

FR. BILL RETREAT

AUTUMN EDITION 2007



Last minute touches to the new Miraculous Medal Shrine, Entebbe, Uganda, inaugurated by Fr. Bill on 8th September 2007.

From the Assistant Editor

Dear Readers,

It is with deep regret that we tell you that our dearly beloved Editor, Liam (William) Stynes passed away on Tuesday 16th Oct., feast of St. Margaret Mary Alocque.



His sudden sickness and death has been a great shock and he will be missed by all, especially those who knew him through the retreats and more especially those who worked closely with him throughout the years.

Liam had something to offer all those who met him, be it a listening ear when needed, or offering some advice. Having suffered himself, he was quick to show empathy to those who approached him. Then there was his neverending wit and willingness to help anyone he could. For those of us who worked with him, he was always at the end of the phone or computer and no matter what time of the day or night it was, he would never refuse help to anyone who called. He was a true gentleman.

Since meeting Fr. Bill and experiencing the power of healing at his retreat, he became a great instrument in evangelization. When Fr. Bill first mentioned the idea of producing a magazine, it was to Liam he spoke and as

always willing to please, Liam said 'Yes'. Since then, the magazine has been a very powerful instrument in promoting the retreat, thanks to Liam's hard work.

Liam had also been to India recently and was delighted to accept the invitation of membership in Fr. Bill's Foundation there. He was able to see firsthand the many projects undertaken by Fr. Bill and was planning to return to Kerala at Christmas to help these projects, namely maintaining the upkeep of the Prayer House there and the ongoing work for a retreat centre also.

But the Lord had other plans for Liam and called him Home.

I believe he will do as much and more now for those of us left behind. As one of his friends said, 'a sad, sad day for us but a glorious one for Liam'. We would not deprive him one second of his well-earned happiness but we will also not allow him to 'rest in peace'!!! We will now shower him with our petitions!! He was a loyal friend and worker and we were privileged to have known him.

In honour of his memory, we hope to continue with the magazine. He would have wanted this. Naturally, if any of you would like to offer your help in this area, please contact us anytime.

God bless you all.

ARE YOU HAPPY?

Need a Spiritual Boost?

Does your faith need a good boost: a stronger sense of hope or an increased feeling of love in your life; Are you feeling spiritually dry or weak?
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Do you have a fear of anything: fear of the future, fear of failure, fear of rejection, fear of yourself? Are you afraid of history repeating itself? Are you looking for answers?

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Do you suffer from low self-esteem, have a poor self-image or feel that "I'm no good"? Do you like yourself? Do you feel you are unworthy of happiness, that you are undeserving of love? Do you suffer from depression?

Brokenness

Do you feel broken: from the break-up of a relationship, from the death of friend or relative?

Hatred

Is there someone you hate, who you have been unable to forgive or who you need to make your peace with?

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Fr. Joseph Bill

Fr Joseph Bill is a 79-year old Vincentian priest from Kerala, India, who has a profound gift of preaching and healing.

At age 48, he had two severe heart attacks, which left him in a coma for three days and a further 45 days unable to move or speak. Eventually when released from hospital, he was praying for a happy death. He was told of a healing retreat being organized for the first time in his area. Fr. Bill did not believe much in healing at this time. The participants totaled 163 priests and 2 bishops. At the end of the retreat, there were prayers for healing of the body. During this session, a Bishop laid his hands over Fr. Bill and prayed for his healing. **At that moment, Fr Bill looked up and saw not the bishop, but Jesus Christ.** He was instantaneously and miraculously healed. His faith also greatly increased. He went on to study healing through faith in the USA. At the end of his training he was in a Church in Boston and was asked to pray over a paralytic. He prayed and heard Jesus saying, "Tell him to get up and walk" and though nervous, he obeyed and said to the person 'In the Name of Jesus Christ, I tell you to get up and walk. Immediately, the person stood up and began to walk.

This was the first miracle Jesus worked through him. He now travels all over the world preaching, with miraculous results everywhere. More significant than the physical healings are the healings of soul and mind that occur, with very many gifts of deeper faith, joy and happiness. Jesus does the healing. Fr. Bill is

simply his chosen instrument... ***"I am not a miracle worker; the miracles are happening to each and every one of you as I am speaking to you. It is Jesus who is doing these miracles"***.

First Fr. Bill focuses on healing and wellbeing of the soul, and then moves onto healing of the mind, including painful memories, and finally healing of the body. This is because interior healing is much more important than physical healing, and we cannot be healed physically until we are first healed interiorly.



Dallas 2007

Testimonies

Donna

I wanted to make a life confession and was so happy to have this opportunity at the retreat. Fr. Bill's simple teachings gave me all the guidance and preparation I needed for this. When I came out of confession, I felt so cleansed and happy. Thank you Fr. Bill

Pat

It was no co-incidence or accident that I went to Fr. Bill's retreat. I knew I needed healing but during the week, God brought a few more things to light during the week. I was able to 'let go and let God' heal me in so many ways. I feel so blessed to be chosen to be at this retreat. God knows our every need and shows us how much he loves us in ways we did not think were possible. During the retreat, it was revealed to me that one of my problems was my 'credit card'. My job involves travelling a lot and I do a lot of shopping between appointments. Spending and buying "things" have become a big habit. I knew I didn't need these things but they made me 'happy' – I thought!. It never made me happy. I was able to get healing in this area and now I feel totally liberated. Thank You Jesus.

Susan

This was my 2nd retreat with Fr. Bill and I have enjoyed it as much and more than the first one. The first one opened my eyes to my catholic faith and a great desire for the Holy Spirit. The second one has given me a greater understanding and desire

for the Bible, for which I am so grateful. In my case "when the student was ready, the teacher appeared". Thank you Fr. Bill. Praise and thank You Jesus.

Mary

I am 6 months pregnant while attending Fr. Bill's retreat. I praise God for bringing me here. I felt so free after confession. I feel and trust God will do wonders in mine and my families lives. I have more of a thirst to read and learn Holy Scripture.

Ranit James

This is my second retreat with Fr. Bill. I attended my first one in June 2006. At that time, I felt the whole retreat was about forgiveness, though Fr. Bill only spoke one day on this subject. This was exactly what I needed to hear. Before coming to the retreat, I had decided to forgive a person in my family. Even though I wanted to forgive, I could not, because I realised I depended on my own ability rather than God's grace. This was a powerful lesson I learned at the



St. Barbara 2007 - Family of Musicians at Retreat in USA

retreat. Also, I didn't know how to forgive. Fr. Bill's powerful but simple teaching on forgiveness helped me understand how to forgive. He simply told us "if Jesus asks you to do something, He is responsible for the consequences also. If He asks you to forgive, just forgive". This suddenly took away all the heaviness in my head. Now I feel a freedom inside me and no longer unhappy since I can now forgive. I feel the bondage of sin through unforgiveness is now broken and I am so happy and at peace. Praise God.

Constance

During the retreat, Fr. Bill reminds us not to worry about our families while we are away from them. He tells us that God will help them and we should not worry. I was praying for my son's job while on retreat. When I called him at the end of the week, he was appointed as new principal of a 2,000 student school. My daughter lost her father-in-law to suicide and then her father died 8 months later and she also lost twin boys at 5 months pregnancy and was very depressed. I spoke with her on the phone and for the first time, I actually heard joy in her voice. Thank you Fr. Bill. Praise You Jesus.

Daphne

This retreat was exactly what I needed. I am now a different person. I was holding on to so much anger that I was never able to move on with my life. I would recommend this retreat to my entire family and friends. I have learned so much from Fr. Bill that I am now ready to apply his simply but profound teachings to my life. This is one of the best experiences of my life. Thank you Fr. Bill.

Elizabeth

It would have been my loss if I did not attend Fr. Bill's retreat. I believe it was God's call. I feel I am a different person in the space of one week. I am going to follow the Commandments to the best of my ability with the help of God. I am going to read the Bible the way you taught us. Thank you Fr. Bill for giving me a new life. Thank You Jesus, Praise You Jesus.

"You have heard it was said, you will love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say to you love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on the bad as well as the good, and send down rain to fall on the upright and the wicked alike. For if you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Do not even the tax collectors do as much? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Do not even the gentiles do as much? You must therefore be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" Mt.: 5 43



Fr. Bill in Haiti

Words from the President of India

“I am extremely happy to know from Mr P.V. Alby, translator of my autobiography, that Rev. Fr. Joseph K. Bill has been actively considered by the Guinness Book of World Records authorities to be included in their new edition. It is taking into consideration the number of preachings he has given, along with the number of countries where they are delivered that the Guinness inclusion process has begun. It is my personal opinion his entirely new approach to healthcare, the Total Person Healing Therapy also should be recognized along with these, because it is going to be a path-breaking proposition. May it help millions of people suffering from various kinds of maladies to attain total wellness.

With prayers and best wishes,”

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

President, Republic of India

Patient & Preaching Centre

It was solely the inspiration given by Rev. Dr. J.K. Bill that I could set up a hospital cum prayer centre which is the first of this kind in the world. Here we give physical treatment as well as spiritual solace which is the essence of Total Healing, the unique method taught by Fr. Bill. I thank Fr. Bill also for taking the time to bless our centre. Dr. Jose George Kottencheril.

Love & Care

I met Fr. Bill in the 90's. Since then he is my spiritual father and the guiding lamp of all my activities. Having visited my home, he asked me to show the concept of healing socially. This was not clear to me at the time,

but his guidance and prayers gave me an insight on how to fulfil this mission. We now run a charitable network called Love & Care, of which Fr. Bill is our Patron for the poor and destitute in Kerala. Through it, we provide breakfast and lunch for thousands of people every day, along with medical, educational and marriage counselling. We have 35,000 students representing 8 colleges who are directly involved in the various charitable deeds of Love & Care. I thank Fr. Bill for inspiring and helping me realise this mission and for his prayerful support.

Sabu Jose

An Act of Consecration to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

O Virgin Mother of God, Mary Immaculate, at the message of an angel You received the Word of God in your heart and in your womb and gave Life to the world. O Temple of the Living God, Throne of the Eternal King, Sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, we consecrate ourselves to you Lady of the Miraculous Medal. May this Medal be a sign of your love for us and a witness of our devotion to you. May your promise to St. Catherine Labourne bring grace to us and peace to all who say, ‘O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee’.

Jesus Touched Me

(Continuing the story of Fr. Bill)



Group of Orphans

The First Orphanage

St. Vincent de Paul, who is now the synonym for charity throughout the world, is the patron saint of the Vincentian Congregation. Fr. Bill, who had begun by imitating the saints in his minor seminary days, continues at full steam now. In his administration role, he made the best use of money through charitable acts. The most notable of these was the construction of an orphanage, which is the first one under the direction of the Vincentians in Kerala. Since that, many other institutions and churches have been built.

Besides the procuratorship, Fr. Bill has also assumed many other offices in India. He was the Vicar of the parishes of Meckad and Chengamanad, two small villages in the vicinity of the new Cochin International Airport. Through the “Prarthana Preshitha Bhavan” and the “Sisters of Good News” he keeps a spiritual relationship with both parishes. Whenever he returns to India he leads public prayer meetings conducted by his spiritual daughters.

Fr. Bill was a good orator but with a difference. The young priest would speak voraciously from the pulpit, however not always about Christ. He would quote great people and narrate about their lives. “Although

I preached a lot, there was very little mention of Christ in my preaching until He touched me,” confesses Fr. Bill. He had spent eighteen years in different offices with varying activities until that incident occurred and consequently changed his life forever.

Preparation for the “Touch”

It happened when Fr. Bill was in an institution at Kuravilangad, Kerala. He felt some uneasiness in his chest but did not pay much attention to it. Then, one day he fell unconscious immediately after Mass. Three days

later, he awoke and discovered he had been admitted to the Lisie Hospital at Ernakulam. The famous cardiologist Dr. Joseph Kurian attended him.

“Father Bill, you have just had two massive heart attacks. If you are not careful, a third one is imminent and can be fatal. You cannot move or speak for the next few weeks.” warned the doctor. He lay there for 45 days without any movement or speech.

He eventually left the hospital with a weak heart and little hope of ever regaining his previous vigour to carry out his ministry. However, God had a plan for him. He was preparing His servant to take up even tougher tasks than before. For this, God was to give him a healing touch, which would transform him and through him, would touch the hearts and souls of all those he came in contact with throughout the world. While recuperating with the aid of his regular medicines, a fellow priest told him about two priests coming from Bombay to Kerala for a Charismatic Retreat and healing prayers. Although Fr. Bill did not have much faith himself in healing, he decided to attend the first retreat of this kind which was conducted in Kerala at Mangalappuzha Seminary. Having been granted permission from his superior, he joined the other 163 priests and 2 bishops at an

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event which was to become the most important milestone in his life.

“Yes, I saw Jesus Christ alive and He touched me,” beamed Fr. Bill.

The “Doubting Thomases”

St. Thomas the Apostle doubted when he was told about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. So, there is no wonder that our scholars doubt the healing touch of Jesus through His servants. It happened when Fr. Bill presented himself before his consulting cardiologist. The test showed a healthy heart, but still the physician protested:

“It might be due to some error in the test, so come back after five days and we will have another thorough check up. Meanwhile do not stop your medicines,” warned Dr. Joseph Kurian. But Fr. Bill replied with more conviction: “The God who created my heart, can give me a new heart when the original one is damaged.”

“Do not stop your medicines or you are putting your life at risk,” was the doctor’s only reply. So he left.

Fr. Bill returned after five days and the doctor carried out more tests, with the same results. He then asked the priest if he had taken some stronger medicines. “No, no other medicine except the touch of Jesus,” Fr. Bill declared firmly.

Finally, the doctor proclaimed in a voice filled with belief and fervour: “Father, your heart is now healthier than before.” Dr. Joseph Kurian continued: “Now I believe God has touched you and given you a new heart. It’s a miracle!”

When Fr. Bill came to the monastery he sought the permission of the superior to resume his duties, but he discouraged him saying: “These Charismatic healers will say these things. There is no incident of healing a heart patient in medical history, so take rest



Fr. Bill with the Bishop of Masaka

and continue the medicines.”

Fr. Bill then decided to climb Mount Malayattoor.

To the St. Thomas Mount

History has recorded that St. Thomas the Apostle came to Kerala in 52 A.D. to preach the Good News of salvation to the people of India. He erected seven churches throughout Kerala and converted thousands of natives to Christianity. On his way to Tamilnadu, a neighbouring state, he went up the mount at Malayattoor on the banks of the river Periyar to pray and rest. The footprint of the apostle is still seen on the top of the mount.

This holy place is a famous pilgrim centre which attracts millions of devotees throughout the year, especially during Lent. The steep slopes of this 372 metre high mount offer difficult trekking even for healthy young men. Pilgrims usually sit and pray after a panting ascent at 14 points, which represent the stations of the Way of the Cross, on the way to the top.

Fr. Bill suitably selected these steep slopes to prove his regained health. Along with a seminarian he arrived in Malayattoor, climbed the mount, offered his prayers in the chapel at the top, came back and presented himself before his superior. This time he believed!

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Fr. Joseph K. Bill, V.C.M.A.



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