

Thanksgiving after retreat



Very dear Babu acha,

I stand here in the name of 35 of us. I want to begin with the deep sentiments of my heart

There is peace, an inner peace, unable to describe, it permeates in a troubled heart when God is in command. There is joy, a marvelous joy to know we are not alone because the Lord provides the light into our dark unknown.

There is love, abundant love unfathomed and it's free.

There is hope, a blessed hope because of God's great love.

There is faith, a limitless faith and yet a grain or two can move a mountain.

There are the gifts, God's matchless gifts that are freely given, by the experience of the depth of God's mercy.

You invited us to come away to a deserted place all by ourselves to rest a while. from there to stop from our busy schedule to look back to be grateful to correct and to proceed to live a community of the Third order of St. Dominic for the service of the parish, to educate the youth and care for the sick poor. The reason of the community is the service of charity. Our Mother Foundress told us "Keep the presence of God in all your actions". She invites us to pray at all times and, with this continual prayer of the heart to do everything for the love God.

But Some of us forgot all these things. you took us back to the source so that we may drink deeply the clear waters of our spirituality.

It is not the human love that the people around are expecting from me and I need to be a Sunflower rotating according to the Sun. We have understood that God's love is a supermarket love and we will not go to the ration shop.

Without faith it is impossible to please God. We are not part time religious. we are full timers. we are religious round the clock. we will neither scandalize the family nor the young generation.

We make two convictions of Jesus as ours. We are beloved daughters of God our Father and Father has entrusted a mission to each one of us. Therefore, we will listen to the will of God.

A labourer goes to the field to work, a student goes to the class to study and a religious come to the convent to obey. If the obedience is a problem it is because intimacy is a problem. so we shall take care of our intimacy.

If I lose Jesus today I will lose him forever in my life. so I will find out solution for myself like Zacheus.

Vow of poverty demands hard work. Poverty is love before it is renunciation. Spiritual disposition is not enough. Material dispossession is very important.

We are not stronger than Samson. even he is fallen. We are not holier than David . He is also fallen. We are not wiser than Solomon. Even he is fallen. We have decided to gift our bridegroom with an undivided love because no one will be there to sympathize with us if we are fallen.

Forgiveness is a pre-requisite for our prayers to be heard. With unforgiving nature, every Eucharist has gone a waste.

Who invented community? Trinity. It is a gift of God's love and must be God's loving presence in the world today. Inside and outside so that no one will say that no one bothered about me. When we grow closer to Jesus we grow closer to one another. There will be No TV, No Mobile during common prayer, common meal and common recreation.

There is a momentary, temporary and passing pleasure involved in every sin. Warning of punishments are given. Abstain from sin otherwise our family will be in trouble.

Let us come back. Make a U turn. Change in the attitude and life style. This is coming back to the Lord and conversion. Whatever sins we have committed and confessed will be cast into the depths of the sea. To commit sin is human. To remain in sin is devilish. So We shall go for a picnic to Papanashinipuzha to the presence of God to be angels as often as we can.

God will be more pleased with a barking of a dog than the prayer of a religious who is wandering in mind. Nobody can teach us to pray. It should come from within. Every religious is expected to be a lamp at the tabernacle...Have an attitude of prayer wherever we go. That is our identity. Internal and external identity should be reflected in us.

If you do not go for personal Eucharistic adoration do not go for ministry that day. No compromise with prayer. If you are not able to pray, better to quit. This is not your place. Take a decision.

Suffering will make us holy religious. But it is hard to sing Dhukkathinte paana paathram karthavente kayyil thannal santhosahathodathu vangil halleluia paadidum njan.

Human mind can never forget anything. Everyone has a past. Sometimes some are over-smart. Some will come like a puli. But if I as a sister have patience to go and sit with her, I can make her a poocha.

No psychologists can heal the inner wounds. Jesus is the only divine healer. He pours out his love that is Holy spirit and heals us. Turning toward Jesus is the only answer to be healed of our inner wounds. No more identity crisis for us. Our identity as religious is in connection with Jesus. We are children of God. Therefore, the gates of heaven are open for us.

God is mad after me. My autobiography is ready. Those of you who have not yet started it, it is never too late. Start right now. I am sure we have inspired many though they may not have said we are living saints. Yet we have the courage to start afresh. So let's begin again.

Dear Fr. Babu,

You challenged us to live in the presence of God,

You taught us to seek the Lord

You questioned our willingness to forgive

You encouraged us to pray unceasingly

You urged us to be Eucharistic centred religious

and consoled us that there is no other way but Cross, so accept cross and suffering to be holy.

Yes father, thank you so much for the lovely retreat you preached for us and praying for us. One voice is not sufficient for thanking you. Therefore, we all join in singing

Love that's freely given wants to freely be received

All the love you poured on us can hardly be believed

And all that we can offer you is thanks

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