

On 14th July 2018, I had the honour of Co-celebrating the 13th Memorial anniversary of Mass of Bishop Luigi Locati, our Father in Faith in Isiolo, So to say, the APOSTLE OF ISIOLO VICARIATE. ~~I felt~~ Am grateful to God, to Archbishop Marco Arnoldo, Bishop Anthony Ikeri, Father Patrizio Maggioni, and all the Clergy from Vercelli and Isiolo, and all the people of Vercelli and Isiolo for giving me such a real opportunity to have an experience with the People of Vercelli where Bishop Luigi Locati was born and brought up.

As I sat at the Cathedral of St. Eusebius of Vercelli, I kept thinking about Bishop Locati and his Missionary Work in Isiolo together with other Priest Missionaries like Father Pio Buono, Father Luciano, Father Franco Givonne who worked in Merti^{and} Garbatulla Catholic Missions respectively. I thought my heart would burst "that's it!" I said to myself. Especially having worked in Merti as a Parrocco for two years and having worked at St. Eusebius Cathedral Isiolo for two years and Garbatulla for 3 months as a Seminarian, I kept imagining how these Missionaries from Vercelli kept the big picture in their mind, "the Comfort" of Vercelli (Italy), put others' needs a head of their own and ordered their lives according to Kingdom priorities - even losing their life like our Father in Faith "Aloiz", as old women used to call him ^{and still call him} in Isiolo. I concluded, that is exactly what happens when men and women who love God and who refuse to cave to the overwhelming challenges we face in this world put their values into action.

I was deeply impressed by his grace, Marco Arnoldo, although I didn't understand everything he said during his homily (being a student of Italian language), but I could tell from his gestures and

Facial expressions the love he has for Mission Work and how he felt for the missionaries from Vercelli who worked in Isiolo led by the late Bishop Locati.

When his grace, archbishop Marco, introduced me to the family relatives of the late Bishop Locati, I felt a parental presence and the love and I saw the living spirit of Locati's love in them. I couldn't speak for a while, I said a silence prayer for them. By coincidence, they said, "that is the best thing to offer as a thanksgiving for Bishop Locati". I said silently again Amen. And I could "see" the happiness ^{and satisfaction} in their heart.

Truly the Spirit of Luigi Locati is alive and working and ^{therefore, let us all} ~~AN~~ keep giving thanks to God for who and what he was to each one of us.

Bishop Luigi Locati prays for us and all the people of Vercelli who supported his ^{missionary} ~~work~~ work and are still supporting the work he started for we are all called "to be witnesses" of the gospel. Lord increase our faith.

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