

Celebrating Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019...

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Lk 1:39-45

Christ bearers and Christ conveyors

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Every Christian is a disciple bearing Christ in life and an apostle conveying Christ through life. We cannot bear Christ without being in Him who is in us.(col 1:27) Mary became the mother of Jesus bearing him in her womb and carrying and conveying him to Elizabeth and John the Baptist in her womb. They were filled with Holy spirit, the spirit of Christ. Mother Mary is the first Christian, the perfect disciple and the most committed apostle of Jesus. Mary is the first Christian because she is the first one who exchanged her life with the life of Christ , the perfect disciple because she never deviated from following Christ as the disciples did , and the most committed apostle because witnessing Christ remained her life choice all throughout her life.

Mary and Martha are the two symbols of discipleship and apostleship (Lk 10:38-42). Mary is the symbol of discipleship being with the Lord listening to him, adhering to his principles, following him and imitating him. It is making the Word of God our home allowing the Word incarnate us our body, mind, heart and spirit. Martha without worrying and with the one thing needed-prayer -is the symbol of apostleship. We are to be living witnesses through our service. Ministry is in the church for the believers and missionary is in the world for the non- believers. When prayer and action are blended together in our lives the dimensions of Mary and Martha are well integrated in us and we become witnesses of Christ in being and in action.

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