

Celebrating Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019...

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Lk 9:28-36

“It Is Good to Be Here” (Lk 9:33)

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Once I visited Coron Island in the Philippines which is blessed with varieties of natural beauty. Crystal clear lakes, hills, caves and beautiful beaches make the place spectacular and amazing. Though I really felt good to remain there for long, I could stay only two days there. Even after years have passed, I still have the vivid memory of those wonderful places and I wish to get a chance of visiting the Island again.

If natural beauty can attract us this much, how great would be our attraction towards the divine beauty or divine presence. Disciples in today’s Gospel passage had such stunning experience of enjoying and immersing in the divine beauty through the Transfiguration of Jesus. As a result, they wanted to remain in that divine presence, enjoying that amazing diving beauty, saying “It is good to be here.”

I think, this is the gist and purpose of Christian living and and Christian Mission or Evangelisation. Bringing the Jesus whom we have experienced to the ends of the earth and thus to make the people to say “it is good to be with Jesus and it is great to live like Jesus.”

Mother Teresa experienced the beauty and love of Jesus and brought him to the people through her compassionate deeds. Consequently, numerous people came to know Jesus and wanted remain in such good experience. Many started living by sharing her charism of compassionate love of Jesus.

Beware! Certain worldly attractions can make one to feel good and tempt him/her to remain there. It can be persons, places, things, ideas, etc. But they bring only momentary good feeling. One has to aspire for enduring goodness which can be provided by Jesus only.

Wherever we are, we are on a Mission - a mission of sharing of Jesus whom we have experienced as someone irreplaceable to make our lives joyful and peaceful. As disciples enjoyed the true joy and peace in the divine manifestation of Jesus, people should come to Jesus through our words and deeds and experience the true joy and peace in their lives. In short, they should be able to say “it is good to be here”. Yes, our Mission continues as Jesus lives through us.

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