



St. Peter Canisius

International Catholic Parish – Jakarta

Life and Dignity of Human Person

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“Being in the image of God the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something, but someone” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 357). The Church clearly affirms that human dignity originates from God because every person is made in God’s own image and likeness (Gen 1:26-27). Human life is sacred because every person is the brightest reflection of God among his creation. This dignity is therefore not based on any human quality, legal mandate or individual merit or accomplishment. Human dignity is inalienable and an intrinsic quality to human existence and forms the essential aspects of every human person.

Being made in God’s image, we are all God’s children. Among billion of people living and breathing on earth each one of us is a unique image of God. And because it comes from God, human dignity is not something that we can bestow or take away from another person.

It is the task of the Church, including each of us, to respect, promote and defend human dignity, as exemplified by Saint John Paul II, who was a great defender and champion of human dignity. Since his election in 1978 as the Successor to the Apostle Peter to his death in 2005, he had remained one of the principal protagonists on the global stage for the dignity and value of every human person. contd.....

GEREJA SANTA THERESIA, MENTENG – English Mass - Saturday’s :
03:30pm, and on Sunday’s : 03:00pm & 01st Friday : 07:30pm
ST. CANISIUS COLLEGE (Kolese Kanisius) – Sunday’s – 06:00 pm
ST. STEPHANUS – CILANDAK – Tuesday’s 10:00 am & 01st Friday – 10:00 am

He also underlined the philosophical foundation of the defense of the human dignity which lies in the universality of one human nature that transcends the limits of history, race and culture. Even before he became Pope he was already in the forefront of promoting and defending the human dignity of every person. Above all, as Pope this defence of human dignity became very clear in his copious encyclicals, addresses and homilies numerous times during the course of his pontificate.

To mention some example, during his 1994 pastoral visit to the United States, he urged everyone *"to defend the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death, to care for and protect the unborn and all those whom others might deem 'inconvenient' or 'undesirable.'"* In the encyclical *Centesimus Annus*, 1 May 1991, he stated: *"Human persons are willed by God; they are imprinted with God's image. Their dignity does not come from the work they do, but from the persons they are"* (no. 11). He also called for a culture of life instead of a culture of death, a culture of forgiveness instead of a culture of blame.

The USA Bishops' Conference observed: *"In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person."*

Too often we may fail to do this. Failure to recognize the human dignity of every person opens the door to all manner of violence and injustice. As members of the Church we are called to participate in the Church's mission of manifesting God's love to everyone, without boundaries, by promoting and defending the human dignity. Loving others does not cost anything. By simply valuing, respecting or appreciating other persons we show that they have worth and they are human beings created in the image of God. We give them the respect they deserve and treat them as we would want to be treated. *'Go and do likewise'* (Luke 10:37) is a challenge to go and look upon people to serve and to practice that love for others. It is a challenge to overcome our prejudices and show kindness to all, irrespective of their origins or beliefs.

Fr. John Mangkey MSC

Youth Retreat - #LOVED

STPCICP conducted its 05th **Youth Fellowship Retreat** at Lembah Karmel Retreat Home from 21-23 February 2020 for our youths aged between 13 to 17 years. Around 26 enthusiastic youths participated in the 03 days in-house retreat.

During the retreat, youth were taught on prayer, finding meaning of life, way of the Cross etc. As the entire retreat was interactive and fun was added with many indoor as well as outbound games, youth were able to understand and come closer to each other and pray as one loving community



Movie Night – “The Two Popes”



STPCICP's **movie** night was organized for the Parishioners on Saturday, 29 Feb 2020. Fr. Moko opened the event with prayer and gave a brief introduction about our Roman Catholic Church and the Papacy and all about the movie – “The Two Popes”. Around 40 parishioners came together to watch the movie. We plan to watch together similar movies in future too. See you soon at the next movie night.....

Recollection for Confirmation Students

Theme: "Strengthened by the Holy Spirit"

On 29 February 2020, STPCICP CCD Confirmation conducted its one-day Recollection as part of preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Recollection was conducted in the Aula of St. Theresia Church.

75 Students from various CCD groups participated in the Recollection, where the students learned Sanctification is the work of the Holy Spirit. Our mind and our heart when docile to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, will be led with strength to face challenges, struggles and temptations. Hence, when we are with the Holy Spirit, we need not fear. We will be guided towards the right direction, as soldiers of Christ, filled with love for God, being joyful and self-less. Though we are weak, we are always prepared to rise above every failure or problem, by God's Grace. Recollection concluded with Confession and a special Mass.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Date: Saturday 14 March 2020



Community Service @St. Theresia Church.
Learning together with orphanages,
Green Initiatives: Making soap from used
oil

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