



GOD'S INTERVENTION

"Prayer that springs from faith will comfort you" Mother Eliswa.

Encyclical letter Lumen Fidei says, "Faith is a way". While Paul was on the way to Damasus God intervened into his life. He fell down, became blind and then was led to Ananias. "He is an instrument whom I have chosen..." Act 9/15.

A vessel is chosen with God's intervention.



An angel intervened Mary announcing God's message.

When Joseph hesitated to take Mary as his wife God intervened through a dream. When Peter and his companions went back to their usual fishing Jesus intervened by preparing breakfast for



them. God's intervention came to Samaritan women at the well. Abraham was intervened by God at the mount Horeb while he was to sacrificing his Son – the promised child. St. Teresa of Avila was intervened by God in the form of an ailment.



Mother Eliswa too experienced God's intervention in her life. She was led to Fr. Leopold TOCD just as Paul to Ananias. It was at the confessional that she was given the right direction towards the fulfillment of God's plan. Hours kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament strengthened her to commit herself to the Lord in chastity, poverty and obedience.

A vessel by the very fact that it is chosen does not deny its earthliness. This earthen vessel that symbolizes our human nature is always drawn to the things of the world. Therefore, it was not so simple for this Mother Eliswa to take a daring step of living a life of chastity, poverty and obedience. It was a risk taking, courageous attempt and a leap in the dark. And yet she was not afraid to announce the Good News to the illiterate women of her time who were deprived of education on every level. India, our country is the cradle of religion and religious life. Of course the Indian soul in Mother Eliswa longed for its' heritage. To which she gave the expression of religious life – an untrodden path indeed. Deep experience of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and her special devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary led her to live her vows in its true sense thus materializing what it means to be "set apart" (consecrated). Let God intervene in our life as we prepare for the beatification of our Foundress Mother Eliswa. Amen!

