APCM Rectors Report 2020

Love is life’s greatest blessing. Blessed Mother Teresa once said, “Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do that matters...but how much love we put into it”.

The Words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus gives his friends, the disciples, a new commandment – they must love one another as Jesus loves them, with whole-hearted and unlimited generosity. Jesus’ message is for us too. When we invite Jesus, as a loving friend, into our family then love grows and life becomes more joyful.

I would like to edit Blessed Mother Teresa and say, “Love begins at Church, and it is not how much we do that matters, but how much love we put into it.”

For if we had a deep routed Love of God, a deep and meaningful relationship with God. That our life was so centred on Christ, then all that we do in Church is for God and not for ourselves or for self-praise. We must love one another as Jesus loves us, with whole-hearted and unlimited generosity.

Do I have a whole-hearted and unlimited generosity in giving – does it reflect my Love for God and His Church and the mission of the Church?

Do I have a whole-hearted and unlimited generosity of patience– Do I make myself as welcoming or make allowances for everyone?

Do I have a whole-hearted and unlimited generosity of understanding – Do I sit in judgement of what is not achieved? Gossip and take pleasure pointing out faults and failings of others?

Do I have a whole-hearted and unlimited generosity to my Church, that no matter when things don’t go my way or I feel undervalued, that I give so much and do not receiving the accolade I feel I deserve, unappreciated for what I do, for what I achieve, am I wise enough to know to remember.

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If we truly have that Love, I believe we would be more generous in our giving, more understanding and forgiving, more prayerful more ready and willing to come and worship the God we gather today to Worship.

As the year now unfolds and we are gripped by the coronavirus, let us not lose sight of the God who loves us and sustains us and let our response to him be seen in love towards one another, humility in service and dedication to His Word and Sacrament.

*God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

*(John 3 v.16)*