





"They are trees planted by streams of water; they bear fruit; their leaves do not wither; in all that they do they prosper." Ps 1:3

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### THEME FOR 2014: LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

We need to thank God for the gift of Christian Faith which normally we receive by birth. The relationship we enjoy with Christ our Lord shows how deep is our faith in Him. Mother the Church in all her wisdom gave us one year to learn more aspects of this faith and to practice it. We at the Mary Immaculate Praise Community (MIPC) were led to have "LIVE BY FAITH" as the Theme for the year 2013 and were blessed to have teachings, talks, testimonies and workshops on this subject. The Lord directed us to seek Him in faith, respond in faith, grow in faith and live in faith. This was to prepare us for a greater calling.

If we sincerely practice our Christian Faith, we will certainly long for something deeper or higher. At the MIPC, we were called to seek the Lord's direction for the year 2014. After prayer and fasting, the elders discerned the Theme for the year 2014 as "LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD" – *Deut.6:5*.

If the Faith we received through our parents is a gift from God, what we do with this faith is our gift to God. It is but natural that our Christian Faith should lead us to love the Lord our God little more than before. The faith that we learnt about all through our life and especially in the year that passed, should not only equip us better to understand the depth of God's love but should also lead us to be more serious about loving our God in return. If we study the responses of some of the people who experienced the love, mercy and power of the Lord, we invariably find that they showed their love to him in a great measure.

For example:

- The response of the blind man that was healed by Jesus in the Gospel of John chapter 9 was that he **became His Disciple /** Follower, Jn 9:28. Love calls us to follow the Lord and His ways without counting the cost.
- When Peter saw the great catch of fish, he exclaimed "depart from me O Lord, I am a sinner" Peter **acknowledged the Holiness of the Lord**. Love calls us to acknowledge the greatness of God and worship him.
- The centurion showed his **reverence** for Him as he said –"I am not **worthy** to have you under my roof": *Mt* 8:8. <u>When we love God</u>, we realize how unworthy we are.
- The Samaritan woman did not remain the same after that lifechanging encounter. She took him as her **Master**, and she **responded by becoming his missionary:** *Jn 4:28-29*.
- One of the ten lepers came back to thank him, he **prostrated and** worshipped the Lord.

All these people were so much touched that they responded so passionately through their words and action. If we have encountered the Lord, we will not keep quiet, but tell him "Lord, we love you" and confirm it with our actions which are more important than mere words.

God wants only one thing from us, that we LOVE HIM, that is all he expects from us. He knows, if we sincerely love him, undoubtedly, we accept his Lordship in our lives, we surrender and prostrate before him, we study and live his Word, we will be his fruit-bearing disciples and

missionaries. Loving the Lord is so important – it encompasses everything. It is not optional, it is mandatory, of course, for our own good. Therefore, Jesus said – Loving the Lord is the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment.

For better understanding this vast subject, we can focus on the following aspects of this main theme:

- 1. Love that leads to Worship seek the Lord, abide in him,
- 2. Love that leads to Discipleship be a disciple and make disciples for the Master
- 3. Love that leads to Love the Neighbor- best way to show that we love God.

The scripture passage in *Deut 6:4-9* offers a lot for reflection. We are called to love our LORD GOD, because He alone is LORD. We are commanded to love Him, our LORD, with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might. We have to keep these words not just in our mind but in our hearts so that we do his bidding without fail. We are also called to teach our children all the time to follow this. It is really worth writing and keeping God's Word anywhere in the house, doorposts or the gates besides keeping it as an emblem.

A verse in *Rev 2:4* speaks of something very relevant to this. In this verse the Lord says – "But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first". Let us keep this verse also before us so that we are always alert and conscious never to let this happen to us.

The following three simple points may be of help. In a day, say this as many times as possible,

- 1. <u>"LORD, I LOVE YOU, HELP ME TO LOVE YOU</u> <u>BETTER</u>".
- 2. Whatever you are doing, offer it to God and say <u>"LORD, I DO</u> THIS OUT OF LOVE OF YOU'
- 3. Before you sleep, evaluate yourself as to how you lived the THEME; how you practiced point 1 & 2.

I know we have been loving the Lord all our days, but this year, let us

strive to love him <u>all the more, intensely</u> and <u>passionately</u>. When we do this, surely there will be great things happening in our life, family, community, parish and all around us. Thus we will be a powerful sign of God's Loving Presence in and around us.

"Mary our Mother, help us, your children to love the LORD just the way you loved Him". This is my prayer for each of you my dear brothers and sisters. All the very best!

#### Harry Rasquinha

# SUFFERING COULD BE TURNED TO BLESSING

The charismatics often sing, "Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Melt us, mould us, fill us, use us." Often we do not meditate on the words. We also do not believe that what we ask for will be granted to us. What happens when the Lord actually starts melting and moulding someone? What is our usual response? Cry, become restless, blame everyone else and curse them? If the Lord has to melt us, mould us, fill us and use us, we need to give God permission to move in our life in any way, shape, and manner that He wills.

A group of women in a Bible Study were puzzled about the Bible verse, "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver" (*Mal 3:3*). One of the women in the group was curious to find out the process of refining silver. The following week the woman made an appointment with a silversmith to watch him at work. As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities. The woman imagined about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse that says: 'He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver'. She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time. The man answered yes and said that he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but had to keep his eyes on the silver all the time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed. The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?" He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy – when I see my image in it!"

How true about our spiritual life too!

Although we are happy that the electronic media is now being used increasingly for proclamation of the Word of God, a growing concern is that a lot of harm is being done to the unsuspecting viewers by the socalled enthusiastic "TV Evangelists" in TBN, Miracle Channel, etc. Those who listen to the evangelists must have definitely heard these statements: "He wants you rich and healthy!" "What is the desire of your heart? Name it, claim it by faith, and it is yours!" What then is the Prosperity Gospel? The fundamental principles upon which this false gospel is based are: the good news (gospel) is that God wants us to be prosperous, but we have got to get right with him first. Any poverty or ill health is a sign that you are not quite right with God. It is not right to think that God ensures that those who follow Him closely would not have to endure suffering. Neither is it right to think that illness is a punishment for some past sin intended for the evildoers of this world. Jesus told us: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (*Lk 9:23*). Except John, all the Apostles became martyrs.

Why does God allow suffering? Is He a sadistic God who derives pleasure out of it? Is it that He does not love us?

# 1. For Our Own Salvation

"For the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts" (*Heb 12:6*). Sufferings help us to grow and mature and attain our own salvation. C.S. Lewis said: "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains". It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

# 2. For the Salvation of Souls

St. Peter says: "Whenever anyone bears the pain of unjust suffering because of consciousness of God, that is a grace." (*1 Pet 2:19*). The American priest, George Kosicki of the Bethany House of Intercession,

tells those who suffer: "Don't waste them! They are too precious. By sufferings that are sanctified we enter into the eternal sacrifice for the salvation of souls. This is our part in the cross. The Lord seeks such worshippers in Spirit and in truth."

Jesus told St. Faustina: "My daughter, I want to instruct you on how you are to rescue souls through sacrifice and prayer. You will save more souls through prayer and suffering than will a missionary through his teachings and sermons alone. I want to see you as a sacrifice of living love, which only then carries weight before Me... And great will be your power for whomever you intercede. Outwardly, your sacrifice must look like this: silent, hidden, permeated with love, imbued with prayer." When Padre Pio was misunderstood and the authorities put restrictions on his ministry for long 33 years he said to himself: "Let your soul not be disturbed by the sad spectacle of human injustice; even this, in the economy of things, has its value. And on it you will one day see the unfailing triumph of divine justice."

# What is Redemptive Suffering?

"Offering up" our pains and despair to God is rooted in our belief that suffering is never wasted or meaningless when it is united with Christ's suffering on the cross, for atonement for sins. According to Peter Kreeft, a well-known Catholic author, our suffering can help both ourselves and others we may not even know. As he put it, "if we are 'in Christ', we like Him, can offer up our sufferings to the Father – and He uses them. They become seeds, or rainwater, and something beautiful springs up that we seldom see in this life." Like other divine mysteries, one could perhaps not fully explain the concept of redemptive suffering, but it gives much meaning to anyone who is undergoing suffering, especially when one has to endure it without sufficient justification. The concept of redemptive suffering could make a lot of difference to the sufferings of humanity, which otherwise is seen as a curse or an attack of the evil forces.

Redemptive suffering is the belief that human suffering, when accepted and offered up in union with the passion of Jesus, can remit the just punishment for one's sins or for the sins of another. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) reminds us: "By His passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive passion" (#1505).

To be continued...

- Cyril John

# THE WONDERS OF CONFIRMATION

# "And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness." – Acts 4:31.

One late Wednesday night, I returned to my house after an ordeal of a night spent with my eight graders. It was an assignment that only recently became part of my life - I had become a new youth leader for my church in the small town that I live in but in my eyes, I was 'dealing' with the most challenging (in terms of patience and spirituality) batch ever- a class of 13year-olds that were to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation after an entire year of learning what the Holy Spirit could do in their lives.

Weary Wednesday nights marked this experience of mine- I had good days and bad days. Good when the kids seemed curious about what I had to teach them, day- bad when I failed to hold their attention to the topic of our discussions. Why was I doing this, I would ask myself? Was it because I missed my 13-year-old sister who lived on the other end of the world and who would also be receiving Confirmation at the end of the year, or was I trying to bridge my gap with the other Catholic youth of my parish? I still don't really know. But what I do know was that the Holy Spirit took and still takes me on a spiritual journey of a new kind!

A looming question within the minds of many of us, including those who have been confirmed- is, "why do we need to be confirmed when we were already baptized anyway?" Or a variant of this could be, "Why is there now a gap of a couple of years between the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation?" It's simple. Think of it as a three-legged stool. These legs could symbolize Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. If one of these

legs had to give way, the stool wouldn't be able to stand on its own . The same is with Confirmation! It is indispensable – and there are so many reasons for this. The only issue is that these reasons are sometimes difficult to immediately understand because the Spirit works in its own time!

Baptism welcomes us to the Church- but at that point of infancy, we are unable to understand what we are getting ourselves into. Receiving Holy Communion for the first time is when we are halfway on our ladder towards understanding why the Holy Spirit is so important in our lives. And when Confirmation arrives, it takes us to a whole new level of faith. Like the word suggests, it helps us '**confirm**' what we truly believe in! The Oxford Dictionary cites the exact meaning of the word '*confirm*' as '*to establish the truth of*'. If we could apply this, it could mean that by being Confirmed, we are able to delve deeper in the Truth we were raised with! After all, Jesus is the Truth, the Way and the Life.

Of course, there is also truth in the fact that most of us do not fully comprehend this even after being Confirmed. And this is completely normal! Like I said before, the Holy Spirit works in its own time, and so one formal ceremony in your Church cannot change everything overnight! I remember my Catechism teacher, Mrs. Fernandes tell my Confirmation Class, one evening that we could ask for any Gift of the Holy Spirit – but we had to be prepared that we would not receive it right away. It could be even years before we received it! And she was right. I prayed for the gift of Right Judgment of the Holy Spirit during my Confirmation but my teenage self had to go through years of high school mistakes before I got any. Today, I am a college student and I still have difficulty exercising Right Judgment in various situations but there is no denying that the Spirit helps me make wise decisions when I do!

Let's turn to the pages of history, or Scripture rather. The first very Confirmation was at the Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down to the apostles for the first time, to make them his soldiers. And so here's our Post-Confirmation expectation- we are now Soldiers of Christ! Ready to defend our faith- especially in situations that may question it, cause us to doubt the Spirit's working power, especially when we leave our safe Christian nest to potentially dangerous cultural maze. And so we may fight. Fight like the Bible tells u. "Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have confessed so well before many witnesses (1 Tim 6:12).

So now that we know what Confirmation is, what is it not? It isn't a coming-of-age ceremony, another religious hoop to jump through, graduation from Christianity or an eligibility requirement for Matrimony! It is a personal Pentecostal journey with the Christ whose regiment we've been training for. So far, going to church may have been like going to a museum- we stay in awe and respect of who we visit, the artifacts stored but at times fail to realize that it is a Home full of Living Gifts. Every Mass, we renew the Covenant the apostles made with Jesus, we store this in our hearts, we store this in the form of the Holy Spirit. It is living, it is breathing, and it is palpable. Let's be more aware of this, let us be more open to the Spirit, let us realize that we have got to keep it stay within.

So yes, that's the very Truth in Confirmation. The Spirit is alive and kicking – like a newly hatched baby alligator. It will be strong if we allow it to, it will work wonders in our lives, if we believe. This is why we need strong role models during our Confirmation journey- holy saints and faith-filled sponsors whose spiritual journeys we can emulate and learn from. It also makes for the fun part of Confirmation- choosing the name of a saint whose story really strikes us, choosing to meet with an adult who has experienced faith struggles alongside spiritual rewards. If you're yet to be Confirmed, or will be soon, know that it is an amazing feeling to train to be Christ's soldier. And if you're like me, been Confirmed for a while, realize that it was all worth the while- the spiritual rewards are endless.

#### "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.." (1 Tim 1:6).

- Melanie D'Souza

## WINDOW THROUGH THE PAST WEEKS

#### <u>19 Dec. 2013 - Louis Ryan - A Christmas Message - What is</u> <u>Christmas?</u>

Entering into the 4th week of Advent, Ryan Louis shared his thoughts on Christmas. What is Christmas? Simply said, it is God leaving all his glory and coming down to our level as human in order to save us. It is manifestation of God's love for us. The message of Christmas according to Fr. Fio is, 'we are first God's Sons & daughters and then sinners'.

What does the scripture say happened during the birth of Jesus?

Lk 1:41 – Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit spoke blessings on Mary, expressing her privilege to have the visit by the mother of her God.

*Lk* 1:46 – Mother Mary sang the magnificent Magnificat

Lk 2:13 – Heavenly angels appeared to shepherds and announced the birth of Jesus.

Lk 2:20 – The Shepherds hurriedly went to see Jesus and returned glorifying

*Lk* 2:25-30 – Simeon praised God for having fulfilled what was promised him

*Lk 2: 36-38* – Anna experienced God's presence and sang praises

Mt 2:11 – Three wise men came in search of Jesus and when found Him knelt and worshiped Him.

The reaction of these people is that of a desire to meet, know and worship the Lord. They all left their places in order to meet the one who has come. What is our approach to Christmas?

#### 31 Dec. 2013 - Philip Balfour - Thanksgiving.

It being the last prayer meeting for the year, it was appropriate to lift our minds and hearts in Thanksgiving to the Lord. Thanking God for 2013 for different areas in our lives and also for the community specially stressing on the need to thank God not only when we receive good things from Him but also when we face problems and go through trials. In other words, he

said, we should thank God at all times and for all things. Thanking God should be a way of daily living.

# 16 Jan 2014 - Philip Balfour -"LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD "

'Love the Lord your God' is the theme for the year 2014 and Philip beautifully expressed this by quoting *Deut 6:5 & Ex 20:4-6*, "You shall love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength." and Jesus speaks exactly the same words in *Mt 22: 37-38* and proclaims it as the greatest and the most important commandment. Jesus says in *John 14:15* "If you love me you will keep my commandments ". Then if we love God as we say we do then we have to obey His Word. The meeting continued with a healing service and praying over and concluded with worship.

# <u>30 Jan 2014 - Henry Sanjivi - shared on the theme "LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD "</u>

**Deut 6:4-5** "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might, he added verse 15. for the LORD your God in the midst of you, is a jealous God; lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth. The theme, was broadly broken into 3 major categories.

- 1. Love that leads to Worship,
- 2. Love that leads to Discipleship,
- 3. Love that leads to love thy neighbour

Why should we love our Lord God with all our heart, soul and might? -Simply because He loved us first and loves us unconditionally. One cannot measure the depth of God's love, it is beyond our comprehension, "Lord Jesus Christ hanging on the cross" says it all. One of the easiest ways to know, how much God loves us, is to COUNT our blessings and thank God for the same.

Loving God is not an activity, like laying chairs, clapping hands etc. Loving God should come from within, it should not be told - This can happen only, if we know the depth of God's love for us.

Lord Jesus reiterates this commandment in the New Testament as well, in  $Mt \ 22:37-38$  "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. In verse 38 says this is the great and first commandment,  $Mk \ 12:30$  We see the commandment being repeated, and in verse 34 the Lord tells a scribe "You are not far from the kingdom of God." and in *Lk* 10:27-28 We see our lord telling the lawyer, you have answered right; do this, and you will live."

Some simple suggestions were put forward to the community, to demonstrate our love for God. One of them is, by forgiving someone.

I. (a) Forgive someone you do not like, love and bless them; (b) Pray for them regularly, for a month, at least twice a day; (c) Offer and attend a Mass for the person we resent.

II. Evaluate your prayer: Prayer time to be measured and increased. What type of prayers we make? Is it just a long list of request?. Henry ended his sharing with a prayer.

# <u>06 Feb 2014 – Felix Menezes – Deut. 6: 5</u>

Felix shared on the aspect of "Love that leads to Discipleship". There are 3 types of Christian circles. In the first circle we have Christ, in the 2nd there are disciples and apostles and in the third circle we have Christians who are like the crowd who followed Jesus during his time on earth for their own benefits.

In the light of the theme of the year and discipleship, each one of us are required to introspect based on the Gospel of *Jn 8:31-32*. A disciple is one who decides to move out of the crowds and moves towards Jesus. He is one who has made his personal decision for Jesus. One who has accepted Jesus as His personal Saviour and Lord. Disciple or discipleship is Christian's lifelong commitment to the person, teaching and Spirit of Jesus Christ. Life under the Lordship of Jesus involves progressive learning, growth in Christ likeness, application of biblical truth and responsibilities for sharing Christian faith.

Jesus preached to the crowd, healed their sickness, delivered them from their bondage, met their physical needs, fed them with food and never been serious with them knowing their mindset. Whereas he taught the disciples how to pray, he taught them beatitudes, commandments, he taught them about love of God and neighbour, he was serious and disciplined them, commissioned them to go out and teach. There is no instance of healing among disciples (not recorded as such).

A disciple or would be disciple will always be serious, eager to learn, always prepared to act and take risks, move with expectant faith, pray and accept God's Will in his life, encourage others, has a burden for lost souls, reaches out to the needy with his time, talent and resources. A wonderful example of all this in the scriptures is Mother Mary.

Discipleship is a process and therefore one has to be patient and consistent in his trust in the Lord. Another important aspect of discipleship is being fruitful (*Jn 15: 8*). *Jn 8:31-32* says. "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free". In order to be a disciple we should first learn to be ready, meditate and do our best to live the Word of God.

# 13 Feb 2014 - Henry Sanjivi - Love of God

Taking the cue from Felix sharing the previous week, Henry recapitulated his earlier sharing of 30 Jan and also captured briefly Bro Felix's sharing.

**Love of God**: It is like a man trying to guide some ants from the impending danger, from an oncoming truck, he is not able to communicate and help them. Through divine power, he became an ant and led them to safety. This is what our Lord Jesus Christ did, by disrobing Himself of all the glory and splendor, He became man and gave dignity to this human body.

In *Gen* 27 – we see how, Isaac blesses Jacob, thinking that he was Esau – He was not able to take back the blessings pronounced. Words we speak are so very important, it cannot be taken back. Our words have immense power. *Prov* 18:21 says "Death and life are in the power of the tongue". Therefore, we should confidently confess that we are the temple of the

Holy Spirit, and other positive and uplifting things.

St. Paul in *Col 1:24* says, I rejoice in my suffering for your sake. This was written at the same time when epistle to Philippians and Ephesians were written – while Paul was in prison. He was not sitting idle and crying in the prison, self-pitying – POOR ME etc. The one who loves God, will have this attitude of St Paul. Mother Theresa, who left the convent with Rupees 5/- started her mission reaching millions, because she saw Jesus in every poor, dying and destitute person.

RECOGNIZE THAT OUR AFFECTIONS DETERMINES OUR DEVOTION. First, let's determine the heart. Heart is where our affections actually lie, we have to discern what occupies our time, what motivates our actions, what shapes our aspirations?

OUR AFFECTIONS FOLLOW WHAT WE TREASURE - *Mt.6:21* "For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be." In order for the heart to love Jesus completely, the heart has to treasure Him supremely. AIM TO MAKE JESUS YOUR GREATEST TREASURE.

### How to Love God with All Your Mind:

*Rom 12:2* states that a major part of being transformed into the image and likeness of Jesus, must require our minds being renewed. The language of the mind is images. Much of our life is lived in our minds, we can never turn our minds off. We find ourselves constantly seeing images Even when our body sleeps our mind stays active dreaming through the night.

Imagination: God has given the mind, the power to imagine. Some call it dreaming big dreams. Some say get a "picture" of your future. While others say if you can see it, you can be it.

# How to Love God with All Your Soul:

The soul literally is the part of us that defines who we are. The biblical definition for soul means life, personality, the inner self and our identity. It's where we make our decisions and choices that ultimately decide our lifestyle and behaviour. Think of the soul as the "core you". To love the Lord with all your soul means to love Him in the way we live, in the choices we make and in the behaviour and lifestyle we adopt. Ask yourself: How do I spend my money? My time? What kinds of things do I read? What programs do I watch? What do I do for entertainment? Where do I go for relaxation? What things give comfort in difficult times? What kind of friends do I have?

## How to Love God With All Your Strength:

To love the Lord with all our strength means to love him "exceedingly / richly / lavishly, with simple devotion. In more practical terms it means we are to love Him 110%.

1. Loving Him with all our strength is to love with our resources, our abilities and our time.

2. Love Him with our eyes and what they see.

The eyes are the gateway to the heart. We are made to gaze on His beauty (*Ps. 27:4*), to fix our eyes on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith (*Heb. 12:2*). Our eyes come in contact with so much during the day yet we love Him well when we see what pleases Him.

3. Love Him with ears to hear.

Jesus said many times, "If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." Listen to be changed. Listen to others share their story, their thoughts and their pain, walk away from gossip, slander, backbiting and negative discussions. These are all part of loving Him with all our strength.

4. Love Him with our mouth to speak.

We get to love Him by declaring praise and worship to the Lord. Also, when we boldly share our faith with others. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. Let's love Him well!

Practical recommendations were: to fast once a week and pray during the time of fast – Pray for Holy Catholic Church, especially for the church in Europe and to have a committed tithing practice. The meeting ended with a prayer of commitment.

# **RESULTS FOR THE LAST BIBLE QUIZ (WHO AM I?)**

*Kudos* to every child, parent and teacher for this excellent response. We are delighted to mention that we received 12 quiz responses and we thank God

for your dedication and support. We had 2 all correct entries with **Albert Menezes** and **Samantha Pinto** taking this honor. We urge our teachers and parents to continue to encourage all children to participate in even greater numbers for this Jan –Feb 2014 quiz.

# **QUIZ ON THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY**

We are currently reading the book of Deuteronomy, so this quiz will test our knowledge of the same.

- 1. What was the name of Caleb's father?
- 2. Which king of Hesbon would not let the Israelites pass through his land?
- 3. How many tribes inherited land on the east of Jordan?
- 4. Where did the Lord speak to the Israelites out of the fire?
- 5. How many cities of refuge were on the east side of Jordan?
- 6. Which tribe of Israel received no inheritance?
- 7. Which living creatures in the water were deemed unclean?
- 8. Which of the following birds is deemed clean?
- 9. Of what three things should a king not have multiples?
- 10. When Moses blessed the tribes before his death, to what animal did he compare Gad?

Please drop your answers in the "All Purpose Box" or hand them over to any of the CT members or leader.



MIPC Prayer Meeting: Every Thursday at 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall, except on the second week of the month. General Intercessory Meeting: Last Monday of every month at 8:00 pm. Community Mass: Every Saturday at 9.00 a.m.