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## EDITORIAL

My dear young Brothers and Sisters,

We enter into the month of April. Soon many confirmands will make their vow of faithfulness to our Heavenly Father.

Let us invite them all into the circle of our youth. Be a good friend and even a mentor to these young Brethren. They shall find a place where the soul feels at home, find friends with whom they can share joys and sorrows. Such friendships among the children of God are very important. Often friends and not a Priest who help first to overcome obstacles, to find solutions to problems and to carry each other in prayer. Please reach out to the confirmands and welcome them to the Youth.

You, and I count myself in, certainly do remember when we made the confirmation vow.

We are reminded of the word in Psalm 22:25

***My praise shall be of You in the great assembly;  
I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.***

- Our vow is our response to God's love and the promise of His Son.
- Our vow brings us true freedom in our relationship to God, His Son, and our neighbour.
- The fulfillment of our vow and our work in the congregation are an expression of our praise to God.

I wish you all a happy Holy Week. God bless you in all your endeavours. As you vowed to Him, He fulfills His promises to you.

**Urs Hebeisen**

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# DISTRICT NEWS

February 14, 2009, Bishop Azarias with District Elder Marcena and District Elder Depaz conducted a youth discussion and confirmation class in Asan Sur Congregation, Sison, and Pangasinan. This is to prepare the confirmands on the confirmation day. The program was attended by 16 confirmands, 18 youth and 5 ministers. Youth and confirmands are lively during the discussion.

February 15, 2009 at 6:30 am the youth and confirmands have a morning exercise and followed by a breakfast. At 10:00am, Bishop Azarias officiated the Confirmands and youth Divine Service. This program brings much joy and happiness to the young brothers and sisters in the area.

## Saturday Program with Bishop Azarias, Del Marcena, & Del Depaz

Confirmation class with ministers and youth

**Topic:** *Articles of faith  
Ten Commandments  
Confirmation vow*

Youth Discussion with confirmands

**Topic:** *House of Faith (Bishop Azarias)  
Thanksgiving and offering*

## Sunday Program

- Morning exercise
- Youth Service w/ Bishop Azarias



Confirmation Class with Youth  
(Asan Sur Church garden)



Morning exercise



After Youth service

-We are 49 during the service

## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

APRIL 2009

### PALM SUNDAY

April 05, 2009

Divine Service, 10 AM  
Makati Central Church  
Sh. Silvano

### EASTER SUNDAY

with CONFIRMATION

April 12, 2009

Divine Service, 10 AM  
Makati Central Church  
DA Urs Hebeisen

Sunday

April 19, 2009

Divine Service, 10 AM  
Makati Central Church  
Pr. Connolly

Sunday

April 26, 2008

Divine Service, 10 AM  
Makati Central Church  
Ev. Muda

### YOUTH PROGRAM

Saturday, April 18, 2009

Slide & Dive – Youth Activities

Sunday, April 19, 2009

YOUTH SERVICE

Banca-Banca Congregation  
Officiant: Bh. Azarias

**Midweek Services every  
Wednesday at 8 pm**

# Experienced of Faith

## OVERCOME DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

Now in our days there are so many temptations, difficulties, problems, sicknesses and a global crisis. I can say that I have been into a situation between life and death. One day I and my Tita went on a scheduled check-up at their private clinic with their good and well experienced doctors. The night before the appointment I feel uncomfortable and can't sleep because I am worried for the result of my check-up. Until the next morning I am still worried. When we already there I am very anxious and nervous and many different feelings inside of me. Then to my surprise I got the answer and the doctors did not hesitate to tell me the truth. He said "you have a cancer". After I heard of it I feel numb, I can't think clearly, he keeps on talking about it but honestly I cannot hear him talking to me even if I am so near to him. I am in shock that time, no words come out in my mouth. And the first thought inside my head is, "How did it happen to me? What shall I do now? God please help me!" I feel that all my dreams and hopes in life are gone. I think of quitting every activity I have at the moment. I feel I want to be alone. I feel that I am the very bad person in the world to be diagnosed with cancer.

At the same day I inform my family and all my friends that I got cancer. Many of them send me sms and make me feel cared and loved. When I got home I speak with my family and explain it to them thoroughly about the diagnosis. And we all cried and feel so sad at the moment. Then finally, my tears fall from my eyes and I can't stop it. It is the most difficult situation for me.

After a week I decided to fight on it together with my family and friends. Then I thank God because he answered my prayers about my health and he gave me comfort through his ministry. We went back to the hospital several times for different laboratory examinations (biopsy, CT scan of abdomen, MRI, bone scan). Then I prayed to God to give me good doctors that will help me to get well. And He did!

In other hand, my friends and teachers in

school supported me and allow me to take the final examination at home. I thought I cannot pass it because I'm out of focus, but to my surprise I did it. I attend in our final rehearsal for graduation. After a week, finally, I walk towards the stage to get my diploma. I graduated!!!

We wait for a month and days after my birthday I started my first chemotherapy. It is very hard, very difficult, and a bit painful. Then two weeks had past my hair starts to fall and I got bald. Then it was followed several chemotherapy and follow-up check-ups. I was transfused blood several times before my surgery then many of our friends and even those who are not close to us donated blood. And after the surgery I still feel pain physically and emotionally. The best part of it is I am able to donate the excess blood to others who going to undergo surgery too. God has his own way through me to help those people even when I am also the same situation like them. Then I prayed to him and a lot of them prayed for me too. But now I am back to my normal life even if it is not that normal anymore. I am in less pain now and happy. I just realized how lucky I am to extend my life longer.

My point is that, whatever situations or circumstances or difficulties we are facing right now let us keep our faith in hand. No one can help us but only God. He can provide us everything, comfort, care, wellness, courage, and love. He knows what is good for us and in time the reasons will be revealed. He is the one we can run to when we are in pain because we fail or even when we are in joy because we succeed. My dear brothers and sisters in God's congregation let us fight our time, let us be more patient and avoid temptations. I can say that God is very good to all of us and he truly loves us all. Now at these days I feel much stronger. Also let us not be ashamed of what we are. Let us be reminded that attending also Divine Services is very important.

To everyone who read this, THANK YOU VERY MUCH for the support and prayers. God bless us all!

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## *District Apostle Letter Box*

*First and foremost have a nice day to you, hope you are in a good health and your family upon receiving this email. In a few months I will be a mother, a single mother. I'm just confused if my child can still received a baptism and sealing even he/she doesn't know who is his/her father? Is it acceptable in our church to received Holy Communion even I am a single mother? I'm confused because some of my friend told me that in their church a single mother is not allowed to receive Holy Communion. Thank you very much in advance for the advice.*

*My answer is short and clear: YES*

*The Lord Jesus has never excluded anyone and neither do we in the New Apostolic Church and among Brothers and Sisters judge the personal situation of God's children.*

*Love and greetings*

**Urs Hebeisen**