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**The mighty one has done great things for me,
and holy is his name (Luke 1:49).**

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WE NEED A ROSARY

Jim Castle, a 45 year old management consultant was tired when he boarded his plane from Cincinnati, U.S.A., that night in 1981. He sat ready for the flight home to Kansas City. As more passengers entered, the plane hummed with conversation. Then, suddenly, people fell silent. Jim wondered what was happening. Walking up the aisle was the face he had seen on magazine covers and television. It was Mother Teresa. Jim realized that his seat companion was Mother Teresa.

As the passengers settled in, Mother Teresa pulled out her rosary and began to pray. Once she completed a rosary she turned toward Jim and asked, "Young man, do you say the rosary often?" "No, not really," he admitted. She took his hand and then smiled and said, "Well, you will now." And she dropped her rosary into his palm. An hour later at the airport he was met by his wife, Ruth. "What in the world?" Ruth asked when she noticed the rosary in his hand. Jim described his encounter with Mother Teresa.

Nine months later Jim and Ruth visited Connie, a friend of theirs for several years. Connie was suffering from ovarian cancer. She said, "The doctor says it's a tough case." Reaching into his pocket, Jim gently took out Mother Teresa's rosary and twined it around her fingers. He said, "Keep it with you Connie. It may help." Although Connie was

not a catholic, she accepted it willingly and whispered, "Thank you. I hope I can return it."

More than a year passed before Jim saw Connie again. She hurried toward him and handed him the rosary. "I carried it with me all year," She said, "I have had surgery and the tumour is gone completely! I knew it was time to give the rosary back. It can help another person in need."

Ruth's sister, Liz, fell into a deep depression after her divorce. She asked Jim if she could borrow the rosary and he sent it. Later she mailed the rosary back with this note, "I was so lonely and afraid. At night I held on to it, just physically held on. When I gripped the rosary, I felt as if I held a loving hand. It helped me to pull my life together. Now I think, someone else may need it."

Then one night, a stranger telephoned Ruth and asked if she could borrow the rosary to take to hospital where her mother lay in

a coma. Returning it gratefully, after a few days the woman said, "I explained to my mother that I had Mother Teresa's rosary and put it in her hand. Right away, we saw her face relax! A few minutes later she was gone. Thank you."

The request for the rosary was continued. Jim always responded by lending the rosary. But always he reminded, "When you are through needing it, please send it back. Someone else may need it."

Jim's own life has changed, too. When he found how simple was Mother Teresa, he made an effort to simplify his own life. He says, "I try to remember what really count is not money, titles or possessions, but the way we love and serve others."

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. It is believed that the Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St. Dominic by Mother Mary. This scriptural prayer which was called by Pope Pius XII as "a compendium of the entire Gospel" became one of the most popular devotions of Christian life. Without doubt rosary always nourishes and strengthens our spiritual life. "Say the Holy Rosary. Blessed be that monotony of Hail Marys which purifies the monotony of your sins! (St. Josemaria Escriva)



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ACKNOWLEDGES
ME BEFORE OTHERS,
I ALSO WILL
ACKNOWLEDGE
BEFORE MY FATHER
IN HEAVEN
(MATHEW 10:32).

RETURN TO
YOUR HOME,
AND DECLARE
HOW MUCH
GOD HAS DONE
FOR YOU
(LUKE 8:39).



CAN A LOVING GOD BE ANGRY?

Fr. Jacob Arimpur V.C......

Some people don't find the Old Testament interesting. One of the reasons is it often highlights the anger and wrath of God. And because of this there is a tendency to think that Jesus is completely different from the Old Testament God. When Philip expresses his desire to see the father, Jesus replied "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (Jn.14:9). That means the loving God of the New Testament and the "angry" God of the Old Testament are the same. We find hard to understand this because we always see anger as something bad. We read in Eph.4:26, "Be angry but do not sin." So there are times when anger becomes a sin but not always. If anger was

always a sin then the Word would not ask us to be angry.

St. Thomas Aquinas writes, "Anger is the legitimate response to injustice." That means when you see that there is something wrong going on, then anger is the proper response to such a situation. For example Martin Luther King found racial injustice perpetrated in the American community. So he took a strong stand against this inequality and he aired it through his speeches, marches and other activities. It was a kind of profound anger at the injustice done to the black community. Think about Mahatma Gandhi. He was angry at British Imperialism and its intended injustices. And it was this anger that drove all of his writings, all of his activities,

all of his marches and protests upto his death. Same way St. John Paul II was angry at Communist oppression specially in his native Poland. Listen to his speeches, read his letters or see what he did when he went there. It was all driven by a very legitimate anger at injustice.

In other words, Anger is a passion to set things right. That's why Bible can speak of God's anger. Over and over again we see that in the Old Testament. It does not mean that God's eyes have become red or that He is shouting and making loud noises. Instead whenever we read about the wrath or anger of God it simply means He wants to set things right. Anger in this sense is justified and it is the right

response in the presence of great injustice. Therefore, a Loving God will definitely get angry when things are going wrong because true Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing (1Cor.13:6).

However, St. Thomas Aquinas and the rest of our tradition also talks about the deadly sin of anger. Anger is one of the seven deadly sins. What is that? Thomas says, it's an irrational or unbalanced quest for vengeance. So, some injustice has been done, some wrong has happened. And now I'm possessed by an irrational desire for vengeance. That's the deadly sin of anger. Think about those three great figures we discussed earlier. Martin Luther King did not want to destroy the white Americans. He wanted to

redeem white Americans. He wanted to draw them into right relationship. He wanted to form a beautiful community where white and black are treated equally. Did Mahatma Gandhi want to destroy the British? Of course not. He said over and over again, 'I want the British to leave our country as our friends.' That's why he practiced non-violence. He did not want to destroy the enemy but redeem the enemy. Same way St. John Paul II did not want to kill the Polish communists. He wanted to redeem them. He wanted to draw them back into right order. In other words their legitimate anger was tethered to Love.

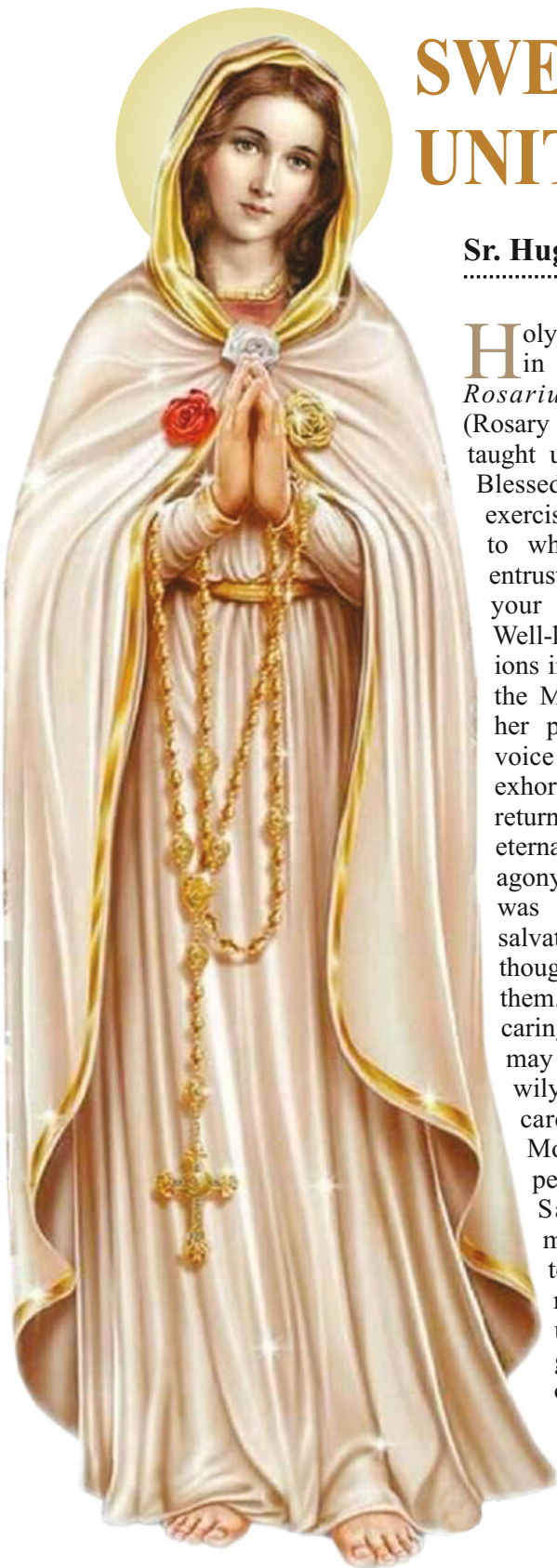
What is Love? It is not just a nice feeling or sweet emotion. To really love someone is to act

all the time willing the good of the other as other. That is not easy because that means when you see your beloved going in the wrong direction you even take up some hard and drastic steps to redeem that person. Therefore, even in their anger King, Gandhi and John Paul loved their enemies. That's why their legitimate anger did not devolve into the deadly sin of anger. This is a very important distinction to make. So whenever we see God becoming angry in the Bible it is not with the intention to destroy but with the purpose of setting things right in us because He truly loves us.

The Spirit of the Lord teaches us in Sir.27:30 "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." We often cling to our anger not as an expression of love but as an expression of moral superiority. 'Do you remember what he did to me', 'Do you remember what she said to me.' Now if there really was something unjust or really wrong then instead of trying to move through to a better place, I'm hugging it to myself so that I can say it over and over again to myself and others 'Look how I was wronged', 'Look how I was hurt.' It's an attempt to elevate the ego above others. That's the good example of the deadly sin of anger. Anger that is unmoored to love.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to see the sin of anger in my life and give me the grace to root it out of my heart. ♦





SWEET CHAIN WHICH UNITES US TO GOD

Sr. Hugo F.C.C.

Holy Pope St. John Paul II in his apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (Rosary of the Virgin Mary) taught us that still today the Blessed Mother desires to exercise her maternal concern to which the dying Jesus entrusted, “Woman, behold your son!” (John 19:26). Well-known are the occasions in the history on which the Mother of Christ made her presence felt and her voice heard, in order to exhort the People of God to return to God and enter in to eternal life. In spite of His agony on the cross, Jesus was concerned about our salvation and eternal life. He thought a mother could help them. In the absence of a caring mother many souls may fall in to the kitty of the wily of Satan. Jesus who cared for us, realising Mother Mary was the best person suited to defeat Satan, gave her as mother to us. When He told John “Here is your mother” He had all of us in His mind. Let us glance through the life of this Mother.

In spite of prayers that spanned over several years, Joachim and Hannah had

no Children. As a last resort Joachim spent 40 days in the wilderness praying and fasting. Hannah joined him at home. God, pleased with their holy life and humble demeanour finally heeded to their supplications for a child. Hannah conceived and mother Mary was deposited in her womb in answer to their patient and prayerful waiting. Mary grew up as a holy child in the happy and blessed surroundings of the family. Little Mary was offered at the Temple for the service of God. She learned Scriptures and Psalms under the guidance of prophet Anna and other priests. Mary attained puberty. She was full of wisdom and her heart was filled with love for God. Later, Joseph from the house of David was selected to be her husband and their engagement took place as per Jewish law.

Angel Gabriel was sent to Mary to announce the good news. Mary was alarmed at the sudden appearance of a stranger. The angel greeted her “Hail, Mary, full of grace” and revealed God’s plan about her. She had her doubts, and the Angel cleared them. “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. For nothing will be impossible with God”. And Mary responded, “Here I am the servant of the Lord, let it be with me according to your word”.

Coming to know about the pregnancy of Elizabeth, Mary rushed to Judea. On hearing Mary's greeting Elizabeth was filled with Holy Spirit. Elizabeth exclaimed, "And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. Mary responded by singing Magnificat.

Mary returned to Nazareth after a three months' stay at Judea. It was apparent from her appearance that she was carrying a child. Joseph was troubled. And Mary was silent as only God could get her out of her predicament. Joseph decided to abandon her quietly. Then the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in his dreams and asked him to accept Mary as his wife as Mary Had conceived the child by the power of God. Joseph acted exactly as he was told.

From the day Mary surrendered herself to the will of God, she had to tread the path of sufferings all through her life. Her difficult Journey to Bethlehem, birth of Jesus in a cattle shed, visit of the Magi, Escape to Egypt, returning to Nazareth, Missing of Jesus at the Temple of Jerusalem while he was twelve, death of Joseph : A life of real struggles, but she always believed and trusted in God.

Jesus received baptism from John the Baptist and began His public life after spending forty days in the wilderness in praying and fasting. He left Nazareth and selected the disciples. Mary was with Jesus



spiritually all through His public life which culminated at Calvary. Mary was all along with Him in His solo journey to fulfil the will of His Father. While Jesus was dying on the cross, she too stood along, in solidarity with His passion, extending quiet support and strength.

Who could fathom the agony Mother Mary experienced when the motionless body of Jesus was laid on her lap. A body ploughed with wounds, from the scourging at the pillar, from the crown of thorns, from the nails by which His hands and legs were fastened to the cross and finally the wound from the spear that pierced His heart. The tears her eyes shed might be of blood. After the burial of Jesus as per Jewish laws, she returned to her house. There she spent her time crying for her son and praying for humanity. Here is your mother, your loving mother, your caring mother. A mother who shall be beside you to console in times

of your trials and tribulations. Keep her in your heart. Keep her face in your mind. Sit with mother and pray rosaries. You may feel better!

St. John Paul II concludes the *Rosary of the Virgin Mary* by a prayer of Blessed Bartolo Longo, a former satanic priest who returned to the Catholic faith and became an apostle of Rosary dedicating his life to the Rosary and the Virgin Mary. "O Blessed Rosary of Mary, sweet chain which unites us to God, bond of love which unites us to the angels, tower of salvation against the assaults of Hell, safe port in our universal shipwreck, we will never abandon you. You will be our comfort in the hour of death: yours our final kiss as life ebbs away. And the last word from our lips will be your sweet name, O Queen of the Rosary, O dearest Mother, O Refuge of Sinners, O Sovereign Consoler of the Afflicted. May you be everywhere blessed, today and always, on earth and in heaven". ♦

GOD'S DESIGN IN MARRIAGE



Joseph Kalangara

Remember the days we bought “Lego Toys” for our kids. There is every probability that we would have made the toys given in the picture without looking at the instructions because it is seemingly easy. However, there must have been moments we got stuck or we messed it. Then what did we do we went through the instruction and followed the step by step instruction and constructed the toy. The same goes with marriage. Most of us plunged into marriage without carefully reading the instruction manual (Holy Bible), confident that we could figure it out. But we quickly get into trouble and frequently need to read and re-read the manufacturer's instructions. Most of the problems we get into in marriage can be traced to our neglect of reading and obeying God's instructions.

Gen. 2:18-25 describes the original marriage is the basis for almost everything else the Bible says about marriage. It explains God's reason for designing marriage and also gives us many principles which, if applied, will enable us to build marriages which honour God and bring lasting joy to us. The text teaches us that:

1) God designed marriage to meet the human need for love and relationship.

God's evaluation was that the man needed a human companion to correspond to him. Just as God was in a relationship of unconditional love between Father, Son and Spirit, Humans too needed to be in relationship and unconditional love. Since God designed marriage, it takes three to make a good marriage: God, the man, and the woman. However, most people think marriage consists of just man and woman and God's role begins and ends at the church. The further one moves from God, the further the couple move from each other. As soon as Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they experienced alienation from each other and Adam began blaming Eve for his problems (Gen 3:12). Broken marriages always involve at least one partner moving away from God. So the starting place in having a marriage according to God's design is genuine conversion and a daily walk with God. God is the source of "Love" (1 Jn 4:8) which the husband and wife need to tap into and share. Without the source the relationship cannot sustain. God seems to be commenting after marriage "very good"(Gen 1:31) meaning "look at the couple they are going to live a relationship of unconditional love like triune God". "It is a love which is total—that very special form of personal friendship in which husband and wife generously share everything, allowing no

unreasonable exceptions and not thinking solely of their own convenience. Whoever really loves his partner loves not only for what he receives, but loves that partner for the partner's own sake, content to be able to enrich the other with the gift of himself" (Humanae Vitae Para 9 iii).

2) There is a "Highway of Happiness" in marriage that God wants us to tread.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way (Isa. 35:8). There is a price to be paid, if we are to walk along God's Highway - the price of obedience to God at every step - for the Highway of Happiness is also the Highway of Holiness.

"Marital love is also faithful and exclusive of all other, and this until death. This is how husband and wife understood it on the day on which, fully aware of what they were doing, they freely vowed themselves to one another in marriage. Though this fidelity of husband and wife sometimes presents difficulties, no one has the right to assert that it is impossible; it is, on the contrary, always honourable and meritorious. The example of countless married couples proves not only that fidelity is in accord with the nature of marriage, but also that it is the source of profound and enduring happiness"(Humanae Vitae Para 9 iv). Man cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself (GAUDIUM ET SPES para 24 iii). Remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself

said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'"(Acts 20:35). THEREFORE IT IS ONLY BY SINCERE GIVING OF ONESELF THAT ONE WILL FIND TRUE HAPPINESS.

3) God's love and unconditional forgiveness is perfected in Marriage.

I, I am He who blots out your transgressions **for my own sake**, and I will not remember your sins. (Isa. 43:25). God who is love forgives for His sake, meaning love cannot exist without forgiveness. There are three, three-word phrases, that one must use often in married life for love to truly grow. a) I love you b) I forgive you c) I am sorry. "If we really want to love we must learn how to forgive"- St Mother Teresa. "There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love." – Bryant H. McGill. "When you forgive, you in no way change the past – but you sure do change the future." – Bernard Meltzer. Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you (Eph. 4:32) Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive (Col. 3:13). For love to blossom forgiveness needs to blossom as well.

4) Jesus Christ, Bridegroom of the church, Marriage a Covenant.

The communion between God and His people finds its

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FIND A TREASURE



Kurian Thalayolaparambu

God who is love Himself, teaches us about various forms of love. Love and concern for others is the hallmark of Christian life. To love your neighbour as yourself is a royal law in all the gospels and the basic rule of Christian life (Mk 2:8). We establish a loving relationship with people from all walks of life. We tend to like maintaining relations with those at higher positions in the society rather than those

weaker than us. But at times when we undergo trials in life, we may not find these people of high status or others whom we expect to be with us for our help on our side. On the contrary, we may find help from those whom we had denied or put down, in order to vouch for us. We will be awe struck when we find the obvious love relations failing and unexpected relations forming. Some of those whom we consider as loved ones are like a shadow. They can be found only in the bright day light and will disappear the

moment darkness sets in. The friends who sit at our table will not stand by you in your trouble; moreover, they will turn against you. But faithful friends are a sturdy shelter. Whoever finds one has found a treasure (Sir 6:10-17).

When a true friend enters your life in an unexpected way, do not doubt. Because, a true friend, usually, in the sight of the world is quite ordinary. A true friend is not our creation; they are definitely created by God. We cannot choose our true

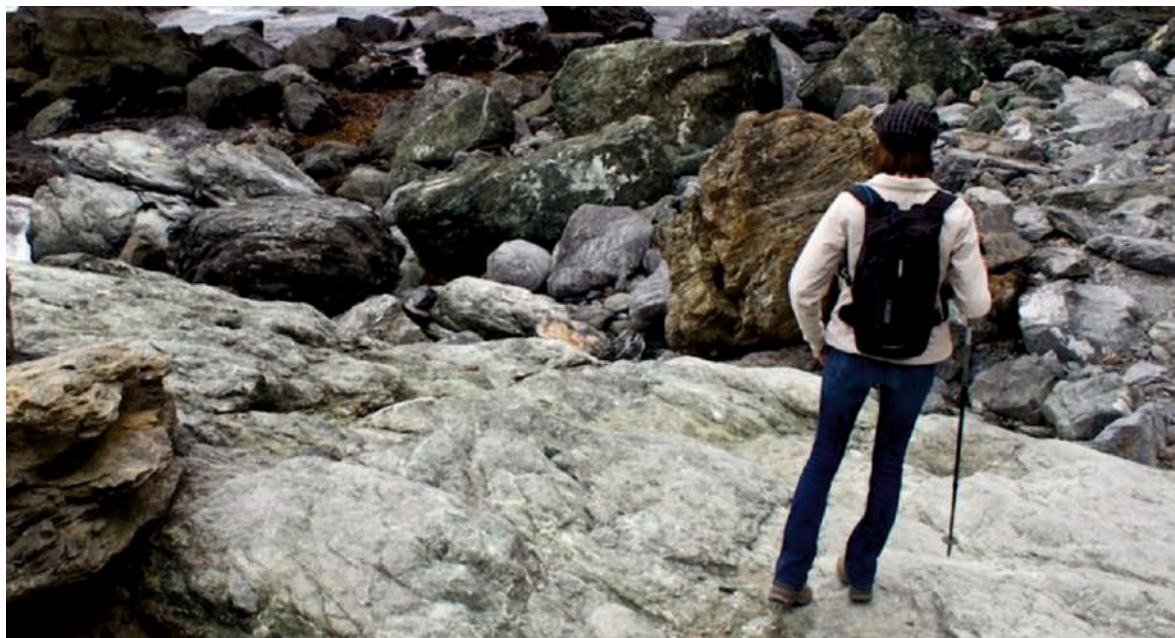
friends; it is they who choose us. Even while you are being mocked by all and avoided by all, the one who sees the goodness in you is your true friend; the Bible testifies. When Jesus was crucified, the people who testified for him were not the stalwarts in the society; instead, it was a criminal. When everyone spoke against Jesus, the penitent thief through good words of searching for God, gained paradise (Lk 23:39-43). When the woman was caught in adultery, even those who were with her in the sin, turned against her, pretended as unfamiliar to her and prepared to stone her to death. This is when Jesus came in as her saviour. The one who got entrapped into sin by those who acted love, was set free and sanctified by the true love of Jesus and entered into a holy life (Jn 8:1-11). The one who fell into the hands of the robbers and was beaten up by them got no

help from the people whom he expected to help. Instead, he got assistance from whom he had expected nothing. Those who caught public attention through rituals left a helpless man unattended and the one who caught God's attention through his good deeds became the true friend (Lk 10:25-37).

The one thing that man values the most and does not give up till the last is his life. Word of God says that no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends (Jn 15:13). Fr. Maxmillan Colbe, who took upon himself the death sentence which was upon a co-prisoner in Hitler's concentration camp for the sake of his family, is a true witness to this word of God of all times. How great are the acts of sacrificing one's life for the sake of others. Just as in every sun ray we find the presence of the sun, so also, in every act of love we find the

presence of God. How much a person cares for others is the measure of his closeness with God. In other words, God desires to be loved through our neighbors.

God is the source of love. When we sustain in the love of God, we become streams of God's love. Let us not forget Mother Teresa's words that the greatest hunger of today is the hunger for love. The parents who do not teach their children the value of love are the ones who initiate all problems in the world. Children who have not learned or known to love are unable to put it into practical life and become a nuisance to the society of tomorrow. Let the lives of all become overflowing containers of love! When the container gets filled, it will begin to overflow. Let us also ponder on the words of St. Augustine, Love; thereafter do what you like to do. ♦





Lose yourself in me and you will find yourself

Rohit Albin

We often here people saying, “You don’t know what you have until it is lost”. Be it a bunch of keys, an important document or your favourite dress. It all makes us skip a heartbeat even if it is for a moment and we go in search of it. Our loving Father in heaven, understands his children so well! He knows that it is in those moments of being lost, is when we find ourselves lost, we start to search for him and ask for his help.

This nature of Our loving Father for his beloved children couldn’t have been truer than in the life of Dr. Richard Teo. Richard came from a poor average family, was very competitive in his studies, sports activities and leadership. But at the end of the day it was all about gaining as much as money as possible. Richard was training to become an ophthalmologist (Eye Specialist), when

he compared himself with his friends, he realised he could never gain enough wealth or fame with his current position. At that time plastic surgery was booming! Richard thought that changing his Speciality to becoming a plastic surgeon, one who dealt with liposuction, body augmentation would gain him more of his desires than being a general physician in Singapore. So, when he started his new career, there was a beeline of people waiting for his consultation and services. So much so that the appointment with the famed Dr. Richard Teo would take up to 3 months!

Richard wanted more and more of the good life. He gradually grew into having a team of Doctor’s under him and even setup a clinic in Indonesia to keep up with the demand of vain people. Like most people who have a lot of wealth, Richard even got himself a Ferrari! He knew he had finally made it.

“Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless” (Ecclesiastes 5:10).

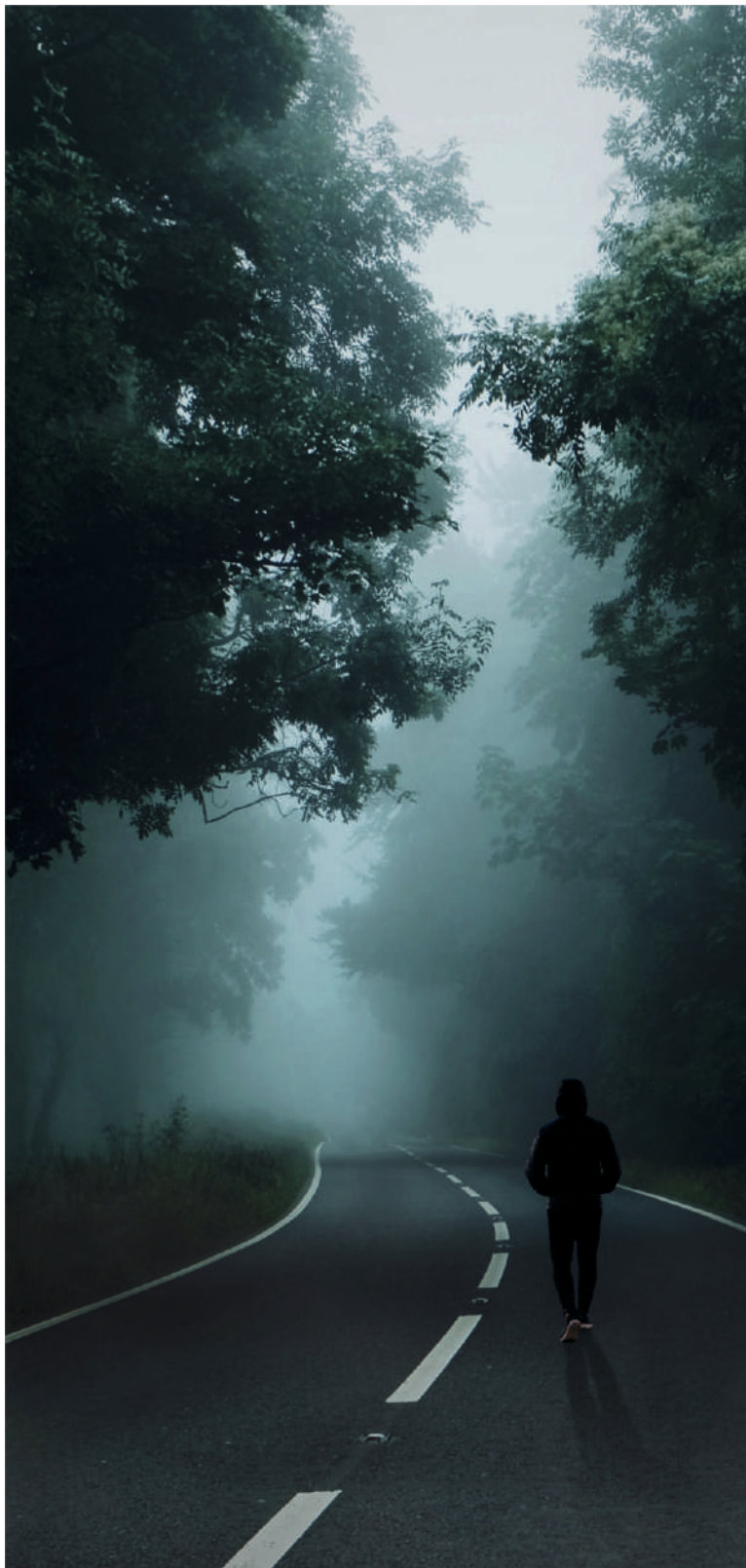
Richard wanted to invest in land when he came across a successful banker friend of his, named Danny. Danny was a man of God, a devout Christian who invited Richard to come back to church. Richard was baptised 20 years ago, but in all honesty he did so because he felt good to be called a Christian. Whereas he had never read the bible or know anything about it. He went to church in his former years, and got distracted by his University, Studies, Ambition and pursuing women. He said to himself why do I need God when I have achieved all of this for myself? Who needs God? In his pride he went on to say, “If God really wants me to come to church. He will give me a sign”

Sure enough the Lord did. Instead of having a healthy lifestyle and training 6 days a week, Richard had a back pain, on check-up he found out that he had Terminal lung cancer Stage 4B, that had spread to his brain, spine and his lungs. “One moment I was at my peak, and the next I was totally devastated”. Richard still didn't turn to the Lord but tried to cure himself with his knowledge and connections. All in vain.

Finally one day, when he was struggling in bed, he asked the Lord, “Why do I have to suffer? Why me?” Richard in his dreamy state had a clear vision that said,

Hebrews 12:7-8 “Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? 8 If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.”

The vision was so clear and a direct answer to Richard's cry of despair that he told the Lord, “That's it. You won!” That day onwards Richard gave up on all his riches and lived a renewed life in the Lord, helping others who were in need. Richard experienced the love of God and became a testament of God's love to all the people around him until his death at the age of 40. ♦





THE LOVE OF MY LIFE

Maria Shruti

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up the last day” (John 6:44). The most important relationship which is the foundation of any other relationship in our lives is relationship with God. We need to have a personal relationship with our God, an intimate, established and firm relationship. We have to know God as our personal God. Not because he is my parent's God, not because he is my husband's God, not because he is my friend's God. I have to know God for myself.

“Abide in me as I Abide in you” (John 15:3). Only when we abide in him we belong to him. It's not enough to believe in God. Know that you belong to God. God wants a relationship with you: A Personal relation-

ship. No other relationship will ever work if your relationship with God is not working, the relationship with your parents, with your wife, with your children, with your friends, with your co-workers. It is not going to work if your relationship with God is not right.

We get into wrong relationships because we don't have relationship with God. We want to know people. We want to be intimate with people. We want to be one with the world. If your relationship with God is not functioning, your calling to Holiness will be a failure. Watch out the devil is chasing through this world to lie to you, to confuse you, to abort the plan of God. Don't lend your ear to him. “The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy” (John 10:10).

Don't allow anyone to be in between you and your God.

Relationship with God produces Power. This power will allow you to rebuke the devil and his works. You will have the power to say 'No' to a wrong relationship. You will have a power to walk in holiness. This power will fulfill the plan and purpose of God in your life. Rewrite the script of your life. You have been created and assigned for a purpose. You have been set aside to live in holiness. Be free. Be in Love with Jesus Christ.

Let us ask ourselves today these questions: When was the last time I was intimate with my God? When was the last time I wanted to be one with God. When did I truly want to spend time knowing my God. When did I tell Jesus "you come before anybody else. When was the last time I said "Jesus you are the Love of my Life"? ♦



definitive fulfilment in Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom who loves and gives Himself as the Saviour of humanity, uniting it to Himself as His body. This revelation reaches its definitive fullness in the gift of love which the Word of God makes to humanity in assuming a human nature, and in the sacrifice which Jesus Christ makes of Himself on the Cross for His bride, the Church. In this sacrifice there is entirely revealed that plan which God has imprinted on the humanity of man and woman since their creation; the marriage of baptized persons thus becomes a real symbol of that new and

eternal covenant sanctioned in the blood of Christ. The Spirit which the Lord pours forth gives a new heart, and renders man and woman capable of loving one another as Christ has loved us. Conjugal love reaches that fullness to which it is interiorly ordained, conjugal charity, which is the proper and specific way in which the spouses participate in and are called to live the very charity of Christ who gave Himself on the Cross. Man and woman are definitively placed within the new and eternal covenant, in the spousal covenant of Christ with the Church (Familiaris Consortio Part 2 para 13).

Marital love embraces the good of the whole person and is rooted in a freely willed giving of one spouse to the other. This love endures through joy and pain, success and failure, happiness and sorrow, united the couple in both body and soul. This love is also total — free of restriction, hesitation or condition. This love is faithful and exclusive to both partners. Marital love is a sacred action which unites a couple with each other and God. "There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13). Marital love is sacrificial love and if it non-existent the Lego toy of marriage would be difficult to assemble. ♦

Be transformed by the renewing of your minds (Romans 12:2).
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No one who believes in Jesus will be put to shame (Rom. 10:11).

TESTIMONIES

Milton V. Dias

Blessing

My wife met with an accident. She was a diabetic patient and it led her into complication. Doctor had to do many X-ray reports with Sonography for checking her fracture status. Also, during this period she was put on heavy dose of medications. We trusted in God and prayed, miraculously her fracture got healed within one month. After a month, my wife went to the gynaecologist for her check up and she was shocked to know that she was pregnant by more than 2 months. The doctor advised us to terminate the child as she was aware of the accident and the treatment my wife had undergone in this period. We were not ready to abort the child because of our faith and the commitment we had given to Jesus after our earlier encounter with Jesus.

When the news of the pregnancy was shared with relatives and friends. Everyone advised us to terminate the pregnancy and some even called us mad and foolish to believe and follow the Word of God. People said we must be practical in life and our decision was wrong to continue the pregnancy. During the pregnancy the doctor also advised us to do risk assessment test to detect any abnormality. The test showed high risk, but we asked the doctor to continue the pregnancy and we were ready to face any outcome due to our decision, not abort the child. In the sixth month of pregnancy test the doctor detected some complications in the blood supply to the child from the umbilical arteries. My wife was admitted immediately in hospital for further monitoring. As her condition was getting complicated the doctor decided to do the caesarean

delivery to save the child and mother. As the child was born premature and under complication the doctors feared he would be abnormal. But our mighty Lord Jesus gave us a completely healthy child without any abnormality. Now he is 3 ½ years old and named Samuel. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Roisten Pinto

Blessing

I'm writing this testimony sitting in my office in my free time. I used to come to Tabor not regularly but sometimes, as I had a major drinking problem and also I would not stick to any job that I got most of the time. I used to be jobless and also drinking with my friends or alone at home. My parents used to try to take me to the first Friday service at Tabor Ashram.

To cut it short, with their constant prayers and the prayers of my well-wishers I gave up drinking. Later my mother induced me to do 9 first Fridays at Tabor Ashram which I agreed to do as we had the bus service from our parish as well. I completed my 9 First Fridays in the month of May 2019. As I had given up drinks I prayed for the continuance of my sobriety and also for a good job which I would be happy doing. By God's grace I got a job in a reputed company in the month of July and I'm enjoying my job. I am happy Jesus answered the prayers of my parents, my loved ones, my well wishers and lastly

mine. My faith in God is strengthened even more now and I believe that Jesus never fails you if you get up and ask His help. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Tressa Joseph

Healing

I had undergone a surgery for Surcoma in the left thigh and was having trouble walking and sitting or stressing on the leg for too long. Still we decided to come to Tabor and attend a residential retreat. Due to sitting I started getting pain and swelling in my leg. During the healing sessions I did not feel

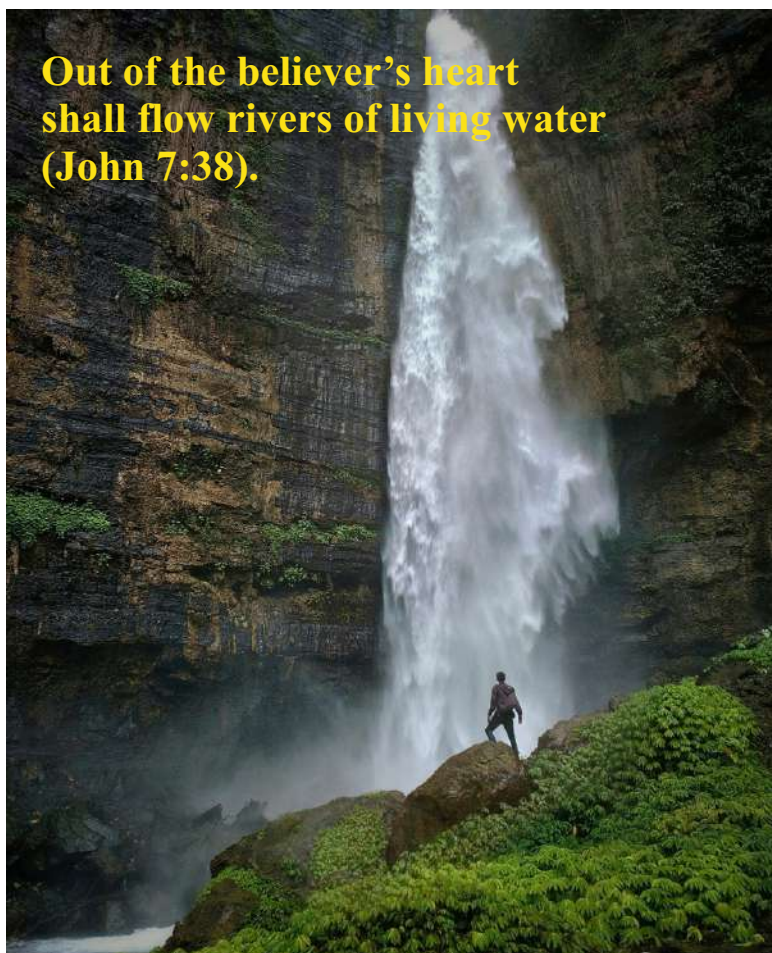
any change. But after I came back home I never got any swelling on my leg again and I felt completely alright. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Sharon and Cruvans Dsilva

Blessing

I wish to publish this testimony that has long been pending. Thank you lord for gift of a girl child, good jobs and blessing us financially. Having had severe PCOD issues, it was very difficult to conceive and I ended up having miscarriage. I and my husband were having a lot of issues with our jobs and severe financial constraints. In December 2014 both me and my husband attended residential retreat at Tabor Ashram at the suggestion of my mother. During the counselling session Fr. John Kanichery V.C. who was the director at that time, prophesied that I would soon bear a child as we were fervently praying for gift of child. He asked us to claim the financial blessings that the lord was pouring on us. We accepted the message in faith and came back to Dubai. In few months, both me and my husband were blessed with better jobs and salary increases. In July 2016, I was blessed with a baby Girl, we name her Gianna. Ever since our lives have changed for the better. We want to thank and praise God for touching our lives and blessing us multi-fold, especially for blessing us with the gift of our daughter. With God nothing is impossible. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

**Out of the believer's heart
shall flow rivers of living water
(John 7:38).**



Sofia D'Souza

Healing

I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I underwent my treatment of chemotherapies, radiation and 2 surgeries. The doctor had just given me 2 months of survival but my loving God healed me and touched me with his precious blood. I believe all petitions which were put at Tabor Ashram were answered by my God. My petscan report and blood tests reports were all normal in the last check up. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Maria J. Fernandes

Blessing

I thank God for helping in my transfer back to Mumbai after 4 ½ years of my prayers. The Lord miraculously helped me in my choice of posting. My son Ansel Kevin Fernandes secured a job in Canada too. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Severna D'Souza

Healing

Upon receiving reports of my blood test, I was advised that my blood sugar reading was very high. It came to me as a shock. I and my husband decided to attend the First Friday Prayer service in Tabor Ashram and I sincerely prayed to make the blood sugar normal. The very next day I went to check my blood sugar and the reports were normal. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.



**The mighty
one has done
great things
for me, and
holy is his
name
(Luke 1:49).**

Banat Erick Killen

Healing

I was suffering from memory loss in the month of May 2019. I was talking in abnormal way. I was not aware of things going on in my mind. My family was very upset. They brought me to Tabor Ashram and there one Father prayed over me in the Name of Jesus. After the prayer I got my memory back. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Leo & Jennifer D'costa

Blessing

My wife and me attended a residential retreat at Tabor Ashram for seeking Lord's grace and for the gift of a child. This was the first residential retreat as a couple we attended together. We experienced miraculous and glorious things at Tabor. When the blessed sacrament was exposed by Fr. Michael Payyappilly and our names were called out, both of us really felt calm, blessed and special. After we returned from the retreat the following month my wife was confirmed pregnant. On July 5th 2019 (First Friday) she gave birth to our child "Baby Joel" blessed with good health both mother & child ! They say, the road to holy places is difficult, indeed we experienced it . We set our journey from Pune by car with the help of a GPS. It took us literally more than 4 hrs to reach Tabor but couldn't figure out the reason why? Our relatives told us it would usually take not more than 3 hrs to reach. On the final day of the retreat when we reached the gate of Tabor to return home, filled with the Lord's grace within us we realised that the GPS was set to two wheeler , instead of car !

Jubel D'Cruz

Deliverance

I had this strange itching problem all over my body since the last 35 years. Medicines and creams were of no use as I found no relief in them. On July



The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing (Psalm 34:10).

14, 2019, I attended the Deliverance Special Retreat at Tabor Ashram and found that I was healed completely on the first day itself. Till today, there has been no itching on my body. The Lord has healed me completely. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Alice Dsouza

Blessing

I had attended deliverance retreat from July 14 to 17, 2019. Jesus touched and healed me during the retreat. I came for the retreat with lots tension and worries. I was troubled always with negative thoughts and was not able to concentrate in prayers. Jesus delivered and healed me from all these problems. My knees were also paining and burning. I was not able to kneel down comfortably. Now I am able to kneel down. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Victoria Fernandes

Healing

I testify on behalf of my daughter. She was hospitalized twice before the age of three due to cold and congestion. Her doctor had started her on Bendecort inhaler. When she was 6 years old, we both did a residential retreat at Tabor Ashram and her health improved considerably. But I was not able to stop the inhaler. Within few days of stopping the inhaler, her health would deteriorate rapidly and we would have to restart all medications. After trying unsuccessfully for many years I promised Jesus that I would testify the miracle of healing for the glory of God if my child would be freed from dependence on the inhaler. God heard my prayers and since January 2019 She has been cured without dependence on the inhaler. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Jagajewan Das

Healing

My daughter is now 11 years old. She was suffering from white patches on the body for last 6 years. We had done a lot of treatment, but no result. 3 years back I got job as watchman at St. George Forane Church, Panvel and came to know about Jesus. I started praying at Tabor Ashram with the intention of the healing of my child. Jesus answered my prayers and my daughter's skin was cured. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Yesudas Thomas

Blessing

I had send prayer request for my son. His name is Johnson. He completed his Bpharm and wanted to go for higher studies in Canada. He completed all his procedures but Visa got rejected. He reapplied for Visa and I asked Tabor Intercessory prayer team to pray for my son. Jesus gave us a favourable answer and my son got the Visa. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Francis Noronha

Healing

I was suffering from low platelets count (auto immune disorder) on 16th July 2019. I was admitted in the ICU with only 1000 platelets. On 19th July I suffered from a serious seizure which caused internal bleeding in the brain and

stomach, due to which I was in a critical condition. The doctor said there was no hope. My family asked for intercessory prayers at Tabor Ashram, also prayed the rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet offered masses and prayed in the Holy Mass. My platelets immediately went to 30,000 and I was out of danger. My God saved me rescued me from death. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Stelin Sebastian

Blessing

Since last month I was not feeling well due to several reasons and anxiety. I came to Tabor Ashram for a Saturday Prayer Service and prayed there. Father gave me Holy water and asked me to recite the Word of God and some prayers for 12 days. After 12 days I was feeling better and now I am fine. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Sheba Oommen

Blessing

I was suffering from severe back pain, hypothyroidism and hypertension. My health report was not normal. I started praying to Jesus for healing with faith and my test report showed normal. I was praying with tears for my son to get a permanent job. Good Lord heard my prayers and my son got a permanent job. Besides, I have been diligently praying to God with tears to give my husband a deliverance from smoking. Jesus once again

heard my prayer and my husband gave up smoking. I have been attending the first Friday fasting prayer at Tabor Ashram. I firmly believe that because of this God has showered blessings upon me and my family. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Gracy Chacko

Healing

I visit Tabor Ashram and take part in every first Friday service. My God have changed my life fully and cured me from diseases. I was suffering from skin disorder from last 27 years, had running nose, migraine headache. I was touched by God and He healed body and soul.. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Naty

Healing

My husband had a knee fracture in April 2019 at Dubai. I requested the prayers of Tabor Ashram intercessors for his healing. On Good Friday he came to Mumbai for knee surgery. He had to undergo two surgeries i.e right knee tibia bone fracture surgery and

ligament tear surgery and one surgery had to be done at a time. When he came to Mumbai as there was infection in the knee doctor told surgery cannot be done as the infection is there and will try with medication and exercises and was kept on crutches for 3 months. Now he came for checkup in July 2019 and Doctor said no surgery is required and his knee is healed and told to walk without crutches slowly for 3 weeks and then start a normal walk. I believe this is the power of prayer and it is miracle. I am grateful to you all for your fervent prayers for my husband. I always pray for your ministries. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.

Simeona Lewis

Healing

For the past two years my creatinine level was high and I was very much disturbed by it. In the month of June'19 I attended Charism residential retreat at Tabor Ashram and prayed for healing. Merciful Lord heard my prayer. I did my tests and my creatinine as well as all other reports are normal now. Thank you, Jesus. Praise you, Jesus.



TABOR ASHRAM

FAQs

1 Please tell me a little about TABOR ministries.

TABOR ministries are administered by Vincentian priests. We conduct evangelization retreats worldwide.

2 Could you please tell more about the Vincentian Congregation?

The Vincentian Congregation is a clerical society of the Catholic Church with the status of pontifical right. St. Vincent De Paul is the Patron of the Vincentian Congregation. The Congregation has taken as its motto, "He has sent me to proclaim the Good News to the poor" (Luke 4:18) and tries to realize it through Popular Mission retreats, preaching ministry, missionary works and charitable, social, educational and media apostolate.

3 Do you accept only Christians for retreats and prayer services?

Jesus accepted all, we too. "I will not reject anyone who comes to me" (John 6:37).

4 What do you mean by residential retreats?

A) Residential retreats are a time for prayer, reflection and renewal of life. B) It is a time to move from the daily routines of everyday life and journey in meditation of the Word of God to deepen relationship with God. C) The participants of the retreats have to live in Tabor Ashram from Sunday 4pm to Wednesday 4pm. D) Food and accommodation will be provided by the Retreat Centre. E) The prayer services and preaching of the Word of God during retreat days are from 6am to 9.30 pm.

5 Are there some special rules for the Residential retreats?

Yes. A) Silence is to be kept during the retreat. B) Cell phones and electronic gadgets must be switched off from beginning to the end of the retreat. C) Use and storage of alcohol, cigarettes, tobacco or any other stimulant will not be allowed. D) The retreat badge should be worn at all times. E) Punctuality and complete participation are necessary.

F) Obedience, co-operation and mutual respect are expected from the participants.

6 I have a small baby, can I attend the retreat with the baby?

It is not convenient for mothers with small babies to attend the residential retreats.

7 I am mentally sick, can I attend the retreat?

We are sorry. We do not have the facility to give you special attention. You are advised not to attend residential retreats.

8 Do I need to bring personal care items?

Yes. You have to bring toiletries, bed sheets, blankets, pillow cases, towels and other personal care items. During monsoon season please bring an umbrella too.

9 Is there a chance to make confession during residential retreats?

Yes. There will be priests to hear confessions. We also

conduct examination of conscience service.

10 Do I need to register for residential retreats?

No. Prior registration is not required. You can walk in, register and join the retreat on any Sunday.

11 Where do I register?

On Sundays as you walk in there will be registration counters. Tabor team members are ready there to help you.

12 Can I attend Sunday Holy Mass at the Retreat Centre?

You have to come for the retreat after attending Sunday Mass in your parish where you are a member. Tabor ministries always promote active participation in parish services.

13 Can I get a Bible there?

Yes. The Holy Bible, Prayer books, rosary, CDs, notebooks, pens, religious articles are available here.

14 When do I have to come for the retreats?

The retreats start on Sunday 4 pm. You are requested to arrive on Sunday afternoon. Please collect your retreat badge upon arrival. Then just follow instructions with an open heart and have a fruitful retreat. If you need any help, please approach our zealous team members who are always happy to serve you.

15 Please tell me about one day pray services.

One day prayers services and night vigil services are free entry spiritual events, open to all. The programs include Praise and Worship, Preaching of the Word of the Word of God, Holy Eucharistic adoration

with healing and deliverance prayers, Confession and Holy Mass. For more details please visit our website-tabor ashram.org

16 How can I reach there?

Tabor Ashram is located along Kalyan-Murbad Highway. It is 50 km away from Mumbai international airport and 8 km away from Kalyan Railway station. The nearest local railway station is Shahad. You get taxis, buses, share-autos to reach here.

17 Do you have an office to contact?

Yes. Our office is open every day from 9.00am to 5.00 pm. The telephone numbers are 0706 128 129, 0731 679 168. You can also get the information through email-tabor ministry@gmail.com ♦

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2. Counselling services are conducted only inside Tabor Ashram and we have not authorised anyone to conduct these services outside. Similarly, family visits and

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3. If you are inspired to make an offering towards the Evangelization ministry of Tabor Ashram kindly send them in favour of MARY MATHA VINCENTIAN SERVICE SOCIETY to the following address: The Director, Tabor Ashram, Kamba Village, Varap

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LUKE 6:38



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Saturday Prayer Service

English & Hindi: Every
Saturday at Tabor Ashram
Tamil : Every 4th Saturday
9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Tabor Youth Fellowship

Every 1st Saturday at Tabor
Ashram 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Sneha Sangam

Every 2nd Saturday
at Tabor Ashram
9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Night Vigil

Every 2nd Saturday at Tabor
Ashram

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English, Hindi, Malayalam &
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9.30 p.m. to 5.00 a.m.

English : Every Week

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of Every Month

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December 15 -18

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Then Mary said, “Here am I,
the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according
to your word” (Luke 1:38).

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