

Asian Young Holy Family Seekers



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Gathering Sri Lanka

The Cosmic energies contributed immensely to our day with freshness, quietness, stillness and beauty surrounding us with newness of life and energy of hope. The Community of Life kept us reminding of our Creator God's all-embracing love, as they continued singing their joyful praises as the Young Holy Family Seekers led us into prayer.

The Cosmic exercise placed us in an atmosphere of becoming aware of God's presence within and around us. The richness of the Holy Family culture was very much present in the hymns and rituals introduced by the different cultures that kept on reminding us of our Internationality in Being Family. The Day's Theme:



"Our EARLY MOTHERS RELEVENCY FOR TODAY"

was beautifully integrated into prayer with a meaningful ritual of lights. We felt the presence of our beloved Founder as he was waiting to listen to us speaking about our EARLY MOTHERS.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Young Holy Family Seekers continued to update their companions on current news and issues throughout the world and church. We are well informed and well connected to all situations and people. It continues to remind us of our connectedness to our sisters and brothers through the world.



Recap of 3rd day helped the Young Seekers to dwell on the Challenging thoughts and questions put forward on:

Jesus - the Historical one

In the FLESH

Who we follow

CHRIST – as we know Him Now

Experience – Encounter.

OUR EARLY MOTHERS' RELEVANCY FOR TODAY



By way of introducing the theme for the day – OUR EARLY MOTHERS,

Sr. Shanthy Simon meaningfully brought in the Founder on how he emerged as a Founder of His time, surrounded by the Holy Family Women on Fire.

As a Man of faith and prayer, our Founder –

- Was Open to the Signs of the Times
- Embraced all kinds of apostolates and placed them under seven Branches.
- Zealous for the Kingdom
- Compassionate towards the poor
- Burned with the passion for the mission of Christ
- Totally lived for God Alone.
- Set the hearts on fire for Jesus
- Set His own life as an example and as a gift of sharing

Our Early Mothers were attracted by the Charism and Spirituality of our Founder and lived it with passion and fidelity. They were of one in mind and heart to collaborate with the Founder to realize his Dream of the Association of the Holy Family.



The Young Holy Family Seekers were invited to enter into the lives of the Holy Family Women who were on fire! The young sisters were in high Spirit as they presented very vividly and creatively the life of our Early Mothers. It was so beautifully presented by each Unit, each Young Seeker taking part in it, adding to their own imagination, taste, ideas, dramatically special, poetry, singing etc...

A variety of giftedness was present in all their activities. They spoke passionately about the life of our Early Mothers. They expressed in their own unique way and portrayed the exemplary lives of these Holy Family Women – our Co-Foundresses. They brought out their outstanding qualities that contributed to the expansion and realization of the Holy Family - the DREAM of our Founder - The Association of the Holy Family. The Young Seekers were in full costumes to make it more memorable, going back to the History of the beginning of the foundation of the Holy family.



The giftedness of the Young Asian Holy Family Seekers was seen in handling modern technology with ease and speed portraying the life of our Early Mothers in Power Point Presentations, Documentary Films and in Drama. The richness of the Holy Family Inter-culturality and Asian-ness - is a gift - to give thanks to God Alone and to our Venerable Founder for the gift of our Charism.

THE EARLY MOTHERS

Mother Marie de Jesus)
 Mother Trinity Noailles)
 Mother Charles Despect)
 Mother Eugene of St. Peter Machete)
 Mother Aloysia Noailles)
 Mother Marie de la Conception)
 Mother Rita Bonnat)
 Mother Nativity Trimoulet)
 Mother Xavier Gauttizer)

PRESENTERS

Contemplatives
 Philippines
 Sri Lanka - Colombo
 Pakistan
 Sri Lanka - Jaffna
 India

The Young Seekers themselves enjoyed their performance and proudly presented our Early Mothers as solid women who made themselves totally available to live for God Alone and for the Common Mission of the Holy Family,

Without doubt our beloved Founder was fortunate and privileged to have these Holy Family Women on fire as his Co-Foundresses and as trust worthy Collaborators!

It is our time now to continue that Legacy, carry it, live it, and pass it on to the Generations to come!





Missionary call and Experience

Interviewing past and Present missionaries



The Young Holy Family Seekers were challenged by the daring life of the Missionaries who were invited to share on their Missionary Call, life and involvements. It was a lively afternoon with Radhini Thomas – a lay young professional and a past pupil of the Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya who was tasked to interview the missionaries Srs. Gemma, Rita Casmir, Ida, and Jenet. The connection was made through Skype to get in touch with Sr. Winifreda Wasalathanthrige from South Africa. It was an enriching session, so naturally shared and inter-acted by the Young Seekers.



FAMILY CORNER

The Young Holy Family Seekers had another opportunity to listen to the Vocation of Priest Associates of the Holy family. Fr. Jebaratnam from Jaffna represented the group of Priest Associates to share on the Vocation of Holy Family Priest Associates.

The Young seekers were surprised at the cultural diversity of the Priest Associates around the Holy Family world. In his sharing Fr. Jebaratnam brought out the richness of the Holy Family Vocations that was the Dream of the Founder, and which has become a reality now.



Fr. Jebaratnam has really studied the history the beginnings and the effort taken by our Founder to establish the group of priests in the Holy Family. He expressed that he was attracted by the simplicity and the detachment of the Holy Family of Nazareth and that which was lived by our Founder radically. He was attracted by the aspects of the unity and communion that is visible in the Charism of the Founder which is a challenge at all levels.

OUR CULTURAL EVENING

The energy of the Young Asian Holy Family Seekers was in full force as they prepared For the cultural evening.

What a show of colours!
What a show of talents!
What a unity in diversity!
What a sense of Being Family!
And the sense of belonging to One Family !!

Different nationalities and Cultures blended and mingled with Holy Family culture that flowed in COMMUNION!

HERE WE ARE in pictures!





