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### My dear youth,

Recognising God's wondrous works upon your immortal soul could make us say "O God, You have taught me from my youth; And to this day I declare Your wondrous works". (Psalms 71: 17).

Once we have recognized our election, that we are elected to become a child of

God decided by Him already before the foundation of this world, this is a mystery we cannot understand but a godly reality nobody could change, this causes us to speak with our friends and declare to them God's wondrous works to our immortal souls.

Once we have recognized that in every divine service we attended, forgiveness, grace and redemption is offered and when we have the right hearts attitude of repentance, remorse and earnest resolution to turn our backs to sinful acts we have committed, then God's wondrous works repeatedly made making us free of all claims of the spirits, we speak to our friends and declare God's miracle of grace upon our immortal souls.

Once we have recognized that God's love which was poured out through the Holy Spirit, is present in the

congregation, in our brothers and sisters which is felt because when they all follow God's word the blessing is experienced, we speak to our friends God's wondrous works of how easy to follow examples of faith of how we become blessed and also become a blessing.

Once we have recognized our inner growth in accordance to God's image, when the old nature, in the image of sin, doubt, envy, jealousy, irreconcilability, then we allow the new creature in Christ dwells within us, the image of faith, love, hope, peace, truth, honesty, humbleness determine our words, thoughts and deeds, then we speak to our friends about God's wondrous works to our immortal souls.

God's teaching during our life starting from our parents, namely their prayers and example in faith, and God's servants throughout the various phases of instruction, and encounters with them, our faith has grown!

When faith lives we can also experience it! I kindly ask all youth here and there that faith is applied a little more. Experiencing our faith makes us strong and confident in following. This in turn will bring us to the goal. Let us not forget the purpose of our life and our striving: to be recognized and accepted by the Lord Jesus as His bride when He appears.

Sincerely yours,

Timmy Gabriel



#### LOCAL MAKATI YOUTH LEADER

Our Priest Loloy Depaz is now our new Makati youth leader. Last January 16, 2005, Priest Depaz conducted his first meeting and discuss the ff:

Important reason why you confess the New Apostolic Faith.

The ff: reasons could be mentioned:

- So that God helps me in my life.
- In the New Apostolic Church I receive help for the questions & problems in my life.
- In the New Apostolic I find a connection to God.
- The Holy Spirit is active in the New Apostolic Church.
- I was sealed with the Holy Spirit in the New Apostolic Church.
- The Apostle's prepare us for the return of Christ.

What can you say about your faith in one minute.

It is important for me to know why I am living. I believe in God, who made me and knows the meaning and purpose of my life.

God wants to realize His image of truth and love in me and the time shall come when I shall be with Him for all eternity. I experience that God loves and helps me. This gives me the courage to face life.

The focal points of our doctrine.

- I believe in God the Father
- I believe in the Son
- I believe in the Holy Spirit

- I belive in Apostle Ministry
- I believe in Priestly Ministry
- I believe in Holy Baptism
- I believe in Holy Communion
- I believe in Holy Sealing
- I believe in the Return of Christ
- I believe to obey Government

#### Meaning and goal of our Faith

- We can only understand the meaning of our life if we seek a connection to the One who has made us, to the almighty God, our Heavenly Father.
- Human life can only reach fulfillment if one attempts to realize this image of God, the image of truth and love.

A life of faith is the way to God

- Praying
- Believing
- Living According to God's commandments
  - Following the word from the altar
- Believing those sent by God (the Apostles of Jesus), thus becoming a follower of Christ.

# Schedule of Activities Calendar of Events - FEBRUARY 2005

#### **DIVINE SERVICE**

**DATE:** SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2005 **PLACE:** MAKATI CENTRAL CHURCH

**TIME:** 10 AM, FOLLOWED BY CHOIR REHEARSAL)

OFFICIANT: SH. ERNESTO SILVANO

#### YOUTH AFTERNOON

**DATE:** SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2005 **PLACE:** MAKATI CENTRAL CHURCH

**TIME:** 1:30 PM

YOUTH LEADER: PR. LOLOY DEPAZ TOPIC: STRENGHTEN TEAM WORK

#### YOUTH AFTERNOON

**DATE:** SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2005 **PLACE:** MAKATI CENTRAL CHURCH

**TIME:** 1:30 PM

YOUTH LEADER: EV. NOEL TUAZON

TOPIC: HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE WORD OF GOD

#### YOUTH SERVICE

DATE: FEBRUARY 26-27, 2005 PLACE: AMPARO CONGREGATION OFFICIANT: AP. TIMMY GABRIEL TOPIC: YOUTH CARE CONCEPT

# = Birthday Celebrants=

# FEBRUARY 2005

05 – Jessie Tuazon

07 – Nadja Elizabeth Helbig

08 – Eva Joy Solomon

08 - Francis Hans Mohan

13 – Mark Lester Silvano

13 – Faye Bernadette Nejal

22 – Evelyn Diaz

22 – Susan Silvano

24 – Patrick Silvano

25 – Junaliza Lagaritta

# APOSTLE LETTER BOX

## **QUESTION:**

There is a saying, "A good leader is a good follower", but my question is; "HOW CAN YOU FOLLOW THE LEADER IF HE HIMSELF IS NOT A GOOD FOLLOWER?



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## ANSWER:

Who is judging? Whether your leader is a good follower or not is very difficult to judge. How does one know? But it can happen.

Leading and following are part of oneness. Christ led but he also followed. His Father's will was holy for him.

If a leader obviously does not follow do not criticize but ask him why he does certain things the way he does them. Maybe he does not know himself. Seek the dialogue. Approach him and say, we learned differently, please clarify.

Every leader is a follower and every follower is a leader, in one way or another. All are in a constant process of learning. If one does not want to learn he becomes a dictator and thereby obsolete as a leader.

90 0/0 of these problems can be solved in personal conversations based on mutual friendship, brotherhood and respect. If a problem persists please seek an audience with me; I will listen.

**Lovingly Yours** 

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