

Stellar news

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Dear Brothers,

A group of wise men came to Jerusalem from the East with surprising news. They wanted to know where to find the King of the Jews who had recently been born. They had no other information to guide them except for a star, his star. This child was a newly born king, one born outside of the traditional or institutional channels. This was news with cosmic implications, truly stellar news, an event that affected not only the Jewish people and their representatives, but all nations. These wise men were on their way and wanted to verify what this was all about. What's more, something told them that this was about a special king who, even in his infancy, deserved that which by right is due only to divinity: worship. This was quite an event. Intriguing enough to startle Herod, the incumbent king, who, until then, had not been aware that a rival had come his way.

Herod sought to find out more detail and control what could be a fake news story. He investigated the information first with the chief priests and scribes and then with the wise men themselves. Herod was concerned, but he did not make any move. He was a bystander. He sent others to verify the information. He was content with hearsay knowledge of what was going on. Fear and feeling threatened paralysed him. His preference was that there would be no confirmation of that of which he was already aware. He sought by all means to deny reality.

On the other hand, what the wise men had heard led them to continue their journey. They were open to the various dimensions of reality: psychic, local, cosmic. They wanted to see with their own eyes what they sensed in their desires. Their search did not leave them empty. As they verified the signs of their search, they were filled with joy. An immense political and cosmic event was taking place in a simple house in Bethlehem, involving a newborn child and its mother. The seekers became eyewitnesses. By their very presence, they spoke of the way in which this king became present. That which is great is realised in the humble and small.

The event of Jesus' manifestation, his epiphany, produced and still produces a division between those who, on the one hand, fearfully seek to deny his reality, and those who joyfully seek to make his reality appear. But for such an event to appear in all its power, witnesses are needed who welcome it and allow themselves to be transformed by it. They do not content themselves with watching from a distance, being mere spectators. The journey they made and the encounter they had with Jesus transformed these wise men. As they returned home, they were not the same.

And closer to home: how do we communicate?

In the context of this stellar news, we in the general government would like to know how our communication is perceived and received. We have been told that my letters are very long. We are motivated by a real desire to communicate as witnesses to what the Lord is doing in the brothers, in our religious family, in his work.

We would like you to answer two questions:

Regarding the different communication materials we send out: INFO, materials from the patrimony commission, letters and adoration guidelines for the feasts of the Good Father and the Good Mother, and the different platforms we use (website, Blog, Facebook, Youtube):

1. Which of these materials is most useful to you and for what purpose do you use it?
2. What suggestions would you make to improve the materials and platforms?

Please send your suggestions to comunicazione@ssccpicpus.com by 2 February 2022.

Thank you in advance for your comments and suggestions. May our setting out to meet Jesus and allowing ourselves to be met by him, transform us into witnesses to his Good News.

Fraternally,

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