



POWERS OF ELISWANIC SPIRITUALITY

Only those who see the invisible can make the impossible possible. Pope John Paul II within one year of assuming the office of Supreme Pontiff, decided to make an official visit to communist Poland to express his solidarity with his suffering natives. Humanly speaking that visit was risky and hence 'imprudent'. But this made a big difference in the life of the people of Poland, slowly non-violent freedom struggles started. At last Poland became a democratic country in 1990.

It was this motivating power of our Foundress Mother Eliswa that gave birth to an indigenous congregation for women. "Everything is possible for the one who prays with confidence". This humble attitude of Mother Eliswa was the on the one side with total dependence on the unconditional providence in the Lord and on the other side unfading courage to share in the sufferings of people.

Five Powers of Eliswanic Spirituality

1. The Power of Being: At the time of his incarnation, the power of his being was experienced by all. Mary responded, Joseph recognized, angels sang, shepherds awoke, kings saw and wise men worshipped. Birth of Mother Eliswa was a Divine plan for the master had a dream. She realized it day by day as she grew in the fertile soil of her family. From the very infancy she had compassion for the suffering humanity. The power of being is the power to love which can be communicated by recognizing the invisible presence of divine in every individual.

2. The Power of Doing: The entire history manifests the power of doing. What we do is the result of our being. Mother Eliswa instructs her sisters saying, "In everything seek and desire the grace of God". We have to be the doers of the Word of God. This leads one to his/her destiny in life. You and I are not here accidentally but deliberately and meaningfully.

3. The power of thinking: Thinking rules the universe. Think out your thoughts. I am what my thoughts are. My thoughts produce the feelings and feelings are expressed in our actions. Therefore, positive thinking will produce constructive actions. It was the power within that led her to the Eucharistic Lord where her thoughts were formed to discern her Vocation. Therefore she is able to admire and say, "What a great thing God has done for me".

4. The Power of Identity: Who am I? What am I? What is my role in the society as a religious? The awareness of who I am gives a person the sufficient self-confidence to live the commitment with prophetic zeal. Mother said, "We are pilgrims on earth". This power of her identity opened the door for her to celebrate the identity of every individual. Here lies the beauty of Eliswanic community living where each one is accepted with her uniqueness.

5. The Power of Intimacy: The power of intimacy is the power to relate. "We are therefore I am." Left to myself I am empty. I grow in relationship. I become mature in love. "Love of God is the Life of the soul". This is how Mother Eliswa inculcated the power of intimacy within herself which generated in her an urge to serve the humanity. The world exists on the power of intimacy with the Lord.

These powers are the secret of Eliswanic Spirituality. As we come nearer to the Celebration of the Beatification of our Foundress Mother Eliswa let these powers rejuvenate our Commitment to the Lord.

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