

St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish Jakarta

Monthly Bulletin – May 2022

HUMAN RIGHTS

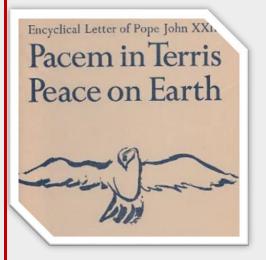
"To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity" (Nelson Mandela)

Beloved Sisters and Brothers,

The modern concept of human rights finds its early formulation in England's Bill of Rights of 1689 and the American Declaration of Independence of 1776 culminating in the famous Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted and proclaimed by the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1948. This important document sets forth the universal standard of the fundamental rights of all peoples and nations everywhere. The new formulation of these rights must not obscure the main purpose of the document, namely, to uphold justice, which the classical Roman tradition defines as suum cuique tribuere (to give each his due). In this definition justice is fundam entally something that is due everyone, which what he or she deserves or in some sense already has. This 'due everyone' aspect denotes the universal



character of justice. Here we thus can see human rights as the contemporary embodiment of the idea of justice. The United Nations document explicitly stated and affirmed these rights to ensure their protection.



We can find the Catholic Church teaching on human rights in the encyclical *Pacem in Terris (1963)* in which Pope John XXIII emphasized the universal and inviolable character of these rights and obligations of a person that flow from his nature endowed with intelligence and free will. The pope identified several specific rights such as that to life and a worthy standard of living, to freedom in searching for truth and to religious freedom in accordance with one's conscience while noting the importance of the corresponding duties to take account of the common good. The Second Vatican Council documents, particularly Gaudium et Spes and Dignitatis Humanae, endorsed such notion of human rights, which later became a major theme in the teaching of Pope

John Paul II, notably in his encyclical Centesimus Annus. As the contemporary human societies have become more complex, the inclusion of more human rights is inevitable to include, among others, those to a healthy environment and to safeguard human dignity from abuses of technology and biomedicine.

The emergence of the new rights that require our attention and protection shows the vulnerability of human life even with the advance of science and technology. In the increasingly complex societies, the

basic idea that each person must receive his or her due finds formidable challenges for its practical implementations. It is our calling as Christians to continuously uphold and promote the dignity of every human being as an image of God. <u>'Loving our neighbour'</u> remains one of the greatest commandments as a concrete manifestation of our love for God.

Fr. Thomas Hidya Tjaya, S.J.



Youth Fellowship Activities



Topic: "FRIENDSHIP 101"

Speaker: Fr. Naveen Rebello, SVD

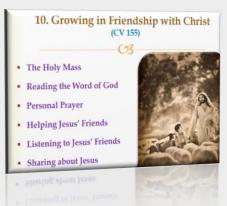
Date: Saturday, 09 April 2022

Time: 01:00 - 02:30 pm



Reflection #1 By - Ashley Jane Sugiarto (CCD Confirmation Theresia Group)

On the 9th of April 2022, Father Naveen Rebello, calling all the way from Rome, Italy, explained to us the



importance of prioritizing certain qualities to have long-lasting and healthy friendships with your friends.

During this Youth Fellowship, I personally loved Father Naveen's FRIEND acronym, which stands for faithful, reliable, intimate, empathetic, never-failing, and dependable. I felt that these were the perfect ways to evaluate if your friends are truly the right ones for you. Although I previously evaluated my friendships similarly to this, I felt that I have never been able to put it in words as brilliantly as Father Naveen had done, as these criteria's are ones that define a good person and the foundation of a good

friendship. In life, it is extremely inevitable that we must encounter trials and tribulations, however, when you have friends who are willing to be there for you while you go through a difficult time, it will make it easier to overcome that hurdle. Based on my own experience, I have experienced being close with people who were self-centred and always expected me to be there for them, but they were never there for me when I was facing a difficult time. They were disloyal, they never spoke about their genuine





emotions, and did not account for my feelings although I deeply cared about theirs.

However, after years of growing, learning, and constant reflection, I begun to discover what I valued in a friendship and what kind of qualities I sought for in a best friend. Even though I have specific qualities I seek for in my friends, I have never met one that fulfilled all the qualities I sought for in a best friend, but that itself is absolutely fine, because nobody is born perfect, and it is impossible to find a perfect best friend. However, when I started being friends with people who checked a few boxes such as loyalty, being willing to open up about their genuine emotions, and were always there for me through

good and bad times, I felt a change in my life because I no longer had to suppress the thoughts and emotions I had inside of me, I did not have to be insecure about friends lying to me, and I no longer needed to question if I had people to support me when I'm having a bad day. I also love the fact that Father Naveen derived the acronym from observing the qualities that Jesus had as a friend to those around Him, like the disciples, and even gluttons, drunkards, tax collectors, and sinners. Although there were many other concepts that he discussed, I felt that this acronym particularly stood out the most because this is an accurate way to evaluate your friendships in a biblical perspective, as the acronym was acquired from Jesus' positive attributes towards his friends, but is also a very easy way to define what kind of friends that will ultimately make you a better person and have a healthier social life in the long-run.

Reflection #1 By – James Hausyah (CCD Confirmation Theresia Group)

In today's YF session, the topic was about friendships. In this session, we learnt about how we can live in friendship with Christ. Learning many bible verses about friendship such as "Friendship is a gift...grace...blessing, CV 151. Our speaker, Fr. Naveen Rebello, he talked about a short story of his friend in school who said that he would give Naveen a cassock and then 20 years later, his friend kept his promise when Naveen was

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's FRIENDS (Jn 15:13)

ordained, now they still are good friends. He made many friends with other people and even after they parted ways, he keeps in touch and engages with them. He talked about how he made many friends with

12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

brother.

Proverbs 18:24 - A

man of too many

friends comes to

ruin. But there is a

friend who sticks

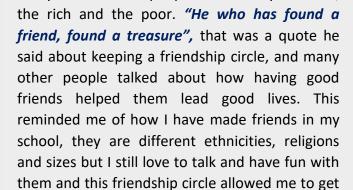
closer than a

Philippians 2:3 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."





Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character



through this pandemic.

many people of different colour and nationality,

he also talks about Jesus made friends with

everyone even with people who society calls bad,

eak out room 2: Melbournia, Keana, Grace, Chloe, Darron, Nicolene, Patricia



Virtual Faith Forum



Saturday, April 23, 2022

Topic: "Building A Healthy Family

Culture"

Speakers: Jomari and Beverly Badilla

Date: 23 April 2022

Time: 01:00 - 02:30 pm

STPCICP Family Apostolic Ministry in cooperation with Family is a Gift presented a talk on "Building"

a Healthy Family Culture" on 23 April 2022. The speakers are a marriage couple of Jomari and Beverly Badilla who are Advocates of Family is a Gift and Members of Couples for Christ.

The purpose of the talk is to give awareness of Family Culture and encouragement for Parents to



deliberately form a Family Culture that require consistency, persistency from time to time and therefore not rely on default mode.

VIRTUAL FAITH FORUM BY STPCICP FAMILY APOSTOLIC MINISTRY

3 things shape the individual that impact to couple's relationship:

- 1. Significant childhood/teenage experiences
- 2. The community where the person was grown up (neighbourhood, school, friends)
- 3. The culture of Family of Origin that shapes a person's way of life

With different childhood background, it is natural

that the husband and wife are different in some ways and just because your spouse is different doesn't mean that he/she is wrong.

Family Culture is described as the unique way that a family forms itself in terms of rules, roles, habits, activities, beliefs, and other areas and the distinct way of working together to solve problems, achieve goals and relate to each other.

As the children is moulded by the family culture, what is right or wrong, how to do things right, etc.; the parents shall deliberately teach, direct the children to behave as per what they think are right. From there, a family culture happens whether the parents are consciously creating it or not. Therefore the parents have to decide whether they want to build a family culture that will be consistently developed from time to time or they just want to default it as things go.

The pillars that make up a family culture:

- 1. Values are what you deem important. You feel utmost joy when these values are upheld. Positive values such as respect, honesty, integrity, mutual support, hard work require constant reinforcement through NORMS and reiterating values to the children after EVERY corrective action. Negative values such as winning at all cost, entitlement, pride, social image (even if false), indulgent pleasures, typically appear when family culture is created in default mode.
- 2. Norms are the spoken and unspoken rules of how a family operates; they represent your values in action. As norms make habits so be careful not to rely on default mode and let bad habits develop

from bad norms. Choose your battles: if certain habits won't matter don't make it an issue. Focusing on important norms build up HABITS and eventually CHARACTER that withstands external influence.

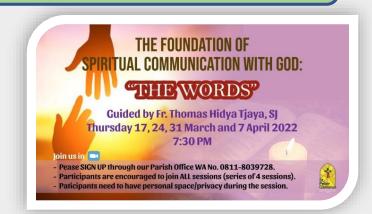
- 3. Traditions/Rituals are a set of behaviours and routines that provide a family a sense of identity and purpose. What, where, how do you have family meals, celebrate special days. Traditions have to be agreed with between the mother and father and discussed accordingly to each Family of Origin. It is important to thoughtfully keep traditions according to family values and goals. Be wary of being lazy and calling
 - something convenient as a tradition when it's not. Example: watching whatever is on TV every night is not a tradition.



Anyone would like to watch the video of this talk could contact Vinolia at +62811807209 or Christine at +628158775225.

Special Session on Prayer – Fr. Thomas Tjaya

Prayer is the way we communicate with God who created us and saved us through Christ because he desires to be in a relationship with us. God talks to us through His word and the Holy Spirit in us. He helps us understand His word and apply it to our lives. It's through prayer that we communicate back to God. Fr. Thomas Hidya Tjaya conducted special online guided session on "The Foundation of Spiritual Communication with God" on March 17, 24, 31 & 7 April 2022.



The guided session was very powerful and touched deeply to many of the participants and one of the reflections written by our parish participants are written below:

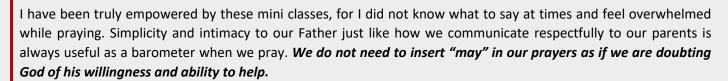
Attending Father Thomas' mini classes on how we can pray better was a good opportunity for a newly baptized such as myself. Fr. Thomas covered on how we can have a better relationship with God. One of the ways is of

course through prayers, and since it is the way, we communicate with Him that will bring us closer to him, it is important to know how to do this effectively.

I learnt from attending the classes, that our relationship with God can be likened as a Father and Child relationship, it should be as natural as our relationship with our parents. When we pray to God, we should do it in a way that will make us feel closer to him, less formal and more intimate.

Some of the things that we may consider are:

- Addressing God as Our Father when we pray will surely bring us closer as we feel less formal and less rigid
- When asking for His help, we know that with Him all things are possible, therefore we should not doubt his constant and infinite love for us. Express complete trust in God and our readiness to accept.
- Do not push, beg, or demand that God do something for us, instead let God's will be done unto us since He knows what is best for us





I realized after the classes that I was guilty in addressing God in many different words inconsistently and mixing them up, such as God, Father, and Lord all in one prayer. I also expressed many doubts while praying, thinking whether I deserve to be heard or if my asking is too much? Nothing is impossible in God's eye if we are asking the right thing, at the right time and with the right attitude.

Communicating

With God

I have been greatly helped through these classes, I feel more confident and freer to express my true intentions when I think of God as my Father and address Him as my loving Father, my generous Father and other accompanying adjectives that describe

Our Father. The fruits of being in a constant relationship with Our Father, which is through praying, are for us to become more and more in close resemblance of his image in our characters and behaviours and to have the holy spirit living in us.

When we talk and pray to Him in every situation continuously like He is our parent, we will always be in His presence. Let our prayers be simple, intimate, relaxed, and put Love in the center of it all.



Pray and acknowledge God in every opportunity as he is always there with us, be in constant communication with Him.

God Bless You All ... My Almighty Father, always be in our presence and guide us forever and ever ... Amen

By: Victoria Azelie Michele



CCD CORNER



Recollection for Confirmation Students

Theme: Christus Vivit and how we can show others that Christ is Alive by living the Virtues

Date: 23 April 2022, Time: 02:00 – 05:30 pm

On Saturday, 23 April 2022, annual recollection was organized for the CCD confirmation students. The aim of the recollection is to provide the students a moment of prayer, reflection and sharing to have a deeper understanding of who they are and find to God's presence in their experiences. The theme of the recollection was "Christus Vivit and how we can show others that Christ is alive by living the virtues". Fr. Moko opened the



recollection with prayer and led the first session, wherein he covered the virtues, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and how to navigate our spiritual journey from desolation to consolation. This was followed by Sharing / Testimony by Sis Dena - missionary to youth, Indonesia. She discussed and interacted about the missionary service: prayer, service, being a witness to Christ's grace. To ensure active participation, we played games and engaged in fruitful discussions in the break-out rooms. Final talk was led by Fr Benny Phang, Order of Carmelites.

We asked the Confirmation students to write reflections on 1). Was the recollection helpful to your spiritual growth? 2). What did you learn from this recollection? 3). How can you show that Christ is Alive in your life? Based on this, reflections, and thoughts of some of the participants are shared here:

I have gained knowledge about the purpose of life and how God can help us improve it. This reminiscence has been beneficial to my spiritual growth. The recollection has supported me in a variety of ways, and Fr. Benny Phang's teachings have effectively encouraged me. "We have the need to experience before we share," he said, "much like

you cannot claim that a particular dish is delicious before tasting it, is just like opening our hearts to the Lord and guide us, experiencing the impact, and giving the tales of Christ to others." The quote is like what one of our guides had shared and experienced with us when she went to rural areas and saw life there, learning to help those in need and giving them our full heart when we are doing so.

She had also included an image of Jesus patiently knocking on a door that represents our hearts, which He won't be able to enter unless we open the door of our hearts and allow him in ourselves. She shared that she has undergone the worst possible version of herself, yet Christ changed her for the good. Not to mention, I have seen that anyone, even a priest/pastor, can feel anger, sorrow, and uncertainty after watching Father's confession story video. However, we may be redeemed if we confess our sins truthfully and genuinely and ask for



forgiveness. These videos and teachings taught me that Christ is alive and well in all our lives, regardless of our age, colour of skin, gender, race, or anything else. We can do these qualities and follow in Jesus' footsteps by being

sincere from the heart, loving and forgiving people regardless of who they are, worshiping the Lord (prayer, attending church, reading the bible), sharing Christ's parables, and so much more. Thus, this recollection had sparked my curiosity and stimulated my genuine interest in this topic, and it had assisted and enhanced myself during those 4 hours – *Angelina Karin*



What did you learn from the recollection?

I learned how to control myself when I'm tempted to do something bad and not to dive into temptation - *Bianca*

From this recollection, I learned to be more grateful because some of the members shared the losses, they have recently experienced, and it made me to realize how I should be more grateful for the situation I'm in now - **Jose**

From this session, I was able to sit down and really listen to what the guest speakers said. It has helped better my understanding of the Lord and deepen my connection to Catholicism. I was also able to make new friends - *Isabelle*

I think that the recollection is important because it shows how we can be more connected to God and get his Wisdom - *Elena*

During the recollection, I saw a few videos in which people explained some of the things that happen in their lives. For example, some people have recently lost a beloved family member which brings sadness to them, but eventually they learn to accept and move on with their lives. That is one of the things I took from the recollection. I learnt to be more grateful and less selfish, I also learnt to accept more things in my life and that loss is a normal and necessary part of life - **Axel**

I learnt about God's love for us and how much He sacrificed for us. And how we should do the same for God and the people around us. I also enjoyed watching the videos as they were very creative and displayed the message of love very well - *Mikayla*

I learnt that we should always forgive people for their mistakes no matter how bad their mistakes were and how much pain we went through because of it - *Tristan*

In the recollection, I have learnt about discernment, virtues, consolation, and desolation. Desolation makes us feel that God is distant from us, while Consolation can be otherwise. I have also learnt to open my heart for Jesus, and that nothing is impossible. There was also the topic on evangelization, in which it was about spreading the good news of God to others. To do that we have to accept Jesus, the Holy Spirit, experience His love and do His commands, and share the love we experienced. These all have inspired me to go beyond my comfort zone for others and spread the good news. I myself, never really got out of my comfort zone, and I've usually been afraid to do so, but I believe through God I can do so. – *Rayshawn Connor Lie*

The recollection was moderately helpful for my spiritual growth. There are two main lessons I have learnt in the recollection today. First, we need to let go of grudges and love the people around us just like Jesus loves us. No matter how much they have hurt us, if they ask for forgiveness, we need to try our best to forgive them. However, forgiving someone who have hurt us deeply is difficult, which brings me to my second point — opening our hearts to Jesus. To truly be free, we need to welcome Jesus to our hearts and lives. Referring to the picture the missionary shared of Jesus knocking on a door without handles, this is a visual metaphor for how Jesus cannot enter our lives if we do not let Him in. He will continually make attempts of knocking, but nothing will change unless we open the door. After letting Jesus into our lives, we will be able to let go of grudges and forgive with ease. Lastly, both these actions can help me demonstrate and show to the world that Christ is alive in my life. – *Rachel*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

On Saturday, 23 April 2022, during the Feast of Divine Mercy Holy Mass, we welcomed our RCIA candidates for full communion as our new Catholic brothers and sisters through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).





RCIA is a process developed by the Catholic Church for prospective converts to Catholicism who are above the age of reason. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. The basic process applies to adults and older children.



ONLINE & OFFLINE MASS SCEHDULE



Our Saturday Mass timing has changed to 03:30 pm and Sunday will continue to be at 03:00 pm

ST. PETER CANISIUS INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC PARISH CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR MAY & JUNE 2022 OFFLINE/ONLINE FROM ST. THERESIA

DATE	DAY	MASS	TIME	CHOIR
May 07,	Sat	04th Sunday of Easter	3:30 PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
May 08,	Sun	04th Sunday of Easter	3:00 PM	Cadenza Choir
May 14,	Sat	05th Sunday of Easter	3:30 PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
May 15,	Sun	05th Sunday of Easter	3:00 PM	Rorate Caeli Choir
May 21,	Sat	06th Sunday of Easter	3:30 PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
May 22,	Sun	06th Sunday of Easter	3:00 PM	The Choir Immortal
May 28,	Sat	07th Sunday of Easter	3:30 PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
May 29,	Sun	07th Sunday of Easter	3:00 PM	Voices of Praise Choir
Jun 04,	Sat	Feast of Pentocost	3:30 PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Jun 05,	Sun	Feast of Pentocost	3:00 PM	Genesis Choir
Jun 11,	Sat	Most Holy Trinity Sunday	3:30 PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Jun 12,	Sun	Most Holy Trinity Sunday	3:00 PM	Cadenza Choir
Jun 18,	Sat	The Feast of Corpus Christi	3:30 PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Jun 19,	Sun	The Feast of Corpus Christi	3:00 PM	The Choir Immortal
Jun 25,	Sat	13th Sunday of Ordinary Times	3:30 PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Jun 26,	Sun	13th Sunday of Ordinary Times	3:00 PM	Rorate Caeli Choir

YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTION MATTERS



We thank all Parishioners for your generous contribution during this pandemic period. You have wholeheartedly supported and helped our parish. We urge Parishioners to support our parish generously to continue our parish mission. You may use the QR code below to pay through Gopay, OVO, Dana, Shopee, Tmoney or direct transfer to Bank Account <u>PGDP Internasional Santo Petrus Canisius, Acct No. 664 177 7773, Bank Danamon</u> — Cabang Usman Harun, Jakarta

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES In April 2022



Novena to St. Peregrine

We continued for the second year Novena to St.

Peregrine to pray for all the Cancer patients from Sunday,
24 April 2022 to Monday, 02 May 2022. St. Peregrine is
the Patron Saint of Cancer Patients and all illness. St.
Peregrine was known for his holiness but also for a
miraculous healing that he received. He was scheduled to
have his leg amputated because of a cancerous growth.
The night before the surgery, he prayed for healing,
received a vision of Christ coming down from the cross to
touch his leg and was completely healed. Many who have
reposed their faith in him and prayed have got
miraculously healed. We uplift all the cancer patients to
St. Peregrine to pray for them.

Novena to The Divine Mercy

As a tradition of our parish, every year we pray the Divine Mercy Novena for Nine days. The Divine Mercy novena is prayed between Good Friday and the Sunday of Divine Mercy, which is the Sunday following Easter.

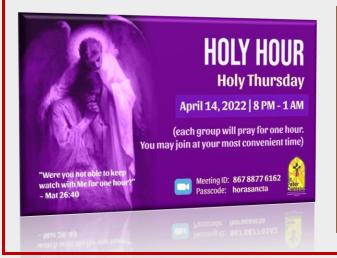
Jesus was not disappointed that Thomas doubted Him. He showed mercy to Thomas. He was compassionate and made sure to return when Thomas was present. He was patient with Thomas' weakness, and this led him to proclaim a profound profession of faith, "MY LORD AND MY GOD (John 20:28)

This is what mercy does: it leads us from unbelief to belief. It draws us to deeper faith in the Lord as we come face to face with a God who doesn't simply forgive our sins from far, but who comes close to us. When He sees our failings, He is FULL OF COMPASSION. HE SHOWS US THE MERCY THAT "ENDURES FOREVER" (Psalm 118:2)

May the Love and Mercy of our dear Jesus be with us. Jesus I Trust in







Holy Hour on Maundy Thursday

Holy Hour on Maundy Thursday, the tradition of the Holy Hour devotion dates back to 1673 CE, when Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque stated that she had a vision of Jesus in which she was instructed to spend an hour every Thursday night to meditate on the suffering of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. This year too our Parish continued the tradition, and we had the hourly prayers on Holy Thursday, 0800pm in the night until Friday, 0100 am. We plan to continue this tradition now on a yearly basis.









