

www.examiner.in

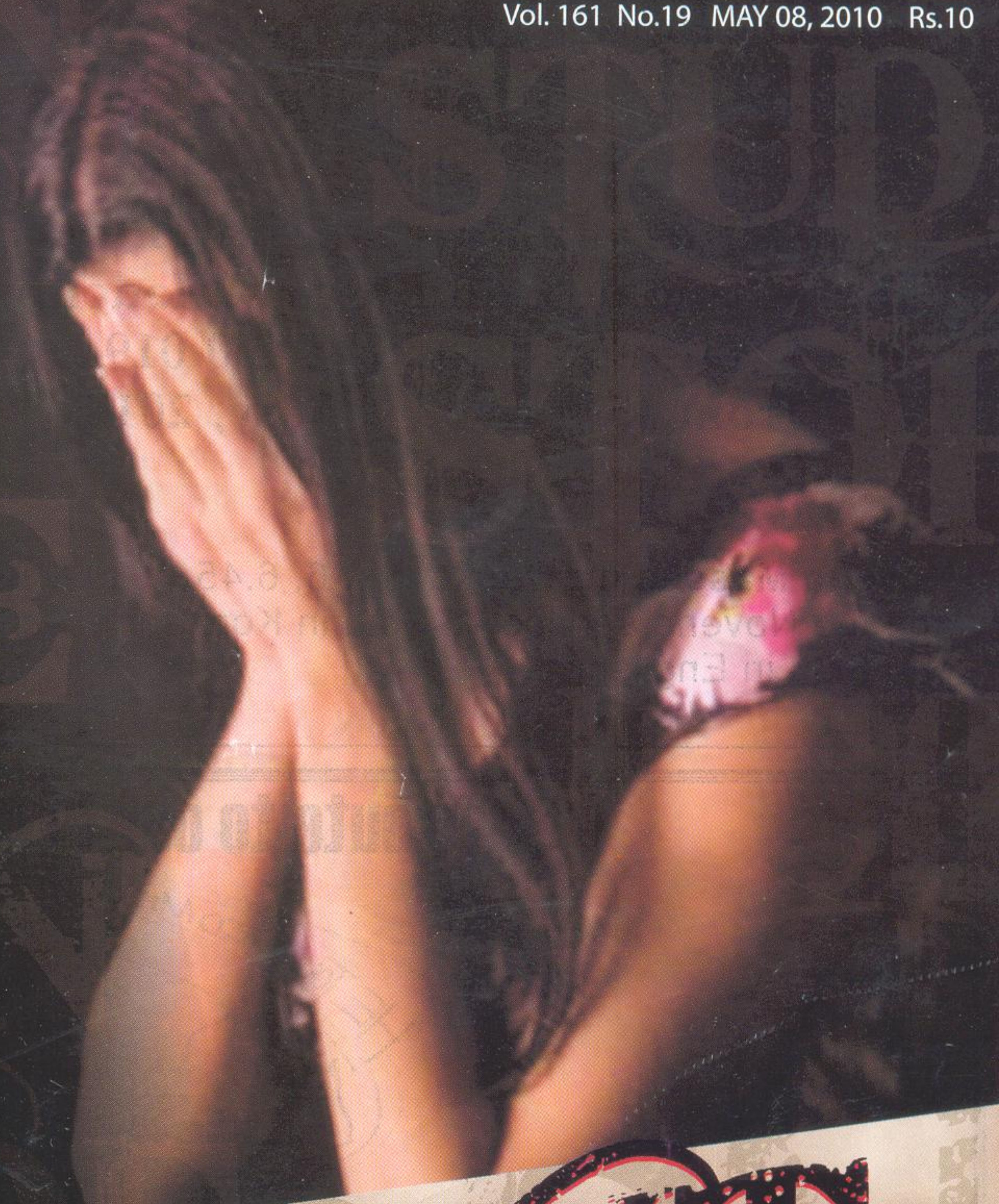
# the Examiner

A CATHOLIC NEWSWEEKLY Est 1850

Vol. 161 No.19 MAY 08, 2010 Rs.10

STOP

STUDENT



# PTL & Management Fundamentals of being the 'Leaven in the Dough'

*Michelle Pinto*

A group of 35 persons in the age group of 20 to 54 years - Principals, Municipal Corporator, Investment Bankers, VPs and Country Heads, Systems, Management and HR Professionals, Managers, students and the like, signed up for the Power to Lead (PTL) - Batch 4.

PTL is a Christian Leadership programme, which has a blend of Strategic Thinking, Management concepts and Bible-based Christian values, designed and delivered by a team of highly experienced and renowned industry professionals and learned members of the clergy.

Our PTL journey began with a three-day live-in at Khandala in September 2009. The weather was great - rain, mist, fog. The beauty of the western ghats was breathtaking. However, the sessions that followed parachuted us back to reality. From personal values, mission and soul-searching to finding our strengths and weaknesses, leadership skills and competencies, it was an intensive, power-packed programme.

For the following six months, we met every alternate Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. at St Pius X Seminary, Goregaon (E), Mumbai for more intensive sessions. PTL helped us enhance personal and professional skills, while examining

the need to contribute to society.

The topics ranged from Beatitude values in personal and professional life, worldviews and cultures, leadership styles, knowing one's rights, discernment, Christian call to excellence, emotional wounds, responding to human rights, to developing leadership competencies like analytical thinking, the power to change, paradigms, problem solving, to communication skills amongst many others.

There were three projects to be completed - personal, professional and social.

PTL increased our awareness, inspired and aroused in us a passion to scale new heights, while empowering us to take those small steps to help us get there. At the end of the programme, we emerged more focussed on our mission in life, with a realisation of our commitment to society, and with sharper professional skills keeping our Christian values in focus.

Therefore, PTL has added the much needed Christian dimensional values to those management attributes that help us sail through challenging times with focus and confidence, thereby answering our Christian call to excel, all for the greater glory of God!