

Dear Fr. Provincial and the council,

After hearing the death of Fr. Bala, personally I was affected and felt the deep pain and I could not sleep that whole night. I was very painful and hard to accept. Because I have lived with him for eight years from his novitiate. I was present with him and accompanied him during important moments of his life; first Professione, Perpetual Professional, Holy Orders, First Mass, especially when he was sick. Even I did not cry that much when my father died. Even though it is very personal sharing, being away from you I would like to share my feelings and sentiments to our Guanelliana family and above all to our Fr. Bala's family. Thank you for giving me space to express my deep sorrow.

I would like to express to his mother and family members and to our Guanelliana family members my heart felt condolences in the name of our community, Seminario Teologico Internazionale, Mons. Aurelio Bacciarini Roma. We all felt bad about his great lose.

Along with General and council we celebrated a Holy Mass for the soul of Fr. Bala in our Church ' Chiesa Buon Pastore'. We have invited Guanelliana Sisters, Guanelliana Cooperators, Guanelliana Fathers, India diocesan Fathers, our good children and others. It was a grand celebration. Fr. Umberto our superior general celebrated the Mass and preached homily. Bro. Vijay and me gave testimony about Fr. Bala. General council of SDC and DSMP were present. India Guanelliana Sisters were present. There were around 10p persons; 20 Sisters, 25 Fathers, 20 good children 25 Cooperators and 20 Brothers.

My message.

1. Fr. Bala had a special vocation to participate in the sufferings of Jesus.
2. As our founder invites some confreres or sister to be a "Victim" for our mission, Fr. Bala is a "Victim" for our mission in India. It's a special call to Fr. Bala from our Founder. He likes the colour Blue and has chosen the blue martyrdom. He is a martyr to our congregation in India.
3. He followed radical poverty in his life. Walked barefoot, wore simple dress and handled less money.
4. He had a great devotion to Divine Mercy of Jesus. Even though he could not celebrate Mass and pray divine hours due to his illness, he did not give up the chaplet of Divine Mercy.
5. He accepted the sufferings willingly and did not lament or express. More than his physical suffering he underwent mystical suffering (Spiritual loneliness and isolation)
6. I got a confirmation from God in my prayer that he is in the eternal light and this my consolation and our consolation. Family members of Bala also should be also consoled. My special condolences and consolation to Mother of Fr. Bala who accompanied him like mother Mary accompanied Jesus in his suffering.

I thank all who helped and contributed in the life of Bala and my heart felt condolences to everyone who feel his absence and I am sure some are not consoled and reconciled yet. May God help them may Fr. Bala intercede for them and for every one. Thank Fr. Provincial and the council for all the initiatives.

Fr. Samson and the community
Rome