

St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish Jakarta

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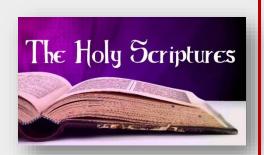
UNDERSTANDING MORAL THEOLOGY

"Two things never cease to amaze me: the starry skies above me and the moral law within me" (Immanuel Kant)

Beloved Sisters and Brothers,

As people of faith, we are all called to live according to God's will in every situation we find ourselves in.

The two main sources from which we can draw for moral guidance are Scripture and the Tradition of the Church. Scripture provides us with deep spiritual and moral teaching that the Church continues to rely on as it grapples with new moral issues that emerge in our society. Using both sources to reflect on these novel issues, the Church has developed a tradition of moral teachings that can be traced back to Jesus's teachings. The role of reason or *logos* is critical here because the new moral realities often present more complex issues that did not previously exist and therefore require deeply



through studies and analysis.



Moral theologians help bring up various aspects of those realities for a more comprehensive moral approach. Conversations and exchanges among them are aimed at better understanding of the whole situation. Their critical considerations are thus necessary for moral guidance that faithful followers of Jesus need.

One major principle that runs through various considerations in moral theology is that of human dignity. This principle stems from our faith that human beings are created in the image of God. All forms of discrimination and harsh conditions of human beings, therefore, go against the idea that we are all created equal and

deserving a life of respect according to our nature. A constant question that arises in any investigation of moral theology is: how can we uphold human dignity in this new reality? Besides human dignity, moral theology also relies on the principle of the common good that seeks for a way of living a moral life for the good of all. Human beings are inherently interdependent in that everyone needs mutual help to reach their full potentials. The goods that a society creates such as education, healthcare, and security must be universally available to every human being to ensure the attainment of their true human fulfilment. Moral considerations like this are necessary to prevent the degradation of the human society in their life qualities.

We must admit, however, that every human situation is complex and that not every moral consideration holds the same level of importance for everyone. Disagreements over positions on moral issues are thus natural and even expected. Therefore, moral theology takes into account human freedom in choosing the



best moral path and course of life. Nobody has the right to infringe on our freedom that God has given us. The Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes) emphasizes the importance of conscience as the human being's "most secret core, and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God, whose voice echoes in his depths. By conscience, in a wonderful way, that law is made known which is fulfilled in the love of God and one's neighbour" (art. 16). Every single human being ultimately must choose according to his or her conscience. The phrase "there he is alone with God" is important here as the Council points to the direct relationship between each person and God. The exercise of one's freedom then must be done with a careful consideration of one's personal relationship with God.

Loving God and one's neighbour remain the indisputable calling of all Christians. Everything we do, including the choices we make, must conform to this beautiful calling for all of us who are created in God's own image.

Fr. Thomas Hidya Tjaya, S.J.



ONLINE & OFFLINE MASS SCEHDULE



We have restarted our Canisius Chapel Mass on every Sunday 06:00 pm

ST. PETER CANISIUS INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC PARISH CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2022 OFFLINE/ONLINE FROM ST. THERESIA TIME DATE DAY MASS **CHOIR** Jun 04, Sat Feast of Pentecost 3:30PM **Eucharistic Sounds Choir** Jun 05, Sun Feast of Pentecost 3.00PM The Choir Immortal Most Holy Trinity Sunday Jun 11, Sat 3:30PM **Eucharistic Sounds Choir** Most Holy Trinity Sunday 3.00PM Cadenza Choir Jun 12, Sun The Feast of Corpus Christi 3:30PM **Eucharistic Sounds Choir** Jun 18, Sat Jun 19, Sun The Feast of Corpus Christi 3.00PM The Choir Immortal **Eucharistic Sounds Choir** Jun 25, Sat 13th Sunday of Ordinary Times 3:30PM Jun 26, 13th Sunday of Ordinary Times 3.00PM Rorate Caeli Sun Jul 02, Sat 14th Sunday of Ordinary Times **Eucharistic Sounds Choir** 3:30PM The Choir Immortal Jul 03. Sun 14th Sunday of Ordinary Times 3.00PM **CANISIUS CHAPEL** DAY MASS DATE TIME **CHOIR** Sun Feast of Pentecost Genesis Choir Jun 05. 6:00PM Jun 12, Sun Most Holy Trinity Sunday 6:00PM Genesis Choir The Feast of Corpus Christi Genesis Choir Jun 19, Sun 6:00PM Jun 26, Sun 13th Sunday of Ordinary Times 6:00PM Genesis Choir



Youth Fellowship Activities



Topic: "Climb the Steps of Faith"

Speaker: Fr. Henry D'Souza, SVD

Date: Saturday, 14 May 2022

Time: 01:00 - 02:30 pm



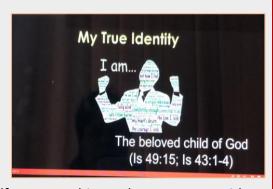
Reflection #1 By – Geofferson (CCD Confirmation Theresia Group)



I learned that people often question their faith, not believing in God or changing religions. Some change religions because they don't feel God. But he is with us. He is in everything we do. Even people who are sick or disabled that need healing pray to God. They know he will come simply by praying to God. And then they will be cured. This just shows we cannot feel God, we cannot see God, but He is watching us and taking care of us. Whatever problem you have, God will help you. All you need to do is to **PRAY**.

Reflection #2 By – Jarvis Goveas (YF)

Fr. Henry D'Souza's talk on "Climbing the Steps of Faith" began with a motivating informative short film about a person with cerebral disability and how that did not prevent the person from developing and progressing in the faith that he had in himself. Fr. Henry went on to say that anyone with enough faith may seize the chance to improve and urge others to do the same. Following that, Fr. Henry fantastically explained the question 'Who am 1?' in detail and presented how many people constantly try to tell others bad things



about themselves and how this affects a person and lowers their self-esteem. This can be overcome with their faith in Jesus and whatever they accomplish will be done with their success and along with their faith in Jesus because these people didn't leave Jesus Christ behind in their lives and with their faith in Christ.



Another wonderful point made by Henry was how frequently youngsters get caught in fleeting pleasure and how it typically fades away quickly, but if those young people seek out Jesus and form a connection with him, they will find permanent happiness and joy. Following that, Fr. Henry spoke about the 12 youth in Bible of faith who were Abel, John the Baptist, Mary, Stephen, Paul, Ruth, Tobias, Samuel, Jeremiah, Jonah, Moses, and Joseph and how, although facing many hardships, their

trust in God kept them happy in their hearts. Fr. Henry brilliantly closed the speech by informing everyone

that the Lord asks everyone to cultivate and strengthen our connections with him and to cling to Jesus since he is the one who ultimately defines all our identities.



Topic: "HEART OF A WINNER"

Speaker: Michael Winston

Tjahaja

Date: Saturday, May 28, 2022

Time: 01:00 - 02:30 pm



Reflection #1 By – CYEM LUKE VALENTE, YFC

Do You Have a winner's heart? Yes.

What are the problems hindering you from having a winner's heart?

For me, I think that other temptations are what keeps me away from maintaining a winner's heart.



A winner's heart is hard to keep hold of, especially during these times when so many temptations are available and are so incredibly convenient to get a hold of. Things like my phone, playing games, reading books unrelated to studies, or even sleeping are so easy to do always, so I sometimes fall into these temptations, due to the difficulty of getting through a certain situation or task.

I think that these convenient temptations really stop me from having a winner's heart as they form an escape from an unlikeable reality.

For example, when I have a test tomorrow and requires me to study a lot for it, playing games seem even more attractive than before as it isn't only much more enjoyable than studying but it also stops me from thinking about the difficult test tomorrow.

Things like this stop me from keeping a winner's heart, but through convincing myself of the importance of studying and reinforcing myself on why I should study allows me to put down these temptations and retain my winners heart.

Reflection #1 By – RYAN OSIA, YFC

A winner's heart isn't necessarily something that you are born with or is given to you, but something you yourself must develop and something you must strive to have. This is my take away of Winston's talk about what a winner's heart is. I personally was touched by Winston's sharing of his experience on how he, from a young age, decided he was never going to drink because of how alcohol affected his relationship with his father. Despite going through a rough time, he decided to be courages and was committed to not repeat the same mistake his father did. In my opinion, his experience was a great example of having a winner's heart. Tough times shouldn't get the best of you but instead, take the tough times you have to make you a better person for the greater glory of God. Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.



21st Virtual Faith Forum



Topic: "More Than Diamonds"

Speakers: Fr. Ignatius Madya Utama, SJ

Date: 21 May 2022 Time: 01:00 - 02:30 pm

Human Dignity! We often hear and read these words, especially during political debates and rallies. But what does it really mean in the context of the teaching of the church?



We were so blessed to have this important topic explained to us by Fr. Ignatius Madya Utama, SJ, during the parish Faith Forum held on 21 May, in his talk entitled 'More than Diamond (Counting the Cost of Human Dignity – Social Teaching of the Church)'

What is Dignity?



Dignity is defined as the state or quality of being worthy of honour or respect. This quality emanates from the fact that humans are created by God, in His image and likeness, to be in relationship with Him. The key words are, 'created in his image' and 'to be in relationship with Him. The church sees in men and women, in every person, the living image of God himself. And since men and women are created by God, they both have the same dignity and are of equal value.

Each of us has the moral and social responsibility to preserve and protect human dignity. How then can we participate in this call? Inspirations were shared by the participants during the forum:

- To teach our children to respect others. At their early age, it is imperative that they are reminded of this basic truth that we all created equal by God and must therefore be able to accept everyone, in whatever status in life they may be.
- To practice charity in every people we meet. We must start from our own home and family which includes our helpers and our drivers. Are we fair in giving them wages? Do we treat them with respect?
- To help others in need. While we may not always have the means to give the needed help, we can always find a way through others. An example is looking for donors who are willing to support the need of others.
- To be always fair and just. In the corporate world, there should always be a conscious effort to give what is fair and just to employees, to alleviate their lives and therefore preserve their dignity, notwithstanding the mutual complementarities between rights and duties.

Let us remember the words of St Paul in his letter to the Romans (Rm 12: 9 - 18): Love one another, contribute to the needs of others, live peaceably with all. **By – Sis. Pinky Torres**

SPECIAL FEATURE – PARISH INITIATIVES





Dear Parishioners, this month's bulletin, we are publishing a special feature on all our parish initiatives that includes parish section/groups/communities/ministries/activities. We will continue to do this until August/September month's bulletin

This will be sort of an "open house" on our parish (spiritual)activities to offer to the parishioners.

One of the aims is to introduce to our wider parishioners; including the newly baptized among us, that we have

group/community with specific activities that they may join or be involved in.

At present our Parish has the following communities/groups/sections/ministries or activities:

- Ushers
- Lectors
- Choir
- Altar Servers
- EMHC Extraordinary Ministries of Holy Communion
- CCD Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
- RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Komsos Social Communication
- JFC Jesus Friend of Children
- YF / YFC Youth Fellowship / Youth for Christ
- CYS Catholic Youth Society
- YAPro Young Adult Professionals
- FAM Family Apostolic Ministry
- VFF Virtual Faith Forum
- SMPG Santa Monica Prayer Group
- LOJF EF Light of Jesus Family English Feast
- CFC Couples for Christ
- ONLINE Comm.



The fundamental question many parishioners ask: How Can I Serve in the Church?

God has given you special talents and gifts that you can use to support your local congregation, help your community, and serve God's children everywhere. You follow the example of Jesus Christ as you seek to meet individual needs one person at a time. Some of the most important service you will give will be informal, simple acts of kindness and love toward individuals without being asked or assigned to do so. You can help others feel God's love and reach their potential as you share your time, talents, and means to help meet their needs. Part of your personal growth and learning will come as you serve in the Church and help others learn and grow as well. As you get to know others in your local congregation, you will realize that you have much to offer them.

Come Join Us, Let's make use of our talents and time to support our Parish in different ways....

This month's Bulletin we are featuring CFC, CCD & Santa Monica Prayer Group



We are the COUPLES FOR CHRIST

(Jakarta Indonesia, Canisius Chapter)





"Couples for Christ helps to strengthen my prayer life individually, with my spouse and family."

"How I wish to have found CFC early in my married life to inspire me to be a better spouse and parent in my family. I wish other married couples will do the same."

"I love CFC because it is a community that caters to my kids and teens not only to us as a married couple."

These are some of the comments coming from our members.

This is how Couples for Christ started:

It started from the heart. With a hand reaching out to another. Taking a step towards a brighter future. A community seeking to act. A community responding to the call of life. We may come from a home from a remote barrio or a mansion by the sea. Or the depths of a busy city.

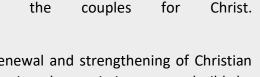
A convergence of all generations, working together as a family, united in making a difference, joined

together with **one common goal- to proclaim love**: by building families, by protecting marriages, by helping those in need, by teaching the young, by protecting the innocent, by showing the way to those who are lost, by looking after the welfare of man's body and environment, by turning the soldiers of men into warriors for God setting the world on fire.

We are ordinary people called to be part of extraordinary mission believing in the power of family and community. Transforming hearts and empowering people to service. We are the couples

(https://www.youtube.com/c/CouplesforChristmedia)





The Couples for Christ is a catholic movement intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life. CFC is recognized by the Vatican as a lay family community whose missions are to build the



church of the home and the church of the poor. We are committed to live in God's righteousness and holiness, evangelizing people through a life of love and service; we shall work for the renewal of families that will serve God and build generations of Christian leaders; and we shall pursue Total Christian Liberation through social justice, respect for life, and work with the poor.

CFC is a community of evangelizers and families with joy of the gospel. We as a couple are being transformed, realizing our own weaknesses, and accepting our spouse as a gift from God. We start to build the domestic church, live in faith and prayer become the focus of the family. With our children, we invest in them the life of faith and morality. The joy and experience in the

lord are not only for us but being on fire by the love of God willing to be God's instrument for other families.

CFC's vision is FAMILIES IN THE HOLY SPIRIT RENEWING THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

Moved by the Holy Spirit, one with the Catholic Church, blessed to witness to Christ's love and service, couples for Christ is a united global community of family evangelizers that sets the world on fire with the fullness of God's transforming love.

CFC has several global goals

Evangelization and formation

To strategically locate CFC in the world to evangelize people and inculcate a way of life based on Gospel values.

Family Renewal

To strengthen and defend the family as a basic unit of society and of the church in accordance with God's plan.

Total Christian liberation

To help the least of our brethren based on Matthew 25:40, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you do for one of these least brothers of mine, you do it for me."

Efficient Governance

To provide effective and efficient support services to fulfil the vision and mission of CFC.

CFC is present in more than 150 countries in the world and in Indonesia, you can find CFC nearest to you. CFC has been present in Indonesia for more than 30 years.

In few months we will have our Christian Life Program which is the entrance to become a member of our community for married couples and we have several activities for kids (Kids for Christ) and youths (Youth for Christ) too. Regularly, we have chapter assembly and teaching alternately every month and constant prayer meetings which we call household meetings, are scheduled, and held two times a month which are the oasis of our individual and married life, given a venue to pray as a family with other couples and to share the gospel or the chosen topic of the day.



We welcome you to join us Couples for Christ (Canisius Chapter, Jakarta). Please visit our social media or contact us. We will be glad to hear from you.

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Contact us through our social media https://www.facebook.com/CFChrist @cfchrist is on Instagram https://www.couplesforchristindonesia.org



CCD CLASSES FOR CHILDREN



The documents of Vatican II emphasize the role of the domestic church, highlighting the belief that "parents (and grandparents) should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children". Following this teaching, STPCICP is delighted to have your children in our CCD classes as we all journey together to grow in faith, with the common understanding and belief that CCD begins at home.

What is CCD?

CCD means the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. We organize Catholic Catechism classes for Catholic children who have no religion classes in their schools.

The Parish has several CCD groups in various schools or various locations (children may come from different schools) all over Jakarta.

Who can join CCD?

Children of Catholic parent/s who are baptized in the Catholic Church can join from Grade 1 in school (can do basic reading and writing in English)

When are CCD classes held?

CCD classes typically start in August/September of each year. All CCD classes end sometime in April/May of the following year (example: September 2022 to April 2023). The starting date depends on which CCD group your child joins. There are about 21 to 25 sessions each year.

The CCD classes in *Theresia CCD Group* are held once a week. Each class is about 1 to 1.5 hour long, ending before Mass starts at St. Theresia Church. The children proceed to attend Mass after their class.

All CCD children, regardless of which CCD group they attend, will be expected to attend regular Expat Parish Sunday Mass at St. Theresia Church or St. Peter Canisius Chapel.

What CCD grades are there?

CCD classes start from first (1st) grade to eighth (8th) grade and Confirmation class depending on number of students and availability of teacher/s. We also give special focus on Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation

Every year over 150 students receive their Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation. For example, this May, over 200 CCD students received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation in several Masses over 3 weekends.

Congratulations to all Communicants and Confirmandi!













We will continue to support your children in their faith building journey

For mor information contact CCD:

As of August 2014, the CCD General Coordinator is: Suyi Kamdani: ccdjakarta@gmail.com

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SANTA MONICA PRAYER GROUP - SMPG



INTRODUCTION:

In 1988, a Life in the Spirit Seminar was conducted by a lay Catholic renewal group from Manila. The women who attended were encouraged to attend weekly praise and worship meetings with the newly formed Genesis group. Six (6) expatriate ladies started a Bible Study group and decided to make it a regular Praise, Thanksgiving and Worship meetings. *Santa Monica Prayer Group (SMPG)* was born. The ladies still freely attended talks and seminars offered by the Genesis group but eventually decided to be its own daytime prayer group. Fr. Lambert Sugiri, SJ became the spiritual director. He helped and guided the group from the very beginning. SMPG became a very strong spiritual support for wives and mothers.



Feast of St. Monica (August 27) is celebrated with Holy Mass. We are a non-covenanted group. Meetings are informal in nature and is open to everyone.

MISSION:

The Lord commands us (through St. Faustina) to exercise the three degrees of mercy. "The first: the act of mercy of whatever kind. The second: the word of mercy- if the act of mercy cannot be carried out. The third: prayer- if we cannot show mercy by deeds or words, we can always do so by prayer." In SMPG, this is lived by members.

We aim to become holier in our vocation as wives and mothers with guidance from the Parish, our priest-mentors, and through renewal seminars.

UPDATE:

Most of the members of SMPG have either left Jakarta for other postings or have moved back to their home countries. There are currently very few members left in Jakarta. The pandemic, however, has caused the women to come together via Zoom meetings. SMPG Jakarta now follows the lead of SMPG Manila since the group's founding members are in the Philippines. We attend mass, talks, and recollection organized by them.

SMPG Jakarta continues to coordinate the weekly 10am Tuesday masses, under the umbrella of the STPCICP. We have also maintained our intercessory prayer group. Anyone who wishes to pray for any intention, please refer to this flyer and send your intention, we will continue to pray for your intentions.

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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</u>, Acct No. 664 177 7773, Bank Danamon — Cabang Usman Harun, Jakarta

Here is the QR Code for receiving offering and gifts for Mass intentions. 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. For all other Parish operations cost, you can donate any amount to the above-mentioned bank account.



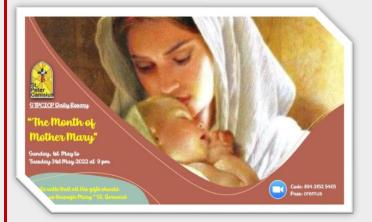


We are here to respond should you need any information

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES In May 2022



The Month of Mother Mary

The month of May is dedicated to **The Blessed Virgin Mary**. During the month of May,
parishioners eagerly joined online and prayed the
Holy Rosary as one STPCICP family.

Mother Mary – Pray for Us

Novena to St. RITA CASCIA

Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery.

Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year.





Novena to THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Novena to the Holy Spirit helps us to be open to the third person of the Holy Trinity. It is prayed for nine days after Jesus' Ascension into Heaven and before the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Let us follow in the footsteps of the disciples and wait upon the Advocate.

Ascension Day Specials

We're blessed to have the session with Brother Ignatius Prakarsa, O.S.B. from Nursia, Italy, while he was in town for his holiday. To our surprise he used to serve at our Sunday mass in the past (17 years ago). Our warm talk on Ascension Day were around the practice of prayer daily, rosary prayer especially, to keep us in the presence of God throughout the day. The important of realizing that we may choose to be present to GOD the whole time we're awake; helps us to grow deeper relationship with God and to trust GOD thus grow HOPE & FAITH.

Bro Ignatius shared about his daily life and prayer routine, in his community at the Benedictune Monastery in Nursia. The session went on for one hour; him throwing question and the 12 participants asked questions to him.

We look forward to having him share another online/zoom session with us in the future.

















