



They returned to their homes, consecrated

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«With consecration, a person ceases to refer to himself; he orients himself resolutely towards Jesus Christ who is the center of his new life».

The above words were transmitted by Father Alex SWAMYNATHAN SMM, member of the Generalate community, in his homily during the celebration of the consecration of nine people, who came from various corners of Italy, such as Naples, Reggio Calabria, Lecce and Rome itself. They are: Cinzia, Rosaria, Giorgia, Antonella, Nadia, Laura, Emanuela, Bruno and Marieclare.

They pronounced their consecration after the «prayer after communion» during the liturgy of the Mass of Divine Mercy, Sunday April 16, 2023. The Mass animated by the Filipino community, which celebrates Mass every Sunday in a tent located in the garden of the General Curia of the Montfort Missionaries, took place in an atmosphere full of fraternity and joy.

Father Alex then explained the richness of the meaning of the word «hesed» in Hebrew: one of the words used to translate it is «mercy». With consecration, each person becomes an

extension of God's mercy towards others, because Jesus, who is the incarnation of merciful God, reigns in his heart so that it is no longer he who lives, but Christ who lives in him.

Nine people therefore made the consecration to Jesus through Mary. It should be noted that it began thanks to one of them who wrote to the international website of the Montfort Missionaries asking for accompaniment in her preparation for consecration. She then invited her friends to participate in the same path.

After the celebration of the consecration, the newly consecrated had lunch with the generalate community. They thanked the Filipino community for the welcome and the fraternity. Then they returned to their respective hometowns, renewed. Alleluia!

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