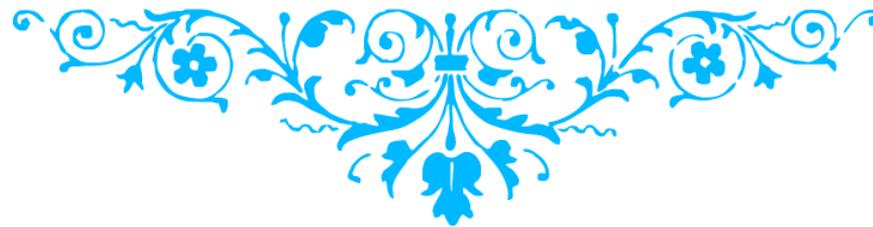


THE
MESSENGER
OF KOLKATA



10 YEARS OF LOVE AND HAPPINESS



Editorial

A demanding Love, cleaning , but liberator

Having passed from a very comfortable life of small vicar in the 7th district of Paris to the heaps of garbage of Calcutta, I believe that there are shuntings to take in life!

This God of love and tenderness, which had called me on July 31st, 1978 to leave everything to follow him, echoed again with his small voice: a call in the Call.

" unconditional, inescapable and irreversible" to go farther by dedicating myself not only to Him but also to the poor people.

This small voice so clear and so persistent penetrated in me on this February 11th, 2003 at about 3 pm into the small chapel of the Sisters of Mother Teresa.

Take to the streets to learn and discover

Eloi Leclerc, the author of the book "Wisdom of a Poor Man", said that one of the dramas of our civilization is to have lost the innocence, the delight. The know how to be amazed, it is that who is so often lacking to our society.

God revealed my vocation outside the luxury hotels with air-conditioned and other golden cages; he did it by making me discover Ragesh, naked, in the gutter, having only skin on bones; they were hundreds like him and sometimes we found one or two small bodies lying on the ground. It was necessary to do something!

In a dissatisfied world, having sometimes lost any reason for hope and always trying to live the present: to welcome the life by making the other happy, is it not there the message of Christmas ?

God, who makes himself Poor, takes to the streets and today suggests us to pour his infinite Love in the heart of all those who are hungry and thirsty to be loved.

Happy Christmas to each of you!

Brother Francis-Mary P.C.



A "tablet" named Bible

Everywhere I live with it.

Sometimes I call it " My girlfriend " because it is with me day and night.
It fills my heart wherever I am: in mountain or between four walls, during my work or when I rest.

In the train, the RER, the bus, the plane...it allows me to meet people,
It brings down the walls of indifference and allows extraordinary exchanges.

In it is the answer to everything; in it is situated our own life.
I open it everywhere because it loosens free the hearts; if I am chained, it makes me free.

"My girlfriend" is named Bible.

This tablet of the life gives us everything, opens us to everything and reveals us the secret of the happiness.



Our life project

Our association is called Brotherhood (family); a family united and motivated by the same state of mind, a common Mission: the service of the Poor people.

Every person participating in our Mission, whatever is the nature of its presence, of its help, of its religion, is considered as belonging to our family.

Our Brotherhood consists of two branches.

The Brothers Pilgrims of Charity (P.C. Brothers)

They are called to live in a full and total consecration to God and to the Poor people.

This branch is characterized by:

- ♦ A life fully directed on the Gospel.
- ♦ A life of brotherhood, prayer, service of the Poor people and travelling from place to place.
- ♦ A life depending only of Divine Providence.
- ♦ A life making profession of 4 evangelic advice of Poverty, Charity, Obedience and Service of the Poor people.

The Friends Pilgrims of Charity (P.C. Friends)

This branch groups all the people who wish to live the Gospel and to embody it in their own life.

Each of them are called:

- ♦ To cooperate somehow or other in the Mission of the Pilgrims of the Charity.
- ♦ To be united, every day, with the prayer of all the Pilgrims of the Charity.
- ♦ To be really a Pilgrim of the Charity, by making its message shine in its own place of life and as possible by arousing the birth of a group of friends Pilgrims of the Charity there.

In sign of membership in our Brotherhood every person receives, the day of its welcome, the Rosary of rope.

Friend Pilgrims of the Charity can be received individually, in couple or in a group.



