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Family is often called the principal cell or building block of human society, without which the society wouldn’t exist. "A society grows strong, grows in goodness, grows in beauty and truly grows if it is built on the foundation of the family." (Address to the World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia – 26th - 27th Sept 2015).

In the family, a complex of interpersonal relationships is set up – married life, fatherhood and motherhood, filiation and fraternity – through which each human person is introduced into the 'human family' and into the ‘family of God’ which is the Church. These interpersonal relationships are lubricated by the virtue of love. Man can’t live without love. If he doesn’t encounter love, he can't live without love. If he doesn't encounter love, he remains senseless and incomprehensible for himself.

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(Address to Engaged Couples, 14th Feb 2014).
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“The most beautiful thing that God made, the Bible says, was the family. He created man and woman, and He gave them everything. He gave them world! He presented to family all of the love that He made in this marvellous creation. All of the love that God has in Himself, all of the truth that God has in Himself, He gives to the family.” (Address to the World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia – 26th – 27th Sept 2015).

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“You need not call the United Nations to create peace and have negotiations. Just a small gesture is enough - just a hug will do to create peace in your families.”

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interactive apps and the belief that app interaction is sufficient for human existence. The reality shows, TV serials have encroached upon our family time leaving our dining table as a place for the living dead! People are satiated with digital food disregarding the nutritious meal served. The individualistic society has replaced the giant television with easy smartphones for each one. Silence is very much appreciated at the dining table because of the full concentration and interest invested in the television serials and shows by the family. We are in a disgraceful reality where we have become very comfortable in the silence of our loved ones.

Irreversible damage - A reality bite:

Have we ever thought about the impacts of over exposure to gadgets on our family ties? Long ago silence at home meant something wrong and today it’s the norm. Technology has very successfully managed to alienate us from our own family. There is a perceptible aloofness among the members living under the same roof. We treat our devices and gadgets as our extended selves and give them undue importance and prominence in our lives. The gadgets have very easily found their way to our dining table, thus gnawing at our precious family time. For many of us dinner is the only time we get to spend with our family and due to our loyalty towards the gadgets, we have managed to eat as strangers. Given the current scenario, from an outsider's point of view, our family meal time is bound to look like 4 strangers dining together.

According to the Portuguese tradition, meal time is meant to be enjoyed. This enjoyment is attained by sitting together as a family and appreciating each other's presence. It also could be the time when dreams are shared, tears wiped away, cook appreciated and letting in transparency once again. Each meal time can be a reminder that our family can be trusted more than the strangers online.

Let’s talk: One Meal at a Time

Let us pledge to keep aside our electronic gadgets, even television, during our meals. Let’s start with dinner: one meal at a time. Let the dining table be a place of getting together sans the smart devices. Let us not be distracted with the beeps. Let us TALK. Let us LAUGH. Let us LIVE. Let's bring dinner time back to life. Once someone asked, "What do we do with all the time that we have saved?" Nobody had a valid answer to this question.
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KOLAMBA KOLAMASAMY

(സ്പെഷ്യൽ സ്റ്റോറി)

ലോറി എബ്രഹിം ചെറിയ വിറ്റപെട്ടടിയുടെ കാഴ്ച നൽകുന്ന മനോഹരമായ ലോഹകലാ ഉൽപാദനത്തിന്റെ പ്രത്യേകിച്ചുള്ള പ്രത്യേകതകൾക്കും സാമൂഹ്യ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളും ചില അന്യ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളും വെള്ളപ്പൊക്കത്തിന്റെ കാഴ്ചകളും നിലനിൽക്കുന്നു. (SC.8)

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(സ്പെഷ്യൽ സ്റ്റോറി): "മുമ്പ് ആശാരുമൊക്കെ പഠിക്കുന്ന പ്രവർത്തകരുടെ സമാധാനം ഇതിലെല്ലാം സംസാരിക്കുന്നു. പഠിക്കാൻ പ്രവർത്തകരുടെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളും സാമൂഹ്യ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളും ചില അന്യ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളും വെള്ളപ്പൊക്കത്തിന്റെ കാഴ്ചകളും നിലനിൽക്കുന്നു. (SC.8)

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Heavenly Experience

With cheerful faces

The hymn ‘Holy’ and the related prayers make it clear that the Qurbana is an occasion to participate in the heavenly worship. In the kusappa at the time of ‘Holy’ the priest prays: “Lord, enjoin the hymns of us with the praises of the Seraphim and Archangels. Praise be to our mercy that has unified the inhabitants of heaven and earth.” This prayer is to be understood in the light of the teaching of the Fathers of the Church that as a result of the redemption in Christ, the community here on earth is made worthy to join the heavenly hosts in the worship of God. As we see in the vision of Isaiah, the angels in heaven cover their faces with wings as they sing praises to God (6:2-3). In the prayer before the ‘Our Father’ at the time of communion, the priest’s prayer highlights that it is with ‘cheerful face and pure hearts’ that we call upon and pray. It is because we are a redeemed community in Christ. ‘With uncovered faces’ will be more faithful translation of the original than ‘cheerful’. This has reference to the angels who cover their faces as they sing praises in heaven.

Sanctuary as Heaven

Holy Qurbana should give us true heavenly experience. It is in this heavenly experience that in the Kusappa the celebrant prays: “how awe inspiring is this place where today I have seen the Lord face to face! This is none other than the house of God” Not only the prayers and rites of the Qurbana but also the structure and the design and architecture in the church should be arranged in such a way as to help the community to get a foretaste of heaven. The church is the meeting place of heaven and earth. The Liturgy should give the participants the experience of having encountered God face to face as seen in the prayer of the celebrant. So it is very important that the sanctuary is arranged and depicted after the model of heaven. This will help us to have a heavenly experience in prayer. Instead, if crucifix and calvary is depicted at the centre of the Sanctuary, it is difficult to visualize sanctuary as symbolizing heaven and Qurbana as our participation in heavenly worship and thus to have a heavenly experience in Liturgy. Hence the understanding of the sanctuary as representing heaven on earth and our Liturgy as participation in the heavenly liturgy is basic and fundamental to our liturgical spirit and theology. Apart from this understanding it is not possible to appreciate the richness of our liturgical theology and to experience it through the celebration and to share it explaining it to others.

New Life in heavenly Kingdom

In the prayer of invocation of the Holy Spirit we pray: Mary this Qurbana grant us ... new life in your heavenly Kingdom”. In the Holy Qurbana we join together with the heavenly community. It is a time when heaven comes down to us and we are taken up to heaven. It is together with Bl. Virgin Mary, all the saints and angels that we celebrate our Qurbana. In the words of Pope St. John Paul II “The Eucharist is truly a glimpse of heaven appearing on earth. It is a glorious ray of the heavenly Jerusalem which pierces the cloud of our history and lights up our journey” (Ecclesia de Eucharistia-19).
With the blessing of Almighty we celebrated the 25th glorious and auspicious silver jubilee of Rev. Fr Sunny Memorial Church Choir Competition on the 25th of Aug, 2017 at Yashvanth Rao Chavan Natya Mandir Auditorium, Matunga. This competition which began under the guidance of Rev. Fr Mathew Muthassery in the year 1992 has become one of the unifying factors of Kalyan eparchy and has boosted many choir teams across the parishes of our Kalyan Diocese. This mega event organized by Kalyan Eparchy Youth (KEY), is a BLOCKBUSTER hit throughout the Diocese and this year it saw the enthusiastic participation of 37 parishes and special performances by Manoj George (Grammy award winner violinist) & Cicily Abharam, playback singer. The Choir groups who went with a feather in their caps are:

1st prize: St. Theresa's Church, Kandivali (W)

2nd prize: Sacred heart Church, Goregoan (W)

3rd prize: Little Flower Church, Nerul

4th prize: Mary Matha Church, Sakinaka

5th prize: St. Alphonsa Church, Mankhurd
Dear Pro-lifer,

Jesus said, I am...the LIFE (John 11:25). The one who stands for LIFE stands for Jesus. The promotion of the culture of LIFE is the need of the hour. By the providence of God and under the Heavenly Patronage of St. John Paul II and our Patron Mar Thomas Elavanol, Kalyan Eparchy Pro-life Movement is steadily engaged in building the culture of LIFE with its mission “Proclaim, Celebrate and Serve the Gospel of Life”.

In a short span of about a year, we have so far, in our eparchy, reached to about 20 parishes, 3 Schools, Seminarians, KLM, Youth, CRI, Pithruvedi and Mathrusangam, apart from the monthly sessions at the MPC from Sept 2016, in short, message of LIFE individually reached out to 2800 persons in the Eparchy. It’s a mighty work of the Lord.

We earnestly seek your powerful intercession for the grace of the proclamation of the “vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability” (Evangelium Vitae #5) in our eparchy.

The promotion of the culture of life through the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a precious means of attaining a life of true discipleship and co-operation with God’s will.

Kalyan Eparchy Pro-life Movement invites you to
40 hours Adoration
Forty Hours for LIFE with the Lord of LIFE

Place: St. Joseph’s Forane Church, Leo Hills Road, IIT P.O, Powai
Date & Time: September 21st Thursday 7 pm Holy Qurbana followed by Eucharistic Adoration and continue till 23rd Saturday 12 pm with Eucharistic Benediction Followed by Holy Qurbana.

Come let’s join our hands in prayer before JESUS, the source of LIFE, to build a culture of LIFE!!!

And I am sure of this that the one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ (Phil 1:6)

Spiritual Initiative: Kalyan Eparchy Pro-life Movement | Spiritual support: KLM, KMS, KPV, JNF, KEY, KKK, KCCRS, JY
PITHRUVEDI

Msgr. Thomas Thalachira Memorial Social Drama Competition

Pithruvedi is conducting the Msgr. Thomas Thalachira Memorial Social drama competition at St. Thomas Cathedral Hall Kalyan (West) on 30th September, 2017. Every parish unit of pithruvedi under Eparchy of Kalyan can submit one entry. The theme of drama should be social and should not conflict with the teaching of the Syro-Malabar Church. The registration should reach the Director Pithruvedi Dioces of Kalyan on or before September, 10th 2017 along with registration fee of Rs. 1,000/- . For more details contact: 9892593415 Fr. Shibu Pulickal, Director Pithruvedi

KEY Rain camp

A 3 day rain camp was held from the 28th of July ’17 to the 30th of July ’17, for working youth & graduates of the Diocese of Kalyan. The camp venue was ARC Panvel and the trek was to Rajmachi. It brought more than 150 youths together. It served as a reviving break for the youth from their everyday routine by engaging them in various Faith Fellowship and Fun activities. Group dynamics and Trekking formed the core elements of this youth gathering.

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quiedy remembered every day.
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but in our hearts, you’re always there.

Fondly remembered by
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Habbie, Sabby,
Catherine, Seena,
Angela, Aleena & Ethan

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First Death Anniversary

A million times, we have needed you
A million times, we have cried
If love alone could have saved you
you never would have died
In life we loved you dearly
In our hearts you hold a place
No one else can ever fill
It broke our heart to lose you,
But you did not go alone
Part of us went with you
The day God took you home.

Fondly remembered by
Sons, Daughter-in- laws &
Grandchildren

ROSY DAVID
01.09.2016
## Retreat Planner - August to December 2017

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St. Tarcisius - The Brave Boy

Narrator: We are here depicting the story of a young martyr saint, St Tarcisius. St Tarcisius is the patron of First Communicants. His feast is observed on August 15.

St Tarcisius was probably an altar boy, or perhaps a deacon, during one of the fiercest Roman persecutions of the late 3rd or early 4th century. During that period, the Christians met daily to celebrate the Eucharist and to send, though very cautiously, sufficient portions of the Sacred Bread to the imprisoned Christians on the death row.

Scene I – Makeshift prayer hall

(A t the altar, priest Dionysius is ending the Eucharistic services with the sign of the cross. Dionysius then consecrates the Bread and then looks around among the altar boys.)

Dionysius: Who could safely carry the Bread of Life to the condemned Christians in the prison?

(The 12 year old boy, Tarcisius, steps forward and kneels before the priest and shows his readiness.)

Tarcisius: Your reverence, I will take up this mission in the name of our Lord.

Dionysius (looks at Tarcisius with admiration): You are too young, my child. Moreover, the atmosphere around us is hostile, and this mission might be very dangerous for your life.

Tarcisius (showing utmost courage): Your reverence, my Lord himself will be my protection. Oh, please do not deny me this rare privilege.

(Dionysius then consecrates the Bread and then looks around among the altar boys.)

Dionysius (folding the Divine Bread in the bosom of his tunic) high regard.)

Dionysius: Ok my boy. I am entrusting this task to you in the name of our Lord. Go and accomplish your mission.

(All together carefully wrap the Sacred Bread in linen and place it on Tarcisius' palms. Dionysius blesses Tarcisius on his mission.)

Dionysius: Ever be conscious of the great treasure entrusted to your care, especially when you would be passing through the crowded public streets.

Tarcisius (folding the Divine Bread in the bosom of his tunic)...
Scene II - Busy public space

(A group of boys are playing. Tarcisius enters there with the Divine Bread hidden under his tunic. The boys try to drag him into their game.)

Boy 1: Young fellow, come and join us in our game.

Tarcisius: I am sorry. I have some important business to do.

Boy 2: Oh come on, boy.

(Boys try to drag Tarcisius, who tries to move away from them holding the bosom of his tunic.)

Boy 3: Hey man, what are you holding so protectively in the folds of your tunic? Show us.

Tarcisius: Please allow me to leave.

(The Boys block Tarcisius and try to snatch the hidden substance from his tunic.)

Boy 4: Show us what you are hiding... Show us.

(Tarcisius resists the attempt with all his might. The boys attack him severely with sticks and stones. Tarcisius, falls down on the ground, bleeding heavily. Still he crosses his arms tightly over the Sacred Substance in order to protect it.)

Tarcisius: Oh God! Protect Your Divine Body.

(All the boys gather closely around the fallen Tarcisius in a bid to take possession of his holy Treasure. Suddenly they themselves are pushed off violently by some giant force.)

All Boys: Aaaa... (All of them reel and hastily retreat and fall down.)

Scene III - Dionysius’ prayer hall

(Dionysius praying with the altar boys. Quadratus reaches there hastily with Tarcisius in his arms, puts dead Tarcisius at the altar. All altar boys look scared and shocked.)

Quadratus: Your reverence! Kindly look at this boy! He has given up his life!

(Dionysius sorrowfully looks at Tarcisius, then unfolds his hands, and carefully takes from his bosom the unviolated Holy Bread and raises it up to the Heaven.)

Dionysius: This brave boy has protected your Body from the evil elements. (Making the sign of the cross) Oh Lord, our God! Take him to Your everlasting protection.

(At once Tarcisius' face glows like that of an angel, sleeping the martyr's slumber.)

Narrator: The brave story of St Tarcisius shows us that mere boys and youth can also become saints. The call to holiness begins at baptism, and we do not have to wait for old age and grey hair to serve God. Thank You.

Skit adaptation by Dr CP Johnson,
Catechetical Commission Member, Diocese of Kalyan
Pope: Christians can't walk around like pigs (aleteia)

“Am I a springtime person, awaiting the sun, awaiting Jesus, or an autumn person, with my head cast down, bitter, with a pickled pepper face?” Francis invited the chuckling audience to ask themselves. “There are people who see so many calamities and claim that life has no meaning,” he said, but “we Christians don't believe this … We are people more of spring than autumn.” Pigs always walk around with their heads down; Pope Francis said. Christian hope, he stressed, is based on “faith in God who always creates novelty in human life, in history and in the cosmos.”

Abp. Fisichella: To Be a Catechist Is a Mission (zenit)

The formation of catechists is not done “seated at a desk with an open book in one's hands to prepare an exam or a lesson” said Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization. Hence, he explained, the importance of the “New Evangelization,” to “overcome a present difficulty in the different Churches – which often limits catechesis to sole preparation for the Sacraments.” Instead the Archbishop advocated a “permanent formation” for believers, to present “the understanding of the Christian mystery in view of a coherent existence with what one believes,” “To be a catechist isn't a role but a mission in the Church,” he stressed.

“We are hoping against hope” – Eastern Catholic Patriarchs (asianews)

Consciously “hoping against hope” and placing itself in the hands of God's justice, the Council of Eastern Catholic Patriarchs released a final statement after its annual session in Dimane, the summer residence of the Maronite Patriarch. “We call upon the UN and the countries directly affected by the war in Syria, Iraq and Palestine, to stop the wars whose goals are now clear: destruction, killing, exile, boosting terrorist organisations, spreading the spirit of intolerance and conflict between religions and cultures...To Peter's successor, we say that we represent Churches that flourished in the land of the East since the Apostolic times... whose existence is in real danger."
India to host next AYD8 (Vatican Radio)
The next Asian Youth Day will take place in India in 2020, for the 2nd time, since 2003. Cardinal Oswald Gracias made the announcement at the end of the concluding Holy Qurbana of the 7th Asian Youth Day (AYD7), which he presided over in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The venue of the AYD8 will be discussed and decided upon by the CBCI. Card. Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, together with Indian Church officials and some of the Indian youth delegation received the simple bamboo AYD cross from their Indonesian counterparts for the next AYD to take place in 3 years' time.

Indian nun wins global HIV nursing award (mattersindia)
The Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) selected Sr. Lourdu Mary Nagothu for developing and implementing the world's first masters' curriculum in HIV/AIDS. The member of the Bangalore province of the Sisters of Jesus, Mary and Joseph will receive the award at a ceremony, in the United States.

Church leaders greet newly elected Indian President (ucan)
Catholic Church officials met the newly elected Indian President to appraise him of work done by Catholics in the field of health, education and in serving the poor in the country. Cardinal Baselios Cleemis, President of the CBCI, led the delegation that included two other cardinals and five bishops to meet Ram Nath Kovind at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. "We did not raise any issues in the meeting. We greeted him on behalf of the Catholics of India... It was a courtesy visit," he said.

Fr. Uzhunnalil could be released soon: Sushma Swaraj (CWN)
Fr. Tom, who was kidnapped in Yemen last year could be released soon, reports the Salesians information service. This comment was made by Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj to the delegation from that order, which asked her to ensure the swift release of fellow Salesian Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil. The minister, also reportedly told the delegation, that his freedom was among the highest priorities of the Government.
1st Death Anniversary

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and those who live and believe in me will never die."
(John 11:25-26)

A tribute of love from
Family, Relatives, Friends
Near & Dear ones.

Xavier V. Puravathavan
Gifted by the Lord: 15-05-1951
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1st Death Anniversary

Your life was a blessing
Your memory a treasure
Loved & Respected beyond words,
And missed beyond measure

A tribute of love from
Husband: K.J. Thomas
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Mother-in-law:
Anna Ittoop

Deeply mourned by
Relatives & Friends

1. Portions for study: Gospel of Matthew & 1 Maccabees
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1st Death Anniversary

“I saw my Lord with my heart's eye
and I asked 'Who art thou Lord?'
'Thyself' he replied

In loving memory of a true son, a caring husband, a wonderful father. It’s been a year since you have left us, but your words still reverberate in our soul.

Ever fondly remembered by
Elizabeth (Mother)
Beena (Wife)
Joseph (Son)
all near and dear ones.

Kattukaren Joseph Pamcracious
Born: 15.03.1951
Death: 03.10.2016

15th Death Anniversary

You are always there in our heart, and will always be remembered. Your grand-children’s by looking at the photo always say, if at all our grandpapa was there with us now.

Your memories are always there with us.

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