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The
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Luke 14:21



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(Acts 20:35)



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Editorial

Dear Youth,

MERRY CHRISTMAS – HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christ is born, the mystery of Christmas. We celebrate and are "merry" yet let us also be very thankful for this greatest gift of all. **Jesus was born in poverty and lowliness.** Yet today He makes us very rich. Strong and powerful He is still today active in the weak human flesh. Let us always remember that, even though these days are filled with celebration.

As we approach Year End many thoughts go through our mind and many emotions are in our soul. We started the Year with a resolution WITH LOVE TO THE WORK. That is how the Chief Apostle put it.. How much have we accomplished? It is a question we all want to ask ourselves. But in everything we did accomplish we want to say: To God be the glory!

"**Labor in Love**" was the New Year's message 2014. The ICC moto "**The Kingdom of God is in you**" has accompanied us also for the whole year. Then on Pentecost came "**it is more blessed to give than to receive**". For 2015, our Chief Apostle brings us the moto "**JOY IN CHRIST**". Our designer, Dc. Keefe in Jakarta,(also a Youth) has created a nice badge with this message.



May the year ahead be filled with Joy!

Joy is the source of strength. Joy is energy. Where there is joy, no tiredness and no boredom comes up. When congregations are motivated by joy, there is LABOR IN LOVE because all are at work with love. Then giving becomes more blessed than receiving, and that is when THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIVES in us.

May our joy in salvation, our joy in fellowship, our joy in serving, and our joy in daily life increase this year as we prepare for the return of the Lord!

DISTRICT NEWS

December 13th 2015 Chief Apostle Visit in Makati

Last Saturday, December 13, 2015, everyone experienced happiness and Joy in their hearts as our Chief Apostle Jean Luc Schneider visited us. Being part of the congregation during that service was much appreciated specially the message of Chief Apostle Jean Luc Schneider, *“Remember the seasons of love and sharing, and the birth of Christ on Christmas”*.

Around 4 o'clock in the afternoon the Chief Apostle together with the District Apostles and Apostles walked along the street of Bangkal Makati right after the rain had stopped. Everyone was all excited to see him. The children were singing when he was walking closer to the church with a smile and with a warm heart. The divine service started at exactly 5:00 in the afternoon. The text word found in Luke 1:53 talked about the songs of Mary when Jesus was born, but before that Chief Apostle spoke about Christmas and his first visit in the Philippines. District Apostle Hebeisen tells Chief Apostle how Filipinos celebrate Christmas. Now that he is here, he said that he felt exactly what the DA had said. He mentioned about being hungry for everything especially our faith and fellowship with our brothers and sisters. He also emphasized the words “Everyone needs more faith”

Chief Apostle with District Apostles/choir/orchestra/and the children





Picture taking and greetings of the members to the Chief Apostle after the Divine Service



The service was supported by a wonderful choir and orchestra. It was followed by the much anticipated Christmas concert. Let's have a closer look at these fantastic groups!

The choir has consistently practiced four hours every Sunday after the divine service to prepare for the Chief Apostle visit to the Philippines in Makati Church. One of the favorite songs performed was "Angels we have heard on high, let the children to me gather." It goes without saying that the Chief Apostle was very happy to listen to the voice of the choir. We also extend a special thanks to Sister Lucienne Hebeisen, who supported the choir by sponsoring the cost of uniforms, as well as helping us with the proper pronunciation of the French songs.

The orchestra was led by Clarice Tuazon and Jeremy Alex Salva. They've done an interesting piece composed by Jeremy Alex Salva, which was a Christmas medley – it was played as the finale piece. The audience enjoyed the piece, an upbeat piece that gave a feeling of excitement to everyone to the tune of "Hark the Herald Angles Sing." The next song gave a slow beat which gave the chilly feeling to the tune of "Himig ng Pasko." Lastly they gave a grand ending with an upbeat song to the tune of well-known Filipino Christmas song "Pasko na naman." The orchestra was applauded for a wonderful performance in the finale.

Contributors – Clarice Tuazon, Alora Manlangit, Leonora Manlangit, Jhing Mosura, Marites, Crisvelle Rosemarie, Jerald, Jay-R, Maricel, Maribel and more!

District Service in Makati Congregation

Preparation for the coming of Chief Apostle

The announcement of the visit of our dear loving Chief Apostle was made last year. All of the members were all excited. Everyone was asked to help in the preparation and indeed they were all willing to join and spend their time.

Choir, Orchestra and even children were all busy in their practice. They had their practice every Sunday afternoon.

District Apostle Urs Hebeisen joined them in the last day of rehearsal of the presentation for the coming of the Chief Apostle.



On the same Sunday, there were two children who have been baptized by our Beloved District Apostle in our church. Also, two children receive the Holy Sealing



Youth Photoshoot – December 7, 2014

Dec 7, 2014 right after the Choir Practice in Makati Congregation, the youth gathered at New Apostolic Church multi-purpose hall for an activity. They conducted a photoshoot while making Christmas cards for the brothers and sisters in Canada who donated some money for the youth fund.



Everyone contributed their own efforts and creativity indesigning the Christmas cards. They wore their own



Christmas/festive costumes too. Each of the youth, wrote their personal message/greetings in the card. They will be taken to Canada when Bishop Esser returns there.



Youth Christmas Party

The Youth Christmas Party 2015 was held on Sunday, December 14, 2014 at the Merville Country Club with all the fun and excitement prepared, 35 youth who came had a great time and enjoyed the party.

We met at Makati Church at 1pm, and then went to the Merville Country Club. It cost 50 pesos for non-swimmers and 100 pesos for swimmers. People settled and started showing their moves as they play Dance Dance Revolution and Badminton right after we arrived. The Pancit, Pizza and Salad merienda arrived and we all stuffed our faces. The presentation followed, explaining the schedule of the coming quarter, and a little bit about the new website – youth.ph. There was also a Firework Safety Advisory. BE CAREFUL! Better not play with these dangerous toys that can change your entire life if an accident were to ever happen.

The arts and crafts were a success we completed all the outstanding items for the youth Christmas card fund raising program. We are all excited for next year already! We were also able to write out many special thank you cards for all the hard workers that are not in youth, but made massive contributions to other church programs.

About 30 people enjoyed in the swimming and had lots of fun – though we got in trouble for throwing balls again, as usual. The dinner was really good. There was rice, potatoes, vegetables and ginger beef. The Hot seat was 4 randomly selected youth, and our youth visitor from Vietnam. The Questions (and answers) are all confidential – you should have been there! The exchanging of gifts followed and we ended the night singing Christmas songs that were dedicated to Canadian donors to the youth fund. The videos can be viewed already!

We would like to thank the Le Delice Management for providing so much wonderful food. We appreciate it very much!

More Photos posted on Youth.ph

Vietnam Brothers Manila Tour

Sam, Nory and Rebekah led a Manila tour for the Vietnamese brother and priest. Because of the light traffic, we were able to accomplish a lot! We started in Intramuros where we did a walking tour of Fort Santiago. A guard befriended us and provided some details on certain areas. We also enjoyed the Jose Rizal museum which was nicely air-conditioned! We then zoomed past the Rizal monument and went to Mall of Asia where we enjoyed some Buko juice in the shell and a Filipino banana speciality called “Turon”. We ended up at the American World War 2 memorial cemetery for a quick quiet moment with the fallen soldiers in south east asia. We then swiftly returned to Makati Church to pick up youth for the Christmas party!

More Photos posted on Youth.ph

Youth Schedule Q1

New activities are planned for the coming year. Here is the schedule for the first Quarter of 2015.

They are posted on <http://youth.ph>

4th January 2015 – TO BE CONFIRMED

- **Activity:** NACSEA Relief clothes donation folding from Canada.
- **Spiritual Focus:** Care for the Poor and Needy
- **Catechism Chapter:** 1 (3 pages).

18th January 2015

- **Activity:** Comic strip activity. Using a camera, a group of participants will make a story board to show a situation and make a comic strip with spiritual meaning.
- **Spiritual Focus:** Forgiveness
- **Catechism Chapter:** 4 (6 pages). We will go through the material prior to the activity.
- **Other:** Offer opportunity for mini Research Projects in spiritual topic of choice to be presented in February and May.
- **Homework:** Catechism Chapter 5 reading (First 3 pages over 2 weeks).

1st February 2015

- **Activity:** Discussion on Nutrition and the dangers of addiction. What do we feed our bodies? What do we feed our souls? Why?
- **Spiritual Focus:** Physical and Spiritual Health. Being New apostolic.
- **Catechism Chapter:** 13 (3 pages).
- **Other:** Materials on alternate eating habits. Propose a 6-10 week fitness challenge.
- **Homework:** Catechism Chapter 2 reading (2 pages over 2 weeks).

15st February 2015

- **Activity:** Primarily a Youth discussion to cover a major Chapter. Mini activity will be a presentation on what the countries in the world are known for, with a focus to uplift the Philippines and its people.
- **Spiritual Focus:** Catechism focus "The triune God"
- **Catechism Chapter:** 3 (12 pages). Event is dedicated to the material with a mini activity.
- **Other:** First round of spiritual topic of choice presentations.
- **Homework:** Catechism Chapter 5 reading (Last 3 pages over 2 weeks).

28th February 2015

- **Activity:** The American cemetery in Fort Bonifacio. A Wi-Fi connection will be provided. Youth will choose a fallen ranking soldier of choice, and look them up on Wikipedia for details on their life and death in combat. These fact sheets of these souls will stimulate thought and prayer towards the departed.
- **Spiritual Focus:** Life after Death
- **Catechism Chapter:** 9,10,11 (6 pages). Material provided as reading material for the trip.
- **Homework:** Think, Pray and invite souls for the service the next day.

Late March 2015

- **Activity:** Coloring eggs activity. Discussion on finding our talents to be able to put towards God's work. Discussion on relative wealth and well-being with a focus to uplift the Philippines and its people.
 - **Spiritual Focus:** Easter
 - **Catechism Chapter:** 6, parts of 12 (6 pages). We will go through the material during the activity.
 - **Other:** Recap on Fitness challenge and Project Presentation
 - **Homework:** Catechism Chapter 7 reading (5 pages over 3 weeks).
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Funny Tagline Caption!

The youth link will now have a funny photo. You need to submit your comment or tagline! The best 3 will be featured in the next youth link, with the next picture to comment on! Of you have a funny picture of the youth you want to nominate, or you want to submit a funny caption, visit the youth link section of youth.ph!

Submit your caption at <http://youth.ph/youth-link/>

Social media!

Please share, express and post AS MUCH AS YOU CAN. Before service, after service, on your way to church, at youth events, anytime, anywhere! Just never DURING service.

#NACyouth #NACSEAYouth #youthph (no don't in #youthph. You can also add any other hastags you please, but also add the website <http://youth.ph>)

Twitter, Facebook, Twitter: Use the hastags shown above, and the web address youth.ph

Youtube: Did you make a video about the youth or church program? We will post it! Let sam or nory know.

Dedication Videos are LIVE!

DO NOT POST UNTIL AFTER DECEMBER 25! IMPORTANT! It's a surprise until then.

You can also go on youth.ph and click on "Youtube". Be sure to subscribe!

Zhu Family - <http://youtu.be/KrqAJ0FJi-Q>

Kreller and Knoblauch Family - <http://youtu.be/bSiuotFmTWw>

Mueller and Sommer Family - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUZEwvE_F0Q

Pache and Duldhardt Family - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mIA5YIOSPM>

Bechtold and Greisbaum Family - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySRfNNlatns>

Esser Family - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XhnDaSHjGhY>

Pause and Cline Family - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWGnKY3_nmM

Looking for Reporters!

Do you want experience in journalism? Do you want to get credit for your content on the website! We need reporters. It's so easy, everyone can be a reporter!

- Take pictures
- Post to Instagram, Facebook and twitter
- Interview youth on their views and comments

If you want to write about something that interests you, you can do that too! Like "Favorite Filipino Foods" or "Price of Public Transportation" or "Fun Filipino games" pretty much ANYTHING!

We want to post a lot on the website, so people can see and read how active, joyful and loving we are 😊

Experience of Faith

Life is like a puzzle, made up of pieces, wherein we are not certain whether the pieces of puzzle were holding is the right one to solve the puzzle of life. Also, some says life is like a race that full of incidents along the race, on how to deal your life in the racetrack and how fast to overcome with it to complete the race of life.

Whatever life we have or whoever we are, we are always confident that the last piece of puzzle or the right track for the race of life is in the hand of God to make our life meaningful, complete and wonderful.

I was born with positive vibes, in the happy and wonderful environment. Although we lived in a mountainous area of province, I can say that my childhood moments were great. I love fairy tales, because everyone's life has happy ending.

I grew up in a prayerful family, where everything I wished for, I bring it all in prayer. We were trained to pray always, as my father was a minister before during my childhood, and I can say that my prayer life before was very strong. I always include in my prayers everything I wanted when I grow old.

As I grow older, I became aware of the things around me, especially to my family. My family has been tested several times with our faith. From mountainous area of province, we transferred to the city because of financial problem. My father can no longer work at the farm coz he suffered from some illness, at the same time; he is already old for farming. The whole family decided to transfer to the city.

Living in a city was not an easy life for us; for we don't know the ways of living in the city at the same time the source of income is not stable. There are times that we don't even have food to eat. I really witnessed the struggles and sacrifices of my parents for the family.

Despite of lack of financial means, I never lost hope. I always pray that someday, everything will to be okay. That someday, I will reach all my dreams in life, that my life will be like those written in fairy tales (has happy ending). Everything, I put it all in prayer, every decision I make, because I strongly believe you can never go wrong with prayer.

After graduating in High School a chance of going to college was so small. Even though I can have a 50% discount on my tuition fee at any school, my parents still can't afford to provide the other half. In order to pay at least half of my tuition fee I applied for the DOST Scholarship, and prayed for it every day. I thought it's the only way I can proceed to college, unfortunately, I wasn't able to pass the exam.

When the result of the exam came out, I questioned God, why He didn't allow me to pass that exam, what am I going to do after, does my prayer and faith not enough? All I wanted is to help my family. (*Which is absolutely wrong deed-of questioning God*). At that very moment I suddenly saw a saying in front of me, written in the upper corner of the classroom board that says, "Don't be discourage if God didn't answer your prayers now, because He has something better for you" - I was shocked after reading this line. I realized that God never sleeps, and He knows better than us. Right that very moment, I asked forgiveness and hold on to his promise and ask His guidance again.

Right after graduation, I decided to work for two months so that I can pay half of my tuition fee. I enrolled myself in school. I used some of my earnings from my two month work and avail the scholarship discounts. The first six months of my college life, was a struggle because of financial incapacity. I always cried every exam day, for I don't have enough means to pay for the remaining balance. I don't even have an allowance daily in school, and just to make savings, sometimes I skip meals. By God's grace, God uses people around me to survive. My classmates helped me and introduced me to the school for a part time job. After my interview with the Guidance Counselor of the school, I got the part time job.

Still, my earnings from my part time job were not enough to pay my tuition fee, plus the discount of the tuition fee has been lowered to 25% because I was not able to maintain the desired general grade.

After first semester, I decided to stop for I don't want to be a burden to my parents anymore. The reality speaks, and they don't have the means. During semestral break, my heart and mind still wanted to go to school but I know in myself that I cannot continue anymore. I cried every single night praying to God about my desires of going back to school and desire to help my family and attain my dreams.

The time of enrolment for the second semester came. "*God's delay is never God's denial*". One day, a big surprise came to my life and to my family. A staff from our school came to the house and brought good news. They have been looking for me for two weeks already to inform me that the President of the school has been looking for me, to be his SCHOLAR. I can now go back to school with nothing to pay, plus I can have my free uniform and books too. At the same time, I can still have my part time job as part time in the registrar's office with pay, just to serve as my daily allowance in school.

After Hearing that news, I cannot help my tears from falling, as I saw my mom in tears too. It was really an amazing day for me and also to my parents. "*God always answer prayers*".

That's the time, I remember the saying I read the time that I questioned God. That He has better plan for everyone, and there are reasons why He didn't allow some things to happen. God uses people around us to bring His gifts to us. I graduated, and got a job after graduation.

After graduation, another test came to my life, my mom been diagnosed with lung cancer. Her life ends when I was about to be able to repay her sacrifices for me. It was so hard to accept it, but we can't do nothing about it and just have to accept it. *I still miss her, and will always miss her.*

There are lots of lessons in life to be learned. We can never get lost in every test that we'll be facing if we put everything to God in prayer. We might not get what we hope for, but for sure we will get what we deserve. For everything there is a season, and there are reasons to everything. Only God knows!

Attention all youth! We would love to hear your experiences of faith. We understand it is difficult to collect these anonymously – so here is the good news! If you have an experience of faith (we all have them) please submit them to us anonymously on <http://youth.ph>. Click on "Youth Link" and the fill out the Submit Experience of Faith form. No one will know who sent it, and Tagalog submissions are more than welcome!

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Question and Answer



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have question and want to have an answer
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CHIEF APOSTLE VISIT NACSEASIA 2014