

Commemorating the 30th Anniversary for Establishment of the Kkottongnae

Spirituality of Kkottongnae



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Fr. John Oh Woong-Jin, Founder of Kkottongnae



Fr. Oh Woong-Jin and Oh Hang Wook, Park Jong Hyuk from Kkottongnae were greeting the Pope Benedict XVI after the installation of Cardinal Jeong Jin Seok in Rome



Archbishop Chang In Nam, the Apostolic Nuncio to Bangladesh and Fr. Oh Woong-Jin were greeting the Holy Father, John Paul II.



Cardinal Stephan Kim Soo-Hwan who visited Kkottongnae House of Angel for babies who are waiting for new parents by adoption with Founder Fr. Oh Woong-Jin



Cardinal Nicholas Cheong Jin-Seok with Founder Fr. John Oh Woong-Jin



Archbishop Paul P. Bakyenga(Uganda of Mbarara) with Founder Fr. John Oh Woong-Jin



United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon with Founder Fr. John Oh Woong-Jin

Purpose

Do you know Kkottongnae?

It was night. I came across a brother who was lying on a dark street corner, moaning in the rain. As I drove on in the rain, with him now in my car, my heart was constricted with pain. I had this same experience many times after this incident.

“Even if you have only some strength to beg for food, it is a gift of God’s grace.”

When the beggars fall ill, they die on the street without anyone’s knowledge. We urgently need a place to rest their bodies and souls. The place we desperately need is a Kkottongnae — a house of salvation in which to prepare the beggars for eternal life, a house of resurrection in which to help them meet their death in peace.

kkottongnae is not for sentimentality. The purpose of Kkottongnae is to protect and nurse the poor with our warm hearts and love.

As small streams naturally form a big river, I am convinced that our voluntary and active

I hereby agreed to the foundation of Kkottongnae in Cheongju diocese, which is to be a community of love for the poor and abandoned, by Fr. Oh Woong Jin

Cardinal Kim Soo Hwan Archdiocese of Seoul		Bishop Park Do Ma Diocese of Chooncheon	
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Bishop Hwang In Seong Bishop of Daejeon		Fr. Oh Gi Sun	
Bishop Jang Byeong Hwa Bishop of Masan		Governor of province of Choongcheong Peter, Kim Jong Ho	



I pray that the foundation of Kkottongnae by Fr Oh Woong Jin will be a success and as a work of God accomplish God’s will. And I hope all of you are willing to cooperate in the foundation of the community.

On a feast of Easter, 1981
Bishop Jeong Jin Seok
Diocese of Cheongju



brotherly love will create a beautiful Kkottongnae. Let us give the courage to live and the joy of resurrection to these brothers and sisters in misfortune who are alienated and held in contempt.

In order to help Kkottongnae, regardless of your religion or nationality, you may show your good faith with a monthly membership fee of 1000 Won (approximately 1.25 U.S.\$). You may make one payment for a year's membership. Of course, family members of children of existing members may also become members. Anyone, after becoming a member, is free to cancel the membership for any reason.

All of the undertakings of Kkottongnae will follow the decisions made by the Advisory Committee and by the Steering Committee of Kkottongnae. The Kkottongnae Newsletter will provide activity and financial reports and news on the members in detail. We ask for your warm support and continuous cooperation.

On the Great Feast Day of Resurrection of 1981

Fr. John, Oh Woong-jin
President of Kkottongnae



Charter of Kkottongnae

We identify heaven with salvation of mankind, which is actualized by loving others as Jesus did.

We give thanks and praise to our Father in Heaven for today we share love in the way that Jesus himself showed and taught us.

Kkottongnae is founded on the basis of Jesus teaching that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. And we are very much inspired by Fr. Oh's encounter with Mr. Choi Gui-Dong that through a personal experience we can come to meet God.

Kkottongnae is not only a place where the poor and deserted live in peace together but also a place where people may seek after truth and experience the love of Jesus that is hidden in every person among the people in Kkottongnae.

Kkottongnae as a tool of Gods love is a comfort home, from the cradle to the grave, to those who do not even have a strength to beg for food

Kkottongnae is a proof of that love can provide the deserted with care and love so that they might help themselves experience the abundant love of God and consequently live their lives as children of God.

Kkottongnae is an educator of love by providing all of us with that valuable experience of a profound love that Jesus showed us.

Consequently, we would like to remain as the blessed and special realm of true and eternal love through the grace of our Father and His son and the Holy Spirit.

December 31, 1997

Kkottongnae Logo



White background - Holy Father
A Big star in center - Jesus

Rays from stars - Hory Spirit
4 Little stars - as illustrated above

Prologue

Someone defined
The modern times
As an era of spiritual poverty amidst material abundance.

Contrary to this,
Kkottongnae, being with the poor for the past 30 years,
Has been living a spiritual life,
Enjoying spiritual profusion amidst poverty.

Spirituality, which is neither theory nor knowledge,
Can be defined as
The road to truth through practical life,
Not by following worldly desires, but the will of the Holy Spirit.
Human beings have become unhappy due to the absence of spirituality.
Kkottongnae, practicing a life of love
Dedicated to the poor, the ill, and forlorn neighbors,
Has learned that
Not material life, but only spiritual life
Can make people happy.

We publish this book, Spirituality of Kkottongnae,
Where the spiritual words, granted by God to
Fr. Oh Woong-Jin, the founder of Kkottongnae,
Were explained in simpler language.
We pray sincerely for those who
Practice them in their real lives
To become happy.

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Praise the Lord!

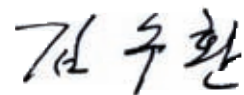
I congratulate Kkottongnae on the 30th anniversary of its foundation.

And I also give thanks to the Lord for the new Spirituality of Love Retreat Center which will be a place to learn and experience the love of God. I am also pleased to know that a book about the spirituality of Kkottongnae is being published for the commemoration of this special occasion.

This book is comprised of spiritual reflections about all the love that has been experienced and shared with the poor and abandoned in Kkottongnae over the past 30 years. The love flowing from the people of Kkottongnae is not something theoretical but is something very real because it is based on true stories of sacrificial love, service and of forgiveness. So, in terms of its contents, the book is very accessible and easy to read.

I hope all people who read this book will be helped to become compassionate towards the poor in an encounter with the Lord and then to live with what they have learned in Christ. I pray that all of you who read it are willing to put your life in God's hands and to make your lives more spiritual ones, not according to your will but to His.

Once again, I congratulate Kkottongnae on the 30th anniversary and wish Fr. Oh the founder, all the brothers and sisters of the Kkottongnae Congregations, and all the volunteers and supporters of Kkottongnae abundant blessings of God.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading '김수환' (Kim Soo Hwan).

Cardinal Stephen, Kim Soo Hwan

Congratulations

To congratulate Kkottongnae on the 30th anniversary of its founding



It gives me much pleasure to congratulate Kkottongnae on the 30th anniversary of its founding in September, 1976. The past 30 years have seen it grow from its humble beginnings to one of the major social welfare institutions in Korea.

But what is equally important is that growth has been built on the firmest of gospel foundations; a spirituality of compassionate love that embraces the poor and abandoned. The love shown by the poor beggar Grandfather Choi gwi dong to his helpless fellow beggars that gave Fr. Oh his inspiration has been multiplied thousands of times through the ministry of Kkottongnae to the abandoned poor of Korea.

So it is with these thoughts of thankfulness for Kkottongnae's underlying spirituality that I commend this small book of inspiring photographs and spiritual reflections to readers in Korea and around the world. I pray that all who read it and reflect on the photographs may be lead to a deeper faith and lives that more fully express that love that is the basis of Kkottongnae spirituality.

+ *Emile P. Tscherrig*

Most Reverend
Emile P. Tscherrig
Apostolic Nuncio to Korea

A Good Tree with Good Fruits



This year is a very meaningful one for Kkottongnae as it celebrates the 30th anniversary of foundation. I am privileged to offer my congratulations on the publication of a book about Kkottongnae Spirituality for the commemoration of this very special occasion.

Jesus says; “For a good tree bring not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit (Luke 6: 43).” Reflecting upon this passage, it can be said that Kkottongnae is a good tree planted by God through Fr. Oh, the founder of the community. By watching the fruits of the tree of Kkottongnae, we have been able to sure that the tree is truly a good one.

In the past 30 years, it was Kkottongnae that has created and made possible a spirit of service and sharing bloom on what was barren ground where there was a lack of donation and service. It was the fact that so many people, more than a half million supporters who generously donated from what they earned to Kkottongnae to care for the poor that tells us it is true. It can be witnessed also in that there are so many volunteers from every corner of the country and overseas who come to Kkottongnae and spend their time with their neighbors in Kkottongnae. Furthermore it is proved in that there are more than 300 religious brothers and sisters who are willing to sacrifice their lives for the poor, abandoned and handicapped.

Kkottongnae has been bearing precious and abundant fruits that saved many families and lives in Korea for 30 years. For the last 29 years, not only many broken families but also many valuable lives have been saved through the Virgil prayer gatherings for families that are held fortnightly in Kkottongnae. Only God knows how many lives were born, grown up and have now become lovely children of God through the prayer gatherings for holy family. And it is also true that many young people who were down, depressed and thought seriously taking their own lives happened to gain a new hope and courage to carry on their life journeys after their visits to Kkottongnae. Saving so many families and lives like this is a certainly

another fruit that Kkottongnae has born. Therefore, Kkottongnae is a truly good tree planted in Korea by grace of God.

Jesus said; “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit (John 12: 24).”

The fruits of Kkttongnae are not accidental. It is as a result of the sacrificial and dedicated life of Fr. Oh Woong-Jin and all the people of Kkottongnae whose lives are like the dead grains of wheat falling into the earth. As a result it has been possible for a spirituality of serving the poor to become alive and as it is lived by the founder and the many brothers and sisters of the Kkottongnae Congregations of Jesus; his coworkers.

As far as I know, Fr Oh has neither spent a single day for holidays nor slept for more than 5 hours a day over the years. He has suffered from diabetics and, as a result has had to have insulin injected over a long period of time. What was worse, he had to have his eyes operated at St Mary’s hospital, due to a complication in December 2002.

It is well known that diabetes is as an illness that makes a patient get tired easily. However, Fr Oh is a diabetic who has been passionately and untiringly working for the community. And I believe his immeasurable zeal and enthusiasm come from his dedicated and earnest love for the poor and abandoned. It is conceivable from all we have witnessed that Fr. Oh has nothing of himself except an ardent love for the poor in his mind. In this sense, it can be said that he is totally obsessed with the poor.

It is a real joy to be celebrating the 30th anniversary of Kkottongnae foundation by publishing a book called “Spirituality of Kkottongnae.” I do hope through this special book that many of you will come to realize that a life filled with a spirit of service and of sharing is a very special way of gaining a true happiness and peace. And I pray that God’s abundant blessings will be especially on those who have contributed all the efforts to making the book.

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Most. Rev. Gabriel Jang Bong Hoon

On the Occasion of Kkottongnae's 30th Anniversary



Praise to Jesus! I love you.

“It is the blessing of God just to have the strength to beg for food.”

A true priest is a tool of the Holy Spirit. We have published the Spirituality of Kkottongnae in Kkottongnae News Letter for several years, which is about God's work that we have carried out during the 30 years of my priest life.

I am grateful to God for helping us compile the series of Spirituality of Kkottongnae pieces, which have been serialized in the Kkottongnae News Letter, into a book for the occasion of Kkottongnae's 30th anniversary on September 8, 2006.

Kkottongnae has its beginning in its history just like all other histories. The 30 year history of Kkottongnae, which initiated after 33 years of preparation, is a history of the close relationship between the grace of God and I, who have lived as a tool of the Holy Spirit having become a Catholic priest after my baptism to become a child of God.

This book is a record of spiritual words about those who live every moment in pursuit of what God likes, is pleased with, is proud of, and wishes.

Kkottongnae is presently served by the Congregations of Kkottongnae Brothers/Sisters of Jesus, the Kkottongnae Third Order, and Kkottongnae general members; people in these organizations have been working to help people physically and financially, following the words of the new covenant that God made for us.

The general welfare facilities in Kkottongnae provide care and love from cradle to grave for those who do not even have the strength to beg for food. Training Institute of Love at Kkottongnae, which was established for preventive welfare, teaches and helps people learn and experience love. Kkottongnae Hyundo University of Social Welfare is a specialized university, which cultivates prospective experts working in the field of social welfare with spirituality, intelligence, and sensibility. Kkottongnae Center for Love and Spirituality is a place intended for studying and deepening God's love and the spirituality of Kkottongnae, carrying out apostolate.

Kkottongnae Love Research Center opened at midnight on the Assumption of the Virgin Mary on August 15, 2004. The subject of the research is God's love, the head of the Research Center is Jesus, management is run by the Holy Spirit, and the location of the Center is in the soul of each and every staff and benefactor.

The contents which are being studied and taught at love Research Center are:

God is Love (1 John 4: 16)

God's Commandments

First commandment: "The LORD—and the LORD alone—is our God, Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength (Deuteronomy 6: 4-5)."

Second commandment: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself (Mathew 22: 39)."

The New Commandments of Jesus

"I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love (John 15: 9)."

"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another (John 13: 34)."

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you (Mathew 5: 44)."

The Wishes of Jesus

"You must be perfect—just as your Father in heaven is perfect (Mathew 5: 48)."

You must engrave these in your soul.

You are the only one I love.

I love you whether or not you have committed a sin.

You must love those you meet whether or not they have committed sins, just as I love you regardless of your sins.

Everything here was established by the tools of the Holy Spirit through the help of Jesus Christ, God's only son.

Spirituality is represented by the lives of people who carry out God's will with their whole heart and body.

More of God's will, which has thus far been spread by the tools of the Holy Spirit, will be delivered to the people for the glory of God, if time allows.

I thank everybody who has worked hard for the publication of this book. I would like to give my life to do God's work. Please recommend one more person to become a Kkottongnae member. I love you.



Fr. John, Oh Woong-Jin, Founder of Kkottongnae

