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## *Footprints of a Philosopher-Theologian Mystic*



referred to Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross as the spiritual masters in the field of inter-spiritual dialogue. Within the same context, he pointed, time and again, at the Carmelite core values, like silence, and the agonizing experiences of the dark night.

Grateful for his insights, his friendship, and his Carmelite companionship, I pray that Francis may rest in the great Self of our Lord. I feel deeply connected with him and all the Carmelite brothers and sisters in India. Please, pray for me and the whole Carmel around the world.

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I met Fr. Vineeth for the first time when I was doing my philosophical studies at Dharmaram College, Bengaluru. I was amazed by his simplicity and sincerity in the classroom and his loving approach towards students. He taught us Metaphysics and, while he was teaching philosophy, he communicated concepts and ideas very clearly to his students. I remember an encouraging gesture I received from Fr. Vineeth when I was participating his seminar on Bhagavat Gita. He assigned the subjects for seminar presentation for each student. When I presented my seminar paper, I was a little bit frustrated about my presentation but he congratulated me and, at the same time, he corrected the way of my presentation. As a good teacher, he supported me; he corrected certain things in my presentation for improving my academic pursuit. I loved this approach very much in my younger age. Although after my philosophical studies I had many opportunities to meet him and talk with him, what I remember most is his approach towards me during the seminar presentation. When I was participating in the funeral ceremony of Fr. Vineeth, I remembered the seminar room experience and I prayed for the departed noble soul. I always cherish his calm, serene, and pleasant approach to each and every person in our Congregation. *May the angels and saints carry this beautiful soul to the heavenly abode!*