

My dear Little Flower,

We are halfway on our journey, in the month of November, celebrating "Saints and Souls". As the days grow colder and colder, we feel the *spirit* of winter each day. As we begin to enter the cold winter months, our Little Flower parish, however, begins to gather closer together in the warmth of God's Spirit of community and communion. Hopefully, we will find ourselves coming back to church, making more friends and community, sharing our stories, witnessing to our faith in Jesus Christ - celebrating our friendship with Him.

November is the month of Saints and Souls. And it is the month that we, as a parish community, celebrate our connectedness on a very spiritual level. *We do not only come back to the parish through its doors, but more importantly, we come back to Little Flower through our hearts.* We deepen our friendships, pray for our beloved dead, and share our love.

We are rolling out our *Sharing Tree* and *Adopt-A-Family* next weekend. These programs have always been big here at Little Flower. I am looking forward to being a part of it with you.

In our pilgrimage we find our hearts burning for the love of God and one another, celebrating our closeness and connectedness in spirit and in prayer, living in accordance with the spirit of God and the saints, and with one another - making possible a culture of spiritual wellness and faith in God!

Your parish priest,  
Fr JC Merino