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Footprints of a Philosopher-Theologian Mystic



his eyes, innocent smile on his face, and deep silence of his tongue – all these showed that he had his finger on the pulse of the treasure.

- He carried his childlike innocence even to the upper circles of the society.
- He erased the gap between the wonder of philosophy and the ecstasy of mystical experience.

- He rendered credibility to the virtual, firmly founding it on the real.
- He made his life a synonym for nobility, simplicity, and beauty combined.

Father Vineeth, indeed, was a philosopher par excellence!

Shepherd Thelappilly CMI, Chavara Bhavan, Khairi, Narsinghpur

Mentor and Master



In 1978, while I was doing my second year philosophy studies in Dharmaram College, Bangalore, six of us CMI Scholastics, including me, ventured 'Simple Life' in huts made by our group in Dharmaram campus. Fr. Vineeth was our mentor and Master. Every day, after supper, he used to share inspiring stories of his life and we enjoyed his presence and ideas. He taught us various subjects in philosophy as well as theology. It was very original

and creative classes which I cherish for a lifetime.

After my ordination, in 1986, I was working in Sagar Diocese. In 1987, when I was informed that Fr. Vineeth was coming to Poornodaya in Bhopal for giving a retreat, I gave my name immediately to participate in it. I learnt lot of things to be a good retreat preacher from Fr. Vineeth and I am indebted to him. He gave me courage to be an inspiring speaker. His thoughts are still fresh in my consciousness and I am happy to be one of his disciples. The legacy of Fr. Francis Vineeth will surely be continued through his disciples. Let us enumerate good and practical values from this immortal soul. Let good Lord Jesus grant him eternal rest!