



# *St. Peter Canisius* International Catholic Parish – Jakarta

**Monthly Bulletin : September 2020**

## **THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND RIGHTS OF WORKERS**

### ***Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,***

Every 1st of May is celebrated as International Workers' Day, also known as Labour Day. This year (2020), different from the previous years, the commemoration was simple due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This pandemic has hit hard many sectors, especially the world's economy. In Indonesia many workers have to stay home due to work termination, either temporary or permanent. This situation has raised problems such as loss of work, working with half payment, workers infected by the virus, etc. Apart from this particular situation the workers themselves always face many problems which generally focus on their dignity and rights.

The dignity of work and the rights of the workers is one of the seven principles of Catholic social teaching, as outlined by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, or USCCB. It says that "the economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected: the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative" (<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching>).

The Church therefore believes that work is important. Any form of decent work is equal and is more than just a way to earn money, but it has noble values to participate in God's creation and to promote human dignity.

Since the encyclical letter "Rerum Novarum" of Pope Leo XIII, 1891, the Church has been constantly defending the rights and duties of workers viz-a-viz the power of the owners or employers. On the occasion of the 90th anniversary of Rerum Novarum Pope John Paul II issued an encyclical letter Laborem Exercens on Human Work, 1981, in which he made it clear that the person is the subject of the work. "Work is for the person, not the person for work..... The value of human work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one doing it is a person". On the occasion of the centenary anniversary of Rerum Novarum the same Pope issued another encyclical letter Centesimus Annus (One Hundred Years), 1991, in which he drew attention to the threats to the dignity of the human person, which include technology, social structures, debt and corporate greed. He also highlighted some of the just reforms that are necessary for protecting and promoting the dignity of the human person and the dignity of work.

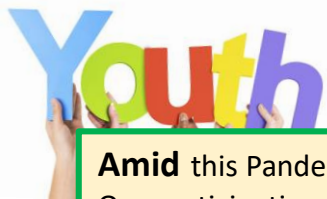


This is to say that the human person is the central focus of work. In every form of work the dignity of the human person must be respected. Pope Benedict XVI stated: "I would like to remind everyone, especially governments engaged in boosting the world's economic and social assets, that the primary capital to be safeguarded and valued is man, the human person in his or her integrity: man is the source, the focus and the aim of all economic and social life" (Caritas in Veritate, no. 25). In his homily and speech on the feast of St Joseph the Worker, 2013, Pope Francis touched on the theme of the dignity of work in relation to the dignity of human person: "We do not get dignity from power or money or culture. We get dignity from work..... Work is fundamental to the dignity of the person. Work, to use an image, 'anoints' with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God who has worked and still works, who always acts."

Contemplating on the teaching of the Church, we as Christians hold a special mission of promoting and defending the dignity of work and of the rights of the workers. As human beings we are all equal, because "God created mankind, in his own image; in his own image God created them" (Genesis 1:27).



**Fr. John Mangkey, MSC**



## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CORNER

**Amid** this Pandemic, our parish youth have become more active and involved in many online Youth sessions. Our participation has now gone beyond the countries and youth who left the country for higher studies are all happy to get connected and join our regular online YF sessions.

Our Youth coordinators encourage and support our youth to write on their understanding about various monthly Youth sessions. Thus, we want more and more youth to express their viewpoints. This month we publish two of these reflections written by our parish youths.....



**YF Action Session by Fr: Effendi Sunur,SJ**

**Date: 15 August 2020**

**Topic:- “Big Bang Theory vs God’s Creation Theory”**

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ, How are you today? I hope you are in a good condition during this pandemic. Our YF session on Saturday, 15 August 2020 went smooth & lively, with over 72 attendees & our speaker Fr. Effendi Sunur, SJ. Spoke on the topic “Big Bang Theory vs God’s Creation Theory”.

This topic was very interesting for me and other participants as many questions were raised. I have been puzzled with this theory for a while.

As we know many people believe in this Big Bang theory because this is a theory about how all of this world was made in the scientific context. On the other hand, we believe that God has made all of this world, but this statement just only used in faith.

So which one is the truth? Both are truth but in a different point of view, The Bible is our faith, and the Scientific Book is our academical. Thus, the Big Bang Theory does not deny our faith, so it’s okay when we learn about that. We must be careful and hold on to our faith.

See you in the next gathering, God Bless

**By :- Gabriel Patrick, G10, Saint Angela SHS, Bandung.**

**Topic:- “Big Bang Theory vs God’s Creation Theory”**

Reason and faith, science and Genesis. What is the true origin of the universe? Father Effendi helps clear things up.

What is the Big Bang Theory? Father George Lemaitre proved that religion and science did not have to live in conflict. He formulated the Big Bang Theory, stating that the universe started out as a tiny singularity that exploded and over the next few billion years, expanded into the universe we now know today.

I am sure we all know about the book of Genesis but there are different perspectives that some have not explored yet. For instance, 7 days does not have to be interpreted literally. Father Effendi explains how time is relative. There was no witness at the time when God created the world, 7 days is simply a shortcut to grasp the creation of the world. A metaphor for order, it portrays God’s love for this world which he created with order and not chaos.

In conclusion, the creation and origin of the universe is not just about science versus religion. Our faith is what bridges that gap between science and religion. There is no conflict believing in our loving Father and in the science of our world.

**By- Jonathan Kamdani, G10, ACS School Jakarta**

## YOUTH – DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS???



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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING..  
Faith, Catholicism, Belief, Bible, God, Church, etc

THEY CAN HELP YOU ANSWER

NADIA CLARA  
PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR UI

FATHER MOKO, SJ  
OUR PARISH PRIEST

Ask us through [connected@expatcatholicparish.org](mailto:connected@expatcatholicparish.org)  
SELECTED QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED  
IN THE NEXT PARISH BULLETIN

So, how do you decide what is right or wrong????

Our simple goal is to help you move along your journey in faith by providing right answers on God, faith, spirituality, etc.



Please feel free to ask your questions/doubts by sending an email to [connected@expatcatholicparish.org](mailto:connected@expatcatholicparish.org)

**Happy  
Birthday,  
Dear  
Mother  
& Queen!**

**September 08**  
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTION MATTERS

**Amid** this Pandemic as no collections are done during the online Mass, we urge the parishioners to support generously.

Below is the account number for receiving offering and gifts for Mass intentions. Please note for Mass intentions kindly add Rp. 1 (one) on the amount transferred. For example if you wish to give 100K gift for Mass intention, kindly transfer to this parish account number the amount of Rp. 100.001,- Thank you and God bless you and your family for your continuous support

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**MASS INTENTIONS**  
Send to WA 08118039728

**Format:**  
**Name/Parish of origin/City/Intention**

**Send by Tuesday evening to be included in the following Saturday live stream mass.**





## ANNOUNCEMENTS



SEPTEMBER

LIVE  
STREAMING

For the month of SEPTEMBER – 2020, all Sunday Masses will be live streamed on every Saturday at 03:30 pm

To view Live Stream or recorded Mass, please click below:

<http://www.expatcatholicparish.org/>



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JAKARTA, INDONESIA

EXPLORING GOD'S WORDS  
**COME AND JOIN US**  
in  
5th VIRTUAL FAITH FORUM  
by  
**Fr. Ramon NADRES Ph.D.**

Topic :

**The Biblical Theology of Human Body;  
The Interpretation of Sexuality according to the Gospel**

**Saturday, September 19, 2020, 13.00 – 14.30**

Registration for the ZOOM link: [https://bit.ly/stpcicpbible\\_reg](https://bit.ly/stpcicpbible_reg)

## Online YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

YF – YFC ACTION

Date: Sat 26 Sep 2020

Time: 0100 - 0230 pm

Topic: "Am I Not Your Mother?" – Mama Mary

Speaker: Nadia Clara

For Age 13-18 Years

RSVP for Zoom code & password : Alfa: 081-29413-8899,

Patricia: 0816-802-903, Charina : 0818-0616-2502



## ONLINE CCD – CLASSES FOR 2020-21

GAME-BASED  
LEARNING

Classes available: Grades I to VI (Including First Holy Communion FHC) and Confirmation

Classes start on 05 September 2020

CCD/FHC – Every Saturday : 0200 – 0300 pm  
Confirmation: 01 & 03 Saturday : 0100 – 0230 pm



REGISTRATION OPEN  
01 – 15 AUG 2020



For Registration Contact: Sis. Tjitra - WA: 087883687968 or  
Bro. Dolphy – WA: 08125147611

Email: [ccd.theresia@gmail.com](mailto:ccd.theresia@gmail.com) for Registration Form and for more Information

## ONLINE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE(MPC)

Schedule :

- Sat, 05 Sept 2020
- Fri, 11 Sept 2020
- Sat, 12 Sept 2020

COUPLES MUST ATTEND ALL  
THREE CLASSES

Marriage  
Preparation



For more details please contact  
Our Parish Secretary WA (08118039728)  
Tuesday to Saturday - 1000 to 1600 hrs

## "THE PRAYER THAT WORKS"

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ONLINE

Saturday, 12th September 2020

1 – 2:30 pm (Western Indonesia Time)

AGE 13 – 18 years old  
By: Frater John Paul, CSE

"Learn the secret of prayer that work miracle  
from the great prophet Elijah, a true image of  
GOD"



RSVP FOR ZOOM CODE: ALFA 0812-9413-8899, PATRICIA 0816-802-903, CHARINA 0818-0616-2502