



Adventurous Journey

Every river has an origin...and a journey... we also have our own origin and journey... we may think at times that our journey is not important to others. We may also think that our journey is insignificant. But the journey of our life is without any doubt very important for God and for others.

A tributary is a smaller body of water that flows into a larger one. Tributaries add water to the main river. A large river is able to receive its sources gratefully and keep moving towards its own target.

The course of the river is often marked by peaceful moments. It flows quietly and effortlessly. It seems to know where it is off to. Peaceful moments in our life are those when we are clear about our own goals. Apparent obstacles around seem to be insignificant when we know where we are flowing to. Sometimes the river may not be visible to our mortal eyes... but it flows though hidden... under rocks, under the cracks of mountains. Normal life may go on over this underlying flow of the river. People may even walk above the river without knowing that there is a river beneath. If one walks downstream a little, one may see the traces of river continuing its journey once again.

Great heroes often have hidden phases in their lives. Joseph in the Old Testament is a popular son of Jacob. He is sold as a slave and lives a hidden life in Egypt and even in the prison. But only to be made on time a governor of the land of Egypt. The hidden phases in the lives of these heroes are actually moments of preparation, a period of incubation. Have we recognized the fact that the hidden moments in our own life are moments of preparation? God is only buying time before he can make us a hero or a heroine.

Rivers make detours. They go away from their course of flow often caused by the landscape or by overflowed during flowing. When rivers make detours, their journey is prolonged, their energy wasted. In the course of the journey sometimes the river meets with obstacles. But the river pushes them away with tremendous energy.



Life journey of Mother Eliswa had a humble origin with a significant purpose to achieve. Different tributaries that flowed into her life didn't infect but led her to move towards her own destiny. The course of her life was marked with peaceful moment as she had clear goal to focus.

The hidden phases of her life were actually moments of preparation, a period of evolution. God was only taking time before he could make her a heroine of her era.

Detours usually prolong the journey. But in the life of Mother Eliswa during these detours she discovered the beauty of unconditional trust in the Lord. In the words of St. Teresa, "it is a glorious foolishness, a heavenly madness where the true wisdom is learned; where the soul enjoys the journey with delight". During the flow of her life she came across various obstacles but strapped them away with incredible vigour. She never agreed to be conquered by these seeming blocks of life. Always ready to unblock the challenges of her life journey.

As we prepare for the Beatification of Venerable Mother Eliswa may we learn to welcome the hidden phases of our life and allow God to takes his time.