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Footprints of a Philosopher-Theologian Mystic

mal of life. Follow the 'Call of the Heart'. Let's be passionate, missional and compassionate in the 'Holy Optimism' which is pervading and prevailing in the text

and texture of existence, both within and without; we will never fail, and we will never, ever go astray while we correlate passion and mission in our life's narrative.

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Remembering Father Francis Vineeth



In June 1970, the new batch of students of philosophy had arrived in Dharmaram College, Bengaluru. Christ College was launching the first year of its degree courses. We the new batch was expected to join both the philosophy course at Dharmaram and the degree course at Christ College. Our time would be divided between the two In-

stitutes – 10 am to 4 pm at Christ College and the remaining at Dharmaram. Fr. Francis Vineeth was one of the professors who gently explained to us the new arrangement and helped us to make a choice of science or humanities stream at Christ. He was kind, ami-

able, gentle, and genuine. Later, in Philosophy classes, when he explained to us Existentialism and other subjects, we enjoyed the originality and spontaneity of his thoughts. His work, *Call to Integration* (Bangalore: ATC, 1980), is an insightful theological reflection on religious life and vows. The book has helped me to evolve my personal convictions on religious life. I was fortunate to be with him in the renewal retreat team of the CMI Congregation, which gave me a chance to experience his spirit of team work. He was always generous to share his thoughts, insights, stories, experiences, etc., with other team members, in spite of the fact, that he could use them in his talks. Above all, he was a fine human being, sensitive to the needs of others with an extremely refined sensibility. May the 'Word Become Flesh' unite him to the Triune God, Amen!