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# EDITORIAL

My dear Youth,

The Chief Apostle visited the Youth in Russia and conducted a divine Service for them with the word from 2. Timothy 3:14

### "but you must continue in the things which have learned and been assured of"

Learning is needed throughout our life. Without, we quickly fall behind. Learning by experience, learning by studying, let us always continue to learn for our life. While many things have to be learned for our natural life we shall also not neglect to learn for our eternal life that will bring us conviction in our faith.

Jesus gave us a clear direction when He said "...learn from Me" (Matthew 11:29) Here are a few thoughts from the Chief Apostle of what we should continuously learn.

- To pray properly. Open our heart and retiring completely from earthly things. Jesus was a great prayer
- To experience the divine service properly. Hearing and doing. Let us endeavour to follow the words of Jesus who said that He must be about the Father's business (Luke 2:49)
- To discern between human will and God's will. Peter had to learn this as we can read in Matthew 16:23
- To act according to God's will. Knowing His will is one thing, doing it another. Peter denied the Lord 3 times. Not something he really intended to do
- To truly love our neighbour. Jesus accepted everyone it was not a

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Romans 15:5-6

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question of sympathy or antipathy.

• To serve the Lord. Be aware of your gift which are needed in God's work, your congregation

How is learning done? We learn by being active in these things over and over again. Just remember, how did you learn to use your cell phone? Probably not by studying the instruction manual in detail but simply by trying it out, again and again.

Learning will bring us eventually to the conviction that we are in the Lord's work of redemption and thus the longing to be united with Him will grow. FOREVER WITH THE LORD by learning His ways.

Wishing you all much success and God's blessing.

Loving greetings and a big hug of prayer.

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## District News Update

#### YOUTH MOVING TOWARDS UNITY

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, 6so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. --Romans 15:5, 6,



This passage in the Bible tells us that we should be in unity to glorify our Lord Jesus Christ. In line with this, a youth seminar was held last August 14, 2011, at New Apostolic Church multipurpose hall. The key speaker was Priest Connolly.

The seminar was comprised of two topics namely unity and partners. At first, the youth was divided into four groups, the groups were asked to define unity.

The words such as one, team work and harmony appeared side by side with unity. Priest Connolly said that all of the definition was correct and added that youth will be united only if they are sharing the same faith with God. Especially what the youth was doing includes God's work and love for the church and as well as the congregation. He even asked what would be the simple measures youth should undergo to attain unity, the crowd agreed that in order to attain unity, all should have one goal and specially love for God and for one another



Differences and pride was tackled as well, these are the hindrances in attaining unity. To attain oneness one should not see himself as one that is in control and to attain unity all should participate equally. One should swallow their pride in order to bond with other youth.

The second topic discussed was about partners. It was first asked who among the youth is in a relationship. It was so timely tackling about this topic with all the modernization happening. Priest Connolly stressed out that in order for a relationship to last, couples should ask guidance from God. Couples should know limitations for their relationships to be molded well and be developed to a long term one. For those having no relationship at all, they should always pray to God to give them guidance and the right sign in choosing the right man/woman in their lives. A relationship bounded with the blessing of God is the key to a long lasting relationship.

After the seminar proper, Pr. Connolly surprised the youth with a gift of having a fellowship at Café Lulu located near the church. The youth then transferred to the said venue.

Superb food was then served and enjoyed by the youth. Spending quality time, which was undoubtedly attained during this seminar, was a way moving towards unity.



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## Youth Activity for the month of August 2011

Last August 6-7, 2011 the Makati youth held their monthly youth service at Amparo Congregation. The purpose of this youth service is to have bonding within the circle of our youth not only in the natural aspects of life but also to the spiritual life of each youth.

On Saturday at around six o'clock in the morning, the Makati youth, led by DE Erlendo Depaz assembled at Makati Central Church. They left by seven o'clock going to Amparo Congregation.



The youth were very excited because of the activities they will be doing when they get Amparo Congregation. They will share their whole hearted strengths and efforts in building the church in Amparo. Each youth brought their own personal construction attire that they will be using for the activity.

The whole day of Saturday, the youths were very busy doing some construction works, like digging the soil to flatten the ground, carrying the sands and cements going to church, and others. While doing the said activity, they were all happy.



Even though it was raining the whole day, still the youths never got tired of doing and helping for the church. Even they got wet because of the rain, still they continue and enjoyed what their doing. They were very glad while doing the said activity the whole day.

At night, they slept early for the reason that they were all tired but with happiness in their hearts because of the job they accomplished during the day.

Sunday morning, they woke up early preparing themselves, not for another construction works but for the heavenly Father. They prepared not only their natural body but most especially their soul. After their breakfast in the morning, they went to San Francisco Homes Congregation to attend the Sunday divine service.



San Francisco Homes congregation was very happy for the youth visit and welcomed the Makati youth with joy in their hearts. After the service, they accommodate the youths and prepared a lunch for them.

The two days activities were very memorable for the youth. They went back home with the inspiring heart and carried the TRUE HEART of the New Apostolic Christian.

The heart of a true New Apostolic Youth cannot be measured by any measuring tool alone, but by faith in their heart and their willingness to serve our heavenly Father.



May our heavenly Father continue to bless and give more strength to all of us. Wishing that the youths will never get tired of contributing their untiring efforts and supports to the ministry of God.

#### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

#### SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2011

Sunday September 4, 2011 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church DE Erlendo Depaz

Sunday September 18, 2011 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church Pr. Craig Connolly Sunday
September 11, 2011
Divine Service, 10 AM
Makati Central Church
Dev. Rolex Navarro

Sunday September 25, 2011 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church Pr. Cris Ronquillo

Midweek Service every Wednesday at 8:00 pm

#### THANKSGIVING DAY

October 2, 2011 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church DA Urs Hebeisen



Sunday
October 9, 2011
Divine Service, 10 AM
Makati Central Church
Dev. Rolex Navarro

Sunday October 23, 2011 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church Pr. Cris Ronquillo Sunday
October 16, 2011
Divine Service, 10 AM
Makati Central Church
Sh. Ernesto Silvano

Sunday October 30, 2011 Divine Service, 10 AM Makati Central Church Pr. Chris Requilme

# EXPERIENCE OF FAITH

#### "A fiery sermon without words"

9:55pm 30<sup>th</sup> July 2011

The rector of the congregation was very concerned about one of his members, who had previously been attending Divine Services regularly, but eventually stopped coming to church altogether. After several weeks of this absenteeism, the rector decided that he would have to personally make a visit to the "delinquent".

When the rector made the call on him, it was a very chilly evening. The Shepherd found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing and crackling fire in the fireplace.

Already having guessed the reason for the Shepherd's visit, the man welcomed him and led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace.

The Shepherd made himself at home, but at the outset said nothing. He was wondering how he ought to approach the subject of his visit.

"Lord, give me the wisdom to encourage this dear child of yours; enable me to vividly make him understand the importance of attending Divine Services and being in fellowship with all of God's children. Enable me to do this without him feeling that I am here to condemn him. Help me, Dear Lord, save this precious sheep that is out of the way," prayed the servant of God.

In that grave and somewhat awkward and somber silence, he sat there contemplating the dance of the flames that were surrounding the burning embers in the fireplace.

After some minutes, the servant of God, seeing the fire tongs at the side of the fireplace, took the tongs and carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth - ALL ALONE. The he sat back in his chair and remained silent.

The dear brother watched all of this in quiet contemplation.

As the lone ember's fire decreased and the flames flickered and diminished, there was a momentary fading glow, and then its fire was no more. Soon it went out, and became cold and dead.

Shortly after that, the Shepherd glanced at his watch and realizing that it was time to leave, slowly stood up, took the tongs and picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Within seconds it began to glow again with the light and the heat of the other burning coals around it.

A look of understanding crept upon the brother's face. He broke down.

As the Shepherd reached the door, the brother broke the silence, and with a look of appreciation on his face, he said to his rector while shaking his hand, "Thank you so much for the visit, My Shepherd, and for that fiery sermon without words. I understand completely. I shall be in church tomorrow morning."

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