

As the first expectation of the Year of Consecrated life, Pope Francis expressed "where there are religious men and women there is always joy. Is it possible to be joyful as consecrated men and women? Can we be happy with the Church and with our vocation? Can we be happy in our community? Can we be happy with the People of God in doing His mission among them? Can we smile at others? Can we have inner happiness? Can we go and meet others with happiness? Can others come to us with joy? If not something is wrong in us? Year of Consecrated life is indeed a time to wake up ourselves and to wake up God's Mission through our vocation. St. Paul in his letter to Galatians 6:9 highlights "Let us not lose our zeal in doing good things, for in due season we will reap reward, if we do not give up."

God is the source of our joy. We should know and teach others that He will fill our hearts to the bring with happiness. As consecrated persons we must rejoice in doing God's will and His mission and no doubt there is no comprise in committing our life for God's mission. In order

to be joyful we must be always close to the mission of Jesus and in doing His mission we can be happy and joyful. We need to sacrifice ourselves for the mission of Jesus. Self sacrifice is the way to experience joy and happiness in our life. We need to be always in the spirit. We need to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Let us not live our life as per the worldly attraction but rather let us live by listening to the inner voice of God which is within us as St. Alphonsa lived her life and became a saint.

Let me conclude with the words of St. Paul in his letter to Philippines 4:8-9: "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovable, whatever is noble, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard... and the God of peace be with you"

Two things are not good for one's heart. First is claiming the staircase and the second is letting others down. Be happy and make others happy! Thus be joyful, become good consecrated persons and share God's love to all our brothers and sisters.

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