

Fr Junray's Reflection on the Occasion of his Incardination to the Diocese of Sandhurst

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"For a little time as a priest, celebrating the Eucharist, I have come to know that this communion with God will slowly lead us to what we have consumed, that is, to be broken and shared. This very slow journey and realisation can only be done in love. John of the Cross says, "Whoever knows how to die in all, will have life in all."

Allow me to read to you a little stanza from his Spiritual Canticle:

*When you looked at me
Your eyes imprinted Your grace in me;
For this You loved me ardently;
And thus my eyes deserved
To adore what they beheld in you.*

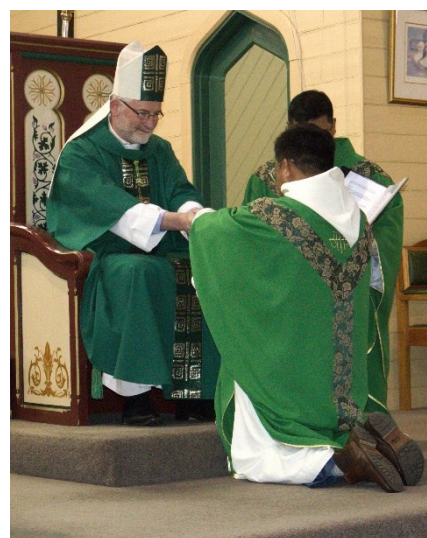
"Today, as I have renewed my promises to the priesthood in this mighty Diocese of Sandhurst, I have renewed that my priesthood is only a gaze of God, full of mercy, grace and beauty.

And now, my heart, my life, my priesthood is an act of love.

I resolve that everything I do, I do with love, and I shall keep my strength for God alone and his beloved Diocese of Sandhurst."

Dear friends,

Thank you very much and *daghang salamat*



12 June is an auspicious day for Fr Junray Rayna. It is the anniversary of his baptism, the Feast Day of John of Sahagún, patron saint of his childhood parish; and, this year, the day of his incardination to the Diocese of Sandhurst.