

WALKING in Faith daily

Spotlight on Marymount Convent School



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“One person is of more value than the whole world.” These are the words of Saint Mary Euphrasia Pelletier, the foundress of the Good Shepherd Order and Marymount Convent School. This philosophy, which is prominently displayed within the school’s parade square, serves as a constant reminder of the uniqueness and individuality of each person as a child of God.

In Marymount Convent, faith and spirituality play a significant role in every aspect of the school experience as students are taught to recognise God’s presence and to see His footprints in their daily living.

Within the school, faith is brought alive through daily prayers, hymn singing, Eucharistic celebrations and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Every day, a short reflection, prayer or the Angelus is said. These moments serve as opportunities for students to deepen their spiritual encounters with God.

In the school premises, there are numerous places for prayer and reflection. The Ligouri Bourke Prayer Room, in particular, holds a special place in the hearts of many students and teachers.

The school’s environment is also intended to be Christ-like and nurturing. There is a strong emphasis on fostering quality relationships between teachers and the students. The Good Shepherd spirituality, which focuses on being present for one another, just as God is present for each person, every moment of our lives, is also inculcated in the girls.

While catering to all students of different religious beliefs, Catholic students, in particular, are given the opportunity to intertwine their faith with their education.

The school’s Chaplaincy Team works in tandem with other departments to ensure that the Catholic faith is kept alive and vibrant. The team focuses on faith formation for both the staff and students.

For Primary 5 student Kaitlyn Ng, she loves the daily sacred time. “We get to listen to Bible stories and real-life examples of

how to live our values. Everyone keeps silent. This is a time for me to be in God’s presence right in the middle of the day when everything is getting so busy and noisy.”

For Pri 6 student Sem Euna, she said “through daily prayers and reflections, we ask God to watch over us throughout the day. It is so wonderful to start the day with God. Marymount has also taught me values and morals, and how to carry myself as a convent girl.”

The school hopes to make a positive impact on the spiritual lives of individuals and to ensure that they see God’s presence daily and they carry themselves in the way of Christ.

Sharing on how the school has helped to deepen her faith, Pri 5 student Kagoro Anmiela said, “Marymount has inspired me to serve God and be thankful for all He has given us. That is why I’ve started to pray every morning and night for safety and I always thank God for blessing me. I started doing this only after coming to Marymount.”

The school also focuses on community involvement and engagement as the girls are taught the concept of paying it forward by serving others.

In close partnership with the Good Shepherd Order, all the Values-in-Action programmes are planned in support of the Sisters’ mission here in Singapore and around the region.

Every year, staff and students will visit the Good Shepherd Kindergartens in Batam, Indonesia. These trips provide an opportunity for them to help spread some joy to the children at these kindergartens.

The school is also involved in fund-raising efforts as well as the collection of old uniforms and books that are meant for various overseas locations including the Good Shepherd Orphanage in Phuket, Thailand; and shelters in Sabah, Malaysia, the Yephyu Village in Myanmar and the Good Shepherd Congo Mission in Africa. Through these efforts, the hope is to bring the love and compassion of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to all.

Said Pri 5 student Alexis Tong, “I love the opportunities the school gives me to help the



A statue of Jesus the Good Shepherd within Marymount Convent. Photos: Marymount Convent



Students receiving Holy Communion at Mass in the school.

needy through our Values-in-action programme. We donate money and buy things for the poor children in Africa, Batam and in other places where the Good Shepherd Sisters do their work. I have learnt the importance of giving in Marymount Convent.” □

The Good Shepherd Sisters run the Good Shepherd Kindergarten in Nallur Road and Marymount Kindergarten in Toa Payoh.

Marymount Kindergarten is slated to be converted into a childcare centre in April this year and will be renamed Marymount Educare. For more information, please contact them at 6251 5049.