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TRANSFORMED COMMUNITIES: "FROM RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION" TO BE "EUCHARISTIC" COMMUNITIES

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INTRODUCTION

Several days ago, when the Indonesian Capital Market crashed around 13%, amidst his birthday lunch, one of director of big companies sighed in low and heavy words: "In this troubling situation, I cannot give guarantee that our business will be able to grow or gain big return, but I promise to do the best that our staffs, employees, and their families won't go hungry". Hearing his deep concern and determination, as his pastor, I was very proud and say to myself: "This is the true Eucharistic person, whom the Archbishop of Jakarta mentioned in his last pastoral letter on the International World Food Day".

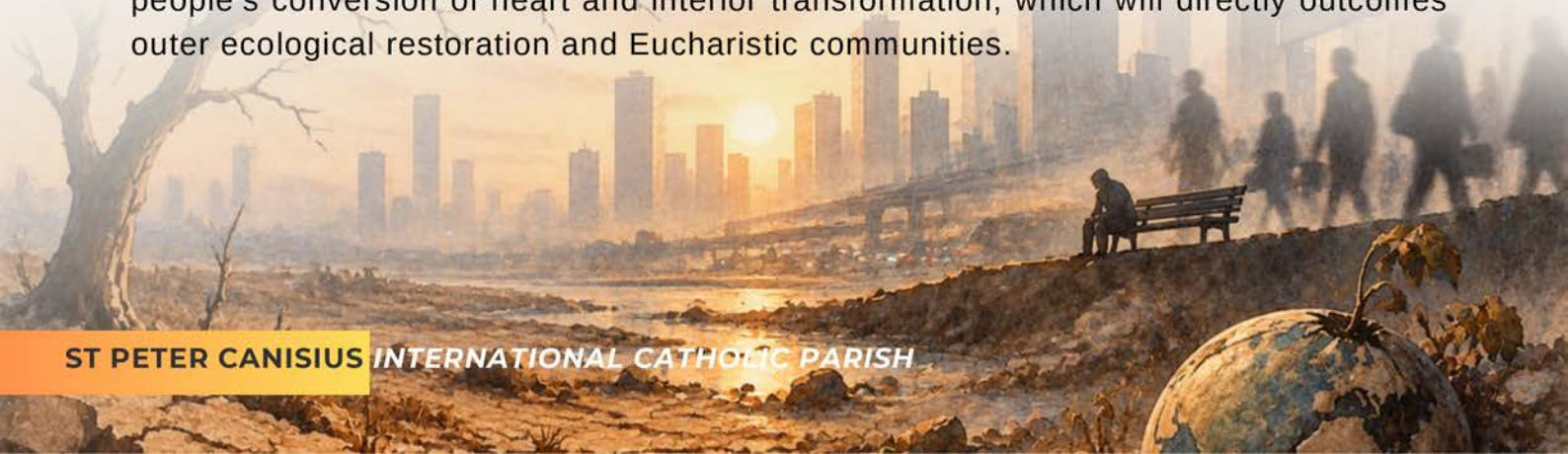
The Catholics, every year on **16 October**, observe **International World Food Day**. This year, Archdiocese of Jakarta has chosen the theme **"*Solidarity for Food that is Healthy, Affordable, and Life-Giving*"**. Through this theme, the archbishop of Jakarta invites us to live out a spirituality of food as a source of life, and to demonstrate social solidarity with those who do not yet have access to healthy food.

He also invites us to humbly acknowledge that peace and well-being are still far from what we hope for. Hunger remains an unresolved problem. **There are millions of people around the world and Indonesia still suffer from hunger, and billion people cannot afford a healthy diet**. This is a consequence of injustice and inequality in access to healthy food. This depressing situation, moreover, is worsened by continually rising food prices, due to inflation and unemployment, climate change, and other factors. The global environmental crisis—characterized by rapid biodiversity loss, climate instability, and resource depletion—has pushed planetary boundaries to their breaking points. People recognise this as ecological crisis, one of lethal and deadly crisis of the contemporary world.

Most modern people and international societies have responded and used frameworks or approach which focus heavily on systemic reforms, carbon taxation, and green technologies. Without having any intention to underestimate these great efforts, the result is still far from success. It is widely recognized not merely as a technical or political failure, but as an external manifestation of an underlying spiritual and ethical crisis. These mechanisms often fail to address the root driver of environmental degradation, namely, the uncontrollable human desire, greed, and indifference. These tools are essential; yet they treat symptoms rather than the cause.

Facing these challenges, the Archbishop of Jakarta reminds that the Catholics should not merely rely on human efforts, but need also to ground our efforts in Christian values, namely, spirituality of food. Food is God's gift for all people. It means that the Catholics must move towards conversion from indifference and consumerism attitudes, to actions for providing healthy, environmentally friendly, affordable, and life-giving food for all.

Pope Francis in his encyclical letter "*Laudato Si*'', requires a profound ecological conversion that is structurally and spiritually anchored in a conversion of the heart. As Pope Francis observed, "***the external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast***". Therefore, the path to healing our common home necessitates a journey inward—a realization that the crisis of the biosphere is fundamentally a crisis of the human heart. This concept underlines an idea that the foundation of ecological life assumes the so-called "deep interconnectedness" of all world elements. This short pastoral message calls for both people's conversion of heart and interior transformation, which will directly outcomes outer ecological restoration and Eucharistic communities.



CONVERSION OF HEART AND ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION ARE INSEPARABLE

Conversion of heart and ecological conversion are inseparable. Their relationship is analogous to that of roots and fruit: conversion of heart serves as the spiritual root within, while ecological conversion is the tangible fruit manifested in how we treat the natural world. First introduced by Pope John Paul II in 2001 and further explored by Pope Francis in the encyclical *Laudato Si*', the connection between these two concepts can be understood through the following points:

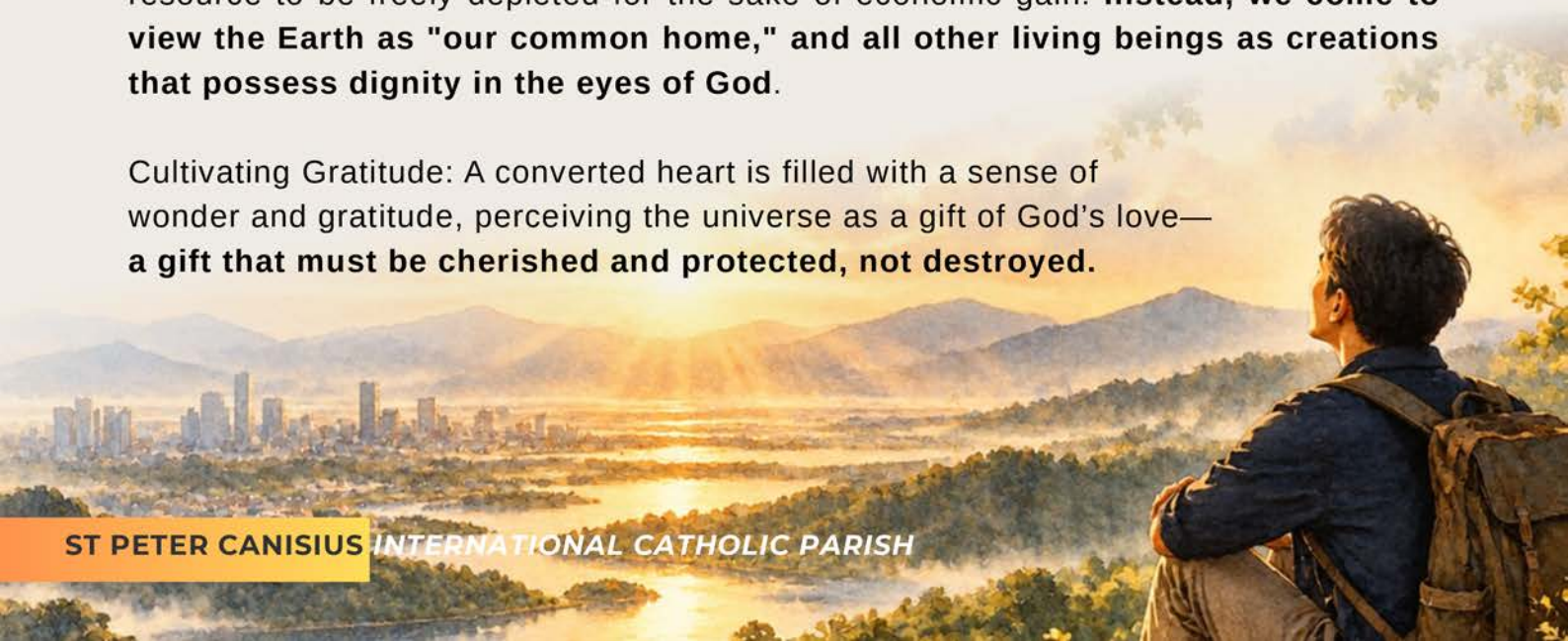
1. The Ecological Crisis Is Rooted in a Crisis of the Heart
Pope Francis asserts that "the deserts of the outside world are growing, because the deserts of the inner world have become so vast." When the human heart becomes disoriented—dominated by greed, egoism, a consumerist lifestyle (a "throwaway culture"), and a desire to dominate—the human relationship with the rest of creation is fractured. Consequently, the degradation of nature cannot be resolved solely through political regulations or technology; rather, **it must begin with the healing of the human heart itself**.

2. The Effect of an Encounter with Christ on One's Environment
In Christian teaching, a conversion of heart (metanoia) occurs when an individual experiences a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. As stated in paragraph 217 of "Laudato Si'", a genuine conversion of heart requires that "the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them."

Caring for God's creation is not an optional add-on or a mere hobby for the faithful; rather, it is an integral and essential component of a life of virtue.

3. A Shift in Perspective (Ecological "Metanoia")
A conversion of heart transforms how we view the world: From Exploitation to a Fraternal Relationship: We cease to see the Earth merely as an object or a natural resource to be freely depleted for the sake of economic gain. **Instead, we come to view the Earth as "our common home," and all other living beings as creations that possess dignity in the eyes of God**.

Cultivating Gratitude: A converted heart is filled with a sense of wonder and gratitude, perceiving the universe as a gift of God's love—**a gift that must be cherished and protected, not destroyed.**



Direct Comparison: The Relationship Between Inner and Outer Structures

Dimension	Conversion of Heart	Ecological Conversion
Primary Focus	Inner transformation, repentance for personal sins, and the restoration of one's relationship with God.	The application of faith through actions to care for the Earth, nature, animals, and the environment.
Root of the Problem	Egoism, pride, and spiritual emptiness.	Environmental degradation, pollution, climate change, and injustices faced by the poor due to the environmental crisis.
Concrete Actions	Prayer, the sacrament of reconciliation (penance), and the purification of inner intentions.	Reducing excessive consumption, rejecting the culture of consumerism, engaging in reforestation, and conserving energy.

Global movements, such as the Laudato Si' Movement, encapsulate ecological conversion as a modern-day manifestation of "metanoia"— a process in which we acknowledge how our **own sins contribute to the socio-ecological crisis**, and subsequently commit, together with our community, to restoring the Earth.

FROM ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION TO EUCHARISTIC PERSONS

In his last pastoral letter of the International World Food Day, the Archbishop of Jakarta mentions two sources of our faith, when we respond to the problem of food, namely "care for creation" and "the Eucharist". ***Every time we celebrate Eucharist, God invites us not only to receive Holy Communion, but gradually to become "Eucharistic persons", who are willing to be broken and shared for the life and salvation of others***.

The question is: In the context of celebrating the International Word Food Day, what conversion of heart, especially our ecological conversion, can do? There are the first-two steps of what we have to do and to cultivate, as the fundamental attitudes of gratitude for God's gift of our daily food.

1. We put clearly in our mind that food is the fruit of the earth and of the labour of many people involved in providing it. In this way, we grow in the spirit of caring for food, for loving one another, and for stewarding creation, by only choosing healthy food, eating only what we need, not throwing away leftovers, and growing in compassion for our sisters and brothers who still go hungry.

2. We cultivate good daily habit, namely, having common family meal, and making its prayer becomes an expression of family's "Eucharist" of thanks giving and of commitment to self-sacrifice, mutual service, and sharing the food of life.

EPILOG

Let us ask God to bless our Church, our Catholic Communities will become communities which are animated by the spirit of the Eucharist in daily life, especially for providing food for all.



We want to transform our communities from "Merely receiving holy communion communities" to be "Eucharistic communities". We want to ensure that no food or drink, or at least as little as possible, is left over at any gathering.

We intently will continue to develop education on sustainable food, to participate in establishing school food gardens, organising food savings drives, to share food with the hungry, to give children live-in experiences with farming families, and to pursue other creative initiatives for providing food for all.

November: The month of Poor Souls in Purgatory

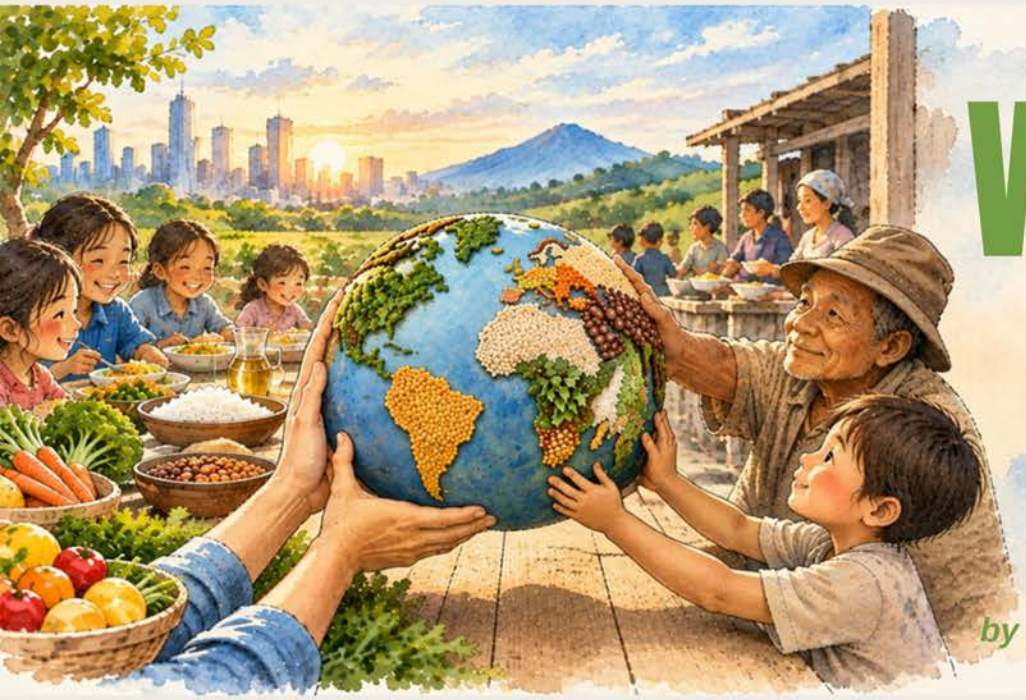


Let us remember our beloved departed and to pray for the Souls in Purgatory, who are being purified in preparation for the fullness of God's heavenly glory.

Through our prayers, the offering of the Holy Mass, and acts of charity, we entrust them to the infinite mercy and love of God.

Let us remember them not only with sorrow, but with hope — trusting that, in Christ, death is not the end, and that God's love is stronger than death.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



World Food *day*

by Fr. Klaus Heinrich Raditio S.J

According to the direction of the Archdiocese of Jakarta, this Sunday (18th October) we commemorate World Food Day, with the theme ***"Solidarity for Food that is Healthy, Affordable, and Life-Giving."***

For this occasion, ***Archbishop Ignatius Cardinal Suharyo*** *has issued a pastoral letter, which is intended to replace the homily at Mass on this 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. I will therefore summarize the Archbishop's pastoral letter and highlight five key messages that we should take seriously. I encourage you to read the full pastoral letter online. These are the five key messages:*

First Solidarity is Our Social Responsibility

Today's Gospel reminds us that we have obligations both to God and to the authorities. But our responsibility to the authorities is not merely about obeying rules. It is also about caring for the society in which we live, because one of the government's main responsibilities is to serve the people.





According to the Archbishop, our solidarity with society is a concrete expression of our obedience to God. In the second reading, St Paul expresses his gratitude for the community in Thessalonica, which perseveres in work, faith, and solidarity. This reminds us that **a healthy Christian community is not simply a community that prays together. It is also a community that works together, lives its faith, and cares for one another**.

Second We Cannot Close Our Eyes to the Problem of Hunger and Malnutrition

According to the statistics cited in the Archbishop's letter, **23 million Indonesians cannot meet their daily nutritional needs**, while **20% of children under five suffer from stunting.**

Indonesia faces three major nutritional challenges: *undernutrition, overnutrition, and micronutrient deficiency*, which means a lack of essential vitamins and minerals.

Think about this contradiction: **while some people have more food than they need, others do not have enough to meet their basic nutritional needs**. **While some of us can choose what we want to eat, others struggle to put food on the table**.



This is a huge gap, and it calls for our solidarity. The situation is made worse by economic difficulties. Indonesia's annual food inflation reached 4% in mid-2026, while the unemployment rate across DKI Jakarta, Tangerang, and Bekasi was recorded at 6.4% in September 2026, according to Statistics Indonesia (BPS). **Hunger is not simply a problem for those who experience it. It is a challenge to all of us as a society and as a Christian community.**

Third Solidarity Begins With Gratitude for What We Have

The Archbishop invites us to practise our faith in the way we understand and consume food. *Food is a blessing from God. Having food on our table is not merely the result of our own ability to earn money or buy groceries*.

Think about the journey of the food we eat. It comes from the soil and water of Mother Earth, and it depends on the hard work of farmers, fishermen, and many other people. How often do we pause to appreciate their work before we begin eating?

In the Our Father, we pray, **"Give us this day our daily bread".** This prayer reminds us to be grateful for what God provides each day. **Gratitude also means being content with what we have**. A grateful person does not constantly crave more than necessary, nor do they carelessly throw food away. When we appreciate the food on our table, we become more aware of those whose tables are empty.

On this note, I personally want to express my anger and frustration over the forest fires in several regions of Indonesia, particularly Kalimantan and Sumatra. These fires not only expose the government's incompetence but also reveal the **greed** of large corporations that profit from this man-made disaster. I urge all of you to be aware of this reality and educate yourselves about the issue.

Fourth the Eucharist Calls us to Solidarity

As the Archdiocese of Jakarta approaches 2027, a year dedicated to the Eucharist, we are invited to reflect more deeply on the connection between the Eucharist and our responsibility toward others.



At every Eucharist, the bread and wine, the work of human hands, are consecrated and become spiritual nourishment for our souls. But here is something we should seriously reflect on: **how can we receive the consecrated bread at the altar and remain indifferent to our brothers and sisters who are starving?**

Having received this gift of the Eucharist, we are called to extend that same solidarity to others. The Eucharist should move us beyond the church doors and inspire us to do something meaningful to alleviate the hunger of our brothers and sisters.

Fifth Solidarity Must Be Translated Into Concrete Action

The Archbishop does not want solidarity to remain merely a beautiful word. He proposes practical steps to ensure that everyone has access to good-quality food.

One way is to build networks between the faithful and local farmers, helping people access good-quality food at fair prices while supporting sustainable farming. Another way is to engage the services of Micro and Small Enterprises (UMK) and the Small Business Guidance Centre (SABUK) to provide locally produced and environmentally friendly food and drink. These initiatives remind us that **solidarity does not always require grand gestures. It can begin with the way we buy food, the people we support, the food we consume, and the food we choose not to waste**.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Archbishop concludes his pastoral letter by conveying his blessings and good wishes to you and your families, encouraging you to bear witness to love and solidarity. **As we celebrate World Food Day, let us remember that food is more than something that satisfies our hunger**. It is a gift from God, the fruit of human labour, and an opportunity for us to care for one another and our mother Earth. **May the bread we share at the Eucharist inspire us to ensure that our brothers and sisters are not forgotten when we sit at our own tables.**

God bless you!

2026 ANNUAL EMHC WORKSHOP:
SERVING CHRIST AT THE ALTAR AND IN LIFE

by Ivan Abraham

The 2026 Annual Workshop for the **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)** of our parish was conducted in two sessions, on **19 September and 3 October 2026**. The workshop brought together both existing EMHCs and new candidates for a time of spiritual formation, liturgical orientation and practical preparation for this important ministry.

The formation emphasized that being an EMHC is not simply a matter of knowing the procedures for distributing Holy Communion. **It is a ministry that requires faith, reverence, humility, discipline and, above all, a life that reflects Christ**. Participants were invited to deepen their understanding of the *Trinitarian God, the sacraments and the meaning and order of the Holy Mass*. They reflected on the different parts of the Mass, from the Introductory Rites and Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, Holy Communion and the Concluding Rite, and how each part forms one unified act of worship. The Eucharist was presented not merely as a ritual or remembrance, but as the living presence of Christ and the source and summit of Christian life.

The second workshop on 3 October featured **Mrs. Maria Fransisca Dinar Ari Wijayanti**, Vice Chair of the Liturgical Committee of the Archdiocese of Jakarta, accompanied by **Mr. Antonius Nugroho**. Her formation provided a comprehensive orientation on the *theological, liturgical* and *canonical foundations* of the ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, drawing on the Church's liturgical and magisterial teachings.



Participants were reminded that EMHCs exercise a genuine liturgical ministry, while also recognizing that the ministry is extraordinary in nature. The ministry is rooted in the common priesthood of the faithful and remains distinct from the ministerial priesthood received through Holy Orders. The formation also addressed situations that may be encountered while serving, including the proper handling of the Sacred Species, appropriate conduct in the sanctuary, and the ministry of bringing Holy Communion to the sick and homebound.



Fr. Klaus Raditio, SJ, our Asst Parish Priest then led the participants into a deeper reflection on the spiritual meaning of their ministry through his presentation, **"The Eucharist: The Real Presence that Transforms Our Lives".** His central message was expressed simply and profoundly: **"God gives. We receive. We become".**

He reminded the participants that the Eucharist is not only the heart of the Church's liturgical life but is meant to transform the lives of those who receive it. The fruits of the Eucharist should be seen in participation in the life of Christ, in communal and social life, and ultimately in becoming witnesses of Christ. This became one of the strongest messages of the entire formation: **an EMHC must not only serve Christ at the altar, but must strive to live a Christ-like life outside the altar as well**. The minister is called to become an extended arm of Christ—bringing His presence, compassion, humility and love to others. The goal is not simply to distribute Communion correctly, but to allow the person receiving Communion to experience, through the minister's faith and manner of service, something of the love of Christ whom they receive.





The workshop concluded with the renewal and installation of 23 EMHCs, presided over by **Fr. Agung Wijayanto, SJ**, Parish Priest. The rite marked both a renewal of commitment for those continuing their ministry and a new beginning for those entrusted with this service.



SERVING AT THE ALTAR WITH RENEWED HEARTS

Workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

by Richard Sam Bera

Those who bring Holy Communion to the faithful carry a sacred trust. In recent weeks, our parish took time to reflect on that trust through a two-day workshop for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), held on September 19 and October 3, 2026, at the Ruang Pertemuan of the St. Theresia parish.

The workshop had two purposes. For our new ministers, it was a time of formation and preparation, an opportunity to understand the weight and beauty of the ministry they are about to undertake. For those returning, it was a time of renewal: to refresh our hearts, deepen our faith, and rediscover the privilege and responsibility of serving the Lord at His altar. Over time, even the most sacred routines can become familiar, and moments like this help us return to the wonder at the heart of our service.



"Taste and see that the Lord is good." (Psalm 34:8)

EMHC ministers are called to serve with humility, reverence, love, and joy. Above all, they are asked to remember that **it is Christ whom they serve and encounter in every Eucharist**. Each time a minister places the Body of Christ in the hands of a parishioner, or brings Communion to the sick and homebound, it is an act of love, and an encounter with the Lord Himself.

The sessions were led by **Fr. Klaus Raditio, SJ**, Asst Parish Priest and **Sis Maria Fransisca Dinar AW**, Deputy Head of the Liturgical Commission of the Archdiocese of Jakarta. They were joined by facilitators from our own parish: **Sis Mimi Loh, Bro Ivan Abraham,** and **Sis Melissa Abineno**. We are deeply grateful to all of them for generously sharing their time, knowledge, and faith with our community.

The in-person workshop went well, with 21 returning EMHC ministers and 2 new ministers taking part. They were blessed by our Parish Priest, **Fr. Agung Widjayanto, SJ**. It was a moving moment for the whole congregation, a visible sign that this *service belongs not only to those who carry it out, but to the entire parish family.*

As our ministers return to the altar, let us keep them in our prayers, that they may serve with ever-deepening love for the Eucharist and for the people they serve. And to all parishioners who feel called to this ministry, we warmly invite you to speak with our parish office about joining us in the future.

The Official Inauguration of the Legion of Mary: Praesidium of Our Lady of All Nations

by Andy Silalahi



Sunday, **October 18, 2026**, marked a blessed milestone for the Catholic community in Jakarta as our parish officially inaugurated and installed its very first Legion of Mary praesidium: The Praesidium of Our Lady of All Nations, along with its newly installed officers.

A Journey of Faith: From Inception to Official Inauguration

The seeds of this vibrant new ministry were planted on May 20, 2026. During the inaugural gathering, the Parish Spiritual Director, **Fr Agung Wijayanto, SJ**, placed the praesidium under the maternal patronage of **Our Lady of All Nations**. The title reflects the parish's diverse, multicultural identity, inviting parishioners from across the globe to unite in prayer and apostolic service, living out the enduring Marian motto: ***Ad Jesum per Mariam (To Jesus through Mary)***.

Under the nurturing care of the **Jakarta Pusat 2 Curia, Maria Ratu Rosari**, the praesidium has flourished rapidly. Today, it stands strong with 14 active members and 25 auxiliary (praying) members. In just five months leading up to the inauguration, the praesidium faithfully conducted 23 weekly meetings held every Wednesday at 7:00 PM at Ruang Rapat, Gereja Santa Theresia, Menteng.

True to the spirit of the Legion of Mary, members of the Praesidium of Our Lady of All Nations have translated prayer into compassionate action across Jakarta:

- **Pastoral & Home Visitations**: Bringing Christ's comforting presence to the elderly, the sick, persons with disabilities, and urban refugees.
- **Prison Ministry**: Visiting correctional facilities to offer hope, prayers, and human dignity to the incarcerated.
- **Devotional Leadership**: Leading parish Rosaries, organizing spiritual pilgrimages, and conducting continuous "chain Rosaries" offered up for peace and healing among the nations.

The inauguration ceremony overflowed with joy, prayer, and profound solidarity.

Pioneering Ministry:

The official establishment of the 1st Praesidium dedicated to serving the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish community.

Installation of Officers (Perwira)

Four dedicated officers were officially installed to guide the spiritual journey and apostolic activities of the praesidium:

- Brother **Andi** (President)
- Brother **Pete** (Vice President)
- Sister **Melissa** (Secretary)
- Sister **Anna** (Treasure)



Fraternal Solidarity

More than 50 officers of the Curia Jakarta 2 from more than 10 praesidia across Jakarta gathered in faithful communion, joined by **Fr. Benny Beatus Wetty SJ**, Spiritual Director of Curia Jakarta Pusat II and Assist Spiritual Director **Sr. Indira Krisanti OSU**, and The President of Curia Jakarta 2 **Brother Basuki Widjaja** and its other officers.

A Thriving Movement

The gathering bore witness to the vast Marian army across the region. Under the Jakarta Senatus Bejana Rohani, there are currently over 22,357 members across 213 praesidia.

"May this new praesidium grow ever deeper in prayer, fellowship, and faithful apostolic work that through Mother Mary, more souls may come to encounter the boundless l ove of Christ."



Join the Legion of Mary

- Weekly Meetings: Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM
- Venue: Ruang Rapat, Gereja Santa Theresia, Menteng.
- Inquiries & Membership: Bro Andi (WA 08118012827).

Maria Ave!





GREATER IS HE WHO IS IN US

YAPPIES Reflection on Kuasa Gelap 2 / Dominion of Darkness: Rephaim

by Klaudias Vieri



On Friday, **9 October 2026**, about thirty members of the Young Adult Professionals community (YAPPIES) gathered at the IMAX theatre in Agora Mall to watch **Kuasa Gelap 2**, widely regarded as Indonesia's first Catholic horror movie. What began as a shared outing became, for many of us, a genuine encounter with the faith we profess.

Before the screening, we met to prepare our hearts and minds. We talked about the movie's background and about the occult and mystical phenomena so often heard of in Indonesia. We also reflected on how the Church has accompanied the faithful through such experiences, especially cases of possession. The Church takes the reality of evil seriously, without fear and without fascination. She teaches that the **"Evil One" is a real, created, fallen being, yet one already defeated by Christ on the Cross**.

As St. Paul reminds us, our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the spiritual forces of evil *(Eph 6:12)*. Against these forces the Church offers her own means of protection: prayer, scriptures, the sacraments, and in grave cases, the rite of exorcism, which The Church exercises in the name of Jesus Christ.

The purpose of our evening was to support the proclamation of the Catholic faith through movie. The story shows with clarity that **the power of God is infinitely greater than the power of darkness**. As ***St. John writes, "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (1 Jn 4:4).***

The film also invites us to remain close to Jesus through the sacraments and prayer, so that our lives may bear fruit for others and not be exploited by the "Evil One."

Seeing a work by Catholic filmmakers on the cinema screen, rich in the values of our faith and drawn from real cases of the occult in Indonesia, was a rare gift. We were taken through the movie's many turns, and the commitment of every actor and actress to their role drew us deeper into the story. Watching it together with brothers and sisters in faith made it more than entertainment. It felt like communion in the true sense: *a shared experience of the faith in the company of the Body of Christ.*
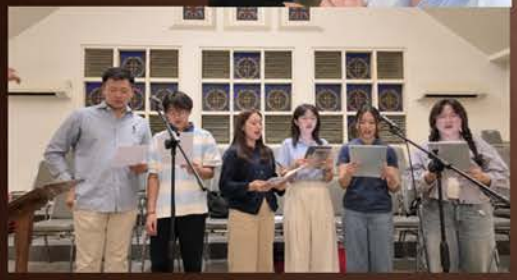


The most moving moment came at the end. The family at the heart of the story returns to the Church together, attends Holy Mass, and receives the Blessed Sacrament. The scene recalled the Church's teaching that **the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life"** (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1324*), and that the **Christian family is a "domestic church"** (*CCC 1655–1657*), a small community of faith, prayer, and love. We were reminded of the words of Our Lord in *Mark 8:36*: **"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"** Nothing in this world can replace a life that remains in Christ. How beautiful is a family built on faith in Jesus within the Catholic Church.



We left the cinema with a simple but searching lesson: to **rely on God alone in all things**, and to remain steadfast in prayer, in the Sacred Scriptures, and in the Sacraments. These are not optional extras of the spiritual life but the ordinary means by which Christ strengthens us, guards us, and makes us fruitful for others.

ST PETER CANISIUS YOUTH CHOIR





Join US

The youth mass was an incredible opportunity given for us to serve as part of the newly continued **St Peter Canisius Youth Choir (SPCYC)**.

Though our numbers are few, we did our best to commit to practices so that we can sing our best for the congregation.

It was an honour for us to sing our English version of the Indonesian hymn **"Semua Kembang Bernyanyi"**, which is common in every local mass. We hope to grow in numbers as we show the parish what we can do and continue to consistently sing for God's glory as youths in our beloved parish.

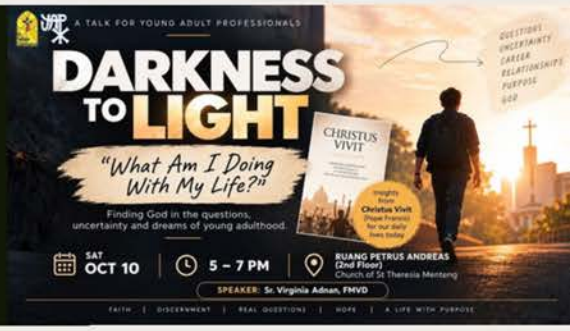
~ Patrick Elang

DARKNESS TO LIGHT

LEARNING TO TRUST GOD'S JOURNEY

A Personal Reflection on Sr. Virginia's Sharing

by David Wongso



*Before attending **Sr. Virginia**'s sharing, I often found myself comparing my life with those of my peers. Sometimes, I felt that what I had achieved so far was not enough compared to what others my age had accomplished. Some already had their own businesses, others were working overseas, and some had started their own families.*

Seeing their progress often made me wonder whether I was doing enough with my life. I would frequently think about the future, asking myself where I should be in the next few years, what I should have achieved, and whether I was moving forward fast enough. Without realizing it, I was putting pressure on myself to have everything figured out.



Through Sr. Virginia's sharing, I was reminded that I do not need to see the entire road ahead of me. I only need to take the next small step and trust that God is walking with me.

Life is full of uncertainties, and there are times when we do not know what lies ahead. However, uncertainty does not mean that God has abandoned us. He is present in our struggles, our doubts, and even in the moments when we feel lost or unsure of ourselves. God does not always give us all the answers at once, but He invites us to trust Him and continue moving forward, one step at a time.

One of the most meaningful reminders from Sr. Virginia's sharing was these three truths: **God loves you, Christ saves you, and Christ is alive.** These words have become a source of encouragement for me, especially when I face difficulties or feel discouraged by my circumstances.

Whenever I feel down, struggle with personal problems, or find myself questioning my journey, I want to remember that God is always there. Even in my weakest moments, He does not abandon me. Instead, those moments can become opportunities for me to grow, learn, and draw closer to Him. I am learning to bring my struggles to God in prayer and to trust that He is continually working in me, shaping me into a better person.

I have also come to realize that sometimes, what holds me back is not necessarily my circumstances, but **my own fears**, **expectations, and constant comparisons with others**. I may become so focused on what I have not achieved that I forget to appreciate the blessings God has already given me. I may spend so much time worrying about the future that I forget to recognize His presence in my life today.

Another important lesson I took away from the sharing was the importance of making time for spiritual reflection. I need to pause from my daily routines and take an honest look at my life. Am I growing in my relationship with God? Have I been seeking His guidance in the decisions I make? Am I using the gifts He has given me to become a blessing to others? And perhaps most importantly, what is holding me back from moving forward, and what do I need to surrender to God?

These are questions I want to continue reflecting on, because **I believe that growing in faith is not simply about asking God to make our lives better. It is also about allowing Him to transform our hearts, guide our decisions, and help us become the people He calls us to be.**

I am learning that everyone's journey is different, and we do not all have to reach the same milestones at the same time. Someone else's success does not mean that I am failing, just as my own struggles do not mean that God has forgotten me. Instead of constantly asking myself why I am not where others are, I want to learn to ask God what He is inviting me to do with the life, opportunities, and gifts I have today.

Moving forward, I hope to be more patient with myself, more attentive to God's presence, and more willing to take small steps with faith and courage. I want to spend less time worrying about what I have yet to achieve and more time becoming the person God is calling me to be.

Ultimately, Sr. Virginia's sharing reminded me that I do not have to figure everything out on my own. God loves me, Christ has saved me, and Christ is alive and present in my life. Even when the road ahead is unclear, I can keep moving forward with hope, knowing that I am never truly walking alone.

"I may not know the whole road ahead, but I trust that God is walking with me, one step at a time". ☙





YF

10th October 2026

What is Your Artsy Experience?

In the art jam, I found it very interesting because we were put in a room with 'strangers' so I spoke with people and made new friends. Personally, when I do art, I let my guard down, so the conversations were more real. I also drew multiple flowers using many different colorful markers which challenged me to shade using my fingers rather than the usual paint and brush. Drawing flowers can helped me grow closer to God by turning creative expression into a form of mindful worship, reflection, and gratitude.

~ **Hailey Lie**, ACSJ, 14 yo



I joined an Art Jam organized by Youth Fellowship, where we created beautiful artwork using flower stencils and bright, vibrant colors. It was a fun experience because I got to express my creativity and try something different. We used stencils to draw flowers and added different colors to make our artwork look beautiful and unique. Besides making art, I also had the opportunity to meet new people and get to know them. It was nice to spend time with others who shared the same activity and enjoy the experience together. I realized that activities like this are not only about creating something beautiful but also about building connections and making new friends. Overall, I really enjoyed participating in the Art Jam because it allowed me to explore my artistic side while interacting with new people. It was a memorable experience with amazing cake

~ **Mikella Alena**, ACSJ, 16 yo







I found art jam fun because I was with my friends, drawing and talking together. It allowed me to connect with God by drawing my favorite flowers with my good friends. I enjoyed the effort the parish put into this event and how it was arranged. It helped me enjoy the simple things in life such as having a normal conversation with someone you know or cherishing moments that won't ever come again.

~ **Danica Petronella Wardjojo**, ACSJ, 13 yo

The Art Jam really helped me think of what I am doing in my life right now. The experience reminds me of how we need some time to relieve ourselves from academic pressure and have a space of creativity from time to time. It heavily inspired me to add creativity into my life and spread joy and kindness with people. Not only did it inspire me to spread joy and kindness to other people, but it also really helped me think of the people around me and how we can bring positive emotions.

~ **Mischa Alanis Kauripan,** ACSJ, 14 yo





Strengthening Our Spanish-Speaking Catholic Community



Fr. Agung and **Fr. Klaus** warmly welcomed **Mrs. Claudia Parra** & **Mr. German Riveros**, from Columbia, representatives of the Spanish-speaking Catholic community to our parish office for a friendly gathering and introduction.

The meeting provided an opportunity to get to know one another, strengthen connections, and share updates about the community's Spanish Mass schedule. Since August, Spanish Masses have been celebrated at **St. Stefanus Church, Cilandak**, on the **1st, 3rd**, and **5th Sundays of each month.**

May this growing connection continue to strengthen our parish community, fostering unity and fellowship among Catholics from different cultures and backgrounds.

ROSARY TALK







As one of the MCs of the **Rosary Talk** with **Fr. Klaus SJ**, I found that this new perspective taken on the YF meetings was one that was very pleasant to experience, going from an observer to an MC.

After my part, which was giving the background and history of the Rosary, Fr. Klaus and Bro Elang took over. Apart from Fr. Klaus's in-depth explanation of the rosary, I found that the participants were also rather attentive and willing to participate in the activities and discussions, which warmed my heart.

I believe wholeheartedly that after having worked bilaterally with Fr. Klaus, we delivered an effective and educational session to the attendees about the most Holy Rosary.

~ ***Velko Gospodinov***

MASS Schedule

NOVEMBER

Solemnity of All Saints

SUN 01 NOV	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	The Choir Immortal LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	CFJ

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

SAT 07 NOV	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
SUN 08 NOV	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Elfacs Choir LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	Genesis Choir

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

SAT 14 NOV	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
SUN 15 NOV	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Elfacs Choir LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	Youth Choir

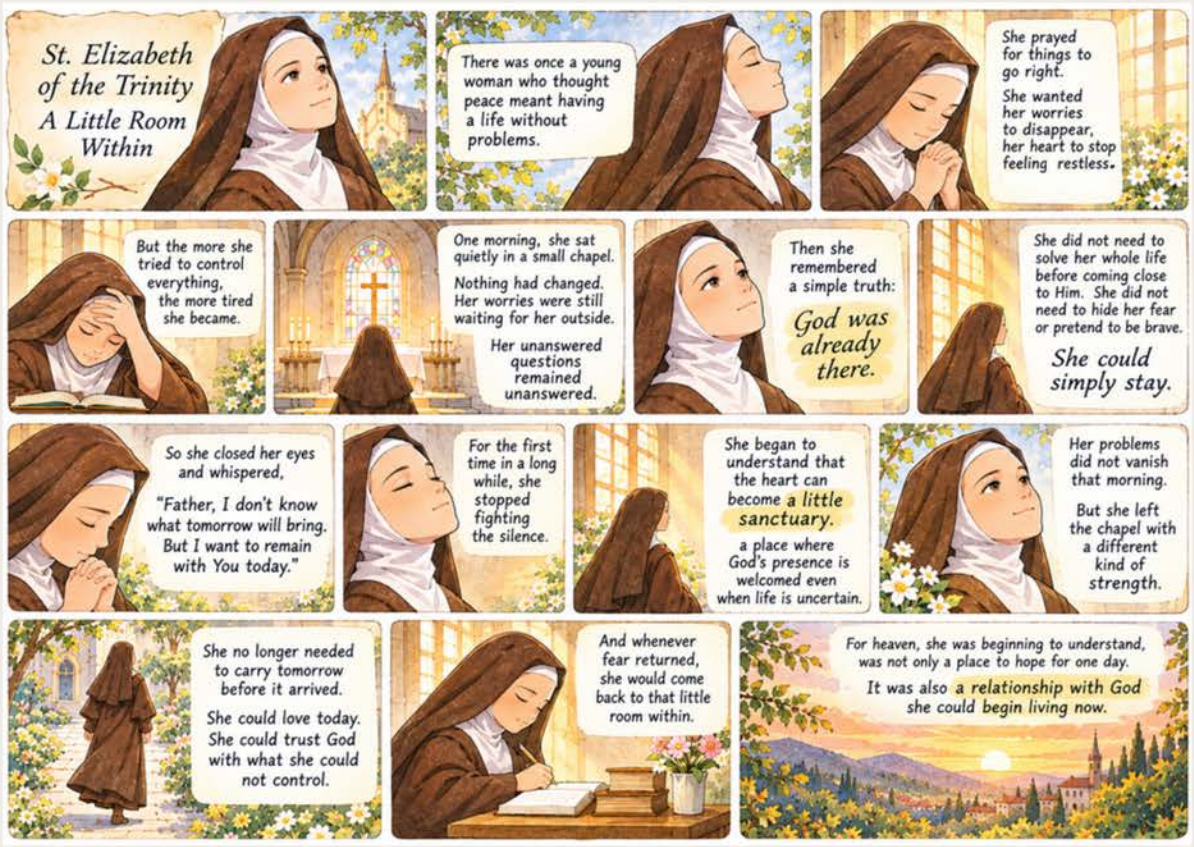
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SAT 21 NOV	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
SUN 22 NOV	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	The Choir Immortal LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	Genesis Choir

1st Sunday Advent

SAT 28 NOV	03:30 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Eucharistic Sounds Choir
SUN 29 NOV	03:00 pm	St. Theresia, Menteng	Elfacs Choir LIVE STREAMING
	06:00 pm	Canisius Chapel, Menteng	Genesis Choir

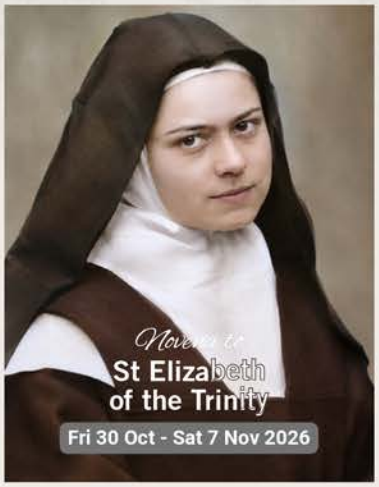
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ONLINE PRAYER

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

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

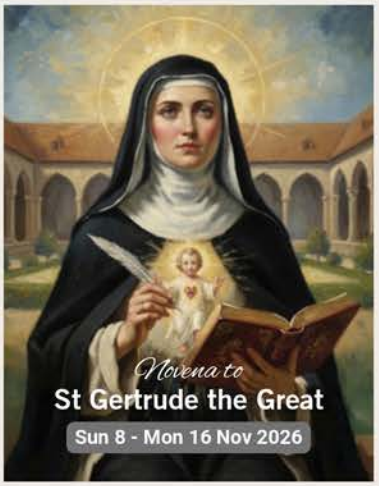


St Elizabeth of the Trinity

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity is one of those saints whose life reminds us that we don't have to do extraordinary things to become close to God. We can discover Him in the quiet depths of our hearts.

She was a French Carmelite nun who deeply loved the Holy Trinity — God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Her spirituality centered on a beautiful truth: even amid suffering, noise, and uncertainty, we can make our hearts a dwelling place for God.

She was canonized by Pope Francis on October 16, 2016. Her feast day is November 8.



St. Gertrude the Great

Born in Germany in 1256, Gertrude entered the monastery of Helfta at just five years old. She grew up loving books, learning, and music, but it was through prayer that she discovered her deepest calling: to love Jesus with her whole heart. She became a Benedictine nun whose spirituality was deeply rooted in the mercy and love of Jesus, especially the love symbolized by His Sacred Heart.

Gertrude became a mystic and spiritual writer, sharing her experiences through works such as **The Herald of Divine Love**. She also had a special devotion to the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**, remembering them in her prayers and entrusting them to God's mercy. Throughout her life, she encouraged others to discover the boundless love of Christ.

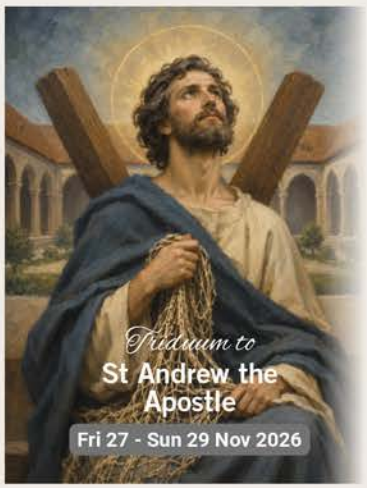
St. Gertrude reminds us that a heart filled with God's love will never stop praying, caring, and loving others—even beyond this life. ❤️



The Miraculous Medal

In 1830, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Labouré in Paris, asking her to have a medal made according to her vision. Mary promised special graces to those who wear it with faith and devotion. Around the medal were the words: *"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."*

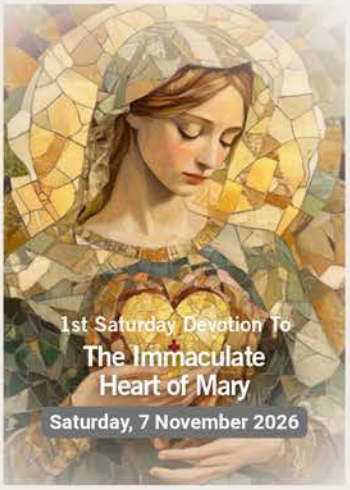
The reverse side features a cross, the letter M, twelve stars, and two hearts representing Jesus and Mary. The Miraculous Medal is a reminder of Mary's loving intercession and an invitation to trust in God's grace and draw closer to Jesus.



St Andrew

St. Andrew was a fisherman from Galilee and the brother of St. Peter. He was a disciple of John the Baptist. One day, after hearing John speak of Jesus as the Lamb of God, Andrew followed Him and became one of His first disciples. Filled with excitement, he went to find his brother Peter and brought him to meet Jesus. Andrew also played a part in the miracle of the five loaves and two fish, showing Jesus a boy whose small offering would feed thousands.

After Pentecost, Andrew travelled to many lands to preach the Gospel. According to Christian tradition, he was martyred in Patras, Greece, on an X-shaped cross. Tradition says he considered himself unworthy to die on the same kind of cross as Jesus and accepted this different form of crucifixion. Today, it is known as St. Andrew's Cross, a symbol of his faith and humility.





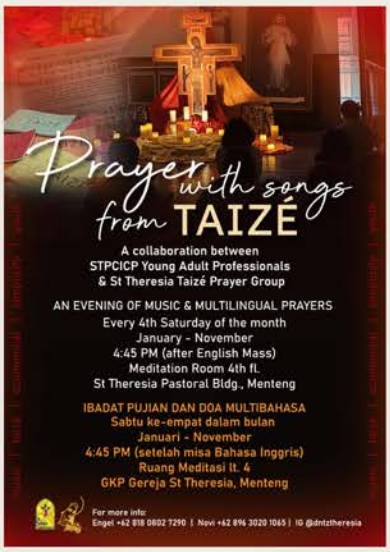
Let's pray together as a family

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UPCOMING EVENTS





PRAYER WITH SONGS FROM TAIZE

Saturday, 28th October 2026

04:45 pm (after English Mass)

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



YOUTH RETREAT
With Fr. Klaus Heinrich Raditio, SJ &
Fr. Paulus Yohanes Krisostomum, CSE

4-6 December 2026 (Fri-Sun)
Lembah Karmel, Cikanyere
Ages 13-18

Registration:
Scan the barcode (**closed 30th November 2026**)

For Info:
Sis Alfa (0812-9413 8899)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT







LET'S GROW IN FAITH AND SERVE!

Ministries of the sections throughout our Parish Structure:

Liturgia:
- Altar Servers
- Choir /Youth Choir
- EMHC – Extraordinary Ministries of Holy Communion
- Lectors/Youth Lectors
- Usher

Kerygma:
- ABC – Ark Bibile Club (Sunday School age 4 to 8 years)
- CCD – Children Catechesis for First Holy Communion & Confirmation
- RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (Adult Catechesis)
- CYA – Confirmation Class for Young Adult

Bible Apostolate:
- Faith Forum – Bible Study & Beyond
- Komsos/Media – Spreading the Good News through Media

Koinonia:
- FAM – Family Ministry
- YF – Youth Fellowship (Youth ministry for teenagers)
- YAPro – Young Adult Professionals
- CMM – Chosen Men's Ministry

Diakonia:
- WEX – Social Section (PSE)

Martyria:
- International Relationship & Fellowship
- SOW – Environmental Section (coming soon)

Communities/Group within our Parish are:
- CFC – Couples For Christ
- LM - Legion of Mary
- SMPG – Santa Monica Prayer Group
- LOJF EF
- Online Prayer Community

Come join us!

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

OFFERING

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

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

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



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

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Bank Danamon,
Account No. 664 177 7773,
Branch: Usman Harun, Jakarta.

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

We are here to respond should you need any information
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