

ODE TO MY ALMA MATER



“Gratitude is the memory of the heart” with these words of our foundress St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier I would like to share my three dimensional association with my Alma mater.

I am grateful to the Almighty, to be associated with such a great institution. It just looks a dream that I have spent 39 years in the annals of Good Shepherd, 14 years as a student and 25 years as a teacher. I recollect today three generation of sisters, teachers, classmates and students.

My first step in this journey started as an LKG student in 1969. As years rolled by, the year 1992 was a dreamy promotion to climb to the dais in the very same classroom enjoying equal status with my very same teachers whom I had held with great esteem and reverence. My twin daughters adorned me with another role as a parent for another 14 years. Now with great surprise and gratitude I look back at my 25 years as a teacher.

As a cocoon passes through various stages to grow into a butterfly, I have gone through all the formative years of my life in this Good Shepherd garden moulded and guided by my teachers who were my pillars of formation as a student. The sylvan surrounding that inspired my inner feelings are still fresh in

my memory. Gratitude parades my thought to everyone who has contributed to my development. I owe my utmost gratitude to all the sisters and teachers who have enriched me with ennobled principles. I have imbibed in myself the invaluable examples of life through the words, deeds and teachings of my mentors. These teachings made me understand the essence of life which seemed to gather new dimensions. The maturity which I acquired this way has strengthened me as a more mature teacher today. My association with the Good Shepherd sisters taught me to see the humanitarian approach in all walks of my life. The noble path of our ancestors in helping the needy is still followed by our sisters.

My role as a teacher in this institution is “to develop to the fullest all that is best in the human personality” these words of our foundress has been the guiding light in this noble profession for which I am chosen. The power of the Holy Spirit enables me to mould the pliable clay (students) that comes into my hands

Today in this fruitful journey what makes me really proud is the three pronged experience as a student, teacher and a parent. No doubt I have enjoyed all these roles but what would remain evergreen in my memory is the role of teacher. Good Shepherd has brought out the best in me. What stands out predominantly as my earnings on this campus are self-confidence, a sense of commitment and discipline which otherwise I today believe I would not have been able to possess. I thank God the Almighty for all the wonderful ways in which he has led me and I place my future in His care.

The memories of “THREE IN ONE” will never fade away even as years pass by. The spirit of Good Shepherd shall live through generations and I carry this “goodshe spirit” in me to live up to the motto.

“DO WELL ALL THAT YOU DO”

Thank You

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