

Impact of Mother Claudine on individual's life

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Abstract

“To make the good GOD known and loved: The CROSS is our book and the CROSS will be our glory”, is the spiritual insight of the Sisters of Chavanad. As the foundress of this Congregation Mother Claudine had in all her actions and in all her undertakings only the glory of GOD in view. She lived only for Him. She sought Him alone. She had a mission to reveal to all people the merciful love of the Father and the liberating power of the Paschal mystery. With a deep consciousness on Charism, she served others with joy, for the salvation of the poor and empowered them with God's passion for the people.

To evaluate the impact of the life, noble values and mission of Mother Caludine Echernier on people, a survey was done on different people including Sisters of the Cross, students and Staff of various Institutions of the Congregation. The results of the survey bring- out an astonishing statement that almost everyone of the surveyed people were touched by at least one value of Mother Claudine Echernier and followed the footprints of Mother Claudine Echernier with motivation, out of deep faith and holiness.

1. Introduction

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1

God created Human being in His image of values. And we are here only to follow God's will and obey to him. But only few would have a spark in their mind with the greatest values and become the most venerated personalities. One such personality is, “**Mother Claudine Echernier**”, the Mother foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross.

Claudine Echernier was born on the 29th of May 1801 and it is due to her that the Congregation of the Sisters of the Cross will take its first steps at Chavanod, in Savoie in 1838. Claudine Echernier lived with the Cross as her book and the Cross will be her Glory. The almond tree blooms in silence. Mother put the seed of, “the Glory of the God and the good of souls”, in to the minds of the Sisters which had deeply rooted and branched to a broad tree. The congregation has

stepped into almost all the Countries and raised its Institutes in sixteen countries and four continents.

Though the Congregation has rooted well, there could be a common ambiguity about the impact of the life, noble values and mission of Mother Caludine Echernier on people. To evaluate this, small initiation was taken with following objectives:

Objectives:

- To evaluate the impact of the life, noble values and mission of Mother Claudine Echernier on people.
- To embed the values of Claudine Echernier in the minds and hearts of people.

2. Methodology

2.1. Collection of data

Questionnaire was prepared based on the noble and eternal values of Caludine Echernier and was distributed to a group of 200 people consisting of Sisters of the Cross form Holy Cross Community, St. Joseph,s Convent and Provincial House and the Staff and Students of Holy Cross College(Autonomous).

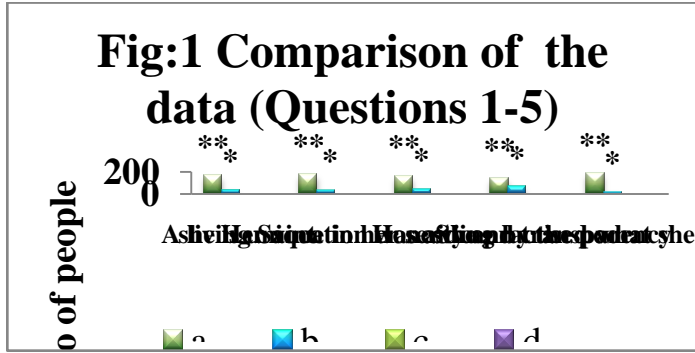
2.2. Classification and tabulation

The data were classified in terms of magnitude and tabulated with grouped frequency distribution.

2.3. Analysis of data

Statistical analysis was performed using SPSS software package Version 16.0. The values were analyzed by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Duncan's multiple range test (DMRT). P-Values <0.05 were considered significant.

3. Results



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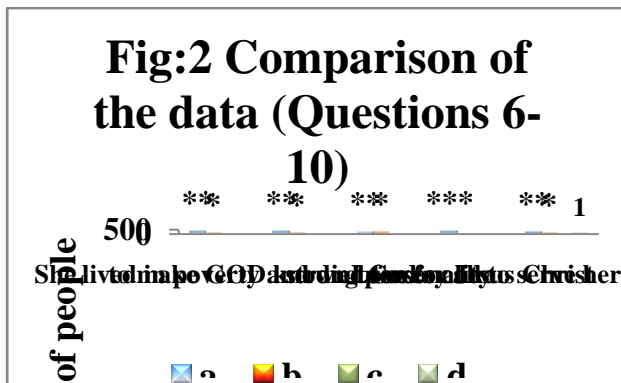
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a. Yes, I agree and am influenced.

b. Yes, I agree.

c. No, but it might influence me

d. No, it would never influence me



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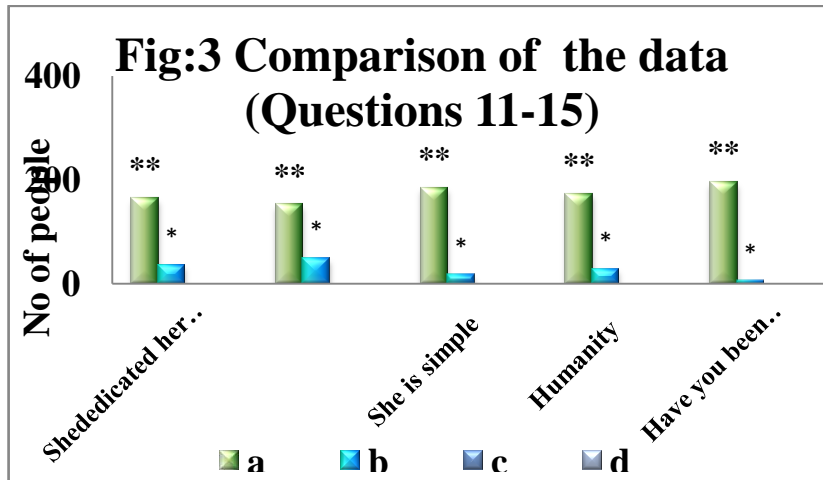
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a. Yes, I agree and am influenced.

b. Yes, I agree.

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Mother Claudine lived in poverty and died for working poor, Mother Claudine had the great desire to make GOD known to every one, Her Congregation was profoundly influenced by her strong personality, Mother Claudine had a deep personal love for Jesus Christ, Mother Claudine responded to God's call to serve her neighbour are the values numbered from 6-10 and these results are presented in figure-2

Mother Claudine dedicated her life to eradicate misery, She spent her life caring for the poor and for women's education, Mother Claudine's mind, thoughts and her expressions of faith were extremely simple, She looked upon humanity and the entire creation with love and respect, Have you been influenced in your life by her noble values are the values numbered from 11-15 and these results are presented in figure-3.

These results depict that almost all the values of Mother, touched and influenced the people of all the groups.

4. Discussion

“Our happiness, the glory of God and the good of the neighbour do not require that we be numerous but that we be filled with the spirit of Lord Jesus Christ”, was the words of Mother Claudine. She lived with great values. As the foundress of this Congregation Mother Claudine had in all her actions and in all her undertakings only the glory of GOD in view. She lived only for Him. She sought Him alone. She had a mission to reveal to all people the merciful love of the Father and the liberating power of the Paschal mystery. With a deep consciousness on Charism, she served others with joy, for the salvation of the poor and empowered them with God’s passion for the people.

She was a living saint. Mother Claudine is unique in her service, a woman who spent her life helping those women who were more unfortunate than she has been in the world. At the adolescent age Mother Claudine made-up her mind, she realized that her vocation was aiding by the poor. The honesty and transparency of Mother Claudine made her to be unique. Mother Claudine practised what she preached. Mother Claudine lived in poverty and died for working poor. Mother Claudine had the great desire to make GOD known to every one. Her Congregation was profoundly influenced by her strong personality. Mother Claudine had a deep personal love for Jesus Christ. Mother Claudine responded to God's call to serve her neighbour. Mother Claudine dedicated her life to eradicate misery. She spent her life caring for the poor and for women’s education. Mother Claudine's mind, thoughts and her expressions of faith were extremely simple. She looked upon humanity and the entire creation with love and respect. Have you been influenced in your life by her noble values. From the figures it is very much clear that these values touched the heart and reached the mind of people.

There is no wonder that the Sisters of the Cross have been influenced by the eternal noble values of Mother Claudine. It is very surprising that the student and teacher communities have also been equally influenced by mother’s values. The results of this initiation confirms that the thought of Mother Claudine Echernier would have an emphasize throughout the year and would definitely be embedded in the minds and heart of the Sisters of the Cross and continue their service to the God’s creation.

This makes us to conclude that, “Future would definitely have many like Mother Claudine, the followers of Jesus Christ, the Almighty”. Mother is a role model to be followed in our daily life irrespective of our religion. “ God is dwelling in every human body and we should feel

Godliness in us and radiate to our brothers and sisters or to mankind. We should be a role model of GOD'S image.