05 • Holy Family by Delphine Sng

Ceramic Artwork: The Holy Family
Medium: Contemporary-styled Ceramic Sculpture
Estimated Size: Within the dimensions of 30 cm x 23 cm x 15 cm

Reflection: The Holy Family has a certain appeal to me, as it brings me into quiet contemplation into God's perfect story of His Love; God's tenderness as He descended to the world as an infant born into poverty's embrace: Jesus showed humanity the importance of families by being born into a family. Mary was called to accept her role as the Mother of God. St. Joseph showed his devotion to Mary by putting his needs and fears aside and committing himself to Mary and Jesus.

In that home in Nazareth, we meet a couple who shows an openness to allowing God to lead their life together. The home of Nazareth reminds us that families have the responsibility of teaching their children the Faith and to model the virtues. The chaste relationship between Joseph and Mary means they experienced intimacy in different ways through their common life together. Their purity of mind and heart of mutual love for each other and the Son of God is indeed worthy of imitation by all families.

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The Holy Family endures as the model for our own families to live the life of the Church every day, everywhere. All families are called to work with what has been given to them, the challenges and the joys. Our own family, then, can become the sanctuary we seek in the rush and bustle of our daily lives, to be in the world, not of the world.

The family is 'the first and vital cell of society'. Devotion to the Holy Family of Nazareth emerges in times when the family becomes weakened because of political and societal pressures. Perhaps now is the time for us to knock on the door of the Holy Family's home in Nazareth and move from being an onlooker peering in to a guest in their home. From them, we will learn many virtues for Christian family life and, through their inspiration, to practise them in our homes and among our own families.

It is hoped that this Ceramic Artwork will find itself in a home where everyone will be called to be signs of love and faithfulness as they share God's love with each other and those around them.

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