Christian vocation is the communion between humanity and God in Holiness. It is a dialogue which God initiates calling the candidate and man responding to his invitation. In this dialogue there are two perspectives. The first concerns the objective pole— theological perspective of God who calls —and the second concerns the subjective pole— anthropological perspective of human who responds. It is the latter where we find consistency, immaturity, and human contradictory nature. Therefore it is important to prepare the motivation system which responds to the need that involves all his possession, physical, psychic, and spiritual. Such a formation must cover and harmonize all dimensions. The Church is ever more conscious of the fact that the discoveries of modern science, particularly psychology and sociology, can help form a person to a greater and purer human maturity.

The basic principle of human formation is based upon the incarnation of Christ who redeems and restores humanity in the “living image of God” (Gen 1:27). Even more so is the candidate of the priest who is called to share the mission of Christ. “In order that his ministry may be humanly as credible and convincing as possible, the priest must never forget that he is a man chosen among men and that he is not saved by his own merit but only by the mercy of God. He is a sinner and expects mercy from the Lord. If the priest only addresses the people who are already members of the Mystical Body of Christ with the ‘holy’, ‘blessed’, ‘saint’, ‘proper’, ‘sacred’ formularies, so will the people receive him only as a ‘sacred’ person. He has to become a man who is not ‘holy’, ‘saint’, ‘blessed’, but who is ‘christian’.”

The figure of St. Matilde, as well as the work of the betting office of St. James & St. Ann’s School, continues to be a source of inspiration for the formation of future religious personnel. The school continues to follow its motto: “Fathers and Grandparents, together we nurture the next generation of faithful.”

As we enter the month of May, let us remember to make time for prayer and thanksgiving. Let us spend some quiet time with our Lord in prayer and thanksgiving. Let us remember to pray for those who are in need and for those who are suffering. Let us be a source of comfort and light for those who are in darkness. Let us be a reflection of the love of God in our actions and words. Let us be a sign of hope and salvation for those who are lost and in need.

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