



# RAYS



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Dixea dhorun jivitachi iatra korta to udorgoticho panvddo choddta. Dixea borobor xist ani mandavoll, pott-tiddken chalik launchi asta. Dixea gheunk ugttea monachi goroz ani dixea ghetlea uprant, ti chalik laitana dusreanchem mot aikun gheunk toxench jivitant *risk* gheunk ani xevottak zatolo porinamachi zababdari gheun jivitan khoro ies bhogum ieta.

Ugttem mon asop mhollear, mell'tole poristhitik fuddo korop, dekhik 2020 vorsant Covid Virus-ak lagun amchi poristhiti bodol'li ani hea poristhitint ami sogllim astana kaim zannamni Covid-a vorvim nirman zal'li poristhiticho boro soeg gheun udorgot keli, dusreamnim durdoxea mhunn chintun, aplich durdoxea korun ghetli. Zo konn apli poristhiti ugttea monan ghetla ani tantuntlem boreak poddta tacho sangat ghetla ani utpon korta to zoitivont zata.

Janerache 1<sup>er</sup>, Marie Deva Matechi Porob somorombhun Povitr Sobha, Mariek amchi modest korta ani hea vorsant ami sogllim udorgoitchea panvddear pavunk tichi dekh amchea mukhar dovorta. Marien, Gabriel Dutacho tallo aikotoch apli bodolta ti poristhiti polloili, hea bodolpani ticher bhirant haddli punn he tiche nove poristhitik tinnem ugttea monan fuddo kelo. Sodanchi mandavoll hal'li tori-i nove mandavollint koxem vagchem, ti tichi dixea zali. Apunn Devachem khalti soddvonnechem hatiar mhunn tinnem mandun ghetlem. Ani hi apli dixea chalik laitana, boddveachem, gonvlleamchem, raianchem,

Simeanva-chem, Judev lokanchem tinnem aikolem khorem punn apli dixea fuddem vhorunk kitem faideachem tench ganttik marlem ani Devachea soddvonnechea vaurant ti pott-tiddken vavurli. Aplea jivitant tinnem *risk* ghetli.



Devachea mogacher patievop vo monxeachea zannvaiecher ravop hea donnui modem ontor asa ti polleunk khuimchi vatt dhorop ani hacho porinam kitem zatolo, hacho sumar dhorun, Marien soddvonnechi vatt dhorli. Xevottak ti zoitivont zali. Zoit rokddench ailem na, punn ailem tem zoit sorona toslem. Sogllech pautti Marien ghetlolo nirnoi, soglleanche avddecho zalo na. Mariekui to sompo zalo na. Marien tanchem mot aikolem ani apleak bhogta tem onbhovlem punn tankam virodh kelo na nhoi mhunn apunn pattim sorli na. Ani hea vorvim tinnem zaiteank jikun ghetle dekhik Jezuche Apostle, Jezu melea uprant aple vattek laglem ani bhirantin asle punn tankam soglleank Marien Senaclant ekthaim kele, Povitr Atmean bhorunk dusreank uzvadd zaunche pasot. Hench dor eka fuddareachem kam.

Ami 2021 vorsant bhiton sorleant, amkam zai toqli poristhiti mell'chi na ani amcheanui poristhiti bodlunk zaunchi na ani he poristhitleanuch boreponn haddun Maria ut'tezon. Aichi poristhiti polleun matear hath dhorce suvater jivitak fuddo korum-ia. Angant aslelem boll, kola polleun aiche poristhitint mellta to sangat gheun ek novi dixe dhorum-ia. Hi dixe chalik laitana, veg-veglla monxeachem mot gheun amcho nirnoi gheum-ia, ghetlolo nirnoi sompem tem avgodd poristhitint porian chalik asundi. Novem-ponn haddtana bhirant ietach – *risk* gheupakuch zai. Mezun-korun *risk* gheunk zai, soglleach pavtti boro porinam meuchona, porinam boro mellunk nam mhunn soddun diumchem noi, hich zaumdi novi poristhiti novi dixe. Borean toxem vaittan zababdari gheunk xiklear ani haka-taka bott dakhoina zalear amkam ies melltoloch ani tache von odhik ami bhitonle khuxalkaien jieunk pavteleanv.

Hem voros tumkam soglleank xubh zaunchem ani zoitachim monxeam zaunchim hem amchem magnnem tuma somestank.

Fr. Clifford Castelino





# The Road Less Travelled



The phrase 'The road less travelled' means a choice made in one's life that is unconventional, a choice that leads one in a different direction than most people. The connotation is of a choice that expresses individuality and leadership.

Our society often bombards us with standards and norms that we ought to follow. It's up to us to choose the path and very often opting for the road less travelled brings unparalleled happiness and success.

Each of us is unique and has envisioned his own future different from the others; which very often is exciting or scary depending on the individual. It is always a cliché that we should take the road less travelled because it is where success is tasteful. But what about creating new roads instead? "Take Not the Road Less Travelled" reminds us to broaden our horizons and explore more possibilities. It's a little bit frightening, but travelling on such roads that have not yet been taken earlier and explored is more exciting!

We have many of these daring travellers who have carved out a niche for themselves and have walked these roads and some of them have hailed from Siolim - like Reginald Fernandes, A.V De Cruz, Zefferino D'Cruz, Johnson and his Jolly Boys, Melwyn Dominic Noronha, Alexzy Fernandes and Alister Miranda to name a few.



**REMEMBERING REGINALD**  
ROMANSINCHO PATXAI

*on his 101st birth anniversary  
through his melodious music,  
superb songs and sweet memories  
of the great Goan  
Musician-Novelist-Lyricist*

**FRIENDS OF REGINALD**  
Siolim - Goa  
June 14, 2015

Let's take a look at the life of Reginald Fernandes; he was born on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1914 and was the third child of Antonio Caridade Fernandes and Carmelina Fernandes,. This small close knit small family lived at Siolim Aframento, Vaddi, Siolim. This serene locale immortalised Goa's Mandos like "Siole dongra sokolu". Reginald was a trained musician but was infatuated with "Konkani Literature" His short stories won him the title of "Patxai Romansicho". Reginald was also a proficient lyricist, musician and playwright. He was an embodiment of humility, unaffected by fame despite being a hero for a vast fan following. He lived in an era when awards and honours were rare. The Kuwait Goan association had awarded him for his contribution to Konkani. He was also a recipient of the Goa State award for 1992-93 for writing. ( Referred to the Internet)



Our next traveller on the road less travelled is Melwyn Dominic Noronha from Marna, Siolim. An engineer having done his Bachelors in Information Technology, Melwyn always embodied an artistic mind, as from a very early age and he used to draw on the last page of his note books in school. Speaking of him being a fashion designer Melwyn says, that he is not a designer because he chose the path, he is a designer because of the bullying, pressures and other adversaries of life, that kept him working hard and giving his best to everything he undertook. A firm believer in



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God, Melvyn believes in first praying to the Almighty before starting any new project. To him “Art is divine and it comes from above. He is only an instrument to bring it to life”

Melvyn is firmly rooted in the history and culture of India. He is endowed with various talents which include singing. He was the winner of Kingfisher Voice of Goa 2010, He writes his own lyrics for his songs! He is a creative artist, an adept Fashion Choreographer, and he's been giving runway ramp-walk coaching to various pageant aspirants. Melvyn has always put his heart and soul in his work, always aiming to bring pride to our nation.



He is also a motivational speaker for the youth, and always finds time for charity amidst his busy schedules. He's the face of COOJ (Cause of Our Joy) Mental Health Foundation, an NGO that aims at bridging the gap between existing services in mental health and the immense need. He is a very humble personality blessed with a beautifully crafted artistic mind that reflects in his work. (Meet Melvyn D Noronha; [pageantcommunity.com](http://pageantcommunity.com))

The lives we live take us along many different paths. Some paths are straight, some are curved, and others are filled with dangerous switchbacks. We encounter strangers on our path, some of whom we will never see again, others may become life-long friends. Sometimes our paths may cross with the same people time and time again, as if almost by “accident”. The one thing that we all have in common though, is that our journey is our own and no two paths are alike.

*Helen Fernandez*





# Mhoineachi Kariavoll



## January 2021

Sukrar	-	01-01-21	7.00 a.m.	Logn Sonvskaracho Dis Angelo & Sharmila De souza
Somar	-	04-01-21	7.00 a.m.	Zolm Dis Shannan Fernandes
			4.00 p.m.	Logn Sonvskar Isac D'Souza & Premlata
Mungllar	-	05-01-21	7.00 a.m.	Tisrea Vorsacho Ugddas Theodore Fernandes
Budhvar	-	06-01-21	7.00 a.m.	Tisrea Vorsacho Ugddas John Xavier Lobo
Brestar	-	07-01-21	7.00 a.m.	Otmeak Mis Constancio Fernandes
Somar	-	11-01-21	7.00 a.m.	Logn Sonvskaracho Dis Christopher & Franzila D'Souza
Budhvar	-	13-01-21	7.00 a.m.	Logn Sonvskaracho Dis Chrisel & Marilyn Carvalho
Brestar	-	14-01-21	7.00 a.m.	Logn Sonvskaracho Dis Angelo & Justiciana Fernandes
Sukrar	-	15-01-21	7.00 a.m.	Mhoineacho Ugddas Nicholas Xavier Mascarenhas
			8.00 a.m.	Poilea Vorsacho Ugddas Fredrick Paiva
Somar	-	18-01-21	8.00 a.m.	Poilea Vorsacho Ugddas Vicente Barbosa
Mungllar	-	19-01-21	7.00 a.m.	Otmeak Mis Stanley Barreto
			8.00 a.m.	Zolm Dis (21 <sup>st</sup> B'day) Leandra Michelle Fernandes
Brestar	-	21-01-21	7.00 a.m.	Otmeak Mis Polson Paul Edattukaran
Sonvar	-	23-01-21	7.00 a.m.	Mhoineacho Ugddas Andre mariano Castelino
Somar	-	25-01-21	7.00 a.m.	Poilea Vorsacho Ugddas Lawrie Fernandes
Sukrar	-	29-01-21	7.00 a.m.	Zolm Dis Sebastina D'Souza
			8.00 a.m.	Poilea Vorsacho Ugddas Esmerald Fernandes
Sonvar	-	30-01-21	8.00 a.m.	Poilea Vorsacho Ugddas Blandina Noronha





# Whoineachim Vachpam



January 2021

## Blessed Virgin Mary – Mother Of God

- 01 Fri Rdg Num 6, 22-27; Ps 66, 2-3.5.6.8; Gal 4, 4-7
- 02 Sat Rdg **Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**  
1 Jn 2, 22-28; Ps 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4; Jn 1, 19-28
- 03 Sun Rdg **Epiphany Of The Lord**  
Is 60, 1-6; Ps 71, 2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13; Eph 3, 2-3a. 5-6; Mt 2, 1-12
- 04 Mon Rdg 1 Jn 3, 22 – 4, 6; Ps 2, 7-8. 10-11; Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25
- 05 Tue Rdg 1 Jn 4, 7-10; Ps 71, 2.3-4ab. 7-8; Mk 6, 34-44
- 06 Wed Rdg 1 Jn 4, 11-18; Ps 71, 2. 10-11. 12-13; Mk 6, 45-52
- 07 Thu Rdg 1 Jn 4, 19 --- 5, 4; Ps 71, 2. 14.15bc. 17; Lk 4, 14-22a
- 08 Fri Rdg 1 Jn 5, 5-13; Ps 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20; Lk 5, 12-16
- 09 Sat Rdg 1 Jn 5, 14-21; Ps 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5. 6a. 9b; Jn 3, 22-30
- 10 Sun Rdg **Baptism Of Our Lord**  
Is 55, 1-11; Ps Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6; 1 Jn 5, 1-9; Mk 1, 7-11
- 11 Mon Rdg Hebrs 1, 1-6; Ps 96, 1. 2b. 6. 7c.9; Mk 1, 14-20
- 12 Tue Rdg Hebr 2, 5-12; Ps 8, 2a. 5. 6-7. 8-9; Mk 1, 21b-28
- 13 Wed Rdg Hebr 2, 14-18; Ps 104, 1-2. 3-4.6-7. 8-9; Mk 1, 29-39
- 14 Thu Rdg Hebr 3, 7-14; Ps 94, 6-7. 8-9.10-11; Mk 1, 40-45
- 15 Fri Rdg Hebr 4, 1-5, 11; Ps 77, 3. 4bc. 6c-7. 8; Mk 2, 1-12
- 16 Sat Rdg **St. Joseph Vaz**  
Jer 1, 1. 4-10; Ps 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8. 10; 1 Cor 9, 16-20. 22-23; Lk 10, 1-9
- 17 Sun Rdg **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
1 Sam 3, 3b-10. 19; Ps 39, 2-4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10; 1 Cor 6, 13c-15a. 17-20; Jn 1, 35-42
- 18 Mon Rdg Hebr 5, 1-10; Ps 109, 1.2.3.4; Mk 2, 18-22
- 19 Tue Rdg Hebr 6, 10-20; Ps 110, 1-2. 4-5.9.10c; Mk 2, 23-28
- 20 Wed Rdg Hebr 7, 1-3. 15-17; Ps 109, 1.2.3.4; Mk 3, 1-6
- 21 Thu Rdg **St. Agnes**  
Hebr 7, 25 --- 8,6; Ps 39, 7-8a. 8b-9.10.17; Mk 3, 7-12
- 22 Fri Rdg Hebr 8, 6-13; Ps 84, 8. 10. 11-12. 13-14; Mk 3, 13-19
- 23 Sat Rdg Hebr 9, 2-3. 11-14; Ps 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9; Mk 3, 20-21
- 24 Sun Rdg **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Ordinary Time**  
Jon 3, 1-5. 10; Ps 24, 4bc-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9; 1 Cor 7, 29-31; Mk 1, 14-20





# Mhoineachim Vachpam



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25	Mon	<b>Conversion Of St. Paul</b>
	Rdg	Ac 22, 3-16 or Ac 9, 1-22; Ps 116, 1.2; Mk 16, 15-18
26	Tue	Rdg Jer 31, 31-34 or 1 Tim 2, 1-6; Ps 90, 1-6. 9-10; Jn 8, 31-36
27	Wed	Rdg Hebr 10, 11-18; Ps 109, 1.2.3.4; Mk 4, 1-20
28	Thu	<b>St. Thomas Aquinas</b>
	Rdg	Hebr 10, 19-25; Ps 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6; Mk 4, 21-25
29	Fri	Rdg Hebr 10, 32-39; Ps 36, 3-4. 5-6. 23-24. 39-40; Mk 4, 26-34
30	Sat	Rdg Hebr 11, 1-2. 8-19; Ps Lk 1, 69-70. 71-72.73-75; Mk 4, 35-41
31	Sun	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>
	Rdg	Deut 18, 15-20; Ps 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9; 1Cor 7, 32-35; Mk 1, 21-28





# Siolechi Povitr Sobha



## I. Povitr Sobheche Nove Vangddi zaleat:

**1.Jordan Bernard Fernandes** s/o Darius & Piedade,  
11/12/2020

**2.Benecia Claire Lobo** d/o Blaise & Alida,  
Gaunsavaddo, 19/12/2020



## II. Kristant ekvottleant:



**1.Gregory D'Souza & Alisha Sophia Frances Endro**

Chauddi vaddo Marna / Sao Jose de Areal, 21/12/2020

**2.Francis Xavier D'Souza & Estefania Piedade Fernandes**

Valadares vaddo / Angod Mapusa, 22/12/2020

## III. Bapachea Utrak Raji:

**1.Agnelo Fernandes,** Gaunsavaddo,  
29/11/2020

**2.Polson Paul Edattukaran,** Noronha vaddo,  
03/12/2020

**3.Nicolas Xavier Mascarenhas,** Valadares vaddo, 08/12/2020

**4.Andre Mariano Castelino,** Vaddy,  
11/12/2020

**5.Reuben Edmund D'Mello,** Soares vaddo, 14/12/2020

**6.Calorina Fernandes,** Tarchibhatt, 19/12/2020

**7.Joao Damasceno Franco,** Bamonvaddo, 28/12/2020





# Pope's Intention



## **JANUARY** **PAP SAIB MAGUNK LAITA**

**Samania Sonkolp:** Dusrea dhormachea bhavam-bhoinnam sovem purnn ekchar ugtea monan ani eka-meka pasot magun jieunk, Sorvespor amkam adar dium.

### **POPE'S INTENTION**

**General: Human Fraternity**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.





# Saints of the Month



## #MARY MOTHER OF GOD

**#St. Thomas Aquinas:** is the Dominican order's greatest glory. He taught philosophy and theology with such genius that he is considered one of the leading Christian thinkers. His innocence, on a par with his genius, earned for him the title of "Angelic Doctor."

**#St. Agnes:** When the Diocletian persecution was at its height, and when priests as well as laymen were apostatizing from the faith, Agnes, a girl of twelve, freely chose to die for Christ. When she was commanded to offer incense to false gods, she raised her hand to Christ and made the Sign of the Cross. When the heathens threatened to bind her hand and foot, she herself hastened to the place of torture as a bride to her wedding feast.

**#St. Angela Merici:** The saint was born in 1474 in the diocese of Verona. Early in life she dedicated herself to Christ as His bride. After the death of her parents, she desired to live solely for God in quiet and solitude, but her uncle insisted that she manage his household. She renounced her patrimony in order to observe most perfectly the rule for Franciscan Tertiaries. She founded a society for girls, under the protection of St. Ursula; this was the beginning of the Ursuline Order. St. Angela was almost seventy when she died; her body remained incorrupt for thirty days. Remarkable phenomena occurred at her burial in the Church of St. Afra.

**#St. Sebastian:** The oldest historical account of the saint is found in a commentary on the psalms by St. Ambrose; the passage reads: "Allow me to propose to you the example of the holy martyr Sebastian. By birth he was a Milanese. Perhaps the persecutor of Christians had left Milan, or had not yet arrived, or had become momentarily more tolerant. Sebastian believed that here there was no opportunity for combat, or that it had already passed. So he went to Rome, the scene of bitter opposition arising from the Christians' zeal for the faith. There he suffered, there he gained the crown."





# Mother of God



*Feast of Mary, the Mother of God reminds us that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is also our Heavenly Mother. In 1970, Pope Paul VI instituted the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. In his encyclical on devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Marialis Cultus, he wrote, "This celebration, commemorates the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. The holy Mother ... through whom we were found worthy ... to receive the Author of life." The solemnity shows the relationship of Jesus to Mary. The Church puts the feast of this solemnity on the first day of the New Year to emphasize the importance of Mary's role in the life of Christ and of the Church. Mary has*

*a special role and mission given to her by God. As Mother of our Redeemer and of the redeemed, she reigns as Queen at the side of Christ the King. She is a powerful intercessor for all of our needs here on earth. We call on her to be actively involved in our daily life; we imitate her virtuous life as a great inspiration; and we cooperate with all the graces we get through her.*

*Why did Jesus give us His Mother? Jesus gave us his Mother so that she would be the Mother of all humanity. The Virgin Mary is the Mother of Jesus Christ and, consequently, the Mother of God. But she is also the Mother of the Church, which is the Body of Christ. Because of this, the mission of Mary is totally inseparable from the mission of the Church. And it should be clearly stated that the role of Mary, as Mother of all humanity, in no way hides Christ. On the contrary, her role can only help to clarify Christ's role. This is one of the reasons God decided to share his Mother with us.*





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**#saveMollem#awarenessMeet**



**#star#crib#preparation**





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**#christmasSweets#Preparation**



**#GuiaSaibinn#porob**





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**#Tarchibhatt#PovitrKhursachi#porob**



**#inauguration  
#portableMorgue**

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**#MotherOfGod#feastNewYear#Eucharist**





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## #youth#ChristmasSerenading

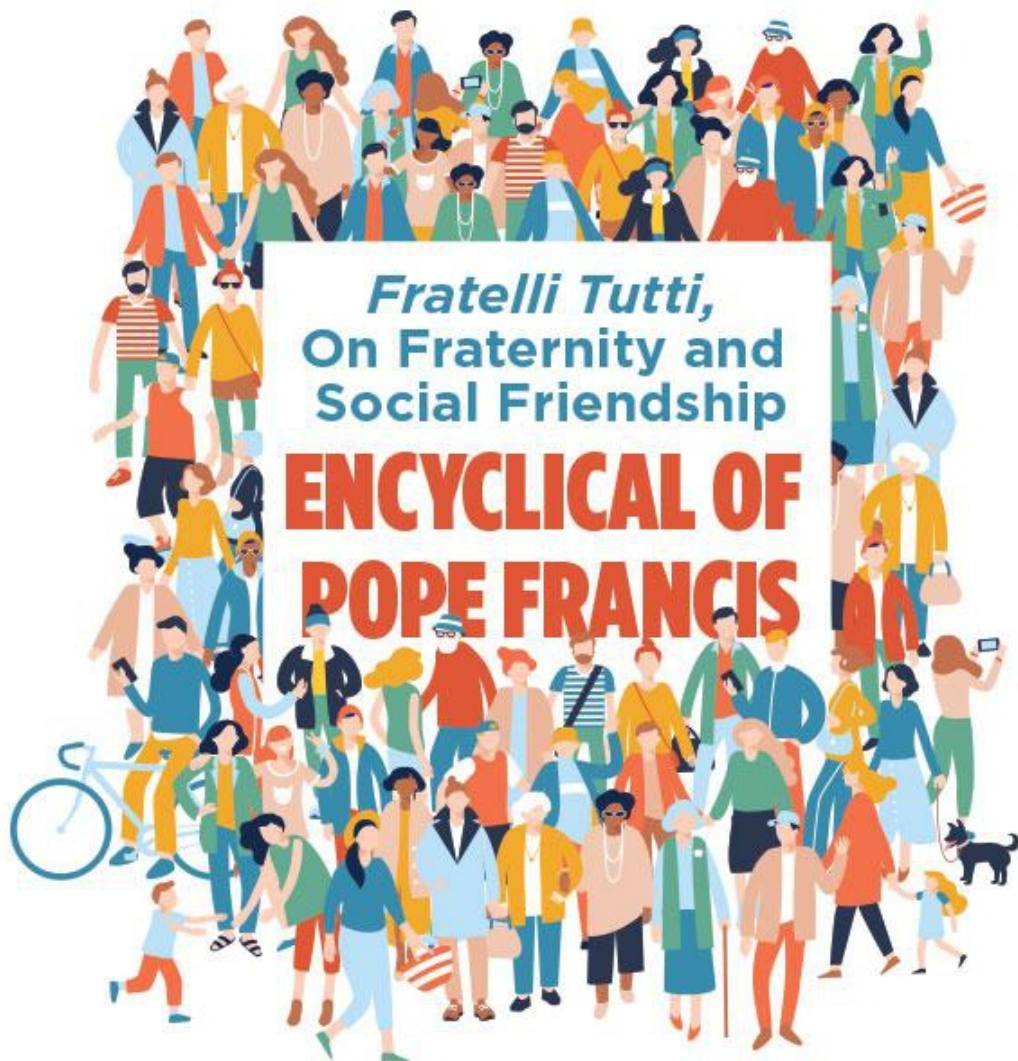
**Siolechi Povitr sobha Devak vakhannta  
adleak 2020 vorsa pasot.**

- **Sioleche Povitr Sobhek Povitr Snanachea  
Sacramenta udexi 26 Nove Vangddi  
zaleat**
- **19\_zannam Lognik Sacramenta udexi  
Krista ani Povitr Sobhechea mogache  
govai zaleat**
- **56 amchim mogachi Devachea utrak  
raji zaun sasnnik jivitak veng marlea.**





# Fratelli Tutti





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## ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI Of the Holy Father Francis On fraternity and social friendship

### WHAT IS IT?



The third encyclical of Pope Francis, after *Lumen fidei* (2013) and *Laudato si'* (2015).



It was signed on October 3, 2020, in Assisi, Italy.

### ON WHAT IS IT BASED?



- Questions about fraternity and social friendship that have concerned the Pope in recent years.
- Themes put forward in the *Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together*, which the Pope signed jointly with the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb in February 2019.

### WHAT DOES IT PROPOSE?



- It is a social encyclical dedicated to fraternity and social friendship.
- It treats the universal dimension of the doctrine of fraternal love.
- Its aim is to put forth a new vision of fraternity and social friendship.]
- It encourages us to dream as a single human family and as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh.

### TO WHOM IS IT ADDRESSED?



To all persons who will accept this reflection an invitation to dialogue.

### HOW IS THE ENCYCLICAL ORGANIZED?

- *Fraterlli tutti* consists of a general introduction and 8 chapters.

#### Introduction

**Chapter I:** DARK CLOUDS OVER A CLOSED WORLD

**Chapter II:** A STRANGER ON THE ROAD

**Chapter III:** ENVISAGING AND ENGENDERING AN OPEN WORLD

**Chapter IV:** A HEART OPEN TO THE WHOLE WORLD

**Chapter V:** A BETTER KIND OF POLITICS

**Chapter VI:** DIALOGUE AND FRIENDSHIP IN SOCIETY

**Chapter VII:** PATHS OF RENEWED ENCOUNTER

### WHERE DOES THE TITLE COME FROM?



- *Fraterlli tutti* is an expression of Saint Francis of Assisi (Admonitions, 6, 1).
- The saint used the expression to propose a way of life marked by the flavor of the Gospel.
- Saint Francis invites all men and women to a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance.



#### ECUMENICAL CHRISTIAN PRAYER

"Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover a new that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves."

Amén





## DARK CLOUDS OVER A CLOSED WORLD



*Pope Francis observes trends in our world that hinder the development of universal fraternity.*

**"Globalized society makes us neighbors, but it does not make us brothers and sisters."**

### IN WHAT WAYS DO WE OBSERVE THE DARK CLOUDS OVER A CLOSED WORLD?

- ▶ The despair and discouragement that are widespread in society
- ▶ The polarization that impedes dialogue and living together
- ▶ The persons who are considered easily "sacrificed" and discarded.
- ▶ The inequality of rights and the new forms of slavery.
- ▶ The moral deterioration and the weakening of spiritual values



TODAY WE WITNESS THE MANIPULATION OF GREAT WORDS, SUCH AS:

**LIBERTY JUSTICE  
DEMOCRACY UNITY**

IN THE FACE OF THESE CHALLENGES, *FRATELLI TUTTI* INSISTS THAT

**"The road we must travel is that of closeness; it is the culture of encounter"**



God continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness.



Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, has to be realized each and every day.



Hope looks beyond any personal convenience that limits our horizon, and it opens us up to grand ideals.





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## A STRANGER ON THE ROAD



### WHO ARE THE OTHER CHARACTERS IN THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN?

- ▶ THE ASSAILANTS
- ▶ THOSE WHO PASS BY ON THE OTHER SIDE
- ▶ THE WOUNDED AND ABANDONED VICTIM

In the face of this situation,  
*Fraterlli tutti* asks us:



Which of these persons do you identify with?  
Who is your neighbor?

"Jesus asks us not to decide who is close enough to be our neighbor, but rather that we ourselves become neighbors to all".



TODAY THE STORY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN IS BEING REPEATED:

1

Appeals are made to determinism or fatalism to justify our own indifference.

2

Society tends to ignore others, especially the weak.

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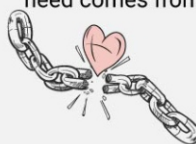
The world allows and encourages social exclusion.

4

We are witnessing social and political apathy.

*Fraterlli Tutti* summons us to be actively involved in rehabilitating our wounded societies.

Love does not care if a brother or sister in need comes from one place or another:



FOR LOVE SHATTERS THE CHAINS THAT KEEP US ISOLATED AND SEPARATE; IN THEIR PLACE, IT BUILDS BRIDGES.

WILL YOU PASS BY ON THE OTHER SIDE, OR WILL YOU STOP TO HELP THOSE WOUNDED ON THE ROADSIDE?

In the face of so much pain and suffering, our only course is to imitate the Good Samaritan.





## ENVISAGING AND ENGENDERING AN OPEN WORLD



**Jesus told us: “You are all brothers and sisters”** (Mt 23:8)

### The call to universal fraternity requires openness:

- ▶ Human beings find their fulfilment in the sincere gift of self to others.
- ▶ Love calls for a greater ability to accept others and to reach out to the margins.
- ▶ A love capable of transcending borders is the basis of “social friendship.”



### PROMOTING THE GOOD MEANS PROMOTING VALUES THAT ADVANCE INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.

How can  
that be  
achieved?

- ✓ By thinking and acting in terms of community.
- ✓ By combatting the structural causes of poverty and inequality.
- ✓ By requiring the state to be present and active and to invest in assistance to the vulnerable.
- ✓ By insuring that no one is excluded.
- ✓ By establishing a real and lasting peace based on a global ethic of solidarity and service.

[ *Every person is valuable and has the right to live with dignity.* ]





## A HEART OPEN TO THE WHOLE WORLD

### WHAT ACTIONS WORK IN FAVOR OF UNIVERSAL FRATERNITY?

1

Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and all those on the margins.

2

Becoming more aware that nowadays either we are all saved together or no one is saved.

3

Forging a global juridical, political, and economic order that favors the development of all peoples in solidarity.

### What is gratuitousness?

- ▶ Doing some things simply because they are good in themselves.
- ▶ Acting without concern for personal gain or recompense.
- ▶ Welcoming strangers, even though this brings us no immediate tangible benefit.



"The true worth of the different countries of our world is measured by their ability to think as part of the larger human family. God always gives freely."

### Every healthy culture is open and welcoming by its very nature:

Opening our minds and hearts helps us to understand those who are different.

In the universal communion each human group discovers its own beauty.

Human beings are limited beings who are nevertheless limitless.

Is it possible for us to be open to our neighbors within a family of nations?





## A BETTER KIND OF POLITICS



*"Charity, according to the teaching of Jesus, is the synthesis of the entire Law" (cf. Mt 22,36-40)*

### What is a better kind of politics?

- ▶ One that truly promotes the common good.
- ▶ One that does not seek merely to gain votes.
- ▶ One that serves as a channel for personal growth.
- ▶ One that promotes an economy that favors productive diversity and business creativity.
- ▶ One that is far-sighted and capable of a new, integral, and interdisciplinary dialogue.

**FRATELLI TUTTI CALLS FOR A SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ORDER WHOSE SOUL IS SOCIAL CHARITY:**

- ✓ Making it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us feel called.
- ✓ Recognizing all human beings as brothers and sisters, with no one excluded.
- ✓ Charity needs the light of truth, the light of reason, and the light of faith.



**Social charity makes us love the common good; it makes us effectively seek the good of all people, in the social dimension that unites them.**

**In political activity, every person is sacred and deserves our affection and our respect:**

**"If I can help at least one person to have a better life, that already justifies the offering of my life".**





## DIALOGUE AND FRIENDSHIP IN SOCIETY



What does it mean to "dialogue"?

- ▶ APPROACHING
- ▶ SPEAKING
- ▶ LISTENING
- ▶ LOOKING AT
- ▶ COMING TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER
- ▶ FINDING COMMON GROUND



### ACCORDING TO THE CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER:

Each of us can learn something from others, no one is useless, and no one is expendable.

### A PLURALIST SOCIETY THAT ENCOURAGES DIALOGUE:

- 1 Respects the dignity of others in all circumstances.
- 2 Integrates differences, thus guaranteeing a genuine and lasting peace.
- 3 Recognizes other people's right to be themselves, maintaining an atmosphere of friendliness.



### What attitudes or actions do not help toward dialogue?

- ▶ Any aggression we may manifest, for example, on social networks.
- ▶ Monologues that do not listen to others.
- ▶ The quick and humiliating discrediting of others.

*"Authentic social dialogue involves the ability to respect the point of view of others."*





## PATHS OF RENEWED ENCOUNTER



**ON THE PATH TOWARD PEACE, THE PROCESSES OF RENEWED ENCOUNTER ARE VERY NECESSARY:**

✓  
In true  
reconciliation.

✓  
In common  
projects that do  
not deny each  
person's  
individuality.

✓  
In recognizing,  
protecting, and  
restoring the dignity  
of all persons.

✓  
In the option for the  
poor, the  
dispossessed, and  
the discarded.

✓  
In understanding  
and appreciating  
the meaning of  
forgiveness.

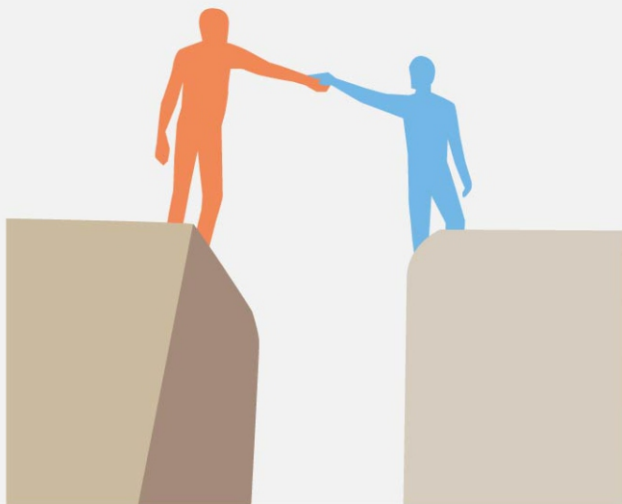


**Jesus never promoted violence or intolerance.**

**The Gospel tells us to forgive "seventy times seven times" (Mt 18,22)**

### TRUE FORGIVENESS AND TRUE RECONCILIATION:

- ▶ Are achieved in conflict and are resolved through dialogue.
- ▶ Abstain from enmities and mutual hatred.
- ▶ Facilitate an honest discussion of differences, founded on a desire for justice.
- ▶ Do not mean forgetting or impunity.
- ▶ Do not fall into the vicious circle of vengeance.



*"I ask God to prepare our hearts to encounter our brothers and sisters, so that we may overcome our differences rooted in political thinking, language, culture and religion."*

POPE FRANCIS





## RELIGIONS AT THE SERVICE OF FRATERNITY IN OUR WORLD



### ONLY WITH THE AWARENESS THAT WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD CAN WE LIVE IN PEACE WITH ONE ANOTHER:

The different religions contribute significantly to building fraternity.

Seeking God helps us recognize one another as travelling companions, truly brothers and sisters.

The denial of religious freedom and freedom of conscience leaves humanity impoverished.



### THE CHURCH IS A HOME WITH OPEN DOORS, BECAUSE SHE IS A MOTHER:

1

She builds bridges

2

She breaks down walls

3

She sows seeds of reconciliation

### A JOURNEY OF PEACE IS POSSIBLE AMONG RELIGIONS:

- ▶ The point of departure must be God's way of seeing things, for God sees with his heart.
- ▶ Violence has no basis in our fundamental religious convictions.
- ▶ Sincere and humble worship of God bears fruit in respect for life, dignity, and freedom.



### AN ECUMENICAL CHRISTIAN PRAYER

O God, Trinity of love,  
from the profound communion of your divine life,  
pour out upon us a torrent of fraternal love.  
Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus,  
in his family of Nazareth,  
and in the early Christian community.

Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel,  
discovering Christ in each human being,  
recognizing him crucified  
in the sufferings of the abandoned  
and forgotten of our world,  
and risen in each brother or sister  
who makes a new start.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,  
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,  
so that we may discover anew  
that all are important and all are necessary,  
different faces of the one humanity  
that God so loves.  
Amen.

*Religious leaders are called to be true "people of dialogue": to cooperate in building peace as authentic mediators.*

