

JMJ SPIRITUALITY AND LEGACY GOES ON....ON.....ON....



REV.FR.MATHIAS WOLFF :

Fr.Mathias Wolff was a great person with a vision and with deep spirituality. He lived and practiced what he preached. His spirituality is an Ignatius spirituality both interior and exterior. He lived in obedience and did the Will of God in everything and glorified God in all the circumstances of his life. Obedience.... obedience.... obedience – was his life. He lived and taught his newly founded sisters of Christian Pedagogic and later as JMJ sisters.

I was immersed to read his maxims preached to the sisters in one of the retreats. It was after my final profession and completion of my Nursing (GNM) I was sent to Sattenapally Holy Family Convent. I was just new in mission and apostolate. My interest was more in reading. I got more time to read, to help in Chapel for decoration, in house cleaning, conducting prayers and sharing. As young sisters we were enthusiastic to be available at anywhere and anytime -to visit villages along with sisters Francisca for Catechism, preparation for Baptism, Holy Communion, Marriages etc. We had half duties at T.B. Sanitorium, afternoon at the General Hospital. Experienced much senior sisters than reading the books. Most of the sisters were aged and yet working whole day. They are my models.

SR.LUBINI DEBETS:

Sr. Lubini Debets was one of the Pioneer Dutch missionary Sisters who came to India. I was second year Novice at Bangalore at that time. My duty was cleaning the refectory of senior sisters. Sr.Lubini. While I was on my duty, Sister came and asked me to give one pin (gunddu pin) and I gave her. She was happy and went away. The next day she recognized me and gave me back the pin. I wondered how could she remember and recognize me? Because she was above 80 years. This gave me an impression about value of Vow of Poverty. Yes, they lived true religious life and they gave us traditions and left us the legacy to continue to live committed and dedicated JMJ sister. I really appreciated Sr.Lubini and taken as a model for my life.

SR. AGNES KAKUMAN:

Sr. Agnes was always happy, little spoken, accurate in her Church work, very meticulous in arranging altar decorations, keeping ready for daily Holy Mass and helping the Priests in many ways. She never said I am tired, fully satisfied in the presence of the Lord, always praying be on time at all the community exercises. At the same time, she was good observer, kind and sympathetic to all the young sisters, to the people and to the poor. She was a simple virtuous daughter of Fr. Mathias Wolff.

SR. FRANCISCA:

A simple, laughing, happy, loving and she was like a mother to me. She goes to the villages to share the Gospel values, evangelize people and to earn more souls to God. She visited all the outstations of Sathenapally Parish. She taught the people Catechism, prayers, preparing for Baptism and Confirmation, settling broken marriages in the Church etc. A woman with full joy, enthusiasm, energetic to give Jesus to others and she took proud. She was one of the happiest sisters of JMJ. She had a special place in her heart for the poor, she will ask others to give one rupee or two to feed the poor who were starving. She used to ask the sisters also to give to the poor.

She was happy to teach sisters and other people - songs, dance, prayers etc. I was very happy and enjoyed her presence in the community. She speaks convincingly to the people to believe in God and Trust in God. She worked like a giant and even at her old age, she longed to bring souls to Jesus. I am ever grateful to God for having a privilege to live with such a holy sister. May her noble soul Rest in Peace!

SR. REINERA:

A woman of essence in her vision and mission. She was a Nurse by profession. Loving and committed in her duties. Her heart goes to OPD, Inpatients, needs of the staff, to go to the doctors quarters to see their needs, surroundings of the campus, needs of the animals etc..etc.. Gave special attention to the sisters and any staff (nurse, doctor, other supportive staff) ... she was present to the take care of them. In the work, especially in the labour room she is there to guide the youngsters. She is all for all – rich or poor – her heart goes everywhere A humble hidden holy soul of JMJ. May her noble soul RIP.

SR. DR. MARIA THERESA:

She is a simple and humble daughter of Fr.Mathias Wolff. By profession she is a medical doctor. Though she was not practically good for treatment, her diagnosis of the cases would be always accurate. Before she examines a patient, takes her Holy Rosary and keeps on her forehead and pray. Prayer is her strength. She was very intelligent. The most important virtue in her life was - never say a negative about others, if she sees something good she comes and tells the sisters you have done well, very good and appreciate always. She never pointed out wrongs of sisters except a smile in all simplicity. I try to imitate her to be positive May her noble soul Rest in Peace!

SR. JOSEPHINE MUMMADI:

I knew her as a nursing student nurse working in OPD. She is very cheerful, obedient, simple, humble and loving person. In Sathenapally as my Superior I experienced her personally. She was kind and considerate to the poor patients especially at OPD and Pharmacy. She used to come to T.B Sanatorium requesting medicines and tonics to give to the poor patients. I saw her in Kadapa in a small rented house. She helped me to have 15 days of experience at Madanapalle TB Sanatorium. She is a person committed, cheerful and her heart goes to the poor and needy. She was a woman of commitment, kindness and sympathetic to the sisters, to nurses, to workers and to all people who comes to her. She had a beautiful death while all the sisters were praying near her. As she lived she died. May her noble soul Rest in Peace!

SR.BENEGNA:

She was a simple and humble sister with a graceful smile always on her face. Blessed with strong personality, she attracts people by her sweet smile and they had trust and confidence in her to freely talk and share with her all their problems, difficulties and sorrows and get consolation. Sister was gifted with innumerable talents, skills and wisdom to work in His vineyard as a sister of JMJ.

Her dedication and commitment as a nurse by profession, experienced and grown in wisdom and knowledge, she was accurate in treating the sick and caring them. People considered her as doctor. She spent 18 years in Porumamilla curing the sick and suffering. Those years there was no doctors. Later Sr.Rosa Basani after her studies came to Porumamilla as a doctor.

Then Sr.Benigna set out to villages adapting the Saffron colour sari, full sleeves blouse and veil. In her free time, she makes delicious dishes for the sisters to enjoy. She was a good cook, singer, play

harmonium and Bul Bul, painter, does embroidery work. No work was small for her, does it everything cheerfully, gracefully. She would not waste anything but made use everything for the good.

She was my model, for ex.: I was with her in Sathenapalle and visited villages specially Lakadipadu near Sathenapalli. Her simple life adorned in virtues, a woman of grace and worked hard visited houses prayed for the children's birthdays, first time going to school etc.

She used simple methods in treating patients with minimum cost. She is an expert in natural and herbal medicines and used to treat the patients. She had written a book on "Use of Herbal Leaves and Roots" to use in medicines. She is my mother, guide and above all a woman of faith. She taught me to be kind to the patients and courageously do the service so that they will benefit and you will have the joy in serving. She was praying and asking the sisters to pray for her. Whoever visited her death bed in Guntur she thanked them and died peacefully in the Lord. May her noble soul Rest in Peace.

SR. BEATRICE NARISHETTY:

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SR. VENANTIA DASARI:

She was a woman of grace, loving, kind hearted to the poor - she was all for all. In my boarding life time, I had observed her loving and dedicated services without any discrimination - poor or rich, caste, colour creed, race - looked after us as a mother. In Shanthinilayam, I personally experienced her holiness, sincerity, affectionate sharing and helping everyone in need. Her simplicity and sincerity was par excellent like a mirror. She is so humble, even in suffering she acknowledged everyone's love and affection. She was a model of holiness and I thank her and pray that may her noble soul is with her divine Lord enjoying his vision of life for ever!

SR. JOSEPHITA NARISSETTI:

She is my grandmother. I know her when I came to boarding. She is greatly respected in my family. Her words are like Gospel Words to my parents. My father loved her and used to take her home when she had family visits. She was the one of the sisters inspired me to become religious. Many children in my family call her Mother Theresa of Calcutta - small in nature, fair and aged, they represent her and love her so much. All of us know that she was humble, simple, doing all household works mainly took care of the kitchen. She is at Guntur for 40 years without a transfer later to Kurnool, Siruguppa, Gajwel and finally to Shanthinilayam. She never complaint about work, Sisters or Superiors. She had a loving heart helping the poor and needy. Her prayer life, her instructions to me - devotion to our Lady and Infant Jesus - attracted me most of the time. At the end I did not see her suffering at her death moments, slowly surrendered her spirit into the hands of the Father. She is a model for me and may she intercede from heaven for all.

Sr. Anna Getrude Narisetti and Sr. Suseela Narisetti are also the followers of JMJ by her inspirational life, besides me.

SR.ELZINIO POPURI:

Sr.Elzinio was a woman of faith and courageous. My personal contact with sister was as my 7th class teacher in Guntur. She was one of the best teachers, talented and kind to the poor and backward students. She was my guide and instructor, during my Formation as Postulant, and a colleague working in St.Theresa's and Shanthinilayam as Superior.

As a Superior, she was kind to the workers and guide for all at St.Theresa's campus. I learned from her to be responsible, sincere, cheerful in all circumstances. She was hard working and worked for the well-being of the Congregation. She was a precious gem in the vineyard of the Lord and a sincere daughter of Fr. Mathias Wolff. She died as she lived. May her noble soul Rest in Peace!

These are my dear sisters who are my models taught me to live dedicated religious life. They are my strength spiritual life. Sathenapally is my first experience where I learned to pray, to work hard by the example of senior sisters. I received lot of love, experience in life and mission to be dedicated and committed to the Lord. Today what I am because of all these holy souls.

Our sisters carry on our JMJ spirituality, our heritage of the Society, and their dedicated work, prayer life and witnessing life to the Gospel values. Many more dedicated sisters are there whom I do not know them personally, yet all our sisters, as they grow in age and wisdom, they live gracefully and happily in the presence of the Lord.

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