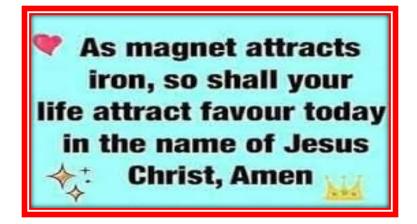


Jesus - Like Magnet attracts everyone



The closer the objects are to the magnet, the stronger they are pulled to the attracting force. Another interesting thing is that objects attached to the magnet, over a certain period of time, themselves become magnetized and can attract other things to itself. Divine Love constantly invites us to be attracted to Divine qualities and to radiate the same in our lives.

The First Reading of the Day (1 Sam 18: 6-9, 37, 19:1-7) presents contrasting characteristics the negative condition of jealousy: displayed by Saul, the king. The positive quality of appreciation: radiated by Jonathon, his son. Saul is unable to digest the fact that the people sing higher praises of David and felt envious of his rising popularity:

Jonathon, his son, however displayed a lot of maturity and exuded a sense of goodness and appreciation. Jonathan spoke well of David to his father Saul. Jonathan had responded positively to Divine Love, Which constantly invited him to be attracted to Divine qualities...and to radiate the same in his life.

The Gospel of the Day (Mk 3:7-12) is this wonderful presentation of Jesus Who radiates Divine qualities and attracts many to by His Charismatic personality – like a magnet!

St Mark beautifully presents this attractive power of the Lord through the words: "A large number of people followed from Galilee and from Judea.

The popularity of the Lord was spreading far and wide. His power over sin had many to look up to Him. His authoritative teaching was astonishing to many. His dominance over evil spirits was awe-inspiring for many. His amazing healing power had caused a stir among people. Like a magnet, the Lord was attracting many to Himself!

Like a magnet, the Lord was pulling variety of people to Himself. **The** magnetic and charming power of the Lord attracts us too. But do we remain willing to get attracted to this amazing force?

The Living Presence of the Lord in our midst is in the Holy Eucharist. **The Holy Eucharist is the powerful magnet that can pull and attract many.** The tragedy in our life is that very often, this "magnetic" Eucharistic presence remains abandoned and forsaken. It's a pity that the Living Lord is hardly visited in the Blessed Sacrament. Chapels and Churches often remain empty and forlorn. Very few to visit Jesus to say Hello to Him, in the Eucharist!

We sometimes are reducing ourselves to a generation seeking only after mighty wonders. We sometimes are making ourselves to be a people wanting only fascinating miracles. We sometimes are forming ourselves to be ones who are attracted only to external sensations. But Eucharist – the greatest wonder and miracle of the world often remains unnoticed! There is nothing more sublime in this world than the Holy Eucharistic Presence. There is nothing more beautiful than moments spent before the Eucharistic Lord. There is nothing more awesome than an experience of love in the Holy Eucharist. Am I ready to get attracted and charmed by this magnetic presence of the Holy Eucharist? The Lord waits for us every moment and every day. The Lord seeks for us...every second...every hour!

We may have different excuses to evade and avoid time before His presence. Maybe too many works and occupations. Maybe a feeling that it is too dry and boring to be with Him. Maybe an attitude that social works suffice and go beyond all such pious devotions. But no excuse and no theory can give justification to miss the Presence of the Lord. It is possible that some of us may have the negative condition of jealousy: displayed by Saul. But we are invited to imbibe the positive quality of appreciation: radiated by Jonathon!

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, you are the magnet who can infuse me with power and strength. The more closer I am, the more attracted I be. The more I remain with You, the more I become like you. Give me grace that the Magnetic Power of the Holy Eucharist may be sought more, and the Magnetic Love of the Holy Eucharist may be longed more. And may, I, in turn, become a magnetic Presence of the Lord to others. Seeking the Eucharist, to be a Eucharist to the other. Loving the Eucharist to break and share myself to the other.

Jesus, I Trust In You