row. There sat all the dignitaries, a dozen bishops in their purple finery, chevaliers and community leaders. Then the crowd heard a commotion at the back. Some volunteers had stopped a beggar from walking through the center aisle towards the front. The organizers saw the incident, and realized it was Peter Reddy walking up to the podium. They rushed to escort him to the platform. Mr. Peter Reddy spoke for 45 minutes to a receptive audience. He addressed the bishops and told them to abandon their gold chains and gold crosses, in favour of wooden crosses, to come down from their mansions and look after the poor and needy. He exhorted the audience to live a true Christ-like life. To thunderous applause, Mr. Peter Reddy concluded his address, and walked out of the hall alone as he had come -narrated Br Rosius.



The Servant of God Peter Reddy . . .

0.8 Paul Chinnappa Reddiar, aka Peter Reddy / Paradeshi Peter

Mr. Peter Reddy lived a lonely, some would say, eccentric life. He preached not to please, but to shake the lethargy of people. He demanded the rich to give to the poor; he asked the poor to help themselves and other poor people. He spoke of the true Christ-like qualities of love of one's neighbor. He lived a life of abnegation and renunciation. He wrote tracts about various topics of importance at the

time. He exhorted people to help each other.

My father started St. Vincent de Paul Society in Kaipuzha, which still thrives in that parish and in the neighbouring parishes. He also organized the Third Order of Franciscans in the parish. My father used to recount his meeting with Peter Reddy, and would say, with a deep sigh, *He invited me to join him; I wonder . . .*" and his words would trail off.

Peter Reddy's desire was to live on the streets of towns and villages, and ultimately to die unknown and uncared for. He achieved his desire. In 1958 he was found dead on the pavement of Palayakottai. News of his death spread all over South India. Many came for his simple funeral. Mr. Peter Reddy lived and died as he desired.

As my father told him, *Everyone admires you; very few can imitate you.* His was a unique calling. He was an extraordinary character that cannot be contained in a box and labeled. His spirituality was not traditional. His teachings were not his own; but that of his Lord and Master. He literally lived the Gospels.

Persons such as Peter Reddy are rare. They are the true Christians, since they are Christ-like and follow the example of Christ.

In the process of trying to live a Christian life, they are misunderstood and some times ostracized by their society. Since these men and women transcend the ordinary rules and morals of society, and since they have a greater awareness of the eternal in the empirical, I would call them transcendentalists.

The impact of the transcendentalists, in the long run, is often shocking. They shatter the fabric of society. This may not be done deliberately; but their very presence in our midst is a constant reminder of the phony and hypocritical world that they have observed and rejected. They reject conformity, bigotry, and vulgarity; they are on an intuitive avenue to truth.

They forge for themselves an art of living; they are in quest of simplicity and beauty. These people practice virtue to heroic degrees.

Paul Chinnappan Reddiar, popularly known as Peter Reddy or Peter Paradesi, has been elevated to the status of *Servant of God* by the church. His cause for canonization is being vigorously pursued by the diocese of Palayamkottai. The late parents of Bro. Robert Fernando were close friends of Peter Reddy.

Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel should be proud to have had Peter Reddy as headmaster of St. Antony's High School, Coonoor. Mr. Peter Reddy is our saint.

(Joe Pathyil)

<http://ofsindia.weebly.com/our-patrons.html>

0.9 Excerpts from <http://ofsindia.weebly.com/our-patrons.html>

His full name was Paul Chinnappa Reddiar, aka Peter Reddy / Paradeshi Peter. He is also known as the greatest

learned mendicant the world has ever seen.

He was born at Perioor Ammapetei, Thirumangalam, Madurai district, Tamil Nadu. He was a teacher by profession with degrees in M.A, L.T (B.ed of today). Apart from Tamil and English, he learnt Hindi, Sanskrit, Malayalam, Italian, German, French, Hebrew and Aramaic after the age of fifty. He is credited to have written 9 books and over 50 Tamil devotional songs. His spirituality emphasized on evangelical poverty, evangelical mission, ascetic life and obedience to the call of Jesus and the Church.

“I do not look at the man who insults me but look at Jesus standing behind him. I will do as Jesus did when he was insulted.

He was greatly devoted to the Holy Eucharist and to our Lady. He was influenced by St. Francis of Assisi and St. Alphonsa.

He renounced the world, became a beggar to practice the word of God and preached Christ. Even while working as a professor, he was never hesitant to sacrifice anything for evangelization. After a 3 day retreat in Amal Ashram, Trichy, he made his commitment for life to preach the Gospel as a Franciscan Mendicant Brother.

On the instructions of Fr. Urban OFM Cap., in 1944, he renounced everything. He quit St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, as a professor. He went out with a beggar's bowl, the Holy Bible, putting on the brown habit of the capuchins minus the hood and tied a cord around his waist.

Though he was an eminent scholar and a university professor, on many occasions he used to sit among the beggars, people irrespective of their class, caste, creed or color. He later on changed to saffron attire and went around with his begging bowl.

Paul Chinnappa Reddiar, aka Peter Reddy / Paradeshi Peter died on 21st June 1958 and is buried at Palayamkottai.

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Meditation-Encountering Jesus Who Defends, Knows And Loves . . .



Fr. Benedict Mayaki, SJ reports....

Continuing his catechesis on Christian prayer during the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis explains the importance of meditation, highlighting that it is a means of prayer that helps us encounter Jesus and find ourselves.

or a Christian, Pope Francis said at the General Audience,

"to 'meditate' is to seek meaning: it implies placing oneself before the great page of Revelation in order to try to make it our own, taking it in completely."

Therefore, having welcomed the Word of God, a Christian does not keep it closed up inside, because that Word must meet with "another book," which the Catechism calls "the book of life." This, the Pope affirmed, "is what we attempt to do every time we meditate on the Word." The Holy Father dedicated his catechesis on Wednesday to meditation as a form of prayer.

Meditation is a need for everyone

The Pope highlighted that the practice of meditation has received great attention in recent times by almost all the religions of the world, including Christianity, and is even widespread among people who do not have a religious vision of life.

"We all need to meditate, to reflect, to find ourselves," he said. "Especially in the voracious Western world, people seek meditation because it represents a high barrier against the daily stress and emptiness that is everywhere."

He further added that it is a phenomenon to be welcomed, because we possess an interior life that cannot always be neglected .

Prayer is an encounter

The Word, "once accepted in a Christian context, takes on a specificity that must not be erased," the Pope explained. Here, Jesus Christ is "the great door through which the prayer of a baptized person passes" and the practice of meditation also follows this path.

When a Christian prays, Pope Francis explained, they do not aspire to full self-transparency nor seek the deepest core of their ego. Rather, the prayer of a Christian is, first of all, an encounter with the 'Other.'

Therefore, "if an experience of prayer gives us inner peace, or self-mastery, or clarity about the path to take, these results are, one might say, side effects of the grace of Christian prayer which is the encounter with Jesus," he said.

Methods of Christian meditation

Pope Francis went on to note that the term "meditation" has had different meanings throughout history, including within Christianity where it refers to different spiritual experiences. However, the Catechism of the Catholic Church helps to trace some common lines by highlighting that "there are as many and varied methods of meditation as there are spiritual masters. . . But a method is only a guide; the important thing is to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus."

In this regard, he highlighted the many methods of Christian meditation: "some are very sober, others more articulate; some accentuate the intellectual dimension of the person, others rather the affective and emotional," he pointed out.

However, "all of them important and worthy of practice, inasmuch as they can help the experience of faith to become a total act of the person" because people do not only

pray with their minds or their feelings.

The method is a road, not a goal

Further illustrating his message, Pope Francis recalled that the ancients used to say that “the organ of prayer is the heart” to explain that it is the whole person, starting from his or her center – not only some of their faculties - who enters into a relationship with God.

At the same time, “we must always remember that the method is a road, not a goal,” he stressed. “Any method of prayer, if it is to be Christian, is part of that sequela Christi [following Christ] which is the essence of our faith.”

Citing the Catechism of the Church, Pope Francis noted that “meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ.”

Christ is not far away

The grace of Christian prayer is that “Christ is not far away but is always in relationship with us,” Pope Francis affirmed.

This is because “there is no aspect of the divine-human person that cannot become for us, a place of salvation and happiness,” he said. Thus, “every moment of Jesus’ earthly life, through the grace of prayer, can become contemporary with us” and there is no page in the Gospels in which there is no place for us.

In this manner, thanks to the Holy Spirit, we too are present at the river Jordan when Jesus is baptized, we are diners at the wedding feast of Cana when Jesus gives the best wine for the happiness of the couple, we too witness in amazement the thousands of healings performed by

Our Lord. At the same time, “we are the cleansed leper, the blind Bartimaeus who regains his sight and Lazarus who comes out of the tomb.”

For us Christians, the Pope concluded, “meditating is a way of encountering Jesus. And in this way, only in this way, can we find ourselves.”

Pope Francis on the fourth Sunday of Easter greeted the faithful gathered in St Peter’s Square for the recitation of the Regina Coeli prayer.

The Pope reflected on the Gospel according to John in which Jesus is presented to us at the true shepherd who defends, knows and loves his sheep.

Jesus Defends Us

The “mercenary”, he said, is His opposite, as he only works for money and does not truly care for the sheep. When a wolf arrives, the Pope explained, he flees and abandons them. “Instead, Jesus, the true shepherd, defends us and saves us from so many difficult, dangerous situations through the light of his word and the strength of his presence that we experience especially in the Sacraments”, said the Pope.

Jesus Knows Us Jesus also knows his sheep and the sheep

know Him, said the Pope. To Jesus, he continued, “we are not a ‘mass’ or a ‘multitude’” but “unique individuals”. Each one of us, has been “created and redeemed by Christ”. He knows us as no other and “in Him, the image the prophets provided of the shepherd of the People of God is completely fulfilled: he is concerned about his sheep, he gathers them, he binds their wounds, he heals their ailments”, said the Pope.

Jesus Loves Us

The Pope then went on to say that “above all” Jesus “loves his sheep”. This is why He gives his life for them, explained the Pope: “Love for his sheep, that is, for each one of us, would lead him to die on the cross”, and Christ’s love is not selective; it embraces everyone. “Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father’s love and to have life”, he said.

Christ’s universal mission

Bringing his catechesis to a close, Pope Francis noted that the Church is called to carry on this universal mission of Christ. “Beyond those who participate in our communities there are many people who do so only at particular moments or never. But this does not mean they are not God’s children, whom the Father entrusts to Christ the Good Shepherd”, said the Pope.

Finally, the Pope stressed, once again: Brothers and sisters, Jesus defends, knows and loves each of his sheep.

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International Days Of Events ...

Why do we mark International Days?

International days are occasions to educate the public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity.

The existence of international days predates the establishment of the United Nations, but the UN has embraced them as a powerful advocacy tool. We also mark other UN observances.

Several events are celebrated around the world.

These are listed to invite the interest of the readers and stimulate their cerebral prowess.

2 April World Autism Awareness Day (A/RES/62/139)

4 April International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (A/RES/60/97)

5 April International Day of Conscience (A/RES/73/329)

6 April International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (A/RES/67/296)

7 April International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda (A/72/49 (Vol. III) p.186 and A/RES/58/234)

7 April World Health Day [WHO] (WHA/A.2/Res.35)

12 April International Day of Human Space Flight

(A/RES/65/271)

14 April World Chagas Disease Day [WHO]

20 April Chinese Language Day (Chinese)

21 April World Creativity and Innovation Day
(A/RES/71/284)

22 April International Mother Earth Day (A/RES/63/278)

22 April (4th Thursday) International Girls in ICT Day
[ITU] - on the Fourth Thursday of the Month

23 April World Book and Copyright Day (UNESCO 28
C/Resolution 3.18)

23 April English Language Day

23 April Spanish Language Day (Spanish)

24 April International Day of Multilateralism and Diplo-
macy for Peace (A/RES/73/127)

25 April International Delegate's Day (A/RES/73/286)

25 April World Malaria Day [WHO]

26 April International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance
Day (A/RES/71/125)

26 April World Intellectual Property Day [WIPO]

28 April World Day for Safety and Health at Work

30 April International Jazz Day (UNESCO 36 C/Resolution
39)

2 May World Tuna Day (A/RES/71/124)

3 May World Press Freedom Day (UNESCO 26
C/Resolution 4.3)

8 May (second Saturday of May) World Migratory Bird
Day [UNEP]

8-9 May Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for
Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War
(A/RES/59/26)

15 May International Day of Families (A/RES/47/237)

16 May International Day of Living Together in Peace
(A/RES/72/130)

16 May International Day of Light [UNESCO] (UNESCO
39 C/Resolution 16)

17 May World Telecommunication and Information Soci-
ety Day (A/RES/60/252; ITU Resolution 68/2006)

20 May World Bee Day (A/RES/72/211)

21 May International Tea Day (A/RES/74/241)

21 May World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and
Development (A/RES/57/249)

22 May International Day for Biological Diversity
(A/RES/55/201)

23 May International Day to End Obstetric Fistula
(A/RES/67/147)

26 May "Vesak", the Day of the Full Moon (A/RES/54/115)

29 May International Day of UN Peacekeepers
(A/RES/57/129)

31 May World No-Tobacco Day [WHO] (WHA Resolution
42.19)

MGAs may like to write on any of the above to demon-
strate how these events have benefited human kind. Such
writings would inspire others to nurture the humanity
around us to demonstrate the Divinity that drives us on.

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Two Poems of Significant Relevance

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Poem 1 - Within Himself

The pandemic has been a time of forced reflection . What
we took for granted is now not guaranteed. The only truth
that has stood the test of time is that every living organism
has to die . However we are least prepared for this eternal
truth .

We have abused nature and even fight to kill because ours
is the only true God. The poet wishes all organised faith
to perish and for each one to find the true spirit within
himself and discover the Divine nature within long lost
thru the maze of illusory perceptions.

Is it in a dream

That you chained me .

Took away the sweet smell of a kiss ,

The comfort of a touch .

My ears slave to stories of the departed ,

My eyes in the static of the television

Fill with tears as families are torn

Children are lost in this pandemic.

We had confined even the Gods

And they in infinite wisdom

Set themselves free .

Within the four walls as the world crumbles

Each one within himself his God finds .

Nature abused in torment sobs ,

A dried up tear shakes the core of our being.

Let the citadels of hatred burn

And the bloodied sword

For My only true God break .

Let mankind once again

Within himself his God find .

Poem 2 - The Carpenter's Gift - A Tribute to St Joseph on the May Day.

StJoseph-We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring
man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they
had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his . He
knew women accused of adultery could be stoned to death,
so he resolved to send her away quietly to not expose her
to shame or cruelty.

Later at some point he accepted her and the child.

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the

safety of this child entrusted to him.

Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

This poem is an ode to an ordinary man rising up to be a saint on this May Day .



The Poet Shaji K Nair . . .

The world seemed to stop
For a moment in life,
As he drew near for a kiss
He felt her with fright start
Life as he knew it
Had come to an end.
As the tears ran down
And his bride , his hand held,
I carry a life and a gift from God
Tell me what to do she begged
And I swear your command
Will come to pass.
His rage so fierce
Seemed to burn the night
And the killing rage
He fought with all his might,
He ran as far as his body could
And then fell crying
As his body shook.
A despair so dark
That day thought it was night
Nature had not seen
And the moon in fear

Behind her sister the
Dark cloud ,hid from sight.
In the morn a calmness did engulf,
He walked back , this ordinary man
As his bride still in tears stood.
He said I will raise him
This gift from God.
Ordinary mortals raised
The Mother and Child
In minds , to the Gods held high
But if you listen to nature
In the dark without a soul in sight
She will whisper
How a carpenter to the world
Gifted A God that night .



St Joseph - The Carpenter . . .

(A Poem by Shaji Nair - Alumni from Trivandrum a Post Graduate in Management,Entrepreneur in Gold and Diamonds in Nagarcoil and a poet by passion and interest on varied topics of spirituality and human emotions and better living)

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Celebrations and Events

Congratulations to Golden Jubilee celebrants of the Montfort Brothers, Northern Province Bros. Jacob Panjikaran, Thomas Tanickal, Nichodemus Teta.



The Five Magnificent Golden Jubilarians ...

Birthday Wishes and Prayers of Rememberances to our near and dear ones during April...

Br Mani Mekkunnel
 Br Mathew Panathanath
 Br Varghese koonanmavu
 Br Anil Reddy
 Br MA George
 Br Rachuri Paul Raj
 Fr.Jimmy Mathew Mulayanickal
 Mathew Kalladanthiyil
 Peter Arokiadoss
 Thomas(MP) Mulayimkal Pothan
 Frederick Michael Castelino
 Joseph M Madanu
 Sebastian PJ Pookkattuchalil
 Sony Mathew
 PD Wilson
 Br Mathew A Kuplicat
 Br David Indwar
 Br Johnson V. George
 Br Kennedy A.

Birthday Wishes and Prayers of Rememberances to our near and dear ones who are celebrating their Birthdays during the month of May...

Prakash JB
 Arockiaraj S
 Benny Mathew Munjanattu
 GabrielJamesFernando
 George KJ
 Jose(U C Jose)Uthirakulathu
 MathewK J
 Paul CChakkalackal
 PaulPeter
 Paulson C Joseph
 Sebastian Mathew Pulparambil
 Bro. Cyriac Pulickal, Trichy,
 Bro. K C James

Congratulations to Mrs and Mr Mathew Chemparathi on the occasion of the marriage of their son



Marriage of Leo Mathew Chemparathi ...



Marriage of Leo Mathew Chemparathi ...

Achievments of MGA OV Johnson Lets Congratulate...

MGA OV Johnson wins Best organic farmer award of the State for the year 2020-21.



Congrats to OV Johnson ...



Congrats to OV Johnson ...



OV Johnson Featuring in Mathrubhumi ...



Citation of Pierre Alexandre Huber- Founder Ecoidees ...

The above are O V Johnson's (Cetral Province) achievement.

State Award...Rahul Gandhi visited his farm.etc...Congratulation to him

Events and Memories Recalled

Farewell to Br Mathias; Br Jacob Ezhanikkatt; S Pushpanathan - father of Lawrence Diviaraj; John Munjanatt

Br Mathias passed away on 22 March 2021



Late Br Mathias ...

Bro Mathias was a rare game of a Brother for all of us who had known him. While we share in the sadness of his final departure, we also rejoice for the great life he lived. He chose to be great in simplicity and ordinariness of life, loving and selfless service was the hallmark of his life. He lived close to nature, cultivated land, cared for the plants and loved every body around, including the animals. Now that he has crossed our boundaries and gone to the further shore, we pray for him and to him. May he rest in peace in the Lord - Br MV Paulose

Bro.Mathias was a very ennobling human being whose memory will abide with all for long time to come. Bro.Mathias, one of our finest, a nobility incarnate in flesh and blood will be part of our memory for a long time.

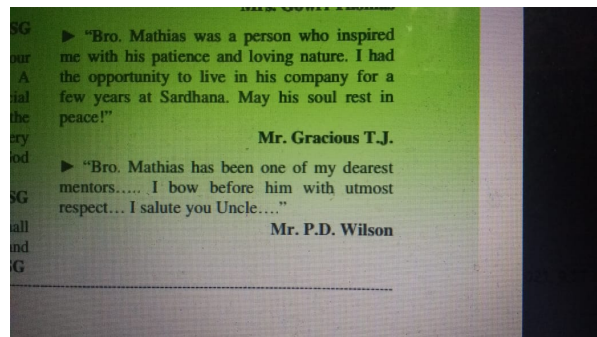
- Philip Mathew

I cherish fond memories of a very loving caring and endearing Bro Mathias. I pray to Him for his blessings - Chrysostem

May his soul rest in peace - Raju John

My heart felt condolences to the Province of Delhi. A Brother, heart full of love for everyone. May his soul rest in peace.- Shaji

God has given him long life. Now taken him for his reward. Praise God, may His soul rest in peace. He was the first brother I met in my life - Santosh Kumar Samuel



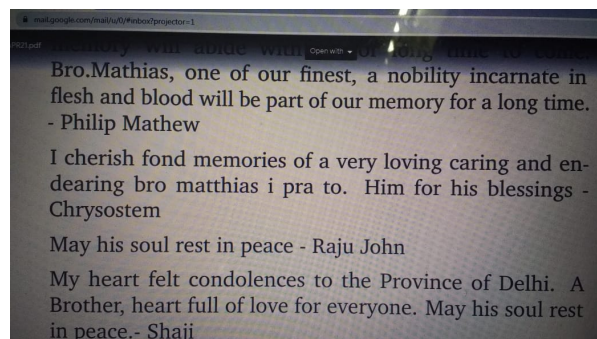
Tributes to Br Mathias - Gracious TJ and Wilson PD ...

Condolences and prayers. May his soul rest in peace - Br CA James

May God grant eternal peace to Rev Brother Mathias. We can now only pray for him - MT Thomas

May his soul rest in peace. Condolences to the Brothers of Delhi Province and the members of Br Mathias' family - Francis Abraham

Heartfelt condolences dear bros in Delhi. May his soul rest peace - Br Shajan Antony



Tributes - Philip Mathew, Chrysostem, Raju John, Shaji ...

Heartfelt condolences to the Brothers of the province of Delhi and prayers for the departed soul. May God bless Bro. Mathias with heavenly bliss- Sony Mathew

RIP to the dear Uncle of so many brothers, well wishers. I had a special relationship with Bro Mathias, with whom I spent many yrs in Sardhana - VJ Joseph



Late Br Mathias - Lying in State ...

Late Bro. Mathias worked in St. Aloysius School and St. Joseph's, Konbir Noatoli. I had the joy of being with him in St. Aloysius. Always a smiling person. May the good Lord reward him eternally -Br. Kuriakose Chettiath

have not met Brother Mathias in person but the image I get from all the Brothers who lived with him is a very loving and inspiring person. May his soul rest in peace-Thomas PT

Let the departed soul of uncle rest in peace. I was a student at Noatoli and we admired him for his daredevilry - fighting with the panther. We came to live together as confreres at Sardhana. He remained uncle to all, simple, unassuming but friendly with all. I miss him today and remember the disappointment writ on his face when I told him about my leaving. I am consoled that he ran his race and would have won his reward too for having been steadfast- Jacob KV

Bro. Mathias is a legend who left fond memories in the mind of thousands of people who came across his life. I was fortunate to be one in Sardhana. May his soul Rest In Peace. My prayers. Condolences to all montfortian brothers- Dominic CC

Br Jacob Ezhanikkatt passed away on 28 April 2021 after prolonged illness



Br Jacob Ezhanikkatt D28Apr2021 ...

Dear brothers! I regret to inform you the sad demise of our

beloved brother Jacob Ezhanikatt aged 81 from Yercaud province after long illness and recent fall from the chair. He was treated at Kaveri Hospital, Salem and breathed his last at 10.15 pm at the hospital itself on 28th April 2021 on our feast day. His funeral service took place at Eachinkadu novitiate, Yercaud 3.30 pm 29th April 2021). He has served our congregation for two terms as General Assistant, Rome.

Our heartfelt condolences to the provincial of Yercaud and the brothers of Yercaud province. Our heartfelt condolences go to his bereaved family members, friends and well wishers.

Please pray for the departed soul. It's our obligation to offer one day's Prayers and Holy Mass for the departed soul. May God grant him eternal rest -Bro. Irudayam Provincial Trichy Province.

An ever guiding light has been put off... To shine brighter in the abode of his Master. Together with Montfort We Salute you dear Brother - PD Wilson

Very sad news about my novice master. May his soul RIP - G Nellamattam

It is a very sad news in my life. He played a big role in my formative years from recruitment to Eachinkadu as my novice master. I was lucky to see him with my family during my last visit to Yercaud just before the pandemic. The story is unending. ... Remembering everyone in prayers associated with him both in the congregation and outside. May his final journey be remembered for ever - Shaju

Remembering Jacob with the fondest of memories - Philip Mathew

Bro Jacob was a loving person. His love encouragement has boosted me in the novitiate. He appreciated encouraged my village work. He brought a Christmas gift of Rs. of 100000 when he was the Asst. General, as gift poor children's uniform books. We remember him with great love and respect - By Bro Abraham PJ

Very Sad to learn demise of Bro. Jacob... I have seen him and had spoken to him a few times in Kolathur Juniorate in the recent years - Isaac Arulappan

Heartfelt condolences and prayers - Shaji

Heartfelt condolences at the sad demise of Bro. Jacob Ezhanikat. May his soul rest in perfect peace. I offer my personal condolences to the provincial and the brothers of the province - Jacob KV

Condolences and prayers. May his soul rest in peace - Br CA James

A very loving and guiding individual. Bro. Jacob was an inspiration all through. He was our novice master at Eachinkadu. We used to call him 'POSITIVE JACOB' for, he would ask us to see the positive side of anything and everything. We loved him a lot. We will miss him very much - Thomas Kappen

It is indeed a very sad news... Bro. Jacob as I know was always with full of positive spirits, never discouraged anyone nor did he spoke ill of others. He was a man of

happiness and he spread that joy and brotherly love in to others... may his spirit continue to live in our hearts -Abraham

May the soul of Bro. Jacob rest in Peace - Sony Mathew

May his soul Rest In Peace. He lived his life to the full. He taught us in Montfort College. Condolences to all Montfortians - Dominic CC

RIP ,Bro. Jacob, I can't forget his classes and my personal relationship with him in Montfort College-1985-86 - Joseph VJ

I first came into contact with him in 1966 when I came to Palakurichy juniorate and he taught us Tamil. I was only 11 years and remember him fondly as he was very loving and caring. I was in touch with him all my life including visiting him in Bangalore when he was hospitalized. He welcomed our family in Rome and took care of us. He was a scholar, gentleman, caring and loving person. He was simple, humble and lived a true religious life. He was a living saint and no wonder he was taken to heaven on the feast day of our founder. My condolences and prayers and may his soul Rest In Peace - Cyriac Lukose



Br Jacob Ezhanikkatt D28Apr2021 ...

My first Tamil teacher and who brought us from Kerala to Palakurichy in 1966 May. Rev. Brother Jacob Ezhanikat guides me a lot. May his soul rest in heavenly peace Amen. Due to the Covid19 situation I am unable to join the last journey of Brother - Thomas Mulayimkal From the reactions of many of you I feel that Bro Jacob lived a full life and touched many lives let us celebrate his wonderful work and life- Sebastian Vattakunnel

May the soul of Rev. Br. Jacob Ezhanikat rest in peace. My heartfelt condolences to the Brothers and his family members - Mathew Job

My heartfelt condolences and sympathies to the brothers of Yercaud province, all the brothers of Indian provinces and my own batch brothers, at the demise of Bro. Jacob Ezhanikat. He lived his life to the full, was devoted Montfortian and a good friend to me and many others. May his soul rest in peace.

The last I spoke to him was on Easter Sunday. I will miss him -Br Mathew Montfort/ Chulaparambil

You have won the race... rest in peace Brother. Heartfelt

condolences to all – Suresh Reddy Thumma

Bro. Jacob Ezhanikatt has left a deep impact in my life. He encouraged me to study further, he brought out the hidden talents in me, and my life took a new dimension in Montfort college Bangalore, when I did 6th year formation under Jacob and Bro. Ignatious. I can't forget him. I am deeply sad to know that he is no more. Let him enjoy the presence of God for ever – Peter Arockiyadas

Hello Bro. Irudayam and all the Bros. of the Province. May I express my sincerest Condolences and Assurances of prayers for the repose of the soul, health and wellbeing of all the members of the household of Ezhanikatt family. Its true he has been ailing for quite sometime but with a lot of trust and patience. May he enjoy eternal bliss now that he has completed his race in a climate of truth, love and peace - Br Emmanuel P J Jblpr

Sorry to hear the sad demise of Bro Jacob Ezhanikatt. He was the last Novice Master in Eachinkadu. After him we started the Pre-novitiate in Eachinkadu, then Hyderabad, Jabalpur and now in Sathyamangalam. May the Merciful Lord grant him eternal bliss in his kingdom – 9441603890

My heart belt condolences to Brothers of all province Bro. Jacob Mary was well known by all Brothers he was Novice master in Eachinkadu 1975 I was with him as pre postulant he helped to speak and write English since I was Direct Recruit after My old S S L C. He guided encourage me Lot May the Almighty God give him eternal Bliss- Joseph D



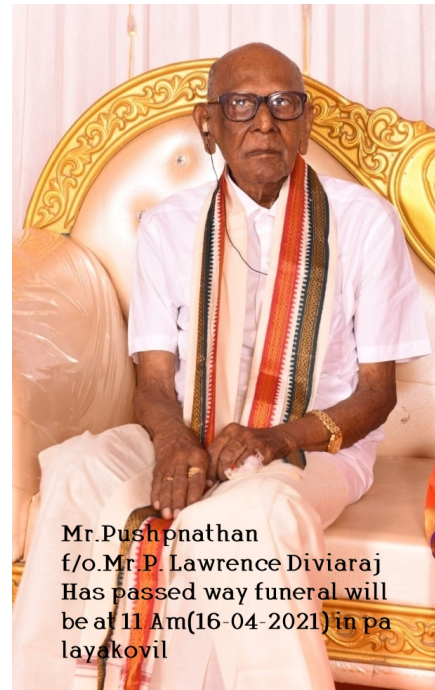
farewell Br Jacob Ezhanikkatt D28Apr2021 . . .

Really sad to know that Bro Jacob left for heavenly abode. He is one of those iconic persons who has positively influenced many young brothers. May his soul Rest in Peace – Suresh Reddy

He recognized me when I visited him in March. He also used oft used adjective along with my name. That speaks of his memory of people and connect – Br Jaico

My heart felt condolences to all Monfortains. Bro. Jacob was loving, understanding and humane in his dealing with people. May his soul rest in peace.- Gracious

Lawrence diviaraj informs : My dear Father Mr S. Pushpanathan has gone to meet his beloved father on 15 April 2021. Funeral held at 11.00am 16 April, 2021.



Mr. Pushpanathan
f/o. Mr. P. Lawrence Diviaraj
Has passed way funeral will
be at 11 Am (16-04-2021) in pa
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Farewell Late s Pushpanathan . . .

Sebastian, Brother of MGA John Munjanatt informs
Johnychayan (John Munjanatt) expired in Chennai on 2 April 2021



Farewell John Munjanatt . . .

Others- Covid 19 etc...

It is learnt that Covid 19 have spread at an accelerated pace and many MGAs and their families and many Brothers in various communities have been fighting the Covid

19 menace bravely and united by prayers among all communities and all MGA families.

It is learnt that some of the MGAs are in the process of undergoing treatment and procedures for various ailments and wish them speedy recovery.

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Global Economic Outlook 2021 ...

Summary

- High uncertainty surrounds this outlook, related to the path of the pandemic, the effectiveness of policy support to provide a bridge to vaccine-powered normalization, and the evolution of financial conditions. Global growth is projected at 6 percent in 2021, moderating to 4.4 percent in 2022
- The strength of the recovery will depend in no small measure on a rapid rollout of effective vaccines worldwide.
- Global losses are expected to 3 percent lower than pre-pandemic anticipated output for the world in 2024. Emerging market and developing economies are expected to suffer more scarring than advanced economies.
- The labor market fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic shock continues, with young and lower-skilled workers particularly hard-hit.
- a switch toward worker reallocation support measures could help reduce unemployment more quickly
- Emerging market economies can reduce their vulnerability to adverse financial spillovers by adopting

Global economy on firmer ground, but with divergent recoveries amid high uncertainty

Global prospects remain highly uncertain one year into the pandemic. New virus mutations and the accumulating human toll raise concerns, even as growing vaccine coverage lifts sentiment. Economic recoveries are diverging across countries and sectors, reflecting variation in pandemic-induced disruptions and the extent of policy support. The outlook depends not just on the outcome of the battle between the virus and vaccines—it also hinges on how effectively economic policies deployed under high uncertainty can limit lasting damage from this unprecedented crisis.

Global growth is projected at 6 percent in 2021, moderating to 4.4 percent in 2022. The projections for 2021 and 2022 are stronger than in the October 2020 WEO. The upward revision reflects additional fiscal support in a few large economies, the anticipated vaccine-powered recovery in the second half of 2021, and continued adaptation of economic activity to subdued mobility. High uncertainty surrounds this outlook, related to the path of the pandemic, the effectiveness of policy support to provide a bridge to vaccine-powered normalization, and the evolution of financial conditions.

Global Prospects and Policies

Although the contraction of activity in 2020 was unprecedented in living memory, extraordinary policy support prevented even worse economic outcomes. One year into the COVID-19 pandemic, a way out of this health and economic crisis is increasingly visible, but prospects remain highly uncertain. The strength of the recovery will depend in no small measure on a rapid rollout of effective vaccines worldwide. Much remains to be done to beat back the pandemic and avoid persistent increases in inequality within countries and divergence in income per capita across economies.

After-Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Prospects for Medium-Term Economic Damage

Possible persistent damage (scarring) are likely to occur from the COVID-19 recession. Importantly, financial instabilities—typically associated with worse scarring—have been largely avoided in the current crisis so far.

While medium-term losses are expected to be lower than after the global financial crisis, they are still substantial, at about 3 percent lower than pre-pandemic anticipated output for the world in 2024.

The degree of expected scarring varies across countries, depending on the structure of economies and the size of the policy response. Emerging market and developing economies are expected to suffer more scarring than advanced economies.

Recessions and Recoveries in Labor Markets: Patterns, Policies, and Responses to the COVID-19 Shock

The labor market fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic shock continues, with young and lower-skilled workers particularly hard-hit. Preexisting employment trends favoring a shift away from jobs that are more vulnerable to automation are accelerating.

Policy support for job retention is extremely powerful at reducing scarring and mitigating the unequal impacts from the acute pandemic shock.

As the pandemic subsides and the recovery normalizes, a switch toward worker reallocation support measures could help reduce unemployment more quickly and ease the adjustment to the permanent effects of the COVID-19 shock on the labor market.

Shifting Gears: Monetary Policy Spillovers During the Recovery from COVID-19

Monetary policy easing by advanced economies early in the pandemic provided much financial relief to emerging markets. Looking ahead, a multispeed recovery from the crisis will raise challenges. Our analysis suggests that while a US tightening resulting from a stronger US economy tends to be benign for most emerging market economies, a surprise tightening triggers capital outflows from emerging markets. It will thus be important for advanced economies to explain clearly how they will implement their monetary policies during the recovery. The chapter's analysis also suggests that emerging market economies can reduce their vulnerability to adverse finan-

cial spillovers by adopting more transparent and rules-based monetary and fiscal frameworks

Today's Issues

The COVID-19 pandemic is severely affecting the world's economies at a time when businesses were already adapting to volatility and uncertainty as a way of life. With the economic outlook and threats of all kinds continuing to test even the strongest organisations, companies are facing a variety of challenges as they strive to find growth and stay competitive.

From improving operational effectiveness to expanding into new markets, one needs to find insights and solutions that can help to find growth and value in this challenging business landscape.

COVID-19: Impacts on business

As well as serious implications for people's health, COVID-19 (coronavirus) is significantly impacting businesses and the economy.

Crisis Management and Response

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought fast-moving and unexpected variables, some of which existing crisis plans and teams weren't prepared to handle. Many companies successfully developed incident management plans specific to this crisis, and are now looking ahead.

What can be done?

- Leverage your crisis management team to mobilise your response efforts in the immediate wake of the crisis - it can help as you transition into what's next.
- As you stabilise and shift focus on how to bring people back to work, assess your organisation's response efforts to date and identify areas for real-time course corrections.
- Look to what organisational insights the crisis process has provided to help you strategise and capitalise on the opportunity for event-driven transformation.

A crisis situation can disrupt operations, damage reputations, destroy shareholder value, and trigger other threats.

As the business community has learned through the COVID-19 pandemic, it's more important than ever for leaders to anticipate and plan for the possibility of an unplanned event.

The more prepared you are to manage shocks, the less likely you'll fall victim to the serious harm a crisis has the potential to inflict.

Workforce--Five workforce areas are emerging as priorities for all sectors - business or service, education or healthcare,

- **Protect people:** Initiate measures to help support employees' physical and emotional well-being, whether at work or at home.
- **Communicate effectively in global uncertainty:** Lead with responsive, empathetic communications and policies that help people feel informed and supported.
- **Maintain the continuity of work:** Provide the resources and support employees need to be productive,

especially as they adapt to working remotely.

- **Assess workforce costs:** Explore workforce levers to help balance the potential need to cut costs with the desire to keep people employed.

- **Prepare for recovery:** Align workforce planning with the business strategy and prepare for an evolving market in order, to ramp up in a recovery.

The world of work is changing - FAST

Tremendous forces are radically reshaping the workplace. The Covid-19 pandemic is accelerating many of these changes, presenting new organisational, talent, HR and technology challenges. Business leaders may be under pressure to reduce costs and increase productivity, while wrestling with disruptive innovation, global trade, skills mismatches and the constant tests of risk and regulation.

Managing talent in a digital world means organisations may need to redefine the way work gets done and create innovative talent ecosystems that build engaged, enabled and agile workforces. The transferable skills that organisations may need today — creativity, problem solving, an understanding of how digital technology can be used — are those that help their people think, act and thrive in a digital world which is much less predictable than once thought.

Facing a future that is less defined presents a number of challenges that can vary for each organisation. Every organisation is different. Each has a unique history, culture, leadership style and capability set in its employees.

Help your organisation untangle the complexities of the changing world of work by build up human capital and organisation solutions to help in operations and deliver value to all stakeholders thru rigorous analysis and data-driven insight - to create lasting, differentiated value in one's mission and vision.

Strive to manage one's organisational and people challenges - to improve the performance of workforce, develop and move talent around one's operations or mitigate risk by combining their skills to deliver a solution that's tailored to your operations.

Digital Supply Chain excellence in Turbulent Times-

Customer behaviours and expectations are changing dramatically, challenging the established supply chain and operations setups of leading industrial companies, big business, Logistics, Service sectors, Healthcare and Education.

Supply chains are increasingly facing major disruptions, with the impact of COVID-19 at the top of the list. And digital technologies are affecting every aspect of how organisations can function . To succeed in this evolving scenario, organisations need to transform linear supply chains into autonomous supply chain ecosystems.

Finance and Liquidity

As activities slow, most organisations are seeing lower revenue resulting in less cash flow.

During the economic uncertainty, managing cash and liq-

uidity positions may be crucial in the weeks ahead.

What can be done:

- Model worst-case scenarios to assess the impact on cash position, and revise often.
- Identify the financial and operational levers that can be pulled to conserve and generate cash, and potentially increase access to funding.
- Understand and plan for the financial reporting considerations that will result from COVID-19.
- Assess prospects for relief from the tax provisions or other local measures.

Navigate Tax and Legal Measures in Response to COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present significant challenges around the globe and the disruption continues to evolve. Now's the time for organisations to rethink and reconfigure their strategies, focusing efforts on supporting key areas of their operations to function in a new environment.

It is critical that organisations consider the broader economic, political and societal context organisations now operate in, in order to make informed and compliant decisions that drive operations forward.

The Gandhism - Still Relevant . . .

The philosophy of Mohandas Gandhi centers on a full realization of Truth, including the understanding that people are one with the world in which they live. The basic principles of nonviolence, selflessness, and economic freedom that are based on this understanding lead naturally to sustainable practices, and have influenced the development of many ecologically focused movements and philosophers.

Practices of sustainability, for Mahatma Mohandas Gandhi (1869–1948), follow naturally from an emphasis on non-violence, selflessness, and economic freedom—concepts that are of primary importance in Gandhian philosophy.

These principles are part of a fully encompassing and integrated philosophical system necessary for the realization of Truth (which Gandhi took to be humans' constant aim).

For Gandhi, sustainability thus was as much a religious commitment as a civic virtue, in keeping with the lack of distinctions he drew between different spheres of life.

Philosophical Principles

Gandhian nonviolence involves extinguishing desires for that which is unnecessary. Once we have let go of cravings for more, people no longer will see the need for much of our violent behavior, since, for Gandhi, that which is truly necessary does not require the use of violence for its defense.

Fully adopting Gandhian nonviolence means taking no more from nature than is truly necessary. This means that human practices will be sustainable, as the resources provided by the environment are sufficient for all people

to obtain what they need.

When, for example, we desire warmth and convenience in travel to the extent that we endanger the world's oil supply, we accept violence as a legitimate means for preserving our lifestyle. On the contrary, when we can be content with just what we need to survive decently, we do not rely on violence to preserve our lifestyle. Our contentment is of infinitely greater value than, say, the latest model of an envy-provoking automobile.

To realize a world of genuine contentment and non-violence (and thus sustainable practice), Gandhi held that humanity must first attain significant levels of selflessness. As he sought this end, he renounced self-centered practices. In keeping with his understanding of Hindu thought, he saw these renouncement practices as aiming for the eradication of the everyday, psychological (*jiva*)self that people commonly identify with. Attaining selflessness for Gandhi literally entailed minimizing to the furthest extent possible what one has taken to be himself. Perpetuating this self results from pursuing our desires, and while this self is being perpetuated, we are kept from realizing our True Self (*atman*). Realizing who one really is, for Gandhi, is the same as recognizing Truth, defined as the ultimate Reality that we are one with. Genuine selflessness thus rules out the self-indulgence that makes sustainability impossible.

Gandhi's ideas about economic freedom (*swaraj*) also relate to sustainability. Essential to this kind of economic freedom is local production of the basic goods a community consumes. Local control means that communities do not rely on far-removed, centralized systems for attaining basic necessities. An economic downturn in a distant country that is driven by unconstrained self-indulgence therefore would not affect a community's ability to provide for itself. For Gandhi, a consequence of this kind of freedom is that it serves as a natural buffer against over-production.

Instead of constantly pursuing new markets and consumers as a means for economic survival, self-sufficient communities produce what they need for themselves in response to their own intimate knowledge of their particular situation and in a way that allows them to notice destructive practices and stop them. Resources are not excessively consumed in producing greater quantities of goods than could ever be considered reasonable. For Gandhi, sustainability naturally follows from this kind of genuine economic freedom.

Practical Movements

The influence of Gandhian philosophy on Western environmental movements is perhaps most evident in the example of the deep ecology movement. The Norwegian philosopher Arne Naess, founder of deep ecology, openly espoused Gandhian ideas about realizing one's true identity. In India, Gandhi's influence on environmental movements is evident in the Chipko ("to cling to") campaigns that began in the early 1970s.

Members of this movement, based on principles of non-violence, have been recognized as among those who have

shaped present-day India. They have also inspired subsequent environmental movements throughout the world.

In less obvious and profound ways, Gandhian ideas can be seen in present-day attempts to live simply and buy locally.

It is important to stress that for Gandhi, sustainable practices, like all activities, must be consciously based on the pursuit of Truth to be truly viable. Though such practices, like nonviolence itself, have great practical value, their acceptance should ultimately follow from deep metaphysical commitments.

For Gandhi, it is only when such commitments are in place that one can truly maintain the right practices. Without this foundation, one's wishes and one's acts are liable to be in disharmony. This disharmony is ultimately counter-productive, since actual realization of Truth (our ultimate aim) requires affirmation of that Truth from within our deepest selves.

For Gandhi, it is thus preferable to use more resources than absolutely necessary while acknowledging the need for progress than it is to have an ideal impact on the environment yet desire to live extravagantly.

Gandhian philosophy is inclusive. Gandhi himself did not think that the metaphysical commitments necessary for truly living in the right way had to be understood in the context of Hindu religious vocabulary. He famously declared that "Truth is God" and "God is the unbelief of the atheist." Such statements demonstrate the view that proper metaphysical understanding can be expressed in religiously neutral language, and that an emphasis on concepts like nonviolence, selflessness, and economic freedom are not the province of any one tradition. Indeed, for Gandhi, all great religious traditions emphasize such concepts at their core.

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Vatican News ...

Pope Francis ruled on Friday, April 30, 2021 that bishops and cardinals who work in the Vatican will be judged by

the same lay tribunal that hears other criminal cases and no longer by an elite panel of prelates.

Francis issued a decree abrogating a provision in the Vatican's civil criminal code whereby bishops and cardinals were judged only by the Court of Cassation, a top body made up of cardinals and other high-ranking clergy.

In recent years, there have been several cases where lay people caught up in criminal investigations were judged and sentenced by the ordinary tribunal, which is made up of non-clerics, while cardinals involved in the same cases were not judged at all or received special treatment.

In the preface to the decree, Francis said civil law within the Vatican, which is a sovereign city-state, should be "without privileges that go back in time and are no longer consonant" with individual responsibilities.

The changes, expected to apply mostly to financial crimes, will streamline the process for holding Vatican-based cardinals and bishops accountable if they are accused of wrongdoing.

The pope will still have to approve the start of any investigation or trial.

While the changes will make it easier for Vatican-based cardinals and bishops to be investigated and prosecuted, they also broaden protections by giving them two chances to appeal, Church legal experts said.

It was the second time in as many days that Francis had sent a clear signal to cardinals about the need for more accountability.

On Thursday he issued another decree mandating full economic disclosure and controls for Vatican managers, including cardinals, and stipulating that no one can accept personal gifts worth more than 40 euros.

The new rules about the court of first instance in criminal cases could affect Cardinal Angelo Becciu, who Francis fired from a top Vatican post last year after allegations of embezzlement and nepotism. Becciu has denied any wrongdoing.

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