



THE 4TH INTER-PROVINCIAL NOVITIATE YEAR (2016-17)

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Literary Articles of the Month and others

### *Love is to will the good of another*

According to *Google* love is a variety of different feelings, states and attitudes that ranges from interpersonal affection to pleasure which involves a strong emotion of attraction; attraction towards oneself, towards another and even towards animal and thing. Common people agree with it. They view love as something being delighted may it be towards the self itself, or towards someone or towards something. In Christianity, however, the believers admit this very fact yet, we don't limit our perspective of love with the



***"Look into this heart of mine."***

*The statue of The Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Michael Cathedral  
Tha Rae, Sakon Nakhon*



physical world. For us love is something more spiritual. For us love is God himself. St John would say: *"He that loveth not knoweth not God. For God is love"* (1 Jn 4:8). Even Pope emeritus Benedict entitled his first encyclical *"God is love."* Indeed, God is love as St. Gaspar adds: *"Love is the form and unique principle of action. Everything moves because of God. Everything acts by reason of Him. Everything came into being because God feels good and delighted when creating."* Acts 17:28 says, *"For in Him we live and move and have our being."* However, knowing only this truth is not enough. We, Christians must do something. As God is love himself, so we should seek out ways to attain this very love. It's a natural inclination of man to pursue love. In doing so, St. Paul gives pointers to follow: *"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law."* The commandments, *"You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet, and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."* Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:8:10). And Jesus gives emphasis on it, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."* (Mt. 22:37:40) This is the core of Christian love God and neighbors; to be in relationship with God through his people. It is the desire for another to succeed. St. Thomas puts it very well, *"Love is to will the good of another."* – Novice Herbert

### Fr. Tingly's Thanksgiving Mass in Phuket | February 5



February 5, 2017- Sunday, was Fr. Tingly's Thanksgiving Mass in Assumption Parish Church here in Phuket. Fr. Tingly who took his Novitiate year here in Phuket was known by mostly of the parishioners. And his coming was gladly welcomed and his Thanksgiving Mass to the people was considered his gift to them. After the mass the parishioners received blessing by his imposition of hands. As we arrived home after the Mass, we immediately proceed to our unplanned travel to North-East of Thailand to attend the funeral mass for Fr. Michael's sister who died because of cancer. – Nov. Norielgar



## Hearts Over Heads on 2-13 | February 13



February 13, 2017, a day before the whole world sing a love song and streets be filled with roses for the Valentine's Day, the five Stigmatine novices expressed their feelings and emotions through literary works. At around seven in the evening of February 13, the novices along with their superiors dined in their well decorated refectory. In the midst of their dinner, the novices presented their respective pieces. Nov. Ryan Mark holds on the sweet things promised by love in his work "Promise of Love". While the "bitter hearts" got an ally through Nov. Herbert who featured the other face of loving, that is pain and suffering in his poem "Love". Nov. Joefrey on the other hand, though never mentioned the word love in his piece "The Other Name" expressed that love can be found in various forms, level and expressions. With the use his guitar skills and his singing prowess, Nov. Norielgar reiterated his story of first love in his song "I Knew It's You". Nov. Jayson

leaned on the Scripture and preach us what love is in his poem "un-Valentine". Bro. Fab, CSS added a flavor to the celebration as he presented video clips that tells about other forms of love. Impressed with what the novices got, Fr. Reby, CSS thanked them for the efforts and cooperation. The program was ended by Fr. Joseph, CSS who wrapped up all in a simple but meaningful phrase "Love is everything." Fr. Paul, CSS the superior of the house was also present in the said event. - Nov. Joefrey



# The Other Name

Like a small chamomile, so simple, mild and pure;  
Or white jasmine rose which are beautiful in bloom.  
Vibrant lively summer sun's heat it can endure;  
Even the dark of night can't put it in gloom.

Lured by sweet smile or by glance and beauty's glimpse;  
Or sometimes it starts with jokes or simple winks.  
Vouched not to remain just friends, but take all the risks;  
Else one will regret and live in bitter eclipse.

Listening heart that heeds and offers consoling words,  
Often a shoulder that carries someone else's world.  
Vowed not to judge or laugh, but listen and console,  
Every wound, remember, will forge it, make it whole.

Less can see this as great but called lousy fool  
Or a martyr of old, who deserve death so cruel.  
Valiant indeed, to face the odds, even whirlpool;  
Exhaustion, never be a victor, 'coz zeal rule.

Lured it may be called, infatuation,  
not so clear;

Or concern and sympathy for someone  
so dear.

Vulnerable to pain, yet still here  
to care;

Envious hearts, however,  
possess it NEVER.

by  
Dantawan Joffrey

## Literary

## LOVE

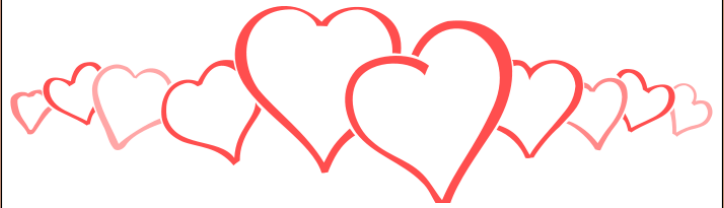
Nov. Herbert

It is just but pain  
 It gives nothing but aches  
 Nor makes heart whole; it breaks  
 It is just but a word that is plain

But why keep on believing?  
 Why keep on hoping?  
 Why keep on trusting?  
 Why keep on loving?

Because, though it pains, it is sweet  
 Though it breaks, it stays  
 Though it aches, it soothes  
 Though plain, it comforts

Things in this world have always two sides  
 Like love it hurts, yet it laughs  
 Sometimes it's filled with sadness  
 Sometimes filled with happiness  
 That's what makes love is



## I knew it's you

Nov. Norielgar

Chorus:

I knew it's you, I knew it's you Babe  
 Who'll bring joy into my heart?  
 I know it's you, I know it's you Babe.  
 The girl I wanna spend the rest of my life.

I  
 The first time I saw you,  
 you touch my heart  
 The first time I saw you, I don't know why?  
 You keep me smile all the time.  
 (Chorus)

II  
 And now that you're gone and  
 our story is done.  
 Everything in front is dark  
 And brings me down (brings me down).  
 (Chorus)

III  
 Before I'll end this song,  
 I wanna let you know  
 That I'm always here, standing here,  
 waiting for you.

(Repeat Chorus 3x)





## Promise of Love

Nov. Ryan Mark

Love can make you crazy  
That's what they always told me  
But no matter what they say  
I have my own way

There is one thing I cannot hide  
Even from the bottom of my heart  
That I cannot ignore this love  
That is burning inside my heart

I will not wait for tomorrow  
To tell you that I love you  
Even the road to your heart is narrow  
I will do everything to be with you

I promise in the heavens above  
And on the Earth below  
To you my love  
I will embrace all the sorrow

## UN-VALENTINE

Nov. Jayson

You are just a wink of my nightmare  
And my heart beats and blinks rare  
These feelings of mine isn't just a slight  
But believe me no heart will choose the right

I thought my heart is flying high  
When heart beats and drives so high  
This makes my heart sigh  
Then heart travels so high

I don't know what to do  
When my heart moves to do  
But heart must face the truth  
Even if it becomes a foe

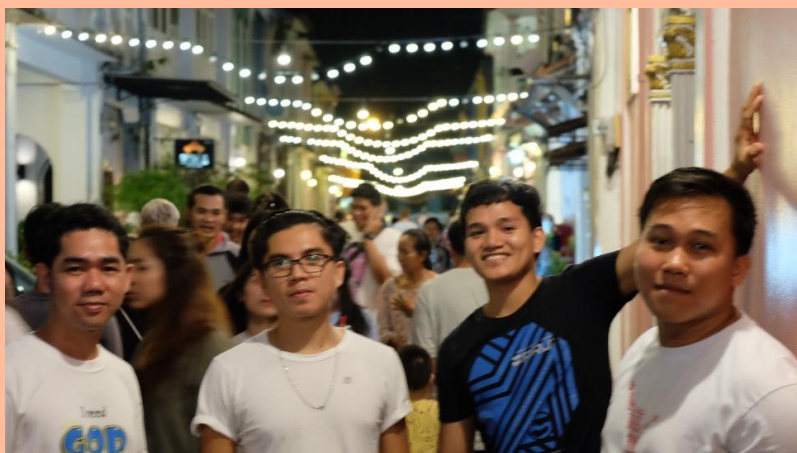
We want it but there's hinder too  
And suddenly heart's love fades away too  
Heart realizes that destiny is not true  
And our moment was filled with sorrow

Maybe God's purpose not prevail  
For our puppy love wasn't build  
But your love never let me sleeps  
Because of the touch of your lips

It was destiny's time that we're not  
It was destiny's time that we cannot  
And hoping that our valentine is not the end  
And may God justify our valentine with happy  
end



## Phuket Walking Street | February 26



On February 26, 2017 we, the novices together with our formators went to *Phuket Walking Street* to take a look how beautiful the place is. We saw many old Sino-Portuguese houses; different kinds of exotic and foreign foods, Thai handicrafts, and apparels along the busy and crowded street. No wonder it is one of the most visited places in Phuket. And along the road we saw some performers and buskers. We tried some Thai desert. The place was just 350m, not so tiring to walk and after that we went home. It is nice to see how different cultures merge together and create harmony. Definitely our short street escapade reminds us how people connect to others by their culture: their smile, songs and dances, food and everything. It is truly a microcosm of the unified cultures. – Nov. Ryan Mark

## Funeral | February 5



After our Eucharistic Mass (Fr. Tingly's Thanksgiving Mass) last February 05, we traveled going to Sakon Nakhon province, the North East part on Thailand for the funeral Mass of the deceased sister of Fr. Michael, CSS. His sister, Theresa, finally reunited to God. She was diagnosed of cancer 7 years ago. We know that the family of Fr. Michael is in deep sorrow because of her passing but God's love is more powerful because he called her to rest in His



kingdom. The family of Fr. Michael, with his confreres and novices, some religious priests and nuns, relatives, friends bid the last goodbye to her last February 07, 2017, with a Eucharistic celebration at the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel. Her remains are laid at St. Michael Cemetery. – Nov. Jayson

## Palms Turn to Ashes on Shrove Tuesday | February 28

The observance of the Lenten season is about to mark its beginning on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 with the sacred tradition of imposition of ashes on the forehead to remind the faithful that “we are dust and unto dust we return” and encourage them to “repent and believe in the Gospel.” These ashes are from the palms blessed on the previous “Domingo de Ramos” or Palm Sunday which were withered by time and nature. And in the evening of February 28, 2017, the Novitiate Community in Phuket, gathered in front of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes for the burning of the old palms. The celebration was presided by Fr. Reby, CSS. – Nov. Joefrey



# ANNOUNCEMENT

THE NOVITIATE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCES THE SCHEDULE OF THE NEXT MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

APRIL 21 (FRIDAY) – ARRIVAL OF THE POSTULANTS

APRIL 23 - 27 (SUNDAY TO THURSDAY) - RETREAT TOGETHER WITH THE NOVICES

APRIL 29 (SATURDAY) - ACCEPTANCE TO THE NOVITIATE

APRIL 30 (SUNDAY) - FIRST PROFESSION (ASSUMPTION CHURCH)

MAY 2 (TUESDAY) - DEPARTURE OF THE NEWLY PROFESSED TO MANILA



# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

to all February birthday celebrants  
especially to:

February 7 – Fr. Wichien, CSS

February 19 – Fr. Niran, CSS

February 20 – Nov. Herbert