

KIT @ KIPPAX

Staying Connected while Physically Distant

Thursday 7 May 2020

On his appointment as Provincial for a second term Fr. Chris McPhee msc wrote a letter of gratitude to the members of the Australian Province.

Following is an excerpt from that letter.

The Emmaus story always touches something deep within all of us. In a way, it touches our own experience of being touched deeply by his Heart....

As I have often shared with you all in past letters...It is a heart on the outside - a heart vulnerable - a heart open to failure - a heart open to compassion, to love, and to intimacy. A heart being poured into ours.

This COVID-19 pandemic reminds us that we are - deep down - Spiritual beings and makes us recognise that the problem of coronavirus is right here in our community, today, both locally and internationally. It is the challenge that we MSC's face today; it is a challenge that calls us to be MSC men of compassion; to be witnesses of the one thing we are all certain about - the intimate love of God. To be there, in the face of all anxiety, that we are not alone, that we too together with all humanity, walk the road to Emmaus.

Like the two on the road to Emmaus, in this COVID-19 period and beyond, if we strive to transform our shared vulnerability, our shared isolation into an opportunity for communal solitude, we might discover that it is, as it has always been, an opening to the Source of all certainty - the love of God.

In His Heart

Chris R McPhee msc

Provincial MSC Australia 30 April 2020

Today's Gospel John 13: 16-20

Forever I will sing the
goodness of the Lord!

PSALM 89

Bird song-maker
whose twitters, calls and
whoops have made all
places holy - give us ears to hear
diminished presence, courage to
reclaim holy places of habitat, to
call 'Enough!' emboldened by
that swooping Holy Dove.

Prayers in a time of Virus, by Julie Perrin

<https://tellingwords.com.au/collects-in-the-time-of-virus/>

Page link sent in by Terry Fewtrell

The Robin and the Sparrow.

Said the Robin to the Sparrow,
"I should really like to know, why
these anxious human beings
rush around and worry so".

Said the Sparrow to the Robin
"Friend, I think that it must be, they
have no Heavenly Father such as
cares for you and me". "Then I think we
ought to tell them" said the Robin to
his friend, "that they have a Heavenly
Father whose love will never end,
then they would not need to worry
when in trouble or in woe,
God must think they cannot trust Him
when they fret and worry so".

Submitted by Pauline Greig