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After knowing Alex Gotay well for several years I am anxious that you see what the burning light is that he has to offer the youth. We are in an age when spirituality expressed through faith and works is in competition for being self absorbed and worldly, the young easily navigate by other lights. We have The Light. In all of Alex' three degrees he has put learning and science of thought and the value of the person at our root as the summit.

Alex has a gift at dealing with the individual in the crowd to affirm and question resistance. He also affirms answers. The caring God, the social theology of deepening one's capacity to understand God Alex drives home. He has taken a very divided youth program here where inclusivity was not heard of or practiced and united them all. Alex uses community and his ability to see what wounded him along the way as lessons for ministry. So the youth can feel comfortable with him. Then they listen. Then the flicker of a sense of a deeper bond with God grows.

His list of academic achievement is considerable and so is his evangelization drive and success. There is nothing trite about him; no platitudes. Witness, catechizing, and evangelizing plain and simple.

In spiritual direction I saw the inner struggles and core of a man working to study deeply, raise his boys, maintain his marriage and never lose his zeal that all of these are possible through the Trinity.

I commend Alex to you.

Rev. Fr. John