

10. Celebrating Our Journey



Theme: Growing together in Redemptorist Spirituality.

Aspects: Incarnation, Redemption, Communion, the most abandoned.

Keywords: Recall, Reflect, Rejoice.

“The center of Redemptorist spirituality is Christ the Redeemer, celebrated above all in the mysteries of his Incarnation, Passion, Resurrection and Eucharist. These lead us to be his living memorials and to continue his mission in the world. This profoundly Christocentric spirituality impels us to rediscover ever more the heritage of St. Alphonsus in his “exodus” toward the poor. The Redemptorist “follows” Christ the Redeemer and “pursues” his liberating practice.

Mary is the first disciple of the Redeemer, whom she accepted as the Word of God; she guides us in the way of our self-identification with Him.” (Final Document of the 1991 General Chapter.)



Introduction

A little crib, a crucifix, a picture of the Risen Christ, a symbol of the Eucharist (a poster depicting the Eucharist or a loaf of bread), an image of the Blessed Mother and the Constitutions and Statutes are placed on a table.

Life Experience

We recall and reflect what has happened among us over the last few years in our Journey together in Redemptorist Spirituality

What new vision or insight has emerged in the last few years of this journey?

What have you had to let go of or die to during this journey?

Word of God

One member reads aloud 1 John 4:9-11: while the group reflects in silence.

*God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.
My dear people
since God has loved us so much,
we too should love one another.*

The group is invited to sing a suitable hymn of thanksgiving in response.

Meditation and Reflection

From what we have shared and listened to today, what is God inviting us to do as a community for our journey ahead as Redemptorists?

What are the areas in your Redemptorist life for which you can give thanks for and celebrate?

Prayer and Supplication

The community is invited to a spontaneous prayer of thanksgiving for all that has happened in the last few years of their journey in Redemptorist Spirituality.

Sharing Vision and Resolutions

The community chooses one area that has emerged from the meditation for concentrated effort in its' journey ahead.

Celebration

The community celebrates the Eucharist – highlighting 'thanksgiving' (choice of preface). This can be followed by a special meal together.

