



INDIAN PROVINCE NEWSLETTER

Dear Brothers and friends of Edmund,

Greetings from Goa where the weather is hot and humid but the Corona Virus seems to be unaffected by it and is spreading rapidly and dangerously. The state Government here has taken some random and ineffective steps to curb the spread, The many stories of people dying because of lack of Oxygen are heart wrenching.

On the 19th of April we received the sad news that Ralph Sequeira's Mum -Lily had passed away. May she rest in peace. We pray for Ralph, his Dad Patrick and his Brothers and sister and other members of the family.

Placid Henrique's brother-Cecil passed away on the 28th of May. He was 70. We pray for all the members of his family. May Cecil rest in peace.

While going through my Hard disc, I found a folder entitled "Mystics". In it was a fascinating story of a group of Christian Brothers in Ireland who came to be known as the "Mystics" by their peers. I read the story in one sitting. It is an account of how these holy and spiritual Brothers encountered their God in a very deep and real way. They were not properly understood by their Superiors and other Brothers and the group was scattered to different parts of the world so that the movement would die out.

I reproduce the first part of a Chapter in the story in this Newsletter which will be of interest to Brothers in India. The second part will appear next month.

Theo Alvares has returned to India and is at present in Bajpe. He has written a brief account of his years in the Philippines. We wish him all the very best for his new mission in the Indian Province.

During the last couple of months, a comprehensive induction program has been conducted for newly appointed Headmasters/Headmistresses. Details of this program will be included in the Newsletters in three parts.

On the 26th of April, Fr. Stan Swamy, S.J. celebrated his 84th birthday in a prison cell in



Taloja Jail, near Mumbai. The oldest person to have been put in prison in India, he is accused of sedition and plotting to overthrow the Central Government. He has worked for the last 40 years speaking on behalf of the rights of the indigenous tribes in India.

Two people likely to be canonised in the near future are: Charles de Foucauld (many would remember him when they were in the Novitiate doing manuals with Debritto Curran) and Devasahyam Pillai, the first Indian Layman to be beatified.

We continue to pray for all our Brothers and others who are ill.

Yours fraternally

Mark

MEANING AND HAPPINESS



We tend to equate happiness with two things, pleasure and lack of tension.

We fantasize that for us to be happy we would need to be in a situation within which we would be free of all the tensions that normally flood into our lives from: pressure, tiredness, interpersonal friction, physical pain, financial worry, disappointment in our jobs, frustration with our churches, and every other headache and heartache that can appear.

However looking back on our lives, we see that sometimes certain periods of our lives that were fraught with all kinds of struggles were indeed very happy times. Conversely, we can also look back on certain periods of our lives when there may have been pleasure in our lives, but that phase of our lives now appears clearly as an unhappy time.

C.S. Lewis taught that happiness and unhappiness colour backwards: If our lives end up happy, we realize that we have always been happy even through the trying times, just as if our lives end up unhappy, we realize that we have always been unhappy, even during the pleasurable periods of our lives. Where we end up ultimately in terms of meaning will determine whether our lives have been happy or unhappy. Many people, including Jesus, suffered great pain but lived happy lives. Sadly, the reverse is also

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true. Happiness has a lot more to do with meaning than with pleasure.

In his autobiography, *Surprised by Joy*, C. S. Lewis tells his readers that his journey to Christianity was not an easy one. By his own admission, he was “the most reluctant convert in the history of Christendom.” But one of the things that ultimately brought him around to the Christianity was precisely the realization that meaning trumps our normal conception of happiness. He came to understand, he writes, *that the harshness of God is kinder than the softness of man and God’s compulsion is our liberation.*

Money can’t buy happiness. It can buy pleasure, but, as life itself eventually teaches us, pleasure is not necessarily happiness.

Ron Rolheiser, OMI (from his website)

School Leadership

Induction Programme 2021

Under the aegis of the Ministries Office, the School Leadership Induction Programme 2021 was organised by Brothers Gussy and Ralph, between 22nd March and 17th April 2021, both in the online and onsite mode.

The seven participants or inductees included 3 young Brothers; Shaun, Lurshai & Samuel Liana and 4 newly appointed “lay” leaders within the CCBI fraternity that included Mrs Aparajita Pal Sharma HM, St. Columba’s School, Mrs Nandita Bhattacharyya, HM, St. Mary’s, Dumdum, Mr Naveen Katwal HM, Goethals Memorial and Mr John Gomes, HM, St Joseph’s College, Bowbazar.

The Induction Program was conducted in two phases:

- ◆ First phase included a series of eight online zoom sessions, each of ninety minutes duration, on various topics of significance in school leadership matters and conducted by a plethora of animators, mostly Brothers.
- ◆ Second phase included a live-in residential session, over five days, at the Brothers’ Residence, in the scenic and tranquil settings of St. John’s High School, Sector 26, Chandigarh.

Chapter – 1: Zooming into the future of education leadership @ CB Schools





Session#1: 22nd March – Founder and Historical context of CCBI – by Br Solomon Morris

Br. Stephen Fernandes, CCBI Provincial, welcomed all the seven inductees in his opening speech and thereby officially inaugurated the program. Br. Solomon “Solly” Morris, the Principal of St. Edmund School, Shillong, shared with us on the life of our founder, Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice.

The qualities of Blessed Edmund Rice that shaped his vision and mission could be summed up as:

- ◆ Expansive Heart, Bridge Builder, Energetic Know How, Creative Vision, Justice and Fairness & Practical Wisdom.

We learnt that to be able to contribute to the vision of Edmund, we need to possess and inculcate these qualities. Equally important is to identify qualities that are most important and relevant in the present time, such as compassion and justice, to name a few.

Session#2: 24th March – Traditions & 8 Essentials of a CB school – by Br Leonardo “Lenny” Lobo

The ever-energetic Br. Lenny Lobo, Principal of St. Joseph’s College, Bowbazar, shared with us on the Eight Essentials of Christian Brothers Education. Br. Lenny showed us a four minutes clip of the song ‘Tradition’ from the movie “Fiddler on the Roof”. This reminded us of our own traditions and how those have shaped us. In his presentation, Br. Lenny emphasized on these points as the Essentials of a CB school:

A Happy Place; Presence, Compassion, Liberation; Acceptance – to create a culture of appreciation of differences in a society with diversity; Education for all – stressed on Inclusive Education for differently abled students; Striving for excellence; Touching lives; Child Rights & Justice for all (Peace/Love/Justice).

Session#3: 26th March – The Brown Book & Minority Status – by Br Simon Coelho

Br. Simon shared with us the basic tenants of the “Brown Book” - the guidelines to a Christian Brothers Institution. There was lots of information shared on The Managing Committee, General Rules for the staff, Leave of staff, Roles of teachers, Disciplinary action of Staff, Government policies, School Activities, Remedial Teaching, Restorative Justice, code of conduct for staff, code of conduct for students. Social Justice, Child protection Policy etc. It was really a big task to cover the Brown Book and Minority

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Status governing CB schools in just one and half hour. However, Br. Simon did justice and shared his expertise through brief glimpses of the contents the Brown book. We each realized that we must take on personal onus of getting ourselves acquainted with the “Brown Book”

Session#4: 29th March – Safe Guarding Children and Young Adults – Br Joaquim “Joe” Johnson

Br. Joe Johnson shed light on safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in our institutions. It is one of those policies that needs to be methodologically and systematically followed. The primary aim of all CB schools is to create a place of safety and security for all. It is up to us to understand, imbibe and engage in the implementation and monitoring of the safeguarding of children and young adults, including members of the staff, teaching as well as non-teaching. The CB schools and COA do stand out amongst other such organisations and institutions in taking these sensitive and yet relevant actions in accordance with the law of the land and other UN charters and the SDG's.

Session#5: 31st March

a) CB Mission Overview, Social Justice & Advocacy, – Br Ralph

b) Importance of Catechetics & Value Education – Br Anish John

Br. Ralph shared with us about the present-day Edmund Rice Mission worldwide. There are three areas of work / mission interconnected with each other. These are:

- ◆ Formal Education (Schools) globally coordinated by EREBB (Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders)
- ◆ Development Projects that work with marginalized groups and communities coordinated by the MCST (Mission Capacity Support Team)
- ◆ Advocacy on behalf of the lesser privileged coordinated by ERI (Edmund Rice International)

These are the three inter-connected circles of a Venn diagram, in differing sizes, but represent the totality of Edmund Rice Mission. It is a holistic approach to living Blessed Edmund Rice's Vision for our world. We were made aware of Edmund's 'ethic of critique' and the need for creating a social and environmental conscience within our school communities. We also learnt how that happens through the Social Justice Program in each school.

Br. Anish John, Principal of St. Augustine's High School, Vasai, shared with us the importance of teaching Catechetics and Value Education. He emphasised on teaching values to the students. The world is changing and we are invited to press more on instilling values to the children.

In a letter to Archbishop Bray in 1810, Edmund wrote: ***“The half hours explanation of the Catechism***





I hold to be the most salutary part of the system. It is the most laborious to the teachers; however, if it was ten times what it is, I must own we are amply paid in seeing such a reformation in the children."

The important aspects in life is to first know God, then know Self and then know the World. Catechetics must be based on Faith Knowledge, faith experience through Music, sense of wonder, inspirational stories and based on Scriptures. We do understand the "value" of Val. Ed and Catechism and should ensure that proper timetable and content preparation be undertaken by all CB schools.

Session#6: 5th April - Finance & Budgeting – Br Joe Johnson & Mr Mahajan

Mr. Mahajan, financial advisor to the CCBI, shared information on the Legal Constitution of CCBI Schools. Mr. Mahajan spoke about the importance of finance, income and expenditure, Budgeting, Receipts and payments, Day Book, Legal Compliance to be monitored and the Vital Management Information System (MIS) Information.

One of the most important aspects, though a bit difficult to understand, is the notion of GST imposition and how at all costs must be avoided by following some basic rules. Though currently, the inductees are not involved with the day-to-day financial activities of their respective schools, but should make themselves aware, in due course, the working knowledge of such activities.

Session#7: 7th April – Aspects of School Leadership – Br Larry Miranda

In his commanding voice, Br. Larry Miranda, Principal of St. Columba's School, New Delhi, shared with us the different aspects of school leadership. His experience in school leadership has enriched us as he narrated personal stories about success and challenges in running an institution. The most important point to remember is to have a vision. He shared about being an example. Punctuality and fairness are important. We are grateful to Br Larry for sharing his experiences and shall thrive to enact his advice.



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Session#8: 9th April- Personal Journey of a Lay Principal – Mr Ravi Victor

The eighth and final episode of the Phase 1 zoom sessions was presented by Mr. Ravi Victor, Principal of St. Vincent's High School, Asansol, West Bengal. Ravi shared with us his life journey as a lay Principal. He valued his experience to be associated with the Christian Brothers right from his school days, as a teacher in St. Patrick's and as a Principal of St. Vincent's High School. Br. Keane and Br. Raj Naronha are worth a mention, they were his mentors and guide as they supported him during the initial years as a Principal. He mentioned that there ought to be no compromise when it comes to ethos, new ideas and to taking initiatives as a Principal. We are inspired by the life experiences of Mr Ravi Victor.

The online sessions were well-spaced out with a day break in between to process the vast and expansive information received. Most of the participants found the overload of information challenging and stimulating. For some of us it is the first time listening and discussing a whole new organisational worldview. We all expressed that we would have preferred to be present to each other as we learnt about CCBI, but were aware that the lockdowns were limiting. At the end of the online sessions, we are all ready to head to Chandigarh for the in-person sessions.

Mr. John Gomes, Ms Nandita, Lurshai

LANDING IN INDIA

(Part 1)

On the 21st of November 1952, (Feast of the Presentation of Our Lady), Dermot Barrett left Ireland for Liverpool with Flavian O'Keeffe, Paul Barry and Jim Cleary, accompanied by Baptist Doyle. From there they went on to London where they met up with Dinny Donoghue and Mick Walsh who completed the party of six who were to travel to India together.

Then on the 24th of November, (which was then the feast of John of the Cross), they took the train by themselves, from London to Southampton and boarded a Polish boat called "The Batory". While crossing the Bay of Biscay they ran into a heavy storm which delayed their arrival in Gibraltar. There they were due to meet deSales Foley who was then the Superior of the community in Gibraltar but he wasn't allowed on board because of the quick turn-around necessitated by the delay incurred because of the storm, so he sent wine, dates and fruits from Gibraltar to the travellers and they continued their journey into the beautiful Mediterranean.

On the voyage out to India it was obvious that Dermot did not fit in with the rest of the group. It wasn't that the Brothers were in any way antagonistic, obviously they knew the 'cloud' that he was





under but they made no difficulties for him ... but he felt cut off from the group. What stood out for him was the loneliness ... *"I never knew what loneliness was before ... EVERY thing was gone now ... everything was gone. I could not relate with the people on board with me,"* because of the suspicious climate towards the 'Mystics' that he had left behind among the Brothers in Ireland. He felt that they would have heard the story and judge him as others had, *"so I couldn't be free with them"*. His only company was a book he had brought with him, *"One with Jesus"* by Jäger. And even that disappeared at some stage in the voyage ...

They went ashore in Port Said and briefly visited Cairo before going through the Suez Canal and on to Karachi. From there they turned south for Bombay. Eventually, at eight o'clock in the morning on the 14th of December (the later feast of John of the Cross) 1952, the little group landed in Bombay.

I remember looking out and I saw a horde of coolies, all dressed in blue and they rushing up the gangway. I said: "I'll never see my luggage again!" But sure enough when I got out of the boat and went in to the Customs, arranged in A,B,C,D ... there was my box ... Barrett - B ... We got off the boat and were met by Elphege McLoughlin. He brought us to the Majestic Hotel ... and when we sat down there he proceeded to tell us how two years before one of the Brothers was murdered in Asansol... Not a pretty introduction to India!

We then embarked on a forty-hour train journey to Calcutta ... I thought the train would never stop ... After Ireland where the longest train journey might be three hours ... One night ... the next night ... forty hours! ... and the middle of the night you'd hear hawkers: "Paan, Beedi, Cigarette!" How could anybody be out at night doing anything !!! I didn't understand it.

At ten to one on the 16th of December, (it's embedded in my mind for ever)

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we arrived in Calcutta. There we were met by the Provincial, JE McCann and Brother Calasanctius Drew who brought us to Bow Bazaar. The Provincial welcomed us with the news that the Brothers were already on their Christmas retreat. I was due to make Final Vows so I went on retreat that very evening. That was a terrible experience also: to come in, not knowing anything, couldn't talk to anybody, coming right in and on Christmas Day that year, three of us made Final Vows - Paul Barry, Ambrose Cushmanan, (who left subsequently) and myself.

I was detailed to go to Mount Abu. But since that school opened only in March I had two months before that would happen, so I was asked to stay on in Bow Bazaar to teach classes of Brothers on holidays in Ireland for the two intervening months. I remember teaching Latin and Maths to Class X. And then every day we used to go to the Maidan for Sports' Practice.

February 5th 1953 marked Sports Day in the school and everybody returned to Bow Bazaar in good spirits. An invitation was issued to the community: "Come down to the Boss's room for a drink". I said: "No!" and sat out on a bench there, overlooking the front 'field' and Calcutta.

As I sat there I began to experience the presence of God. If it had come before that I would be out every evening out in the Maidan, looking after sports. The sports were now over, so I had time to enjoy this. Everything that I had been through before that fell into place. That was such a wonderful experience⁵

1. On the evening of the group's arrival in BowBazaar the community and new arrivals entered their eight-day annual retreat (which was also the preparatory retreat for Final Vows for Paul Barry, Ambrose Cushmanan and Dermot). Because of his October birthday Dermot became eligible for Final Profession on Christmas Day 1952. The retreat was preached by Fr Hickey CSSR and the theme of that retreat was "The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit". All through the retreat Dermot had a deep longing for mystical union and he hoped it might happen on the occasion of his final profession.
2. 19521225 Final Profession in India (See Gildas Tynan's entry in the Educational Record of 1953/1954)
3. On Christmas Day, after the ceremony, Bro Aloysius Rigolini brought Dermot to Kalighat where he felt deep shock at the scenes he was presented with there. After that he was brought to the Cathedral at Murgihata for Benediction. He remembers how early it got dark and the fact that he was the one who had been chosen to speak to the assembled communities to mark the occasion of Final Profession.
4. The gift of Total Awareness of the Presence of God which has stayed with him constantly down all the years since. His reaction: "It's true!!! I've got it ..." He felt it as a wonderful confirmation ... Everything was now falling into place ... Now he could enjoy the experience and the abiding closeness of the Divine.
5. Lightly adapted from RDB's account





Brotherhood across borders

It was back in June 2010 I joined the Philippines mission with Roshan D'Cunha, Graeme Leach and Paul Coster. Frank Perkins gave us an introduction to the place and the people before he joined a community in Australia. Time has flown quickly and now in April 2021, I have returned to my province in India.

During the time in the Philippines, we met so many people, discussing ways as to how to make our ministries relevant and best suited in the given situation. In this journey, the Government, non-government, religious groups as well as people in communities have actively contributed to our ministries to make a difference to the people in need.



Today, Edmund Rice and his values have been shared with so many to make a difference with people in Kabankalan, Maasin,

Bato, Palo, Cebu, etc. When I first arrived in Maasin, it was a brand-new start. Working with very kind and hospitable Filipino people made it easy for us to move forward in establishing Edmund Rice Ministries Foundation which will continue to support those in need. I want to thank the Board of Trustees, Boards of Management, former and present staff of ERS/ERM, Diocesan Priests as well as Religious Congregations, Governor, Mayors and LGU's, Bishops and Archbishops...Universities and Colleges, National High Schools and Elementary Schools and most of all my own Congregation... both Oceania Province and Indian province for giving me the opportunity to be a missionary in the Philippines.

2020 wasn't an easy year for the people around the world. We suffered the brunt of the face of the virus. The only way to face such a situation is to stay close to those who suffer and we believe strongly that we can overcome such a situation together. Edmund Rice Brothers have given everything to make this possible so that generations in the future could continue the values of Presence, Compassion, Liberation and Integrity.

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I want to thank all my friends in the Philippines and the Brothers who strove tirelessly to bring forth the mission of Bl. Edmund by partnering with like-minded people to bring about quality life to those in need. It was inspiring for me to see Brothers who could be living a retired life give their best for those in need.

Theo on 56th birthday in Bajpe

Presently, I am in the Bajpe community and grateful to Brs. John, Samuel and Frank for their support as I prepare myself, for my next assignment.

Theo Alvarez

A Request for Prayers

Many Brothers in India would know Phil Glendenning. He is a lay man who is the Director of the Edmund Rice Justice Center in Sydney. He has made a request for prayers through the Province Leader of Oceania for his daughter Kate who is suffering from an advanced form of liver cancer.

Phil, is very well known for his high-level advocacy and human rights work in Australia and around the world. He is a man who has committed his life to the work of the Edmund Rice Justice Centre and promotion of the Charism of Blessed Edmund Rice and the prophetic vision of an unfolding of Gospel justice in our world. He truly embodies the values of Blessed Edmund: Presence, Compassion and Liberation.

Phil has been to India a few times and was present for the “Flare up like Flame” program organised by the then Congregation Renewal Team.

Phil has requested we get the call for prayer out there far and wide, “and if anyone has a line into whoever is on Mars these days, send it there too.”

Phil in his unwaveringly inclusive way has said he would appreciate any form of prayerful support for Kate.





Praying for the candidates in our houses of Formation

During our evening prayer, communities pray for the Brothers on their death anniversaries. We also remember and pray for our Brothers of the Indian Province on their birthdays.

It would be a good practice to pray for our candidates in their various houses of Formation. Given below is the list.

FEBRUARY

- 3 Abinash AIND(Bajpe 2nd year deg)
- 23 Romanius DHANWAR(Bajpe, Class 12)

MARCH

- 1 Selvin DUNG DUNG(Bajpe, 2nd year degree)
- 11 Romanus BARLA(Bajpe, Class 11)
- 14 Eliyas LUGUN (Bajpe, Class 11)

APRIL

- 6 John DANG (Bajpe, 2nd year degree)
- 15 Mukesh SORENG (Bajpe, 2nd year degree)

JUNE

- 22 Pradeep Kumar PALAKA(Bhopal-Orientation)
- 22 Joseph BILLUNG(Bajpe, Class 11)
- 29 Ranjit KUJUR(Nov, 1st year)

JULY

- 20 Ritesh KUMAR (Bhopal, Orientation)

AUGUST

- 10 Sajit SURIN(Bajpe, 2nd Year, deg)
- 17 Emilianus SYAD(Bhopal, Orientation)

OCTOBER

- 2 Dilip KERKETTA (Bhopal, Orientation)

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NOVEMBER

- 1 Rashal BARLA(Nov, 2nd year)
22 Sonshine MARSHIANGBAI(Bhopal, Orientation)

DECEMBER

- 12 Sanjoy LUGUN (Bhopal, Orientation)



JTI CLUSTER BULLETIN

MAY 2021

The descent of our country into COVID hell this month bought me face to face with some deep emotions particularly that of sadness and grief. Something I received from a friend helped me regain inner peace and perspective:

*Grief, I've learned, is really just love.
It's all the love you want to give, but cannot.
All that unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes,
the lump in your throat, and in that hollow part of your chest.
Grief is just love with no place to go.*

Jamie Anderson

ERPAKON

In April, Jockey, Mahendra and Sunil formed the community in Erpakon. The effects of the second wave of the pandemic began to hit us here only towards the end of the month. Things began to change rapidly then, with the state administration having no option but to call for a lock down.

Sunil got ill during his stay in Patharlyndan and had to cut short the trip. He went for a COVID test, it was negative. Meanwhile most of the Cluster Brothers have got themselves vaccinated as a few are waiting their turn.



Patharlyndan SHG members building the common washing area.



With the Parish Priest Fr. Michael Sun and other visitors from Umkadhor





PATHARLYNDAN

The association of Self-Help Groups in the village – called the Village Organisation – had found that the village people needed proper enclosed bathing and washing areas. People would come to open spaces at the river for washing and bathing needs. The Self-Help Groups assisted by the Brothers identified two sites that could serve the purpose well. So, construction of two common village bathing and washing areas was started and by mid-April, they were ready for use.

The Catholic Church in Patharlyndan named after Divine Mercy celebrated its feast on the 11th of April. The whole Parish converged into the village and the celebration was ably organised by the people of the village. The village men set up the ‘pandals’ and the women took responsibility for the food. The youth with the guidance of the Brothers looked after the liturgy and choir. It was a wonderful show of cooperation.

The celebrations had actually begun earlier in the week with Vinod and David celebrating their birthdays on consecutive days. Meanwhile Gambhir returned from home on the 15th and David briefly moved to Mawjriong to enable him to join in the PLT Handing over Zoom Meetings.

UMTYRKHANG

School re-opened after Easter and the Brothers resumed their teaching ministry in the primary schools of the three neighbourhood villages of Umtyrkhang, Pamlatar and Mawlaho. The three brothers have each taken one primary school to teach Maths and Spoken English. After three weeks of school, the District Administration announced closure of schools due to the rising number of COVID cases. The Brothers are now discerning how to respond to the educational needs of the children in the present scenario.

Earlier in the year, when the Brothers called for a meeting with the people of Umtyrkhang village, the Anganwadi (kindergarten) teacher pleaded for an Anganwadi school to be constructed for preschool children. The Brothers and the people felt that this was a need that could be urgently looked into. So, the plan for the construction of the Anganwadi school was agreed by the people with the Brothers. The people constructed the Anganwadi school in March. Thirty children are enrolled and the Anganwadi teacher is pleased with the teaching space. Jerry helps the Anganwadi teacher with activities for the children. The Brothers have a plan to support and train the Anganwadi teacher this year.

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Coincidentally, the Umtyrkhang Church is also named after Divine Mercy. On the 11th, there was Mass and Adoration. Lunch was served for all. The Brothers' community offered hospitality to the invited Priests and Religious.

Umtyrkhang community too had its share of birthday celebrations in April with the birthday boy Jerry on the 29th.



Teaching ministry in Umtyrkhang Primary School



The Anganwadi (kindergarden school) constructed collaboratively this year.

Sunil Britto

POETRY SECTION

THE MAN

(for Joel)

His quiet depth, his placid earnestness –
 Who would suppose he had a secret care?
 His real concern, hidden in easy charm –
 Who would suspect the worry that lurked there?

It wormed its unsuspected way inside.
 Doctors explored, examined, sent away.
 The worry, now an ache, became a threat.
 Tablets resigned. The pain had come to stay.





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Meals fed the pain. The gnawing worm grew strong.
It stabbed new prey – and doctors found no answer.
More tests, XRays, reports – and then *eureka!*
The worm was tagged – its name, ‘incipient cancer’.

Dismayed, alarmed, and then relieved, renewed,
Things to be done were done, with pain, with peace.
Coda: we cliché night with day, darkness with dawn.
Reality: we pray for his release.

Brendan

God of Truth
We thank you today
For the justice of this moment and a
Judgment according to
Your will.
You have again
Inspired action that
Brought down the arrogant and

Called the powerful to account.
May this give all people hope for our
healing together!
May you free us from our
Need for vengeance
And clear the field to be ready for new seed

-*Richard Rohr*

