

LETTER TO HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION

My dear children,

Thy Kingdom Come!

I pray that infant Jesus be your model, source of inspiration and guide in all your endeavors. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me” (Mt 18:4-5). Jesus loved children very much, he appreciated their innocence and he enjoyed the company of children. As a young child Jesus lived an exemplary life. “Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them” (Lk. 2: 51). He was an obedient child, a sincere child, God fearing child and an illustrious child. He was obedient to his parents. He helped his parents and others. He loved religion and learned the religious truth (Lk 2:50). Under the guidance of his parents and religious teachers he grew up in divine wisdom and compassion for the humankind. That infant Jesus of Bethlehem is your model and patron.

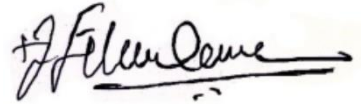
As members of the Holy Childhood Association you are called to follow his example. Do your weekly prayers, try to help others in the best way possible, compassionate to the sick and the disabled, visit them and console them, avoid spending money for lavish needs, help the poor and the needy, be regular for sacraments and prayer, be obedient to your parents, teachers, Fathers and sisters etc. Do not say lie, Do not steal, Do not use bad words, Do not hurt others, Do not be lazy, Do not entertain bad thoughts, Do not kill or hurt animals or birds for self- pleasure, and Do not cut down trees unnecessarily. These are but few Do’s and Don’ts for a good life.

Dear Children, I exhort you to study well and come up great in life. To develop on your skills and talents we have some opportunities in our diocese such as Talent club, Kalabhavan, post metric hostel, career guidance course, vocational training opportunities etc. Avail them in accordance to each ones’ aptitude and taste. For some of you, feel that God is calling you to be a priest or a religious sister, share it with your Fathers or Sisters. Certainly, they will guide you as required. I greatly desire that you avail every opportunity and grow great in life.

As you all know the very purpose of Holy Childhood Association is to be missionary children to help children in other parts of the world. By small sacrifices you can help others. Fr. Vivek, the Holy Childhood Association director is providing various opportunities to exhibit your talents

and to acquire knowledge. Parish/Zonal seminars, competitions, on-line programs, a manger of babe Jesus during advent season are some example for it. Avail all provided opportunities and grow in Christian faith and character formation. I wish you all best. Babe Jesus bless you abundantly.

Yours devotedly in Jesus,



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