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Fullness of Love

*A Reflection on the
Sacred Heart and the
Body and Blood of
Christ*



By Gorgonio B. Elarmo, Jr.*

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. And the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is intimately connected with the Solemnity of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). When He appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in June 1675, our Lord asked that the Friday after the feast of Corpus Christi be set apart as a special feast day in honor of His Sacred Heart.

Their connection, however, is so much more than the dates designated for both solemnities.[1] It is the story of God's love for us; it is a promise of the fullness of our love and life.

Our heart's desire...

One of man's deepest longings is to be loved. Yet, that longing cannot be fully satisfied by any other person. For human love is imperfect as well as limited. Man's yearning, however, is not bound to be in vain. For God has always offered and continues to offer His perfect, infinite, and unconditional love for us.

The Sacred Heart as source of divine life and love...

The divine love of God is transformative. It makes all things new. The cross which was a symbol of pain and shame has now become the perfect revelation of God's love. A clear expression of how much God loves us is the open heart of Jesus on the cross, exposed when His side was pierced with a Roman soldier's spear. In this connection, Pope Benedict XVI exclaimed, "it is from Jesus' heart, pierced on the Cross, that this divine life streamed forth." [2]

In the cross, Jesus fulfills the words of the prophet and changes man's "heart of stone" wounded by sin into a "heart of flesh" like His. His Sacred Heart strengthens us so that we may follow His

commandment: "love one another as I love you." He gives us His love and, at the same time, He enables us to love with His same love, to love one another as He loves us.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart leads us to a deeper love of God and our fellow man. It impels us to live out this love in a concrete manner. **And if we recognize Jesus and His Sacred Heart in the Eucharist, we are able to recognize our brethren who suffer, who hunger or thirst, who are strangers or naked or sick or imprisoned. We become aware of others and we make a definite commitment to care for those who are in need.** We learn to live a life of love, loving God and loving one another, sharing in the abundance of living waters flowing from divine love.

The Sacred Heart and the Eucharist...

Saint Peter Julian Eymard declared, "the Divine Heart is living and palpitating in the Eucharist."

The Eucharist, that is the Body and Blood of Christ, is the whole Christ with His human heart offered to God and given to us so that we may have eternal life. And when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we experience him as the Emmanuel, the God who is not only with us but in us.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus becomes the sanctuary of our restless hearts. And we live in an abundance of love as we partake in the fullness of life.

* The author, more fondly called "Jon" by his friends, is a member of our parish's Lectors and Commentators Guild.

[1] This year, the Solemnity of the Corpus Christi is on June 10, 2012 and the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is on June 15, 2012.

[2] Message for 26th World Youth Day 2011.



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10 USEFUL LIFE CHOICES

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST



Classes in schools, colleges and universities have begun once again. And so have the rains! Because most households will be burdened with school requirements and ballooning budgets, many of us will be at a loss and will lose our composure in the frantic rush. In these busy moments, may I offer useful but mostly forgotten tips that can keep our feet firmly on the ground while our spirit looks up brightly to the sky. Here are 10 important things to remember which I have adapted from an article I read in the June 2012 issue of World Mission Magazine,

- The value of time.** The management of time must be our number one priority. Without some organization, the day will waste away without purpose and drain away without accomplishment.
- The success of perseverance.** It was through perseverance that the snail reached Noah's Ark. To get through the hardest journey, we need to take one step at a time, but we must keep on stepping forward.
- The pleasure of working.** It's the only thing we can do for eight hours straight, without eating or drinking. Find a job or something to do that's suited to your talents and then do a lot more work than you're paid for. In time, you'll be "paid" much more for what you do.
- The worth of character.** Character is what you are in the dark. There's just no substitute for it. Promises must be kept, deadlines met, commitments honored, not just for the sake of morality, but because we become what we do or fail to do; character is simply the sum of all our performances.

e) **The power of discipline.** The Chinese have a saying that when parents are afraid to put their foot down, their children will step on their toes. If parents believe that standards and values are necessary, then discipline is certainly needed to attain them.

f) **The influence of example.** Experience is the best teacher. The world is full of people who succeeded in life because they fought for what they thought was right. "Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing". (Albert Schweitzer)

g) **The tranquility of solitude.** The world has developed a phobia of being alone. Practice the art of 'aloneness' and you will discover the treasure of tranquility. Develop the art of solitude and you will unearth the gift of serenity.

h) **The virtue of patience.** Patience, in Greek means "to stay under". The key to everything is patience. Quiet patience can and does master and outlive all boisterous, stormy human discords.

i) **The improvement of talent.** Encourage people, especially children, to use their talents in their own ways. There is a good deal of wasted talent because of ignorance; they simply don't know how to apply their energies.

j) **The sound of music.** A little boy who loved music was bitterly disappointed because he could neither play nor sing. But Amati, the violin-maker, told him: "There are many ways of making music. What matters is the song in your heart." So Antonio Stradivarius was encouraged to become the world's greatest violin-maker.

— **Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB**

UPDATES ON THE GRADUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

Beginning June 10, 2012 (Corpus Christi Sunday) in the Archdiocese on Manila, the 2nd most frequently repeated response in English Masses, "And also with you", will be replaced by, "And with your spirit".

"AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT"

By Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB

The new English translation of the Roman Missal offers a totally different response to the greeting, "The Lord be (is) with you"[1]. The new response, "And with your spirit" is a direct literal translation of the Latin original, "*Et cum spiritu tuo*", in accordance with a Vatican directive.

The use and meaning of the word "spirit" carries a great weight of philosophy and theology. In Greek philosophy, the "**spirit**" represents what is best and noblest in a person. Theologically, "spiritus" does not refer



to the Holy Spirit or to the spirit of the priesthood. Rather, it emphasizes the **presence of Christ in the celebration of the Eucharist in both the celebrant and the participant.**

When the people reply, "And with your spirit", they return the greeting and express the prayerful wish that the priest will also be filled with the presence of the risen Lord, and that his ministry may receive the power and blessing of the Holy Spirit.

[1] and to, "The peace of the Lord be with you always".

GOODBYE AND WELCOME, FATHER RECTOR

Goodbye, Fr. Richard



After serving a total of 22 years in three different Salesian houses within the same five-hectare block in San Lorenzo Village, Father Richard Varela, SDB, Rector of the SJB Salesian Community, is finally moving

out of the bustling city of Makati into the fastest growing area south of Metro Manila.

Fr. Richard's new assignment takes him to St. John Bosco Parish and Center for Young Workers in Metro Sta. Rosa, Laguna which serves the communities surrounding the Laguna Techno Park and, for now, Nuvali, touted as Ayala Land's fully-sustainable metropolis of the future.

During his four years with SJBP, Fr. Richard spearheaded the very well organized visit of the Pilgrim Relic of Don Bosco and implemented several beneficial projects within the Parish compound, the most notable of which are: the landscaping enhancements around the Church and the Parish building, the construction of a second gate to improve vehicular flow to and from Arnaiz Avenue, and the provisioning of the

DBYC gymnasium restrooms and a pedestrian gate to Arnaiz Avenue which improved DBYC's exposure to the community.

Beyond his impressive organizational and administrative skills, however, Fr. Richard will be fondly remembered by those he had touched in the Parish for being the ever-*malumanay* (calm) Ilonggo, kind and fatherly, young-at-heart and tech savvy, appreciative and thoughtful, genuinely concerned for the young and the poor, a lover of dogs and cats, always accessible and approachable whether for information, consolation or simply good conversation.

Our sincerest thanks and prayers go with you, Fr. Richard. Try not to miss SJBP too much as you enjoy the cool, fresh breezes from nearby Tagaytay. ☺

Welcome, Fr. Chris



The parishioners of St. John Bosco Parish welcome Fr. Christopher Kennedy, SDB, the new Rector of the SJB Parish Salesian Community.

Before his current obedience⁴, Fr. Chris has been the Vice Rector of the Post Novitiate Seminary in Canlubang, Laguna since May 2011.

His previous assignments include:

2005 to 2011 - Rector, Mary Help of Christians House of Spirituality in Batulao, Batangas

2001 to 2005 - Spiritual Director, Seminario ng Don Bosco, Parañaque
- Professor of Spiritual Theology, Don Bosco Center of Studies, Parañaque

2000 to 2001 - Staff Associate, Program for Spiritual Directors, Ignatius Jesuit Centre of Guelph in Ontario, Canada

1993 to 1999 - Rector, Mary Help of Christians House of Spirituality in Batulao, Batangas

1986 to 1993 - Editor, Salesian Bulletin, Head of the Editorial Department of Salesiana Publications

Fr. Chris was born in the County of Offaly in Ireland on September 6, 1946. He belongs to a family of nine. Save for one sister who

died in 2000, his siblings live in Ireland, England, Switzerland and the United States.

Bro. Chris first arrived in the Philippines in 1967 to take up Philosophy, Education and Practical Training in Canlubang. He went back to Ireland after 4 ½ years to finish his priestly studies and was ordained on June 26, 1976 in St. Ita's Church in his home parish in Coolderry. Thirty-six years ago, after receiving his first obedience as Principal of Don Bosco Juniorate in Bacolor, Pampanga, Fr. Chris returned to the Philippines where he has been serving ever since. Having lived among Filipinos for 40 ½ years combined, the Irish priest could read and write homilies in Tagalog and had celebrated Tagalog Masses with passable fluency.

We look forward to attending Fr Chris' Masses (in either language ☺) and getting to know the new SJBP Rector.

⁴ An assignment to a community or work given by the (Salesian) Provincial.



ARCHDIOCESE OF MANILA HONORS SJBP SENIOR LAY MINISTERS

Last May 26, the day before Pentecost Sunday, for the second straight year the Archdiocese

of Manila recognized the services of senior Lay Liturgical Ministers of the Archdiocese, including 10 Eucharistic Ministers and 18 Greeters and Collectors from St. John Bosco Parish, during a special Eucharistic Celebration held in San Fernando de Dilao Parish Church.

Rev. Fr. Genaro O. Diwa, head of the Ministry of Liturgical Affairs, celebrated the Mass; Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB, SJBP Parish priest, concelebrated. Later, Fr. Genie and Fr. Ting handed out certificates to the SJBP senior Lay Ministers.

Back in the Parish, the SJB honorees were awarded tokens from the Parish in appreciation for their services during a twin-affair luncheon held to honor them and Fr. Richard Varela who is leaving SJBP for his new assignment.

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTIONS

Simbahay features the Sunday Mass Readings' themes from Fr. Sal Putzu's *"Exploring God's Word"*.

These themes are part of a systematic approach to study and have a good knowledge of the Biblical passages which will be used in the coming Sunday Masses and to relate these readings to our lives.

Listen to Fr. Salvatore Putzu, SDB (General Manager and Editor, Word and Life) at Bisperas sa Veritas 846 AM, 5pm Saturday.



SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (B)

June 10, 2012 Readings

***Ex 24:1-3-8** – Moses and the people of Israel solemnly ratify the covenant with the Lord.

***Heb 9:11-15** – Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant sealed through his sacrificial death.

***Mk 14:12-16.22-26** – During the Passover, Jesus institutes the Eucharist as the sacrificial meal of the New Covenant.

Theme: A COVENANT THAT LEADS TO COMMUNION

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we renew our alliance with God, not as isolated individuals, but as members of His new Chosen People, the Church. Just as the people of Israel ratified its covenant with the Lord at the foot of Mt. Sinai through the blood of the victims offered in sacrifice, so do we renew our alliance with Him through the blood of Jesus, the sacrificial Victim of the New Covenant.

This should be sufficient reason why we cannot be detached or distracted onlookers while the Eucharist is being celebrated. We are among the "contracting parties" and the beneficiaries of the Covenant. Hence we should feel deeply and personally involved in it. Our whole-hearted active presence in the celebration manifests our determination to keep the terms of the Covenant (that are synthesized in the commandments to love God and neighbor), and live in communion

with the Blessed Trinity and our neighbor.

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Father's Day

June 17, 2012 Readings

***Ez 17:22-24** – The Lord promises a time of prosperity to the dispirited exiles in Babylon.

***2 Cor 5:6-10** – Paul reminds us that we should, at all times, please the Lord and yearn to be with him forever.

***Mk 4:24-34** – Jesus compares the Kingdom to a seed that develops wonderfully, thanks to the power of God's grace.

Theme: WITNESSES AND PARTNERS OF GOD'S WONDERS

Today we are invited to meditate on the wonder of God's Kingdom, the marvelous PROJECT that has its roots in the love of the Lord for all mankind. This "God-initiated" project was formally launched by Jesus Christ, who was not only its most zealous herald, but also its most perfect actualization.

Today's First Reading reminds us that God's initiative defies all human predictions and overcomes all crises, including the one that engulfed the Jews exiled in Babylon. In the Gospel, through two short parables, Jesus reveals to us the immense potentials of the Kingdom – potentials that are not only to be admired but also developed through our generous cooperation.

We should praise the Lord for the marvelous growth of the Kingdom in ourselves and around us. It is, likewise, our duty to thank Him for having made us not only witnesses of its wonders, but also His partners in facilitating its growth.



BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 24, 2012 Readings

***Is 49:1-6** – The call and mission of the Servant of Yahweh

***Acts 13:22-26** – The role of John the Baptist in the mission of Jesus

***Lk 1:57-66.80** – The birth and circumcision of John the Baptist

Theme: JOHN, THE GREAT FORERUNNER

The birth of John the Baptist was a salient point in the fulfillment of God's plan. With him, centuries of expectation and longing came to an end, and the time of fulfillment dawned. His mission would be to proclaim the decisive importance of this moment and the need to respond to it with a sincere conversion that would enable everyone to welcome the Messiah.

The circumstances surrounding the conception and the birth of John showed that he belonged to the category of great prophets like Samuel and Jeremiah. He was the last prophet of the Old Testament, and actually the most privileged of them all, for his mission was to prepare the hearts of the people to welcome the Messiah already present in their midst. He himself would point Jesus out to the crowds as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29), while declaring himself unworthy even to unfasten the strap of the Messiah's sandals. (See Jn 1:27.) This made John a real giant of humility and loyalty, two virtues for which he will be remembered with admiration in all centuries.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

July 1, 2012 Readings

***Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24** – God is the author of life. Death has been introduced into the world by the devil.

***2 Cor 8:7.9.13-15** – Paul encourages the faithful to be generous in imitating Christ, who became poor for the sake of us all.

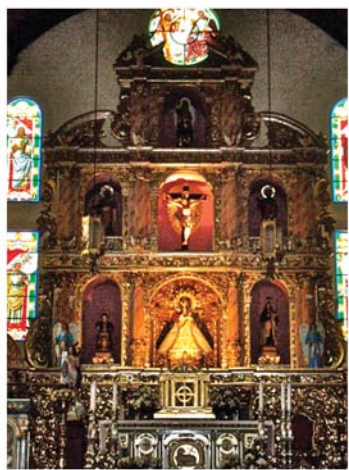
***Mk 5:21-43** – Jesus heals a woman who was suffering from hemorrhage, and calls back to to life the daughter of Jairus.

Theme: WE BELIEVE IN THE GOD OF LIFE AND WHOLENESS

Death is one of the realities that we will never be able to eliminate. From a simply earthly perspective, it is the greatest of all frustrations. And it is particularly disconcerting when it mows down people who are young, or specially beautiful or bright, or are needed in a family or society.

A believer faces the challenge of death and all the questions it poses with the help of God's revelation, according to which, death and suffering are not part of God's original plan but have been introduced into our lives by the devil when he convinced the first human beings to disobey God's instructions. God wants to restore humankind to its original status of wholeness and immortality. Such is the message of divine revelation. It is synthesized and confirmed by the teaching and actions of Jesus Christ, as exemplified in today's Gospel passage.

SAN PEDRO AT SAN PABLO, MGA HALIGI NG ATING SIMBAHAN



Retablo ng Simbahan ng Parokya ng San Pedro at San Pablo

Ni Cris Tungol ng Parokya ng San Pedro at San Pablo, Poblacion, Lungsod ng Makati

Isang mangingisda at isang taga-usig ng mga naniniwala kay Hesus...mga haligi ng Simbahan? Imposible! Sa mata ng tao, ang dalawang ito ay hindi karapat-dapat at di kapani-paniwala. Ngunit sa mata ng Panginoon, hindi mahalaga ang mga ito. Kapag Siya ang kumilos, walang bagay na imposible. Dahil sa labis na pagmamahal nina San Pedro at Pablo kay Hesus, inilaan nila ang kanilang buong buhay sa pangangaral ng mga turo ni Hesus sa mga taong hindi pa nakakikilala sa Kanya. Si San Pedro ay nangaral sa mga Hudyo, habang si San Pablo naman ay sa mga hindi Hudyo. Sila ang matuturing na mga

unang misyonero.

At mas pinili pa nilang mamatay kaysa itatwa nila ang kanilang pananampalataya kay Hesus. Si San Pedro ay nagpapako sa krus nang patiwariik dahil para sa kanya, hindi siya karapat-dapat na mamatay sa paraang katulad kay Hesus. Habang si San Pablo naman ay pinugutan ng ulo. Kapwa sila namatay nuong ika-29 ng Hunyo sa taong 67 AD, panahon kung kailan ang mga tagasunod ni Hesus ay inuusig at pinapatay ng mga Romano.

Sino sa atin ang handang iwanan ang ating maginhawang buhay upang ipangaral ang Mabuting Balita sa iba't ibang lugar? Ating tandaan, anumang katayuan natin sa buhay, anuman ang mayroon tayo, kapag ang Panginoon ang tumawag sa atin, sana'y lagi tayong handang tumugon sa Kanya kahit ang pagtugon sa Kanyang tawag ay magdudulot ng sakit, hirap, at kahihiyan. Ito ang ating gampanin at misyon sa buhay bilang mga Kristiyano. Tulad nina San Pedro at Pablo, buong tapang din sana nating ipangaral at ibahagi si Hesus sa ibang tao sa pamamagitan ng ating buhay pananampalataya.

Inaanyayahan naming ang lahat na dumalo sa Kapistahan ng Parokya ng San Pedro at San Pablo sa ika-29 ng Hunyo. Magdaraos ng Misa nang 6:00, 7:00 at 8:00 ng umaga at 6:30 ng gabi. Magkakaroon ng prusisyon pagkatapos ng Misa ng 8:00 ng umaga na susundan ng mga Panatang Sayaw ng mga Birhen sa Plaza Cristo Rey.

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DBPG HONORS DAD AND BRO.

RAY SIGUENZA (DBPG Elder, EMHC)

By Mary Ann Siguenza-Batallones

On March 17, 2012, the Don Bosco Prayer Group (DBPG) celebrated its 30th anniversary. Bro. Ray Siguenza, DBPG's elder, was honored in a surprise tribute. As Bro. Ray's daughter and DBPG member, I was personally touched and grateful for the love, respect and unending support that DBPG has shown my Dad for 30 long years

Since the early days when DBPG was born,
You have been our guiding light,
The one we always turn to
When things aren't going right.

You are generous with your time
When we need a helping hand;
If sometimes we are neglectful,
You always understand.

You've been the prayer group's inspiration,
As the years have come and gone,
A gentle loving Father, Tatay, Lolo, Dad,
counselor, advisor, elder, mentor, friend
Whom we can depend upon.



So on DBPG's very special day,
we send our thanks for all you do,
for you are one person who deserves
our love and gratitude. Dad and Bro. Ray,
we thank you.

As part of the preparations for the 35th anniversary of the dedication of our Parish church, we humbly appeal to those who are willing to donate the sacred vessels and other articles to be used during the Anniversary's Eucharistic celebrations to contact our parish priest, Rev. Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB. Thank you for your generosity!

JULY 2012 CALENDAR

01 Sun	13th Sunday OrdinaryTime Pontifical Work of St. Peter
03 Tue	St. Thomas the Apostle
04 Wed	St. Elizabeth of Portugal
06 Fri	First Friday Vigil Adoration St. Maria Gorretti
08 Sun	14th Sunday OrdinaryTime
11 Wed	St. Benedict, abbot
13 Fri	St. Henry, King
15 Sun	15th Sunday OrdinaryTime
16 Mon	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
20 Fri	St. Apollinaris
21 Sat	St. Lawrence of Brindisi
22 Sun	16th Sunday OrdinaryTime
23 Mon	St. Bridget of Sweden
25 Wed	St. James the Apostle
26 Thu	Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the BVM
29 Sun	17th Sunday OrdinaryTime / Fil-Mission Sunday
30 Mon	St. Peter Chrysologus
31 Tue	St. Ignatius of Loyola

Sick Visitation – Thursdays 9AM

Holy Hour – Thursdays 6:30PM

Medical & Dental – Sundays 2:00PM

Street Mass – Saturdays 7:30PM

Visit our website for the complete July 2012 Calendar
<http://sjbmakati.com/parish-events.html>

ERRATUM

In the June, 2012 issue, the Mother's Day tribute to Dr. Lourdes "Loleng" Ferrer Tamondong-Lagaya was written by Fr. Rene Lagaya, SDB and not by Renato Lagaya. Simbahay regrets the oversight.



TATAY CELING PUYOD

(Marriage Encounter Foundation Elder)

By Josam Puyod

Great fathers are often promoted to great grandfathers. We call ours, "Lolo Celang" or "Tatay". Tatay brought up four disciplined and God-fearing children who did likewise, for his 12 grandchildren. Visits with Tatay are special days full of smiles and laughter. Tatay makes us feel so loved; it is our privilege to love him back.



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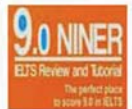
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The last Sunday of the month is Pondo ng Pinoy Sunday. Please bring your coin filled bottles and offer them during the Mass.

FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL

We present the Father's Day tributes contributed by several parishioners. These remind us of our immense debt of gratitude to our own fathers or father-figures. Happy Father's Day to our hero, guide, fan and friend!



GEN. NADO ARAGON, SOLDIER AND FATHER

(Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, EMHC)

By Tintin A. Elizaga

Despite having a soldier for a father, I felt no traces of military discipline in the way my brother and I were raised. Courageous and valiant as he was in the battlefield, when Brig. General Iluminado B. Aragon (Ret.) took off his uniform and headed home, he simply became our "daddy". He kept "camp" and home separate except for the cherished principles which he maintains everywhere: loyalty, honesty, love and service to God, our country and his beloved family. Given the grace to love unconditionally and give immeasurably, he desires nothing but to provide for his family through hard work and self-sacrifice.



A SON'S SALUTE TO COLONEL HERMINIO COLOMA

(SJB Parishioner)

By Sonny Coloma

Daddy is better known as Colonel Herminio Coloma, as he served and retired as a full colonel in the Philippine Constabulary (now the PNP). To relatives, he is called *Manong Iniong*.

As we celebrate Father's Day, I salute Daddy, for instilling in me three important values: humility, hard work, and integrity.

He is soft-spoken and unassuming and never calls attention to himself. He is always kind and gentle to others.

He taught me the importance of being hard-working by being a role model.

He taught us that a person's good name and reputation is more valuable than material wealth and prosperity.

For all these reasons, I am proud to be Herminio Coloma, Jr., the son of my humble, hardworking and honest father.



WHY I LOVE DADDY TEOFILO C. ISAAC III

(EMHC, DBTI Makati Teacher)

By Theo Jan L. Isaac, 8 years old, Gr. 3, Don Bosco Makati

My daddy is Teofilo C. Isaac III but we call him Daddy Sonny. I love Daddy Sonny because

- He always surprises us with fun treats like swimming in Antipolo, or a whole day in Star City last Christmas. We were so happy that day.
- He works hard for me and the whole family
- He does not get mad easily and most especially,
- He loves us all very, very much.

No wonder, my mom fell in love with him. I'm so very lucky and I thank the Lord that I have a great, caring and loving daddy. I'm so proud of you – my one and only Daddy Sonny.

WITH BOOMING LOVE FOR PAPA BOYET SEBOLLENA

(daily massgoer)

By Kim Sebolleña

Papa is humility personified. Through all the battles he has fought and triumphantly conquered, he has remained our rock, our anchor and our provider. His generous and ever-cheerful soul always puts the family's needs before his own. Amidst his booming voice is a kind heart that is silently listening to unspoken thoughts and desires. Papa has been and will always be a blessing to our family. A loving husband and doting father for 30 years and counting, Happy Father's Day Papa! With booming love! – Kay, Kris and Kim



DAD ALFREDO "FREDDIE" PACHO

(SJB Parishioner)

By Lorenzo Pacho

What can I say about my Dad, Freddie Pacho? A lot, but one stands out in my mind and that is how he gave me, my brother, and my sister a free hand in making our own decisions while giving us his full support. He is a caring and loving father and husband who always makes time for his family. Another thing that really makes us so proud of him is how he is so well-liked by a lot of people both in his business and personal circles. For this, we salute you, Dad!



ANDREW RANCAP, OUR FATHER – TAKE 2

(Lectors and Commentators Guild)

By Mickey and Denise Rancap

God made fathers so that children may learn how to stay level-headed, survive the storm and become strong. Papa struggles daily to live up to "his image" as the protector, provider, and hero. He promised himself to give his children the childhood he never had. Perhaps, that's why Papa doesn't seem emotional. But, if you look deep down in his heart, you will find that he's sentimental and "soft". Like Mama, Papa is very active in Church in spreading the Word of God. He often tells us that he is praying for us; in return, we pray for him too. We are grateful and proud to be able to call this wonderful man, our father.

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NEWS BRIEFS

After successfully concluding the Summer Music Workshop on May 27 with a recital featuring 55 participants, Music Ministry

Coordinator, Gaylord Villa, announced that the next Workshop will be held from June 18 to September 18, on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 5 in the afternoon. Those interested to join may contact Gaylord at 0921 788 4234.



SUMMER MUSIC WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS HOLD RECITAL



SJB ARCHCON CELEBRATES SOLEMNITY OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

by Maris Katigbak-San Juan

May 24 in the Salesian calendar is one of the greatest feasts honoring Mary Help of Christians. On the day of his triumphant return from captivity, Pope Pius VII gratefully established a feast to honor Mary. The devotion to MHC spread all over the Catholic world, owing largely to the great Saint John Bosco, who founded the Salesian Society and the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA).

Don Bosco also founded the **Archconfraternity of Mary Help of Christians (ARCHCON)**, including lay people in the spirituality and mission of the Salesian congregation in the task of "promoting devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians."

SJB Parish of Makati dedicates the 24th of every month to Mary Help of Christians. On this day, 38 ARCHCON members, including four founding members: Betty Velhagen, Chit Fera, Carol Ocampo and, Vins Clemente, have monthly gatherings.

Last March 24, Fr. Dennis Paez, SDB, proposed two projects for the ARCHCON's consideration: the renovation of the gallery

of saints and the installation of exhibit cases in the Mary Help of Christians Chapel behind the Parish church to permanently house the relics of different saints.

Aside from redesigning and refurbishing the gallery of saints, and adding the images of St. Pio of Pietrelcina and Blessed John Paul II, Fr. Dennis suggested including a replica of the brick house in Becchi, Italy where the saint was born and where he dreamt at nine years old of his God-given mission to save young people. The replica will feature a piece of brick from the actual house, a loving donation from one of the ARCHCON founders to the SJB Salesian Community.

Fr. Dennis also suggested that the reliquaries be exhibited on opposite walls of the Mary Help of Christians Chapel. The reliquaries of famous saints like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Therese will be on one side, while those of the Salesian Saints including: St. John Bosco, St. Dominic Savio, will be on the other. Most of the relics were gifts given to Fr. Dennis.

Delighted with the proposals, we unanimously agreed to sponsor the projects and immediately raised the funds, expecting

SJB OBSERVES WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

On May 20, 2012, SJB Parish joined in the world-wide celebration of the 46th World Communications Day which was instituted by Blessed John Paul II to be celebrated on Ascension Sunday. This year WCD 2012 activities in SJB included a short skit by the Youth Ministry on the value of personal communication, the showing of a video on the Ascension of Jesus before Masses and prayers for social communications media practitioners who are helping in the Church's mission.



Floristas during the Grand Alay last May 26, 2012



Reliquaries at the Mary Help of Christians Chapel

construction to finish in time for the blessing on the feast of our Patroness. With less than two months to go, Fr. Arthur Hizon, SJB Administrator, kindly agreed to help Fr. Dennis supervise the construction.

Unfortunately, despite our concerted efforts, the project was delayed. Still, we opted to have a "soft blessing". On May 24, 2012, the ARCHCON members gathered in the MHC Chapel for Mass with our celebrant, Rev. Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB, who paid tribute to the great Mother of the Church in his homily. After the Mass, we joined him in the blessing of the reliquaries and the renovated gallery of saints. It was a jubilant occasion! Materially, construction was not complete but spiritually, it was.

Come, stroll along our newly renovated gallery of saints. Marvel at how Don Bosco, the humble stone from Turin, provided sanctum in many ways to countless people. Rejoice that just like bricks we are held together by the mortar of faith! Go find the Don Bosco within you and you'll never stray from God's pathway. And add jewels to the crown of Mary Help of Christians by acknowledging her powerful help in your Christian life.