

## In the Foot Steps of St. Michael

### The Virtues of the ECCE VENIO HUMILITY.

with his inborn fearlessness, Michael, a hardy mountain-dweller, sets out to climb the steps of sanctity, as in his youth he had scaled the rugged peaks. the power of his thought derives from the irrefutable logic with which he draws practical conclusions from simple and sound principles. his philosophical mind, his customary class, discussions, enable him to press the logic to the end, without allowing the mind respite either to withdraw or to refuse the evidence.

But the accuracy of his judgement and his perfect sence of equilibrium prevented him stepping over the bounds and avoided his having to retreat or correct himself. He sees in humility the essential condition which alone made possible the ECCE VENIO.

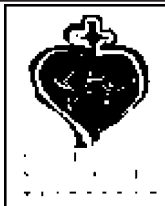
#### In our Place

It is by sounding the Sacred Heart that he discerns the depth of this virtue, where he leads us by degrees. At sirst it is only a mustard seed:

Humility in the eyes of the proud, a very smaal virtue, despised and rejected by wordly wisdom; but chosen by divine wisdom to be the foundation of christian and religious life. To what degree of glory christ raised i in person!Our Lord chose this little seed of humility and sowed it in His Heart. How did he do this? by the love he had for humanity, by the importance He gave it, by the inseperable bond He wanted it to have with all the states of his life. The incarnation is the mystery of his self-effacement, His self-emptying. His birth too, etc... He continues the practice of this virtue in His sacrament till the end of time.

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#### Christ, the Justice of God

Towards the end of his message for Lent, Pope Benedict XVI, writes:

*God has paid for us the price of the exchange in His Son, a price that is truly exorbitant. Before the justice of the Cross, man may rebel for this reveals how man is not a self-sufficient being, but in need of Another in order to realize himself fully. Conversion to Christ, believing in the Gospel, ultimately means this: to exit the illusion of self-sufficiency in order to discover and accept one's own need – the need of others and God, the need of His forgiveness and His friendship.*

Of this forgiveness and friendship we all, none excepted, are in need. This aspect is highlighted by the parable of the Prodigal Son or of the merciful Father, in which the elder son thinks to be already good enough, and not in need of the Father's love and mercy.

This parable plunges us in the atmosphere of Lent

“A man had two sons...”: how many times we have read or listened to these words introducing the well-known parable. None of these two sons was aware of the Father's love. The younger tried to find this love far from home, but he was deluding himself. It was only when he came home that he made the great discovery. The elder was no less than his younger brother: he did not leave home, but still he was not aware of his father's love.

The point is that we all carry in ourselves a little of the two brothers, wherever we stand in our spiritual life; we all need to realise how much we are loved by the Father. This is one of the lessons of the Lenten Season, a lesson put in such clear words by the Pope in his message:

«In order to enter into justice, it is thus necessary to leave that illusion of self-sufficiency, the profound state of closure, which is the very origin of injustice. In other words, what is needed is an even deeper “exodus” than that accomplished by God with Moses, a liberation of the heart, which the Law on its own is powerless to realize». May this Lenten journey make us more aware of the real meaning of the word justice and help us give a new meaning to our actions and to our prayer.

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## **LENT - AN EXCHANGE OFFER BY THE CHURCH**

**Dear Friends in the Heart of Christ, Greetings to you all. I am glad to meet you all once again through this leaflet "smile".** I am infact happy to share my little reflection about the "Lenten Season". Let me share it with a story. There was a pig and a cow in the same farm. This pig approached the cow with a complaint saying, "Hey, my friend cow look, we both are animals. But when people see you either they fold hands or just push you the other side. Whereas, when they see me either they chase me out or stone at me. Why do the people behave in this manner? Cow paused for a while and replied, "My dear pig, we both are animals. But **you are useful only when you die whereas I am useful always**". Yes, dear friends, **Today, there is a quest to find a meaning in life.** We are called to live our life in a meaningful way and the Church offers this season of lent to examine our lives. **It is not a season to give up things and habits rather it is a season to exchange by giving old attitudes, habits, desires and possessing the Lord's as our own.** How can I achieve this? First and foremost, I am called to realize that I am dust and I will definitely return to this dust. Therefore, I am invited by the Church to be united with the Lord in prayer. Secondly, as this season calls me, I am called to discipline myself by undertaking certain type of penance and fasting. Thirdly, I am called to give all that I am and all that I have with the generous heart. When these three aspects are fulfilled in my life, I am sure that I become a meaningful human person otherwise I always tend to have a kind of emptiness within me. **May I wish you all a meaningful lent and may all of us find our life filled with true Joy, Peace, Serenity.** Thus, you and I become a meaningful human person in the world of today.

**Yours in the Heart of Christ  
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## ***Insight of the Inner Voice***

### ***The Temptation of Christ (Lk4:1-13)***

Dear, for me lent is a journey catching hold of the Father's hand and for awhile leaping into a risky circle in order to get back the glimpse of my last divinity. I don't be bewildered for Father has taken me into the desert where there is no oasis, no green grass rather full of dust, aching mountain path and heavy sun light. Yet I could see in a corner there is a man with full of sweat and blood, down to earth as a sign of complete contradiction. My companion disciples said that he is the promised Messiah but I could not find any royalty in his appearance. It seems he has been here in this desperate desert alone watching and praying for forty days with empty stomach, having unending conversation with the Lord. I thank God the Father for leading me to the right person for whom my heart was longing for these many years. He can overcome any temptation like wealth, power or security. I am happy to walk with him not only for forty days but for life long. Yes, I have found the Messiah. Would you like to join me?

## ***Vicariate Calendar 2010***

**We Wish You Happy Birth Day**

**MAR. 03.** Br. Jobin , **03.** Fr. Tidkham, **15.** Bro. Livin, **21.** Bro. Emilio  
**APRIL 10.** Br. Reegan, **17.** Br. Abraham, **18.** Br. Jain, **25.** Fr. Gaspar  
**29.** Br. Jacob

**WE WISH YOU ALL HAPPY EASTER  
MAY THE RISEN LORD BLESS ALL OF US**