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A note from your HM:

Many of you have heard about the recent power ball lottery powwow couple of weeks ago. During this time, I was listening to a radio station DJ, who asked the question, "What would be the first thing you would do, if you won the power ball?" People started calling him and he took them on air. He took about 10-15 calls and all 10-15 of them either answered about quitting their job, to sleeping late, to starting a non profit school in India, to start a tour of the world, to donation. Finally DJ stopped taking phone calls and started a song, but not before he made the comment that no one said "I will thank God first, Very Bad." Very bad indeed. Many of us have stopped thinking about God.

Christmas is around the corner for all of us. More politically correct word for Christmas is now "Happy Holidays". By saying Happy Holidays to each other one takes the Christ out of Christmas.

Dictionary.com defines Christmas as "the annual festival of the Christian church commemorating the birth of Jesus, celebrated on Dec. 25 and now generally observed as a legal holiday and an occasion for exchanging gifts." We should each ask ourselves, have we gotten so big and powerful that we can change the meaning of Christmas to a legal holiday?

What is the true meaning of Christmas? Bible says, the true meaning of Christmas is love. John3:16-17 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believe in him should not perish, but have an ever-

lasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved."

And here we are truly denying the lord's love by taking the Christ out of Christmas and renaming this blessed day as just another legal holiday, as if Christmas was created by men like the patriot day, Veterans day holiday etc...

Christmas was not created by man but by the God himself. He decided to sent his only begotten son to the world for the world to be saved. By celebrating Christmas we are thanking the lord for what he has done for us, we remember Jesus Christ's birth by giving each other gifts, worshipping him, and being especially conscious of the poor and less fortunate.

So, remember that every time you say Happy Holidays to someone, you chose to take Christ out of Christmas. Remember that without Christ, there would be no occasion of hope, peace and joy on any day for us and especially on Christmas.

So, starting this Christmas let us all make a vow to ourselves that we will choose to say Merry Christmas .

Instead of being politically correct, let us all be spiritually correct and proudly say :

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Simi George

On our Sunday School Day, Nov. 25, 2012



Rehana, Elvina, Irene, Allen, Basil, Jennet, Hanah, Ashley, Sofia, Alexia, Simi, Justin, Joel & Emil(not in the picture)

On our Sunday School Anniversary, Nov. 9, 2012



Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade kids doing an action song on Zacchaeus and Jesus

2nd, 3rd and 4th grade singing "Shout to the Lord..."



6th and 7th graders doing a stick dance.



9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Graders doing a life house skit.

**What we are learning:
Mid Term Exam on Dec. 2nd and
Make up tests on other Sundays.**

1st Grade: Lesson 11
2nd Grade: Lesson 11 thru 18
3rd Grade: Lesson 15 thru 18
4th Grade: Lesson 12 thru 13
5th Grade: Lesson 11 thru 14
6th Grade: Lesson 13 thru 18
7th Grade: Lesson 13 thru 15
9th Grade: Finish Qurubana and Creed.
10th Grade: Kingdom of God & Holy Spirit ,
Beginning of Old Testament
11th Grade: Holy Qurubana, Christian
Living, Sacrament of Marriage
12th Grade: Holy Qurubana.

**Did you know in Qurubana? All
of our prayers start by saying Ho-
ly art Thou...(3 times). Contd....**

We praise the Lord thrice—A tradition that follows the heavenly worship mentioned by Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8. It is said that angels sang these prayers as Joseph and Nicodemus took the body of Jesus Christ for burial. "Holy art thou O God, Holy art thou Almighty, Holly art thou Immortal" sang the angels and in reply, Joseph and Nicodemus sang, " Thou who was crucified for us have mercy on us."



Know Your Teacher: Varghesekuttu Uncle

I am Poycattle Varghese. In 1973, I landed in USA at Dallas love field airport. There was no church for us at that time. Only a handful of families were here in Dallas. By the grace of our Lord, we were able to establish St. Ignatious church in 1977. At first we did not have a Sunday School. As the members increased the kids also increased and we started Sunday school with very few kids. I was a teacher from the very beginning. The Sunday school grew rapidly and now we have more than 100 students with 25 teachers from Pre-K thru 12th grade. Many of the

teachers are our Sunday school graduates.

As a teacher, my intention is to teach the kids about our traditional faith and worship of our Lord handed down to us through our forefathers. I teach them how important it is to be disciplined and to keep the integrity in practical life without loosing their spiritual values and their faith in our Jesus Christ. At times, I may have been a little rough teacher, because I like and love them more than anything. I used to tell them, " Get all the badies out of your heart and fill heart with all the goodies." I think they like that very much.

I believe Sunday School is where the kids learn more about

their faith, love, hope and friendship. Dear teachers, please teach the kids how to develop these qualities from the early stages of their life so that they can cope with any adverse situations they may come across in future.

Dear students, please choose Jesus Christ as your hero or role model. If you do choose Jesus as your hero, you will only do the things that Jesus approve. This is the best reward that you can give back to your teacher. Please give all the support to your Sunday school H.M. Mrs. Simi George, to keep the Sunday school going forward. I am very proud and glad to be part of the Sunday school and our St. Ignatious Cathedral.

May God bless us all.

Poycattle Varghese