



The Real Presence



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FORMATION

This section features selected homily of Pope Francis which is a good material for reflection during the monthly meeting of turnos and / or sections.

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“This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the upright, to throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” Mt. 13:49-50

The following homily was delivered by Pope Francis last July 26, 2014

Jesus addressed his listeners with simple words that everyone could understand. Also this evening, he we have heard that he speaks to us through short parables that refer to the daily life of the people of that time. The parable of the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great price have, as protagonists, a poor peasant and a wealthy merchant. The merchant searched for a thing of value all his life, something that would satisfy his thirst for beauty, travelling the world, without giving up, in the hope of finding what he is looking for. The other, the peasant, has never moved away from his field and is working all time, with the usual daily routine. Yet for both the final outcome is the same: the discovery of something valuable, a treasure for one, and a pearl of great price for the other. Both are also united by a common sentiment: the surprise and joy of having found the fulfillment of every desire. In the end, both of them don't hesitate to sell everything to buy the treasure they found. Through these two parables, Jesus teaches what the kingdom of heaven is, how to find it, what to do to possess it.

What is the kingdom of heaven? Jesus doesn't bother to explain it. He states from the beginning of his Gospel: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand". And also today He is near and among us ... He is near. However, he never makes one see it straight away, but always as a consequence, narrating the actions of a master, of a king, of ten virgins ... He prefers to let us understand, in parables and similes, and above all by revealing their effects: the kingdom of heaven is capable of changing the world, like yeast hidden in the dough. It is small and humble, like a mustard seed, but becomes as large as a tree. The two parables on which we want to reflect make us understand that the kingdom of God makes itself present in the very person of Jesus. He is the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price. It encompasses the joy of the peasant and the merchant: they found it! It is the joy of all of us when we discover the closeness and the presence of Jesus in our lives - a presence that transforms our lives and makes us sensitive to the needs of our brothers; a presence that invites us to accept each other's presence, including those who are foreigners and immigrants. He is a welcoming presence, a joyful presence, a fruitful presence, and so it becomes in us. **(Continued on page 9)**

INFORMATION

This section features current events, Executive Orders, activities of different regions, dioceses, sections or turnos which need to be known by all adorers.

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EUCCHARISITC JOURNEY

The Organizing Team headed by VP Pat Alcorcon visited North – Eastern Luzon and gave orientation to the incoming officers of the ANF NORTH EASTERN LUZON REGIONAL COUNCIL on their Duties and Responsibilities. The Diocesan Council is composed of the Archdiocese of Tuguegarao, Dioceses of Ilagan & Bayombong, Apostolic Vicariate of Tabuk, and the Prelature of Batanes.

The activity was graced by the presence of the incoming Regional Council co-director, Rev. Fr. Domingo Langcay and also by the current Tuguegarao Archdiocesan Director, Rev. Fr. Rogelio Cortez. Venue for the event was the Parish Pastoral Center, Tuguegarao City. Immediately after the orientation, the Organizing Team through Bro. Rudy Amistad, submitted a letter to the chancery informing His Excellency Archbishop Sergio Utleg of the proposed installation of the officers. He will, likewise, be installed as the Spiritual Director of the NELRC.



POPE FRANCIS IS COMING TO THE PHILIPPINES

The Catholic Bishops of the Philippines officially announces the visit of the Holy Father, Pope Francis to the Philippines, God willing at the beginning of the year, 2015. The pope’s visit carries a message of pastoral love, mercy and compassion with the scent of a Good Shepherd. Our compassionate shepherd comes to show his deep concern for our people who have gone through devastating calamities, especially in the Visayas. He comes to confirm us in our faith as we face the challenges of witnessing to the Joy of the Gospel in the midst of our trials. More updates in the next issue.

NEW TURNOS ESTABLISHED IN JULY 2014

Let us all welcome the Turnos recently established. These are the Turno 1737, Turno 1723, Turno 1738 and Turno 1739. Turno 1737 was established in the Holy Cross Parish in Valenzuela City. The parish priest, Rev. Fr. Danny Bermudo, decreed that all lay ministers of his parish should join the Adoracion Nocturna Filipina. According to him, lay ministers should have and show their devotion to the Holy Eucharist because they proclaim ‘*This is the Body of Christ*’ when they give communion to the parishioners. Turno 1737 was established last July 5, 2014 with initial 17 adorers who completed the three (3) consecutive monthly vigils and the required Formation Seminar. Turno 1723 was established on July 13, 2014 in the Parish of Sts. Peter and Paul in Bgy. Calungusan, Orion, Bataan. Total of thirty (30) adorers were installed: seventeen (17) active adorers and thirteen (13) honorarias. The parish priest of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish is Rev. Fr. Michael Tria. Prior to the establishment of Turno 1723, Turno 1738 was established with seventeen (17) adorers in the Parish of St. John, the Evangelist, in Tapulao, Orani, Bataan on June 22, 2014, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Rev. Fr. Fernando (Ronnie) Loreto is the chaplain and parish priest of St. John, the Evangelist Parish. Turn 1739 was established in the parish of The Good Shepherd, Bulaon, City of San Fernando. The establishment of Turno 1739 was made possible through the efforts of all officers of Section 85 headed by Bro. Pedro Cruz (Section President), Bro. Odilon Patawaran (Section Secretary), Rev. Fr. Roger Yambao (the new Chaplain), and Bro. Julius Cesar Carreon (new Jefe de Turno).

GROWTH SEMINAR LEVEL 2 GIVEN IN THE DIOCESE OF TARLAC

The Formation Team of the Central Luzon Regional Council, headed by Bro. Nestor Concepcion, conducted the Growth Seminar Level 2 in the Diocese of Tarlac. 108 adorers composed mostly of officers from 12 sections of the Diocese of Tarlac attended and actively participated in the seminar last Saturday, July 19, 2014. The Holy Mass was celebrated by the apostolate co-director, Rv. Fr. O’neil Sanchez. He is also the parish priest of Our Lady of Fatima in San Vicente, Tarlac, the venue of the seminar. Bros. Bobot Ferrer, Andy Francisco and Nestor Concepcion talked on *Ang Laiko, Ang Hirarkiya ng Simbahan at Ang Apostolado, Ang Eukaristiya sa Buhay ng mga Adorador at mga Banal*, and *The Servant Leader*, respectively. (Continued on page 3)

DIRECTION

This section features the Direction of the ANF; its plans, actions to be taken and conclusions arrived at.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

One of the programs of the National Council is the establishment of Regional Councils. To date, there are only three (3) existing Regional Councils in the entire Philippines. These are: Central Luzon Regional Council, Davao Regional Council and the Southern Tagalog Regional Council. Southern Tagalog Regional Council is the latest addition having been established in February 2012. The National Council, with God’s grace, hopes to establish four (4) more regional councils this year to cover the Ecclesiastical Provinces of Nueva Segovia in Northwest Luzon, Tuguerarao in Northeast Luzon, the Ecclesiastical Province of Lingayen – Dagupan and the Ecclesiastical Province of Nueva Caceres in the Bicol Region.

Article 118 of the ANF Constitution and By-Laws provides the functions of the regional councils. These are : a) Meets regularly every quarter; b) Deliberates and adopts policies; c) Acts on the report of the component councils and sections; d) Oversees the spiritual vitality and apostolic zeal of the component units; e) Organizes and directs the Regional Convention every three (3) years and conference of officers every other year; f) Facilitates collection of annual dues, and g) Facilitates immediate action on vital issues / activities as well as directives from the National Council.

Regional Councils are of great help to the National Council as the latter cannot supervise effectively all the ANF Archdiocesan / Diocesan councils. Moreover, the National Council does not have the resources to conduct regular visitation of the various dioceses throughout the country.

One big challenge for the National Council is the establishment of the Regional Council in the National Capital Region (NCR) to cover the Ecclesiastical Province of Manila. But, before the regional council for NCR is finally established, there is a need to revive first the component sections and turnos that became inactive over the years. Hopefully, the National Council can focus its energies in strengthening the ANF in NCR as soon as the four additional regional council in Luzon are finally established. From there, the establishment of the regional councils in Visayas will not be far behind.

Continuation from page 2 GROWTH SEMINAR LEVEL 2



Attendees on the Growth Seminar held in the Diocese of Tarlac



Rev. Fr. O’neal Sanchez is newly assigned parish priest in the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima in San Vicente, Tarlac. As the Apostolate Co-Director of the Diocesan Council of Tarlac, he joins Turno vigils when he go around the different Sections of the diocese. He is suggesting that a longer silence period should take place during the vigil in order to have more time talking to our Lord. He would like adorers to learn more on the love of the Eucharist as the main objective of Adoracion Nocturna Filipina.

EXPERIENCES

This section features the Experiences of an adorer(s) with Jesus and The Eucharist that could be an inspiration to others to change and / or deepen their faith.

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THIS SECTION FEATURES FOR JULY ISSUE THE MIRACLE WITNESSED BY A FILIPINO PRIEST, REV. FR. JERRY ORBOS, SVD

Fr. Jerry Orbos, SVD, knows that a miracle happens in every Mass, but when he gave communion to Korean visionary Julia Kim on three occasions and it turned into the visible body and blood of Christ he asked for forgiveness for the many times he took communion for granted and came to a greater appreciation of the depth and privilege of being a priest.

The special message of the Eucharistic phenomena, Fr. Jerry Orbos, SVD said, simply was to make us know the importance of Mass and communion. "We must pray the Mass. Jesus is really present there. We must feel Him. Don't rush the Mass, don't make it automatic."

Although he served in Korea as a mission priest for four years, he met the visionary Julia Kim when he went back to Korea for a pilgrimage from his native Philippines.

The 33 pilgrims led by Fr. Orbos witnessed the phenomenon on May 16, 1991, the second day of their pilgrimage, in the same church at Naju, Korea, where Julia had her first Eucharistic miracle on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1988 after receiving communion from a Korean priest.

Rufino Park, who gifted Julia with the statue of Our Lady that sheds tears and blood, approached Fr. Orbos, while he was cleaning the chalice after giving communion, to tell him that something was happening to Julia. Fr. Orbos approached Julia, who was kneeling down, trembling, and crying.

He said, "Remember she just received communion. When she opened her eyes she saw me and she opened her mouth. In her mouth was part flesh and part host. When I saw there was blood in her mouth, I was so shocked, scared, unworthy, but very happy. All I could do at that point was to say, 'Oh Lord, if this is what it is, thank you very much for the sign.' I prayed over Julia for discernment. And I prayed then 'Lord forgive me, forgive us for the many times we took you so for granted in communion.' That was the whole thing. We take you so automatically. And for the times we take you so unworthily just for show." After some moments, he asked the 33 Filipino pilgrims to see if something had happened. "The second time Julia opened her mouth we saw the blood, but this time also on her tongue we saw the host that was still whitish and half of it was like flesh. When we saw that we were all crying, people were kneeling and then I just felt so much the presence of the Lord," a pilgrim said.

Fr. Orbos knelt before the tabernacle for a long time. Julia told Fr. Orbos that she saw, during the consecration, the Blessed Mother behind Fr. Orbos and Fr. Ernie Santos, spreading her mantle around them, embracing and protecting them in a very special way.

The late Salesian priest, Fr. Ernie, had kidney trouble but the pilgrimage rejuvenated him and he went back to East Timor where he worked hard propagating the faith.

In 1992, the second pilgrimage took them to the Holy Land, then to Lourdes and Rome. Julia was feeling well from Rome to Paris, Lourdes to Paris, but started to experience pain on the shuttle bus taking them to the plane. A pilgrim recalled seeing blue veins twitching on her face. The pain Julia felt was like those dealt by hammer blows on the head, a pilgrim recalled. She needed a separate room that evening.

The plan to have Mass at Maria Majore church the next morning was cancelled because of Julia's intense suffering and also Fr. Orbos' plan to visit the SVD house. Mass was celebrated in a room in Hotel Massimo so all 27 pilgrims could be together. During the Mass, Fr. Orbos told them that Julia, a victim soul, started to have pain the day before for the forgiveness of everyone. A pilgrim related what Fr. Orbos told them: "because while all of us in Lourdes decided to have cleansing of the body by going to the bath, and cleansing of the soul by going to confession, not all of us were truly repentant."

The Blessed Mother told Julia that she was being asked to suffer for them because they were not truly repentant. Julia was seated near the altar and was still in pain. Fr. Orbos gave the pilgrims a few moments to reflect and be truly sorry for their sins. Before the offertory, Julia coughed violently that she was almost thrown out of her chair. Soon afterwards, she was smiling and expressed that everything was 'OK' and the pain was gone because everyone was sorry for their sins. After communion, Julio, Julia's husband, called Fr. Orbos to show him that something extraordinary was happening. Everyone saw the host bleeding.

The next day, the pilgrims participated in a Mass at the *Miracolo Eucaristico* church in Lanciano where the first recorded Eucharistic miracle happened in the 8th century. They had prepared spiritually for the visit to the church as Julia herself announced, through an interpreter, that they spend the day in reflection. They did so by praying and singing.

As Fr. Orbos was returning the ciborium, he heard a commotion as people gathered around Julia. He became apprehensive. Seeing very vividly blood and the host turning into flesh and becoming thicker and thicker, Fr. Orbos called a parish priest of Lanciano to witness it and they both prayed over Julia.

After some time Fr. Orbos told Julia to swallow it. "Some people were saying get the specimen. I won't do that," Fr. Orbos explained. "She was to tell me later on that it was so hard to swallow it." "It was so hot," she said. "Fresh blood is hot," Fr. Orbos said.

On all three occasions when the host she received from Fr. Orbos turned into blood and flesh, Julia was asked to swallow it. Fr. Orbos always prayed for discernment.

After the Mass, Julia told Fr. Orbos that the vision she experienced during the consecration was that of Christ crucified and of a light coming from the heart of Jesus going to the chalice, through Fr. Orbos and then extending to the people. Fr. Orbos said that he really felt so warm during the Mass. "Fine, good, thank you," he told Julia.

But the greatest surprise awaited them in the museum in Lanciano, where a large painting showed the vision Julia had during consecration.

Fr. Orbos' message is "Stay close to Mary and you will never abandon Christ. You know, Mama Mary is very happy if we come close to her Son." He strongly urged that people form prayer groups and cenacles and devote some time to perpetual adoration. "The key is all here in our hearts."

"Mary is asking you to come closer to the sacraments, to the Eucharist. My only request now is please pray the Mass and make your communion more personal—feel the Lord. My dear friends, you don't have to see a Eucharistic miracle. Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believe. A miracle happens in every Mass." In leading the flock in praying the Hail Mary, he said, "we say it with all of our love" and when we come to the part 'pray for us sinner now,' we pause and pray what we want to ask."

"Regarding the Eucharistic phenomena which he was privileged to witness," he said, "I found that it was Mary who brought me closer to the Eucharist. We've studied all that in theology, but she allowed me to experience something which I could never forget. I am not saying that those are miracles. Let the Church take care of that." The Filipino priest added: "It has so stabilized my life, my priesthood, it is so clear."

"All of us have a vocation. Do your work well. Do your best. Life is short. We're all just passing by. Do something good and worthwhile. It so happened that God called me to be a priest to touch the lives of people."

LEADERSHIP

This section features articles pertaining to leadership and the leaders of ANF; the roles of leaders, the guide for leaders, leadership improvement and others.

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GUIDE QUESTIONS FOR SECRETARIES

1. Do I have a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws which I will need in performing my tasks?
2. Do I help the Jefe de Turno in preparing for the meeting room and the requirements needed for the meeting, celebration of the Holy Mass and the vigil?
3. Do I check the attendance of the adorers who attend the meeting and do I take the minutes of the meeting?
4. Do I prepare the Monthly Acta and distribute the copy; one for the Turno and one for the Section?
5. Do I record the name/s of new members/s in Form 13 and submit it to Section and National Council?
6. Do I submit Statistical Report (Form 35) and Annual Vigil Attendance Report (Form 30) to our Section. *(Names of adorers are written chronologically on the forms; the Section will be the one to submit the said forms to the National Council)*
7. Do I show example of a good Christian spirituality, sincerity in performing my duties, and serving God and others actively?
8. Do I help our Jefe de Turno in reminding our members of the scheduled meeting and vigil?

GUIDE QUESTIONS FOR TREASURERS

1. Do I have a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws which I will need in performing my tasks?
2. Do I collect the annual dues on time to remit the dues intended for the National Council, Regional Council, Diocesan Council and Section?
3. Do I collect the monthly offering of the members and keep it as fund for other expenditures?
4. Do I pay the Turno obligations as approved by the Jefe de Turno?
5. Do I purchase the needed materials of the Turno?
6. Do I take over when our secretary is absent?
7. Do I keep good recording of our Turno’s fund? Do I keep the fund in the bank?
8. Do I know that I should turn over the fund to my successor in case I finished my term or if I resign?
9. DO I report the financial condition of our Turno during our monthly meeting?
10. Do I know that I don’t have authority to sell, dispose or give away the property of the Turno without the approval of our members?

KNOW YOUR ANF LEADERS

Renato T. Ferrer: Vice-President for Ecclesiastical Affairs

Bro. Renato T. Ferrer, nicknamed Bro. BOBOT or Rene, Born on April 12, 1953, in Angeles City, Pampanga. married to Evangeline T. Tan, had three children, Angelito – an IT graduate, Charito, a CPA and Maria Bernadette, a registered Nurse, at present with two (2) grandchildren, age 3 years and 1 year old. A resident of Bgy. Arkong Bato, Valenzuela City, Metro Manila. A graduate of the University of the East, Manila, took up Business Administration major in Accounting, a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Worked as an auditor for more or less 4 years in an auditing firm, put up a small-scale metal manufacturing firm, Filipinas Aluminum Products, producing aluminum kitchenware and utensils. Served in the parish church – as Extra-Ordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist, as officer in the Pastoral / Vicarial Pastoral Council, and a member of the formation team in the local “Cursillo Movement”. A member of Adoracion Nocturna Filipina Turno 33, Polo, and at present the President of the Central Luzon Regional Council and a member of the Regional Formation Team. Having planted seedling of a good Christian, he was given a *Papal Award*.



Bro. Renato “Bobot” T. Ferrer

IMMACULATE HEART

This section is intended for the Blessed Virgin Mary and in some occasion to St. Joseph.

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Feast day: 16th of July

By Bro. Bobot Ferrer

It is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary as patroness of the Carmelite Order. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early mid 13th centuries. A chapel was built in the midst of their hermitages which they dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, also called as the “Lady of the place” in chivalric terms.

Since the 15th century, popular devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has centered on the **SCAPULAR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL** also known as the **BROWN SCAPULAR**, a sacramental associated with promises of Mary’s special aid for the salvation of the devotee wearing it. Traditionally, Mary is said to have given the **SCAPULAR** to an early Carmelite named **St. Simon Stock**.

The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is known to many Catholic faithful as the “**Scapular Feast**”, associated with the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, signifying the devotee’s/wearer’s consecration to Mary and affiliation with the Carmelite Order. A tradition first attested to in the late 14th century says that Saint Simon Stock, an early prior general of the Carmelite Order, had a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in which she gave him the Brown Scapular which formed part of the Carmelite habit, promising that those who died wearing the scapular would be saved.

CHURCH TEACHING: A 1996 doctrinal statement approved by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states that the “Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is bound to the history and spiritual values of the order of the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel and is expressed through the scapular. Thus, whoever receives the scapular becomes a member of the order and pledges himself / herself to live according to its spirituality in accordance with the characteristics of his/her state of life.”

“The scapular is a Marian habit or garment. It is both a sign and pledge. A sign of belonging to Mary; a pledge of her motherly protection, not only in this life but after death. As a sign, it is a conventional sign signifying three elements strictly joined: first, belonging to a religious family particularly devoted to Mary, especially dear to Mary, the Carmelite Order; second, consecration to Mary, devotion to and trust in her **IMMACULATE HEART**; third, an urge to become Mary by imitating her virtues, above all, her humility, chastity, and spirit of prayer.”



OUR LADY OF CARMEL BY PIETRO NOVELLI, 1641

BROWN SCAPULAR

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED MOTHER OF MOUNT CARMEL

“O most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of GOD, Immaculate Virgin, assists me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother, O Holy Mary, Mother of GOD, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Sweet Mother I place this cause in your hands. AMEN. “

Saintly Quotes on Brown Scapular

Pope Pius XII stated:

“Let it [the Brown Scapular] be your sign of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which we are particularly urging in these perilous times.”

Pope Pius XII went so far as to say:

“The Scapular is a practice of piety which by its very simplicity is suited to everyone, and has spread widely among the faithful of Christ to their spiritual profit.”

In our own times, Pope Paul VI said:

“Let the faithful hold in high esteem the practices and devotions to the Blessed Virgin ... the Rosary and the Scapular of Carmel” and in another place referred to the Scapular as that which is “so highly recommended by our illustrious predecessors.”

St. Alphonsus tell us:

“Modern heretics make a mockery of wearing the Scapular, they decry it as so much trifling nonsense.”

THANKSGIVING

This section features articles about thanksgiving of some adorers, anniversaries of church leaders, anniversaries of National Regional, Arch / Diocesan councils, sections, turnos.

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STS. ANNE AND JOAQUIM, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

One of the things we have to be thankful about is the preparation of God for the queen of heavens and earth, Mother of Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary. On the feast of Sts. Anne and Joaquim, the parents of Mama Mary, Pope Francis said: *“On the feast of St. Anne, I like to call her the grandmother of Jesus, and today is a good day to celebrate grandmothers. When I was doing the incense, I saw a beautiful thing: the statue of St. Anne is crowned, her daughter, Mary, is crowned. And this is nice. St. Anne is the woman who prepared her daughter to become queen, to become the queen of the heavens and the earth. She did a nice job this woman! the patron saint of Caserta, gathered here are the various components of the diocesan community, with the bishop and the presence of civil authorities and the representatives of various social entities. I would encourage everyone to live the feast of the patron free of every preconception, expressing only the faith of a people that recognizes God's family and which strengthens the bonds of brotherhood and solidarity. St. Anne may have heard her daughter Mary proclaim the words of the Magnificat: "He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things (Lk 1, 51-53)". She will help you to search for the unique treasure, Jesus, and teach you to discover the way of God; He turned the judgments of the world upside down, comes to the rescue of the poor and the little, and fills the humble with good things, those who entrust their existence with Him. Have hope, the hope that never disappoints. And I would like to repeat: Don't let yourselves be robbed of hope!”*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

BRO. PAT ALCORCON, VP Organizing, would like to thank all the friends and adorers who had extended their prayers and support on the hour of their grief due to the death of his daughter, Maria Annellida.

AN INVITATION

1. The Editorial Board invites Regional Councils, Diocesan Councils, Executive Boards and Turnos to submit, if you have, articles on the following :
 - a. INFORMATION – special events in your respective units.
 - b. EXPERIENCES – experiences with Jesus and the Eucharist.
 - c. THANKSGIVING – thanking God for the favors, petitions or graces you received.

2. The National Council Tarcisian invites all youth and organized Tarcisians of different Turnos to join in the 40th Annual Vigil in honor of St. Tarcisius at the Diocese of Antipolo in the Diocesan Shrine of Nstra. Sra. De Aranzazu from 12:30 in the afternoon of August 16, 2014. Interested parties may contact the Tarcisian National President, Bro. Lloyd Miranda thru **09165978120**.

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Youth

This section features the activities of junior adorers of ANF, the Tarcisians and the youth from different parishes.

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THE TARCISIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL HAS NEW SET OF OFFICERS

The following are the new Officers of the Tarcisian National Council :

- President - Lloyd Miranda
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW TARCISIAN LEADERS !

The **Parish Youth Ministry** of the LORD'S TRANSFIGURATION PARISH held its **Summer Youth Catechetical Formation Program** through the initiative of our Parish Priest, Rev. Msgr. Eugenio S. Mercado, Jr. and our Parish Youth Coordinator, Bro. Gerry De Leon. The Formation Program was attended by Altar boys (KBS, Maiden COMI), Youth Choir, Parish Media Group and Tarcisians of Turno 1543, Section 48. The program focused on the value and meaning of the Eucharist in the life of the youth, their role in the life and mission of the parish and of the Church and, their love and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament through their monthly vigils and growth seminars. The program ran for five consecutive Wednesdays in April and May this year. On May 28, 2014, the celebration started with the Holy Mass which was celebrated by Msgr. Mercado. This event included the first communion and confirmation of some youth, the graduation of all PYM and induction of Tarcisians. As a consolation for the successful program, Among Jun gave fund for the youth's swimming party.



Parish Youth Ministry of the LORD'S TRANSFIGURATION PARISH

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He is the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price. It encompasses the joy of the peasant and the merchant: they found it! It is the joy of all of us when we discover the closeness and the presence of Jesus in our lives - a presence that transforms our lives and makes us sensitive to the needs of our brothers; a presence that invites us to accept each other's presence, including those who are foreigners and immigrants. He is a welcoming presence, a joyful presence, a fruitful presence, and so it becomes in us.

And then one might ask: How is the kingdom of God found? Each of us has a particular path. For some, the encounter with Jesus is awaited, desired, long sought after, as is shown in the parable of the merchant. For others it happens suddenly, almost by accident, as in the parable of the peasant. This reminds us that God lets Himself be found, because it is He who first wants to meet us, and first tries to meet us. He came to be "God with us." And Jesus is with us, He is here today. "When you come together in my name, I am with you." The Lord is here, with us, among us. It is He who seeks us and makes Himself discoverable, even for those who do not seek him. Sometimes he lets Himself be found in unusual places and unexpected times. When Jesus is discovered, one is fascinated, conquered, and it is a joy to leave our usual way of life, sometimes dry and apathetic, to embrace the Gospel, to be guided by the new logic of love and of humble and disinterested service. The Word of Jesus, the Gospel. Let me give you a question: How many of you each day read a passage from the Gospel? But how many of you, perhaps, hasten to finish work to not miss a soap opera ... Having the Gospel in your hands, have the Gospel on the table, have the Gospel in your bag, have the gospel in your pocket and open it to read the Word of Jesus, so the Kingdom of God comes. The contact with the Word of Jesus brings us closer to the kingdom of God Think about: a small Gospel always at hand, open it to a random point and read what Jesus says, and Jesus is there.

How is the kingdom of God possessed? On this point, Jesus is very clear: enthusiasm, the joy of discovery, is not enough. The precious pearl of the kingdom should precede every other earthly good; we must put God first in our lives, prefer Him to everything. Giving primacy to God means having the courage to say no to evil, violence, oppression, living a life of service to others and in favor of the law and the common good. When a person finds God, the true treasure, they leave a selfish lifestyle and look to share with others the love that comes from God. Whoever becomes a friend of God loves his brothers, is committed to safeguarding their lives and their health, also respecting the environment and nature. I know that you suffer for these things. Today, when I arrived, one of you has approached me and said: Father, give us hope. But I cannot give you hope, I can tell you that where there is Jesus there is hope; where there Jesus each loves the other like brothers, we are committed to safeguarding their lives and their health and also respecting the environment and nature. This is the hope which never disappoints, the one that Jesus gives! This is particularly important in your beautiful land that needs to be protected and preserved. It requires you to have the courage to say no to any form of corruption and lawlessness, it requires everyone to be servants of the truth and to assume every situation in the style of the living Gospel, which is manifested in the gift of self and attention to the poor and the excluded.

For reflection and sharing in group of not more than 5, you may start with the following:

Pope Francis remarked: ***Giving primacy to God means having the courage to say no to evil, violence, oppression, living a life of service to others and in favor of the law and the common good.***

- 1. Briefly share an experience when you tried saying NO to evil.***
- 2. In what way you can live a life of service to others?***