

Father James Manjackal's Retreats
In the Seychelles Islands
January 2020

Father James Manjackal gave several retreats in the Seychelles evangelizing a whole nation in 17 days! He was invited by the President of the Republic Mr. Danny FAURE and Mr Deny Wiehe, Bishop of the diocese. The meeting broadcast on the television channel can be viewed through this link: Fr. James in the main SBC news bulletin Seychelles TV - Meeting with Seychelles President Danny Faure. 31.12.2019

He arrived on December 29th accompanied by his Assistant, Gaby and his doctor Dr. Richie (Gaby's son). They were received at the Presidential Palace; they had very warm and friendly exchanges. The next day Father James began his evangelization program. »

Dr. Richie sent me some very interesting information: (in italics)

"The Seychelles, consisting of 115 islands of which only three are populated, Mahe, Praslin and La Digue, known to tourists as "Paradise on Earth", is an independent republic in the western Indian Ocean, with a population of 95843 inhabitants. 76% of the population are Catholic and the rest belong to the Anglican Church, Hinduism and Islam.

Father James was very pleased to begin his evangelizing ministry on the first day of the year: vigil on December 31 followed by Holy Mass at midnight at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Lazarus Bay. He then preached, celebrated Holy Mass and prayed in various parishes and religious communities as well as on the most beautiful island of Praslin where he preached, celebrated Holy Mass and prayed for the participants. He also wished to spend a day with prisoners. It was on January 2.

Many testimonies of miraculous physical and inner healings, liberation, conversions were expressed. *"His preaching to the clergy as well as to the Seychellois believers brought about a genuine spiritual renewal by reviving their faith in Jesus, in the Church and in the Sacraments. »*

According to other testimonies I have received from participants, the Seychellois people have been very enthusiastic and receptive to this renewal in their faith. At Father James' farewell, many wept. It rained because, according to the Seychellois, the Island was sad about the departure of Father James... They are very hopeful that he will return.

At his last Mass on January 15 at St. Francis Parish in Assisi, the church was packed with people who had attended the various retreats.

"Bishop Deny accompanied Father James to the airport on his departure. He thanked him especially for all that he had brought to the faithful of his diocese, expressing his appreciation for his good works. He also informed him that most of the Catholics and many people of other religions who participated in his retreats and were healed, liberated and blessed in an extraordinary way.

"As a physician, I was once again amazed at the enthusiasm and fire that Fr. James Manjackal has for evangelization and his boundless devotion to it at the age of 74, sick with constant pain. Almost every day he was on foot from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. to preach, sing, pray or offer Holy Mass. As always, during breaks, without rest or meals, he went out to meet people and respond to their needs.

It should be noted that he is always in a wheelchair even though he sometimes walks with canes. He has heart and kidney disease in addition to his neuropathic weakness followed by Guillain Barret Syndrome (GBS). I think his enthusiasm for saving souls is much greater today than it was before he became ill seven years ago!

There have been many miraculous physical healings such as the blind seeing, the lame walking, the healing of cancer patients...

Father James refuses all publicity about "miracles or wonders"; his sole purpose is to preach the Kingdom of God and to bring as many souls as possible to Jesus, the only Savior.

He understands this and he claims that it is Jesus alone who heals people when they repent of their sins and return to Him. He takes no credit for the signs and wonders that take place in his retreats, but he gives all the glory to Jesus.

Having accompanied him on his various trips around the island and given some conferences, I have witnessed first hand the power of the Holy Spirit in Father James' ministry. He attracts thousands of people in all European countries and elsewhere. He carries the wounds of Christ in his body that bleed on Fridays and on the great feasts of Jesus in the Church.

Father James is a mystic who travels in a wheelchair to preach the Gospel; indeed, this is a rare phenomenon in the Catholic Church. In addition to retreats, he receives people daily for advice and prayers in his residence, and he answers all the letters and e-mails that reach him. Although only two fingers of each hand are good with proper movements, he writes hundreds of letters himself and lays hands on thousands of people to fill them with the Holy Spirit during retreats. Father James is truly a great gift to the Church, especially the Church in Europe where people are moving away from the Christian faith. »

Dr. Richie

His entire evangelistic tour can be viewed on his website:

<http://www.jmanjackal.net/>.

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