

DESIRING A JOY THAT IS COMPLETE...?

What Jesus said to his disciples of old, remains relevant to us today and forever. His commandment of love and to love is always relevant. He says, ‘...if you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete’. The Lord’s commandment to us is: love one another as I have loved you. His words are: You are my friends if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master’s business. I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father’ (cf. Jn15:9-17).

Beloved People of God, the joy that is complete can only come from God. It is only when the joy of the Lord is in us that our own joy can be complete. The important thing worth remembering always is that God makes this joy available to anyone and everyone. In the words of St. Peter, ‘The truth I have now come to realise’ he said ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him’. A proof of this is that the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners while St. Peter was still speaking to them, to the astonishment of all the Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter. (cf. Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48).

We pray that we all understand what a privilege we have in God who opens up the avenue for blessing, favour and acceptance to everyone. May we remain in God’s love. He loves us. He chose us. He calls us friends. May we love one another as he has commanded us to do.

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All to Jesus – Through Mary our Mother

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