

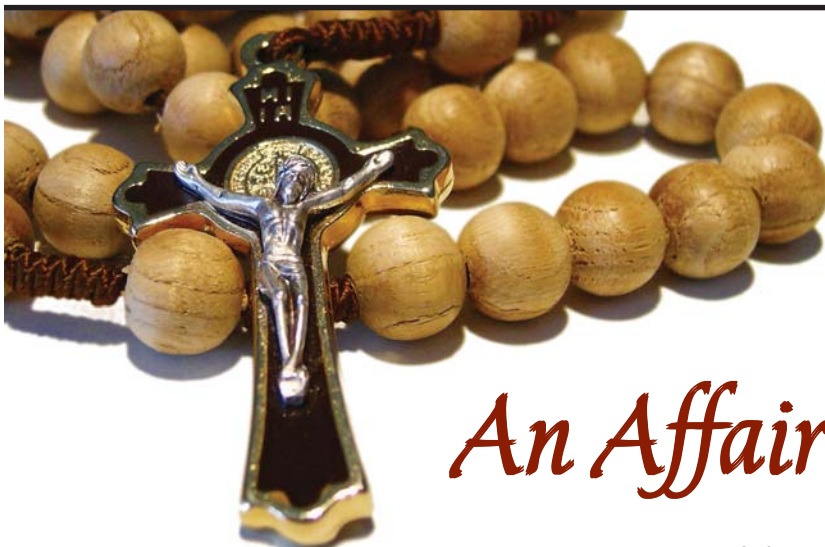


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An Affair with the Rosary

By Salvador Antonio Abad Santos

"Best way to beat traffic" was my initial reaction when asked what I thought of the rosary. "Why?" you might ask. It all started in the year 1988 when I had to drive a gruelling four hours per day, five days a week, to and from the office. Initially, I would pray one whole rosary on my way to the office and another coming home. However, realizing that there was still time to spare, I increased it to three rosaries going to work and another three coming home. And when the luminous mysteries were eventually added, my "quota" was increased to four to work and four coming home. It was then that I decided to pray at least one rosary a day to cover my life from birth up to the present. After 15 years or so of about an average of ten rosaries a day, my rosary-a-day-from-birth-to-present has been accomplished with much to spare. I decided to offer these to the members of my family and to those in most need of prayers. I haven't stopped doing the practice; after all, a good habit is as hard to break as a bad one.

In my mid-50s, and probably occasioned by the so-called "mid-life crisis", I isolated myself and watched my life in flashback. It was then that I realized how good God has been to me. Things went my way despite my mischief. Blessings upon blessings heaped on me even though I felt undeserving. My prayers did not stop me from lapses and indiscretions (some serious) but the same prayers taught me the importance of repentance, as I immediately rose and humbly sought for God's forgiveness; I was embraced in God's graces as fast as I fell from them. Thank God for the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Then, I realized that as I was praying the Rosary, I was actually participating in Christ's life from conception to His ascension and to His taking His place at the right hand of God the Father. A most hallowed addition is the Servite Rosary which consists of seven sets ("weeks") of seven beads each, which focus on the seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother.

Gradually, I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in my being kinder, more tolerant, understanding and patient. I fervently hope that I may soon mirror the seven gifts and twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit.

I do not claim to be a saint, or even to be saintly. I still have difficulty tithing, ever haggling with God from 10% to 1% fearing that even with the latter I will have difficulty complying. I still long for my "Accord" and "Benz", which I hope will soon be coming my way, though with a difference – I won't cry nor feel dejected if I didn't get them.

To this day, I am the recipient of countless favors from my supportive family, friends and, indeed, a lot of graces from God.

I have come to the realization never to underestimate the power of the Rosary. With the Sacred Trinity, and the intercession of the Blessed Mother in the center of my life, as well as in the core of my relationships, I face sin and weakness with my FAITH as my SWORD and my PRAYERS as my SHIELD.

Then, there is the "2000 HAIL MARYs". But, that is another story.



Salvador Antonio Abad Santos (far right with the Rosary Group) is a retired RTC Judge. He served as an Executive Judge of the Makati Regional Trial Court and was a recipient of the 1999 Judicial Excellence Award.

Two weeks after submitting this article, the author was disabled by a brain stroke. His family and friends request the reader to pray for the recovery and healing of this most remarkable devotee to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Mother.



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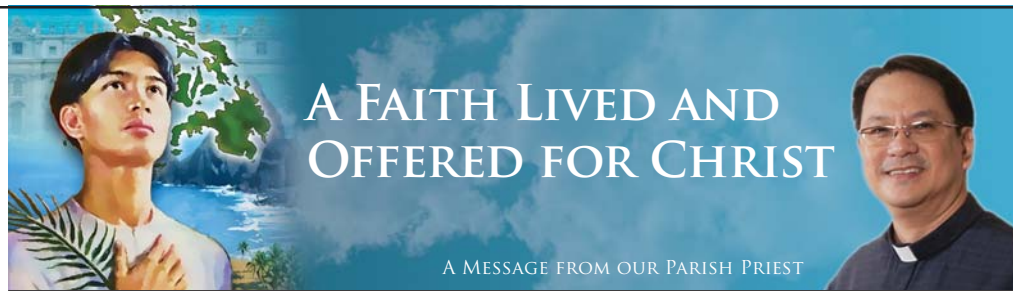
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We have a new Pinoy saint in this New Year of Faith! This can perhaps encapsulate the beautiful month of October for us here in St. John Bosco Parish. On October 21, Sunday, at exactly four in the afternoon, local time, the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI will begin the canonization mass in Rome for the second and newest Filipino saint and martyr, St. Pedro Calungsod. For those of us, who ardently follow Church news, the short life and heroic death of this youthful Visayan catechist is worth a thousand praises!

He was probably born in 1654 in the Diocese of Cebu, which, at that time, included the islands of Panay and Mindanao and even Guam. There are no extant records to verify his exact origin but since his name is typically Cebuano, he may have been from Cebu. He was among the chosen boys taught by Jesuit missionaries in the Visayas and trained to serve Mass and assist the priests. He learned to read and write and became fluent in Latin and Spanish. He became a catechist and was chosen to accompany the missionary, Fr. Diego Luis de San Vitores to evangelize the Chamorros of the Ladrone Islands (Guam). There, they labored for four years until 2 April 1672 when they were killed by some natives out of hatred for their Christian faith and missionary work. He was just 17 years old.

As Filipinos, we should particularly be elated and inspired by the heroic life and death of St. Pedro. At this time, when many people,

especially the youth, are drawn by rock stars or screen heroines, when the valued ideas and attitudes are for self-adulation and gratification, when what is important is only the here and now, and when the ideas of the divine, spirituality and eternity are ignored and even abandoned, a man like St. Pedro Calungsod can be a leading light to those who seek life, truth and happiness. St. Pedro is foremost a Catholic before becoming a saint, a disciple of Jesus before becoming His martyr, a man full of faith before becoming full of courage. He was trained well in the faith and above all, he accepted and lived it so well which was why he was able to share it, as a teacher of faith and its heroic witness.

As declared by the Holy Father, we shall celebrate the Year of Faith from 11 October 2012 until 24 November 2013. All of us are asked to go to the roots of our own Faith and be enlightened once again to the true meaning and treasures of being Catholic. In this important task ahead of us, we need our lights, our guides and inspiration. St. Pedro Calungsod is one of them. Let us allow him to lead us to the fullness of Faith, so that we too may live and die as faithful followers of Christ.

*Without heroes, we are all plain people
and don't know how far we can go.*

— Bernard Malamud

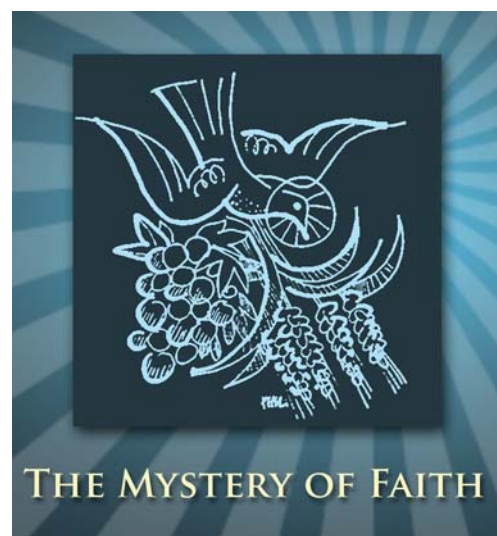
— **Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB**

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

"PRAY BRETHREN..." AND THE "ACCLAMATION"

In the priest's invitation to the congregation before the Prayer over the Gifts to "Pray . . . , that **my sacrifice and yours** . . .", the original Latin uses the conjunction "ac" (and) to denote "one and the same". So our new translation affirms that there is only one sacrifice, the sacrifice of Christ which is sacramentally offered by the faithful (*yours*) through the hands of the priest (*my*).

While there used to be four, there are three new translations of the Memorial Acclamation. These new acclamations proclaim the **Mystery of Faith**, which is the Paschal Mystery of Christ. But they also go one step further; they acknowledge that we too are called to a life made new.



DON BOSCO AND THE MISSIONS

By Fr. Chris Kennedy, SDB

Between the years of 1871 and 1872, Don Bosco had a vivid dream of Salesian missionaries being accepted by tribal peoples. In his book, *Don Bosco*, Teresio Bosco writes, "That dream had a notable impact on Don Bosco's life." Don Bosco himself states: "After that I felt in my heart that old longing for the missionary apostolate had returned." In fact he had first thought of the missions in the seminary in Chieri. It was a time in Piedmont when the work of the Propagation of the Faith was well known. When missionary bishops were looking for recruits for the Americas and Africa, Don Bosco was not yet ready to offer his Salesians. He was not yet thinking of the missions as a Salesian apostolate. But after the dream, things changed. Teresio Bosco states, "It was in the context of the dream that he began a frantic search to identify the region that Divine Providence has destined for his Salesians. And now, when foreign requests started piling up on his desk, he paid a different kind of attention to them."

It was when the Archbishop of Buenos Aires applied for missionaries at the end of 1874 that Don Bosco presented the proposal to the Chapter on 22 December 1874. The proposal was twofold: to take over the Buenos Aires Mother of Mercy parish catering to Italian immigrants, and to open a boarding school for boys in San Nicolas, an important centre in the diocese of Buenos Aires. In his reply to the Archbishop, Don Bosco planned to set up the headquarters for the Salesians in America in Buenos Aires where they would work for the poor and abandoned youth. Later the school would be considered and from these two bases they would later be sent

elsewhere. In this way Don Bosco kept an open mind about evangelization of the natives which he had seen in the dream.

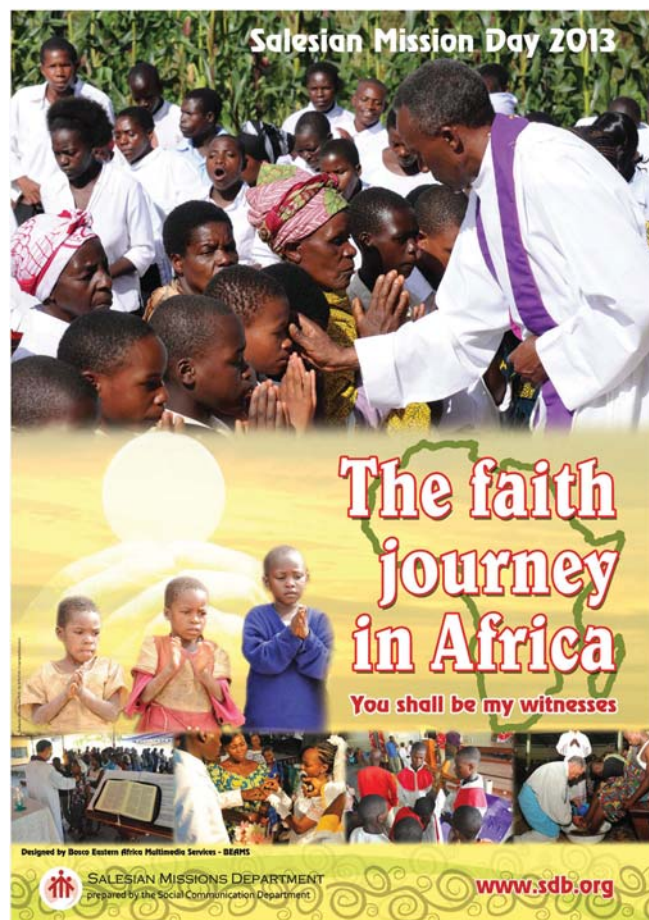
The announcement of the first expedition to the missions was an enthusiastic affair. Missionary fervour was high and soon many volunteered for the missions. Fr. Ceria described the occasion thus, "... the burst of fantasy of that day opened unexpected, boundless horizons. In an instant it made people see their idea of Don Bosco and his work in a new, gigantic vision. A new stage began in the history of the Oratory and of the Salesian society."

Don Bosco's dream has come a long way. Last month in Rome and Turin, the 143rd missionary expedition underwent training for the missions. They were 45 in all, consisting of 22 postnovices, 6 Brothers and 17 priests, coming from Africa Madagascar (5), America South Zone (2), Interamerica (1), North Europe (5), East Asia-Oceania (2), Vietnam (17), South Asia (8), Italy-Middle East (2), and West Europe (1). Fr. Vaclav Klement, SDB explains the purpose of the course:

"The preparation course for the new missionaries is a firsthand training

opportunity before they leave after an initial period of preparation in their own province and before a careful process of accompaniment in the province to which they are destined so as to assist them in becoming integrated in their new cultural, social and ecclesial setting"

The course concluded on September 30 in the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians, in Turin with the giving of the missionary crosses by the Rector Major. Times may have changed, but the missionary spirit of Don Bosco lives on.

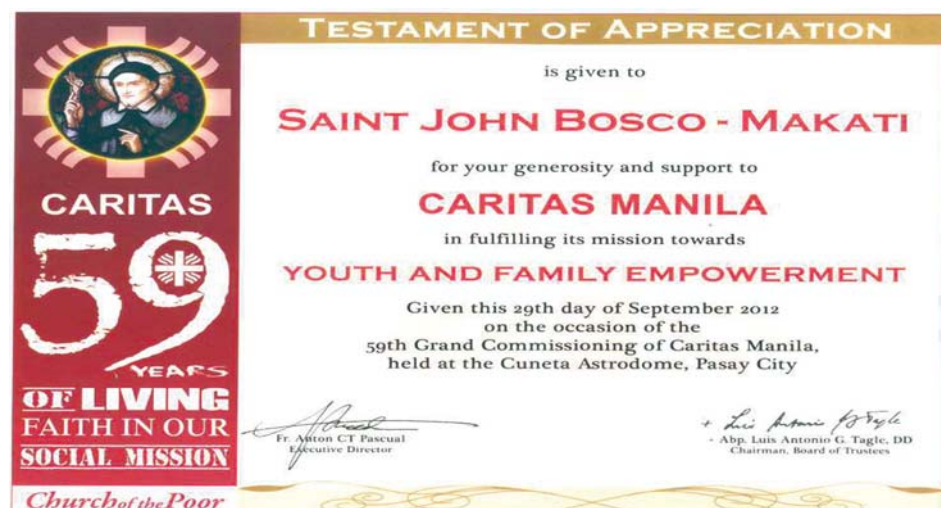


CARITAS MANILA HONORS SJB PARISH AND PARISHIONER

By Bien-Bien Contreras

During its 59th Grand Commissioning held 29 September 2012, Caritas Manila awarded a Testament of Appreciation to the Parish and to one of its young parishioners, Ana Marie B. Texon, for "Youth and Family Empowerment".

Caritas Manila also thanked the SJB Parish for its generous donation to the foundation from the 2nd Collections during Holy Week, the largest donation from the Vicariate of Sts. Peter and Paul.



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Written in the last years of his life, during his tremendous sufferings brought on by tuberculosis of the lungs, stomach and bones, St. Francis composed one of the masterpieces of Italian literature, a song praising God through the beauty of His creatures. This song is the first written work to appear in Italian, and without doubt one of the greatest pieces of medieval literature.

<http://www.franciscan-archive.org/patriarcha/>

**CANTICLE OF CREATURES (1225 AD)**

*All praise be yours, My Lord,
through all that you have made.
And first my lord Brother Sun, who brings
the day . . .*

*How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his
splendor!*

Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through
Sister Moon and Stars;
In the heavens you have made them,
bright and precious and fair.*

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through
Brothers Wind and Air. . .*

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through
Sister Water,
So useful, lowly, precious and pure.*

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through
Brother Fire,
through whom you brighten up the night...*

*All praise be yours, my Lord, through
Sister Earth, our mother,
Who feeds us...and produces various
fruits*

With colored flowers and herbs. . .

*Praise and bless my Lord, and give him
thanks,
And serve him with great humility.*

TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS AND MARY BY ST. LOUIS MARIE MONFORT

By Juliene Tirol – Cocjin Javellana

Since January 2000, on the first Saturday of each month, my Maryknoll classmates and I have been going on our monthly pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady Mary Mediatrix of all Grace in the Carmelite Convent, Lipa City, Batangas. In this convent in 1948, the Blessed Mother reportedly appeared to a young novice named Teresing Castillo. During that apparition and on several other occasions, the Blessed Virgin Mary gifted her devotees with showers of rose petals, some of which were delicately etched with images of Our Lady Mary Mediatrix, the Sacred Heart, the Holy Family, and even Pope John Paul II.

But beyond these miraculous manifestations, are Mama Mary's messages in her apparition at Lipa: her call to people to pray, especially the Holy Rosary and her pleas for the conversion of sinners, penance and total consecration according to the spirit of St. Louis-Marie Grignon de Monfort.

Why would the Blessed Mother single out the total consecration according to St Louis de Monfort, with its 33-day preparation coinciding with the 33 years Jesus lived on earth? Many people are unaware of this devotion and how it is done. The Montfort Method provides a clear guide containing daily spiritual exercises to begin and pursue

our journey towards holiness. St Louis does not insist on taking giant leaps but only "baby steps", so long as we are consistent and faithful in our journey. With this devotion, we understand our faith and ourselves better. We draw closer to Mama Mary and the Lord Jesus, knowing, loving and imitating them more and more.

In 2010, in answer to our heartfelt prayers and with our Parish Priest, Fr. Ting Miciano, as God's instrument, mass-goers went through the 33-day preparations with prayers and reflections being read before all Masses from April 28 until May 30. On May 31, Fr. Ting led us in pledging ourselves to total consecration to the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Total consecration is renewed annually but must be in our consciousness each day.

During the 9th National Marian Pilgrimage Day in Lipa last September 12, the Most Reverend Ramon Arguelles, Bishop of Lipa, declared to thousands of pilgrims including bishops, priests and religious from all over the country that "it is time to answer the call of the Mediatrix for our Total Consecration according to the spirit of St. Louis de Monfort."

With the Year of Faith set to open this October, our commitment to TOTAL CONSECRATION will make us COMMIT to LIVE the FAITH.



For inquiries on this devotion, please contact Fr. Melvin Castro, Founder and Moderator of Confraternity of Mary Mediatrix of All Grace at fr_melvin@yahoo.com.

OCTOBER 15 — ST. TERESA OF JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

By Sr. Mary Lynn, OCD

She is better known as St. Teresa of Avila, a mystic and a master-guide in prayer. Priests, brothers, nuns of the Order of Discalced Carmelites fondly address her as "Our Holy Mother" as she was the reformer and foundress of this order.

Teresa de (Cepeda y) Ahumada was born on 28 March 1515 in Avila, Spain, lived an ordinary life as a child. As a teenager, she cared only about boys, clothes, flirting and rebelling. When she was 16, her father sent her to an Augustinian convent. She hated it at first but eventually began to enjoy it, partly because of her growing love for God. At 21, she joined the Carmel of the Incarnation.

When Teresa fell seriously ill (was comatose for a few days and an invalid for three years), she would later say, "Prayer is an act of love, words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love."

When she complained to Jesus about the hostility and gossip that surrounded her, Jesus told her, "Teresa, that's how I treat my friends". Teresa responded, "No wonder you have so few friends." Realizing that Christ had few friends, she decided to reform her Carmelite order by going back to the basics of a contemplative order: a simple life of poverty devoted to prayer.

Teresa's first reformed Carmel was St. Joseph's convent in Avila. There she started to learn and practice mental prayer. "I tried as hard as I could to keep Jesus Christ present within me as I had no talent for imagining or coming up with great theological thoughts."

Yet, she had great thoughts! Some excerpts on her teachings on prayer:

Mental prayer is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends, taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us.

The important thing is not to think much



but to love much and do what best stirs you to love.

Love is not great delight but desire to please God in everything.

Teresa underwent severe sufferings from the Spanish Inquisition which questioned her reforms. She was however cleared of their accusations after they read her Autobiography. She wrote five books: *The Way of Perfection*, *The Interior Castle*, *Foundations*, and *Meditation on the Song*, as well as treatises on various subjects. She wrote all these in obedience at the command of her confessors.

She died on 4 October 1582 at the age of 67 after founding 17 Carmelite convents in different areas of Spain, was canonized in 1662, and was declared the first woman doctor of the Church in 1970 for her writings and teachings on prayer.

As the Church prepares for her 500th birthday in 2015, St. Teresa's Carmelite spirituality, wisdom and sanctity continue to influence many religious orders.

OCTOBER 2012 CALENDAR
MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

- 01 Mon St. Therese of the Child Jesus
- 04 Thu St. Francis of Assisi
- 05 Fri 1st Friday Vigil Adoration & Benediction after 6pm Mass
- 06 Sat St. Bruno
- 07 Sun 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 11 Thu Opening of Year of Faith
- 14 Sun 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 15 Mon St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila)
- 17 Wed St. Ignatius of Antioch
- 18 Thu St. Luke the Evangelist
- 19 Fri St. Paul of the Cross
- 21 Sun 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday
Canonization of San Pedro Calungsod
SJBP Activities for the Canonization of San Pedro Calungsod
- 24 Wed St. Anthony Mary Claret
Launching of Year of Faith for the entire SJBP (7:00PM in Church)
- 28 Sun 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 31 Wed Parish Rosary Rally

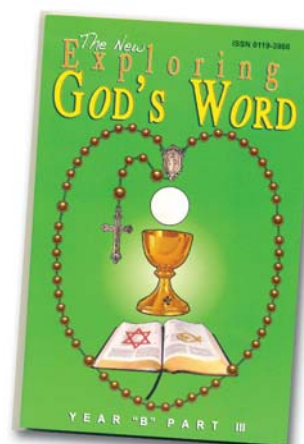
Sick Visitation – Thursdays 9AM

Holy Hour – Thursdays 6:30PM

Medical & Dental – Sundays 2:00PM

Street Mass – Saturdays 7:30PM

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



Due to unforeseen communication problems, the October Simbahay will not be able to feature excerpts from Fr. Sal Putzu's *Exploring God's Word* – splendid study notes on the weekly Sunday Mass Readings. EGW is available in the Word and Life Religious Bookstore beside Amici Restaurant, Makati.

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Y SPEAKS ON RH

By Mary Grace Gueriba

One of the hottest issues today in our country is the implementation of House Bill number 4244, also known as Reproductive Health (RH) or Responsible Parenthood (RP) Bill. Briefly, the RH Bill proposes laws which aim to guarantee access to methods of contraception, fertility control, sex education, and maternal care.

If the Bill is passed, the young people of this and future generations will benefit or suffer from it. But what do young people of today know and think about the RH Bill?

I made an informal survey of some friends and church-goers ages 14 to 39 on their views on the RH/RP Bill. I asked two questions:

- 1) *Ano ang pagkakaalam ninyo sa RH Bill?*
- 2) *Sa inyong palagay, dapat o di dapat ba itong maisabatas at bakit?*

While I do not claim to have employed sound statistical methods for my survey, it is still interesting to take note of what some of our Parish's young people have to say.

FINDINGS

Most of the young people I surveyed were not aware of all of the RH Bill's provisions beyond, "it will control population". About 25% answered that the RH Bill would help to control the population here in our country by legalizing (?) the use of contraceptives and including sex education in the primary school curriculum.

Despite claims of a recent article in one of the broadsheets that "surveys show that 70% of Pinoys back the RH bill", most of my respondents were against it.

Here are some of the responses I gathered to "Why should the RH Bill be passed" or not.

- ☹️ "I am not for it because it partly favors abortion, the murder of unborn children

who had life since they were conceived. Though I don't have anything against condoms, my only concern is that users should favor the life of the infant." – Mark Philip Ragos

- ☹️ "No, it will not resolve the problem because it will serve as an invitation for them to try sex without hesitation because they think it's safe. At the same time, yes, because once they are educated about that, at least they will no longer commit mistakes and that would help population growth." – Joey Ann Tenorio
- ☹️ "I am not in favor of RH bill because once it is passed, the mortality rate of the pregnant women may decrease because of abortion, but it's (foetus) killing is illegal." – Paul Jan Tamayo
- ☹️ I am against it because of the provision which will fine parents who question doctors who assisted in their minor daughter's abortion – Marly
- 👍 I'm in favor of the RH Bill because that would help prevent sexual diseases and help decrease the population." – Jay Laranjo

Others preferred not to be identified.

- ☹️ Dapat di maipasa, sa iba kasi yung pag-unlad ay paghadlang sa pagdami. Gawa tayo sa itaas, bakit hahadlangan?
- ☹️ Di po dapat, ang kahirapan ay wala sa population e, nasa corruption.
- ☹️ Hindi, nasa tao na ang pagcontrol kung magkakaanak o hindi.
- ☹️ Hindi, kaya nga nagtatalik ay para magbigay ng panibagong buhay, bakit "ihihinder".
- ☹️ Hindi makatao.
- ☹️ Nag-Taiwan ako ng 6 years – doon kahit 10 years old, pwede bumili ng condom, so morality is lost, I don't want that to happen in the Philippines.
- ☹️ Di dapat kasi masama, gusto nila mabawasan ang tao sa Pilipinas, di naman sila ang may hawak ng buhay



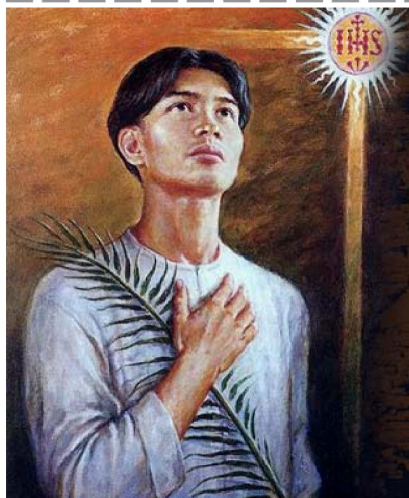
ng tao kaya di dapat kunin.

- ☹️ Should not, because we are in Catholic country, it's against the law of God.
- ☹️ Diyos lang ang pwedeng bumawi ng buhay.
- ☹️ No, I think it's more of a fund raising for government, we have existing bills, why put in another bill, intensify the implementation of existing bills.
- ☹️ Hindi, source of corruption lang ng government officials yan.
- 👍 It should be passed for the benefit of women who have difficult pregnancies – to secure their health.
- 👍 Ok lang para makakatulong sa lipunan, para di dumami ang tao.
- 👍 OK lang kung makakatulong sa di pagdami ng tao.
- 👍 Ituloy na para ang di mga makabili, ay magkaroon ng contraceptives.
- 👍 Pwede po, para mapigilan ang pagdami ng tao.
- 👍 Oo, population ang nagpapahirap sa atin, kailangan natin ng discipline.
- 👍 Opo, Filipinos kulang sa discipline, kailangan maghigpit ang gobyerno, pero against ako abortion, ang contraceptives at sex education ay OK lang.

CONCLUSIONS

A more thorough and truthful information campaign on the RH/RP Bill is needed.

Surveys (including mine) by their nature, can never tell the whole truth and should be used with prudence.



SJB P ACTIVITIES FOR THE CANONIZATION OF SAN PEDRO CALUNGSOD (SPC)

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| Oct 13/14
(All Masses) | – Video Presentation: The Gift of Pedro Calungsod by Archbishop Tagle |
| Oct 18 | – Exposition and Veneration of Relics of Youth Saints (Church) |
| Oct 19 | – MTV Presentation of the Life of SPC during 6:00PM mass |
| Oct 20 | – Prayers and Confession in honor of SPC |
| Oct 20/21
(All Masses) | – MTV Presentation of the Life of SPC |
| Oct 21 | – Mission Sunday / Canonization of Bl. Pedro Calungsod |
| 8:30AM/4:00PM
Masses | – YM Presentations in honor of SPC |
| | – TV Viewing of Canonization after 4PM mass in DBYC gymnasium |

NEWS BRIEFS

COFFEE AND SAINTS CAFÉ REOPENS

By Mon Angeles



Good News! The newly renovated Coffee and Saints Café finally reopened its doors to customers during its inauguration last September 12. The guest of honor was, no less than, Miss Rhonda Zygochi, the

Executive Vice President for Policy and Planning of Chevron Corporation. Chevron Corporation has been a partner of Don Bosco Pugad for many years now. As Miss Rhonda said "Don Bosco Projects are both

smart and innovative, and Chevron is here to help people learn, not only to improve their lives but also those of their communities and their families as well. Even though we are an energy company, we can be successful not only in fuelling cars, but also in fuelling lives.

Our Parish Priest, Fr. Ting Miciano, officiated in the blessing of the facility. This was followed by a soft opening which showcased Don Bosco Pugad's new food products. A variety of coffees was also introduced. Now that Coffee and Saints is open to the public, we can once again savor old-time favorites including "Bangsilog, Bangsikong, and Longsilog." Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Dine and enjoy at Coffee and Saints.

PONDO NG PINOY CELEBRATES 8TH ANNIVERSARY

By Marinette Segovia



On the first of September, 2012, 13 SJBP junior catechists and I attended the 8th anniversary celebration of Pondo Ng Pinoy (PnP) held at the UST Quadricentennial Pavilion with the theme Daluyan ng Pananampalataya at Pagsasaksi. His Excellency, Archbishop Luis Antonio Tagle led the celebration of the Mass with our Parish priest, Fr. Ting Miciano, and the other priests of the different vicariates as concelebrants. The program included a talk by Bishop Broderick Pabillo, entertainment numbers from the PnP vicariate coordinators, scholars and HapagAsa beneficiaries, testimonials, catechesis, and status reports.

The PnP was founded by Cardinal Gaudencio Rosales in 2003. It is a

foundation that supports projects for the poor with funds generated from 25-centavo coins given by our parishioners and community. PnP is a way of evangelization to profess our faith and become witnesses of Christ. It is based on the idea of asking for mere "crumbs", which, like the crumbs of food left on the table, represent any small amount that even the poorest parishioner can spare like 25-centavos. As Cardinal Rosales would always remind us, "Anumang magaling, kahit maliit, basta't malimit ay patungong langit." Let us continue with our generous support for Pondo ng Pinoy!

DENTAL MISSION PRAYERS WITH ACTION

By Marilyn A. Mayoralgo

The Confraternity of Our Lady Mary Mediatrix of All Grace – San Lorenzo Chapter, in cooperation with Zonta Club of Metro Rizal, St. John Bosco Parish Church and the Makati Dental Association sponsored a whole day Dental Mission in SJB Parish last 19 August 2012.

A total of 122 patients from Botanical and nearby places, Don Bosco Pugad, Ampan, Guinto Scholars, Don Bosco Livelihood members and SEDA (Sick, Elderly and Differently Abled) Ministry received free dental services: prophylaxis, filling and tooth extraction. Seventeen certified dentists headed by Dr. Lolita Sunglao and five dental students attended to the patients.



The Confraternity headed by Juliene Javellana also gave out dental hygiene kits and snacks to patients.

NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOWS INSTALLED

By Bien-Bien Contreras

New stained glass windows have been installed in the Church façade. This is the first of several major church renovations as SJBP gears up for next year's celebration of the 35th anniversary of the dedication of the Parish Church.

The new windows whose clear images and vivid colors are visible during daytime (even without backlighting) depict scenes from Don Bosco's famous dream at nine when he first received his mission. We recall that in John Bosco's dream, a noble and radiant gentleman urged John to use kindness and not force to win over a crowd of fighting and swearing boys. The Man, who Don Bosco



would later recognize as Jesus, introduced him to His mother, John's new teacher, a majestic and resplendently dressed Lady. After letting him witness the unruly boys

transform into wild beasts then to gentle lambs, the Lady who is the Blessed Mother told him to be humble, strong and energetic to save wayward youth.