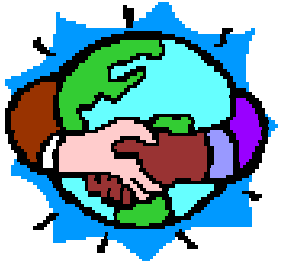




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Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He satisfies longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

Psalm 107 : 8 – 9

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EDITORIAL

Dear Youth, young Brethren,

Let me share with you a few thoughts which I dedicated also to our Brothers in the Ministry”

AND AGAIN.....IT'S CHRISTMAS

Christmas with its magic and beauty is coming close. My best wishes to all of you. Make Christmas not just a family feast but also an event of testimony in the congregation.

It is celebration, yes, but let us not forget for what we as Christians believe and what Christmas stands for. The birth of Christ of course but it is also about peace “...of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end...” (Isaiah 9:6-7) **PEACE WHICH RULES**

The birth of Christ is the beginning of a peace process between God and mankind. The story of Christmas is always very touching. Please elaborate on it throughout the month of December. Make it the subject in Sunday School especially. Our children have to grow up in the awareness Christ has come for peace.

Isaiah, the prophet of old, is often called the fifth Evangelist has prophesized of the coming of a Child, a royal Child and he called it the Prince of Peace.

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14) and then in Gospel of Matthew which is translated **GOD WITH US**.

This God, Jesus Christ is still with us, in every divine service in every celebration of Holy Communion, in every prayer, whenever 2 or 3 are gathered and praying in His name.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL. “GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE, GODWILL TOWARD MEN” Luke 2:14

Urs Hebeisen



Thanksgiving Day 2011
Makati Congregations

District News Update

BOHOL YOUTH DAY, 10 – 11th September 2011



While the District Rectors had their Work Meeting over 200 Youth from Bohol welcomed Delegations from Dumaguete and Cebu and engaged in sports, games and discussions. It was a busy day for the District Apostle because at Tagbilaran Church also a wedding was celebrated, yet he joined the youth presentations, singing and dancing and much laughter in the evening.

The Sunday Divine Service was under the theme of **Romans 12:2.**

"Let us not be conformed to the world and prefer the truth all believe

and think is true however rather be transformed by renewing of mind and thereby preferring the truth the Lord reveals."



THANKSGIVING DAY 2011

What is the true essence of Thanksgiving Day to us? Why are we preparing for it every year?



One of the most especial days that we celebrate every year is the Thanksgiving Day. It is a day for us to extend our gratitude to The ONE who has given and provided us everything we need and give thanks for the continuous blessings that we are receiving from God.

In **Quezon Province**, we have celebrated our Thanksgiving Day in four Congregations, in Magsaysay, Lopez Mountain, Salvacion and Catanauan Congregation. Each one has brought their offerings in different forms to symbolize their Thankfulness and gratitude for all the graces that they received for the last year. It is a simple yet fruitful celebration that begins with the preparation of the church, preparation of ourselves and offerings, a Divine Service and a fellowship in the afternoon. Everyone carried a prayer in their hearts and prayed to always be blessed.

The essence of it is to let us seek for a blessing and be a blessing to others and also to remain faithful. /GC



Quezon Province
Thanksgiving Day 2011



Makati Congregation:

God always gave us countless blessings that we ponder in our everyday living... some of us treasure it, some of us enhance it, and some of us inhibit it. Several actions are taken by us each day and this action speaks how thankful we are for having those blessings God given us. We show it in different ways and we celebrate it to share Gods abundance to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. We call this celebration "Thanksgiving Day".

Thanksgiving Day is a much celebrated day in our congregation. It is an event that happens every year and it happens every October. For year 2011, Thanksgiving Day



was celebrated last 2nd of October, and preparation for the Thanksgiving started on the 1st day of October. The altar was decorated with flowers, fruits, and vegetables. Every brothers and sisters were busy preparing their offerings to give thanks to our Heavenly Father. You will see the joy in everyone's face even the preparation is long and tiring for our physical body.

After the Thanksgiving service, everyone was invited for a fellowship at the Multipurpose Hall. Members and visitors were happy catching up on things as they



enjoyed eating the foods that were offered. As a fellowship, each offering were distributed to the members of the congregation. /JD



Youth Activity for the month of October 2011

Dedication of New Chapel in Amparo Congregation

As we remember last August 2011, the youth from Makati spent a day at Amparo Congregation to help build the new chapel.



October 16, 2011 is the most awaited time of Amparo congregation. The opening of their new chapel and the service was conducted by DE Depaz, it was also a youth service for the month.

After the service, we had a fellowship and afterwards the program for youth together with the children was headed by DE Depaz.

The Sunday School children played games with the youth and the children were very happy as well as the youth. After giving the prizes to the children the youth had a debate organized by DE Depaz. The topic of the debate is Pro and Anti New Apostolic. The debate ended with a joy and excitement in their hearts./AM



Church Cleaning in Makati Congregation

Last October 7-8, 2011 the youths shared their untiring effort to the ministry of God. By serving without counting is all in their hearts. It is one of the youth plan to have cleaning sessions within the congregation just to show their love and offer their sacrifices.

This activity was leaded by youth leader Priest Requilme. There were only few young people came because some were busy in their work and some could not make it because of some personal matters, but still those who came done it well with happiness in their hearts. Their willingness to help was very much appreciated.

Helping to the ministry of God is not an obligation, but a commitment as a child of God. We would like to encourage and invite all youths to always participate in every youth activity. Each of our cooperation is very much important to our congregation. We will keep up our faith and never give up the fight against worldly things. Let's keep on fighting and let us all win life in eternity./NC

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 2011

**SERVICE for
the DEAPARTED**
November 6, 2011
Divine Service, 10 AM
Makati Central Church
DE Erlendo Depaz

Sunday

November 13, 2011
Divine Service, 10 AM
Makati Central Church
Pr. Chris Requilme

Sunday
November 20, 2011
Divine Service, 10 AM
Makati Central Church
Dev. Rolex Navarro

Sunday
November 27, 2011
Divine Service, 10 AM
Makati Central Church
Pr. Craig Connolly

**Midweek Service every
Wednesday at 8:00 pm**



Amparo Congregation with Makati Youth



EXPERIENCE OF FAITH

"My Angel"

Our Family No. 9, September 2011

Alex had not been living here for a long and using the city's public transport system to get where he wanted to be was a challenge to say the least. But he had his mind set on going to church...

When I immigrated to United Kingdom some years back I googled to the nearest congregation. To find the address was no problem and I attended my first service in UK on a Sunday. After service I was told that midweek services were held at our Priest's house. I noted down his address and had my mind set on attending the midweek service. But finding his house turned out to be more difficult than I had thought possible. I had set out in good time but boarded the wrong bus. Owing to the language barrier I was unable to explain to the driver where I wanted to go. I was quite upset.

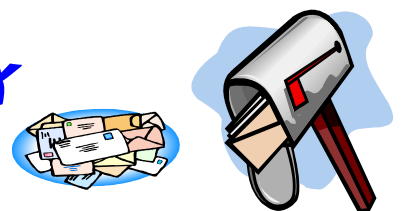
The next week I decided to walk from my place to our Priest's house. I had no idea how far it really was when I set out. Eventually I realized that something was not quite right and suspected that I was walking in the wrong direction. Wanting to make sure that I was on the right way I went into a restaurant to ask for assistance. I showed a gentleman working there the note with the Priest's address. Looking at it he shook his head, "You're lost. The best thing is go to the city centre and take a bus from there," he suggested. Frustrated I left the restaurant and started walking toward the city centre. Before long I heard a male voice shouting behind me, "Wait!" It was the gentleman from the restaurant. He came running up to me. "I spoke with my wife. We will take you to your church in our car." Speechless at his generosity I handed him the note.

The couple managed to locate the place with help of a map. After 15 - minute drive he stopped in front of a house and told me that I had reached my destination. "Ring the doorbell first. I want to make sure that this is the correct address and that you are in the right place. Otherwise I will take you back," he said. I was deeply affected by his kindness. When I rang the doorbell and saw the Priest's wife answer the door I was delighted.

I was very grateful to the couple and thanked them a lot for their incredible kindness. In today's fast - paced world it is more than unlikely that someone would go to such lengths to help a complete stranger. God had certainly sent me an angel. A.M./sab



District Apostle Letterbox



Dear District Apostle Hebeisen,

How can we avoid being pressured into engaging in immoral sex when it is so prevalent among other young people?

Thank you very much.
Makati Youth

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It is a matter of personal values. First of all "being pressured" is already wrong. Somebody who pressures you to have a sexual relationship is definitely not the right partner for you. Sex is lived as an act of love and love never pressures. Anybody who pressures you must get from you a simple answer NO. Secondly sexual activity is the fulfillment of love between a wife and a husband and thus needs maturity otherwise it just creates only hardship, disappointment and even can lead to depression. Read and discuss our brochure "Partnership and marriage". If you need personal counseling please feel free to give me a call.

God bless
Urs Hebeisen