

### III PROVINCIAL CHAPTER 2025

DELEGATE MEET-11-12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

#### **THEME: CALLED TO BE THE VISIBLE SIGN OF GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD**

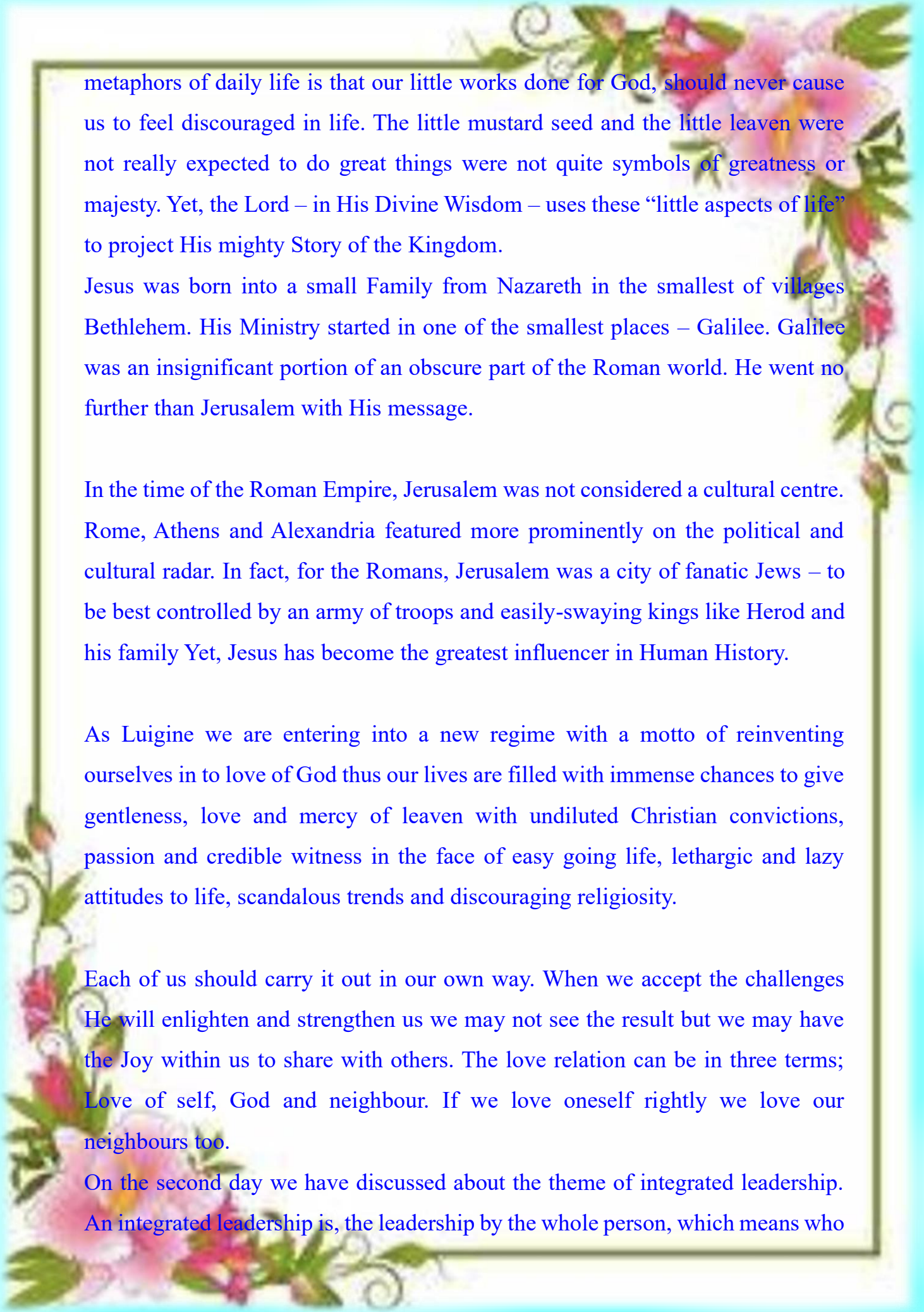
We use the word "love" to describe many things and experiences: What is love? Love can be described in various way.

Biblical ....Spiritual ....Social.....Psychological...Physical... many other

So which is the most important one for Religious? For the religious love is mission .It is the height of missionary Mandate, because mission is the integral part of the Eternal plan of God for the world. We are called in order to be sent it is also at the height of human complexities... perplexities, absurdities. The New life in Christ gives new dimension of love. The most common theme of love that we all struggle to love to be loved. We have joined in the Congregation to experience the love but often we find it, lest seeking outside than the God Himself, the embodiment of love.

The word love is a multifacets aspects the ancient Greek Philosophers have attributed to it four kinds of meaning. Eros, Philia, storage and Agape. Each word has vast meaning in it. Agape has a superior meaning. Agape means self-sacrificing love, which means, people move into action and look out for the well-being of the other no matter the personal cost. Thus in this Agape love God has sent His only Son into this World. The celibate love focuses on will than emotions. St. Thomas Aquinas describe love as an emotion, a choice, a relationship, a gift above all it is charity that encompass all virtues.

The Nature of love is that it transform the lover in to the object loved. Human heart always aspires for love and in this matter God takes the first step. The love of God is the center of Gospel where we could find the overflowing love of Christ. The Johannine Gospel and writings speaks about this unconditional love. He loves little things, those little things in God's hand expand like mustard seed, and leaven. One of the beautiful lessons that the Lord teaches from these two



metaphors of daily life is that our little works done for God, should never cause us to feel discouraged in life. The little mustard seed and the little leaven were not really expected to do great things were not quite symbols of greatness or majesty. Yet, the Lord – in His Divine Wisdom – uses these “little aspects of life” to project His mighty Story of the Kingdom.

Jesus was born into a small Family from Nazareth in the smallest of villages Bethlehem. His Ministry started in one of the smallest places – Galilee. Galilee was an insignificant portion of an obscure part of the Roman world. He went no further than Jerusalem with His message.

In the time of the Roman Empire, Jerusalem was not considered a cultural centre. Rome, Athens and Alexandria featured more prominently on the political and cultural radar. In fact, for the Romans, Jerusalem was a city of fanatic Jews – to be best controlled by an army of troops and easily-swaying kings like Herod and his family Yet, Jesus has become the greatest influencer in Human History.

As Luigine we are entering into a new regime with a motto of reinventing ourselves in to love of God thus our lives are filled with immense chances to give gentleness, love and mercy of leaven with undiluted Christian convictions, passion and credible witness in the face of easy going life, lethargic and lazy attitudes to life, scandalous trends and discouraging religiosity.

Each of us should carry it out in our own way. When we accept the challenges He will enlighten and strengthen us we may not see the result but we may have the Joy within us to share with others. The love relation can be in three terms; Love of self, God and neighbour. If we love oneself rightly we love our neighbours too.

On the second day we have discussed about the theme of integrated leadership. An integrated leadership is, the leadership by the whole person, which means who

has the full range of balanced competencies- intellectual, emotional, and social. In this the emotion plays an effective role. The emotions are physiological and psychological propensities towards action. According to Goleman there are eight categories of emotions, managing these weird experiences effectively in social relationship is called Emotional Intelligence. The Emotional intelligence consists of self-awareness, self-regulation, motivation, empathy and social skills. The emotional intelligence and leadership has an inward relationship. By developing a full set of emotional competencies leaders are able to switch their style smoothly for maximal effectiveness.

The integrated leaders have self-awareness, and lead others from inside- out by example, they know their own shadow which is their inner dynamics, and they are real and reliable to keep up their word and commitment and make the things happens. The integrated leader can manage the emotional reactivity such as Projection, association, threat, Abuse, and guilt.

As the future leaders of the province we need to combine the self -Sacrificing love and emotions in our day to day activities to become the visible sign of God's love in the world.

