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STPCICP NEWS



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CARE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Fr. Paulus Agung Wijayanto SJ.

Our Parish Bulletin's theme, "**Care for Future Generations**", is one of the inseparable topics within the Archdiocese of Jakarta's 2026 pastoral direction, namely, "**Integrity of Creation**". This pastoral message for the month of August invites and guides us, as Catholics, to reflect with gratitude on our shared responsibility to care for God's creation. It reminds us that our commitment to safeguarding creation for future generations is firmly rooted in Sacred Scripture and the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church.

IN THE BIBLE

There are many verses and passages in the Bible which deals with the issues on taking care of the creation and for the future generations. The first and the most popular verse found in the beginning of the Bible is that God made the heavens and the earth and it was good (*Genesis 1:1-31*) and God also give command to humans to care for God's creation (*Genesis 2:15*). For this reasons, human being must give land rest and not abuse it lavishly for the welfare of the future generations (*Leviticus 25:1-7*).

In the Bible, there is a conviction that all of heaven and earth belong to the Lord (*Deut. 10:14*). This conviction can be found also in the book of Daniel: **“All the earth is the Lord’s”** (*Daniel 3:56-82*). **God does not only possess the earth but more over God loves and cares for all of creation** (*Mat 6:25-34*).

For Saint Paul, creation and all created things are inherently good because they are of the Lord (*Romans 1:20*) and creation reveals the nature of God (*1 Corinthians 10:26*). These passages firmly support Church’s belief that God has created and provided natures for our salvation through Christ. **We must be fully responsible for taking care of it, not merely for our own good but also for the future generations to come.**

IN THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING DOCUMENTS

It must be humbly acknowledged that it is considerably only recently the Catholic Church has issued documents on Catholic Social Teachings, which are related to human responsibility of taking care of the nature for the bright future of generations.

For Pope Benedict XVI, the Catholics must responsible to the welfare of all human life throughout their history, not only for now but also for the future. *“The environment is God’s gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole... Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person, considered in himself and in relation to others.”* (*Caritas in Veritate*, nos. 48, 51).

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In his encyclical letter on Catholic Social teaching which deals with ecological issues **“Laodato Si”**, **Pope Francis** emphasizes the moral duty and responsibility of human being to care and to protect the environment, not only for the wholeness, goodness, and harmonious order of the natural world as willed by God during our own generation, but also for future generations.

"The notion of the common good also extends to future generations. The global economic crises have made painfully obvious the detrimental effects of disregarding our common destiny, which cannot exclude those who come after us. We can no longer speak of sustainable development



apart from intergenerational solidarity. Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others. Intergenerational solidarity is not optional, but rather a basic question of justice, since the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us." (*Laudato Si'*, no. 159).

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Pope Francis' concern on the fate of creation on the responsible hands of human beings is reaffirmed in his encyclical letter “**Evangeliu Gaudium**”: “We human beings are not only the beneficiaries but also the stewards of other creatures. Let us not leave in our wake a swath of destruction and death which will affect our own lives and those of future generations.” (*Evangeliu Gaudium*, no. 215).

Pope Leo XIV in his First Encyclical “**Magnifica Humanitas**” noted that the social doctrines of the Catholic Church have three foundations and six principles which the Church faithfully hold throughout her life history. The three foundations are the human person is image of the Triune God, the equal dignity of all human beings, and the supreme value of human rights. The six principles are common good, universal destination of goods, subsidiarity, solidarity, social justice, and Integral human development. (*Cf. Magnifica Humanitas*, 48-84).

The idea of that the Catholics and all human beings have responsibility of taking care for future generations flows directly from the implications of the principle of the common good and the principle of the universal destination of goods. These principles, according to Pope Leo XIV, remind us **that the earth's goods — soil, water, air and natural resources — are given by God to the entire human family to sustain the lives of all**, and that every person has an inherent right to the use of such goods, both now and in the future (*Magnifica Humanitas*, 65).

Pope Leo XIV also gives notice that actually Saint John Paul II ever said that, “**God gave the earth to the whole human race for the sustenance of all its members, without excluding or favouring anyone**. Consequently, it is not in accordance with God's plan to use this gift in such a way that its benefits accrue solely to a select few.”

For Pope Leo XIV, taking care for future generations means that **“we are called to recognize that this universal destination applies not only to material goods, but also to immaterial and cultural goods.”** (*Magnifica Humanitas*, 76).

CONCLUSION

The needs of taking care of future generations does not bubble up when we consider our place in the grand scheme of things. It's about more than just abstract ideas; *it touches upon our everyday lives, the choices we make, and the kind of world we want to leave behind.* At its core, caring for future generations means recognizing that our actions today have ripple effects. What we consume, how we live, and the decisions we make about our environment directly shape the opportunities and challenges that future people will face. This is not just an environmental concern; it's a matter of social justice, economic stability, and overall well-being based on the will of God.

Caring for the future generations implies an intergenerational equity as its principle, namely, that future generations should have the same access to resources and opportunities as current generations. It suggests that we should not deplete natural resources, pollute the environment, or create unsustainable debt that burdens those who come after us. Essentially, it's about fairness across time. Intergenerational equity emphasizes the responsibility of current generations to ensure future generations have equal opportunities and access to resources.

Taking responsibility for future generations isn't about self-sacrifice; it's about enlightened self-interest. It's about building a better world for ourselves and those who will inherit it. By adopting a long-term perspective, we can create a more equitable and sustainable future for all.





A Pastoral Visit that Inspires Hope and Patience

by Melissa Abineno

Saint Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish was blessed to welcome **Fr. Dr. Thomas Ulun Ismoyo, Pr.**, *Vice Secretary of the Archdiocese of Jakarta*, who presided over the Eucharistic Celebration for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. He was assisted by **Deacon Dr. Klaus Heinrich Raditio, SJ**, in a joyful celebration that brought together parishioners in prayer and thanksgiving.

Reflecting on the Gospel of the day, **the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds** (*Matthew 13:24–43*), Fr. Ulun reminded the faithful that God calls us to cultivate patience, mercy, and hope. **Rather than rushing to judge or condemn, Christians are invited to trust in God's wisdom and timing, recognizing that grace continues to work even amidst human weakness.** The Kingdom of God, he emphasized, grows quietly through lives that remain faithful, allowing goodness to flourish while entrusting ultimate judgment to the Lord.

The parish community expresses its sincere gratitude to Fr. Ulun for his pastoral presence and inspiring message, which encouraged everyone to become "good wheat" in today's world, bearing fruit through faith, charity, and perseverance.



Proficiat

Fr. Klaus SJ

Congratulations and Welcome, Fr. Klaus Heinrich Raditio, SJ

With great joy and thanksgiving to God, our parish community extends our heartfelt congratulations to **Fr. Klaus Heinrich Raditio, SJ**, who was ordained to the priesthood on **29 July 2026** at Gereja Santo Antonius Kotabaru, Yogyakarta, through the laying on of hands and the prayer of ordination by **Mgr. Petrus Bodeng Timang**.

Fr. Klaus faithfully served St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish as a Deacon since February 2026, accompanying our parish community with humility, dedication, and a spirit of joyful service. We have been blessed by his ministry and witness during this important stage of his vocation.



We are delighted that, following his priestly ordination, Fr. Klaus has been assigned back to our parish as **Assistant Parish Priest**, while also serving as a **Lecturer at Sekolah Tinggi Filsafat Driyarkara**.

On behalf of our entire parish family, we offer our sincere congratulations on his ordination and extend a warm welcome back to our parish. May the Lord continue to bless Fr. Klaus with wisdom, strength, and abundant grace as he begins his priestly ministry among us.

Congratulations, Fr. Klaus! Welcome home, and may God bless your priestly ministry.



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

with **HEALING SERVICE**
through the Intercession of St. Padre Pio

PRESIDED BY: His Excellency Most Rev. Gilbert Garcera, DD
Archdiocese of Lipa, Philippines

17
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Healing Prayer through the intercession of St. Padre Pio

“PRAY, HOPE AND DON’T WORRY” - Saint Padre Pio

by Bro. Pete Lapid, Emi De Lara Mike, Jojo Apolo, and Lovell Sahat Thona

A delegation of about **65 pilgrims** from the **International Shrine of St. Padre Pio in Santo Tomas, Batangas, Philippines** brought the healing spirituality of St. Padre Pio to Indonesia, strengthening the bonds of faith between Filipino and Indonesian Catholics through prayer, healing liturgies, and fellowship.

The group was led by **Archbishop of Lipa Most Rev. Gilbert A. Garcera, DD** and **Shrine Rector Fr. Oscar Andal**, together with Msgr. Erickson Tio, Fr. Glenn Cantos, Fr. Manny Lucero, and Fr. Paul Hermano of the Archdiocese of Lipa. Also joining the pilgrimage were officials of the **Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP)**, led by Msgr. Bernard Pantin, along with Fr. Miguel Samaniego, Fr. Vlad Echalas, Fr. Egay Macalalag, and members of the Confraternity of St. Padre Pio from the Shrine of St. Padre Pio.

The delegation led healing liturgies and prayer services in three Churches across Jakarta, drawing thousands of faithful who gathered to seek St. Padre Pio’s intercession and participate in the celebration of the Eucharist.

“We have come with grateful hearts and great enthusiasm to share and promote devotion to St. Padre Pio,” Fr. Andal said.

He said the ministry has brought the Saint's message of faith, prayer, compassion, and hope to pilgrims throughout the Philippines and also to Catholic communities in Guam, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Thailand. The mission to Indonesia marks another step in bringing the spirituality of St. Padre Pio to more people across Asia. The delegation described the pilgrimage as the beginning of a lasting friendship and fruitful collaboration with the local Church in promoting the life, witness, and intercession of St. Padre Pio.

During the visit, the pilgrims also shared the joyful news that the Shrine of St. Padre Pio in Batangas has recently been granted the title of **International Shrine by the Holy See**, making it one of the few shrines in the world to receive this distinction. This recognition is a blessing not only for the Philippines but also for the growing international family of Padre Pio devotees. The formal celebration of the designation will be held on **September 23, 2026 the Feast Day of St. Padre Pio**.

The Indonesian faithful were warmly invited to join the celebration in Batangas. ***"It would be our great honor to welcome you,"*** the delegation said, expressing hope that the pilgrimage would deepen the friendship between Filipino and Indonesian Catholics and inspire an even greater devotion to St. Padre Pio throughout the region. For the organizers, the pilgrimage was a reminder that faith knows no borders, bringing people together in prayer, healing, and hope.

The 3-Days Healing Services led by the **Archbishop of Lipa, Most Rev. Gilbert A. Garcera**, were held in three different locations so as to accommodate and bless more people all over Jakarta. And true enough, thousands of people from these Parishes eagerly flocked and participated in the celebrations.

These celebrations were successful due to the hard work, collaboration, and patient planning and preparations of the various groups involved, firstly, all the members of the International Shrine of St. Padre Pio led by Shrine Rector, Fr. Oscar L. Andal and Fr. Paul Hermano, and, secondly, the Leaders of the different Parishes in Jakarta, coupled with the full support of **Archbishop Kardinal Ignatius Suharyo Hardjoatmodjo, Fr. Yustinus Ardianto**, the KAJ staff and personnel of **Wisma Samadi** in Klender, Jakarta Timur. Thank you for all your generous support, dedication, and prayers.

Our deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation go to the parish priests, parish councils, ministry leaders, choirs, liturgical ministers, volunteers, generous donors, and all parishioners of **Saint Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish (STPCICP), Don Bosco Parish**, and **Saint Francis of Assisi Parish** for graciously hosting the Healing Services.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 3 DAYS EVENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DAY 1: JULY 17, 2026 FRIDAY 6:00PM – WISMA SAMADI

The first day of the 3-Days Healing Services, was led by the **Saint Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish** (STPCICP) with the Parish Priest, **Fr. Benedictus Bambang Triatmoko, SJ**.

About **a thousand people** attended the celebration including many sick people on wheelchairs. The Main celebrant for the Holy Mass was Archbishop Albert Garcia himself, assisted by Fr. Oscar Andal, Fr. Paul Hermano, with Fr. Benedictus Bambang Triatmoko and all the other Filipino priests.

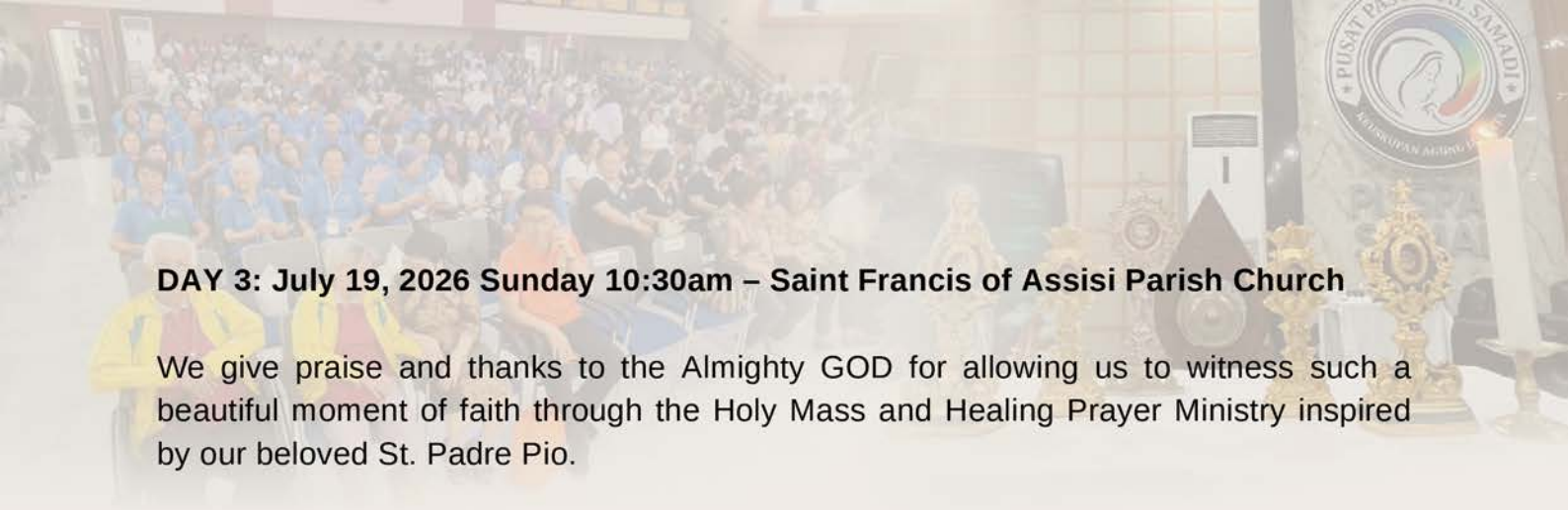
It was amazing and beautiful to see so many people quietly and heartily praying, asking GOD for healing for themselves and their loved ones, seeking the intercession of Saint Padre Pio, especially during the Veneration of the First Class Relic (Blood) of St. Padre Pio.



DAY 2: July 18, 2026 Saturday 1:00pm – Don Bosco Parish Church

More than **3,800 people** gathered for the St. Padre Pio Healing Mass at the **Don Bosco Parish** in Danau Sunter, with over 60 devotees in wheelchairs. With about 3,400 hosts distributed during Holy Communion, this became one of the largest gatherings in the Parish Church, surpassing even Good Friday attendance of 2,300+.

The Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Yoseph Suban Ola, SDB, with Deacon Alfonsus de Navarete, SDB. Two days before, the team was encouraged by **John 21:11: “the net was not torn”**. Despite many challenges, **truly, by God’s grace, the net did not break**.



DAY 3: July 19, 2026 Sunday 10:30am – Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Church

We give praise and thanks to the Almighty GOD for allowing us to witness such a beautiful moment of faith through the Holy Mass and Healing Prayer Ministry inspired by our beloved St. Padre Pio.

There were **2,300 people** who attended the July 19, 2026 Holy Mass and Healing Service at Saint Francis of Assisi Church in Tebet, South Jakarta.

From the Parish, those who concelebrated the Sunday Mass with **Archbishop Albert Garcera** included **Fr. Barnabas Meriko**, OFM Cap (Parish Priest), **Fr. Heronimus Papantro**, OFM Cap (Moderator Priest of KSPP), **Fr. Rafael Samosir**, OFM Cap (Translator of the Archbishop's Homily), and **Fr. Lorenzo Heli**, OFM Cap (Guest Priest).

The Parish also possesses a 2nd Class Relic of St. Padre Pio, a glove used to cover the stigmata wound on one of his hands. This relic is currently housed in the prayer room of the Tebet Parish Rectory and is open to the public to come and pray.

For the three days events July 17-19, we have seen people praying with hope, receiving comfort, finding peace, and renewing their trust in God's love. These are blessings no committee could ever organize. They are gifts that only GOD can give.

Lastly, in the words of Bro. Lovell, from Komunitas Sahabat Padre Pio (KSPP)

*"You came as our guests. But after these three days, we truly feel that you have become part of our family. Thank you for walking this journey together with us. Your friendship reminds us that the Church is strongest when we work together—not as separate communities, but as **one family in Christ**".*

"There is a saying that distance separates people. After this week, I don't think that is true anymore. The distance between Batangas and Jakarta may be more than two thousand kilometers, but in Christ, our hearts have never been closer. We sincerely hope this is not "goodbye." Rather, we pray it is simply, "See you again."

*"May the friendship between **The Archdiocese of Lipa, the International Shrine of St. Padre Pio**, and the **Catholic communities in Indonesia** continue to grow for many years to come. Thank you for your love, thank you for your generosity, thank you for your ministry, and thank you for allowing us to walk this beautiful journey of faith together."*

Overall, all the people were BLESSED! And it was such a beautiful, amazing and spiritually enriching and fulfilling 3-Days event that drew people closer to GOD, to prayer, and to one another. Truly unbelievable!

Someone asked me (Bro. Pete) if I had seen or witnessed an actual physical healing during the event. While I did not see any of that, I truly believe that many healings have happened to people.

As JESUS fed the more than 5,000 hungry people with just 5 loaves and 2 fish in the Gospel, I believe, that in the same way, HE heard and answered the prayers of the over 5,000 spiritually-hungry people who were there during the Healing Masses. I know in my heart that many healings have occurred – spiritually, emotionally, mentally, healings in the heart, in relationships, in families, in marriages, and in communities and groups.

On a personal level, I too was truly blessed! To have spent 3 days, from breakfast, to lunch and dinner, with the 10 amazing, holy, dedicated, humble, and cheerfully patient Filipino priests plus the over 50 pilgrim volunteers from the International Shrine of St. Padre Pio, is such a special and humbling blessing for me. Even moreso, when I was unexpectedly asked by Fr. Paul Hermano to physically hold in my hands the Relic of St. Padre Pio and bring it to the people for veneration and blessing. Truly humbling!

Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam!



OUR REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE AT KAJ

by Widya Handayani

Through the generosity and support of **Mgr. Ignatius Cardinal Suharyo**; the Archbishop and the authority of the Archdiocese of Jakarta (KAJ), our Parish has been blessed with a representative office at the Gedung Karya Pastoral (GKP) KAJ, the Pastoral Building of the Archdiocese of Jakarta, located within the Jakarta Cathedral complex.

This new office marks an important milestone in the life of our Parish. It will serve as a welcoming space for meetings with catholic expatriate communities, an office for our Parish Priest, our Parish Council meetings and in the future serves. Meanwhile all regular parish activities, such as Masses, sacraments and ministries continue to be held at St. Theresia Church & Pastoral Building.

The opening ceremony was a joyful occasion attended by our parish priests, **Fr. Moko** and **Fr. Agung**, together with **Dn. Klaus**, members of our Parish Council, staffs and volunteers.

We were also honored by the presence of the representatives from the Archdiocese of Jakarta, including **Fr. Wenan - Albertus Adiwenanto Widyaswor** and **dr. Imelda Ani Budhiarti** from KAJ Health Commission and **Mrs. Desy Kumalasari** from LDD KAJ, the Archdiocese's social foundation, which has long partnered with our parish in serving refugees.



Joining the celebration as well were **Sr. Valeria, HCarm.** from the Household of the Indonesian Bishops' Conference (KWI), **Sr. Irine Sri Purwanti, OP.** and **Bro. Gieth D. Langones Reforma** from the Apostolic Nunciature (the Vatican Embassy).

The ceremony began with warm welcome from the MC, our parish director and beautiful speech by Fr. Moko, followed by prayer and blessing led by Fr. Agung.

Tumpeng carving ceremony, a very Indonesian tradition took place after the prayer serves as a sign of gratitude and thanksgiving and hope.

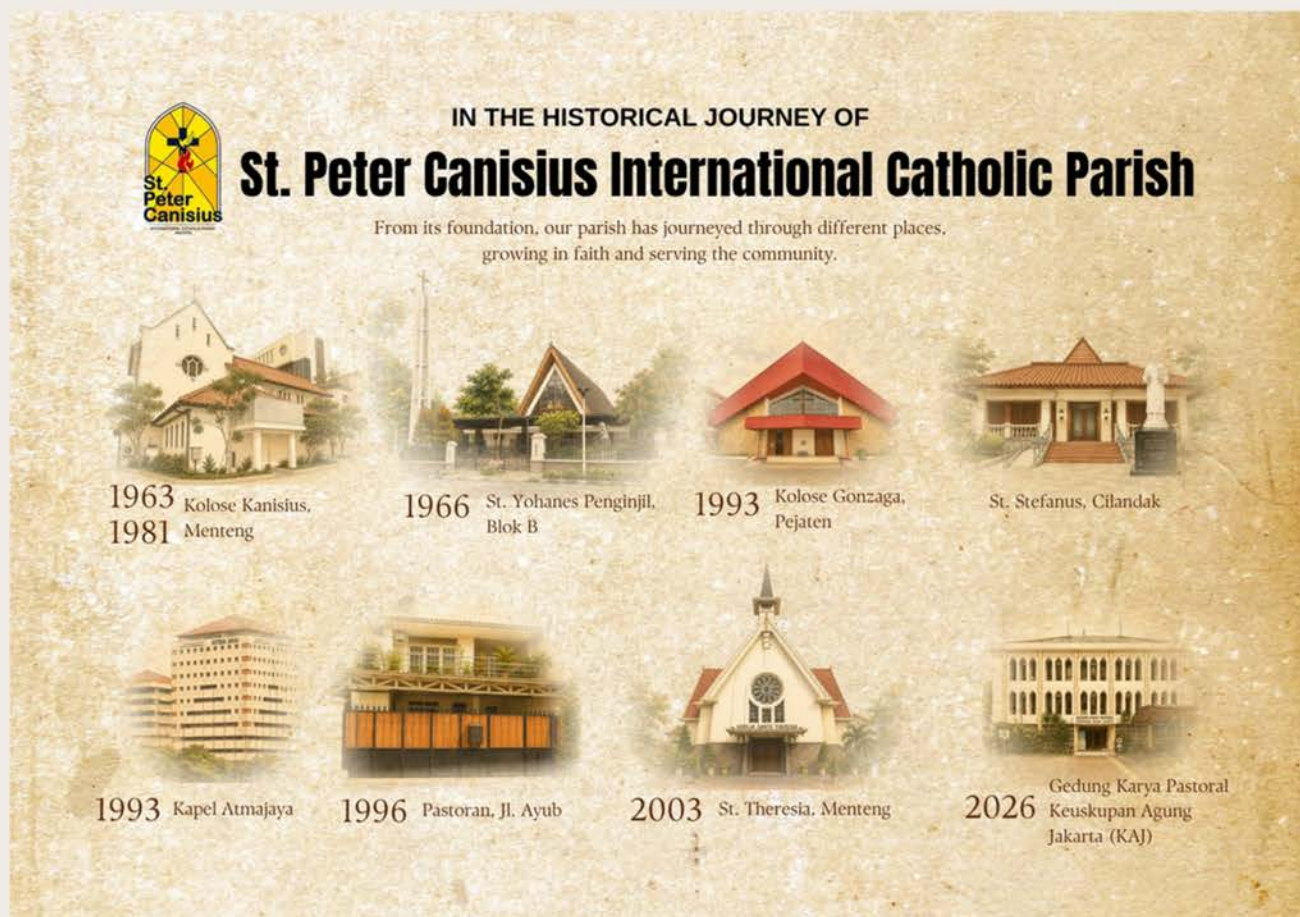
Guests were then invited to inspect the new office space, also on the third floor of the GKP KAJ building.

In their remarks, Father Moko and Father Agung expressed their heartfelt gratitude to KAJ for its generosity, trust, and continued support to the parish. They also shared their hope that this new office will deepen our collaboration with the Archdiocese of Jakarta and strengthen our parish's mission of serving the expatriate Catholic community. May this new space become a place where faith, fellowship, and service continue to flourish for many years to come.

St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish Office at GKP KAJ

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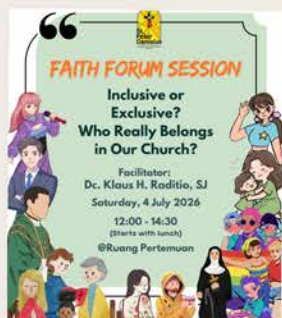
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Young Adult Professionals

WHO REALLY BELONGS TO OUR CHURCH: BECOMING AN INCLUSIVE PARISH

by Amadeus Pribowo



On July 4, 2026, our parish held the faith Forum session reflecting on an important question: How can we become a Church that truly welcomes everyone? Inspired by the Gospel and the teachings of the Catholic Church, **Deacon Klaus H. Raditio, SJ** invited over 35 participants to reflect on how we accompany those who often find themselves on the margins of our society and, sometimes, even on the margins of our faith communities.



Dc. Klaus focused on several groups who frequently experience exclusion or misunderstanding, including refugees and migrants, persons with disabilities, people who experience alternative sexual orientations, the sick & the elderly, and those with irregular family structures such as divorced & single-parent families. Dc. Klaus reminded us that ***although each group faces different challenges, they all share the same God-given dignity and the same right to belong to the Church.***

Throughout the session, participants were reminded that Jesus consistently reached out to those who felt excluded, overlooked, or rejected. His example calls us not only to open our church doors, but also to open our hearts. The Catholic Church continues to uphold its teachings on faith and morality while also affirming that every person must always be treated with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. ***Welcoming others does not mean compromising our beliefs; rather, it means reflecting the merciful love of Christ in the way we encounter one another.***

The conversations also challenged us to move beyond good intentions. A welcoming parish cannot rely solely on the kindness of individual parishioners. If we truly desire to become a community where everyone feels they belong, our commitment to hospitality and accompaniment must become part of the life and mission of the parish itself. This means exploring ways to institutionalize ministries, programs, and pastoral initiatives that intentionally reach out to marginalized groups, listen to their experiences, respond to their needs, and help them participate more fully in the life of the Church.



As participants shared their reflections, a common hope emerged: that *our parish would continue growing into a community that actively reaches out to those who may feel alone or invisible. We are called not simply to serve people in need but to walk alongside them as fellow pilgrims in faith.*



By creating structures that foster welcome, accessibility, dialogue, and accompaniment, we can become a more faithful witness to the Gospel and to the Church's mission of bringing Christ's love to all.

The session concluded with a renewed sense of purpose. As we continue discerning the path ahead, may the Holy Spirit guide our parish to become a community that embraces every person with love, compassion, and hope—recognizing that ***each individual, regardless of their circumstances, is a beloved child of God and has a place within the Body of Christ.***

August: The month of Immaculate Heart of Mary



During the month of **August**, the Church invites us to honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary—a heart filled with **love, faith, humility, and complete trust in God.**

As we celebrate the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 15 August** and **her Queenship on 22 August**, may we imitate Mary's unwavering "yes" to God's will and seek her loving intercession for our families, our parish, and the whole world.

Let us ask Our Blessed Mother to guide us always closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

Altar Servers

APPRECIATION DINNER 2026

by Melissa Abineno



It's been quite a tradition for the altar servers to get together and enjoy each other's company annually, apart from our weekly briefings and job settings around the Altar.

On **11 July 2026**, accompanied by our Parish Priests, **Fr. Moko SJ** and **Fr. Agung SJ**, we extended our gratitude to these servers by dining together, chatted and played games through the night.

As some of the altar servers will depart for university outside of Indonesia, we asked our priests to bless them. We prayed that their new journey will be a smooth and joyous one, for them to be able to face whatever challenges which may come around and to rely on the Lord through prayers.

We encourage our servers to serve wherever they go and to serve again when they've returned to Indonesia. The Altar awaits them, always.

May the Lord continue to bless our young altar servers!

4TH ANNIVERSARY OF **TAIZÉ** PRAYER

by: *Nicholaus Devkalis (Nicho)*



This **Saturday, 25 July 2026**, we celebrated the **4th Anniversary of the Taizé prayer**, collaboration between **Saint Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish** and **St. Theresia Parish**. It was one of those moments that made me pause and realize how much this community has come to mean to me.

From my very first visit, I felt genuinely welcomed. That simple feeling of being accepted reminded me that ***Taizé is a place where everyone belongs***. Together, we prayed, sang, and brought our hopes, dreams, and worries before God.

After the prayer, we gathered in a circle and introduced ourselves. Looking around, I was struck by the diversity of the people in the room. ***We came from different backgrounds, countries, parishes, and walks of life, yet we shared the same desire to encounter God together.*** We continued the celebration with tumpeng, birthday cakes, and meaningful conversations. It felt like celebrating with family.

My journey with Taizé at Theresia began because I was already a regular at the Taizé Community in St. James Catholic Parish, Kelapa Gading. After seeing an announcement about the monthly prayer and receiving encouragement from friends in Yappies (Young Adult Professionals), I decided to give it a try. I'm so glad I did. Since then, the monthly Taizé prayer has become something

I genuinely look forward to. Every visit reminds me that there is always a place where I am welcomed and accepted, just as I have been in every community that has embraced me.

This time, I also invited member of the Taizé Community in Kelapa Gading. Seeing her feel welcomed reminded me of my own first experience and made me appreciate, once again, how naturally inclusive this community is.

As we celebrate four years of Taizé at Theresia Parish, I'm grateful for every prayer, every song, every conversation, and every friendship that has grown here. This is no longer just a prayer community. It's a family that welcomes people as they are, grows together in faith, and reminds one another that ***God's love is found not only in prayer and silence, but also in the people who walk this journey with us.***

Happy 4th Anniversary, Taizé Community of St Peter Canisius Parish and Saint Theresia Parish! Here's to many more years of praying, growing, reflecting, and welcoming others with open hearts.

THE ANNUAL LECTOR'S WORKSHOP 2026 OF ST PETER CANISIUS INTERNATIONAL PARISH

by: *Melissa Abineno*

Our parish's annual Lector Workshop was held on **18 and 25 July 2026**, with more than **30 participants** attending each session. The workshop welcomed not only members of our own parish but also participants from other English-speaking parishes, including **Pejompongan, Bintaro, and Cideng**. It was a joy and privilege to learn alongside fellow parishioners who share a common desire to deepen their understanding of the spirituality and ministry of serving as lectors—proclaimers of the Word of God.

The workshop opened with a theological reflection led by **Fr. B. Bambang Triatmoko, SJ**, who provided valuable insights into the vocation and ministry of lectors within the Church. This was followed by a session conducted by **Sis. Judyana Marety** from the Archdiocese of Jakarta's Liturgical Committee (KAJ), who presented the official guidelines for the ministry.

In her presentation, **Sis. Judyana** reminded both aspiring and experienced lectors that ***serving as a minister of the Word requires a genuine spirit of service, a deep faith in the message being proclaimed, and true humility. She emphasized that lectors must be open to receiving criticism, feedback, and even praise with grace, recognizing that their ministry is ultimately an act of service to God and His people.***

This year's workshop featured a diverse team of facilitators, making the learning experience both engaging and enriching. Among them was **Sis. Irawati Koswara-Simms**, who led not just one but two sessions. Drawing from her many years of service as a lector in our parish, she shared



valuable insights and practical experiences from her ministry. Her sessions focused on overcoming the fear of speaking from the lectern and on bringing the Scriptures to life through effective proclamation, ***so that the faithful hear not merely words, but the living message of the Lord that touches hearts and inspires faith.***

The session on The Soul of a Lector was facilitated by **Sis. Mimi Loh**, who reflected on the virtues necessary for those called to this ministry. ***She emphasized the importance of cultivating a strong spiritual life, allowing Sacred Scripture to shape our daily actions and decisions.*** She also highlighted the need for an intimate relationship with the Lord, nurtured through a consistent life of prayer, as the foundation of authentic ministry.

Bro. Ivan Abraham, one of the parish's liturgists, complemented these reflections by addressing the practical and technical aspects of proclaiming the Word of God. He guided participants through common challenges lectors may encounter during liturgical celebrations and offered helpful techniques to overcome them, enabling them to serve with greater confidence and effectiveness.

The installation of new lectors and the renewal of commitment by existing lectors took place during the 3:30 PM Mass on **Saturday, 25 July 2026**. The parish rejoices in the dedication and enthusiastic spirit of these ministers, who have answered the Lord's call to proclaim His Word and serve His people.

May their proclamation of the Word inspire all who hear it and draw the faithful ever closer to Christ. God bless our lectors!



POP UP STORE FOR REFUGEES

by Widya Handayani

“ They had no clothes, and I was unable to buy any for them ”



Our parish has been invited to collaborate with **LDD KAJ** (Lembaga Daya Dharma - social foundation of the Archdiocese of Jakarta) and **JRS** (Jesuit Refugee Service) to assist them in their refugee relieve program.

Since October 2023, every month back then our parishioners from our **WEX Ministry** (Walking with the Excluded) volunteer as pick up point crew at the staple food package distribution at LDD KAJ.

Something special went on during the distribution day, which is on Saturday, **July 25th 2026, from 8:00 to 12:00 noon** we set up and open a **POP UP STORE** especially for the refugee families. The Pop Up Store displayed and offered preloved clothing, houseware, beddings, shoes and bags, christmas decoration, also stationaries and toys for children. All of these useful items are generous donations from our parishioners.

54 families benefit from this event. One of the refugee from **Somalia** sent us this heartwarming message:

“Waxaad u qori kartaa sidan oo Ingiriisi ah: Thank you so much, my sister. I received some very nice clothes for my children. They had no clothes, and I was unable to buy any for them. I truly appreciate your kindness and support. May God bless you. Thank you again, my sister.”



GETTING TO KNOW RCIA: Your Journey to the Sacraments

by Yoseva Dian Pertiwi



What exactly is RCIA, and why does it matter so much?

RCIA — the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults — is the Church's official path for welcoming new members into the faith. Through weekly classes, prayer, and special rites, participants come to know Catholic teaching while growing spiritually. But RCIA is more than instruction: it's where people encounter Christ personally and find their place within the parish family.

Isn't RCIA just for people who've never been baptized?

Not at all — it's actually open to three groups. Catechumens are those who have never been baptized and are seeking to become Catholic for the first time. Candidates are Christians already baptized in another tradition (Protestant, Orthodox, etc.) who wish to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. And returning Catholics are those baptized Catholic as infants who never completed their First Communion or Confirmation.

Is there a "right time" to join?

The right time is whenever the Holy Spirit stirs your heart. That call might come through a quiet longing, a major life change, or simple curiosity — and it's always purposeful. You don't need every answer figured out first. If you feel drawn to know God more deeply, that desire itself is the invitation to take the first step.

Does the journey happen only in the classroom?

Classes lay the foundation, but faith comes alive outside the classroom too. Participants are encouraged to pray daily, read Scripture at home, attend Sunday Mass, and get involved in parish service and fellowship. With sponsors and godparents walking alongside them, they learn to carry Christ's love into their families, workplaces, and everyday relationships.

Is RCIA just preparation for receiving the Sacraments?

Far from it. The Sacraments aren't a finish line — they're an ongoing gift of God's grace. RCIA lays a lasting foundation: how to pray, how to read Scripture within the Church's tradition, how to discern God's voice, and how to lean on community. In the end, it turns knowing about Jesus into a real, living relationship with Him.

MASS Schedule

AUGUST

18th Sunday Ordinary Time

SAT 01 AUG	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
SUN 02 AUG	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Elfacs Choir LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	CFJ Choir

19th Sunday Ordinary Time

SAT 08 AUG	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Elfacs Choir
SUN 09 AUG	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	The Choir Immortal LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	YF Choir

(Graduation Mass)

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SAT 15 AUG	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
SUN 16 AUG	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Elfacs Choir LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	Genesis Choir

21st Sunday Ordinary Time

SAT 22 AUG	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
SUN 23 AUG	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Elfacs Choir LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	Genesis Choir

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

SAT 29 AUG	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
SUN 30 AUG	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	The Choir Immortal LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	Genesis Choir



独木不成林

Dú mù bù chéng lín

一棵树不能成为森林。

A single tree does not make a forest.

只有团结合作，才能面对更大的挑战。

Only with unity and cooperation can we face greater challenges.



1 从前，
有一棵大树
长在山坡上。

Once upon a time,
there was a big tree
growing on a hillside.



2 一天，
暴风雨来了。
大树拼命抵抗狂风，
却还是折断了树枝。

One day,
a storm came.
The tree fought hard
against the strong wind,
but its branches
were still broken.



3 山谷里的树林
互相依靠，
树根交织，树枝相连，
一起挡住了风雨。

In the valley,
the forest supports
each other.
Their roots are intertwined,
their branches connected,
and together they can
face the storm.



4 大树终于明白：
The big tree
finally
understood:



5 “独木不成林，众人力量大。”
只有团结合作，
才能面对更大的挑战。

“A single tree does not make a forest;
together, strength becomes greater.”
Only with unity and cooperation
can we face greater challenges.



6 从此，大树不再孤单，
它和伙伴们一起，
让这片山谷变成了
茂密的森林。

From then on, the tree
was no longer alone.
Together with its friends,
they made the valley
a lush and beautiful forest.



"Inspired by
Fr. Klaus's
message at
the priestly
ordination."

Together,
through unity
and cooperation,
we can overcome
great challenges.



ONLINE PRAYER

This August, make each evening a moment of grace and spiritual renewal. Come, spend a few minutes in prayer, reflection, and draw closer to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

We warmly invite all parishioners and their families to **join our 9:00 PM online prayer** and experience the peace and blessings of praying together as one faith community.

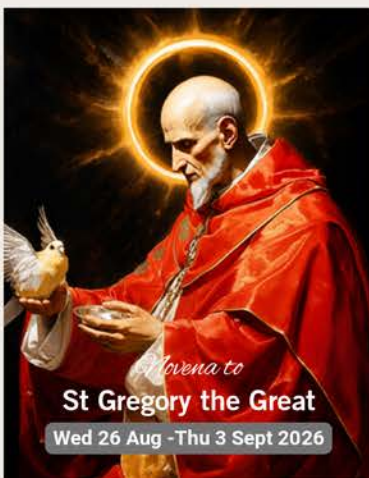


St. Clare of Assisi (1194–1253).

Inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare left her noble life to embrace poverty, prayer, and complete trust in God. She founded the **Order of Poor Clares** and became known for her deep devotion to the Eucharist. Tradition tells that she protected her convent by raising the Blessed Sacrament before invading soldiers.

When illness prevented her from attending Mass, she was miraculously able to see and hear its celebration from her bed. Because of this, **Pope Pius XII named her the Patron Saint of Television in 1958.** Today, she is also the patron saint of television, telecommunications, electronic media, and the Poor Clares.

"Love Him totally, who gave Himself totally for your love." ~ St. Clare of Assisi

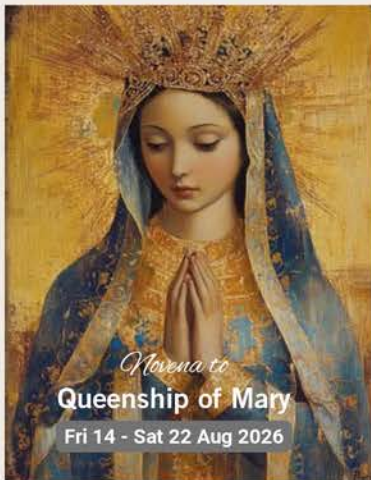


St. Gregory the Great (c. 540–604).

Born into a noble Roman family, St. Gregory the Great left a successful political career to become a monk, seeking a life of prayer and simplicity. Instead, God called him to serve as Pope during a time of war, famine, and plague. With wisdom and compassion, Gregory reformed the Church's liturgy, cared for the poor, encouraged missionary work, and promoted sacred music that later became known as Gregorian Chant. He is honored as one of the **Four Great Doctors of the Western Church**, alongside St. Ambrose, St. Augustine, and St. Jerome.

Today, St. Gregory is the **Patron Saint of church musicians, singers, choirs, liturgical music, teachers, students, and scholars.** His enduring legacy continues to inspire all who serve the Church through worship, education, and the pursuit of truth.

"The proof of love is in the works." ~ St. Gregory the Great

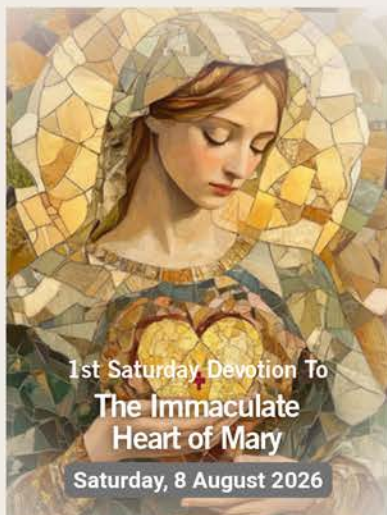


The Queenship of Mary

The Queenship of Mary celebrates Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth, not because of earthly power, but because she is the Mother of Jesus Christ, the King of Kings. After faithfully saying "yes" to God's plan and remaining with Jesus from Bethlehem to Calvary, Mary was assumed into heaven and crowned by her Son as Queen.

As our Queen, Mary lovingly intercedes for all God's children, leading us closer to Christ. Her queenship is one of humility, service, and motherly care, reminding us that true greatness is found in loving and serving God.

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." ~ Luke 1:38



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Let's pray together as a family



Meeting ID: **876 0246 2071**
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BRINGING THE CHURCH CLOSER TO YOU

Reaching Out Closer: Territorial Contact Person for Our Catholic Expat Community in Greater Jakarta

St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish has been entrusted with the pastoral, sacramental, and evangelical care of Catholic expatriates residing across the Archdiocese of Jakarta (KAJ).

To strengthen connection and communication within our growing community, we are pleased to introduce our Territorial Contact Persons — dedicated volunteers appointed to serve as bridges between the parish and parishioners in different areas of Greater Jakarta.

Their main role is to assist expatriate parishioners — especially newcomers — by:

- Providing information about parish life, Mass schedules, ministries, and registration.
- Helping coordinate pastoral and sacramental needs with our parish priests.
- Creating local WhatsApp groups (similar to lingkungan) to keep everyone connected and informed about parish updates and activities.

We now have five volunteers serving as Territorial Contact Persons across Central, South, West, North Jakarta, and Tangerang.

Their photos are featured below, feel free to reach out and connect with your area's representative, if you need more information on this, kindly contact the parish office.



Irene Sutanto
for Central Jakarta



Bang Tan
for South Jakarta



Orsolina Gomez
for North Jakarta



Lisa Wongsosuhendro
for West Jakarta

Together, let us continue to grow as one caring and united Catholic community, supporting one another in faith and friendship.



Eunice Tirtalukita
for Tangerang

LET'S GROW IN FAITH AND SERVE!

Dear Parishioners,

Inviting all of you to join our different parish initiatives to serve the Lord and the community. Your talents are your blessings from Lord, please use for the benefits of the community.

Below are various Parish communities/groups/sections/ministries or activities you can join and contribute in different ways.

Ministries:

- Altar Servers
- Chosen Men Ministry
- Choir / Youth Choir
- EMHC - Extraordinary Ministries of Holy Communion
- FAM – Family Apostolic Ministry
- Komsos - Social Communication
- Lectors / Youth Lectors
- Usher

Communities:

- ABC - Ark Bible Club (Age 4 to 8 years)
- CCD - Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
- CFC – Couples For Christ
- CYS – Catholic Youth Society
- LM - Legion of Mary
- LOJF EF – Light of Jesus Family English Feast
- RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- SMPG – Santa Monica Prayer Group
- YAPRO – Young Adult Professional
- YF – Youth Fellowship
- YFC – Youth For Christ

**Come join
us. Let's
make use of
our talents
and time to
support our
Parish in
different
ways....**



UPCOMING EVENTS

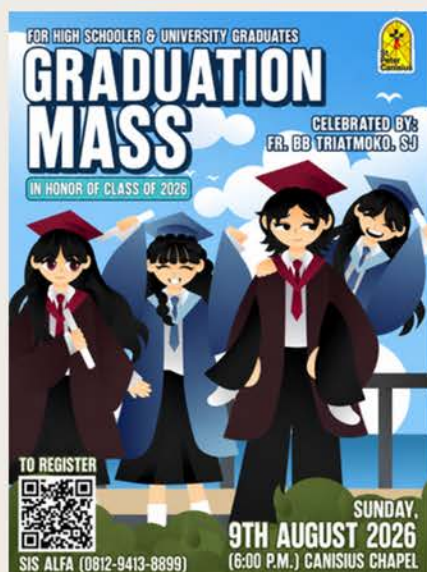


CCD Classes for
Baptism, First Holy Communion,
and Confirmation

Registration Period:
August 1 – 31, 2026

Class start on
September 5, 2026

For Info:
Sis Tjitra (0878-8368-7968)



GRADUATION MASS FOR HIGH SCHOOL &
UNIVERSITY GRADUATION
w/ Fr. BB Triatmoko SJ

📅 Sunday, 9th August 2026

🕒 6:00 pm

📍 Canisius Chapel, Menteng,
Jakarta Pusat

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/3phxvaBHc8mGk949A>
Info: Sis Alfa (0812-9413-8899)



PRAYER WITH SONGS FROM TAIZÉ

📅 Saturday, 29th August 2026

🕒 04:45 pm (after English Mass)

📍 Meditation Room 4th Fl.
St. Theresia Pastoral Building
Menteng, Jakarta Pusat



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT



We are off on **summer holiday break** June & July 2026.

Will start again in August 2026



First Friday Mass at **St. Stefanus Church, Cilandak** will be off until **August**. Will start again in **September 2026**.

First Friday Mass at **St. Theresia Church, Menteng** remain unchanged.



OFFERING

As a vibrant and united community, we have the wonderful opportunity to make a positive impact together through our generosity and support.

Our parish thrives on the spirit of compassion and togetherness, and we invite each and every one of you to contribute to the growth and well-being of our spiritual family.

Your continued generous contributions have been invaluable, helping our parish flourish and serve the needs of our community.

To make giving even more convenient, you can use the QR code to donate via Gopay, OVO, Dana, Shopee or T-money.

For direct bank transfer can be made to

PGDP Internasional Santo Petrus Canisius

Bank Danamon,

Account No. 664 177 7773,

Branch: Usman Harun, Jakarta.



Please end your transfer amount with Rp. 22 (twenty-two) for Mass intentions. For example, if you wish to give 100K gift for Mass intention, kindly transfer to this parish account number the amount of Rp. 100.022, -.

Thank you and God bless you and your family for your continuous support.

**We are here to respond should you need any information
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