



An Experience of Prayer

I have been reflecting on how Prayer defines my life and how it has helped me to see the world in a whole new way. For me, prayer is a type of relationship or a conversation between myself and God. It is a time of sharing, talking and listening. Over the years prayer has been a part of my life for a significant while and here at the formation house my prayer has developed and I have learned a lot and even deepened the way I pray. Perhaps one of the things that I have learned here is the different forms or ways of prayer and I've learnt that there is private and communal prayer. I have learned that there is a difference between devotion and liturgy like the prayer of the breviary known as the universal prayer of the Church.

While I hear the call to be with my community at prayer, many times it is very hard for me to stay focused and to concentrate on my meditation. I often get distracted especially when I have an unfinished assignment. My mind wanders, and sometimes I fall asleep. The only consolation I have is that all the great saints struggled with distractions too. So I have to move on because someone once said to me that distraction in prayer is a great grace because when we leave them, we are given the opportunity to return to Christ again who looks at us with love.

(This is an excerpt of the article "Prayer life" by Hansford Mane)



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

- ❖ Leonard Amora returned from his pastoral with the Marist Sisters in Lami
- ❖ Years 3 & 4 have started Italian Classes with Fr. Denis
- ❖ The community celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi & the feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat.



Did you know?

- ❖ The Society of Mary (Marist fathers') was founded by Fr. Jean Claude Colin in the year 1816
- ❖ Fr. Colin died on the 15th of November, 1875.

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