

# St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish Jakarta

Monthly Bulletin – March 2022

Human Dignity: "Let us love one another...." (1 John 4:7)

## **Beloved Sisters and Brothers**,

Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights."\_Dignity is not something that people earn because of their class, race, religion or economic or social status, achievement or else. It is something every person is born with and therefore deserves respect.



The Catholic Church bases her teaching on the belief that each of person is made in God's image, "Let us make humankind in our image,

according to our likeness" (Genesis 1:26) and on mutual love, "Let us love one another, because love is of God" (1 In 4:7). From this derives a principle that every person has an innate human dignity no one can take away. Because human dignity comes from God it is not something that a person can bestow or take away



from another one. It is intrinsic and inherent to every person's existence and so inviolable. The Church believes that every person is precious, that people are more important than things. "Being in the image of God the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something, but someone" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 357). Pope John Paul II, the champion of human rights, stated: "Human persons are willed by God; they are imprinted with God's image. Their dignity does not come from the work they

do, but from the persons they are" (Centesimus Annus, no.11)

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred, and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society and of her social teachings (USCC B). But in fact, in our society the value of human life is being threatened and attacked by abortion and euthanasia, cloning, death penalty, conflicts, war, terrorist attacks, and so on. In the words of Gaudium et Spes,27: insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children; as well as disgraceful



working conditions, where men are treated as mere tools for profit, rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others of their like are infamies indeed. They poison human society, but they do more harm to those who practice them than those who suffer from the injury." In those situations human dignity is insulted and degraded. This then should become the concern of the Church. Every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart" (Evangelium Vitae, 3).

It is therefore important that we recognize the value of human dignity and that we work for that. Perhaps



too often we fail to do this, or we become ignorant. Our mission is to proclaim the Good News that every person is equally loved by God as his children. It is our call to respect, protect and uphold the dignity of each and every human being. It is our responsibility to make our world equal to everyone and to make human dignity the cornerstone of our relationships with every person regardless of their status, origin, gender or human condition. It is our task to make others live equally as human persons and to make them feel equally loved and respected. When everyone's rights are respected and everyone gets equal opportunities to thrive, we help to create a much happier and more peaceful place to live. We live in the same planet and are endowed with many gifts which are not simply for our own personal use but are entrusted to us for the

flourishing and the good of our human family. Everything is connected. We are in relationship with everyone as God's children.

Fr. John Mangkey, MSC



# **ONLINE & OFFLINE MASS SCEHDULE**



With COVID-19 cases are coming down, starting from March 2022, we will restart our scheduled offline Mass on *Saturday's and Sunday's* 0300 pm, and we will also continue with online Mass:

We will continue to follow the guideline from KAJ regarding this matter. Let us pray continuously for the end of the pandemic.

CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR MAR 2022 ONLINE FROM ST. THERESIA				
DATE	DAY	MASS	TIME	CHOIR
Mar 02,	Wed	Ash Wednesday	3:00 PM	Genesis Choir
Mar 05,	Sat	01st Sunday of Lent	3:00 PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Mar 06,	Sun	01st Sunday of Lent	3:00 PM	Genesis Choir
Mar 12,	Sat	02nd Sunday of Lent	3:00 PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Mar 13,	Sun	02nd Sunday of Lent	3:00 PM	Cadenza Choir
Mar 19,	Sat	03rd Sunday of Lent	3:00 PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Mar 20,	Sun	03rd Sunday of Lent	3:00 PM	Rorate Caeli Choir
Mar 26,	Sat	04th Sunday of Lent	3:00 PM	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
Mar 27,	Sun	04th Sunday of Lent	3:00 PM	The Choir Immortal



# Youth Fellowship Activities



Topic: "Dreams and Decisions"

Speaker: Fr. David Lemewu, MGL

Date: Saturday, 12 February. 2022

Time: 01:00 – 02:30 pm



# Reflection #1 By - Teresa Keisyadella "Sasya" Candra (CCD - North Jakarta)

When we want to fulfil God's and our desire, we have to have a desire, and God will have a desire too. It's different when we say we will do things for God and when we ask God what to do, because sooner or later we will realize what he wants us to do. We should trust in God because he is the one who knows what will happen to us in the future. The Holy Spirit will encourage us and help always when we ask. So if we are ever confused about our decisions and dreams just ask God and the answer should come





# Reflection#2 By - Florencia Erin Tajuni (CCD - North Jakarta)

In this YF session, I learned that in order to get what we truly deserve in our heart, we need to know and understand God's love for us. Even though bad things happen along the way, God has plans for us. We must not give up and we need to keep moving forward towards our goal and eventually we will get there.

To be better at decision making, we should ask someone we trust for advice. Maybe someone with common sense and knows what decision is best for us.

## Reflection#3 By- Rachel Korompis (CCD - North Jakarta)

When facing ourselves with significant decisions, we shouldn't ask God, "Which path do I choose?" Insdead, ask Him, "Help me pick the path that allows me to become closer to you".



"As you find delight in the Lord. He will grant you your heart's desire."

God is setting us for something great. His plan includes the good and the ugly scenarious we need to endure. God may take use on the most bizarre path to lead us to a place of something great. However, we need to acknowledge that He loves us. As children of God, we need to trust Him and go through all good and bad situations in His name.

We need

to know how to surrender to Him. There is a difference between "doing God's will for me" and "doing my will for God". Having the mindset of "God, I'll do great things for you" is different from "God, I'll do things you want me to do". We cannot ask God to lead us to his path and demand certain present conditions. Using the painter's metaphor, we cannot tell a painter to paint a masterpiece but tell him that it has to involve certain shapes. This limits the capabilities of he painter. God knows us more than we know ourselves. He truly knows our heart's desire. Thefore, let God take the steering wheel.



#### Reflection #4 By - Rayshawn Connor Lie (CCD – St. Thersia Group)



Today's talk was about dreams and decisions. How would we know if what we want to be in the future is what God wants for me? God has a plan for us all. He has plans for us to have a role in the future. We will have a desire to do the role God has assigned us. But how do we know if what we pursue is what God wants? We only have to believe in God and listen. Listen to our hearts, and hear the small voice that tells us the right thing. Even though we may have troubles pursuing the dreams that we and God want, it is never the worst things in our lives. God will always help us, through desperate situations, through whatever

we may face through. He will help us make the right decisions in our lives as well.



Topic: "IN THE MIDST OF STORM"

Speaker: Jarvis Goveas

Date: Saturday,12 February. 2022

Time: 01:00 - 02:30 pm



## Reflection #1 By - Gavin Firdaus (CCD – National High School)

This YF session, we learnt about storms, not the normal storms, the storms that we have in our families. Storms can break our family, with arguments, divorce and many more. We can lose our parents or family by the storms that we encounter unless we stay strong. The storms that ruin our families as shared in the

session by Jarvis, the storm of disagreement. The second storm is the storm of sickness and financial trials. The third storm is the storm that we meet in our own lives, an example of this is us moving away or becoming estrange from our family because of the influence of the social media. We learned the:

#### Characteristics of a healthy family

- Starts with a marriage
- Feed their mind and soul with God's word
- Know that prayer is the most powerful weapon
- They have eating healthy habits
- They take care of their bodies because it is God's temple
- They show the fruit of the spirit

#### The ark of faith -

We all have the same belief in God

1. The ark of common goals - Like doing things together





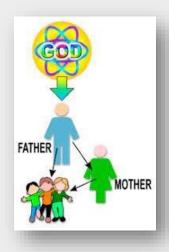
Most families encounter family suffering, but we should always overcome it by following God's will.

## Reflection #2 By - Charline Tandinova (CCD – National High School)

This week's YF was presented by a young man named Jarvis. In the session he talked about his family and showed us a couple of photos regarding many families. There was a picture of a family praying before eating, a family being happy, and a broken family. We were asked to describe each picture with what we think it is. Then he showed us his family, there were multiple pictures of



him and his family on different occasions. He told us that his family may look happy in the pictures but not always happy and there are times even his family goes ups and downs of life.



He talked about his family and how good they were but never even close to perfect. Then we talked about how family is important and how it may not be true now but our parents are always right and that we have to respect them for everything that they have done for us, even the

littlest things can make him cherish his family more. Even if nobody's family is perfect, we should still love and look on the bright side.



# 18<sup>th</sup> Virtual Faith Forum



**Topic: "Parenting- The Digital** 

Generations"

Speaker: Ms. Pauline Fermin

Date: 26 Feb, 2022

Time: 01:00 - 02:30 pm



The 18th Virtual Faith Forum (VFF) on the 26th

February 2022 was hosted by Family Apostolic Ministry (FAM) in collaboration with Family is a Gift (Philippines). FAM embarked on the first of a series of six talks, with the first topic, "Parenting the Digital Generation". The speaker Ms. Pauline Fermin (Family is a Gift) is a professional subject matter expert on the psyche, needs, and social media habits of Gen Y and Gen Z.

The talk highlights the growing challenges faced by parents in a fast-paced media world where gadgets and connectivity, although improving our lives tremendously, has reached the point of us being too dependent on them. This is especially for the Gen Z, where gadgets are the norm, a very basic tool that they use to communicate and socialize in their everyday lives, where connectivity and access to chatting apps and media contents is as basic as breathing the air around us.



However, predicaments arise when these Gen Y and Z children with the use of their gadgets can access unlimited or unfiltered abyss of harmful contents or information that affects their minds, bodies, and souls. Not only does that then reduces the time that parents and their children spend together, but it also weakens the bonds between the parents and child, as the child drifts away into their own impenetrable



world through their gadgets. As such, parents need to know to be able to see the signs and ways of which they can intervene before it is too late.

Ms. Fermin pointed out 3 Key principles that parents should approach the matter with:

- Empathize with their adolescent struggles.
- Have a positive but vigilant attitude on technology.
- Make your relationship with them your top life priority.

What she found was that as addicted as they are to their gadgets, Gen Y and Z children still do value their family. They do listen when their parents are speaking to them although it may seem as though they are

resisting. She went on to create an action plan to help assess and implement the 3 key principles through 4 areas:

- Setting Boundaries
- Parental Relationship
- Character Formation
- Prayer

This leads to a "Deliberate Authoritative Parenting", whereby

the loving relationship between the parents and child is formed through the implementation of rules and discipline in consideration with the child's individual personality. This in turn promotes respect and intimacy between parents and child enabling them to grow in a loving relationship.

Ultimately, Ms. Fermin draws attention to the importance of the role of family. The need of parents to be able to set time aside for family activities is important, this along with an effective way of communicating with the child in a more open and directive way while avoiding judgmental statement. As *Kathy Koch puts* it "Being connected through technology make sense, but the human heart will always long for the deeper connection of person-to-person".

Bro. Richard Wibawa



# **LENTEN REFLECTION - 2022**

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but the human heart will always long for the deeper

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As we enter Lent 2022, the Parish in alignment with the *Archdiocese of Jakarta (KAJ)* invites all parishioners to join 4 weeks of our Parish's Lenten

Reflection in March focusing on:

- 1. The Church's Role in Education (9 March)
- 2. The Church's Role in Health (16 March)
- 3. The Church's Role in Social Security (23 March)
- 4. The Church's Role in Micro Business (30 March)

Through these reflections, we are invited to take real action in helping those around us in need especially in this pandemic where many of our fellowmen are heavily impacted.



Join us online on zoom and take part in our Online Lenten Reflection!

God bless our lenten journey towards repentance.

For more information, please contact Melissa on WA 082260103938 or Parish office on WA 08118039728

# YOUR KIND CONTRIBUTION MATTERS



We thank all the parishioners for your generous contribution during this pandemic period. You have wholeheartedly supported and helped our parish. We urge the parishioners to support our parish generously to continue our parish mission. You can use the QR code below to pay through Gopay, OVO, Dana, Shopee, T-money or direct transfer to the bank account - PGDP Internasional Santo Petrus Canisius, 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 note for Mass intentions kindly add Rp. 22 (twenty-two) on the amount transferred. 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 all your need of information

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# **PARISH INITIATIVES**

# "Training for Trainers" to be the Facilitators to facilitate Marriage Preparation Course

Our Parish in association with RMT – CEFAM Manila, Philippines conducted "Training for Trainers" to be

the Facilitators to facilitate Marriage Preparation Course. This program was conducted online from 9:00 - 16:00 hrs in 5 consecutive Saturdays and both wife and husband attended as couples starting from Day 1: January 8, 2022, Day 2: January 15, 2022, Day 3: January 22, 2022, Day 4: January 29, 2022, to Day 5: February 5, 2022.

The CANA program of the Ruben M. Tanseco, S.J. Center for Family Ministries (RMT-CEFAM) helps couples to go beyond the wedding day. It provides the framework of marriage as a path to wholeness and fullness through its Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program.



This program focuses on the growth of the individual and the couples, to form a family that embodies the fundamental values of love, justice, and peace. This shapes families for others, serving their community and the world. The premarital preparation is a part of



the Catholic Church's teaching on the family as a domestic Church, from which flows the communion of persons and service in the name of love.

08 couples of our parish participated the training to learn on how to conduct marriage preparation course for the young couples or individuals who wish to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. The training is to help the identified couples who will assist our Parish Priest while conducting the marriage

preparation course (MPC). The training gave some fundamentals on the WHAT, WHY, and HOW of a good and happy relationship of couples through the topics of Marriage as Path to Wholeness, Self-esteem, Maturity for Marriage, Communication, The Marriage Expectation Inventory, Authentic Love, Man and

Women Roles, Sensuality, Sexuality and Spirituality, and Marriage as a Social Sacrament.

Couples were trained through simulations and how they have managed their own marriage life. The training was well organized by the CEFAM in support from our FAM Ministry.

Some of the Insights shared by the participants on the overall effectiveness of training: "CEFAM Training for the Trainers on Marriage preparation was a perfect



experience to revisit our relationship as a married couple. The training allowed me and my wife to examine meticulously our roles and relationships as we grow together as an individual and as a couple to form a family founded in love, justice, and peace. It also helps us to grow in the image and likeness of God and inspires us to serve our community."- **Bro Cyril T. Valente** 

"CEFAM trains us to understand issues in marriage: expectations, communication, financial, in laws; allowing us to help couple to understand one another better and prepare for lasting marriage."- Bro. Arifin Soedarsono.

CEFAM Marriage Preparation Program helped me understand my level of maturity and discover ways to enable me to become an effective support to my wife. I learned how to use my strengths and mitigate my weaknesses in building a healthy family culture. Above all, I received an affirmation that husbands and wives are sons and daughters of GOD, and He will not leave us no matter how difficult married life may be.

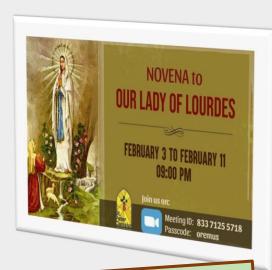
Is it important to know of all these to be an effective facilitator for couples planning to get married and married couples experiencing challenges in their married lives. – **Bro Lito Racho** 

May God bless our efforts to build strong families for our parish and the Nation. We wholeheartedly thank the RMT-CEFAM team and the FAM Ministry of our parish in organizing this initiative.

# **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES In FEB 2022**

# Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes has been intimately connected to the healing physical and spiritual ailments of many. The secret ingredient in this case, is *faith*. As St. Bernadette is said to have remarked, "One must have faith and pray; the water will have no virtue without faith." We celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes together with the World Day of the Sick, we recall Our Lady's bid for us to carry this secret ingredient of faith to others. Let us do our part to reveal this to our family, colleagues, schoolmates, and neighbours through the sharing of the Good News and in the way we live out our lives. We as a parish joined together for nine days to pray the Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes to seek her blessings and to heal the world from the pandemic. Our Lady of Lourdes – Pray for us!



# NOVENA TO ST. GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS FEBRUARY 19 TO FEBRUARY 27 09:00 PM Join us on: Meding ID: 894 2152 5405 Passcode: oremus

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# Novena to St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

Pope Francis described St. Gabriel as "a young man of his time, full of life and enthusiasm, animated by a desire for fullness." He is particularly remembered as a remarkable young man who, at the age of twenty, he threw all aside for God, determined to become a saint. let's pray for all our students and youth that the example of this young Passionist religious, strong in faith, firm in hope and ardent in charity, guide the path of our students and youth to increase their love towards God and towards their neighbour. We as a parish joined together for nine days to pray St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows to guide our parish youth and students to the righteous path. St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows – Pray for us!



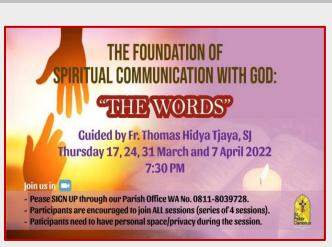












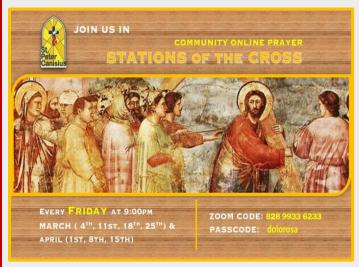


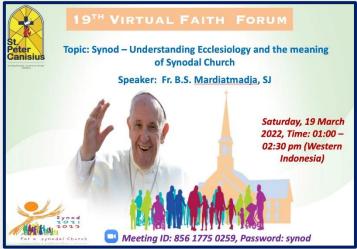














"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." – Pope Francis