



27 October , 2021  
228th Birthday of our Founder

**GLORY, GLORY, GLORY TO GOD**

**GLORY, GLORY, BE TO GOD ALONE.**

**M** - What made you sing this song?

**K** - I don't know, it just came to me... may be, the Founder's birthday is coming closer...

**M** - Why don't we listen to this song?

**K** - Yes, a good idea, let's listen...

**The lyrics of the song:**

Come forward to praise the Lord

Let's join our hearts to celebrate

The path we trod for two centuries

Singing in echoes with loud acclamations to  
God

**Glory, Glory, Glory to God**

**Glory, Glory, be to God Alone**



**M** – beautiful song, I like it very much..

**M** – but God Alone, God Alone what does it mean?

**K** - I think, for the Founder, with all the various works he began, it was the force that brought everything into unity.

**M** – yes I think that it was source of life and energy for him and for the early members to take courageous steps, to go to other countries...out of their boundaries...

**K** – and imagine if the founder were here today, I'm sure he would encourage us to look at it in a new way – I mean, with our growing awareness of God in all things, God's presence, the beauty... – to understand this spirit of God Alone as the binding force, the bond of unity that brings all into relationship.

**M** – but in the daily living, how do we express it?

**K** – it's again the loving attentiveness, the caring for the other, with respect for who they are, in their own unique way.

Micheline Kenda's sharing :

**The intuition of P.B. Noailles has its starting point in a dream. What is the real meaning of this dream?**

THIS DREAM,

This dream expresses the desire that we recognise each other as beings coming from the same source, from the same God, in mutual acceptance. To become more and more aware that we are all connected by the energy of Creator- love.

Each particular creature brings its own beauty, and all come together to form an interconnected and interdependent. Whole, This is the Family, we need each other.

This dream is in line with Jesus' desire, when He prays "that all may be one".

You can see that we are here today as members of a great Family made up of people from different continents, races, cultures... and it is the very essence of a charismatic family that our house has no limits, every human being whoever he or she is has a place with us; we are not alone, we are family with all the other families, with everything that exists. Little by little we are coming to understand that we have a common home. There is no separation... COMMUNION is the word that expresses this cohesion that is built from the 'giving and receiving' of what is different, unique and subjective...

It is a process that requires a great deal of humility on our part and a great spirit of contemplation, so that we may seek to grow together with our brothers and sisters in humanity, in nature... with which we all form the same community of life.

Together we say Glory to God Alone!

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Kumudinie Dassanayake's Sharing:

**How is it that our Founder never gave up ?**

So what was his secret?

In a letter to the then Archbishop, he writes – "if my friends, my children abandon me, God remains with me; with God Alone, one is consoled for the loss of all the rest..." So, it is his conviction that he was on the right path – and on God's path.

Sometimes I wonder, how the Founder could be so courageous.

A story comes to my mind at this moment. Once a father took his son and asked him to stay the whole night in a forest, blind folded; he was frightened for the suggestion, but he agreed... he was blind-folded, he went to the forest; he was staying the whole night. The father said, "you are not to open your eyes, whether you hear or feel anything." He took the challenge and he was there. In the morning, he removed the cover of the eyes and found that the father had been sitting there, watching him the whole night.

So it is with the Founder, he had many trials, troubles, misunderstandings, discouragements....but still he could have confidence, because he knew that God was with him. And

at that moment he was so courageous, nothing could stop him.

It's the same with us in our life; sometimes discouragements, little things upset us... But this is the assurance, this is where we need to fall back and find courage, find trust, find our roots.

This is the experience of that first little community, when they were blessed by Jesus himself.

We all know that we are celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the miraculous benediction next year, it is the same trust and confidence that we are called to live. And so, we go on with that trust, that confidence... with joy.

Lourdes de la Fuente's Sharing:

**Missionary dimension:**

**To receive the proclamation and to give it back, turned into song.**

**What is our song...?**

I have been asked to share with you something of the missionary dimension of our life, and I will try to do so. After my Final Profession I was sent to Paraguay, to a mission among the indigenous people; there I could feel and experience the active presence of God in my life; how God

multiplies our capacities and guides our instincts, for example, in assisting a difficult birth that was almost impossible outside a hospital. God also evangelised us little by little through the great honesty of the indigenous people - a virtue which we, with our progress and our economies, find very difficult to live

After South America I was called to the Generalate and there too I lived my missionary vocation. In order to make God my absolute, I left behind all that was known, all that came easily to me, all that I liked for the sake of God alone. At the Generalate I experienced, as nowhere else, unity in diversity and although we had limited outside contacts, and spent a lot of time among papers, we also lived our missionary vocation in the service of the whole Family.

**The final lyrics of the song:**

Filled with God's love all our life  
His blessings so precious that carry us through  
The dream of our founder beloved and good  
Together let's make it real today

Glory, Glory, Glory to God

Glory, Glory, be to God Alone

We are the fruits of our Founder's dream, today we take that responsibility, and wish all of us a very happy Feast!

