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Footprints of a Philosopher-Theologian Mystic

etc. Later, I had a golden opportunity to write my BTh thesis under his guidance. I happily recall that he always appreciated my music, thoughts, and creativity.

Finally, the inspiration and vision of my idea of starting a Ganashram is from his idea of



Vidyavanam Ashram. He used to encourage me, when I shared the idea of Ganashram. He was a big role model for me. He actualised his vision about Indian Christian Ashram by shaping the beautiful Vidyavanam Ashram in the outskirts of Bengaluru. He was a true Jnāni and Guru par excellence and a realised soul. My big salute and pranams to this great and noble soul!

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Thank You for Your Great Trust in Me...



It was my first appointment after my Ordination. After my pastoral ministry in a parish, I came to Vidyavanam. We led a life of vegetarian food, simple way of living, yoga, singing.... I celebrated Holy Mass in the Latin Rite for the visitors and Sisters. Vineeth Achan guided me and made me stable for the ashram life in Vidyavanam. Meditation, classes for the groups, also with Yoga, was a new way of life.

Construction work was something new to me. But he was open for ideas. Ashram chapel construction was a nice project among many. Teak plantation was something good for green world. Unimaginable were the motor riding experiences to Dharmaram... Then, to Kengery to bring cow feed... But Vineeth Achan made it all possible. The long talks in the evenings with Vineeth Achan, sitting on the rock garden, remain etched in my memory. A different time, a different personality: he motivated me to undertake studies to become a Yoga teacher...

