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Eternal Home*



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Building God's Kingdom

It took me by surprise to know how Petronas Towers was built, from the selection of the site to the building of its mast. It is a story of a team work, it is a story of collaboration and it is a story of sacrifice of committed persons for seven years.

Selection of materials for this gorgeous skyscraper was done with extreme care. Each brick on the building had gone through test to prove its strength. We generally have crack on buildings because of the use of bricks of poor quality. One of such bricks among several bricks of good quality can cause crack on buildings and it damages the strength and durability of the building. Therefore the selection process matters a lot for the quality of a building.

Similarly, being religious with a mission of building the Kingdom of God on earth we have a great responsibility to improve our quality as persons who have responded to God's call to this end. Hence, it is needed that we care for the human and divine aspects of religious life with due respect and importance, in the present age when we are busy with various activities. Sometimes the danger of being an active religious is to identify religious call with social work. It is difficult to subject it for introspection, yet it is required of each of us. Introspection can help us understand our direction. Well, if we are called for building God's Kingdom we cannot choose the path of a social worker. Therefore, choosing the kind of bricks is important to build ourselves. Otherwise, we build towers of ourselves and challenge God and remain confused, scattered and lacking integrity (Babel).

As we know it is a hard part of the religious journey we make but it is a part of the journey and it is a necessary part of the journey. Now the question is how do I do it and what do I do with it in the process of establishing God's kingdom in me and in the society.

"Lord, enlighten me with your wisdom that I may choose what is best for me and know where you are calling me in life" (Anonymous).



Fr. Reji Kaithaparambil MI
[Vicar Provincial]

BREAD⁴LIFE

Get up, eat; Or, the journey be too much



Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect.. (Jas 3:2b)

As heart mirrors one's *self* so does the mouth opens one's heart. What comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, says Jesus (Mt. 15:18). Our call to participate in the Father's perfection can be well responded to through a zeal for precious speech.

Woe is me... for my unclean lips! (cf. Is 6:5)

Words speak more than its meanings. **Words pour out the whole person to the listener.** Holy the words, pure is the heart. Impurity of lips (words) digs out the rottenness of the person. Good tree does not produce bad fruits. And the Holy Spirit asks: "Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?" (Jas 3:11)

Avoid profane chatter!

St. Paul instructs Timothy and me that meaningless and unholy words do not build up any one, rather will lead people into more and more impiety and will spread like ulcers that rotten one's flesh (2 Tim 2:16-17).

What are my words and chats like? ...the jokes I share...? and ... the SMS too!

That, words may give grace to the hearer!

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit (Lk 1:41). While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word (Acts 10:44). My words too should carry grace for the hearer. St. Paul pleads us: Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building

up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear (Eph 4:29).

A burning coal on my lips, O Lord! (cf. Is. 6: 6-7)

The Word of God promises that on the day of the Lord's coming he will change the speech of the people to a pure speech (Zech 3: 8,9). Prophet Isaiah experienced a total cleansing at the touch of the heaven's live coal on his lips. He was made ready for the mission he was to be entrusted with: to proclaim God's message. To Jeremiah the promise is: If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth (Jer 15: 19).

Make me your mouth and give me your tongue

WAY OF THE WORD



- + The upright shall behold his face. (Ps. 11:7 c)
- + Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from seeking deceit. (1Pet 3:10)
- + The Spirit of the Lord ... knows what is said, therefore those who utter unrighteous things will not escape notice,.. and a report of their words will come to the Lord. (Wis 1: 7-9)

- All quotes are from NRSV

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One Hundred Arms, Only One Heart

Narikuzhiyil Jaison MI

Rome: In preparation for the forthcoming 400th Anniversary of the death of St. Camillus (July 14, 2014), the General Consulta organized a two-day International meeting of the Great Family of St. Camillus at House of Divine Master in Ariccia here on May 25 & 26.

The meeting in which 108 delegates, including Camillian Priests and Brothers, members of Daughters of St. Camillus and Ministre degli infirmi di San Camillo, Brothers and Sisters of

Lay Camillian Family, from 23 countries participated, reflected on the actuality of Camillian Charism, on its richness and different ways of implementing it, with particular stress on future challenges. The meeting also looked for ways of collaboration between different realities of Great Family of St. Camillus, as the expression of common identity. General Councilor Fr. Paulo Guarise organized the whole event. Fr. Joshy Kanjirathamkunnel and I represented Indian Vice Province in the meeting.

A Frame from our History



Babychan Pazhanilath receives the Camillian religious habit from Fr. Ernesto Nidini on May 25, 1990 at Upasana, Bangalore.



FORMATION - II

Koonanickal Sojan MI
Secretariat for Formation
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Formation as Integration

It is the whole person who is involved in the vocation and formation. The theological anthropology stresses the fact that the whole message of revelation is centered on the salvation of the human person and on his/her integral formation. (Rulla, *Anthropology of the Christian Vocation*, vol.1: *Interdisciplinary Bases*, 33) The need for the harmonious integration of the various aspects of formation is emphasized in *Vitae Consecrata* by saying, "It must therefore provide a human, cultural, spiritual and pastoral preparation which pays special attention to the harmonious integration of all its various aspects." (VC. 65) Formation brings about a total transformation of the person, integrating the various spheres of the candidate. It is integration to wholeness. Formation must bring harmony, unity and wholeness. "The integral formation of a person has a physical, moral, intellectual, and spiritual dimension." (PI. 34) It is achieved when our personal love for Christ becomes the very centre of our being. (PI. 17) This integration takes place at four levels:

integration within oneself, with fellow human beings/society, with environment/creation, and with the Divine, God. Harmonious and balanced relationship among these levels would necessarily enable him/her to commit himself/herself wholly towards self-transformation, and consequently, to become an agent of social transformation.

Accompaniment is a key element in the formation of a candidate as it is the main vehicle for helping a person through the progressive process of assessment, discernment, and growth. Self-knowledge and an inward transformation are a must for this accompaniment as it is a process of journeying together, seeing together, a process of mutual sharing, learning, and a gradual growing together towards growth, maturity, integration, and perfection to which everyone is called: "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48). It is in this task that individuals and groups need accompaniment, assistance, and guidance.

A Vocation to Healing Mission

Mathew Perumpil MI

In an attempt to 'renewing and rejuvenating' our ministry to the sick, Indian Vice Province organized a week-long seminar for those working in health care field on 'Vocation to Healing Mission' at Camillian Pastoral Health Centre from May 9 to 14. The seminar was organized as part of Camillian mission to animate the health care ministry of the Church in India.

Mathew Perumpil, Baby Naikkarakudy, Biju Kizhukkarakattu and Joy Inchody were the resource persons for the seminar. During these days the ten participants reflected together the historical and Biblical perspective of the healing mission, theological foundations of healing ministry focusing on specific Camillian charism of compassion towards the sick.



Fr. Jacob Nadayath

(10.11.1926 - 23.04.2011)

*Fr. Jacob has returned to eternal home.
He gave us life and love.*

*Camillians of Indian Vice Province
remember him with gratitude.*

*He stood as beacon of light. Inspiring
many he walked ahead.*

*We bow in loving remembrance of this
exemplary missionary.*



Fr. Vittorio Paleari
[Provincial Superior]

Receiving the news of the departure of Fr. Jacob, my mind ran to our dialogues. I met him three times during my visitations. I really remember him very well; so dedicated to us., as one of us, sharing with us his deep spiritual life and expertise. He was a Father and a humble presence of Wisdom's light in our minor seminary at Mananthavady. He was a gift from God's providence, the presence of God's grace. He lived with us with fraternal love encouraging us on our way of religious and priestly life. A simple man, but at the same time so rich and generous in spirituality, Fr. Jacob was always available to us. We thank God that He gave Fr. Jacob to us. The Lombardo Venetian Province joins the Indian Vice Province in remembering and praying for Fr. Jacob.

Fr. Reji Kaithaparambil
[Vicar Provincial]

What comes to my mind about Fr. Jacob Nadayath is that he was gentle and humble of heart with a childlike smile on his face. Being a missionary for almost four decades and a priest for nearly six decades it is needless to say that he loved the church and problems in the church disturbed him. He was a God fearing priest who remained as a true Israelite without guile as was his heart's prayer "Create in me a pure heart, O God..." (Ps. 51:10). He was a model priest who remained close to God, Altar and Church. This is the reason why he was adviser for several priests, nuns and seminarians for many years. His simplicity, humility, love for poor, sense of justice, sincerity and faithfulness to God will ever remain bright in the hearts of all who have associated with him.



A Life Beyond the Grave

Illickal Baby MI

*“One who believes in me, even though he dies, will live”
(Jn 11:25).*

Now that the physical presence of Fr. Jacob has ceased, we have lost a dear one, a loving father and it hurts. He leaves a vacancy that no one can replace, a gap in our lives, in the life of his beloved ones. also for the countless lives that he touched over the years.

With cherished memories we commit this body to its resting place, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, knowing that the end of all flesh is the grave, but beyond grave that in God is our eternal life.

Fr. Jacob is gone into the world of light
But he abides with us, more present than the living man.

As a life that served many with a faithful commitment

As a life that confronted the reality with a sense of humility

As a life that was plainly spoken.

As a life that enhanced our Camillian religious life

As a life that touched, cared, comforted our hearts

As a life that celebrated in its fullness

Yes. abides with us a life, well accomplished
A life indeed beyond grave.



A Spiritual Powerhouse

Vellamattathil Binu MI

My interaction with *Nadayathachan* was always a moment of edification. I fondly recall those days I spent with him as his bystander, when he was hospitalized following a massive cardiac arrest. The confinement to the bed hardly deterred his spirit. I was taken up by his determination and willingness to fight against the odds in the life. He later on shared with me that this determination to stand up to the difficulties in life stemmed from his God experience and trust in the power of God. It was difficult for him to stay idle on the bed for longer periods and to be helped by others, but he made it a profound moment of encountering God in his life. I believe that he only shared this rich experience of God, whenever we approached him for his spiritual assistance. These fond memories can not easily vanish into thin air, but remain an encouragement to our life always.

Remembrance At the Altar



The memorial Eucharistic Celebration
at St. Camillus Seminary

Mananthavady: St. Camillus Seminary breathed and felt his presence, as he relived in the memories of many who shared their experiences with him. The Indian Vice Province remembered Fr. Jacob Nadayath with fond memories on June 2, 2011. The memorial Eucharistic celebration was an occasion for Camillian confreres, neighbours and friends, priests and religious from the diocese of Mananthavady to express their love to Fr. Jacob by their presence.

The Vicar General of Mananthavady diocese Fr. Mathew Madapallykunnel was the main celebrant of the Eucharist. The Vicar Provincial Fr. Reji Kaithaparambil, in his homily, shared his rich experience with Fr. Nadayath.



Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy in Austria is on its way of transition from traditional concept of sacramental assistance to psychological accompaniment into the various life situations of the patients. It is also moving out of the hands of the priests and nuns who have dominated this field for centuries, due to the shortage of priests and nuns, into the hands of the laity. Generally, there is a reduced need for priests and sacrament oriented care and an increased need for psycho social support. The factors that contribute to these developments are many. Disappearing of traditional faith life, disappointment with the church and depreciation for sacramental life are a few of them.

The challenges of chaplaincy are therefore many. There is a need for a language and a method of approach that open the paths to dialogue with the patients of no faith and traditionally faithful. The question for me is, if, you as a priest, do not speak of Jesus, who, then, will speak of him? The language of friendliness, the approach of caring and understanding, the willingness to listen and the readiness to accompany them into their various life situations, may



Hospital Chapel at Heitzing

open you the possibilities to get into a dialogue, which may further motivate their interest to speak about the matters of faith.

Hospitals have patients of all faiths to no faith. You are challenged to meet every day patients of different nationalities and languages, patients of different standards of the same society, patients of different faiths, patients who need you and who reject you. It is demanding to work with patients of diversities; they have a lot to teach you!

The hospital where P. Biju Nannattu and I are working is a general hospital with 1200 beds. It is already 100 years since the foundation of this hospital. Ever since the opening of this house, Camillians are caring for its

pastoral needs. Our present chaplaincy team consist of seven members, which includes four voluntary lay assistants and a deacon. With the help of the team we visit the entire hospital every week. As both of us are concerned, other than visiting the patients at their sick bed, we are on call duty for 24 hrs. Holy Mass is celebrated every day in the hospital chapel, filling us with His grace to give more of ourselves.

The *mission* will continue as long as the needs exist. But will faith be considered further as a driving force in man's search for the meaning of his pain and suffering?

5 German Words for Today:

Hospital:	Krankenhaus
Doctor:	Arzt
Illness:	Krankheiten
Female Nurse:	Krankenschwester
Male Nurse:	Pfleger

Both India and Ireland have similar history and connected stories of colonization, freedom struggles, and consequent independence, writes **Kakkarakunnel John MI**

Surprising Similarities

India and Ireland are far apart from each other, in two different continents with very different human race and culture. Of course, we can speak volumes about the differences between the two countries, but then I was struck at so quite a few similarities that I found more than pleasant surprises as I came here.

To begin with, both the countries' names begin with the alphabet 'I'. In 'Ireland' you get all the needed alphabets for 'India'. One of the first days when I was out I looked at the flying tri-colour flag on the top of one of the public buildings in Dublin and for a moment I thought: "hey, come on this is Indian flag...!" not exactly...! It was Ireland's flag. Both have very much the same color scheme: Irish flag, aligned vertically while the Indian one is horizontal with the wheel in the middle.

Both the countries have similar history and connected stories of colonization by Britain, freedom struggles, and consequent independence, culminating in a divided geography with religious connotations at the background: India-Pakistan [Hindu-Muslim] and Republic of Ireland-Northern Ireland [Catholic-Protestant]. Across both the countries we find influences of British rule, English language, railways, buildings, administration styles and the like. There are the President and Prime Minister, two houses of parliament etc. in both nations.

While I was reading the introduction of a book on Gaelic, the original language of Ireland, I was

amused to read that the roots of this language went as far as India. Don't ask me more...but I guess, there may be some connections with the India's ancient language, Sanskrit or its roots..! [Worth exploring...]

In the history of churches as well, the presence of Christian faith goes back to ancient times and their own unique traditions which went through changes and were uniformed under Rome in later centuries. Both histories experienced tensions in the process. The values of hospitality, tolerance, attitude to great resilience etc are unique to both the cultures.

I also came across stories, mainly from patients that I visited in the hospital or elsewhere: a good few said their parents or grandparents were in India serving the British Army, at least a couple of them being born there as well. Or some would speak of their son or daughter going to India for some social experience with the poor or in a village or with Mother Theresa's projects. Some spoke about someone in the family working in some computer firm in Bangalore or Hyderabad or elsewhere. The father of the 'Rose of Tralee', the most famous Beauty contest in Ireland is an Indian, married to Irish woman. In fact when I was coming back for holidays, last September, as I was getting off Bangalore, I met an Irish Carmelite priest who was going to bless the marriage of his niece marrying an Indian chap. Small world, isn't it...?





Solemn Profession Celebrated

Bangalore: Anchupankil Jobin, Areeparambil Siby, Nakkuzhikatt Jofree and Patrick Nayak vowed their perpetual commitment to the Lord and to the Order during the Eucharistic celebration held here at Snehadaan on May 25, 2011. On the occasion, John Ratnam and Chandan Bisoi, after an year of their spiritual and personal formation in the Novitiate, made their temporary profession.

The Vicar Provincial Fr. Reji Kaithaparambil accepted their profession in the presence of many Camillian confreres, their family members and relatives, neighbours and well-wishers. Praful who could not make his temporary profession in Bangalore on that day due to his illness, committed to vowed life at St. Camillus College, Eluru, on June 5, 2011.

Ordained to Diaconate

Bangalore: Taking one more step closer to realizing their dreams of priestly ordination, four perpetually professed members of the Vice Province were ordained to diaconate.

Patrick Nayak was ordained a deacon by the Archbishop emeritus of Bangalore Ignatius Pinto on May 26, 2011 at Snehaddan. Anchupankil Jobin, Areeparambil Siby and Nakkuzhikattu Jofree were ordained deacons by the auxiliary bishop of Thrissur Mar Raphael Thattil on May 30, 2011 at St. Antony's Church, Thiruvengadam.



The new batch of Novices with the Novice Master Koonanickal Sojan



A Feather in his Cap

Mangalore: Fr. Suneesh Memana bagged second prize in shot put competition at the State-level Inter-collegiate Athletic Meet - 2011 held here on May 13 & 14. The Meet was organized by Student Nurses Association, LMCN.



Vartha Photo



*Wish you all the joys and blessings of the
Feast of St. Camillus (July 14)*