

Summer Camp in Bidar

Fr. Sathish scj

In the parish of Talmadgi we began our Faith formation camp on 27th evening. In this camp 145 children took part, they were from class II to IX. This camp was conducted according to the guidance of Bishop. The main theme of the camp is "values". SMMI sisters supported to organise various programmes, sports, literary activities. We had Easter celebration with camp children and we ended our camp with short picnic to Gulburga.



Dates to Remember – April

- 10. Birth Day. Dn. Reegan
- 10. Birthday Br. Alwyn
- 20. Birthday Fr. Gaspar
- 28. Ordination Anniversary Fr. George Antony
- 29. Birth Day Fr. Jacob

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SACRED HEART VICARIATE - INDIA

Dear Friends in the Heart of Christ,

“From the Heart of Christ to the Heart of the World” is the motto of our young Novices who make their commitment in the heart of Christ in the family of Betharram. From the heart of Christ gushes the blood and water which washed away the sins of the humanity. From the Heart of Christ flows the love, compassion, mercy, humility, obedience and gentleness. The consumerist, tension filled world of today needs the love of a neighbor, needs the caring hand, a shoulder to lean, a ears to listen



and a heart to console. Jesus said come to and take rest all those who are burdened. We can find our peace, joy and consolation in surrendering ourselves to the Heart of Christ. “Jesus I trust in thee” need to be our mantra in the time of trials and tribulations. Only Jesus our resurrected Lord can give us the peace which the world cannot give. He gives the assurance in saying “Peace be with you”. The same

Peace the world is looking for. St. Michael our founder discovers the love, peace and obedience which comes from the heart of Christ and encourages us to share it saying “Bring same happiness to others and true Betharramite is a happy person. When we keep our plan with the plan of God or to the plan of the Sacred Heart we will truly find the inner joy and peace.

United in the Heart of Christ

Fr. Arul Gnana Prakash scj

Regional Vicar

GRAND PARENTS VISITING GRAND CHILDREN

It was a usual Sunday evening for many. But for the “ Park Friends” it was not. “ The Park Friends ” are the senior citizen who are retired from their services from different government offices who come for a morning walk in the park. They have made small association and do some charitable services. Nearly 15 of them belong to different religion had come to our Fr. Xavier Care Home in Shobhana



Shaaka Bangalore to meet our hostel boys with some tiffin items. The children had gone out when these elderly people came. They all waited for the Little boys to come. As soon as they saw the children all the grand fathers so happy, they served the children .They sat and ate with them they shared their joy.

REFLECTING ON LETTER OF ST. MICHAEL GARICOITS

TO A LADY; NAME NOT KNOWN (1827)

I am quite late replying to your letter and I fear this may have upset you. However you can always be sure that I never forgot you before the Lord. It always consoles me to think of the graces he has given you and to which, I do not hesitate to say, you have responded so generously. Oh! how you should rejoice in the Lord for having said yes; when you were your own mistress and free to do what you wanted, and he asked you to renounce that freedom and to offer it up again. To reward you for this generous sacrifice, he gave you his divine heart and assured you of the eternal possession of it by the consecration that you have made him of yourself. With what joy you must have renewed this same consecration the day before yesterday. How many graces will the divine Heart give you because of the promise you have made. Correspondence F.V.D. first period: 1825 - 1833 Following on from this, try in spite of your feelings of unworthiness to approach...Do not dream of changing your confessor. He is a good priest who has always given you good advice. Put aside your feelings and the effect they have on you. Remember 'To you, alone, O Jesus, you alone.' (I am assuming that there is nothing unseemly or inappropriate in your dealings with your confessor). That being the case, what would be the point of changing? Soon you would experience the same discontent with another, and then with a third... etc. Do not alter anything in your way of life. Trust and be brave! In the crown of the spouse is the crown of the martyrs. Farewell, Sister, all generations will call you blessed .My Jesus, my good master, I am no longer for myself but all yours. Do with me what you will. Here I am ...O my master, I am happy to serve you.

MINISTRY WITH MIGRANTS

The archdiocese of Bangalore formed the commission for the migrants in the year October 2015. Soon after its formation, the commission has been organizing various programs for the migrant's community in the archdiocese of Bangalore. The CRI has taken up the responsibility to care the migrants under the direction of Archbishop and his council members and I have been appointed as the full time working secretary (Executive secretary). There are 25 fathers, 30 sisters and more than 50 lay animators associate with this ministry actively in this ministry in the archdiocese other than independent migrant pastoral care units. The commission members extend wholehearted support towards every concern of the migrants in the archdiocese and encouraged everyone to come out of their fear and live happily.



The commission organises various programmes for the migrants for the pastoral care throughout year such as, creation of pastoral care centres (mass centres) wherever is necessary (at present we are having more than 25 centres for pastoral care), occasional gathering for different ethnic groups in view of orientation and mobilization for the distressed migrants, cultural sharing, international migrants day on every 2nd Sunday of January, migrant unorganised workers day on 2nd of October, etc... the migrant community has consists of people from African continent, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, North East of India and other Hindi speaking states. The commission has identified more than 10,000 migrants in different centres who are directly or indirectly associated with us for various needs. In addition to pastoral care, the commission extends support for legal, employment, refugee care works, health care and insurance, social security through formation of organization and association. I have been part of human rights commission with regard to social justice and anti-human trafficking move-



The hostel children were too happy to see the loving grandparents. "The Park Friends" said they contribute



once in a month Rs. 200 each and visit the near by care homes to give whatever things possible. It is the material things are important rather the heart that wants to give and share. It was a good example for the proverb "feathers of the same flock fly together" it is because all were from different communities, religion. I could find few elderly Hindu men, few Muslim men and few Christian. It shows their unity in diversity. I said to one of the members quoting Mother Theresa "when we pray we come closer to God, When we serve God comes closer to us" it was true. They all were happy. All found their real happiness in serving, caring and loving the young children who really need the tender loving care of the elders.

My mission in India

I would like to share in brief about my experience while doing my ministry in Chennai at Royapuram in St. Peter's Church. At first I felt little lonely because I don't know anybody there except Fr. John Britto. I was completely new to the place. As the days went by I began feel at ease and started to talk to the people and also the children. I was really happy to share the life style of my country to children. The people and the children were interested to listen and also treated me as friend.



On Sunday's I helped for catechism classes for the children. I could see the people there loved to come for the Sunday masses. It was a beautiful opportunity for me to express my faith by teaching them about Jesus and some basic prayers. The people were happy to send their children for the catechism classes. In the beginning there were only a few children coming for the catechism classes but slowly the number increased. As I taught them, I also learned many things from them.

During the month of November, the restoration of the church began. So, I spend most of time helping to clean the church from inside. After one month the painting was completed and the church appearance was so bright and beautiful. The parishioners were really happy to see their church so beautiful and they loved there their church.

Finally I would like to express my gratitude to God the Almighty for guiding and protecting me throughout my ministry. I express my special thanks to the congregation for giving me this opportunity to do my ministry in this place. I also thank the parish priest

Fr. John Britto scj and parishioners for these beautiful experiences. I keep all of them in my prayer and hope to see them again. "Doing something for God, it's always meaningful"

Bro. Matthew

TWO YEARS OF BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCES

Time never waits for anyone. It moves onward and does its duty, and it is meaningful for everyone. The fruit of time can be seen in the persons who follow the time and have good management over the time, and who gives importance to time. Each phase of time shows us how much we have developed in our lives, and it reminds us to reflect back how much we have valued the time. Time is very precious and it is a grace instrument of our life.



As the flower blooms and fades or withers away, as the seasons keep changing so also my two years of novitiate experience in India come to end. And this experienced helped me to change myself and to grow more and more spiritually. Two years experience is good opportunity that I have received from congregation, and through the various experience that I have encounter helped me to know more and more about the several of situation, and also learn more and more about the several of difference cultural, languages, society of people. I can say that it is beautiful time for me because I have learned the new things which I have never experience before.

Many places in India that I have visited, I gained a lot of beautiful experiences that I can take it be my lesion especially the faithful of people in India, which is one thing that also that I keep in my memory.

All the experiences that I had received in novitiate time helped me to know how to become a good missionary of the sacred heart of Jesus of Betharram .Two years beautiful experienced that God has given me with gratitude in his merciful love I will follow his call with love and confident.

My life is God gift

My vocation is God plan

His will I am going to do

In his beautiful hand I live

The beautiful gift that I had received I will give back to him "It's has please God to make himself love and while I am still his enemy" Praise the lord Halleluiah Amen.

-Bro. Peter