



Corpus Christi Movement for Priests

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Briefs

- Let us congratulate and pray for those priests who have been newly-ordained, our silver jubilarians, and our golden jubilarians this summer.
- Please pray for Blessed Teresa's canonization.

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“Tell them to give all to Jesus”

These were Sr. Nirmala's last words to us. Born in 1934 in Nepal, she went back to God in Kolkata at 12:05am on June 23.

Sister was not keeping well during the Chapter [in March] but her gentle and prayerful presence gave us great support and joy. On April 7th she started to have severe chest pains, which doctors realized was a heart attack. In June she was admitted to the hospital. As Sister expressed her desire to

return home, she was brought back to St. John's on June 19th. These final days were days of intense suffering, total identification with Jesus on the Cross in His last agony.

Archbishop Emeritus Henry D'Souza, a member of the CCM, rarely goes out nowadays but he came one day and prayed with the Sister and

blessed her. Every day we had Holy Mass in Sister's room, as and it seemed as if Mary were standing at the foot of the Cross, seeing Jesus her beloved Son dying of Thirst. On June 20th Sister told us “Tomorrow I am going home.” She always had the picture of Our Lady of Fatima—the Immaculate Heart—close to her.

The funeral Mass was presided over by Cardinal Telesphore Toppo. Archbishop Thomas D'Souza of Kolkata and Bishop Lobo of Baruipur concelebrated along with more than 70 priests. People put up a billboard near our Church saying “Sr. Nirmala M.C. symbol of prayer, charity, piety, simplicity, service to the poorest of the poor.”

Reflections on “Wholeheartedness” by Mother Teresa

Seek wholeheartedly to love God and long to find Him. In this way you satiate the Thirst of God who thirsts for us to thirst for Him. Jesus, God made man, has come to reveal God to us. Listen prayerfully in deep faith to His teachings and strive to do what He says. For Jesus tells us: “If you love Me, you will keep my commandments, and my Father will love you and we will come and dwell in you.” Jesus also tells us: “Love one another as I have loved you—as the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you.” It hurt Jesus to love us, yes, it hurt Him. To make sure we remember His great love, He made Himself the Bread of Life to satisfy our hunger for His love—our hunger for God—because we have been created for that love. Jesus also made Himself the hungry one, the thirsty one, the naked one, the lonely one to enable us to love Him in return, for He says: “Whatever you do to the least of mine, you do it to Me.” Jesus is hungry for our love, and this is the hunger of our poor people. This is the hunger that you and I must find. It may be in our own homes. Our devoted, wholehearted service given to Christ in the poor is a living proof to the Church that we are a living part in the body of Christ and that Christ is pleased with us and shares His love for His Father with us.



Giving wholehearted service in Haiti



Sisters preparing for the Feast of the Sacred Heart in Trinidad, June 2015

Summer Retreats for the Sisters

by Fr. Joseph Illo

As Fr. Kevin Schembri once said, “it’s hard to say no to those three blue stripes.” Many of us respond in the affirmative when the sisters call, and this part of our newsletter is dedicated to sharing our experiences with the sisters. This summer I’m giving retreats in Trinidad and Nairobi, and triduums in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. In Trinidad



most of the 20 sisters were Indian. Sr. Adriana, the regional, is from Italy, while the house superior, Sr. Adeline, is Indian; the apostolate is a woman’s shelter, and soup kitchen for men. Sr. Abigail, our cook, is superb. In Nairobi the superior, Sr. Bernadette, is French, and this will be my third retreat for her region. There are about 90 men too disabled for the Kenyan state to look after in the house, and my cook last year was also French, Sr. Eugenie, and gave me lots of sauces. I’m hoping to get French cooking again this year!

Mother Teresa’s Bishop

Archbishop Henry D’Souza reflects on 40 years as a Bishop, many of them in Calcutta.

I like to look at all these forty years as gifts of grace given to me, ... signs of God’s special love. The first sign was Mother Teresa. On 23rd February 1974, I had been appointed the Archbishop of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar. Shortly thereafter, Mother Teresa came to visit me. She said that she would be present for my Ordination ceremony. I smiled and replied that she would probably be in America, Canada or Africa, or some place on the date of my Ordination. She replied, “I will be there on that date. Your mother is dead (my mother died in 1972), hence forth I shall be your mother”.



The Episcopal Ordination took place in the Cathedral of Calcutta. Surprisingly on the 5th of May, Mother Teresa appeared with another sister. My father was sitting in the first row, along with my brothers and sisters and family. Mother Teresa walked up to the first row and indicated that she wanted to sit by the side of my father where she positioned herself – in fact the family moved to make room for her. Thus symbolically, Mother Teresa showed that she would be my mother hence forth.

After some weeks in Bhubaneswar, I came back to Calcutta to visit Mother Teresa. I began to tell her about my problems. She said to me: “Don’t call them problems, they are gifts from God”. She soon proved that she was now my mother taking care of my problems by opening her first house in Bhubaneswar.

CCM Retreat in Fatima last November

About 60 members of the Corpus Christi Movement from all around the world met in Fatima, Portugal for an biennial retreat last November 17-22. Fr. Pascual had rooms for us in the Carmelite retreat house, located on the edge of the great Sanctuary. Fr. Brian Kolodiuchuk joined us for the entire time and gave a talk. Other talks were given by CCM members as well as Fr. Peter, MC. We had lovely times of prayer in the chapel, meals, and visits to the holy sites in and around Fatima. Perhaps most memorable was the final Mass at the Chapel of the apparitions.



Our Corpus Christi Movement priests with local Sisters in Fatima, Nov 2014