



St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish Jakarta

MONTHLY BULLETIN – June 2026

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

Beloved Sisters and Brothers,

The natural disaster that happened on November 2025 across Aceh, North Sumatra and West Sumatra Provinces shocked everyone. Rainfall intensity was associated with the dynamics of Tropical Cyclone Senyar. As a result, rivers overflowed, slopes collapsed, and residential areas were severely affected. Over time, the impact of the disaster expanded to multiple locations. According to BNPB data as of 23 December 2025, more than 1.1 million people were affected across 52 districts and cities, with 500k people displaced. In addition, 176 people were reported missing. Damage was recorded to 158,096 houses, along with impacts on public facilities, health services, educational institutions, places of worship and bridges (See <https://human-initiative.org/sumatra-flood-and-landslide-response-2025-reaches-26499-affected-people/?lang=en>).



The poor and vulnerable are the ones who are most affected by the environmental degradation and climate change. Who are they? The term "**poor and vulnerable**" extends far beyond those lacking material wealth. This includes anyone who is marginalized, powerless, the unborn children, the elderly, victims of injustice, oppression and human trafficking, prisoners, the sick, the disable, refugees, migrants and the homeless. This disaster leaves us a good lesson about environmental stewardship. In our concern about such a disaster we can ask ourselves: What can we do?

The Archdiocese of Jakarta (KAJ) has placed environmental stewardship at the center of its pastoral focus. Key initiatives include the Basic Direction (Arah Dasar) of KAJ 2026 which focuses on the integrity of God's creation, promoting ecological spirituality, waste reduction and sustainable living. The emphasis is on protecting the environment as an extension of Christian responsibility. Protecting the environment is protecting human beings living there, saving the earth is saving the people. The better we care for our earth, the better we care for one another.



The universal Church is not silent but pays a special attention to the earth as our common home and to the poor. Pope Francis launched his encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'* (24 May 2015) on care for our common home. At the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis issued his Apostolic Letter, *Misericordia et Misera* (20 November 2016) in which he instituted the World Day of the Poor. This special day is observed in the Catholic Church on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time and the



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first celebration was observed on 19 November 2017. This is meant to serve as a genuine call to action and evangelization, urging Christians to recognize the poor as true brothers and sisters and vital members of the Church community. This day is observed in the parishes and dioceses worldwide through special Masses and other initiatives such as food pantry, soup kitchen or homeless shelter.

For the Church the service for the poor is not just a charitable work but an integral part of her pastoral activities. In his message for the World Day of the Poor, 2025, Pope Leo XIV among others said: *“The celebration of the World Day of the Poor is meant to remind our communities that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity. This is true not only of the Church’s charitable work, but also of the message that she celebrates and proclaims. God took on their poverty in order to enrich us through their voices, their stories and their faces. Every form of poverty, without exception, calls us to experience the Gospel concretely and to offer effective signs of hope.”*



One of the core principles of Catholic social teaching is the option for the poor and vulnerable. From the earliest pages of Scripture, we find God’s insistence that the needs of the marginalized people must be taken care of. *“For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore, I command you, you shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land”* (Deuteronomy 15:11). Or, *“If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?”* (1 John 3:17).

Our mission as followers of Jesus suggests that we are called not to resignation but to action. Our actions are manifested in compassion and solidarity, justice and mercy. The Lord asks us, his followers, not only to give to those in need but to be present with them through works of mercy, such as providing food and water, clothing and shelter, healing and companionship. This means that *“the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ”* (Vatican II, *Gaudium et Spes*, 1).



The preferential option for the poor has become a moral imperative, especially when we see this from the perspective of the poor and vulnerable, the most often left out in the society. This is where the Gospel places its focus. *“The Church’s love for the poor is a part of her constant tradition. This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor.... Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense and liberation”* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos. 2444, 2448).

The focus on the poor and marginalized has been taken by religious Congregations and Orders as one important dimension of their mission today. This particularly regards the preferential option for the poor, which also concerns the human dignity, inherent in each person, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, religion or any other background. But why we focus our energy on the poor and vulnerable? Because it is a fundamental Gospel mandate. Christians are called to imitate Jesus, who centers his ministry on the marginalized. Jesus explicitly declares his mission statement or manifesto at the synagogue in Nazareth. Quoting the prophet Isaiah, he made it clear that his ministry is to preach good news to the poor, proclaim



freedom for captives, restore sight to the blind, release the oppressed, and proclaim the year of the Lord's favor (Luke 4:18-19). This is to say that before God the poor and vulnerable have the same dignity that should be respected by others, as they are created in the same image of God (*imago Dei*). They are also made active participants in the life of God's Kingdom.



The Church teaches about the need of justice and solidarity: "*Love for others, and in the first-place love for the poor, in whom the Church sees Christ himself, is made concrete in the promotion of justice*" (John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, no. 58). Or, "*The primary purpose of this special commitment to the poor is to enable them to become active participants in the life of society. It is to enable all persons to share in and contribute to the common good. The option for the poor, therefore, is not an adversarial slogan that pits one group or class*

against another. Rather it states that the deprivation and powerlessness of the poor wounds the whole community. The extent of their suffering is a measure of how far we are from being a true community of persons. These wounds will be healed only by greater solidarity with the poor and among the poor themselves." (US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Economic Justice for All*, no. 88).

So, it is so important to take good care of the environment and to see the world through the eyes of the poor and vulnerable, so that we can begin to reshape it into something more just, more compassionate, more human and more in solidarity.

Fr. John Mangkey, MSC

JUNE: MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The month of June is specially dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a powerful reminder of Christ's deep love, mercy and compassion for each one of us. His Sacred Heart invites us to come closer to Him through prayer, repentance and acts of love. As parishioners, let us make this month meaningful by attending Mass more regularly, spending time in personal prayer, and showing kindness to those around us. Let us also pray for our families and consecrate our homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As this month's pastoral message by Fr. John reminds us on the theme "Options for the Poor and Vulnerable," it is not enough to only say that we care for others. We are called to embrace and support the poor and needy, as they are the most vulnerable among us. Let us show Christ's deep love by doing something meaningful for the poor and vulnerable this month.



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.



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ONLINE & OFFLINE MASS SCHEDULE



ST. PETER CANISIUS INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC PARISH

CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR JUNE & JULY 2026 FROM ST. THERESIA CHURCH Sat 3:30pm (Offline) & Sun 3:00pm (Online), CANISIUS CHAPEL- Sun 6:pm

| DATE | DAY | MASS | TIME | CHOIR |
|----------------------|-----|---------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| MONTH OF JUNE | | | | |
| 6-Jun | Sat | Body & Blood of Christ | 3:30PM | Eucharistic Sounds Choir |
| 7-Jun | Sun | Body & Blood of Christ | 3:00PM | The Choir Immortal |
| 13-Jun | Sat | 11th Sunday Ordinary Time | 3:30PM | Eucharistic Sounds Choir |
| 14-Jun | Sun | 11th Sunday Ordinary Time | 3:00PM | ELFACS Choir |
| 20-Jun | Sat | 12th Sunday Ordinary Time | 3:30PM | Eucharistic Sounds Choir |
| 21-Jun | Sun | 12th Sunday Ordinary Time | 3:00PM | The Choir Immortal |
| 27-Jun | Sat | 13th Sunday Ordinary Time | 3:30PM | Eucharistic Sounds Choir |
| 28-Jun | Sun | 13th Sunday Ordinary Time | 3:00PM | The Choir Immortal |

CANISIUS CHAPEL- SUNDAY AT 6:00PM

| DATE | DAY | MASS | TIME | CHOIR |
|--------|-----|---------------------------|--------|---------------|
| 7-Jun | Sun | Body & Blood of Christ | 6:00PM | Genesis Choir |
| 14-Jun | Sun | 11th Sunday Ordinary Time | 6:00PM | Genesis Choir |
| 21-Jun | Sun | 12th Sunday Ordinary Time | 6:00PM | Genesis Choir |
| 28-Jun | Sun | 13th Sunday Ordinary Time | 6:00PM | CFJ |

MONTH OF JULY

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|--------|-----|---------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| 4-Jul | Sat | 14th Sunday Ordinary Time | 3:30PM | Eucharistic Sounds Choir |
| 5-Jul | Sun | 14th Sunday Ordinary Time | 3:00PM | ELFACS Choir |
| 11-Jul | Sat | 15th Sunday Ordinary Time | 3:30PM | Eucharistic Sounds Choir |
| 12-Jul | Sun | 15th Sunday Ordinary Time | 3:00PM | The Choir Immortal |
| 18-Jul | Sat | 16th Sunday Ordinary Time | 3:30PM | Eucharistic Sounds Choir |
| 19-Jul | Sun | 16th Sunday Ordinary Time | 3:00PM | ELFACS Choir |
| 25-Jul | Sat | 17th Sunday Ordinary Time | 3:30PM | Eucharistic Sounds Choir |
| 26-Jul | Sun | 17th Sunday Ordinary Time | 3:00PM | ELFACS Choir |

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Note: *Online Mass is only on every Sunday 03:00 pm from St. Theresia Church.



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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Topic: "Discernment Through Scripture"

By: Fr. Deacon Klaus Heinrich, SJ

Date: 23 May, 2026

Reflection:– Patrick Darryl Prakasa, UNSW

I personally enjoyed the YF talk held in the month of May. The session on discerning God's will was truly meaningful, and it helped me understand that recognizing and following His will may not always be as straightforward as I had once thought. I now understand that in order to better discern God's will, I need to have a good attitude and habit. Furthermore, I like the example of Daniel used where from that story, I learnt the importance of prayer and believing in God when having tough times. Lastly, I also found the sharing questions to be empowering as it is comforting to know that there are people who are in a similar position as you. I would like to attend talks in the future specifically referencing bible verses that teaches us how to lead our lives instead of just one bible story.



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CCD CORNER



**Confirmation Mass: Confirmed in Faith,
Strengthened by the Holy Spirit**



On Saturday, 2 May 2026, our parish was blessed to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** during the solemn Mass, where 51 confirmandi were confirmed by His Eminence Cardinal Ignatius Suharyo.

It was a joyful and grace-filled celebration for our parish community as our young confirmandi were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthened in their journey of faith.

Following the Confirmation Mass, there was a special fellowship with Cardinal Ignatius Suharyo, giving parishioners the opportunity to interact with him and spend some meaningful time together. During the fellowship, His Eminence addressed the parishioners and shared how our expatriate parish plays an important role in helping expatriates continue to live and grow in their Catholic faith while away from their home countries. He expressed his happiness and appreciation, saying that our parish community is doing a great service to the expatriate faithful.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Moko SJ, our Parish Priest, Fr. Agung SJ, our Assistant Parish Priest, and Deacon Klaus SJ, who guided and supported the confirmandi, especially during the practice sessions and preparation for this important sacrament.

We also thank the Parish Council members, CCD coordinators, all CCD teachers, parent volunteers, other volunteers, the St. Theresia team, confirmandi and parents for their dedication, cooperation and support in making this celebration meaningful and memorable.

As our confirmandi continue their journey of faith, we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them, strengthen them and help them always follow the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ. May they always have the courage to do what is right and pleasing to the Lord.

Congratulations and God bless all our confirmandi.



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RCIA FAITH JOURNEY: CALLED BY GRACE, WELCOMED BY THE CHURCH



Following the joyful reception of our RCIA members into the Catholic Church on **11 April 2026**, three of our newly baptized members have shared their personal faith journey reflections for this month's bulletin.

Their stories are simple yet meaningful reminders of how God gently calls each person in His own time and in His own way. We thank them for opening their hearts and sharing their journey with our parish community. May their reflections inspire all of us to continue growing in faith and walking closer with Christ.

Reflection #1 – Bro Michael Raphael Lau

My story started back many years ago actually. In my young age, I studied in Catholic school, and I had an aunty who was a Catholic nun who passed away few years ago. Catholic was so near yet so far in my young days. I lived my life in Buddhism and Taoism beliefs.

Fast forward to the future, my wife and daughter are both Catholic and I was joining Catholic mass with them. At that time, I felt like only doing rituals, I didn't understand much the symbols in church, why they do the things they do and I didn't understand the meaning of being a Catholic.

Until a year ago, I was hospitalised, and the doctor found cancer. My family and I were heart broken. One day, we went to the church and purposely waited for the priest after the mass and asked the priest to pray for me. Somehow, I felt a deep connection from the prayer. At that time, my wife told me to pray to Mother Mary, again, I felt something that I can't describe. The priest I met also told me to pray to St Peregrine and I did. For whatever feeling I had, I knew I had a calling and so I registered to be baptised.

When I joined RCIA class, I received support from the teachers, Romo Moko, and my wife too. I started to make sense of the symbols and being a Catholic. The obstacles that I faced at the beginning, started to fade away and somehow God made a way for me to be His child.

When I received my baptism and first communion, I felt reborn and had indescribable feelings. I know this is just a new beginning and I know my faith will grow and I am safe in God and Mother Mary as my protectors.

Reflection #2 - Sis Riquena Natallie

In 2021, my journey of faith began quietly, through a simple invitation from my husband. It was my very first time stepping into a Catholic church. I didn't fully understand what I would find there but the moment I entered, something in my heart shifted. A deep, unexplainable calm surrounded me, as if I had finally



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found a place where my soul could rest. From then on, every time I went to church, that same peace embraced me. It became something I longed for.

One day, I stood before Mother Mary at the St. Theresia Grotto and made a quiet promise in my heart: “If you answer my prayers, I will follow you fully.”

Not long after, I began to feel her presence guiding me gently, patiently, lovingly. I learned to pray the Rosary, and each time I did, I felt a deep sense of peace, like my worries were being lifted and replaced with comfort.

Then I discovered the Novena prayer. I prayed with faith and sincerity and in time, God answered me. That moment changed everything. It wasn't just about my prayer being answered, but about a deep realization growing inside me: this is where I belong.

And through every step of this journey, my husband was there not just as someone who introduced me to the Catholic faith, but as someone who loved me with patience and respect. He never forced me, never pressured me. Instead, he became a quiet instrument of God's love in my life. He walked beside me, supported me, and trusted that my faith would grow in its own time.

And now, as I received baptism, I know this journey was not by chance. It was a calling one that I chose with my whole heart. This faith is no longer something I discovered. It is something I truly love, and now, it is part of who I am.



Reflection # 3 – Bro Gabriel Biswajit Mazumdar

My Journey to Baptism

I wasn't raised Catholic. For years my faith was more questions than answers. I believed in God, but I didn't understand the beauty of the Church — the Eucharist, the sacraments, the quiet rhythm of prayer that carried people through centuries.

What changed me wasn't an argument. It was people. Catholic friends who lived their faith without preaching it. Their peace during hard times, their reverence at Mass, the way they spoke about Mary and the saints like family. Curiosity pulled me in. I started attending RCIA classes just to learn.

Inside those rooms during my classes I met the Heavenly Father I'd been searching for. Not a distant judge, but a Father who waited patiently. Scripture, the teachings, the stories of saints — they stopped feeling like history and started feeling like home. The more I learned, the more I wanted the sacraments. I wanted to be claimed.

On the day of my baptism, the water was cold, but His presence was warm. As father Moko said the words Gabriel Biswajit Mazumdar I baptize you and poured the water, years of searching washed away. I wasn't becoming someone new. I was finally becoming who He'd called me to be.

I'm still learning. I still stumble. But I walk forward now as a Catholic, blessed and held by the Heavenly Father. The journey from “outside” to “inside” wasn't about rules. It was about love finding me, and me finally saying yes.





YOUNG ADULT PRO (YAP)



Topic: “Work, Life Balance”

By: Fr. Deacon Klaus Heinrich, SJ

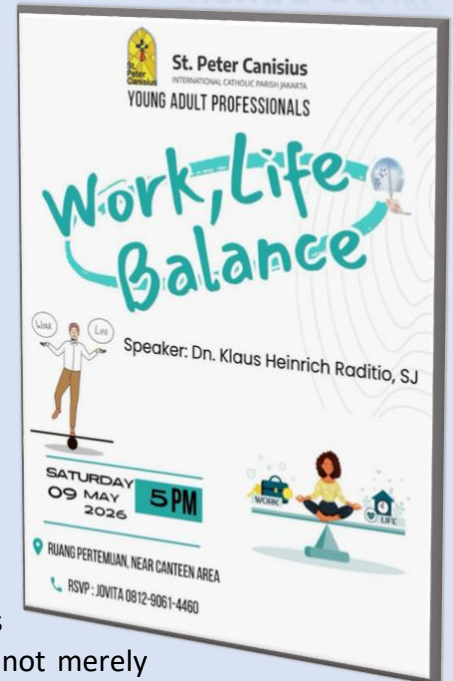
Date: 09 May, 2026

Reflection:– Laikah Grace

“What is balance?” This question became the heart of the first Saturday Reflection and Sharing Session spearheaded by the Young Adult Professionals on May 9, 2026, with Deacon Klaus Heinrich Raditio, SJ, as the speaker. Through this session, he emphasized that balance is defined differently by each person depending on one’s goals, priorities, and purpose in life.

One reflection shared by the participants was that balance determines whether we are truly achieving our purpose. This means that balance is not merely about equally distributing our time among work, rest, family, or recreation, but about ensuring that the different aspects of our lives help us move toward the mission God has entrusted to us.

Another reflection stated that balance depends on the stage of life we are in. At certain moments, work may require more of our attention, while at other times, relationships, healing, or spiritual growth may become our priority. Thus, balance is not fixed but is continually shaped by our present calling and responsibilities. The session reminded us that work-life balance is not an end in itself, but a means of living a life rooted in God and directed toward His will. True fulfilment does not come from having a perfectly balanced schedule, but from allowing every aspect of our lives to serve a greater purpose. When our priorities, decisions, and actions are aligned with God’s plan, we begin to live a life that is truly alive – truly balanced



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OUR NEW MINISTRY: LEGION OF MARY

Our parish is blessed with a new ministry, the Legion of Mary. This idea began when some leaders of ministries gathered at the Parish Recollection last March 2026 and each of us contemplated our Parish identity. Not long after that, Bro. Andi Silalahi one of our active parishioner as well as member of other ministries, proposed the idea of having our own ministry of the Legion of Mary. In the past, Bro. Andi had joined this ministry in the local parish and informed us that the Legion of Mary is commonly established in many parishes around the world.

From online meetings, we were introduced to this new interesting ministry. Many of us thought that it was another prayer meeting, but we found that **The Legion of Mary** is very well established and recognized across the world.

By the grace of the Lord, St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish has established our first Praesidium (basic unit of the Legion) named Mary, Our Lady of All Nations. This ministry is moderated by Fr. Paulus Agung Wijayanto, SJ and led by Bro. Andi Silalahi. We had our first Mass and meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Let's understand the meaning and significance of this new ministry:

St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish
New Ministry of the Legion of Mary:
The Praesidium of Our Lady of All Nations

Join us as an active member

- Spiritual Growth
- Apostolic Works
- Fellowship & Community
- Deepen Your Faith

Weekly Meetings: Every Wednesday
Time: 19.00 WIB
Venue: Ruang Rapat, St. Theresia Church, Menteng

For more information please contact:
Brother Andi: 08118012827

What is the Legion of Mary?

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbour on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. The first meeting of the Legion of Mary took place in Myra House, Francis Street, Dublin, Ireland, on 7 September, 1921. This meeting was to have very beneficial consequences for the mission of the Catholic Church and, in a special way, for millions of members of Christ's lay faithful who would serve in the Legion and for those who would be served by the legionary apostolate. Many persons outside the Catholic Church would also benefit from that apostolate. With the approval and support of the Popes and many Bishops, Priests and Religious, as well as the prayers and efforts of legionaries, the Legion, by the grace of God, has grown into a worldwide organisation with several million members.

Who founded The Legion of Mary?

The Legion of Mary was founded by Frank Duff, a Catholic layman together with 15 others in Dublin, Ireland, on 7 September 1921. The organization has since grown into the largest international association of lay Catholics, with millions of active members worldwide dedicated to evangelization and charitable works.

Who can become a Legion of Mary?

You may either be an **active member** where you will be actively involved in the weekly meetings and the tasks assigned to you such as visiting the sick, elderly, those in prison and anyone needing spiritual support and guidance. You also have the choice to be an **auxiliary member** where you will be supporting the active members by praying for them daily and encouraged to join in the spiritual activities.

I'm interested in becoming a Legion of Mary



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The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholics in good standing with a desire to serve Our Lord Jesus Christ through the intercession of his Blessed Mother Mary. Catholics 18 years of age or older can become Active Members of an adult praesidium, whereas Catholics younger than 18 years of age can join a junior Legion of Mary praesidium.

If you are interested in becoming a Legion of Mary, whether an active or an auxiliary member, you may contact Bro. Andi Silalahi at 0811 8012 827. For details, please refer to the flyer.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, kindly pray for our new ministry to grow in love for our Lord through Our Lady and that we all may be lights to the nations. Ave Maria, Maria Ave!



Our first Mass & meeting as praesidium Mary, Mother of all Nations 



FAMILY APOSTOLIC MINISTRY (FAM)




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IS PROUDLY HOSTED AT:
SERIES OF FAMILY WORKSHOPS: 2026
CURRENT ISSUES & CHALLENGES OF FAMILY
Speaker: Fr. Anton Prasetyo CICM
DATE: 20th JUNE 2026
TIME: 12.00 - 14.15 PM
VENUE: RUANG PERTEMUAN, GEREJA ST. THERESIA
REGISTER FOR THIS WORKSHOP:
Scan me!
MORE INFO: ANDI: 08118012827

The Family Apostolic Ministry (FAM) cordially invites parishioners to join a series of workshops facilitated by Fr. Anton Prasetyo, CICM. These workshops aim to provide basic skills in facilitating discussions on family challenges and to support families who may need someone to listen, guide and journey with them.

The first workshop, "Challenges and Issues of Families Today," will be held on:

 Saturday, 20 June 2026,  12:00 PM – 2:15 PM

 Ruang Pertemuan, Ground Floor, St. Theresia Church, Jakarta

All ministry members, couples, singles and interested parishioners are welcome to join.

For registration and logistics purposes, please scan the barcode or register through the link: <https://forms.gle/5hJmRP3Aeu9cw9tF6>

For more information, please contact Andi: 08118012827.



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM



Community Outreach in Action: Supporting Yayasan Bhakti Luhur - A Day of Love, Care and Fellowship

Back in November 2025, our fellowship gathering, Thanksgiving Night with the Saints, was a resounding success. Beyond the joy and fellowship shared that evening, the event successfully raised funds that were donated to Yayasan Bhakti Luhur. We recently had the privilege of visiting their orphanage facility in Citra Raya, Tangerang, to deliver the donation and share a highly memorable day with the approximately 100 residents, helpers, and caretakers.

The visit was filled with immense joy, laughter, and vibrant energy. The children were visibly thrilled, highly engaged, and excited throughout the entire program.

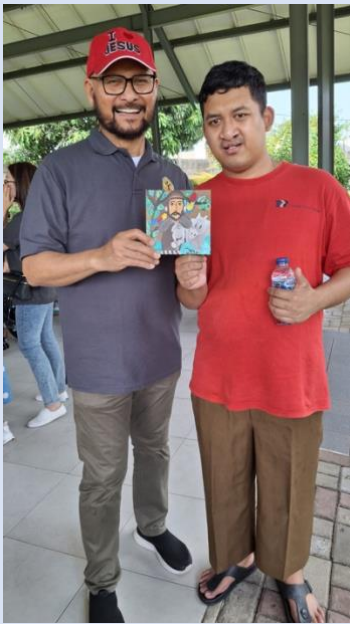
A major highlight of the day was the active and enthusiastic involvement of our CCD students. They stepped up wonderfully, taking on hands-on roles to help run the games, distribute the flowers and snacks, as well as interact warmly with the children. Their youthful energy, combined with the efforts of the CCD mothers who organized the food, balloons, and activities, created a deeply loving and supportive atmosphere. With an engaging MC who is very familiar with the orphanage and the added excitement of a rented bouncy slide, the program ran smoothly, leaving the children with bright smiles and wonderful memories.

We are pleased to confirm that the proceeds from the event, totaling **Rp 25,000,000** (Twenty-Five Million Rupiah), have been successfully transferred to Yayasan Bhakti Luhur.

Because the facility's last major renovation was completed 17 years ago, the building has experienced significant wear and tear. These funds are strictly designated for urgent infrastructure improvements to enhance the safety, hygiene, and overall living conditions of the children. Some of the renovation which they hope to do:

- ✓ **Roof Repairs:** Fixing leaking roofs to ensure a dry, safe, and healthy living environment.
- ✓ **Awning Replacement:** Repairing and replacing cracked awnings to provide adequate shade and weather protection.
- ✓ **Stair Handrail Replacement:** Removing rusty and corroded metal stair handrails and installing safe, sturdy replacements to prevent accidents.
- ✓ **Repainting:** A full interior and exterior repainting of the children's residence to refresh, sanitize, and uplift the facility.





Sister Yustin, ALMA, who oversees the facility, conveyed her sincere gratitude to our parish community for this generous contribution. She works tirelessly to maintain the facility and provide compassionate, day-to-day care for the children in her charge. Despite living with the aftereffects of polio and recently being fitted with a mobility brace that has caused her some ongoing discomfort, her dedication and personal resilience remain highly commendable.

Looking ahead, Sister Yustin’s long-term vision is to develop an unused plot of land within the orphanage compound into a vocational training center. This initiative will equip older youth with practical skills, supporting their successful transition into independent adulthood.

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to share this moment with our parish and to bring tangible joy and practical support to the children at Yayasan Bhakti Luhur. This positive impact would not have been possible without the

generosity of our parishioners and the hands-on

Following the parish community outreach visit to Yayasan Bhakti Luhur, one of our Youth Fellowship members shared a thoughtful reflection on the experience. His reflection beautifully captures how such visits help us see beyond ourselves, recognize the dignity of every person, and understand the importance of living our faith through love, compassion and service. We invite you to read his reflection and allow it to remind us that even small acts of presence, care and kindness can bring hope and joy to others.

Reflection by Velko Gospodinov

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Mathew 5:14-16)



The 27th of May marked the completion of the objective of the “Thanksgiving with the Saints” event, which was to raise funds to donate to the [Bhakti Luhur Foundation](#). The Bhakti Luhur Foundation is a place that cares for the needs of the differently abled and the marginalized. Founded in 1959, it has continued to stay strong and to support and take care of its children despite continuous hardship since then.



My visit to the Bhakti Luhur Foundation on the 27th of May opened my eyes to something I hadn’t quite understood in its actuality. Brothers and sisters, what constitutes human life and requires us to help it? Being made in the image of God, this affirmation I had been fervently arguing for in my life as a Gen Z person going to an international school, where, for lack of a better term, the killing of a human in the womb is normalized and encouraged, or in other words, abortion. The justification for said abortion within this community is further encouraged when the human in the womb shows qualities different from a “normal” human; however, this difference does not take away from the happiness, joy, and most





importantly, the love for God the human in the womb can experience. I had, as previously mentioned, been unmoving in this affirmation, but just as the Pharisees knew theology and lacked love. I knew all human life is sacred; however, I lacked seeing The love of God for them in such abundance.

Being the videographer of the event. I was obliged to be present at the event for the entire duration of it. There, the eyes of the children showed a joy and an innocence that I hadn't seen since my childhood. I saw there that the children were happy and were enjoying the event. The event, fittingly being at the altar of our Mother Mary, whose love for the children was felt by the children. What struck me was the patience and love I saw from the Sisters there. I personally would like to think that I have a moderate level

of patience; however, it is not anything that can compare to these Sisters. They hadn't shown any frustration or discontent with the actions of the children; all I saw was the pure love that they had.

This love observed serves as both a representation and an example of what the Bible verse at the top mentions: Brothers and Sisters, as followers of Christ? What are we supposed to do? Pick up our crosses and follow Jesus; this following of God's will results in doing good works that contribute to our love for God. These good works will result in us being "the light of the world". To clarify what I mean by light, I mean the light of God, the good and holiness of God("I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12), "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all". Look at what's happening in the world: famine, violence, cruelty, wars, and disdain for God. You look at the news about what's happening right now, and it's very easy to become depressed and say, "The world is doomed!" However, this couldn't be more false! Jesus came to illuminate the world with His glory and love, to show us sorrowful sinners that we have a chance to have a relationship and know the good of the world. This hope that Jesus gives manifests into being the light for other people, because we are blessed to know that Jesus suffered and died for us, yet still loves us. What greater gift can there be than to show the grace of God through your actions? To love people, to care for people just as Christ does the same for you. What greater love can you show to a person when they need help, and you're the one to answer? To be the light of the world, brothers and sisters, is to show the love of Christ through your actions.



However, love doesn't come without sacrifices. The 1h and 30m travel time to the Bhakti Luhur Foundation took me from a comfortable life and showed me a stark contrast between what I experience and what the people there experience. As I arrived, I remarked that the Foundation looked to be in decent condition; however, that was only what was on the surface. The reason for the donation was so that. For the first time in 17 years, since 2009, my birth year, they could repair their broken roof, repair and replace their awnings so that the kids could have shade from the sun, repair their stair handrails so the rust and corrosion would pose no risk to the children, and a full repainting to refresh, uplift, and sanitize the facility. These needs are a lot different from yours and mine, brothers and sisters. The hard work. sacrifice and discipline of our Brothers and Sisters



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there must not be in vain; their perseverance despite suffering the aftereffects of diseases must be supported; a place so touched by God's grace must be protected and maintained to continue doing his will.

To conclude, my visit to The Bhakti Luhur Foundation was an experience that had me reflect on how much



good Jesus gives to the world, the Foundation exists and is maintained thanks to him, the Brothers and Sisters there continue to be able to love the children thanks to him, and we can support their cause thanks to Jesus Christ allowing all of us to do our part at the "Thanksgiving with the Saints event" and proceedings that went to the foundation. I would like to thank Sis Alfa and Bro Donny for inviting me to the event, CCD for coming and making the event more lively, the CCD mothers, the Brothers

and Sisters at the foundation, and most importantly, God, The Holy Trinity; The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.



MEET OUR SACRISTAN - MAS NARNO

Behind Every Beautiful Mass: Serving with Love and Dedication

This bulletin is a special one since we're going to feature someone who is very much involved in the preparation of the Mass yet barely ever seen. Who is he? He's our dear sacristan, Ignatius Sunarno or more known as Mas Narno. Yet the altar servers refer him as Mas Bro!

Born 23 May 1983 in Wonogiri, Central Java, Mas Bro is the one we always rely on when comes to preparing the liturgical and technical part of the Mass. From the cloths around the Altar to making sure everyone serving has their vestments ready to wear, from the priest down to the Altar Servers. Whenever we need anything around the Altar, Mas Narno is the name we call upon.

A sacristan is a church officer or appointed volunteer responsible for the care of the sacristy, the sacred vessels, and the vestments used in religious services. We cherish his hard work because not only does he conduct his work exceptionally well, he also takes the initiative to remind the altar servers how to behave, not to come late, to pay attention to their tasks and reminds us MC, lector and EMHC not to leave our tumblers behind when leaving the sacristy.

His favourite food is Nasi Padang and Mie Ayam. In his spare time, he enjoys watching volleyball and football competitions. He started working as a sacristan for our parish in December 2010 and continues in doing his absolute best for our Parish. The Altar Servers enjoy his company since he's always friendly and ready to lend a hand when needed. We are indeed blessed to have Mas Bro serving in our Parish!

We are truly blessed to have Mas Narno serving in our parish. His quiet dedication, kindness and faithful service remind us that every role in the Church, whether seen or unseen, is important in building a prayerful and welcoming community. Thank you, Mas Narno, for serving our parish with love and commitment. May God bless you always.



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ONLINE PRAYER ACTIVITY FOR MAY



Novena to Blessed Imelda Lambertini

From 4 to 12 May 2026, our parish community came together online for the Novena to Blessed Imelda Lambertini, the patroness of First Communicants. Each evening was a beautiful opportunity to pray, reflect and grow closer to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Through the life of Blessed Imelda, we were reminded of the deep love and longing we should have for Christ in the Eucharist. May her example inspire all of us, especially our children and young people, to receive Jesus with pure hearts, faith and devotion.

Blessed Imelda Lambertini, pray for us 🙏

Novena to the Holy Spirit

From 15 to 23 May 2026, our parish community came together online for the Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the feast of Pentecost. Each evening was a time of prayer, reflection and openness to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Through this novena, we were reminded to invite the Holy Spirit into our lives, our families and our parish community. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us, strengthen our faith, and help us live as courageous witnesses of Christ

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and guide us always 🙏



Month of May – Rosary Month

Throughout the month of May, our parish community came together online to pray the Holy Rosary, honouring our Blessed Mother Mary in a special way. Each evening was a beautiful moment of prayer, reflection and togetherness, as families and parishioners joined in devotion to seek Mary's intercession. Through the Rosary, we were reminded to come closer to Jesus through Mary and to entrust our families, parish and the world to her loving care.

Mother Mary, pray for us and lead us closer to your Son, Jesus 🙏



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.

***Sis Irene Sutanto for
Central Jakarta***



***Sis Bang Tan for
South Jakarta***



***Sis Eunice Tirtalukita
for Tangerang***



***Sis Lisa
Wongsosuhendro for***



***Sis Orsolina Gomez for
North Jakarta***



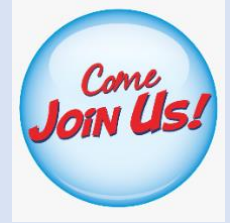
Together, let us continue to grow as one caring and united Catholic community, supporting one another in faith and friendship.



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COME AND JOIN OUR PARISH INITIATIVES



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.



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 / YOUTH LECTORS
- CHOIR/ YOUTH CHOIR | ALTAR SERVERS
- EMHC - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRIES OF HOLY COMMUNION
- CCD - CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE
- RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
- KOMSOS – SOCIAL COMMUNICATION
- CHOSEN MEN MINISTRY
- YF / YFC – YOUTH FELLOWSHIP / YOUTH FOR CHRIST
- CYS – CATHOLIC YOUTH SOCIETY
- YAPRO – YOUNG ADULT PROFESSIONALS
- FAM – FAMILY APOSTOLIC MINISTRY
- SMPG – SANTA MONICA PRAYER GROUP
- LOJF EF – LIGHT OF JESUS FAMILY ENGLISH FEAST | CFC – COUPLES FOR CHRIST
- ARK BIBLE CLUB (ABC) FOR CHILDREN AGE OF 04 TO 08 YEARS | LEGION OF MARY



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....



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CALL FOR GENEROUS GIVING

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.

We sincerely thank you for your wholehearted support. To make giving even more convenient, you can use the QR code below to donate via Gopay, OVO, Dana, Shopee, T-money, or through a direct bank transfer to our account at **PGDP Internasional Santo Petrus Canisius, Bank Danamon, Account No. 664 177 7773**, Branch: 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, -.



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For all other Parish operations cost, you can donate any amount to the above-mentioned bank account or by using QR code.



We are here to respond should you need any information

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Sat 30 May - Sun 7 June 2026
09:00 PM

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Passcode: **stella**

Novena to St John Francis Regis

Mon 8 - Tue 16 June 2026
09:00 PM

Join us on:

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Passcode: **stella**

Novena to Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary

Fri 19 - Sat 27 June 2026
09:00 PM

Join us on:

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Passcode: **stella**

St. Theresia Taizé Prayer Group with St. Peter Canisius Young Adult Pro present:

Prayer with songs from Taizé

Saturday, June 27 2026
4.45 PM (After English Mass)
Meditation Room 4th Fl.
St. Theresia Pastoral Building Menteng

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