

Asian Young Holy Family Seekers



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OUR OUTING AND SIGHT-SEEING



The most welcomed Day of the Seekers Gathering is May 14th – **THE DAY FOR OUTING!**

The time was 6a.m. and the Seekers left for **Kandy** – the place with much historical, religious and environmental significance and the first stop was to be the **Elephant Orphanage** in Pinnawela.

Let's hear from our Young Seekers:

THE YOUNG SEEKERS OF INDIA speaks

"We consider Earth as mother, Heaven as Father. So heaven fertilizers the Mother Earth and then it produces." We were glad to see the places, creation in its splendor and beauty, bringing us close to the Creator God.

We were surprised to see the Elephants' Orphanage which, with the efforts of the Sri Lankan Government is well taken care of. We admired the service rendered by the people to save the wild life. It was so unique to see the



unity among the Elephants and how they express their need to be understood by the care-takers.

We were taken up by the perfect arrangement of the Botanical garden in Peradeniya. The glory of God was so perfectly and gloriously revealed in the beauty of Nature.



The different varieties and species of Plants, trees, flowers, shrubs and the meadows were a feast for not only to the eye but to the soul as well. **We gave thanks to God in the silence of our hearts.**

We had the opportunity to visit the “Dalada Maligawa” the Buddhist Temple that holds the Tooth of Lord Buddha. We could sense the faith and reverence of the people gathered around the Temple. In silence they were making their rituals and praying deeply. As we united with the people gathered there and let ourselves experience

that calmness within us.

We enjoyed the welcome and hospitality of our Sisters and their concern towards us to makes us comfortable. We were delighted to visit our Contemplatives Sisters in Nagoda Contemplative House. Though they are from different countries, they are happy, sharing their life and giftedness to give glory to God in silence, solitude and prayer.



We are thankful to the Organization Team who made it possible for us to have a glimpse of the beauty of Sri Lanka and for the preparations that went before hand to make it joyful for us. Thank you dear Sisters!

THE YOUNG SEEKERS OF PAKISTAN SPEAKS

It was a very fruitful experience to be close to the Cosmic Family. It was so good an experience to be one with the Young Sisters of the different Units. We experienced the Family spirit wherever we went.



As we entered the historical and famous Buddhist Temple in Kandy, we admired the prayerful atmosphere and the respect that was seen there. We came to know a little of the history of Sri Lanka and its religious background. We admired the natural beauty of Sri Lanka in visiting Kandy. We had the opportunity to visit two communities of our Sisters and we are so happy to see their welcoming spirit of love and concern.



In the bus, we were able to admire the diversity of our cultures present in the Holy Family. Though we didn't understand each other's language, there was something that connected us very well is our Membership in the Holy Family. The singing and the talking kept us energetic to enjoy our Outing to the full.

Thank you dear Sisters for making our day enjoyable for us.

THE YOUNG SEEKERS OF PHILIPPINES SPEAKS

THE DAY WAS FILLED WITH JOY AND HAPPINESS. Everybody enjoyed being together. The time we started the journey, the bus was filled with singing and dancing. Though we couldn't participate much because of the language, we clapped and laughed as we admired the unity in the different cultures which is the richness of the Holy Family.



It was for the first time that we saw Elephants live and real in Pinnawela Elephant Orphanage. We were so excited and amazed seeing them drink and eat, as well how they take a bath. We tried to take pictures as many as we can to bring home to show to our people.

It was so refreshing in the Botanical Garden in Peradeniya. We were marveled at the variety of Green Life, flowers of glittering colours and the vast area set aside to remind people of the beauty of Nature that surrounds us and the whole of Creation as God our Creator's handiwork. We admired the atmosphere of silence around the Buddhist Temple in Kandy, the historical place as ancient kingdom. At one point we found the singing and dancing too much, and both of us decided to sleep in the midst of noise. We heard that we are passing by our Contemplative Sisters in Nagoda. Though the time was short, we were happy to be in their prayerful atmosphere.

We are very grateful to have had this opportunity to get a glimpse of the beauty of Sri Lanka in a matter of a day. Thank you dear Sisters for your hospitality, welcome and concern. Thank you for making our day memorable and enjoyable.

Thank you dear Young Seekers. We enjoyed your company.



THE YOUNG SEEKER SR. DIVANA SPEAKS

I had the chance to enjoy the day of our Outing with our Family Members from the different Countries. I was happy to be in their company and admired the richness of our Family and felt that my sense of belonging to this Big Family is great. The singing and dancing brought forth the energy that was over flowing in my companion-Seekers. Though I have visited these places, it made a difference as I was with Young Seekers who turned the day into dancing and singing. The variety of Nature's beauty spoke eloquently of the Creator God Who is much more beautiful and powerful, revealing Himself in Creation more profoundly.



A Big Thank You to our dear Sisters for organizing the Outing, to give us happiness.

THE YOUNG SEEKER SR. SAMALA SPEAKS

We enjoyed the journey though we are familiar with the places we visited. It was a precious time for each one of us to come closer to each other and to care and share our sisterly love beyond every differences, that made us to feel the Oneness of our Family.

We were able to relate and be connected to those whom we did not know or shared with before in our Group Activities in our Gathering. It was great opportunity indeed ! It was a happy and memorable journey with lots of reflective moves.





It's only day Seven

