

## **SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON THE MOSAIC PAINTING OF OUR LADY & HER SINGAPORE CHILDREN.**

**Mosaic Painting Consecrated on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2005 @ the Basilica of the Annunciation, Nazareth, the Holy Land by Fr. John Muscat ,OFM , from Malta. A painting by Adelene Tan ,and a mosaic painting gift to the Basilica of the Annunciation, Nazareth by the Singapore Association of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta)**

**The Virgin Mother Mary in White :** The Immaculate Conception Prophecy of Isaiah, “ a young woman will be pregnant with child and will name him “ Immanuel”( Isaiah 7:14-15) and in the Annunciation the angel Gabriel says to the Virgin Mary “...you will name him Jesus ( Matthew 1,21).as the prophet says “A virgin will become pregnant and have a son and he will be called “Immanuel” ( God with us) “ ( Matthew, 1: 23)

**Baby Jesus** Mary presents her son Jesus, the Christ ( the anointed saviour) to the world. The prophesy of Isaiah (Isaiah 9) . “The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light .....**He will be called ‘ Mighty Counsellor’, ‘Prince of Peace’ , ‘Mighty God,’ ‘Eternal Father’** ( Isaiah 9, 6-7) Jesus holds out the sign of the Trinity in his right hand , the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. He is three in one, and has come as human flesh, and very humble.

**The Children** in the native dresses holding the national orchid flower of Singapore ..Vanda Miss Jaochim , and the vegetation around. Jesus says “ **Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these...**”( Matthew 19:13-15)

### **The vegetation and humanity**

God created everything beautiful and in six days and saw everything He created was beautiful ( Genesis 1: 1-31). ‘He created humankind in His image’ (Genesis 1,26)

### **The angels and the sky**

The birth of Jesus is heralded by an army of angels ( Luke 2: 8-20)

Mary is crowned Queen of heaven ( Revelations 12)

### **BACK**

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