



St. Peter Canisius

International Catholic
Parish – Jakarta

MARY, MODEL OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38)

Beloved Sisters and Brothers,

The words of Mary above are familiar to all of us. Having heard the announcement from the angel that she was to bear the son of the Most High, she did nothing but surrender herself to the divine will. She knew she was nothing before the Almighty, only a servant who seeks to carry out the will of her divine Master. Wasn't it the task of a servant, or the duty of a creature before her Creator? “May it be done to me according to your word” summarizes the essence of the proper servant-master relationship. This is arguably the only image that the Gospels paint about Mary.

Shouldn't we be proud of Mary? We should. How many of us find it easy to surrender ourselves to God? Perhaps only very few, if any. This is our common spiritual problem as human beings. To be able to live one's life only to make sure that God's will be done is thus a big thing. Thus we can imagine how difficult it was for Jesus who came directly from the Father to do so. Many of us would rather have a complete control over our lives, including our spiritual lives. contd.....

**GEREJA SANTA THERESIA, MENTENG – English Mass - Saturday's :
03:30pm, and on Sunday's : 03:00pm & 01st Friday : 07:30pm
ST. CANISIUS COLLEGE (Kolese Kanisius) – Sunday's – 06:00 pm
ST. STEPHANUS – CILANDAK – Tuesday's 10:00 am & 01st Friday – 10:00 am**

In our hands a direct and lively relationship with God, which is the essence of spiritual life, often turns into mere rituals and ceremonies that believers simply need to observe.

Of course, it is easy to 'control' our rituals, whereas a direct relationship with God is beyond our reach. Mary showed us how to engage in a direct relationship with God by surrendering her will and life.



This is what spiritual life is all about, beyond any ritual. Here Mary can play an important role as a model of the new evangelization in her submission to God. If the purpose of religion is to remind human beings of their Creator and to guide them to a complete submission, Mary will be a wonderful figure to bring in our tasks of evangelization. Promotion of peace and reconciliation will be carried out by showing the importance of putting down our weapons and emotions as part of that submission. Here we carry out the tasks of evangelization not for the purpose of conversion to our religion, but rather for that of peace and restoration of humanity.

The adoption of this new model may perhaps be difficult not theologically, but rather practically. Traditional piety has assigned other roles to Mary, including that of helper in times of need or even of 'mediator' of grace, which many of us hold dearly. Making her a prime model of submission to God may not gain wide acceptance among us. If we fail to promote this important role, how can we use this model for evangelization? Perhaps we first need to ask ourselves these questions: "How do I think Mary wants to be remembered? What role does she want to play for us?" Asking such questions may help us assign the right role to a person who has shown us so much faith in God. How beautiful it is if every single creature obeys and surrenders to God like Mary! Isn't it what we hope to happen when we pray 'Thy Kingdom come'?

Fr. Thomas Hidya Tjaya, S.J

Activities of September

Adult Lector workshop was conducted by Sis Mimi and Bro Ivan for two days on 07 & 14 September 2019. Post the workshop 17 lectors were installed during the Mass and will be ready to serve the community.



For our children Mini Cantor workshop was held on 28 Sept, 2019 conducted by Bro Paulus.



Additionally, a **Mini Lector** workshop was conducted on 21 Sept, 2019 by Sis. Ilona. The response was overwhelmingly positive as 19 children were present for the workshop.



Two activities for the Youth were conducted by **Youth Fellowship** –

1. “God is Love” by Bro Sandy, youth learned on God’s unconditional love towards his people .
2. Another YF session on Action and Leadership was conducted by Bro Dolphy on “Humility” , youth learned on humility and the take away was “The Real Kindness is when you are ready to give up something that you need yourself the most”.



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

For age group 13 years & above



Bible Study @PERMATA HIJAU on
Friday's 18 & 25 Oct, 2019
From 0630 – 0800 pm

RSVP- ALFA 081294138899, PATRICIA
0816802903 & CHARINA 081806162502



Bible Study

On 12 October, 2019

Time :12.30 to 2.30 pm

At St. Theresia

"The book of Revelation"

R.S.V.P - Bro Pete

08164814868 &

Bro Ivan-0816770942

Infant/Baby Baptism



Regular Baptism for the new born infants will be
initiated every 03rd Sunday of the month

For more details please contact our Parish Secretary
WA – 0811-8039-728
Tuesday to Sunday – 0900 am to 0500pm
(Monday closed)

Rosary Prayers

The month of **October** each
year is dedicated to the
Most Holy **Rosary**, please
Join us for rosary prayers
before Mass at St. Theresia
and Canisius Chapel



Marriage Preparation Course(MPC)

Schedule:

- Sat, 09 Nov 2019
- Fri, 15 Nov 2019, &
- Sat, 16 Nov 2019

Couples must attend all **three** classes

*Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone;
I will make him a helper fit for him."* - [Genesis 2:18](#)



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